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Smokey Stovers Will be Celebrating 100th Birthday!

By LOU WITMAN

Truth Correspondent

NAPPANEE—This year the Nappanee Fire Department, known here as the Smokey Stovers, will celebrate its 100th birthday.

The organization has come a long way, from an unorganized and unofficial bucket brigade to a modern, well-equipped fire-fighting unit.

It was 1892 when the department officially came into being, fully equipped with two hose carts but no water. Storage tanks, mains and hydrants were still on the drawing board. Consequently, hose carts "Good Will No. 1" and "Rescue No. 2" and their 20-man crews didn't get in their licks when Nappanee's largest fire to date occurred on July 10, 1892, just a few days after the inception of the department.

The first motorized fire engine came to town in 1919, a \$4,240 beauty. The most recent addition to the department in 1989 had a price tag of approximately \$153,000, according to Chief Don Abel. Abel joined the force in 1977, and has seen many major changes in those 14 years.

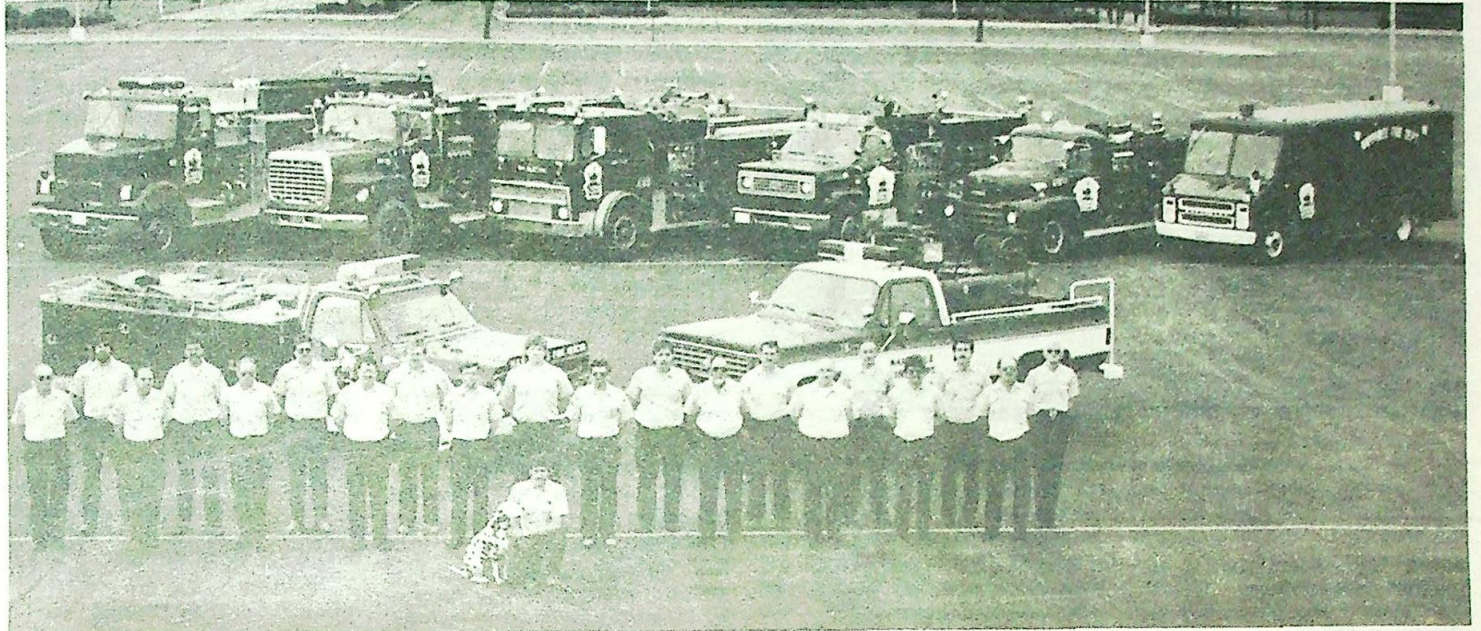
When Abel joined the department, the average tenure of members was 20 years. The most senior member now has 31 years in, the next, 25 years and the third, 20 years. The chief is sixth in seniority.

There were seven trucks when Abel joined the force, compared with today's nine. All firefighters are labeled volunteers, though they get paid by the city for services. The number of firefighters remains the same, at 24, as in 1977. As to training and requirements, that's a different story.

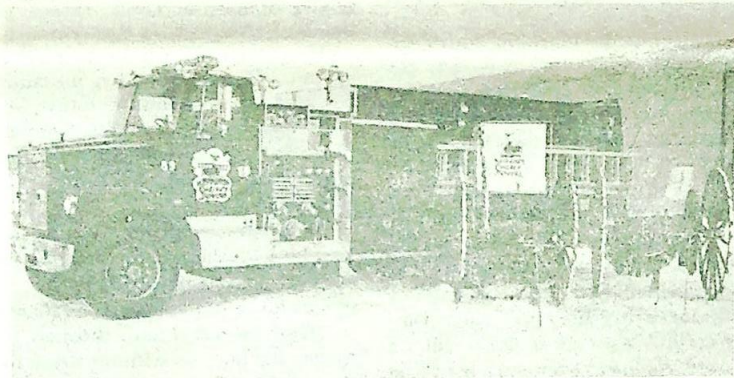
Until the mid 1980s, none of Nappanee's firefighters were certified by the state. "That's the biggest change I've seen," Abel said. "Now over half of the department is certified first class." To be certified, a firefighter has to demonstrate that he/she knows and can perform certain tasks and skills deemed necessary by the state.

But that, too, has changed to some extent over the years. "When we first became certified, there was some hands-on (experience), but basically it was written tests. You would study the material, practice it, then take the test. You had to make at least 70 percent to pass and there were so many hours of class required."

Today, to become certified a firefighter must prove he can perform. "Now, they don't care so much how many total hours are



Pictured is current membership of Nappanee Fire Department and most of their equipment.



Pictured are the original hose carts, which are still in their possession, along with their 1989 rig.

involved, it's basically (based) on what you've learned. You test on what you've learned and you go until you learn it," Abel said.

It used to be that in order to join the department, city residency was mandatory, but the rule was done away with for two reasons. The first was to keep experienced personnel in the department. Some have moved out of town but are still in the department's area. The other reason was to increase the pool of talent from which to draw.

The department no longer fights fires just in Nappanee either. It covers part of Jefferson and all of Scott townships in addition to the city, as well as offering mutual assistance to other area departments such as Bremen, Forker, Wakarusa, Milford and Etna.

The biggest problem for firefighters today is the hazard of chemical fires, according to the chief. "It's a new ball game and getting people to realize how dangerous these fires are is half the battle. Even our own guys, if

they've been on a while, can get a little complacent and want to rush right in to check and see if everybody's out OK. If you do that with chemicals, it can be tough," Abel said.

Modern law requires manufactured departments as to the number, types and amount of hazardous chemicals on hand in their plants, explained Abel. Most major firms comply, the chief said, but many smaller ones don't.

Fortunately, industrial fires in the city don't happen often. In fact, Abel figures overall fire losses are relatively small for Nappanee.

Still, there are some which stand out. The most memorable moment came during the chief's first year as head firefighter. It occurred on Abel's birthday, December 28, 1985, when Beer and Slabaugh burned, he said. The damages were set at more than \$250,000 and the assistance of four or five other departments was necessary. "That

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR CONVENTION

(Subject to revision)

NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

WEDNESDAY June 17th	
Registration	12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Displays	12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
THURSDAY June 18th	
Registration	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Miss Flame Competition	8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
Displays	9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Louisville Slugger Tour	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Miss Flame Luncheon	12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Men's Officers Meeting	2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Louisville Slugger Tour	2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Special Clinics	2:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Miss Flame Final Judging	2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Women's Officers Meeting	3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
JOINT MEETING	6:00 P.M. - completion
FRIDAY June 19th	
Womens Koffee Klutch	7:45 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
Registration	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Men's Meeting	8:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.
Women's Meeting	9:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.
Load Buses for	
Memorial Service	10:45 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Memorial Service	11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
Lunch on your own	12:00 Noon - 1:30 P.M.
Men's Meeting	1:30 P.M. - until close
Women's Meeting	1:30 P.M. - until close
BANQUET	6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
Board Buses for Cruise	8:40 P.M. - 9:20 P.M.
Boat Sails	9:30 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.
Saturday All buses return to Lakeview by 1:30 A.M. Saturday	
SATURDAY June 20th,	
Registration	8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Firefighters flea market	9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
GAMES	9:00 A.M. - completion
PARADE	2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Special Clinics	
Marshal Goddard	3:00 P.M. - 3:50 P.M.
Business Manager	4:00 P.M. - 4:50 P.M.
EMS Representative	5:00 P.M. - 5:50 P.M.
Dance (Ball Room)	9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.

More to do in '92 - Clarksville

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From the President



Ivan Nevil

As we leave the winter months behind and our thoughts turn to spring, we soon realize that June will soon be here and time again for our convention. With it comes the time when you as a volunteer firefighter get to vote on the direction that the Assoc. is going to take in the coming years.

One issue of importance is shall we join with the other fire service organizations in having our convention and annual meeting in conjunction with the upcoming Ind. Fire Expo, or shall we maintain the same format that we have enjoyed in the last 46 years. The choice will be yours to make, not mine or any other officer in our association. Plan now to be there and vote. Remember only three (3) votes per dept.

Ind. Fire Expo "93" is making headway. The Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Institute is heading up the program. Preliminary plans have it scheduled for June around the 17th thru the 20th at the Convention Center in Indianapolis. Further details will be made available as plans progress.

Also while marking dates on your calendar, mark Nov. 14, '93 as the next date for the next Indiana Fire Caucus and Emergency Services Institute Dinner to be held at the Adams Mark Hotel by the airport in Indianapolis. More details will be announced later.

By the time this issue of the paper is printed, another Congressional Fire and Emergency Services Institute and Caucus Dinner in Washington D.C. will be over. As usual I am sure it will be a success as will the other dinners held in conjunction with it throughout the states. I believe they have three different sites with satellite hook-ups this year.

During the last three weeks in our area several firefighters have been called for the "Last Alarm." Among them the list will include Conrad "Cooney" Tucker and Ralph Bechtol. In Cooney, the fire service lost one of the most outstanding instructors that I have ever been associated with. It was a real shame that somebody did not attempt to document his knowledge and put it to print for all to share. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and Cooney a big thank you for sharing your life with us.

Ralph Bechtol was a former Dist. 4 Chairman and father of Doug Bechtol also a former Dist. 4 Chairman and past Sec. of our Assoc.

I hope that everyone takes time to attend all or at least part of the seminars and fire schools available. Your assoc. goes to a lot of work and expense to make them available.

At this time I wish to thank each and all for giving me the opportunity to serve this past year as your Pres. Joyce and I have enjoyed the friendliness and hospitality that only you can give. Again, I thank you and hope to see you in Clarksville in June.

From Your Chaplain Duane Lantz



Scripture St. Mark Chapter 4 Verses 27 thru 32
And he said. So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

And he said, Where unto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches: so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

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The television and our radios are full of campaign rhetoric --- we may feel there is not much to vote for this year. Please vote this May, if for nothing more than to thank those people who have made possible a place for you to vote.

Your Chaplain has been busy with memorials, funerals, district meetings, etc. On April 4th we attended a Stress Seminar at Rensselaer. Folks, it sure helps.

Spring is the season of the year between winter and summer. Spring starts March 21 and lasts till about June 21. Spring is the time of the year when life begins again in Nature. After a long winter, life should begin anew for each of us as I.V.F.A. members. Oh yes, there are a couple of other springs, one gives out water from the rain and snow that collect in the ground. The second spring is a quality of material that causes it to "Spring" back after being moved. Let us all spring back into spring season that gives us a new outlook on life.

My Dad, with sparkling eyes, turned the pages of our new seed catalogue. "My Boy," he said, "For free I get a book like this. Printed in all colors of nature. Look, asters, petunias, green peas, and blood red beets.

He gave a sly glance to see if I was paying attention to what he was saying. "My boy, they say the number one book is the Bible, and rightly so. In it man can find comfort, solace, words of wisdom to strengthen him. Yet, some doubt its' teachings. There is no God, they say. Yet these same men will plant the tiny seed and have faith the seed will bring forth flowers, fruit and vegetables. Any man who plants seed-- BELIEVES."

"The same man may scoff at the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Yet, he will place a seed in HIS earth, warmed by HIS sun that is millions of miles away. MIRACLES. Though man boasts he's Godless, he makes himself a liar when he plants a seed."

"One cannot thumb through the seed catalogue without believing. Never, my boy, be without these two great books, the Bible that tells of the miracles, and the seed catalogue that proves them."

Yes, it is spring. Let each of us plant the little seed for the I.V. F.A. and watch it grow. Can you imagine what this association could be with over 17,000 of these small seeds.

The Spencerville Volunteer Fire Dept. was saddened with the death of Scott Anderson in a car accident on his 21st birthday. My heart was touched with many, many young people at the funeral on March 14. On our way home we stopped at the hospital to see Cooney Tucker. We had a wonderful visit with Cooney and Granddaughter.

On March 27 we were back in Fort Wayne for Cooney Tucker's Funeral. Thanks goes out to all the I.V.F.A. members who attended and supported the memory of Cooney Tucker. He was a great man with a lot of knowledge and will be sorely missed by us all.

MAKING OF FRIENDS

If nobody smiled, and nobody cared and
Nobody helped us along,
If every moment looked after itself and
Good things always went to the strong,
If nobody thought just a little about you and
Nobody cared about me,
And we stood all alone, in the battle of life,
What a dreary old world this would be.
Life is sweet, just because of the friends we have made
And the things which in common we share,
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care.
It is doing and giving for somebody else,
On which all life's splendor depends,
And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up,
Is found in the making of friends.
Edgar Guest

This Sunday go to the church of your choice. You'll like it.
Your Chaplain,
Duane Lantz

P.S. One of the healthiest ways to gamble is with a spade and a package of garden seeds.
This quote taken from 1974 I.V.F.A. paper.

Easter Egg Hunt and Open House at Pershing Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



Pershing firefighters Rick Stilwell, Steve Bevers and Mike Rudolph help a firefighter "suit-up" during the dept's open house.



Pershing firefighter Joe McDumid poses with the prize egg winners of the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Bunny couldn't make a personal appearance at Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department's community egg hunt on April 11th. But no one seemed to miss him.

Approximately 100 children aged twelve and under stormed the Freetown Park in search of 60 dozen Easter Eggs hidden by firefighters and members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Following the egg hunt, children and parents were invited to the firehouse for candy and a tour of the station. Firefighters demonstrated firefighting equipment and youngsters tried on fire gear and tested SCBA while parents snapped photographs.

Fire Prevention literature was handed out with the candy to children and parents. Children were encouraged to ask firefighters

questions about fires and fire safety.

"A firefighter in full turn-out gear can be pretty frightening to a child", said Pershing Assistant Chief Rebecca Scott. "By letting the children touch and play with the equipment and to interact with firemen in a controlled setting, we hope to reduce the fear that might interfere with a rescue attempt. The kids who attended the program will be more comfortable going to a firefighter for help when there is danger."

Pershing Deputy Chief Denver Edwards attributed the good attendance to warm temperatures and plenty of sunshine. "The kids had fun." Edwards commented. "We are too tired to tell if we had fun or not—but we have candy to eat and I think we might have had a little fun."

Convention '92 Clarksville

The Fire Chief, Staff officers and firefighters of The Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. along with the Volunteer Departments of District 14 cordially invite you to Convention '92 in Clarksville June 17, 18, 19 & 20.

Along with the traditional events of the annual convention, we are planning an extended meeting with several new ideas. We think you will like what we have to offer.

Before we begin, we should be sure you are informed of the time difference between most of Indiana and that of the Clarksville-Sellersburg Area. We are on Eastern Daylight Saving time and want you to be aware of that so that your arrival will permit you to make all events on time.

Thursday morning will get off to a fast start with tours available to the plant of the Louisville Slugger. Discount tickets will be available for your children to use at the indoor amusement park located in the River Falls Mall. This is a brand new mall located directly across the street from the Green Tree Mall. An additional tour of Louisville Slugger Plant will be offered on Thursday afternoon.

Thursday afternoon will also be the first round of some special clinics and seminars you can elect to attend. They will feature speakers offering 50 min. discussions on topics of interest to firefighters. Also, a program will be presented on the historic "Falls of The Ohio", a geological formation without equal in the entire world. Thursday afternoon will also see meetings of the officers of both the IVFA and the Auxiliary.

Thursday night will be the traditional combined meeting. Friday is a full day of scheduled meetings with the Memorial Service between 11:00 A.M. & Noon. Charter buses will pick you up at the Lakeview and return you after the service. No extra charge is being made for the bus trip. We discourage private automobiles at the service since parking is limited and on-street parking will be restricted to permit bus loading and unloading.

At 6:00 P.M. we begin the banquet on Friday. Several important announcements will be made at that time including the winner of the Miss Flame contest, Mr. I.V.F.A. winner and the Lois Boaz award winner. This meeting will be over by 8:30. At 8:40 you may begin boarding the chartered buses for the beautiful "Belle of Louisville" Cruise. The charge for this is \$12.00 per person and will feature a local popular D.J. for your dancing and listening enjoyment. Please note that no coolers may be brought on board the Belle. However, they do offer a cash bar for your convenience. Your bus will be waiting when the boat docks at 1:00 A.M. and everyone should be safely back at the Lakeview by 1:30 A.M.

Camping is available only three blocks from the convention hotel at the K.O.A. The famous Derby Dinner Playhouse is located next door to the Lakeview Hotel. The playhouse will be featuring "Music Man" during the convention. Reservations can be made via phone at 812-288-8281. Also adjacent to the Hotel your children will find the water attractions of Wave Tek and WaterBoggan.

Saturday you will find another full day of events. The traditional games will take front stage at 9:00 A.M. and will be across the street from the hotel. Lunch is on your own. The parade begins at

the hotel at 2:00 P.M. and also ends at the hotel. No need to arrange for a special ride before or after the event.

Also, beginning at 9:00 A.M. and running until 6:00 P.M. will be a new attraction, a Firefighter's Flea Market. This will be in a big tent in front of the hotel. We will furnish the table and a couple of chairs. We invite each volunteer department in the state to clean out your closet and bring that surplus equipment to our flea market. No dealers allowed. No new merchandise is permitted in protection of our registered commercial exhibitors. To display, you need only be a registered I.V.F.A. member for the convention. You can bring personal fire department objects to sell. Your department can sell anything they care, as long as it is Fire Service oriented. We collect NO FEES, it's free to registered guests. If you don't have anything to sell, bring MONEY. You may find that special item you have been searching years to locate.

Beginning at 3:00 P.M. in the Ballroom on Saturday will be another session of special clinics. First off will be our own Indiana Fire Marshal, Gene Goddard. Marshal Goddard will spend an hour with you, one on one if you desire. This is that golden opportunity to ask the Marshal that "special" question you have had in your mind for a long time. Marshal Goddard has generously consented to this event. I hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity.

Following Marshal Goddard

will be a renowned Business Manager of a Indiana Vol. Fire Dept., He will discuss many important items every growing department should know. He will also have important information about organized Fire Protection Districts in Indiana. If you care about the future of fire fighting in your community, this clinic is an absolute must.

The Saturday clinics will close with a representative of the Indiana EMS system speaking 5:00 to 6:00.

After time out for dinner on your own, we will all gather in the ballroom at 9:00 P.M. for a dance. The price will be no more than \$5.00 per couple and if we can get some sponsors, we hope it will be free to all registered guests and their partners. At 1:00 A.M. we hope to pull the plug on a very meaningful and enjoyable convention.

We are looking forward to each of you joining us for the "One we hope they will fondly remember for years".

See you in June on the Sunny Side of Louisville.

Commercial Exhibitors can arrange for booth space inside or outside exhibit space by contacting Bob Stewart at 812-246-7239 or 246-7233 Weekdays between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Those registering after 10:00 AM. Friday will be \$20.00 and this does not include ticket to banquet. No separate banquet tickets sold. Deadline on banquet tickets is 6:00 P.M. Thurs., June 18th.

Bob Stewart, Chrm.
Convention 1992

I.V.F.A. CONVENTION '92

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 20

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Thank You,

Robert Laney,

Editor

District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1, 2

Jan. 15, 1992

The Regular Meeting, monthly meeting of IVFA Districts 1 & 2 was called to order by District 1 Chairman John Kephshire. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe. Guests were introduced by Chairman Kephshire.

Munster Fire Chief then gave a brief history of his department and introduced guest speaker Bruce Boyle of the Manhattan, IL Fire Dept.

Program: (MABAS) Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

Roll Call: 41 members from 9 Depts. (Dist. # 1 35-5 Dist. #2 7-4)

Previous Meeting Minutes: accepted without reading.

Treasurer's report was given.

P.R.N.W. report by Bill Howe. Discussed workman's Comp. inquires, Convention, awards program, Fire Seminar at St. Joe College on April 4th, Leadership Conference, Chief's Conference and Master Tactics Class at Independence Hill.

Old Business: License Plate applications for 1992-1993 can be obtained from District Chairman or P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

New Business: Announced that one Midwest Award application has been submitted for Dist. #1.

Good of the Order: Announced the deaths of Munster member Lawrence Mills & Keener Demotte, member Otto De Young, followed by the moment of silence in their honor. Announced Schererville Heights Fire Dept. for Feb. 15th.

50/50 Winner, Tim Heodyker Meeting adjourned. Jerome P. Schmitt

Lake Eliza Fire Department Feb. 19, 1992

The Meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott with the Pledge to the flag led by Bill Howe.

The following guests were introduced; Robert Fry of Hoosier

Fire Equipment; Bill Howe P.R.N.W. I.V.F.A., Joe Komoscar of the Firemen's Store; George Pence, Trustee Porter Twp.; Phil Griffith, Chief, Valparaiso F.D.; Skip Highwood, Chief, Chesterton, F.D. & President Porter Co. Firefighter's Assoc., Bernie Burch, Chief, Lake Eliza F.D.

The minutes from the Jan. meeting were approved as read.

On behalf of the Lake Eliza F. D. and the IVFA Bill Howe presented an award to Elliott Corey of Gary for saving the lives of three children in a house fire. Mr. Corey was seriously burned at that time and is still being treated. Gainer Bank in Merrillville has a fund for donations to help with medical expenses.

Roll Call was answered by 74 members from 19 depts.

Porter Township Trustee George Pence presented retired Chief Jim Haklin with a retirement award.

Bill Howe reports the following: Senate Bill 39 allowing First Responders to use a defibrillator, passed, House Bill 422 with a death benefit of \$75,000 was passed. Blue lights shall not be used on Fire Dept. equipment. State Fire School April 25-26 and May 3-4 at St. Joe College in Rensselaer on critical Stress Debriefing. Clothing claims shall go through P.R.'s and District Chairmen. Midwest and Ollie Sandberg Awards nominations due May 1, IOWA has hired extra people to check on fire departments. Physical examination requirements should be spelled out in the current IVFA newspaper.

Treasurer's report was given. Motion to pay for attendance trophies passed.

Chesterton Chief, Skip Highwood says you have 9 days to start Hepatitis B shots and you shall keep records for 30 years. There will be a States Fire School at Chesterton March 28 & 29 on confined space plus many other classes.

Valparaiso Chief Phil Griffith tells about a summer camp for child burn victims. He would like to start a program for the state of Indiana and seek volunteer help.

Announcements: Lake Dale has a Las Vegas Nite March 28, Independence Hill dance Feb. 29.

Attendance Trophy winners were Beverly Shores and Lake of the Four Seasons. 50/50 of \$50.50 was won by Susan Ball of Union Twp. Meeting adjourned.

March 18, 1992 Schnieder Fire Department District 2 Chairman Larry Stott called the meeting to order having Bill Howe lead in Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

The following guests were introduced; Bill Howe, PR I.V.F.A.; Ken Long with the Downey Insurance Co.; Phil Griffith, Chief Valparaiso F.D.; Dale Smith of Hoosier Fire Equipment and Schneider Town Board Members, Dave Durham, Raymond Robbins and Becky Sayers.

Schneider Chief Dennis McLean told about his dept. and thanked everyone for coming on such a snowy night.

Roll Call was answered by 70 members from 18 depts.

Valparaiso Chief Phill Griffith presented the program about Child Burn Camps. He works as a counselor at one in Illinois and hopes to get sponsors and get one started in Indiana in 1993.

Beverly Shores and Shelby were attendance trophy winners. Bill Howe reports the following: State Fire School at Indianapolis on April 25-26 and May 2 & 3, April 20 is the deadline for the next IVFA Newspaper. The financial reports were given.

Bill Howe Jr. makes a motion to give \$50.00 to Don Gray, seconded by Harvey Lanning, carried by membership.

Announcements: Lake of the Four Seasons Pancake & Sausage April 5 & Tammie Gann invites departments to take part in the newsletter she has started.

Ken Long asked, "Do you know who you are?" He spoke of how proud he is of Volunteer Fire Departments, that they are extra special and their story needs to be told.

Announcements: Doug Miller reported that the Center Twp. (LP Co.) Ladies Auxiliary has ceased to exist. Jim Welnetz is the new Chief at Center Twp.

The next meeting will be at Pleasant Twp. on March 19, 1992.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Doug Miller at 8:28 PM.

The 50/50 was won by Gregg Andrews.

The meal was sandwiches, chips and pop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4, 1992 Chili Supper at Lincoln Twp. Fire Department; March 14, 1992 St. Patrick's Dance at North Judson American Legion; April 4, 1992 Fish Fry at Lincoln Twp. Fire Department; April 10, 1992 Fish Fry at San Pierre Fire Department; April 17, 1992 Fish Fry at Kingsford-Union Fire Department; May 17, 1992 Pancake Breakfast at North Judson Fire Department; May 23, 1992 Fireman's Ball at Lincoln Twp. Fire Department; June 12-14, 1992 Kingsford Heights Anniversary. Waterball and parade will be offered.; June 13, 1992 Fish Fry at North Judson Fire Department; June 17-20, 1992 CONVENTION at Clarksville; June 28, 1992 Pancake Breakfast at Knox Fire Department; September 5, 1992 Steak Fry at Lincoln Twp. Fire Department.

UNKNOWN DATES: Late April - Early May, Springfield Twp. Fireman's Ball; July, Center Twp. (LP Co.) Ice Cream Social

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Wiatrowski, Secretary I.V.F.A.

Bill Howe made a motion to give \$200 to Miss Flame, seconded by Clarence Moss and carried.

Ralph Knapp told of IOSHA inspection at Lincoln Twp.

Next meeting at Morgan Township, April 15.

50/50 of \$53.00 won by Karl Naggatz of Union Twp. Meeting adjourned.

The bill to drop the license plate fee died due to a lack of a committee hearing.

The bill to consolidate the four branches of government into one branch is questionable as to if it will pass.

Please fill out the survey that is in the IVFA paper relating to gloves. This may end up being another legislative requirement.

The State Fire Marshal wants to update the computers. He would like to receive an updated roster from each department.

The Standards and Education committee has been appointed.

The Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy is overfull. The recommendations for physicals are in the IVFA paper.

There have only been 6 scholarship applications received as of 1/31/92. These must be in the State Secretary's hands by March 1.

The Fire Marshal's Sprinkler Trailer is available. Who is to insure it is unknown at this time.

The Stress Management Course is sponsored by Methodist Hospital. Both firefighter and spouse are urged to attend.

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DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting - District 3 Thursday - February 20, 1992 Washington Twp. (Starke Co.) Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bentley at 7:32 PM. There were 23 members present representing 13 departments. The Pledge was led by Chief Dan Johnson.

Guests present were: Mitch Parish, IVFA Vice-President; Duane Lantz IVFA Chaplain; Bill Howe, IVFA PR Northwest; Bruce Yonkers

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DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting - District #3
Thursday - March 19, 1992
Pleasant Twp. Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bentley at 7:30 PM. There were 26 members present representing 10 departments. The Pledge was led by host Chief, Phil Bluhm.

Guests present were: Duane Lantz, IVFA Chaplain; Bill Howe, IVFA PR Northwest; Larry Stott, IVFA District #2 Chairman; Bruce Yonkers.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved on a motion by Tom Tharp. The treasury report was given.

Communications:

Chairman Bentley reported that the convention is coming up quickly. If you plan to attend, get your registration in as soon as possible.

Don't forget the upcoming Chesterton Fire School on March 28 & 29.

Committee:

Tom Tharp advised the EDITH house is being booked into July. We are exploring the idea of making a video to use with it. The cost of buying a video is outrageous. Kesling Middle School cancelled using it as they felt that their students would not benefit from its use. Tom recommended purchasing 3 exhaust fans for it. Pleasant Twp. stated that they would provide the fans. Tom stated that the house needs some work done to keep it in good shape. New smoke detectors are also needed. The house will be at the Chesterton Fire School. Anyone interested in helping run it please contact Tom. He also mentioned that the ball size is 2 5/16". He also gave the Secretary a check from Westville Fire Department for \$25.00.

New Business:

Chairman Bentley entertained a motion to approve up to \$100.00 to fix up the EDITH house. Motion was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Tom Tharp. CARRIED.

Guests:

Bill Howe - The State Fire School at Indianapolis will be April 25, 26 and May 2, 3.

The Critical Incident Stress class at Rensselaer will be April 4th at 8:00 PM. The instructor is Barb Houston from LaPorte County EMS.

If you are going to attend the convention, register now. If you are planning to go on the boat ride send in your reservations ASAP. Seats are limited.

The insurance on firefighters passed and was signed into law by the Governor. Collecting will begin in July.

Guests:

Larry Stott-Passed. Just glad to be here.

Duane Lantz-Told all about a funeral he attended for a 21 year old firefighter. The man was

killed in a car accident. Father Lantz reminded everyone to remember that the young firefighters are the future of the fire service.

Duane informed everyone that Cooney Tucker is in a Ft. Wayne hospital. We send him our blessings for a quick recovery!

Pete Lockhart is again in the hospital. He will keep us updated on Pete's condition.

Bruce Yonkers- Talked about Cooney and his condition. He has a card and would like everyone to sign it before leaving tonight.

Good of the Order:

Doug Miller talked about the upcoming Chesterton Fire School. Everyone should try to attend so that we can continue to have them in this area. Monday is the deadline for signing up.

Bruce Yonkers stated that a group called the International Association of Arson Investigators is soliciting ads for it's paper. They reportedly have been calling businesses and mentioning the local fire departments. The companies are then believing that they are helping the local departments. This is being done without the local department's approval.

Announcements:

April 12, 1992 Scipio Twp. will hold a pancake breakfast at the station.

July 26, 1992 Center Twp. will hold an Ice Cream Social at their station.

Lincoln Twp. will not have it's Fireman's Ball on May 23. The date has been changed to May 30, 1992 at the fire station in Fish Lake.

The next meeting will be at Center Twp. on April 16, 1992 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Tom Tharp at 8:20 PM.

The 50/50 was won by Bill Howe.

The meal was sloppy joes, chips and pop.

There was no program.

Jeff Wiatrowski, Sec. I.V.F.A.

Thurs. - April 16, 1992, Center Twp. Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bentley at 7:33 pm. There were 18 members present representing 8 departments. The Pledge was led by host Chief Jim Welnetz.

Guests present were: Duane Lantz IVFA Chaplain; Bill Howe PR Northwest; Bob Esserman (District #1); Bruce Yonkers; Cathy Mantis - Goldacker's Custom Plates.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The treasury report was given.

Communications:

Doug Miller stated that more than 600 people attended the Chesterton Fire School. He wanted to thank all those that helped set it up and those that attended. They may move the location next year so that there will be more room available. Bill Howe mentioned that around 78 kids also

attended the fire school.

Committee:

EDITH- Bob told everyone that the upper level has now been sealed and seems to be holding water well. Kingsford-Union has made a tape and a pamphlet to go with the house. Bob mentioned that we should begin thinking about manning the house at the LaPorte Co. Fair again. While the house was at the Chesterton Fire School the weight caused the jack to collapse. Luckily nobody was injured. Chesterton paid to fix it at a cost of \$30.00. We will reimburse them with the money that was allocated for fixing up the house. Chesterton used it several times while they had it in their area.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Nothing

Guests:

Bill Howe- Anything that you want published in the paper must be in by the middle of next week. The next Indiana Fire Services Institute Dinner will be November 15, 1992 on Sunday evening. Each department should try to send one person to the dinner if at all possible. Now is the time to register for the convention if you have not done so. The cost is \$25.00 until May 1st. After that time the cost is \$40.00 per person.

If you have a clothing claim, show the receipt to any state officer. They will sign it and then you can mail it to the State Treasurer. He will then mail you a check for that amount.

Bill advised that they recently held a class with NIPSCO. If you need to get in touch with them for a gas problem on scene, call their dispatch center direct at 1-800-322-2806. This will save a lot of time for you to get a response.

There will be a State Officers Meeting next month.

Duane Lantz- Reminded to everyone to get out and vote on May 5!!! Soon after our last meeting, Cooney Tucker passed away. Duane talked about the memorial service and the granddaughter that Cooney loved so much. Our hearts go out to his family with our deepest sympathies. Duane mentioned that Pete Lockhart is doing much better after having triple bypass surgery. We all wish Pete a speedy recovery. Duane also talked about his recent endeavors and memorial services that he has attended.

Bruce Yonkers- The solicitor that was working for the International Association of Arson Investigators is no longer representing them. He was calling businesses and telling them that he was representing the local fire departments. Money is also being refunded to all that request it. They were charging \$900.00 for a full page ad and \$295.00 for a 1/4 page ad.

Cathy Mantis- She is representing Goldacker's Custom Plates. They are offering custom plates to fire departments. Your department name will be on the plate. The plates are guaranteed not to have the letters fall off. She brought along a sample plate to show everyone. Normally they sell the plates for \$25.00. If your department orders 10 or more plates, the cost is only \$16.00 per plate. If you are interested you can contact them at Goldacker's Custom Plates 1407 Plumtree, Kalamazoo, MI 49002. Or you can call them at (616)327-5291.

Good of the Order:

Andy Bjornberg mentioned that an employee of LaPorte County EMS has a daughter that is very sick. There will be a fundraiser spaghetti dinner at the Moose Lodge in Valparaiso. The

donation is \$3.50 and tickets are available at the House of Uniform in Michigan City. The dinner will be held on April 22 from 4-8 PM. Gary Banks' daughter Breanne, has a respiratory disease that has kept her in a hospital almost since her birth eight months ago. Let's all help out in any way that we can.

Bob Bentley mentioned that former IVFA Chairman Al Myers is now into bungee cord jumping. The company that Al works for charges \$75.00 for each 150 foot jump.

Announcements:

May 3, 1992 Springfield Twp. will host a Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 AM until Noon. May 17, 1992 Michiana Shores will host a Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

The next meeting will be at Michiana Shores on May 21, 1992 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. The 50/50 was won by Brian Adams. The meal was doughnuts and coffee. The program was the EDITH house tape and on Monsanto WD881 Class A foams.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Wiatrowski, Sec. I.V.F.A.

DISTRICT 11-A

Our March meeting was held at Honey Creek Station I with several State Officers and Convention Chairman Bob Stewart attending. We received some valuable information from one of the departments in our district about IOSHA inspections.

If for some reason your department is not receiving notice cards for district meetings, please call your Chairman or PR Director so the mailing can be corrected.

The Indiana Fire Conference was again a great success. I am amazed at the number of excellent speakers and the subjects covered. Those who are responsible for this conference are to be congratulated for a job well done. The May meeting for District 11-A will be held at the Harmony Fire Station.

With best regards, Bob Meyers

DISTRICT 11B

Hi Firemen & Auxiliary

We had a swell turnout for our Miss Flame Dance on February 8, 1992. Almost filled the Half Century Club this year. We were very honored to have eight girls total in our Miss Flame Contest. Clinton City sponsored a Miss Flame this year. Hope you intend to do it again next year, we were glad to see you. Crystal Delph of Fairview was crowned Miss Flame this year with Emily Hank, from Roachdale as runner-up. Miss Flame committee of Jodi Rohr and Barbara Ketchem did a fabulous job. Thank you for a fine contest, you put in a lot of hard work and effort. The band committee of Brenda Harvey and Bonnie Coleman picked a band that almost everyone liked so we decided to book them again for next year. Dana and Montezuma auxiliaries, Joyce Delph and Betty and I donated door prizes. John and Maxine Davies donated the \$50 savings bond we sold raffle tickets on. Bill Bush and I donated items for the tip boards. Jo Ann Hayes from District 11A donated a beautiful doll that was raffled off. We thank all the people for coming that traveled a long way and are sorry you had car trouble. Sure hope you made it home safe. We didn't receive any calls.

There are a lot of first and second class fire schools going on in

the district 11B area at this time. Parke and Vermillion County association has finished a first class, Perrysville has finished a second class, Waveland has a second class started and Fairview/Clinton has started a second class. Seems as though many of our firemen in District 11B area are getting their certifications. Great showing firemen!

Talking about schools, the Fire Service of the State of Indiana has lost one of the best instructors they ever had. For those that knew him, I'm talking about Cooney Tucker. May he rest in peace. He touched a lot of firemen with his fashion of instructing on fires. He was a down to earth person and instructor, I will miss him very much. Also we don't want to forget to say a little prayer for Ron Delph, Pete Lockhart and Helen Young in their time of need.

My Vice Chairman Larry and I have been visiting other departments in our district. We have a new department that has joined, Waynetown. Welcome aboard. It is nice to have you join us. Be looking forward to seeing you at other functions.

A special thanks goes to the Federal Government which is FEMA and the State which is SEMA and the Vermillion/Parkes County Emergency Response Team. They have supplied a two county area with Motorola MT 1000 hand held radios, and 800 MHZ radios for each truck in each fire department and also a radio for the chief officer.

On March 28, 1992 I attended the Stress Management Seminar at Greencastle. I was glad to see so many people from 11B there, both men and women. This is going to be an important part of the emergency services in the future. The men are going to have to learn how to deal with stress just like putting on your fire gear for a fire. Some day this will possibly be included in with the training of your second or first class certification schools. It is a growing concern for all of us in the fire business. If your department is interested in having someone talk to you about stress, I have a list of names if you would like to contact me. I'd be glad to give them to you. Thanks to John and Maxine Davies, Toddy Michl and Mitch Parrish, Vice President of the IVFA, for helping to put on the seminar at Greencastle.

District 11B still has some single sided memorial flags available for \$5.00. Cayuga has T-shirts left, the price for S, M and L are \$10.00 and X-L and XX-L are \$12.00. That's all for now folks!

Dwayne Osborne

DISTRICT 14

I have been busy since the last paper came out. I have tried to make some of the fire department functions and I need to watch myself or I will be broke and fat.

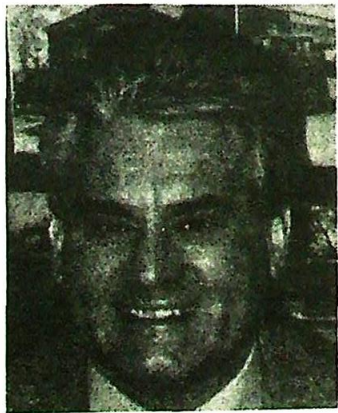
I am sorry to report the loss of Mr. Norris of Spencer Twp. and Mr. Fewell of North Madison #5 Volunteer Fire Departments who passed away since the last publication of the paper.

The March meeting for District 14 was held at Brownstown and we had a good turnout. I wish to thank Chief Renecker and all Brownstown Firemen and Ladies for their hospitality.

I would like also to thank Tom Hinke for attending even if I didn't realize he was there until after the meeting was over. Sorry Tom about not recognizing you were there in time to announce you to the members.

The next meeting for District 14 will be held at Brownstown on May 17, 1992 at 7:30 PM.

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istrict 14 will be held May 20 at Scottsburg at 7 pm slow time and 8 pm fast time. The July 15 meeting will be at Monroe Township.

I wish to invite everyone to attend this year's Convention at Clarksville on the 17,18,19 & 20th of June. Come down and have a good time and enjoy a weekend of fun and on the way home you are invited to stop 25 miles north of Clarksville at Lexington Vol. Fire Depts Firemans Festival on June 21st. Their festival runs June 19, 20, and 21st. For more information call (812) 889-2522.

Buckle up and drive safely.
Robert G. Woodfill

DISTRICT 9-B

The regular meeting of Dist. 9-B of the Indiana Vol. Fireman's Assoc., Inc. was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 8:10 P.M. at the Monticello Fire Station in Monticello, IN.

There were 6 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 39 with 161 alarms among the 11 depts answering roll call.

Items discussed were legislation affecting the fire service, I.V.F.A. State Officers meeting, Updating of records at the State Fire Marshal's Office, I.V.F.A. Convention at Clarksville June 17-20, article in paper on O.S.H.A. required physicals, Stress Management Class at Rensselaer on April 4, Clothing claims, possible Classes at State Fire Academy this fall, News for paper due in by April 20, Mr. I.V.F.A. and the Olie Sandburg awards, over 17,000 members in the I.V.F.A., 2nd Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner on Nov. 15, the financial status of the I.V.F.A., Convention book for the 1992 Convention will not be done by the Dale Corp., Duneland Fire School on March 28-29, I.V.F.A. dues billing will be out in April, Firefighters glove inquiry in paper, Cooney Tucker is in the hospital, service charge billing for volunteer fire services, use of blue light, State Fire School at Indy on April 25-26 & May 2-3, Tent sale at Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. on April 25, Indiana Fire Service Instructors Annual Meeting on March 15.

Program on Cause and Origin of Fires was presented by Dwight Robinson of the Monticello Fire Dept.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M. Next meeting is May 14 at the Morocco Fire Station at 7:30 P.M.

Sec./Treas., Dennis J. Risner

DISTRICT 19

January 23, 1992

District 19 IVFA meeting was held at Aurora #2 Volunteer Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by President Paul Covington.

Pledge to the flag and prayer.

Guests: Jim Gilmore from Koorsen Protection Services; Dennis DeRolf from Hoosier Fire Equipment and Paul Hildebrand, Southeast Indiana Public Relations Representative.

First roll taken with 66 men from 23 departments reporting 105 runs.

Minutes from Nov. meeting read and approved.

Feb. 22 and 23 at Lawrence North High School is State Fire Conference.

March 7 and 8 Indiana weekend at National Fire Academy.

Stress Management Class in each district.

Dan Lee hopes to be able to teach master categories at local levels possibly by July 1.

Jan 13, Bill Patterson and Dan Lee in Nashville for meeting on National certification, which is certified under standards and education first and second class lesson plan, and not grandfathered. You would not need additional training if you move to another state, that has national certification.

May have received a letter in Nov. concerning Indiana law, IC 368-12-16 is structure for billing for volunteer fire departments. If you charge you have to advertise annually in local paper. Homeowner is responsible to pay not insurance.

Bills under consideration:

House Bill 10-30; Covers defubilation training and liability for first responders.

House Bill 10-78; allows townships to pay for fire protection out of general funds.

House Bill 1103; Volunteer firefighter license plate is exempt from \$10 annual fee if vehicle registered to firefighter. No hearing on this as of seventeenth.

House Bill 1171; Establishes Department of Public Safety by consolidating the State Emergency Management Agency with Department of Fire and Building Services. Consist of four divisions: 1) the Division of Building Services; 2) of Emergency Management; 3) of Emergency Medical Services & 4) Division of Fire Safety. Watch for this bill, may have rider attached that will hamper Fire Marshal in running his office.

House Bill 1286; Indiana Emergency Response Commission.

Senate Bill 39; Declares a fire hazard during brush fire season to have open burn or throw lit cigarette out window. Passed second reading.

Senate Bill 67; appropriates \$100.00, statewide, to arson investigation from building and fire services fund.

Senate Bill 81; Income tax deduction of \$1,000 for qualified and active firefighter. Applies after 12-31-92. May want to contact legislator about this bill.

Senate Bill 188; Reduces li-

cense plate fee from \$10 to \$2.

Senate Bill 216; special license plates for disabled firefighters and police officers.

Senate Bill 240; Death benefit for volunteer firefighters increase from \$60,000 to \$100,000 if death results from firefighting activities.

Senate Bill 422; Volunteer firefighter death benefit to deposit \$1.00 a month per member for benefits to be paid. Leaves it open if they do not have enough funds they do not have to pay.

No names for Midwest award. Need by Feb. 1. No names for Olie Sandburg award yet.

No old business.

New business.

Paul Covington had article in paper that came out in Feb.

Good of the Order.

IVFA meeting at Versailles will be Sept. 17, not Sept. 24. Will be getting a card.

Eagle Fire Department Festival June 27 planning a fire department muster at Oldenburg.

2nd roll call.

Hoosier Fire gave calendar for each fire department.

Feb 4, 1992 - 911 will go in effect in Ripley County.

Jim Gilmore of Koorsen gave a surprise door prize.

Aurora Fire Department asked for in-put on 911 from areas that all ready are set-up with 911.

Paul Covington had article on ice rescue.

Meeting adjoured.

March 26, 1992 meeting of District 19 IVFA was held at Holton Volunteer Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by President Paul Covington.

Pledge to the flag.

Guests: Bob Stewart, Chairman of Convention from Sellersburg Fire Department, and District 10 Sec.; Dennis DeRolf, Hoosier Fire Equipment; and Paul Hildebrand, Southeast Indiana Public Relations Representative.

First roll taken with 28 men from 12 departments reporting 99 runs.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

February officers meeting: found that Bill Kinsey who was on the Board of Standards and Education and Public Relations no longer allowed to serve due to politics. Position filled by another person.

As of February meeting IVFA membership was 17,348 and 742 departments.

Lee Kissell's office number 537-5500 strictly for IVFA.

Marshal Goddard and Dan Lee both at state officers meeting. Trying to get everything on data base. Need departments to fill out information regarding active firefighters and ones that are certified so they can get records up to date.

Try to find doctors around state that may donate services for physicals required by OSHA. Complete medical history, physical exam including: vision test (physical, color, and depth perception), hearing test, urinalysis, blood and pulmonary function.

Kay Stromback from EMS talked about body fluid exposure. Must have written refusal on file, for 30 years in lockable personnel file if refuse to take Hepatitis B. Provide education for personnel on body fluids. Wear rubber gloves and use pocket mask.

House Bill 1286 the Indiana Emergency Response Commission died.

National Fire Council has introduced coin honoring Ben Franklin with procedes to purchase computers for all volunteer fire departments on national level. Also set aside money for scholarships and burns insitute.

Clothing claim forms are to be sent to district chairman for approval and he forwards them to treasurer to get your money, for personal clothing, glasses and hearing aids. Up to \$50 for glasses and hearing aids.

Sunday, April 26 Stress Management for fireman and wife or girlfriend at Madison Fire Department #2 at 8 am until 4 pm. No charge. Lunch on your own.

IVFA meeting is Sept. 17 at Versailles not Sept. 24.

July 23 meeting at Batesville. Will be representative from Red Cross from Cincinnati area to explain programs available to southeast Indiana.

No old business.

New business.

Good of the Order.

Carl talked about Emergency Services dinner, at \$100 per dinner, to be held Sunday, November 15, 1992 at Adams Mark Hotel, Indianapolis.

Second roll taken.

Bob Stewart talked about Convention. Three weeks ago chairman for convention resigned. Having flea market at convention everything used, fire equipment, old hose, etc.

Sounds like a great week-end.

Fire School at Indianapolis April 25 & 26 and May 2 and 3.

Half pot raffle.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

Mark Wirth, Sec./Tres.

Hauer said, "The addition of Joe Kimbrew to the staff is an important development. Having someone as respected as he is leading our inspection effort emphasizes its importance. People have a right to be safe in public and commercial buildings. I am confident Joe and his team will be a significant factor in spotting potential problems before they develop."

Nevil, Deputy State Fire Marshal and Director of Training and Volunteer Affairs, joined the Geneva Vol. Fire Dept. in 1961, serving as Chief from 1965-1969 and 1972-1975. He has also been active in the Indiana Vol. Firefighters Assoc., placing an emphasis on developing and teaching training programs. Nevil was appointed to the IN State Emergency Services Commission in 1982 and is presently Chairman of the EMS Commission.

"Ivan Nevil represents the best in the volunteer fire service," Hauer said. "He has spent countless hours of his own time working to improve the skills of both firefighters and members of the emergency medical services community. It hasn't been easy. Ivan has had to handle those responsibilities while holding a full-time job and eventually running a family business."

"It is a pleasure to welcome two such competent and qualified individuals to the Fire Marshal's Office," Hauer continued, "They represent a combined total of 68 years experience in the fire service. We are fortunate to be able to call upon that experience for the benefit of all Hoosiers."

Allen Taylor

Fire Marshal's Office Appointments Announced

Former Indianapolis Fire Chief Joseph Kimbrew and Indiana Vol. Firefighters Association President Ivan Nevil have joined the staff of the State Fire Marshal's Office, Jerome M. Hauer, Director of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and Department of Fire and Building Services (DFBS) announced today.

Kimbrew, Deputy State Fire Marshal and Director of the Inspections Division, began his fire career in 1955 as a firefighter on the Indianapolis Fire Dept. He worked his way through the ranks, gaining more responsibility, until he was appointed Chief in 1987. He served in the capacity until January, 1992 when he retired. Kimbrew was named Firefighter of the Year in 1968 and has earned numerous awards and commendations for his performance in leadership roles.

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SPICE FROM THE VICE

It's almost Convention '92 time!! John and I attended a planning meeting recently and know they are planning some new and novel ideas for us.

Thanks for sending the many letters of nomination for the Lois Boaz award. I know every lady nominated is truly a worthy recipient but only one can be chosen and the name will be revealed at Convention. How's that for keeping you on the edge of your seat?!

Enjoyed a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast served by the Cloverdale Fire Department recently. And gals, at least while I was there, those cooks were all men! It was good!

I haven't traveled to many different auxiliaries the past two months. I did get to District 13 at Philadelphia, enjoyed a delicious meal, and watched their Miss Flame being crowned. I plan to attend more auxiliary meetings in May and bring that lovely Doe Doll. Keep on pushing those tickets, everyone!

Ladies, how many of you attended the Stress Management seminar in your area? If you didn't, you certainly missed a great program. Although most of our auxiliary members are not firefighters, schools like this prepare us to better serve our fellow firefighters and understand some of their problems.

Oh yes, my story for the end (I'll bet you couldn't wait!):

My grandfather, known for his off-beat sense of humor, adopted a dog which he named Mr. Peeve. I asked why he gave his dog that name.

"Simple," he replied with a twinkle, "this is my pet, Peeve." SEE YOU AT CONVENTION!!! Maxine Davies, Vice President

DISTRICT 11-A

District 11-A met March 15th at Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department Station I. We had several State Officers and members from other districts attend and we appreciate them being in attendance. Honey Creek served a nice lunch and we then held our business meeting.

Belva Crosby, who made the Doe Doll for this year's convention raffle, gave a demonstration on the making of dolls. It is my unhappy duty to announce that Belva had a heart attack the following Sunday and passed away. Our condolences to her family.

Bob and I and several 11-A members attended the Stress Management Class at Greencastle, IN. This was a very informative class. Our next district meeting will be at Harmony V.F.D.

Sincerely, Janet Meyers

DISTRICT 11B

Dear Auxiliary Members & Friends:

Our last District meeting was held at Hillsdale where we had a delicious meal of chicken and noodles. They certainly know how to bake those desserts. Yum! Yum! Dwayne and I would like to thank all the departments that have hosted district meetings this past year. We appreciate all your support and assistance. Knowing there are caring and dedicated people out there behind us has made this a very enjoyable year. Our district will be having election of officers on April 26, 1992 at Bellemore. The new officers always begin their reign at the July

picnic. Fairview has graciously consented again to host the picnic, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Have you made your reservations and registrations yet for convention at Clarksville in June. If not, don't wait. You can get the forms out of the IVFA paper or from your District Chairman. Let's go to convention and have some fun.

Dwayne and I attended the March 28, 1992 Stress Management Seminar. We needed it badly and it was very helpful. Seems as though everyone has a lot of stress these days. For those that could not attend I have all the pamphlets that were passed out and you can get copies of them from me if you would like to. There are phone numbers if anyone wants information on stress or would like to put on their own seminar.

Our Miss Flame Dance was a success this year. We would like to thank all those that attended and made the occasion a joyous one. Sorry about the car trouble that Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Parrish and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Briggs had. But we did appreciate your support. We crowned Crystal Delph of Fairview Park our Queen for 1992-93, her runner-up is Emily Hank. We know Crystal will represent our district with dignity and do a magnificent job in the state competition. We are supporting you Crystal and wishing you the best!

I haven't received any ticket money back for Doe Doll sales. We need to sell, sell, sell. If you need tickets you can contact me or Maxine Davies. We would be glad to sell you tickets or let you take them to sell. Ladies don't forget Dist. 11B has IVFA Aux. patches to sell. They are \$1.50 each. You can wear them proudly to show others that you are a member of the State IVFA Aux.

Here are some coming events in our area: May 18, 1992 North Terre Haute is having a Jonah Fish Fry, May 23, 1992; Prairie-ton is having a Jonah Fish Fry, June 5, 6 and 7, 1992; Cayuga has their Fun Days. There will be something for everyone. Saturday, June 6th and Sunday, June 7th, the Cayuga Auxiliary will have a pancake and sausage breakfast. June 6th from 4 to 8 pm the Cayuga Firemen Auxiliary will have a Jonah Fish Fry. Come help us celebrate our second annual Fun Days Event.

Our best wishes and prayers are with Ron Delph and Helen Young. We all hope they are getting along okay. Keep us posted, we are all concerned about your health and well being.

Hope to see everyone at Convention. Until next time, be good and have fun!

Betty Osborne, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

The District Meeting was called to order by Don Johnson, Chairman, Jan. 20, 1992 at 7:07 p.m., at Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. # 2. Roll call was answered by 14 members representing 6 Dept. and 10 guests. Guests were Fire Marshal, Gene Goddard and his lady Betty, Don Lee from the Fire Marshal's office, Toddy & Helen Michl, Bob & Joan Hayes, and John & Maxine Davies.

Jim Bruner made motion Rosie Johnson to take over Sec., Treas. position until elections. Seconded by Brooklyn. Motion passed.

Don also ask Jim for name for Midwest Award before the Feb. 1. Long discussion on physicals. Ivan has list of 10 things that are minimums for basic physicals. Includes blood work, hearing, eye test, lung capacity and other

things. Some Drs. are giving physicals for donation on their taxes. You must have a letter in your file signed by a Dr.

Long discussion on trustee providing hepatitis shots, also on training, physical, IOSHA and Fed. Mandated Training. Told everyone to write letters to their representatives about the money problems. Fire Marshal says we have to stick together and let them know the financial burden they are putting on the volunteers.

Several schools were announced. Try to attend as many as possible. Nothing takes the place of good training.

Next meeting at Brown Twp. Fire Dept. March 16, 1992

Adjourned 9:23 p.m.

Sec. Treas. Rosie Johnson

The 12th District Meeting was called to order at Brown Twp. Fire Dept. by Don Johnson at 7:00 p. m. March 16, 1992.

Roll call was answered by 31 members and 9 guests. Guests were Toddy & Helen Michl, John & Maxine Davies, Bob & Joan Hayes, last year's Miss Flame & her mother, Stormy & Wanda Johnson & Christy Boggs this years Miss Flame contestant.

Stormy Johnson crowned Christy Boggs and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Christy will represent 12th District at convention this year. Good luck Christy!!

John Davies reported that only 5 letters turned in for Ollie Sandburg award. Read the rules and members stated they would like to have a set sent to each department. Will try to do this.

Discussed the Stress Management Class at DePauw University. Hope to see a large crowd.

It was made clear that you must have the Hepatitis B shot or a letter in your file that you refused it, also you must have an application to the Department in your file.

Toddy told of a small Dept. that had been visited by OSHA and they found several violations. They had a very short time to make corrections. So be careful and try to comply to all regulations.

Mr. I.V.F.A. Letters must be in by May 1, 1992 so get with it.

Next meeting at A & A Township Emminance May 18, 1992

Adjourned 9:00p.m.

Rosie Johnson, Sec. Treas.

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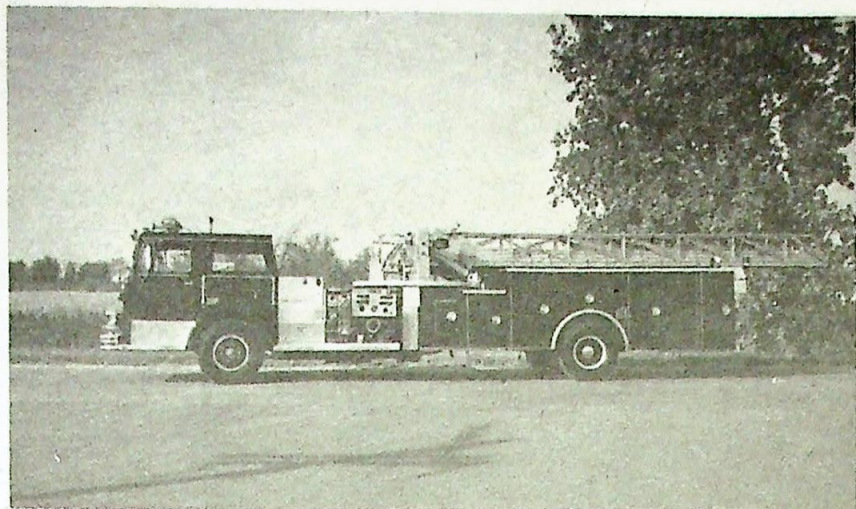
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Auxiliary Officers Meeting

Waterfront Hotel
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February 2, 1992

President Nancy Neal called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. She welcomed everyone. Chaplain Judy Hildebrand opened the meeting with prayer. Sgt-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led the Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 23 officers and committee members. 7 guests were in attendance.

Recording Secretary Phyllis Vargo read the minutes. Judy Hildebrand made a motion to do away with the reading of the district reports. Phyllis Vargo seconded. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report was given and subject to audit.

Chaplain's Report - Judy Hildebrand has sent 9 get well cards, 1 sympathy card and a thank you note to the lady who donated the Doll Doe. Presented 1 Catholic and 1 Protestant Bible due to deaths.

Membership - Phyllis Vargo. We have 1,319 members, 37 individuals, a total of 1,356 members and 119 auxiliaries. We are up 1 member, 3 individuals and 1 auxiliary.

Nancy presented new auxiliary certificates to Coal City in District 11A and Bryant in District 8A. Joyce Nevil will take one to Bryant.

Doe Doll - Maxine Davies. Everything is complete and ready to go. Larry and Lou Bartlow made and painted a cradle. John Davies and his neighbor made the case. Helen Michl made the mattress and pillow. \$40.00 has been turned in. Maxine ordered 1,000 more tickets. Any chairman that would like a picture of the Doe Doll can have one.

Games - Debbie Nulliner. No report. Could be a team called the "Golden Oldies" come back to play.

Miss Flame - Barbara Parker. Have 2 applications. Could have 17 contestants. March 10 is the deadline and she needs two black and white pictures.

Nominating - No report.

Financial Study - Toni Sorg. Have the packets ready for your cases. She checked on the cost of new gavels. They range in price from \$20 to \$60, so she called the local high school and he said they would charge \$3.00. All she has to do is let him know. Barbara Parker made a motion to do this. Phyllis Vargo seconded. Motion carried. If you need a gavel, let Toni know. What's the status of what we were going to do with the typewriters? They are old manuals and it would be more practical to have electric. Toni made a motion to appropriate money to get 2 new electric typewriters. Betty Sellmer seconded. Motion carried. It was discussed to offer the old typewriters to anyone who needs one. Toni will put an ad in the I.V.F.A. paper and each district chairman check if there is anyone in their districts who needs one. Toni will get prices for electric typewriters and word processors.

Auditing - Toni Sorg. Miss Flame books were audited and found to be correct.

By-Laws - Mary Kissell. Got

the preliminary sheets made and to Maxine. Will get them proofread and will be ready for the May meeting.

Jewelry - Jane Ferro. Not in attendance. The Convention charms are here. Have 100 charms and 100 tie tacks. They sell for \$3.00 each. Vi Bruns will take them to Jane.

Installation - Ruth Fairfield. No report.

Historian - Carolyn McCarty. No report.

President's Advisory - Loretta Nulliner. No Report.

Parliamentarian - Ruth Ford. No report.

Old Business - The Chariman will be in to talk to us about this year's convention.

At the line officers meeting last night, the secretaries suggested that we purchase catalog type cases for them to use. Miriam has 1 case in storage. Mary Mackin made a motion to purchase the catalog cases. Leona Uryga seconded. Motion carried.

Judy Hildebrand reported on the inventory of Bibles. All the Protestant Bibles are in the field. District 7 has 2 Catholic Bibles. Where are 55 Catholic Bibles in the field and stored.

Nancy asked about the photographs of the Convention. Do we want to have them? Bruce Neal volunteered to take them with the help of another man. \$113.00 was spent last year for film and processing. Maxine Davies made the motion to have Bruce Neal take them. Betty Osborne seconded. Motion carried.

The President's newsletter-do we want Nancy to mail them or have the District Chairmen deliver them? Toni Sorg said the original idea of the letters was to get in personal contact with each auxiliary. Nancy will mail them to each officer and auxiliary.

The line officers meeting last night was to talk about our 40th anniversary and we'd like to serve cake at the convention meeting on Friday afternoon after the business meeting. We'd like to order 2 sheet cakes. Diana Gray made the motion to purchase cakes. Lucy Stofer seconded. Motion carried.

Wanda Johnson spoke with Jane Ferro about last year's charm. Wanda knows a lady who will purchase what we don't sell. Barbara Parker said she'd like to see this in writing. Mary Mackin made a motion to order 50 charms and 50 tie tacks with the stipulation that this lady sign the letter and have it notarized. Ann Moss seconded. Motion carried. Vi Bruns said that after selling this year's charm today, there are 32 charms left. Vivian Woodfill will take the tie tacks to the men's meeting.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter, said she has two outstanding checks. The one auxiliary says they put theirs in the bank but she still hasn't gotten them back. That auxiliary needs to check on this from their bank.

Leona Uryga asked how many years we have been giving the Miss Flame a convention charm. This has been done since 1975. The men started the Miss Flame contest in 1972. Leona said that one girl from her district did not get a charm when she was a contestant. We will verify that the girl was a contestant and give her a charm for 1988.

Maxine Davies said she will get around with Doe Doll so all can see her.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Districts 1 & 2:

Held November 7, 1991 at Lake Ridge Vol. Fire Dept. with 45 members present representing 9 auxiliaries and 2 guests. Kathy Allen was installed as District

Secretary. Lori Westerhoff was presented to the members as District 2 Miss Flame. Flowers, trophy and a banner were given to Lori. A motion was made for Districts 1 & 2 to have an outstanding member award each year. Doe Doll tickets were passed out to the auxiliaries present. A lovely meal was enjoyed by all. We held a silent auction to help send our Miss Flame to convention. Next meeting at Ainsworth Deep River Vol. Fire Dept. March 5, 1992.

District 3:

Met January 22 at Noble Twp. Ladies were reminded of the bake/white elephant sale March 18, 1992 at Lincoln Twp. A donation to help defray expenses for Miss Flame will be presented to her at the May meeting. Chairman bought up the possibility of buying 10 necklaces and 10 bracelets for approximately \$60.00. These items will be presented to future Miss Flames. Coming events; Kingbury-Pancake Breakfast the last Sunday in April; Mobile Twp. Chili supper Feb. 8, 4-7 P.M., Ham Raffle April 11. All Doe Doll tickets have been passed out. The host department served refreshments.

District 6:

Met at Jackson Twp., Dekalb County on November 21 with 16 members from 5 depts. The By-Law change was read, approved and signed. Garbill was present to receive their membership certificate. Doe Doll tickets were passed out after passing picture of doll around. The January 16 meeting was held at Aboite Twp. with 27 members from 9 depts. The '92 Convention was discussed with forms passed out. Three girls ran for Miss Flame. Jennifer Slavin from Churubusco will represent District 6. Her runner-up is Nicole Davis of Kendallville. Kelly Dwyer crowned our winner and gave the girls their gifts and flowers. Coming events; Aboite Twp. open house to celebrate their 10 years on May 5. Ashley's Centennial will be in July. Next Meeting will be March 19 at Angola, Stueben County, at

7:30 P.M.

District 7:

Met January 20 at the Mt. Etna Fire Dept. We had 3 members from 2 depts. present so our meeting was very informal. We talked some about the convention and also the Miss Flame but we had no regular meeting.

District 10:

Met Nov. 18 at Hope Fire Dept. Guests were Miriam Schaeckel, Maxine and John Davies. Roll call was 16 members and 3 guests. Election of officers was conducted: Chairman, Barbara Parker; Secretary, Cozette Neal; Treasurer, Nancy Neal; Chaplain. Miriam Schaeckel. Installation was conducted by Miriam Schaeckel. Barbara presented Vivian Thomas with a little angel for her 12 yrs as Chaplain of the district. Bibles were given to representatives for Judy Scudder of Adams and Grace Adam of Marietta. This Bible will be given to Major Hospital in Shelbyville. Miriam Hickman donated a handmade quilt to be raffled for the district money making project. Miss Flame contestants were introduced. Christine Brown, Janice Wilkin and Autumn Neal. Judges were John and Maxine Davies and Ted Craig. Miss Flame is Autumn Neal. The Doe Doll was shown by Maxine Davies. Held a cake raffle. Next meeting is Feb. 19 at Greensburg at 7:30 P.M.

District 11A - See Page 7.

District 11B - See Page 7.

District 12 - See Page 7.

District 13:

Met Nov. 21 for supper with five members in attendance. A brief business meeting was brought to order by the chairman. Old and new business was discussed. After adjournment, the officers acting as host, a Christmas game was played followed with a gift exchange. Next meeting will be Feb. 20 at Sugar Creek #2 with a covered dish supper with the men, 6:30 P.M.

District 14:

Met at McCulloch Vol. Fire Dept. with 20 ladies there. We had a short meeting with Miss Flame being chosen. Four girls

were contestants. Christine Dawn Bowers was crowned. She is from Brownstown. Next meeting March 18 at Brownstown at 7:00 P.M.

Lunch.

Maxine asked that if she gets down to 100 Doe Doll tickets by the May meeting, should she re-order? The group felt that she should wait till the May meeting to decide this. Barbara Parker said she would like for the Miss Flames to have their tickets on Wednesday night at their get-together. Lucy Stofer reminded everyone that the district that sells the most Doe Doll tickets will receive \$25.00

Convention Chairman, Bill Mosley joined our meeting. Everything is going well. The raffle tickets are ready to mail. Souvenirs are paid for. The Belle cruise is on Friday night and it is a cash bar only. The menu has been chosen. May not have a beer bust this year. Seminars will be put on by the vendors. Displays will be inside around the pool. Will have a flea market on Saturday for used fire equipment. Wednesday night is the Derby Dinner Playhouse, it usually runs \$20-\$22 which includes dinner. The banquet on Friday night will be in a tent outside. A dance is planned for Saturday night. The boat ride for Saturday night has been cancelled. The boat was sold. They are looking at having a golf course available to play. Pizza party for teenagers on Friday night. Will see if ROTC from Jeffersonville will have opening ceremonies on Thursday night. Camping is available at KOA or Deans Lake. KOA is closer to convention site. The parade is noon on Saturday.

Everyone agreed to wait till the May meeting to see how many charms and tie tacks we might need to reorder.

Leona Uryga made the motion to dismiss. Barbara Parker seconded. Motion carried. Judy Hildebrand closed the meeting with prayer and everyone repeating "The Lord's Prayer."

Lou Bartlow,
Corresponding Sec.



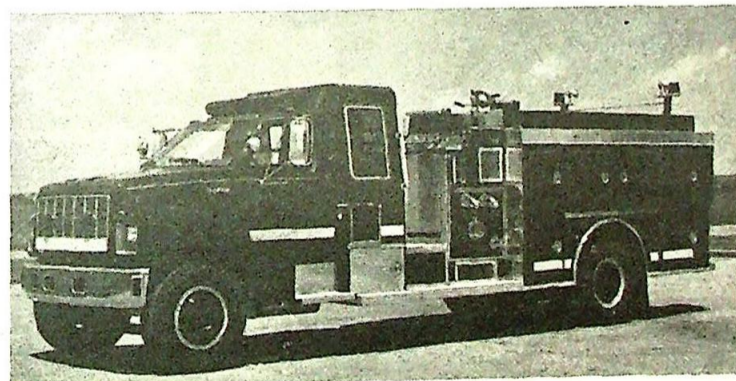
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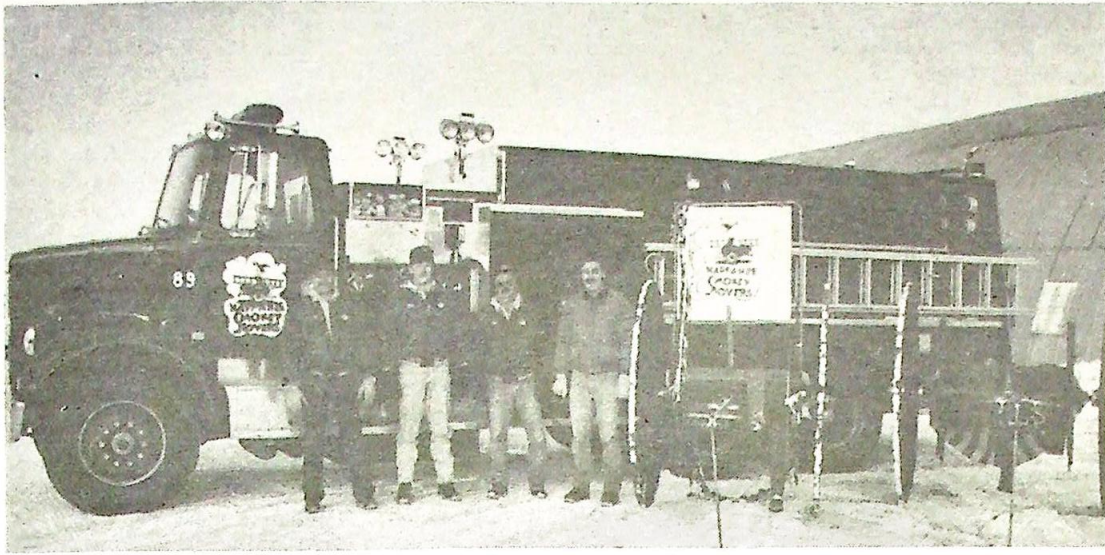
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Pictured above from left to right: Greg Price, Rob McClintic, Ron Huff and Dennis Peltz.

one stuck in my mind pretty much," Abel stated.

Abel said being a firefighter has "been fun" and it doesn't seem possible that he has already racked up 14 years of service.

Most other firefighters with the department apparently agree, judging by the group's camaraderie, cooperation and attendance when the alarm calls them out. In that regard, things don't seem to have changed much at all in the last 100 years.

Open House

We are planning an open house at the fire station on Saturday, June 27th from 1 to 5 p.m. to commemorate the 100 years of our Nappanee Fire Department.

Sincerely,
Don Abel, Fire Chief

Emergency teams' work at crash scene is praised

By Cheryl Bickel
Staff reporter
INDIANAPOLIS — State and local officials say the emergency response to last Thursday's military cargo plane crash was a textbook example of how disaster teams are supposed to work.

"Things went beautifully," said Jerome Hauer, executive director of the state Emergency Management Agency. "Everything they did, they did well. Their plan worked well."

Hauer's compliment was meant for the entire gamut of area emergency crews which responded to the crash. City, state and county police, city and vol. firefighters, private and city emergency ambulance personnel worked side by side at the scene.

The Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Kentucky and Indiana national guardsmen and other emergency response agencies from a three-state area sent crews and equipment to the scene.

Hauer, as head of the state's disaster relief response team sent two members of his staff to Evansville after learning of the crash.

The pair arrived about three hours after the crash to find the local team was running a massive response effort that needed little, if any, state assistance, Hauer said.

Tony Pagano, the state's division director for emergency medical training, said he arrived in Evansville at about noon last Thursday.

By then, "the biggest part of the hustle and bustle was over."

Rivalries between city firefighters and township volunteers and among city, county and state police agencies are commonplace throughout the nation, but Pagano said he saw no rivalry and even overheard some local police officers and firefighters talking about how well the groups were working together.

"It is the nature of the individual in our field to want to help," Pagano said, referring to the wide circle of emergency crews that offered help from Kentucky, Illinois and as far north as Vincennes, Ind.

"All the agencies that I'm aware of worked very, very well together," he said.

Hauer credited Vanderburgh Emergency Management Agency Director Sherman Greer for the work and Mayor Frank McDonald II for supporting the agency.

"It showed that when you have strong support at the local level it works," Hauer said.

Greer's agency is a five-person dept. for which is budgeted for its 1992 operations.

The organization had been most well-known for working on earthquake preparedness, but last week's air disaster forced the Tri-State's emergency responders to follow through on what had before only been a plan of action if a disaster occurred.

"He's really elevated the preparedness of all the agencies in the community," McDonald said of Greer, adding that all of the dozens of responders worked very well together.

"I couldn't be more pleased," McDonald said.

It was estimated between 15 and 20 rescue agencies as being at the scene to help and about 80 police, fire and emergency response vehicles at the scene.

Evansville Press,
February 11, 1992

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District 13A Holds Annual Basketball Tourney



CHARLOTTESVILLE

First place winners left to right front row: Brent Morris, Kerry Grass, Doug Colip, Tom Wicker. Back row: Steve Payne, Bob Bever, Bob McDaniel, Matt Matlock.



KNIGHTSTOWN

Second place winners; left to right front row Bob Schaeffer, Larry Rumble, Ron Hamilton, Joe McIntosh, Bill Williams. Back row Mel Matlock, Donnie Martin, Wayne Dick, Ervin Olsheke, Steve Nelson.

District 13A held their Annual Basketball Tourney with 6 fire departments represented, Buck Creek Twp., Sugar Creek Twp., Shirley, Wilkenson, Charlottesville and Knightstown. Charlottesville won first place in the double elimination tourney, Knightstown won second place. All teams and friends enjoyed a Sat. full of basketball. Knightstown Fire Dept. hosted the event at the Charles A. Beard Elementary School.

Hello to all State Auxiliaries:

I do hope everyone had a lovely Christmas Holiday and enjoying a very rewarding New Year so far. As I am writing this the temperatures have been on a real roller coaster. I do hope "Ole Mr. Winter" is ready for hibernation NOW!!!! I am more than ready for Spring to arrive.

Waiting for the seasons to change has always been exciting time for me. I really don't have a favorite one, each is special in itself. Summer brings our growing time, not only for our crops, gardens, and children, but our spiritual growth with our Heavenly Father. Fall brings harvest, to gather together, to prepare for a rest, Fall is also a good time to gather our religious believes and to sort the bad feelings and keep close to ourselves the good that the Lord wants us to hang onto. Winter is the season to rest and reflection. To take a good look and see how well we are doing as the Lord expects us to do. Spring

is our season to plant crops and flowers and new tasks the Lord wants us to tackle.

No matter what the world has to dish out to each of us the Lord is always there for us to trust in to get through the rough times and to see how we handle what is given to us. Put your trust in Our Lord and Savior, and He will take care of the rest.

Thanks to all for your support during my problem with my eyes. Now we are trying different glasses, and hoping this will stop the strain, which will stop the pain and headaches. We are just taking one day at a time. Thanks again and please take care, until next time.

Judy Hildebrand

DISTRICT 3

May 18, 1992

President Leona Uryga opened meeting with a Pledge to the flag. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. Bills for postage from Marie Gemberling, were presented. Toni Grammalls motioned, seconded by Dorothy Moffit to pay this bill. Motion carried.

It was reported by Springfield Aux. that Ruby Hurst had passed

away.

Celine Boisvert from Kingsford-Union read the newly revised by-laws. Revisions were made as needed. Carolyn McCarty and Leona Uryga were appointed to a committee to look into getting badges or pins for the out-going presidents. The 2nd and 3rd readings will be held at the next two meetings.

Doe Doll tickets or money must be turned in at the May meeting. Ten necklaces and 10 bracelets were purchased by Leona, to be given to future Miss Flame contestants.

A notice of the upcoming meeting shall be sent to the host dept. if no one is present at present meeting. Next meeting will be at Kingsford-Union Station on May 20, 1992.

Twenty-eight members and guests were present. Scipio Twp. won the attendance award.

Margaret Gaw was the actioneer for the white elephant/bake sale. She was assisted by Agnes Battleday and Miss Flame. \$108.10 was realized from the sale.

\$11.90 was realized from the 50/50 draw. Gert Peterson and Marie Gemberling won \$5.80.

Marie Gemberling

Volunteer fire chief suspended

By Maureen Hayden
Staff reporter

German Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Buckman was suspended for 3 1/2 days without pay from his state job after he allegedly entered the restricted area of last week's airplane crash scene, videotaped footage of the wreckage and sold it to CBS News.

Jerome Hauer, head of the Indiana Emergency Management Agency, said Buckman was temporarily suspended from his job as a state fire inspector, and the matter has been referred to the state Ethics Commission for their review.

Hauer said Buckman was suspended for "using poor judgment" when he entered an area on Feb. 6, the day of the crash, which was restricted from the public and the media after a Kentucky Air National Guard C-130 Hercules crashed into Jojos Restaurant and set afire the nearby Drury Inn, killing 16.

Buckman, equipped with a video camera, took footage of both the exterior of the restaurant and hotel and entered the hotel and took footage of the interior, including footage of the victims' bodies, Hauer said.

But Hauer said Buckman said he only sold the exterior footage to CBS News for \$150 and did not sell any of the interior footage. Hauer said Buckman told the agency's investigator that he took the interior footage only for firefighter training purposes.

Hauer also said the \$150 was turned over to the German Township Volunteer Fire Department for deposit in the department's account. Hauer said Buckman provided records to show the money was deposited in the fire department account the day the payment was made.

Buckman declined to comment this morning.

Meanwhile, Evansville Fire Department Chief Doug Wilcox said this morning that the Evansville Police Department is investigating allegations that a city firefighter may have removed a piece of the plane wreckage from the disaster scene and attempted to sell it.

Evansville Police Chief Art Gann, who was out of town on police business today, also could not be reached for comment.

On the Buckman matter, Hauer said the investigation conducted by his agency showed that Buckman did not use his credentials as a state fire inspector to enter the restricted scene, but instead entered the area as a volunteer fire chief.

Scores of city and county volunteer firefighters responded to last week's fiery crash. Buckman was seen wearing his township fire chief's hat.

Buckman was also on vacation from his full-time job as state fire inspector last week Hauer said. But Hauer said his agency took the allegation against Buckman seriously because he is also known by firefighters as a state fire inspector and Hauer said he wanted to make sure Buckman did not use his role as a fire inspector to gain access to the scene.

Hauer said his findings will be referred to the state Ethics Commission, which may choose to take further action against Buckman.

Evansville Press, Feb. 15, 1992

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Public Law 51-1992 provided that any vol. firefighter dying in the line of duty after July 1, 1992 is entitled to a Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$75,000.00) special death benefit provided his/her volunteer fire dept. contributes to the Vol. Firefighters Special Death Benefit Fund ("the Fund") established by Indiana law (IC 36-8-12.5-9). This Fund consists of contributions paid to the Auditor of the State of Indiana by the vol. fire dept. participating in the Fund. Participating vol. fire depts. must pay to the Auditor by the 15th day of Jan. and the 15th day of July at the rate of One Dollar (\$1.00) per member per month for each member of that volunteer fire dept. on July 1 (for the January 15 payment) and Jan. 1 (for the July 15 payment). The contributions must be paid by the employing unit of government. The firefighter does not have the option to join the Fund individually.

If a volunteer fire dept. serves more than one governing unit, the units can share the contribution to the Fund for the department's members. If a firefighter belongs to more than one vol. fire dept., contributions must be made on behalf of the firefighter for each department participating in the Fund. However, if a vol. firefighter who belongs to two or more fire departments is killed in the line of duty, his/her beneficiaries will only receive Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). If a vol. firefighter is a member of multiple departments, some of which participate in the Fund and some of which do not, the Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) will only be awarded if the firefighter dies while serving the department which is participating in the Fund.

The Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$75,000.00) special death benefit is paid to the surviving spouse of the firefighter; or, if there is no surviving spouse, the surviving children of the firefighter will divide the Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) equally.

Each participating dept. should certify on July 1 and January 1 of each year the number of members in their dept. This certification can be a simple statement in sentence form of the number of volunteer firefighters. The certification should be mailed to:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund, 143 West Market Street, Suite 800 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Then, on the succeeding Jan. 15 or July 15, whichever is applicable, the governing units must contribute to the State Auditor' Six Dollars (\$6.00) per individual certified the preceding Jan. 1 or July 1, whichever is applicable. Payments to the State Auditor should be made as follows:

1. Please make checks payable to Treasurer, State of Indiana;
2. Note on the check that it is for the Volunteer Firefighters Special Death Benefits Fund;
3. Note on the check the name of the local unit;
4. Enclose this check with a memo listing the local unit name and the fact that the check is for the Volunteer Firefighters Special Death Benefits Fund.

Mail memo and check on each January 15 and July 15 to:

Auditor, State of Indiana
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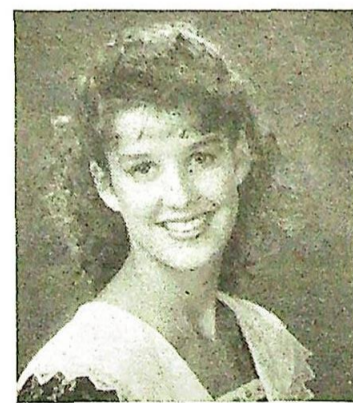
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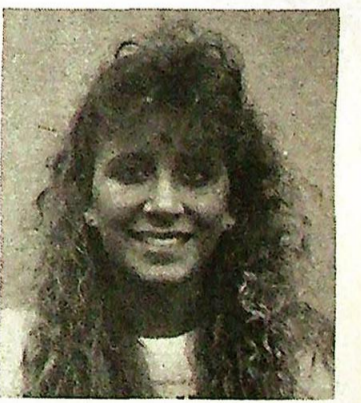
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CONGRATULATIONS

District Miss Flame Winners
The district Miss Flame contests are now over and there are 17 lovely girls going to the state convention.
The Miss Flame committee is looking forward to meeting you at Convention. We are there to help and guide you thru those few exciting days.
Again congratulations and good luck at Convention.
Barbara Parker
Miss Flame Chairman

Hazelwood responds to auto accident



On January 28, 1992 the Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept. responded on this two car auto accident. The 16 year old driver of this car was hit broad-side by a car that failed to stop for a stop sign. Fortunately, this young driver was wearing her seat belt and suffered only minor injuries.

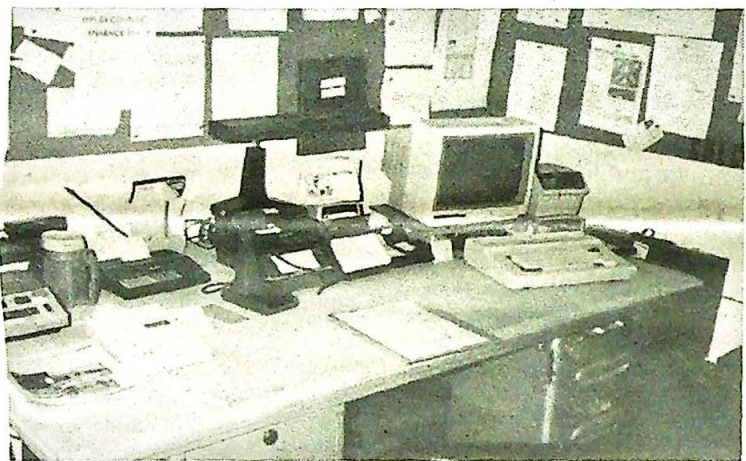
On March 6, 1992 HVFD responded to a one car auto accident on I-70. Upon their arrival they found the 22 year old victim approximately 100 feet from the vehicle in full arrest. Hazelwood EMT's and Plainfield Medic 1 revived the patient who was trans-

ported by Lifeline helicopter to Methodist Hospital. Unfortunately, the patient later died at the hospital.

The Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept. will be hosting its annual 3-day fish fry on June 25, 26, and 27. The "Nashville Connection" will be performing all three nights. We will have a kids pedal pull on Thursday, a garden tractor pull on Friday, and an antique-farm tractor pull on Saturday. Also on Saturday night we will have a fireworks display. All entertainment is free of charge.

Karen Cooper, Secretary

Osgood volunteers update communications



A four year plan developed to upgrade the communications and preplanning capabilities of the Osgood Volunteer Fire Department have come to an end, with the new equipment in operation. The plan was to replace the one channel base radio, improve the antenna, update the mobiles, and update and add to the handheld capabilities. A computer was also studied for preplan use, as well as the increasing paperwork in the fire service today.

The officers were forced to buy certain parts of the project each year because of budget constraints, hence the four year plan to complete the project. The base radio was first, with a multi-channel unit installed. Licensing was done by the communications officer, Dan Mulford, who structured the project. The department applied for, and received licenses for two additional tactical-use frequencies, in accordance with the county Fire Chief's communications plan. The tower was raised somewhat, and new hardline coax installed. The power was raised to legal limits of the license, and with the work completed, and year one of the project in, the base showed a major improvement. The base has the capability of dispatching any fire or rescue in the county, a fact that became vitally useful when the Sheriff's dispatch center was knocked out by lightning in September 1991!

The remaining three years of the plan have seen installation of multichannel radios in all of the five apparatus, new multichannel handhelds for officers, and two

workhorse handhelds in use by S.C.B.A. personnel. With this new capability, the entire department can vacate the county fire channel if other departments are working, or part of the department can move off, for different jobs, such as roof/floor crews on a chimney fire clean out.

The computer was selected by price and personal knowledge by users. There are already preplans of major buildings in the fire district that have been drafted by the department, and can be called up, in full color, and blinking hazards. Of course, dozens of office uses for the computer are being realized after it's installation.

Roger Linville, Chief of the Osgood Department for eleven years, and President Gene Ogden, also with eleven terms, both agree that the \$8000 cost for the project was well worth it, as communications is a major tool in firefighting, safety and preplanning in today's fire service.

9th Annual Lincoln Twp. Firemen's Ball

The Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department would like to take this chance to thank all of you that have supported our efforts in the last several years.

This letter is a personal invitation to the 9th Annual Lincoln Township Firemen's Ball. This year the Ball will be held at the Lincoln Township Fire Station, 7982 E. State Road 4 in Fish Lake on **SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1992**. The music will again be provided by **THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD BAND**, a popular local group playing all types of music.

As in the past, all Emergency Services Personnel along with one guest will be admitted to our Ball free of charge. You need only to present your department badge or ID at the door.

If you know someone that would like to attend the Ball, but does not qualify for free admission, tickets may be purchased from Loren's Pool Supply and EJ's Plaster & Gifts in LaPorte, Wheatbrook Home Center in Rolling Prairie, or Fish Lake Movie Rental in Fish Lake. They may also be purchased from any dance committee member as listed below or you may call the station at a 369-9444 and leave a message. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and will be \$6.00 at the door.

REMEMBER - You must be 21 years of age to be admitted at the door. As in the past, there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

The Fire Department Auxiliary will have sandwiches and other food items available throughout the evening.

Again, we would like to say thank-you for the past support. Your support is and has been appreciated. We hope to see you on May 30th at our 9th Annual Fireman's Ball. The doors will be open at 7:00 PM with dancing from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM.

David G. Kaufman, Chief
Lincoln Township Volunteer
Fire Department

Winners Announced For The Third Annual YLD Scholarship Awards

(PORT REPUBLIC, MARYLAND)--The board of directors of Yvorra Leadership Development, Inc. (YLD) has announced the winners of the third annual YLD Scholarship Awards.

The scholarships (\$1,000 each) are being given in the name of Jim Yvorra, a deputy chief with the Berwyn Heights (Maryland) Volunteer Fire Department and nationally known author and editor, who was killed in the line of duty in January 1988.

The 1991 YLD scholarships have been awarded to Marcus H. Billington, operations officer for the Corona (California) Fire Department; Bernard D. Dyer, acting deputy chief of the Philadelphia Fire Department; and Kevin M. Taylor, a lieutenant with King County (Washington) Fire District #10. Thirteen applications were submitted for the scholarships.

"The purpose of these awards is to promote leadership development," explains Michael S. Hildebrand, president of Yvorra Leadership Development, Inc. "We are looking for applicants with original, innovative ideas in the area of leadership development," Hildebrand adds.

Marcus Billington is working toward and will receive an undergraduate degree in Public Administration in June of this year. His plans are to start work immediately on a graduate degree in

the same field. In addition, Billington holds company officer and chief officer certificates from the California state fire training program.

In his career with the Corona Fire Department, Billington has had work experience with fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials and heavy rescue response, and fire prevention. According to one of his recommenders, Billington "has been instrumental in the development and implementation of new programs in each of the areas of department operation in which he has worked."

As operations officer, Billington is responsible for the development, implementation and administration of the suppression portion (\$5.4 million) of the fire department's annual budget (\$7.9 million). He also oversees the EMS and disaster preparedness programs, sits on the training committee, coordinates master plan updates, and prepares reports for city council and other municipal departments.

"Leadership is the ability to help individuals or organizations surpass themselves and their abilities," explains Billington. "I believe leaders develop visions for their organizations and 'road maps' on how to get there," he says, "and view roadblocks only as hurdles to overcome and continue on and remain on course."

Bernard Dyer is pursuing a master's degree in Public Safety from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He already holds a bachelor's degree in Marketing and an associate's degree in Fire Science, and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer program.

Chief Dyer has risen through the ranks in his career with the Philadelphia Fire Department, holding the ranks of lieutenant, captain and battalion chief. As an acting deputy chief, Dyer is responsible for communications, computer coordination, management information and computer-aided dispatch. He views the implementation of a formal, written incident command system for the department as his most substantial professional achievement.

"I have a simple philosophy of leadership," Chief Dyer says, "namely, treat everybody as you would like to be treated, listen to your people, set the example, and let subordinates make decisions, but be ready and willing to make the hard decisions."

Kevin Taylor is working on an undergraduate degree in Fire Command Administration. He already has two associate's degrees, one in Fire Command and the other in Business. In addition, he has attended numerous courses in such subjects as time management, supervision and finance.

Taylor is a shift officer for King County Fire District #10, with responsibility for training, scheduling and career development for the fire fighters assigned to him. He is also involved in department-wide training and public education efforts.

Taylor feels his most significant professional achievements have come in the training arena. He frequently has been a lead instructor in the district's volunteer recruit classes. He recently played a primary role in the development of a new curriculum for career recruit classes and then served as lead instructor for a subsequent recruit school.

Taylor says his philosophy of leadership "involves creating an environment where the employee can excel." He explains that "the employee who is able to participate in decision making and to manage 'sections' of his or her job is happiest."

Yvorra Leadership Development, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes the development of leadership skills among the members of the fire and emergency medical service communities.

YLD has two basic objectives. The first is to provide limited financial support to qualified applicants to pursue leadership development training and education. The second is to promote a general awareness of the need for leadership development in the fire and emergency medical services.

YLD was established to continue the efforts of Jim Yvorra who dedicated his life's work to the fire and emergency medical services. For additional information, contact Michael S. Hildebrand, YLD, 2446 Azalea Lane, Port Republic, Maryland 20676.

EMERGENCY INCIDENT COMMAND SEMINAR PLANNED

The Fire Service Incident Management System Consortium, a committee of fire service members which has been working towards a merger of the Fire Ground Command (FGC) and Incident Command System (ICS) have announced plans for the 2nd annual seminar on emergency scene management in Phoenix, Arizona, September 17-19, 1992.

The Consortium, which includes representatives from many fire service organizations including the National Fire Academy, the National Fire Protection Assoc., and Fire Depts from coast to coast, have been meeting over the past two years attempting to merge the best components of the two systems into a single system. The consortium has found large areas of compatibility and work toward the goal of a single system continues.

It has been recognized that the use of a command system is essential to firefighter safety and the effective utilization of firefighting resources. This recognition has led to the adoption and implementation of command emergency management systems by fire depts across the country.

Despite the wide use and importance of incident command systems, until last years seminar, no national conference dealing with the issue has ever been organized.

The first seminar was a huge success. Over 450 fire officers from around the country attended, and the seminar received high marks for its quality, and emphasis on incident management systems. A major highlight was the panel discussion on the last day. The 1992 seminar is expected to be bigger and better.

The objective of the conference is to teach incident management systems as they apply to a variety of emergency incidents. Where case histories are provided, emphasis will be on how the incident management system assisted in the resolution of the incident.

The seminar will present the latest progress and developments in the efforts to merge Fire Ground Command (FGC) and the Incident Command System (ICS).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deputy Chief Gary Morris
Phoenix Fire Department
520 W. Van Buren
Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 262-6297

FIREFIGHTERS SAFETY (OSHA, NFPA AND YOU)

Don Abbott, Division Chief
Warren Township Fire Department
Marion County

This second article in a series of five on "Firefighters Safety - (OSHA, NFPA and YOU)" is on Personal Protective Clothing. It must be remembered that while OSHA serves as your legal requirements for personal protective clothing and equipment, NFPA standards are often reference in the OSHA regulations.

The basis for personal protective clothing and equipment regulations come from CFR 29 190.156 (Fire Brigades).

29 CFR 1910.156 - FIRE BRIGADES
(a) SCOPE AND APPLICATION - (1) SCOPE. This section contains requirements for the organization, training, and personal protective equipment of fire brigades whenever they are established by an employer.

(2) APPLICATION. The requirements of this section apply to fire brigades, industrial fire departments and PRIVATE or CONTRACTUAL TYPE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. Personal protective equipment apply only to members of the fire brigade performing interior structural fire fighting. The requirements of this section do not apply to airport crash rescue or forest fire fighting operations.

(d) FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT. The employer shall maintain and inspect, at least ANNUALLY, fire fighting equipment to assure the safe operational condition of equipment. Portable fire extinguishers and respirators shall be inspected at least monthly. Fire fighting equipment that is in damaged or unserviceable condition shall be removed from service and replaced.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH DEPARTMENT SHOULD INSPECT THEIR FIREFIGHTERS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND THAT INSPECTION FORM SHOULD BE MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ITEM ONE IS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE OF FORM. THIS INSPECTION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE CHIEF AND/OR SAFETY OFFICER. THOSE ITEMS THAT FAIL THESE INSPECTIONS SHOULD BE MARKED OUT OF SERVICE, REPAIRED OR REPLACED. DON'T TAKE THESE ITEMS THAT FAIL AND USE THEM FOR TRAINING, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO ANY LIVE FIRE BURN TRAINING.

(e) PROTECTIVE CLOTHING. The following requirements apply to those employees who perform interior structural fire fighting. The requirements do not apply to employees who use fire extinguishers or standpipe systems to control or extinguish fires only in the incipient stage.

(1) GENERAL. (i) The employer shall provide at no cost to the employee and assure the use of protective clothing which complies with the requirements of this paragraph. The employer shall assure that protective clothing ordered or purchased after July 1, 1981, meets the requirements contained in this paragraph. As the new equipment is provided, the employer shall assure that all fire brigade members wear the equipment when performing interior structural fire fighting. After July 1, 1985, the employer shall assure that all fire brigade members wear protective clothing meeting the requirements of this paragraph when performing interior structural fire fighting.

AS STATED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT MUST NOT ONLY PROVIDE THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, BUT IT MUST ALSO ASSURE THAT PERSONNEL ARE WEARING THE CLOTHING IN A PROPER MANNER. IT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH TO SAY WE DO IT, IT MUST BE PRACTICED ON A EVERYDAY BASIS.

(II) The employer shall assure that protective clothing protects the head, body, and extremities, and consists of at least the following components: foot and leg protection; hand protection; body protection; eye, face and head protection.

THE ACTUAL OSHA REGULATION DEALING WITH EACH SPECIFIC AREA WILL APPEAR ON THE LEFT, WITH A BRIEF PERSONAL EXPLANATION APPEARING ON THE RIGHT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL LABELS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ATTACHED BY THE MANUFACTURER, SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FOR ANY REASON. THESE LABELS SHOULD APPEAR ON ALL FORMS OF PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, STATING THE REGULATIONS OR STANDARDS WHICH THEY MEET OR EXCEED. THESE LABELS SHOULD BE CHECKED AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE AND DURING YOUR ANNUAL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING INSPECTIONS.

Warren Twp. Fire Dept. Uniform Inspection Record

Name _____ Rank _____
Station _____ Shift _____ Badge/Unit # _____
Battalion Officer _____ Date _____

INSPECTION MARKS:
OK=Okay C=Needs Cleaned NR=Needs Repaired
R=Needs Replaced M=Missing N/A=Not Acceptable

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	MARKS
1. HELMET	_____
2. COAT	_____
3. SUSPENDERS	_____
4. PANTS	_____
5. BOOTS	_____
6. HOOD	_____
7. FLASHLIGHT	_____
8. HELMET LIGHT	_____
9. GLOVES	_____

REQUIRED ITEMS	MARKS
1. DRIVERS LICENSE	_____
2. STATION KEY	_____

General Appearance and Grooming _____
Comments _____
Signature of Firefighter _____ Inspecting Officer _____

ITEM ONE:

Toe Footwear Z41.1-1967 (1990) It is recommended that if hip type boots are worn, that they be worn in conjunction with protective trousers.

One way to determine if boots meet this requirement is if the boot has the following stamp on the inside quarter or shank of the outsole, or shank of the insole or tongue, or the top of the boot for the imprint.



3. Protective footwear shall be water resistant to at least five inches from bottom of the heel.

4. Protective footwear shall be equipped with a slip resistant outer sole.

5. Protective footwear shall provide protection against penetration of midsole by a size 8D common nail when at least 300 pounds of static force is applied to the nail.

The NFPA standard 1974 (Standard for Protective Footwear for Structural Fire Fighting) 1987 Edition meets and exceeds the OSHA standards. The most important parts of this standard are Chapter 2-Design Requirements and Performance Requirements.

The most important part to Chapter 2 is the required sizing, Mens: 5-13, also half sizes, and widths narrow to wide. Womens: 5-10, including half sizes, and widths narrow and wide. A proper fitting boot is very important, it increases safety and personal comfort. Another section of this chapter deals with labeling and manufacturer's instructions on use, storage and care along with warning label (Item Two).

Meets All Requirements of NFPA 1974 Protective Footwear for Structural Fire Fighting 1987 Edition
WARNING

Do not use for crash/fire/rescue or protection from hazardous or toxic materials or biological agents. Maintain in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

- Name of manufacturer
- Country of manufacture
- Size and width
- Model or stock number
- Lot or serial number

DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL

ITEM TWO:

Chapter Three provides for the general performance requirements of a boot as required under most firefighting conditions.

(3) Body Protection.

(3) Body protection (i) Body protection shall be coordinated with foot and leg protection to ensure full body protection for the wearer. This shall be achieved by one of the following methods:

(A) Wearing of a fire-resistive coat meeting the requirements of paragraph (e) (3)(ii) of this section in combination with fully extended boots meeting the requirements of paragraphs (e)(2)(ii) and (e) (2)(iii) of this section; or

(B) Wearing of a fire-resistive coat in combination with protective trousers both of which meet the requirements of paragraph (e)(3)(ii) of this section.

(ii) The performance, construction, and testing of fire-resistive coats and protective trousers shall be at least equivalent to the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard NFPA No. 19711975, "Protective Clothing for Structural Fire Fighting." (See appendix D to subpart I) with the following permissible variations from those requirements:

(A) Tearing strength of the outer shell shall be a minimum of 8 pounds (35.6 N) in any direction when tested in accordance with paragraph (2) of appendix E; and

(B) The outer shell may discolor but shall not separate or melt when placed in a forced air laboratory oven at a temperature of 500-F (260 C) for a period of five minutes. After cooling to ambient temperature and using the test method specified in paragraph (3) of appendix E char length shall not exceed 4.0 inches (10.2 cm) and after-flame shall not exceed 2.0 seconds.

The OSHA regulations for body protection require the following:

1. Body protection shall be coordinated with foot and leg protection to ensure full body protection for the wearer. The performance, construction, and test of coats and trousers shall at least be equivalent to requirements of NFPA 1974 (1991). Coats and trousers should be of matched materials (Nomex/Nomex-PBI/PBI). These items of clothing and material should be matched to assure an equal level of protection from head to toe.

Coats and trousers must meet NFPA 1971 with two exceptions: The first exception is that NFPA requires a 22 pound minimum tear strength; OSHA regulations allows an eight pound minimum tear strength. The second exception is that NFPA does not allow charring or discoloration; OSHA regulation provides the outer shell may discolor. (Perhaps in a future rewriting of this regulation, the NFPA requirements will be adopted and exceptions corrected).

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USFA ISSUES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INFECTION CONTROL GUIDE

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Emergency responders are often exposed to a variety of deadly infections in the line of duty, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has issued a publication to come to grips with the problem.

"Guide to Developing and Managing an Emergency Service Infection Control Program" is a tool for fire, rescue, emergency medical service and other emergency response agencies across the country to use in developing a program to protect their personnel from infection risks.

"Agencies rely on USFA for state-of-the-art information on critical emergency service issues," said USFA Administrator Olin L. Greene. "Guide provides a comprehensive approach to help emergency service managers establish infection control programs."

The publication is based on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) regulations regarding exposure to bloodborne disease-causing viruses, infection control guidelines established by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other national standards.

What is infection control? According to the guide, it includes "any efforts to prevent infection from occurring in both patients and care providers."

It goes beyond exposure control measures like putting on gloves or washing hands to include a "comprehensive, proactive approach to managing the risks associated with all infectious and communicable diseases."

The CDC reports that emergency medical workers are known to have an increased risk for hepatitis B (HBV) infection. CDC estimates that 12,000 health-care workers, "specifically including emergency medical workers," become infected each year, of which 500 to 600 are hospitalized, and some 250 die.

Another deadly virus emergency response people often are exposed to is human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS. Other diseases to which responders are exposed are meningitis, rubella, measles, mumps, chicken pox and syphilis, the guide says. The guide was prepared in conjunction with FEMA's National Fire Academy (NFA) course, "Infection Control for Emergency Response Personnel: The Supervisor's Role."

This in turn was an outgrowth of two USFA-sponsored communicable disease forums in 1988 and 1989 of fire and EMS experts, physicians, attorneys, infection control authorities and allied federal agency representatives. They made specific recommendations for minimizing the effects of communicable diseases on emergency service operations and management.

The guide, Publication FA-112, has been sent to every fire department and emergency medical service in the country. It is available at no cost from USFA, P.O. Box 70274, WA, D.C. 20024.

Dave Martin

(2) Foot and leg protection. (i) Foot and leg protection shall meet the requirements of paragraphs (e)(2)(ii) and (e) (2)(iii) of this section, and may be achieved by either of the following methods:

(A) Fully extended boots which provide protection for the legs; or

(B) Protective shoes or boots worn in combination with protective trousers that meet the requirements of paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(ii) Protective footwear shall meet the requirements of 1910.136 for Class 75 footwear. In addition, protective footwear shall be water-resistant for at least 5 inches (12.7 cm) above the bottom of the heel and shall be equipped with slip-resistant outer soles.

(iii) Protective footwear shall be tested in accordance with paragraph (1) of appendix E, and shall provide protection against penetration of the midsole by a size 8D common nail when at least 300 pounds (1330 N) of static force is applied to the nail.

FOOT AND LEG PROTECTION

1. Fully extended boots which provides protection for the leg; or protective shoes or boots worn in combination with protective trousers which meet OSHA requirements.

2. Protective footwear shall meet the requirements of OSHA general industry standard 29 CFR 1910.136 for Class 75 footwear. This provision requires that protective footwear meet the requirements and specifications identified in the publication "American National Standard for Men's Safety."

Jonesville Reconstructs Brush Truck #53



Before reconstruction.



After reconstruction.

At the March meeting of the Jonesville Fire Dept. the Board and Membership voted to redue our Brush Truck #53. The utility bed was getting a lot of rust and the compartments were in bad shape.

All of the work was done by the members, with the new bed being brought from Tebco Utility Bed Co. of Indpls.

We then had the unit repainted and lettered with new Scotlight tape.

The dept. and members hope this will last for a long time and do a good job for us in the future.

When we get this unit done, we will start on our big tanker and build a new tank for it. The new tank will be 3000+gals steel tank mounted on a Ford Tandem Axel Truck. We have a diesel engine from Cummins Engine Co. and will then paint the unit and reletter it.

Earl Chasteen

Training Officer Jonesville Vol. Fire Dept.

Fireman injured while battling blaze at Envirex

By STEVE WHITE
Indiana News Editor

Sparks from a torch that had been used earlier in the day at Madison's Envirex plant ignited a fire there yesterday evening.

A Madison volunteer firefighter was injured in a fall from a ladder while battling the fire and was taken by helicopter to a Louisville hospital.

Marion Webster, a member of the Clifty Volunteer Fire Co. No. 6, fell approximately 20 feet onto a concrete floor. He was taken by StatFlight to Humana Hospital University of Louisville where his condition today was upgraded to fair and stable.

Madison Police Chief Steve Horton said this morning Webster may be released today or tomorrow. He reportedly hit his head when he fell and required 13 stitches in his head. He did not suffer any broken bones.

Webster was in full firefighting gear and may have lost his balance while trying to climb around a cage on a platform ladder. He was reportedly unconscious from the time he fell until he was being loaded into the helicopter.

Horton said the preliminary investigation of the fire indicates it was the result of sparks from a utility torch being used by a contractor performing renovation work on a wall.

The insulation inside a concealed metal wall was ignited by the sparks. Horton said it required removing substantial amounts of the metal wall to reach the fire.

All of the city volunteer fire companies except one were called to the scene and three county departments — Madison Township, Hanover and Rykers Ridge—were on standby. The fire department from Jefferson Proving Ground sent its aerial ladder and went on standby at the No. 6 firehouse. Washington Fire Co. No. 2 remained on standby for the downtown area.

Very preliminary damage estimates are in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Dave Wolfschlag, Envirex plant manager, said the fire occurred in the very back portion of the plant in an area that will be used as a storage area.

He said Bateman Contracting was in the process of removing some existing framework to con-

vert the area for storage.

"We knew there was a possibility (of a fire) when you do that kind of work" around insulation, Wolfschlag said, adding the contractor remained at the plant for awhile to watch for any problems.

The contractor left the scene about 4:10 or 4:15 p.m. and Envirex employees continued a fire watch on the area. Wolfschlag said his employees noticed it sometime after 5 p.m. and the general alarm went out at 5:39 p.m.

He pointed out there was no second shift work in that area and an employee discovered the fire a short time after a maintenance man had checked it.

"We couldn't have asked for anything any better" than the response of the Envirex employees and the local volunteer firefighters, Wolfschlag said.

He said plant employees had a 2 1/2-inch line laid and putting water on the fire while the city fire companies were getting hooked up.

Fire personnel were released from the scene about 9:30 p.m., according to Horton, and the fire investigation continued until about 10 p.m.

Wolfschlag said his personnel took over from the fire companies at that time and kept a fire watch all night. Plant employees continued to open up areas in the wall to get water to the insulation.

He said there was no structural damage to the building, and most of the damage is "cosmetic." But he said all of the insulation and about a 120-foot section of the inner wall will have to be replaced.

The second shift at Envirex was back to production about 9 last night, Wolfschlag said, and normal operations were resumed this morning.

Envirex, located at 2753 Michigan Road, manufactures water and wastewater processing equipment.

The Madison Courier
April 9, 1992

A Letter to All I.V.F.A.

Members:

Would you spend \$1.00 to save a firefighters life?

Since 1988, Firefighter 1st Class/E.M.T Donald Gray has been a member of the Schererville Fire Dept., and been in the top 3 response since joining. He has been an E.M.T. since 1989 and successfully completed 1st and 2nd Class Instructors courses.

Don has given of himself and his time for 9 years when he and his family lived in Delaware, and for the past 4 years in Indiana - now Don needs your help!

Since August 1991 Don has been on the waiting list at the University of Chicago Hospital for a kidney/pancreas transplant. Don has worn a "beeper" for Schererville so he can respond day and night when he's needed; now he wears a "beeper" in case a donor is found for his transplant operation.

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen Association has a membership of 17,000+, and if each of you would send just \$1.00, a major portion of Don's medical bills would be covered.

The Organ Transplant Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization helps people in Indiana and Illinois with ideas for fundraisers, as well as setting up accounts for donations. Some of the money Don needs has already been raised locally, but to reach the \$40,000 needed for his transplant he needs your help.

Please send your tax-deductable contributions to:

The Organ Transplant Fund
5120 Main St.
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Be sure to note "for Don Gray" Any contributions you can make will be greatly appreciated. Don has given generously of himself to help people in need—please be generous in return. Steve and Peggy Neumeier Schererville, Indiana

John Fagg Named Firefighter Of The Year

On December 15, 1991 Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department held it's annual Christmas party. A delicious meal was enjoyed by nineteen members and their families.

After dinner, Chief Bryan Husband reviewed the past year's activities and honored members for their long hours of training and dedication, as well as James Nuckolls and Billy Fagg for their much appreciated help.

John Fagg, Safety Officer, was named Firefighter of the Year, as voted by the members of the department.

He has been an active member for twenty-two years, during which time he has held the offices of chief and assistant chief, as well as his current position of safety officer. He is certified as a Master Firefighter in tactics and investigations. He holds a hazardous materials operational level, is a First Responder, and a Second Class instructor.

We applaud him for his devotion and many hours of training and work at the station.



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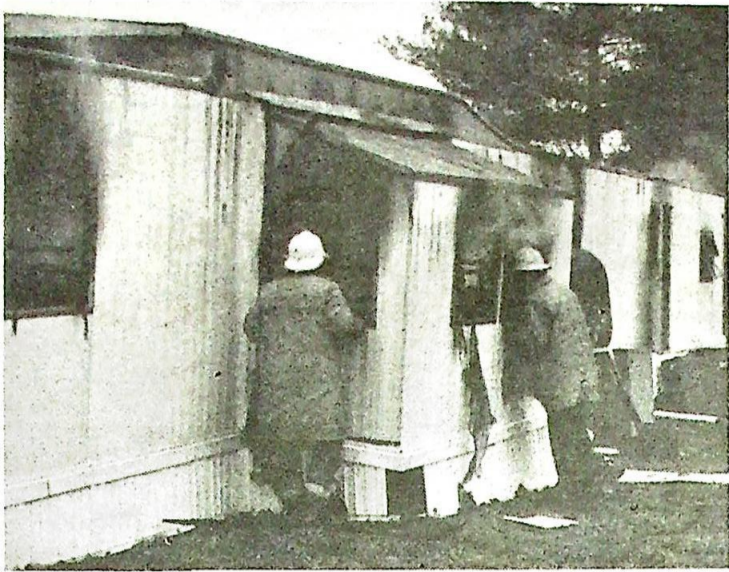
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Seven Escapes House Trailer Fire



A family of seven narrowly escaped an early morning house trailer fire in rural Owen Township on Saturday.

Terry and Connie Jones were awakened by their children who reported a fire in a bedroom. Flames quickly engulfed the trailer nearly trapping two of the youngsters.

Owen Township Fire Chief, Rodney Hildebrand ran from his home across the street to assist the family. "When I saw the fire, flames were pouring from all the windows. Five minutes before, there were no signs of fire at all."

Hildebrand phoned Jackson Co. Fire Alert requesting Owen Twp. Fire Dept. and mutual aid from nearby Pershing Twp.

"When we arrived with our tanker there really was nothing left to save", said Pershing Cap-

tain Greg Sutton. "There were no working smoke detectors in the trailer," said Hildebrand. "They were lucky to get out alive."

The fire was attributed to a child playing with a cigarette lighter near bed linens.

The family was uninsured. "These people have nothing left", said Pershing Assistant Chief Rebecca Scott. "Cases like this are the hardest part of our job. We can extinguish the flames but we can't undo the damage. Somehow we must find a way to convince people that smoke detectors and home fire safety education for little ones are more economical than fires."

The Joneses are staying with relatives and have been aided by the Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

We have received thirty-eight applications this year for consideration in the annual presentation of two scholarships. Unfortunately four of these are eliminated due to the parent not having their dues paid to the IVFA on time last year. So we have thirty-four legitimate applications. This is much better than we have done for the past two years.

There will be two lucky students this year. For those of you

who are not selected this year, remember you can apply again next year. Only the winners are not eligible to apply again. So please do not hesitate to look forward to next year.

It has been brought to our attention that several are not attaching their SAT test scores or school grading records to their applications. These are instrumental in helping the committee make their choice. Also, remember the parent or applicant must have been a member for three years and their dues must have been paid on time (July 31) the year of the application.

The same holds true for the death benefit as far as member-

ship dues. It is best to pay your annual association dues on time every year then you have no worries when you are seeking benefits. It will soon be time for the dues, so I suggest you get them paid and out of the way before you get caught up in the summer good times and vacations.

We wish to thank everyone who applied for a scholarship and urge everyone who seeks help for next year to start now. Applications are available from your dist. chrm. or any state elected officer. Call or write me, for an application. Lawrence Swartz; Chrm., Bridgeport Scholarship, 250 South Rachel Street, Rensselaer, IN 47978 219/866-7769

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911 ALERT

On Sunday Morning May 26, 1991, the Janice Family of 5900 Hamilton Dr. was getting ready to go to Church. Since Thomas, age 4, was ready he began to play with some marbles at which time he put one into his mouth and swallowed it. It became lodged in his throat.

Thank goodness for brothers! 5 year old brother Zachary did not hesitate to do what he has been taught in his kindergarten class - DIAL 911. He immediately told the dispatcher that there was an emergency and help was needed. He correctly gave pertinent information to get aid for his younger brother. He gave dispatchers his name, address, phone number and described the emergency and asked them to get help.

Upon arrival of the McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department and Alexander Ambulance Service they found that Zachary was waiting in his front yard waiting for help to arrive so that they would be sure and get the correct house.

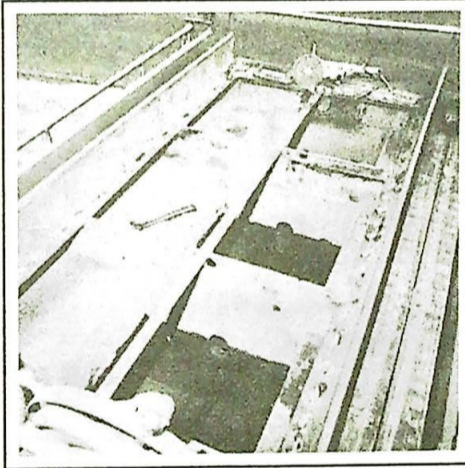
A big "thank you" goes to Zachary for his life saving efforts. We're sure that Zachary will always be a hero to his brother and family.

Zachary is a kindergarten student at Scott School. Parents, Mark and Nora Janice are extremely proud of his efforts and quick actions.

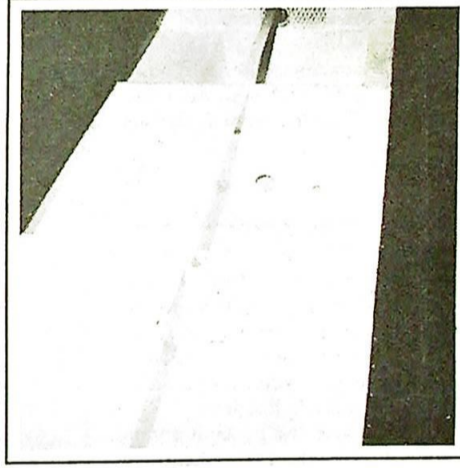
An award will be presented to Zachary at a later date, by the McCutchanville Fire Department.

A SPECIAL NOTE:
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NFPA CALLS PRIVATE USE OF FIREWORKS AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK

Nearly 11,000 Americans suffered serious injuries, including amputation, severe burns and blindness, from private fireworks usage in 1991.

The National Fire Protection Assoc. (NFPA) today issued a call for the U.S. fire service and citizens at large to work together for a safely spectacular Independence Day 1992 by eliminating the private, amateur fireworks displays that injure thousands -- some fatally -- every year.

In 1991, nearly 11,200 people suffered injuries from fireworks serious enough to require a visit to a hospital emergency room. Less than 6% of those injuries occurred at public displays, which shows how much safer they are than private displays.

"Before coming to NFPA, I spent most of my adult life around high explosives in defense of our country," said George D. Miller, newly installed NFPA president and former lieutenant general with the Strategic Air Command. "I know how dangerous explosives and pyrotechnics of any kind can be -- and how important it is to keep them in the hands of professionals. The very idea that untrained people can use fireworks safely is both incredible and terrifying to someone who knows their destructive potential -- and unfortunately our country has the losses to prove that worry is justified."

Last year's fireworks injuries included several cases resulting in amputation of fingers or hands or at least temporary blindness. The majority of the victims suffered burns, many severe, and around July 4th alone, there were 300 injuries that affected at least 25% of the victim's body.

In 1991, as in every year, America's children suffered most. The majority of fireworks injuries around Independence Day involved victims under 15 years of age, including hundreds of preschooler injuries. A child age 10 to 14 was more than ten times as likely to be injured by fireworks as an adult age 25 or older.

Fireworks accidents do more than burn, maim, and kill. They also destroy property -- tens of millions of dollars every year. In Washington State, a single school fire started by juveniles playing with fireworks caused more than \$1,000,000 in damage while destroying a school district's maintenance shop. In the aftermath of this massive loss, the city's fire chief called for a total ban on fireworks sales. That response is the key to safety.

"We've known for a long time what is needed to reduce the annual toll from private use of fireworks," said Benjamin Roy, executive director of NFPA's Fire Marshal's Association of North America and former state fire marshal of Delaware. "The Model Fireworks Law prohibits the sale of fireworks to anyone other than licensed pyrotechnic specialists authorized to conduct public displays, and NFPA's Standard 1123, Code for Outdoor Display of Fireworks, states the requirements for safe public displays. Together, they give a community all the tools they need to ensure a safe celebration of our nation's birthday."

Nothing less will work, says NFPA, because the majority of fireworks injuries involve fire-

works that are perfectly legal under current federal law. Even sparklers -- a perfect example of fireworks that seem harmless but aren't -- can reach temperatures of 1800°F (or roughly 1000°C), can remain dangerously hot after they've burned out, and caused hundreds of injuries serious enough for treatment in a hospital emergency room around the 1991 Independence Day holiday. Any amateur use of fireworks involves an unacceptable risk.

"To America's fire service and anyone else aware of fire risks and fire safety, the choice is clear," says Mr. Miller. "You can stick to public displays, run by licensed professionals, and have a safe, spectacular Fourth. Or you can go to a private display, run by amateurs, and accept the risk of taking away something much more painful and permanent than a great memory of a good time. We think that if people know the facts, they'll make the smart choice."

Established in 1896, the NFPA is an international, nonprofit, voluntary membership assoc. with 60,000 members worldwide. Publisher of the *National Fire Codes®* and the *Learn Not to Burn®* public fire safety education program, the NFPA also prepares many statistical reports on fire prevention and protection. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Second Class Certification Harrison Twp.



The members pictured above were a part of a class taught by Charlie Ancil at the Civil Defense building in Kokomo for certification for second class. He was assisted by Charlie Beck, Mark Ancil and Bill Tygart.

Pictured above are:

1st row (l to r) Mark Sullivan, Galveston; Bill Tygart, CD; Mark Ancil, Harrison Twp. Alto; Kent Chism, Galveston; Tony Thomas, Galveston; Jim Eads, Galveston; Joyce Ancil; Charlie Ancil of Harrison Township Alto.

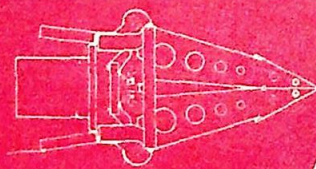
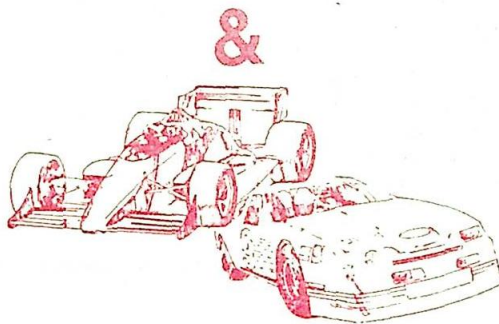
2nd row (l to r) Bill Ferguson, Civil Defense of Howard County; Marty Davenport, Civil Defense; Audie Hopkins, CD; and Kenny Trinoskey, CD. Richard Fouts of Harrison Twp. Alto was not present for the picture.

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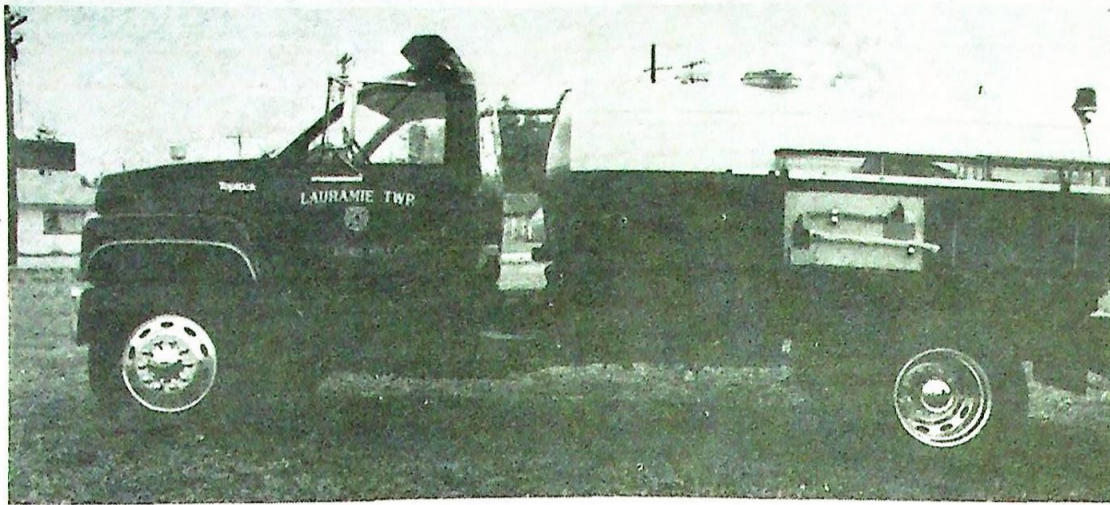
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Clarks Hill Vol. Fire Dept. has new tanker



Clarks Hill Volunteer Fire Dept. recently placed in service a new tanker which replaced a '69 GMC. Our fleet of trucks protects the town of Clarks Hill and a portion of Lauramie Township located in southern Tippecanoe County.

The Fire Dept. also provides an evening of entertainment at the Annual Fish Fry - June 20th, 1992. George Kingery, Chief

Brush fires continue to scorch the region

By Susan B. Erb
The Republic

At least 22 brush fires swept Bartholomew and surrounding counties on Tuesday, prompting authorities to strongly advise against any outdoor burning until dry conditions improve.

Weary firefighters hope a 50 percent chance of rain today will fall in their favor and quell the outbreak.

Most of the fires began as controlled burns, but unusually dry, windy conditions caused fires to spread quickly, out of control.

Jackson County Sheriff Herschel L. Baughman issued an order Tuesday banning all outside burning until further notice. No countywide order has been issued for Bartholomew County. However, authorities advise against outdoor burning.

Elizabethtown Fire Chief Dennis Moore said any outdoor fires in Rockcreek or Sandcreek twps. will be extinguished. Moore said the most recent similar situation was during the summer of 1988, when Indiana suffered a drought.

On Tuesday, Bartholomew County firefighters chased at least nine brush fires.

Elizabethtown firefighters were called to two fires, at 1 p.m. on Road 340 E south of Road 600 S and again at 3:05 p.m. at 4920 S. Road 1100 E.

"Some of (our firefighters) are getting pretty ragged," Moore said.

Southwest firefighters responded to three brush fires. They were called to 12510 W. Rd. 525 S at 1:29. At 2:29 pm., they assisted Harrison Township firefighters with a grass fire at 10701 W. Grandview Drive. And at 5:53 pm., they extinguished a brush fire at 7941 W. Spray Rd.

Clifford extinguished two brush fires, one at 8:23 p.m. at 3282 N. Tally and a second fire at 9:06 p.m. at 6844 E. Road 500 N.

Columbus firefighters extinguished a grass fire in the 2900 block of Washington St. at 2:59 pm., and Columbus E. firefighters were called to a brush fire at Rd. 325 W. and Lowell Rd. at 7:10 pm.

Jackson Co. firefighters responded to at least seven brush fires, and Jennings Co. reported at least six.

The Republic, Wed., March 4, '92

Public Relations Northwest



Bill Howe

As another year ends with the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's, I would like to thank the elected officers that have given much of their time and energy for our benefit. The Association is progressing and being recognized thru their efforts. The Northwest Critical Stress Seminar was held at Rensselaer in April. This was a very good program but not very well attended. These programs are paid for from your dues and need your participation if we are to continue. If you have a program that you would like to put together, contact me or your District Chairman. We will try to make it a reality.

As the year ends that brings on the 1992 Convention. After talking to Mr. Stewart it seems they are working very hard to put together a weekend you will enjoy. If you have not gotten your registration in, do it soon.

The 1992 legislature has completed its session. The Association did fairly well but did not get the charge taken off the license plates. I am sure this will be one of the attempts for 1993. So when you see your Representative and Senators around this summer and fall talk to them about their support. Also you might mention their joining the Indiana Fire Service. The date has been set for the dinner this year. It will be at the Adam's Mark in November. If your department could possibly send someone please do so. This might be the best investment for the money you could spend.

In closing I would like to invite each department to designate a couple of people to attend the district meetings and bring back their information to the department. This is also the place to bring your complaints so your District Chairman knows what you want and can take it to the quarterly officers meeting.

See you at the district meeting and at the annual meeting in Clarksville.

Mobile Home Burns

by Valerie Bott,
The Evening News

Sellersburg fire officials are investigating an arson fire that destroyed a mobile home on Crone-wood Lane, west of Memphis, yesterday morning.

Sellersburg Fire Chief Bill Mosley said the home, which was owned by Michael and Patsy Day, is a complete loss and estimated the damage at \$28,000.

"When the first units got there, the house was already collapsing," Mosley said.

Mosley said investigators discovered that the fire was started using some type of flammable liquid.

The alarm came in around 10:40 a.m. and after firefighters arrived, they got the blaze under control in about 15 minutes, Mosley stated.

No one was home at the time of the fire and no one was injured.

Investigators do not currently have any suspects in the fire and are asking for the public's help with the case.

Anyone with information about this should contact:

The Sellersburg Fire Dept.
at 246-2680
or the arson hotline
at 1-800-382-4628,
Mosley said.

NFPA ANNOUNCES PAPERS CALL 1992 Fall Meeting and 1993 Annual Meeting

January 21, 1992

The Program Committee of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Board of Directors has established theme and paper deadlines for NFPA's 1992 Fall Meeting, November 15-18, 1992, in Dallas, and NFPA's 1993 Annual Meeting, May 23-27, 1993, in Orlando. The theme of the 1992 Fall Meeting is "INNOVATION '92 - Progress through Creativity." The theme of the 1993 Annual Meeting is "The Magic of Imagination." The deadline for receiving 1993 Annual Meeting papers is October 1, 1992.

All papers of technical and professional merit which are non-commercial and aimed at advancing the cause of firesafety will be considered. Of particular interest will be papers consistent with the themes of the meetings, in addition to those addressing "topical areas of urgent concern" such as technological breakthroughs,

code administration and enforcement, cost-benefit analysis of code enforcement, fire suppression policies, and the role of public education.

Authors wishing to present a paper at either of these meetings are encouraged to submit abstracts. Papers should be no more than 30 minutes in length. Author(s) should include a brief biographical sketch, company or organizational affiliation, title, mailing address, and membership status if any, with NFPA, NFPA sections and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE).

To apply, send abstracts (be sure to indicate for which meeting you are submitting your paper) to Kenneth E. H. Backman, assistant vice president for Member Programs, NFPA, One Batterymarch Park, P. O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101.

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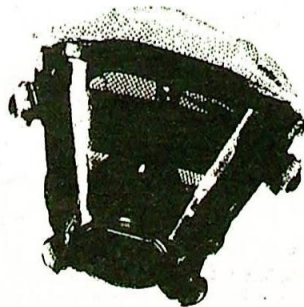


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As with most communities in the early part of this century, Schnellville had no organized fire dept. The need for some sort of fire protection was obvious, so in March of 1947 a group of men in the area decided to form some sort of organization.

These men started with a portable pump and a hose mounted on a trailer. This equipment was parked in an old garage and when needed, was hitched to a pickup and pulled to the scene of a fire.

From 1947 until 1951 the group worked on developing an organization which allowed them to raise funds to purchase and maintain equipment. On August 20, 1951, their dream was realized. The organization was incorporated under the name Schnellville Fire Fighting Corp.

A membership fee brought in some money, however, fund raisers such as shooting matches and dances continued to be the prime source of income.

In 1966 the group was able to purchase an 80' by 90' piece of property on which to build the first fire station. A 1959 two ton truck was purchased and converted for use as a fire truck at the same time.

Construction of the fire station was completed in early 1967. The \$2,700 donation from Schnellville Centennial celebration went a long way toward paying for the land, fire station and truck.

Schnellville's first fire fighting unit was formed in 1966. The vol. fire dept. had 18 members, with Urban Persohn serving as chief and Hilbert Theising as assistant chief.

Many pieces of equipment have been purchased in the intervening 27 yrs. These include a 1966 Mack Pumper, 1000 GPM capacity; a 1980 Chevy tanker, 1700 gallon capacity; a 1980 Chevy one ton (ERV); a 1984 Chevy 3/4 ton 4x4 Brush truck, 250 GPM capacity; communications equipment (2-way radios and individual pagers); turnout gear for each fireman; and extrication equipment.

In 1984 the need for emergency medical service to the Schnellville area became apparent. Today the force includes 16 certified First Responders.

In February of 1990 the firemen purchased a piece of property in downtown Schnellville, with the hope of eventually building a new larger fire station.

During the summer of 1990 they initiated action to obtain a



Pictured is the new Schnellville Fire Dept.

Community Block Fund Grant through the Indiana Department of Commerce. Their hard work and determination paid off when they were notified on October 18, 1990, that they would receive a grant totaling \$174,400.

The firemen are grateful for donations from the Women's Auxiliary, Home Ec Club, Quasqui Centennial Committee, Schnellville Community Club and many individual donors who helped make their dreams a reality.

Today Schnellville's Fire Department includes 13 First Class firemen, 7 Master firemen and 2 Second Class firemen.

Their many hours of training and unswerving devotion to duty have made them a firefighting and rescue unit of which the Schnellville community is extremely proud.

More than five hundred attended the open house at Schnellville's new fire house, April 5th from 1:30 to 5:00.

Ribbon cutting with a brief dedication ceremony was held at 2 p.m. with Don Loepker Treasurer of the dept. serving as master-of-ceremonies. Among those taking part in the program were the Fire Chief Clarence Betz, Mitch Parish, Vice-Pres. of the I.V.F.A.; Mary Lou Schnell, Pres. of the Dubois Co. Commissioners and Urban Persohn and Emmett Schaaf, charter members of the department, cutting the ribbon.

Townships' fire ratings are upgraded

By PATRICK W. WATHEN
Senior staff writer
Marrs and Southern Robinson townships in Posey County have

received a better fire protection rating, bringing with it about a 35 percent drop in fire insurance premiums.

Mike Duncan, chief of the Marrs Township Volunteer Fire Department, which serves the area, said the protection rating went from a Class 9 to a Class 6 after being re-evaluated by the Insurance Services Organization.

The Insurance Services Organization is a rating bureau that establishes fire insurance rates. Most insurance companies subscribe to the bureau's ratings, said Mike Cook, an agent for Schultheis Insurance Agency in Evansville.

Cook said the premium for \$75,000 worth of fire protection for a brick home in Marrs Township and Southern Robinson went from \$393 to \$263 per year.

He said many homeowners who live in the affected area will need to notify their insurance carriers that the rate has changed.

The Marrs Township fire department was last rated in 1981. Since then, the department has improved its water supply by adding suction lines that run into lakes and are accessible year-round.

It also has improved training and now has about seven master firefighters and 16 first-class firefighters, while the rest of the 45 member department are secondclass firefighters.

Marrs bought a new 1,250 gallon-per-minute pumper in 1990 and two rescue squad trucks. It now has three pumpers, one tanker, two brush fire trucks, two rescue squads and two fire stations, one on Ford Road north of Indiana 62 and the other at St. Philip and Upper Mount Vernon roads.

Marrs asked the Insurance Ser-

vices Organization last May to re-rate the area. An inspection was done in October and the new rate was issued last week, effective March 1, Duncan said.

Further improvement could result if the German Township Water District provides water service to the area as it proposes.

Evansville Courier, March 4, 1992

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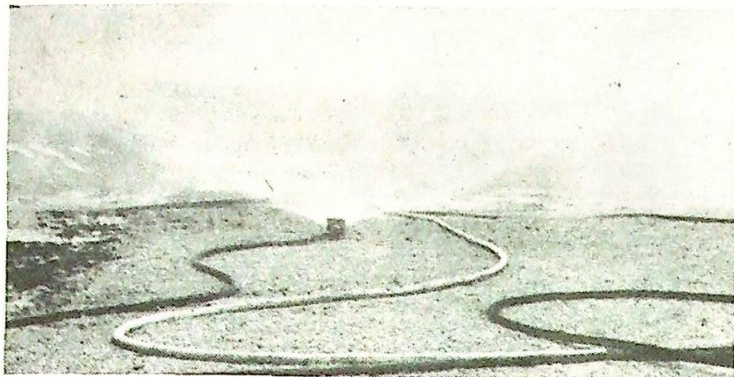
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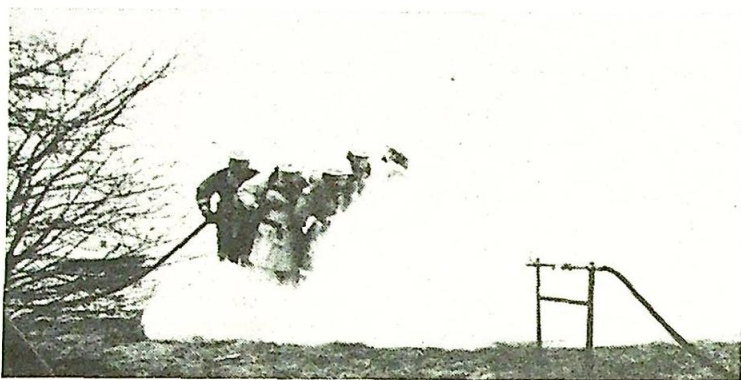
Please bring your own rain gear for each event. Trophies for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, June 18 after the open meeting.

Each Participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming to the rules and regulations shall be disqualified.

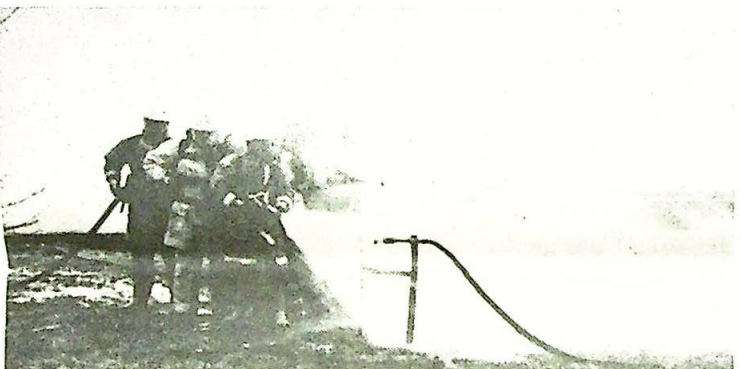
Hands-on Anhydrous Ammonia Fume Suppression Training Held At Purdue University



Water curtain generators were positioned just down wind, to capture any escaping ammonia vapors during the training exercise.



The suppression team's objective was to enter an ammonia vapor cloud with fog nozzle protection, locate the release, and close the valve.



As the team approached the anhydrous ammonia release source they concentrated the water pattern more toward the release.



The entire ammonia vapor cloud was captured with the water and the leader could reach out and close the valve.



Team members were required to wear a limited use full body coverall, constructed of Barricade fabric from DuPont, under full bunker gear with duct taped openings and SCBA.

by Jim Beaty
West Lafayette. Suppose your department is called to an anhydrous ammonia incident. Do all your responders know when or how to use fog nozzles and water curtains to capture an ammonia vapor cloud? Do they know to

avoid applying water to liquid pools of anhydrous ammonia because of the danger of a BLEVE or rapid generation of a vapor cloud? Have you ever participated in a hands-on ammonia vapor suppression exercise? These and many other aspects of anhydrous

ammonia were addressed at an anhydrous ammonia fume suppression training program held at Purdue University on March 25 and 26. Classroom training and an actual suppression exercise were held.

According to Bob Rund, State Fertilizer Administrator, over 250,000 tons of anhydrous ammonia are used in Indiana as a nitrogen fertilizer each year. Rund oversees all regulatory aspects of fertilizer sales in Indiana, through the Office of the State Chemist at Purdue University.

As the first speaker at the training programs, Rund stressed the importance of understanding the characteristics of anhydrous ammonia and knowing appropriate emergency tactics.

Anhydrous ammonia means "ammonia without water." It is 100% ammonia. This is very concentrated compared to the 10% aqueous ammonia found in household cleaners," Rund cautioned the group.

Rund, who helped coordinate the event, welcomed the participants and thanked CF Industries for sponsoring and conducting the training with Purdue University.

Approximately 50 people participated in or helped conduct the training exercise. Participants included Indiana firefighters and first responders enrolled in Purdue's Farm Accident Response Meetings (FARM) - Agricultural Medics Instructor training program, as well as CF Industry personnel from facilities across North America.

CF Industries is one of the major manufacturers of anhydrous ammonia in North America. According to Herschel Morris, Manager EHS Audit Group for CF, "The rarity of the hands-on ammonia suppression training completed at Purdue served to greatly sharpen the skills of the CF employees who are trained in emergency response."

Morris pointed out that CF employees train for emergencies on a regular basis. He said, "Even though we go to great lengths to eliminate possible situations that might lead to an emergency, we at CF feel that you can't be 'too prepared,' which makes this type of hands-on training invaluable to our employees."

The training included one day of classroom training and SCBA fit testing with the live suppression training on the second day.

Boyne Lewis, Superintendent, EHS Compliance, at CF Industries' Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada facility was the training leader both days. Assisting Mr. Lewis with the classroom training was Betty DeLong, Supervisor of Health Services from CF's Plant City, Florida Phosphate Complex.

Lewis and DeLong used graphic visuals and demonstrations to teach about the physical characteristics of anhydrous ammonia, physical hazards, first-aid measures, and use of personal protective equipment. Lewis also taught fume suppression tactics, exposures, and use of water during emergencies. Lewis reviewed actual incidents with slides, video, and personal experiences.

The practical training exercise was conducted at Purdue's Agronomy Research Center, located in a rural farming area six miles northwest of campus.

A fully outfitted suppression team consisted of two hose teams of three members each and a group leader from CF. Lewis di-

rected the overall exercise.

The suppression team's objective was to enter a vapor cloud with fog nozzle protection, locate the release, and close the valve.

A pumper and four firefighters were contracted from the Purdue University Fire Department for the day. The PUFD was responsible for maintaining the water supply to the fog nozzles and two water curtain generators.

According to Tom Cooper, Purdue's Fire Safety Specialist, over 22,000 gallons of water were used in the exercise.

Cooper said, "Team members were required to wear a limited use full body coverall, constructed of Barricade fabric from DuPont, under full bunker gear with duct taped openings and SCBA." According to Cooper the Barricade coveralls give ammonia vapor protection for 68 minutes and the cost at approximately \$50 per set would be a wise investment for responding departments.

Participants learned first hand of anhydrous ammonia's affinity for water. The two hose teams used full fog nozzles and walked into the vapor cloud with the team leader positioned between the two nozzle men. As they approached the release source they concentrated the water pattern more toward the release. The entire vapor cloud was captured with the water and the leader could reach out and close the valve.

According to Boyne Lewis, "The reason that the water from the fog nozzles could capture the vapor cloud was because of anhydrous ammonia's great affinity for water."

But Lewis cautioned that putting water on a liquid pool of anhydrous ammonia may be one of the worst things possible to do at a spill. Lewis explained that liquid ammonia boils into a gas at minus 20 F. Adding water (which is obviously warmer than plus 32 F) to the liquid ammonia is actually adding a heat source. The water causes the super cool ammonia pool to violently and rapidly boil off as vapor. This is similar to a steam explosion with water, except it happens with ammonia at a much lower temperature, minus 20 F.

When a warmer pressurized vessel is involved in a release, the heat needed for boiling is already present, but is controlled by the high pressure in the tank. During a release from a pressure tank, vapor boils off at a rapid rate. Spraying a tank with water may add more energy or heat to the remaining liquid ammonia and cause additional vapor to boil off. So Lewis again cautioned the group about the use of water on tanks holding liquid ammonia under pressure.

Participants also learned that anhydrous ammonia vapor is a colorless gas at room temperature. During a high pressure release, however, a smaller white vapor cloud can be seen due to the trapped moisture caught from the air during the rapid cooling of that air.

Interestingly according to Lewis, ammonia vapor might be considered a friendly compound, because it has a strong odor that makes you very aware of its presence, even at low non-toxic levels. However, he points out that at higher concentrations ammonia vapor is deadly and should be handled with respect.

Lewis and DeLong could not over stress the importance of immediately using plenty of water on exposure victims. Anhydrous ammonia is corrosive to human tissue, as well as, posing a possible cold burn characteristic. DeLong showed medical evidence

that supported the immediate use of oxygen on inhalation victims. Because the eyes have a high percentage of water in them, they are very vulnerable to anhydrous ammonia damage, and must be treated with water if exposed.

"Anhydrous ammonia is placarded with a green diamond, number 1005," according to Rund. Rund thinks that Purdue is in a unique position to offer anhydrous ammonia fume suppression training with CF Industries because of the University's regulatory authority over anhydrous ammonia fertilizer use, its agricultural school, its research farm facilities, and the training offered through the Farm Accident Response Meetings (FARM) - Agricultural Medics Instructor program.

The FARM Agricultural Medics Instructor program is directed by Professor Bill Field. He can be contacted at Purdue University at 317-494-1191.

About the author, Mr. Beaty is the Superintendent of the Purdue Agronomy Research Center. He has a Master's Degree in Agronomy. He is also a member of the Wabash Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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Questions call Jim Beaty at 317-463-2632

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Greetings from Southeast Indiana.

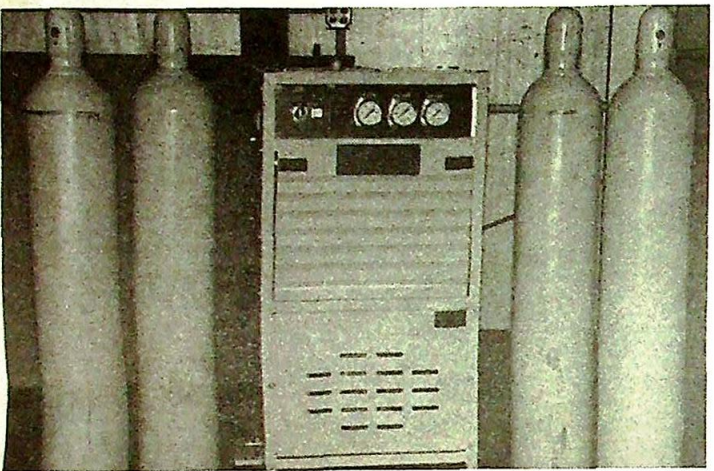
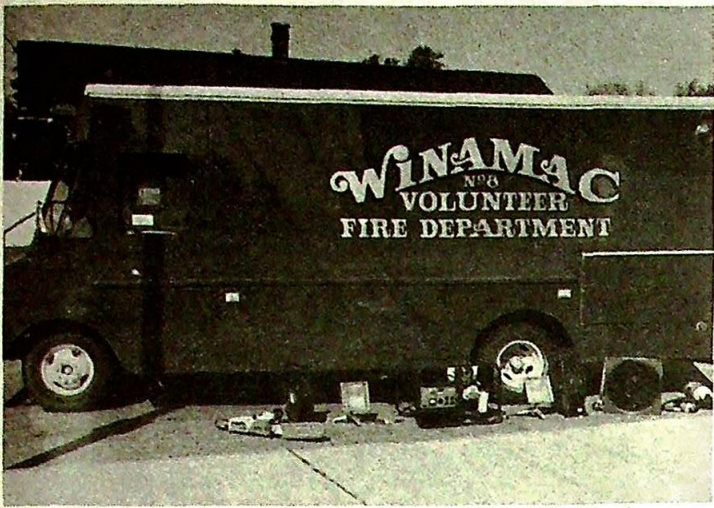
Spring has finally arrived and we are all in the mood for a party. Well plan on making the big party in June in Clarksville at the Annual Convention. We are planning on a good time and an enjoyable, as well as educational, convention. You can rest assured that Bob Stuart and the rest of his people are prepared to show you the hospitality of Kentuckiana. Don't forget that they will be an hour ahead of most of us, so plan accordingly, as the Convention will be based upon Clarksville time.

I hope everyone has made it through the winter with minimal problems. I don't know which is worse, trying to prevent the frostbite in the winter or escaping the heat exhaustion in the summer. As professionals serving in the ranks as volunteer firefighters we must learn to cope with all the elements and I must say that I believe we do an excellent job of it. I want to stress the word professional a little bit. I believe that the time has come to stress that we, as volunteer firefighters are a group of professionals. We train at a constant, rigorous rate and learn our trade to the best of our ability. We know our job as well as anyone and excel as firefighters. The only difference between us and the career firefighters is that our time is donated and I believe we have a little more pride in what we do. I think we are all proud to be able to say that we are volunteer firefighters and we damned well should be. So the next time you hear someone distinguish between you and the career people as volunteers and professionals, ask them what the difference is.

Hope you all have a good spring and I will see you in Clarksville in June, when the professionals who represent the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association gather for their annual meeting and convention.

Yours in the professional fire service,
Paul Hildebrand

Winamac Vol. Fire Dept. purchased new equipment



The Winamac Vol. Fire Department has recently purchased a used Frito Lay potato chip van and a new Mako Cascade System. The van was converted into an equipment van and is used to carry the new cascade system, which is capable of filling 30 2215 psi bottles. The van also is equipped with a portable 6500 watts generator, flood lights, flash lights, portable radios, spare air pack bottles, and air packs and other items.

The department in Sept. of 1990 had 15 members complete 2nd Class Fire School and in May of 1991 two members completed 1st Class Fire School. The department added three members in August and they have completed 24 hr. training. The department also has 3 pumpers, 2 grass trucks and 1 tanker to round out their rolling equipment.

While at the 1992 I.V.F.A. Convention Ride the Steamboat Belle of Louisville

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Thank you, Dear God, for this life, Cooney will be missed by us all, Cooney Tucker, so bravely answered his last call.

Duane Lantz

TO MY BELOVED GRANDPA:

You are my life, always have been . . .

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Grandpa before I finish this, I wanted to say, "thank you for always being there for me through my bad and good times, be my very best friend, the good memories, secure life, and the love you gave me and raised me . . . You are like a "dad" to me . . . Best thing that happened in my life, Grandpa . . .

Thank you for teaching me a lot of things, especially to help me to deal with the hearing world and to try to understand it, you helped me to gain the confidence to face the odds . . .

I'm very proud to have you as my Grandpa!

Grandpa, I love you and miss you very, very much.

Connie Foreman,
Grandaughter Of
Cooney Tucker

Fire Service Incident Management System Consortium Formed

Since July, 1990, an Ad Hoc Committee of fire service leaders

from across the country who represent eighteen different fire service organizations have been attempting to merge the two most popular incident management systems used by fire departments. Those two systems are the Fire Ground Command System (FGC) and the Incident Command System (ICS).

During the committee's 4th meeting, held in Chesterfield, Virginia, this past August, the Fire Service Incident Management System Consortium was formed and officers were appointed. President of the consortium is Deputy Chief Gary P. Morris of the Phoenix, Arizona, Fire Department. Chairing the Administrative Committee is Battalion Chief Dennis Rubin, Chesterfield, Virginia, Fire Department. The Curriculum Committee is chaired by Battalion Chief Bill Vandevort of the Monterey, California, Fire Department.

The Consortium has recently achieved two major goals. First, a national ICS Seminar was conducted this past September with over 450 fire officers attending.

Second, a draft incident management system procedure reflecting the merger efforts was produced. The document is designed to serve as a "model" procedure, allowing a fire department to more easily adopt

and implement an incident management system. A copy of this procedure was provided to each ICS seminar participant for review and comment. A revised draft procedure is expected to be released for public comment in the Spring of 1992.

The Consortium has selected the following goals to be accomplished:

- o Complete the merger of the two incident management systems and achieve a national consensus.

- o Develop a teaching curriculum. (i.e. procedures and revised NFA Incident Command System Course)

- o Continue annual Incident Management System Seminars.

- o Develop a support organization that will permit future refinement or revisions in the system.

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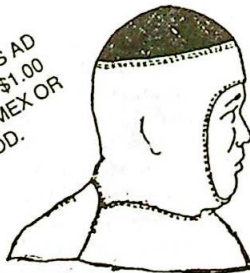
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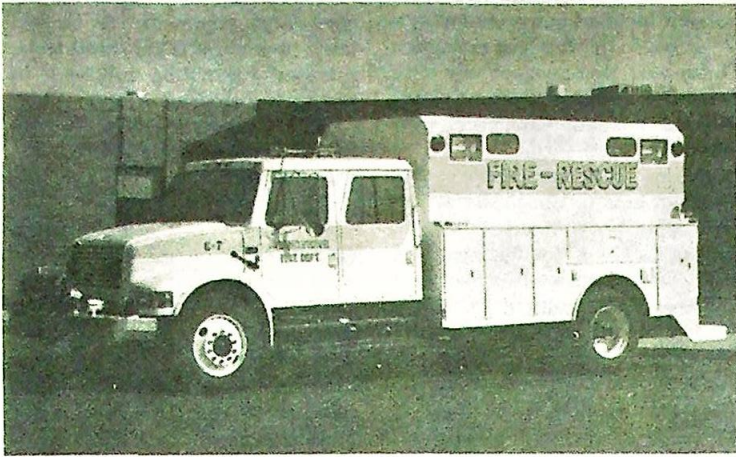
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Knightstown Gets New Travelcrew Cab



The Knightstown Volunteer Fire took delivery of this 1992 international 6 man travelcrew cab, with 206 inch wheel base, has a DTA - 360ht 185hp diesel engine, 4 speed MT 643 automatic transmission, with a 72" walk-in body 12'8" long. This unit has a 2500kw PTO generator, with 4 mounted 1500 w quartz lights. This unit was built by Indiana Fire Apparatus, with a Monroe custom body.

Firefighters On The Job 24 Hours A Day

by PHYLLIS RHODES
Staff Writer

The Sellersburg Fire Department is well trained, well tooled and dedicated. The 91 members and three stations located in Sellersburg, Memphis and Bennettsville all stay finely tuned in the execution of their duties in order to protect the 62.2 square miles under their care. Chief Mark Ball said training goes on regularly on Monday and Thursday nights as well as other special training throughout the year. Equipment and vehicles are kept in top condition, and always ready. So are the people.

There are only six paid full time staff people on the dept., the rest are vol's. The department boasts 13 Emergency Medical Technicians and five paramedics. The dept. also has claim to the first female firefighter in Clark County, Rose Vest, who recently retired after 10 years. Beverly Tackett, an officer at the Ben-

nettsville station has become the first female captain.

To become a vol. firefighter one must be between the ages of 18 and 55 and in good physical condition. There is an apprenticeship program available for 16 year olds to train with the dept. However an apprentice will not go into burning buildings. Chief Ball said that most vol's spend an average of 20 hrs. a week at the station not counting time put in when the alarm goes off.

When the alarm does go off a myriad of humankind responds. They come from every corner of Clark County, range in age from 18 to over fifty and include both sexes. They have one vital thing in common, all are dedicated to saving life and property.

On a recent Saturday the Sellersburg Fire Department trained in an old house off Perry Crossing Road. Several fires were set throughout the day in different rooms of the house. After each fire was put out by a team of firefighters, the operation was critiqued. Then another fire would be set and a different team would respond. Deputy Chief Bill Mosley said the opportunity for this type

of training does not come often and they were getting as much training out of it as possible. On Sunday they burned the building to the ground. Soon the area will become a fairway on a newly planned golf course.

Fighting fires is a science and an art. It requires quick response, clear thinking and timing. Mosley explained that fires burn in a "V" pattern and knowing that gives firefighters an indication where a fire has started and where it is likely to go. Ventilation is another important factor in fighting a fire. Done wrong, tragedy can result. Done correctly, a fire can be more quickly contained and extinguished. Firefighters must make quick precise decisions on where to ventilate, where to enter the structure, what type of materials are involved and what it will take to overcome the fire.

Mosley explained that every call coming into the station is treated with the utmost seriousness. Nothing is ever taken for granted. Whether training, putting out a trash can fire, or dealing with a house fire, all firefighters wear full gear including an air pack. That means they must carry on their bodies 40 to 50 pounds of extra weight while they quickly maneuver into position to fight the fire. They must go up and down steps, in and out of windows, and around numerous obstacles while packing their heavy but necessary load. Also, if they man the hose, they must deal with not only a very heavy object but one that is alive with hundreds of pounds of pressure. If handled wrong a hose can get away and cause serious injury.

Upon arriving at the scene of a fire the situation must be assessed and equipment must be placed strategically. The utilities must be turned off and it must be determined if there are people in the house; a primary search is done to make sure. After the fire is out a secondary search is made.

On average the department handles 250 calls per year. Once or twice a month the calls will involve a rescue. Those often involve extracting victims from auto accidents but can also be getting kittens out of trees. Chief Ball said he remembers rescuing a woman whose toe was caught in the bathtub faucet. But most of the runs involve danger and hardship for the firefighters. Firefighters are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week whether they're at the station, shopping for groceries or sleeping at home. The job doesn't bring wealth or fame but many unselfish people choose to give it their all. Mosley said "...It's just being able to help somebody that needs help." Beverly Tackett said she was single and had a lot of free time so why not do something to serve the community? The fire dept. is where she met her husband. They were married there last summer.

The job is stressful and demands a lot of time. Families must be understanding about their firefighters. It is certain they are proud of them.

THE LEADER, March 25, 1992

2 boys blamed in barn blaze

VAN BUREN—Two 8-year-old boys caused a fire that destroyed a barn in Van Buren on Saturday and set fire to a 1 1/2-acre grass field, said Van Buren Fire Chief Joe Major.

The fire began about an hour before Van Buren firefighters arrived on the scene at 3:07 p.m., he said.

Major said the boys were play-

ing with matches.

The fire occurred at 601 S. First St., Van Buren, in a barn sitting on property owned by David Martz.

Neither of the two boys live in the house, also on the property, Major said.

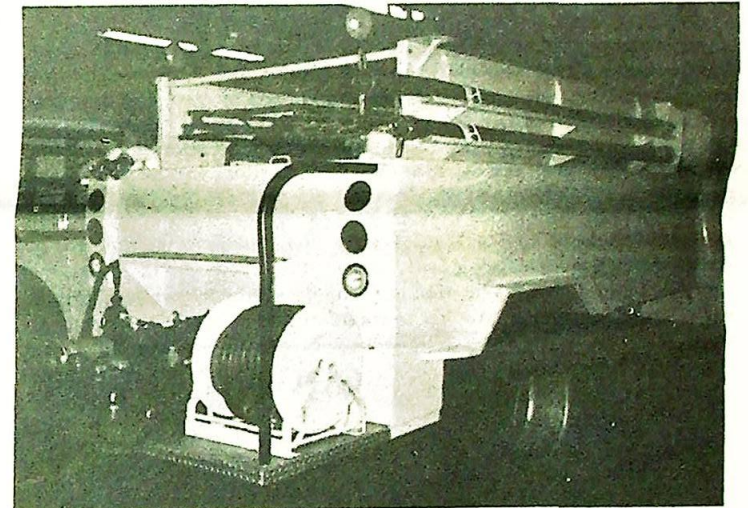
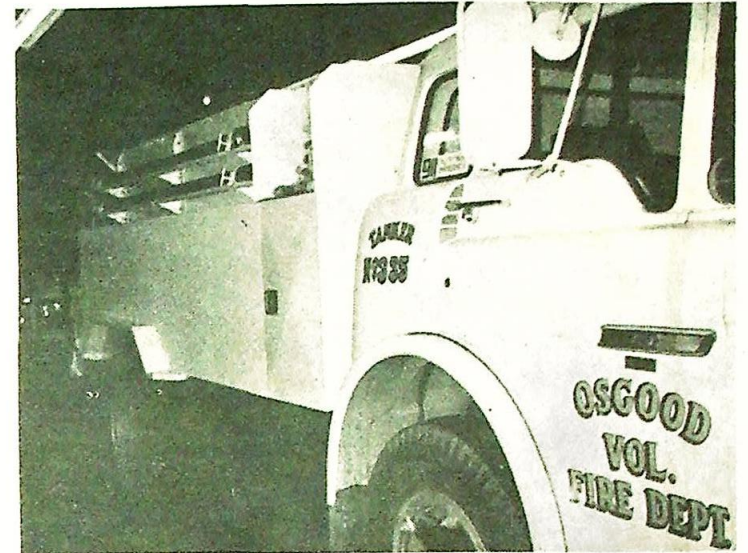
"They built a fire in the second floor of the loft," Major said. " (The barn) was halfway gone by the time we got there."

No one was injured in the fire. Major estimated the loss to be \$1,000.

After receiving a lecture by fire officials, the two boys were turned over to their parents—but not before they were shown a videotape of the fire while it was burning made by neighbor Alva Korporal.

"I live right next door, and I was back with my grandson and this lady went out of the alley and said the building was on fire. I got some good movies of it," Korporal said.

Osgood firemen build new water tanker



In an attempt to get as much as they could for the money they had, firemen from the Osgood Vol. Fire Dept. studied for two years before beginning a project to replace their tanker truck. After pricing tankers from fire apparatus companies, and seeing estimates of \$80,000 and higher, the department decided they could not afford a commercially built truck.

The dept., situated in the center of Ripley County, has a tradition of assisting fire departments in the entire area, mainly with hauling water, and, when the help is needed in the Osgood area, those same departments come running to return the favors. It is an approach called "mutual aid" says department chief Roger Linville, who goes on to explain that none of the rural communities can possibly afford all the equipment and manpower needed on major fires, and by helping each other, all the citizens can benefit.

Linville and a committee set up to study the proposed new tanker soon realized there wasn't enough money available in the firemen's funds to buy a new truck chassis as well as a tank. So the decision was made to focus on replacing the tank part of the truck itself. Firemen wanted to buy and build locally as much of the project as possible, and that was done. After researching tanks bought and built all over the state, plans were drawn for specifications on the new Osgood tank. K and S Ma-

chine Shop, located north of Napoleon in Decatur Co. was chosen as the builder. And Chief Linville, along with Captain Gregg Ogden, spent many hours with K and S going over the construction plans.

The tank, now completed and installed on the 1981 Ford Chassis, previously in use as a tanker, holds just under 1500 gallons, almost 100 gallons more than the old tank. The new tank has a lower profile, 6" quick-dump on the rear, mounted pump for drafting or firefighting if needed, and is equipped with hoses and a reel line. Almost all of the parts and hardware were bought in Osgood or Napoleon, with the valves, lights, and other fire equipment purchased from a Versailles fire equipment vendor. The tank was built at K and S during a two month period, with another week of added work and preparation by Osgood firemen before the installation on April 17. The tank was painted by a fireman with help of the department and looks great.

The total costs of the project are going to run near \$15,000. Much less than any commercial estimates, and almost all of the funds came from donations from the public and fundraisers by the department for the past several years. No estimate can possibly be put on the value to the community from the hundreds of hours of donated labor by the firemen themselves!

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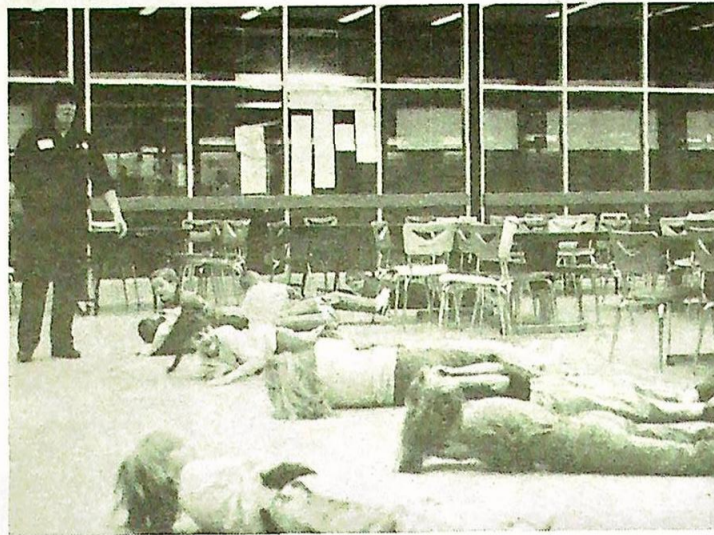
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Second Annual Duneland Regional Fire School



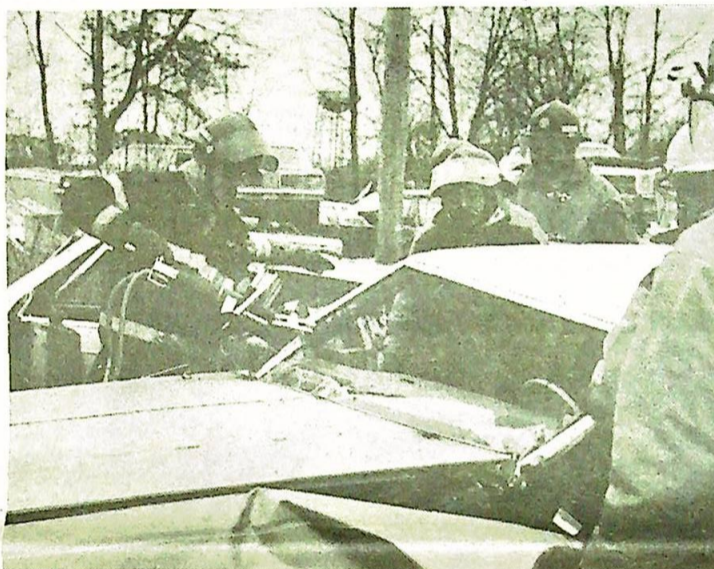
Asst. Chief John Wozniak of the Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. and Instructor for I.F.I.A. conducts the hands-on portion of the Annual Fire Pump Testing course. John used the N.F.P.A. standard #1911 as a guide thru the class. The Apparatus tested was Chesterton's Engine 55, a 1961 Ford-American La-France rated at 750 GPM. Even though the pumper is older than most of the students, it passed the test with flying colors.



Tammy Neibert, an instructor for the I.F.I.A. leads the Youth Fire Prevention Class thru "Stop, Drop and Roll" training. This one day class attracted seventy-one children of firefighters who were taught personal safety, burn prevention and visited the "EDITH" house. After the day's activities were completed each participant was given a Indiana Fire School T-shirt.



Pictured above is the Indiana Fire Sprinkler Assn. demonstration trailer which contains a Residential Fire Sprinkler System, a popular display at fire schools, hopefully some day residential sprinkler systems will be as common as smoke detectors. Also pictured is the EDITH House (Exit Drill in the Home). This 2 story, 2 bedroom house is used to teach children how to get out of their homes when there is a fire. The house is equipped with hoses and ducts to distribute nontoxic smoke, smoke detectors, strobe lights, door heaters, an escape ladder and ventilation fans. A special thanks to the LaPorte County Fire Assn. for loaning this unit.



"Code 3 Res Q" provided the instructors and equipment for the 12 hour Vehicle Rescue Operations course. The first day was classroom instruction followed by a full day of practical evolutions of extrication techniques. A special thanks to Joe's Towing who provided 13 vehicles that were disassembled on a cold and rainy day.

Reporter Goes Through Fire And Lives!

by PHYLLIS RHODES
Staff Writer

Members of The Sellersburg Fire Dept. took on the challenge of helping this reporter get a good story. They went out of their way to tell me everything they knew about fire, and firefighting. But, nothing is more effective than actually seeing it for oneself. That could be arranged they said.

The dept. was practicing in an old house on Sat. that they would burn down completely the next day. "We can suit you up and take you in on a burn if you want", offered Chief Mark Ball. At least I think that's what he said. (My brain is suffering from an overdose of adrenaline, and it's been a little smoked). Of course I agreed without a moment's hesitation. When the time came, I began to question my thinking. It wasn't that I was at all fearful of being in a burning building. I was too ignorant to be afraid. I was worried about all that heavy equipment and how my back would handle it, and what my chiropractor would say.

But my sense of duty to my job... actually, the kid inside of me that makes me do all sorts of crazy things overcame my sensible conservative side and I willingly donned a firefighter's gear. Captain Beverly Tackett gave me the coat off her back, the shoes off her feet, her pants (she had

to, they were connected to the shoes) and all her gear. I instantly gained about 40 pounds and I walked like Frankenstein.

Deputy Chief Bill Mosley spent a lot of time answering my never ending questions but when it was time for me to gear up for the fire, he turned me over to Deputy Chief Dave Benson who took re-

sponsibility for my safety and did a fine job. He showed me how to breath with the air pack, how to operate emergency valves so that I would always have air but not so much as to blow out my lungs. I appreciated that. Deputy Benson allowed me to witness an awesome sight and got me out before I could get hurt. In fact, as he was protecting me on our way out, an aerosol can exploded and hit him in the back. I appreciated that too.

In watching the fires being set, I observed the pattern of the flame and how quickly it took on a life of its own. Several small fires set around the kitchen suddenly became a roaring monster rising up and rolling across the ceiling and down the other side of the room where I sat hypnotized. It was seeking oxygen on which to feed. It was at once both a horrifying and a magnificent sight. The power and beauty of fire can be mesmerizing. But like many things in nature, its destructive power is a thing to fear. The next day I watched as the huge two story house came alive with fire. The fire inside the rooms formed tornadoes of flame that rolled and roared as they consumed the structure. The entire house was soon engulfed and in a short time the tall, once stately home that was built 80 years ago succumbed to the flames.

Watching it all was very moving. Seeing the firefighters work together to control how the house burnt, making sure a trailer, sitting 10' away wasn't harmed, gave me a great respect for what they do. Watching them hold my eight year old daughter so she could see better, making sure she wasn't too cold while waiting for the fire to start or too hot after it began, and helping her understand the dangers of fire, helped me understand why they risk their lives to fight fires. They care about people. They took care of me, they took care of my daughter. They took care of an elderly man who came to see his boyhood home burned. They understood my need for a story, my daughter's need to see something she could share with her friends and Hank Hinton's need to say goodbye to his home. Everyone of the 30 or so firefighters at the scene Sat. and Sun. had the attitude of a servant. I really appreciated that. And by the way, my mom was right, playing with fire will make you wet the bed, but I sleep light.

THE LEADER, March 25, 1992



C.R.S. Technologies Inc. of Corunna, Ont. Canada provided the supervision and training for the "Confined Space Rescue" course. This company also provided the confined space, a specially designed and engineered tank truck that is sectioned into small spaces and tunnels. Jim Lester and Ken Papke, C.R.S. safety specialist required all the firefighters be in full turn-out gear with SCBA when doing the rescue procedures.

April 8, 1992

For any information contact:
Ray Lawson P.I.O.

Photos by Ray Lawson

The Second Annual Duneland Regional Fire School was a huge success. Bob Mauck, the 1992 Fire School Committee Chairman opened the first days classes to 496 Chiefs, Firefighters and EMS personnel. Some 30 courses were offered from the traditional subjects such as Haz-Mat, I.C.S. and Water Supply to the new unique

classes in Confined Space Rescue, Youth Fire Prevention and a one day class "For the Better Half".

After the Saturday's class a Vendors Open House was held at the Chesterton Fire Station. Food refreshments and door prizes were offered to a packed house. It was a great school and were looking forward to 1993, the Third Annual Duneland Regional Fire School.

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To sign up as a player or sponsor, contact Karen Cook at 202-371-1277

Madison Twp. V.F.D. receives new pumper



On February 25, 1992 this department received delivery of a 1992 S&S Fire Apparatus 1250D Pumper. The apparatus was purchased by the Madison Township Trustee Tim Clouser to replace our 1970 John Bean pumper. The vehicle was designed to perform all functions of the fire service and to carry rescue and extrication equipment. Included is a listing of the apparatus' major components and specifications.

The addition of this new pumper to our "fleet" gives us all a new sense of pride and confidence in our duties, also, being pictured in the I.V.F.A. paper gives us a huge boost in morale!

-1992 S&S 1250D Pumper -Built by S&S Fire Apparatus, Fairmount, IN., to this department's specifications.

- 1992 GMC "TOP KICK" chassis
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Sincerely, Mark E. Noble, Asst. Chief M.T.V.F.D.

Vice President Report

Willie M. Parish

Firefighters:

Convention is June 17 thru June 20 at Clarksville, Ind. If you are planning on going you need to get your registration in right away. May 1, 1992 the registrations fee goes up. Motel reservations need to be in by the 17 of May 1992. After this date the rooms will be released.

The Public Relations schools are over by now and I was very disappointed with the number of fireman in attendance. Less than

200 attended the six public relations schools. This was a free school on Stress Management. The P.R. and District Chairmen talked about this school at District meeting. They did their part.

Ollie Sandberg Awards letters have been coming in slow. We will have about ten or twelve to review. The number of letters should be around 50 or 60 from the state, with a membership of over 17,500 and 26 Districts.

Scholarship forms have been in since the March 1, 1992. I haven't talked to Lawrence Swartz, but hope that several were sent in. For those who sent them in, don't get discouraged if your son or daughter doesn't receive one this year. Try again next

year. \$1,500.00 is the amount of these scholarships. There are 2 scholarships per year.

The second annual Fire and Emergency Service Institute Dinner will be held on November 15, 1992 at the Adams Mark Hotel. Start making plans to attend now. Work on your legislature to attend this meeting.

Hepatitis-B shot must be provided free to fire and rescue squads, law enforcement, corrections facilities, research laboratories and the funeral industry and laundry services. The employer must pay for this vaccination. Those who don't want to take the shot must sign a waiver.

We need to start looking at legislation for next year. We will

go back with the ones that didn't get passed this year. We need input from the fireman through the state. Everyone should get out and vote this year. We have legislators that support the fire service and then we have some that don't care about the fire service. We need legislators that support the fire service. So go VOTE.

The Indiana Vol. Fireman's Association was saddened by the passing away of Cooney Tucker, one of the finest instructors that I have been instructed by. He was known throughout the state as one of the best.

Businesses trying to cope with crash

By Steve Kinney
Staff reporter

An Evansville business shattered by last Thursday's deadly air crash reopened today, while a spokeswoman for the Drury Inn says the future of the hotel still is being decided.

Plumbing and Industrial Supply Co. resumed business at 8 a.m. today, five days after nine of its employees were killed when a C-130 Kentucky Air National Guard plane crashed into the Drury Inn and Jojos Restaurant.

The employees died while attending a training session at the hotel Thurs. morning. Two more employees of Plumbing and Industrial Supply Co., located at 2220 N. U.S. Route 41, remain hospitalized with injuries sustained in the crash. A total of 16 people, including five crew members from the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing, died in the fire.

"You just do what you have to do, with the strength that you've gained from the people you work with," said Bruce Stallings, a company vice president whose brother, John Jr. was among those who died. Stallings said the 25 remaining employees have pulled together like family following the tragedy.

Yesterday Stallings and other company officials met with Evansville business leaders who have volunteered assistance to the company, a wholesale distributor of pipe, fittings, valves and heating and air conditioning equipment. Though there were offers of volunteer labor Stallings said no replacement workers will step in today.

"We called upon some of our friends in the community who happen to be business leaders," Stallings said of yesterday's meeting. "We outlined our plans for the future and got some of their input.

"It was very comforting to be able to reach out to business partners as well as friends to guide us for the next few weeks," he added.

After the close of business at 5 p.m., Stallings said the company will hold a memorial service at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 600 E. Virginia St., at 6:30 p.m.

"Many of us have not had an opportunity to attend some of these other services," Stallings said. "This is an opportunity for us to spend a moment of prayer together." The service, for employees and families, will be followed by a 7 p.m. reception for friends and business associates.

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for Drury Inns, Inc., said company officials still are investigating what can be done with the hotel at 3901 U.S. 41 North.

Bonnie Chiauro, manager of marketing services, said it is too early to predict the hotel's future. She said the company has not received reports on damage or repair costs.

"We only got access to the building at noon Friday," Chiauro said, noting authorities kept people out of the building while they conducted their investigation.

Chiauro said the company doesn't know if it will rebuild or reopen at the current site. She said the company intends to remain in Evansville but "we are looking at all avenues."

A public affairs office set up by the Kentucky Air National Guard at the Ramada Inn near the crash site closed quietly yesterday. Capt. Phil Miller, official spokesman for the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing, packed up his equipment and headed back to Standiford Field in Louisville, home base for the unit.

Regional and national media swarmed to the crash site and nearly filled the Ramada parking lot with satellite trucks Thursday night. However, the number of reporters dwindled over the weekend. Miller said there was not enough work for him to justify staying in Evansville any longer.

"We're still moving truckloads of wreckage out to the hanger at the airport," Miller said by phone from Kentucky. "The investigation has not slowed down."

About 40 workers led by an Air Force Safety Board investigating the crash will remain on the scene, he said.

Air Force engineering crews from Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill., had complete the "environmental cleanup" of aircraft fuel and hydraulic fluids spewed on the ground, Miller said.

Although a cockpit voice recorder recovered from the debris had been found in working order, Miller stressed that the crewmen's last words would never be made public.

"The contents of the voice recorder will never be released," Miller said, although some reference to the recordings may be released in the final accident report "if it is considered relevant."

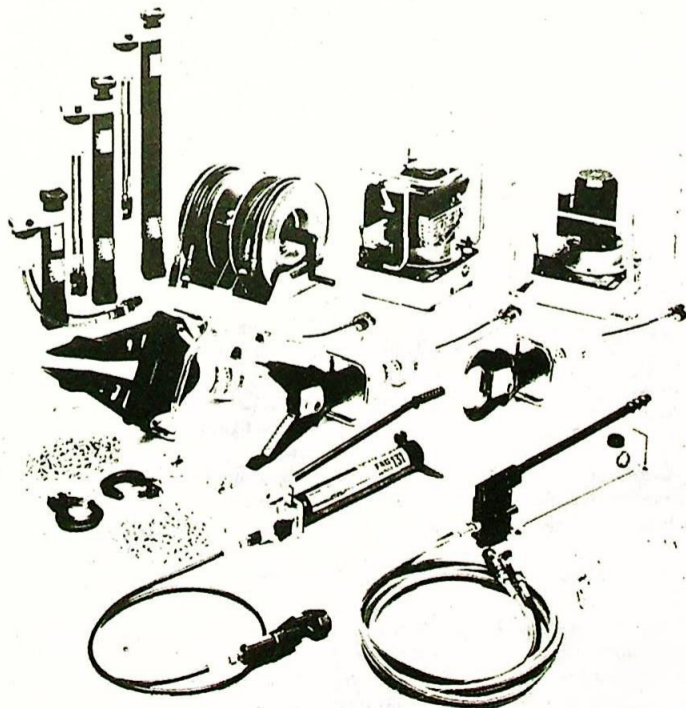
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Harrison Twp. Receives New Tanker Truck



The Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department of Howard County Inc. has recently put into service a large capacity tanker truck. The 2400 gallon tanker was put into service in September of 1991. It has already been put to good use on several large structure fires in Harrison Township as well as in mutual aid to surrounding departments.

Fire Chief Steve Brenton says the department more than doubled its existing 2000 gallons of mobile water resources. "The

combination of our pumper, pumper/tanker, and new tanker, give us a much more substantial water supply to attack a working structure fire. This buys us more time until mutual aid can supplement our resources."

The tanker was put together from a 1978 Ford tandem axle chassis and used 2400 gallon stainless steel milk tank. A ten inch Newton dump valve and both 4 1/2 and 2 1/2 inch fill valves were installed on the tank. By purchasing the used chassis and

tank and doing our own installation of lighting, radio and siren, we were able to put a quality apparatus in service for one third the cost of a comparable new unit. Even though the tanker is not a new unit, the department was careful to comply with the latest NFPA standards for mobile water supply apparatus.

The firefighters pride in their "new" truck is symbolized in the lettering on the air deflector on the truck hood. It reads "SUPER TANKER".

hired to monitor and restore the site, arrived early Sun. afternoon, both chemicals were identified.

Eric Dodd, environmental coordinator for Sub-Tech, said the isopropanol was the only chemical that leaked.

At first, emergency officials thought the solvent that spewed from two openings in the tanker soaked into the ground. If that had happened, a complex environmental cleanup of the area would have been necessary.

However, after the derailed cars were moved to Howell Yard and crews got a good look at the damaged area Monday, they discovered most of the liquid had evaporated.

Johnson said about 500 gallons of the solvent was released. He said he didn't know how much originally was in the tank.

Johnson estimated the derailment already has cost the company about \$280,000—\$250,400 for the rail cars, \$21,000 for the tracks and \$7,000 for traffic signals.

Damage estimates for what was inside the derailed cars were not available.

According to Johnson, two boxcars carried plastic pellets, two carried lime, two carried bronze ingots, one held scrap paper and one carried sugar. The remaining four were empty, he said.

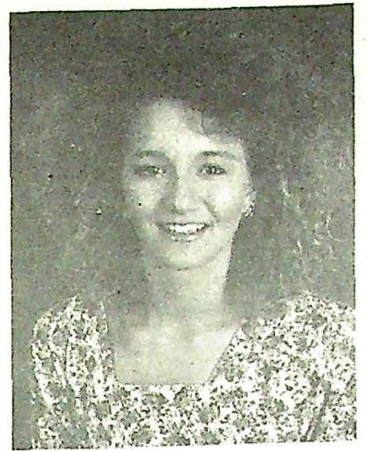
"Handling hazardous materials by rail is much safer than having them driving beside you on the highway," Johnson said.

Dodd stressed the positive outcome of Sunday's derailment shouldn't down play the seriousness of the initial situation.

"If the butyl acetate would have ignited, it would have sent up quite a cloud," Dodd said. "The way the fire departments and everyone handled the situation was exemplary. They put the public interest first at all times. They didn't over- or under-emphasize the situation. The cleanup went super, just the way it was supposed to."

Evansville Courier, March 3, 1992

District 11B held Miss Flame Dance



District 11B held their annual Miss Flame Dance on Feb. 9, 1992. The dance was decorated in red, white, and pink for Valentines Day. This year District 11B had 7 girls tryout for the title of Miss Flame. This year's winner was Christal Delph of Fairview. Christal was also last year's Miss Flame. The 1st runner-up was Emily Hanks from Rosedale.

Christal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Delph of Fairview. Her father and mother are both active in the fire dept. Her father has been a fireman for 25 years.

Christal is 16 and is a junior at South Vermillion High School. In school she belongs to the Dance Team, the Ecology Club, SADD, and has also participated in the Leadership Seminar. Outside those activities she was a member of Kristy's Kickin Cloggers from Rockville. She was a clogger for five years and served as president of the club. She also went to state competition and won first in solo in her age group. She also volunteered her time in helping with the Senior Games and has also participated in Walk America for the March of Dimes. Christal will be going to Clarksville in June where she will compete for the Miss Flame title.

Robert Keith Dickerson, Assistant Chief dies at age 64.

Robert Keith Dickerson, a well known agri-business leader died April 19, at his home following a six month illness. He was 64 years old, born May 8, 1927.

Assist. Chief Dickerson was an active member of the Advance Vol. Fire Dept. He had been the Assist. Chief for 25 yrs. of his 31 yr. membership. The Advanced membership has stated that he, along with the current Chief George Yount, have done more for the dept. than anyone else. Dickerson was the driving force that helped make the dept. what it is today. It is a well respected fire dept. with in the community.

Firefighting was more than just a civic duty for Robert Dickerson; it became a family occupation. His son, David, is also a member of the Advance Fire Dept. and a paid firefighter for Warren township's Tactical Rescue Squad.

Dickerson was also active in many community programs. He was a Deacon in the New Brunswick Church of Christ, an active member in the Charolais Association, both the Wabash Valley and National groups. He served as president of the Wabash Valley Association. He was active in the Landrace Swine Association, and served as president and vice president of the national organization.

Assist. Chief Dickerson is survived by his wife Jean, son David and his two daughters, Mrs Danny (Debby) Jackson and Mrs. Joe (Dianne) Johnson; a brother, Kenneth Dickerson; a sister, Mrs Jack (Dolores) Smith; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Brunswick Church or to the Boone County Cancer Society.

Tony Palmiero, District 20, Chairman

Derailment ends up as big scare

Nuisance costing railroad \$280,000

By KIM HUSK
Courier staff writer

The potential for environmental damage from a train that derailed on the North Side on Sunday faded to little more than an expensive nuisance by Monday.

From 10:35 a.m., when the wreck occurred, until the last car was set back on the tracks about 3 a.m. Monday, emergency officials worried that a highly explosive chemical that leaked from a derailed tanker would ignite.

The mood stayed tense until all the cars that jumped the tracks just off Kratzville and Mill roads were righted. Firefighters said Sunday 12 cars derailed. However, Lynn Johnson, a spokesman for CSX Transportation in Jacksonville, Fla., said the correct number was 13.

By late Monday morning, the 20 families who'd been forced to leave the area had returned to their North Side homes and it was clear the derailment had caused minimal damage. A firefighter who sustained minor injuries was the only person hurt, officials said.

A waybill that was supposed to tell firefighters what the leaking tanker was carrying only listed butyl acetate, a highly explosive solvent.

But when an assessment team ventured into the hazardous area, it discovered the tanker had two compartments. The tanker was properly marked on one end as holding both butyl acetate, used in fingernail polish and paint thinner, and isopropanol, used to make rubbing alcohol.

Roger Griffin of the Evansville Fire Department said not knowing what chemical they were dealing with caused a little concern for

the 10-member hazardous material team.

A spokesman for the federal Railroad Administration said Monday that train waybills must detail everything being transported. However, he said there could be more than one waybill for a double-compartment tanker.

Johnson said "miscommunication" probably was responsible for the second chemical not being listed on the waybill given to the firefighters.

By the time Sub-Tech, the local environmental cleanup crew

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NFPA 1971 (1990) meets and exceeds the OSHA requirements mentioned above. Chapter 2 - Certification Program explains the procedures for clothing and organization certification, lab and testing results. Also included in this chapter is garment labeling, which must be on the outer shell and each separable layer of each protective garment label permanently and conspicuously attached to each layer upon which at least the following warning and information are printed.

"THIS STRUCTURAL FIRE FIGHTING PROTECTIVE GARMENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF NFPA 1971, STANDARD ON PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR STRUCTURAL FIRE FIGHTING, 1991 EDITION. NFPA 1500, STANDARD ON FIRE DEPARTMENT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM PROVIDES USE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

WARNING

FOR STRUCTURAL FIRE FIGHTING OPERATIONS, BOTH PROTECTIVE COAT AND PROTECTIVE TROUSERS MUST BE WORN FOR LIMB/TORSO PROTECTION. PROTECTIVE COAT/PROTECTIVE TROUSER OVERLAP IS REQUIRED BY NFPA 1500. OUTER SHELL, MOISTURE BARRIER, AND THERMAL BARRIER MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF NFPA 1971 MUST BE UTILIZED, AND ALL GARMENT CLOSURES MUST BE FASTENED WHEN IN USE. DO NOT USE PROTECTIVE COAT AND PROTECTIVE TROUSERS ALONE FOR STRUCTURAL FIRE FIGHTING OPERATIONS; OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT— HELMET, SCBA, GLOVES, FOOTWEAR, PASS—IS REQUIRED FOR PROTECTION. DO NOT KEEP THIS GARMENT IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH FLAMES. THIS GARMENT ALONE MAY NOT PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR PROXIMITY OR FIRE ENTRY APPLICATIONS OR FOR PROTECTION FROM CHEMICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, OR BIOLOGICAL AGENTS. KEEP THE GARMENT CLEAN AS SOILING WILL REDUCE PROTECTIVE QUALITIES.

—DO NOT USE CHLORINE BLEACH—

CHLORINE BLEACH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY COMPROMISE THE PROTECTION AFFORDED BY THE TEXTILE AND FILM MATERIALS UTILIZED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS GARMENT. USERS MUST CLEAN, MAINTAIN AND ALTER ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS. DO NOT STORE IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT. NO PROTECTIVE CLOTHING CAN PROVIDE COMPLETE PROTECTION FROM ALL CONDITIONS— USE EXTREME CARE FOR ALL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH."

- Manufacturer's Name
- Manufacturer's Address
- Country of Manufacture
- Manufacturer's Garment Identification Number
- Date of Manufacture
- Size
- Cleaning and Drying Instructions
- Garment Material(s)

"DO NOT REMOVE THIS LABEL"

Also user information shall be provided by the manufacturer to the wearer with general instructions; including cleaning and instructions, maintenance, methods of repair, warranty information, decontamination procedures, and retirement considerations. Chapter 3 deals with design requirements, including composite of an outer shell, moisture barrier and thermal barrier.

Cargo pockets shall have a means of drain. Trim for visibility shall not be less than 2 inches wide. Trim configuration shall include a circumferential band around the coat and each wrist. NO vertical trim shall be allowed on the front of the protective coat. The protective coat shall include not less than 125 sq.in. of fluorescent area visible from the front and 125 sq.in. of fluorescent area visible from the rear. The trousers shall include a circumferential band around each leg between the hem and knee and trim shall not be less than 80 sq.in. of fluorescent area, 40 sq.in. front and 40 sq. in. on the rear. Chapter 4 - Performance requirements. The protective garment fabric composite consisting of outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal barrier shall have an average thermal protection performance (TPP) of not less than 35.0 when tested. This chapter includes outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal barrier requirements. Chapter 5 deals with test methods and procedures. Chapter 6 deals with interface components, protective hoods and wristlets. Also it is recommended that an overlap (coat to trousers) of not less than 8 in, would provide for better personal protection. One of the new areas addressed in the standard is heat transfer qualities of fabrics.

Probably the most asked question is how do I wash my protective clothing. FIRST, follow the recommendations of the manufacturer. If these have become lost, I have included the general washing and cleaning instructions from NFPA 1971 (1990).

Cleaning Procedures for Structural Fire Fighting Protective Clothing

Section 1 Washing Instructions.

Protective clothing should be washed separately from other garments. All hooks and dees should be fastened and the garment turned inside out or placed in a large laundry bag that can be tied shut to avoid damage to the wash tub. A stainless steel tub should be utilized if available.

These instructions can be used for cleaning any of the following wash loads in a large capacity (16-gal) top loading or front loading washing machine.

- (a) One protective coat and one protective trouser
- (b) Two protective coats
- (c) Two protective trousers.

Prior to washing, heavily soiled garments should be pre-treated using procedures outlined in Section 2.

1. While the washing machine is filling with hot water [temperature between 120°F (54.5°C) and 130°F (49°C)] add 1/2 cup (4 oz) of liquid oxygenated bleach (do not use chlorine bleach) and 1 cup (8 oz) of liquid detergent. These products are readily available in supermarkets around the country.

- 2. Fill washing machine to highest water level.
- 3. Add garments to be washed.

4. Set washing machine for normal cycle, cotton/white, or similar setting.

5. Machine should be programmed for double rinse. If the machine will not automatically double rinse, a complete second cycle can be run without adding detergent or oxygenated bleach. Double rinsing helps remove any residual dirt and ensures detergent removal.

6. Remove garments from washing machine and dry by hanging in a shaded area that receives a good cross ventilation, or hang on a line and use a fan to circulate the air. A water extractor may be utilized.

7. After the garments have been removed, run the laundry machine empty or with a dummy (rags) load with detergent at least once, but preferably several times, to purge the machine of any residue.

Section 2 Spot Cleaning and Pre-treating

SPOT CLEANING. Pre-cleaners can be used to clean light spots and stains

on protective clothing. Squirt pre-cleaner one or two times onto the soiled areas. Gently rub fabric together until a light foam appears on the surface. Carefully rinse off with cool water.

PRE-TREATING. Apply liquid detergent directly from the bottle onto the soiled areas. Gently rub fabric together until a light foam appears on the surface. Place garment into washing machine as instructed in Section 1 and add the remaining amount of the recommended detergent. To clean garments that are heavily soiled, use a liquid detergent or pre-cleaner solution, prior to laundering, in the following manner:

1. Air dry garment before applying product.
2. Squirt the liquid detergent or pre-cleaner directly onto the stain and the surrounding areas (use 3-4 squirts). Make sure that the soiled area is soaked with the product.
3. Use a soft bristle brush (toothbrush or fingernail type dipped in water) to gently scrub the soiled area for about 1 1/2 min.
4. Reapply liquid detergent or pre-cleaner onto the soiled areas again (use 1 or 2 squirts).
5. Place garment into washing machine as instructed in Section 1.

LAUNDERING AND CLEANING PRODUCTS. There are industrial cleaner/degreaser products available for protective clothing that the user may wish to purchase for cleaning. Contact the manufacturer or a local fire equipment distributor for additional information. Confirm use instructions with the manufacturer in any case. Some examples of household products that may be utilized for cleaning, spot cleaning, and pre-treating are as follows:

Cleaning	Liquid Wisk	Liquid Cheer
	Liquid Tide	Liquid Fab
Oxygenated Bleaches	Liquid Clorox 2	Liquid Vivid
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Spot Cleaning and Pre-treating	Liquid Spray & Wash	Liquid Tide
	Liquid Shout	Liquid Dishwashing Detergent

Purchaser should maintain protective clothing only in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Maintenance should include regular inspection, proper repair, and retirement when appropriate. Storage in direct sunlight may substantially reduce the useful life of the garment and reduce protective qualities of the garment that might not be visually apparent. However, color fading or color change of the garment may be the beginning signs of UV degradation. Protective clothing that is retired should be destroyed.

Inspect and examine the trim as to the effectiveness of the trim performance under daytime and nighttime conditions and replace as necessary. It is important that high visibility be maintained at all possible orientations to the light source.

I believe that it is important that each department develop their own specification for protective clothing and equipment. If you elect to buy clothing with NO department specification, ask for a copy of the manufacturer's specifications and any other information related to the design, fabric and general instructions. I further recommend that when you write your specifications that you include an additional requirement for additional labels containing information as required by the initial label, to be located in a protected location as a backup source of information to aid in garment tracking or investigation.

REMEMBER...Clean clothing reduces health and safety risk, it is recommended that clothing be cleaned frequently to reduce the level of and bodily contact with contaminants. Beyond recognition type clothing is NOT a badge of courage or use, but instead a invitation to possibly future health problems and lessen visibility

(4) Hand Protection.

(4) Hand protection. (i) Hand protection shall consist of protective gloves or glove system which will provide protection against cut, puncture, and heat penetration. Gloves or glove system shall be tested in accordance with the test methods contained in the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) 1976 publication, "The Development of Criteria for Fire Fighter's Gloves; Vol. II, Part II: Test Methods." (See appendix D to subpart L) and shall meet the following criteria for cut, puncture, and heat penetration:

(A) Materials used for gloves shall resist surface cut by a blade with an edge having a 60° included angle and a .001 inch (.0025 cm.) radius, under an applied force of 16 lbf (72N), and at a slicing velocity of greater or equal to 60 in/min (2.5 cm/sec);

(B) Materials used for the palm and palm side of the fingers shall resist puncture by a penetrometer (simulating a 4d lath nail), under an applied force of 13.2 lbf (60N), and at a velocity greater or equal to 20 in/min (.85 cm./sec), and

(C) The temperature inside the palm and gripping surface of the fingers of gloves shall not exceed 135°F (57°C) when gloves or glove systems are exposed to 932°F (500°C) for five seconds at 4 psi (28 KPa) pressure.

(ii) Exterior materials of gloves shall be flame resistant and shall be tested in accordance with paragraph (3) of appendix E. Maximum allowable afterflame shall be 2.0 seconds, and the maximum char length shall be 4.0 inches (10.2 cm).

(iii) When design of the fire-resistant coat does not otherwise provide protection for the wrists, protective gloves shall have wristlets of at least 4.0 inches (10.2 cm) in length to protect the wrist area when the arms are extended upward and outward from the body.

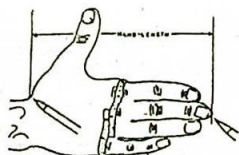


FIGURE 1

The OSHA standard provides that hand protection consists of protective gloves or glove systems which will provide protection against cuts, puncture and heat penetration. NFPA 1973 (1988) Gloves for Structural Fire Fighting, this standard is undergoing revision at the present time. Chapter. 2-Design, Compliance and Performance Requirements. Probably the most asked questions about gloves is washing and cleaning along with what size do I wear. First, follow the manufacturer's washing and cleaning instructions, the best wear results after washing is low heat/air drying.

Proper sizing is determined by taking two dimensions; first, hand circumference shall be measured by placing the hand flat. Place the right palm down and fingers together in the middle of the tape so that the tape can pass straight across the hand just beneath the knuckles and measure to the nearest 1/8th inch. Second measure hand length,

Glove size indicated on the label shall be determined by the following:

Labeled size	to fit hand circumference
XS	7in. to 8in
S	8 in. to 9 in
M	9 in. to 10 in
L	10 in. to 11 in
XL	11 in. to 12 in

THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE PAPER.

SUCCESSFUL RIVER RESCUE

On Saturday morning, March 21, 1992 at 2:55 A.M. the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department called the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department to inform the department of an accident and the rescue squad was needed. The Sheriff's Department also informed us that the Star City (Van Buren Township) Volunteer Fire Department was enroute to the scene with their rescue truck.

The accident was at Nice Bridge on county road 825 south and east of 450 west in Pulaski County over the Tippecanoe River.

The first three men responded with the rescue truck and the chief and another member drove out in the chief's private car. When we arrived at the scene the men had placed the truck where they could get some light on the river. The accident was in the river about 36 feet from shore. The three men proceeded into the river to the upside down submerged car. When they arrived at the car there were two men who had gone over the bridge railing and were standing on the up-side down car. They were able to talk to the driver who was still in the car. The driver had found a air pocket in the rear of the car. When the three fireman started talking to the driver, one of the fireman tried to open the driver's door and was able to pull it open. They talked the driver into going to the door and he was removed from the car. When the driver was removed from the car he was put on the bottom of the car with the other two men and then a boat was lowered over the bridge railing and one of the men and the driver was helped into the boat which was then pulled to shore where the emergency people took over and prepared him for transportation to the hospital. The driver of the car was released from the hospital the next day.

The three firemen who went into the river were Glenn Tiede, Dan Koebeck, and Bill Britten of the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department. These three men had their boots and fireman coats on when they waded into the water that was about 34 degrees. The depth of the water was about 40 to 44 inches deep, and outside temperatures at about 26 degrees. The firemen just about froze when the water filled their boots and came up to their shoulders.

These men are to be commended for their performance above and beyond the call of duty.

Willie M. Parish

Dates are set for Old Settlers

Brian Renschler, a spokesman for the Lexington Volunteer Fire Department, has announced that the dates for the Lexington Old Settlers' festival have been set.

The festival will once again be held at the Lexington Town Park, during the weekend of June 19-21.

Anyone interested in setting up arts and crafts displays or wanting to advertise in the festival's program book has been urged to contact Larry Oberlies at 889-2642

THE GIVEAWAY.
Wednesday, March 4, 1992

First Asst. Chief Retiring from Delphi-Tri Township



Pictured left to right: Mayor, Sam Deiwert; Retiring, 1st Asst. Chief Bill Randle; Chief, Bill Schock; Charlie Baker; State Fire Marshall, Gene Goddard

First Assistant Chief Bill Randle retires.

We are sure that the Delphi-Tri Township Fire Department will miss Bill. His many activities in his department have been a great asset. And his shoes will be hard to fill.

Bill has been a member for 28 years; 17 years he was 1st Asst. Chief, an instructor for several years & kept some great records.

So lots of luck to Bill when the alarm sounds and he is wondering what he should do. Relax they will take care of it.

Chairman
Charles "Tug" Sutton

Horton said that many years ago a large majority of all businesses in the city were lined up along Main Street.

"When a fire alarm came in, the stores emptied; the employees, the owners, and probably some of the customers, all were firemen," he noted.

Horton said that besides the firemen who are employed in cities away from Madison and thus absent during the day, many who work in factories in or around Madison cannot be routinely allowed to leave to respond to fire alarms.

"If they let a couple of people go, it messes up the assembly line," he said.

In addition to the availability factor, Horton pointed to another one: Age.

"Madison is graying, just like the rest of the nation," he said. "There is less of a pool of younger people to draw from" to staff volunteer fire departments.

With America's changing lifestyle of the last 30 years or so have come, inevitably, changes for volunteer firemen, Horton said.

"There are so many more things for people to do now," he said. "It used to be that the volunteer fire company was the center of social activity in the community." He said that in general this is no longer true.

Asked about recruiting of women as firefighters, as some volunteer fire departments have done, Horton voiced support for the theory, but said that as a matter of solving the problem, it probably doesn't help that much.

"Most women work at paying jobs nowadays, too," he said, adding that this means some of them also work out of town.

Horton said another thing that's reduced the available pool of people for firefighting is the mandatory requirements for their training.

"They are extremely restrictive, and are becoming more so," he said. "For example, a new person joining (a volunteer fire company) must immediately undergo 24 hours of mandatory training, required by state statute for all firefighters, volunteer and paid.

"Volunteer fire departments are subject to inspections by the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration," Horton added. "These inspections include checking for proper equipment; and checking that firefighters who wear breathing apparatus (known in the profession as 'air packs') have had proper and complete physicals."

Horton said the training requirements are expected to become even more strict in the future—for the protection of the firefighters.

Horton was asked if all these things will mean changes in Madison's time-honored all volunteer tradition in the future.

"We are looking at the future," he said. "Where is Madison going? Where is the growth going to be? For instance, on the hilltop we're still operating with the same two engine companies we had in 1970. There has been a tremendous amount of industrial and commercial growth in the last 22 years, and we still don't have a ladder company on the hilltop, as was recommended in a study done in the late 1960s."

Madison's six fire companies comprise the Ones, Twos and Threes, engine companies, and the Fours, a ladder company, all located "downtown" in old Madison, and the Fives and Sixes, engine companies, located on Madison's hilltop.

All four of the downtown companies normally answer downtown alarms — the Fives and Six-

es answer all hilltop alarms; the Threes provide an extra engine company for the hilltop for all except car, transformer and trash fires; and the Fours answer hilltop alarms at commercial and industrial buildings.

"We're hoping to secure funding for a study by professional consultants to identify current and future needs of the Madison Fire Department, including financial ones," Horton said. "For example, in the future, if growth does continue as we hope, will there be a need for paid drivers?"

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The Madison Courier

German Twp. firefighters featured on television show

Members of the German Township Volunteer Fire Department have become television stars of sorts, but not through such popular productions as "Emergency 911."

Late last month, crews from Fire and Emergency Television Network, a 9-month-old instructional cable channel based in Carrollton, Texas, filmed shows featuring the department and centering on its chief, John

Buckman.

Buckman said he and his department were singled out because he chairs the volunteer fire-related committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

"We didn't have any trouble getting our firefighters here on a Saturday morning to do a training segment for the cameras," Buckman said.

All the volunteers who came out Jan. 26 appeared in the network's showing last week of a program on volunteer fire emergency response. The show included the "training burn" of an abandoned house on Allens Lane between St. Joseph Avenue and Kratzville Road.

The network also did a profile of Buckman and his department, and shot a program done by Buckman that instructs volunteer departments on how to comply with new and demanding national operating standards.

"We were more than happy to participate in that," said German Township Assistant Chief Wayne Weiss.

"For some of our firefighters, it was killing two birds with one stone—it was their first time to face the media and their first time to actually fight a fire in the training burn. We thought we did rather well in fighting the training fire. We only did it once. We thought we might have to do it twice—for the cameras."

The Evansville Courier, Feb. 23, 1992

Public Relations Southwest



Carl O. Davis

All well in the Southwest. Have attended the district meetings and was glad to see the pres. at the 17B meeting in Ellettsville. They have a new pumper and is sure nice. Robbin egg blue is the color.

Out Stress Management School at Jasper was attended by 30 members. A very good program was put on. Thanks to the Jasper Dept. for hosting the school.

Vice President Parrish was down to Schnellville to their station dedication and presented them with the IVFA clock to go in their new station. Sure is nice. This was made possible through a community focus grant. There is money out there but it takes work to get it. They started working on the grant in 90 and completed the station in 92.

If any dept. needs tires, tubes or batteries you can save some money by checking with a Good-year dealer. They have a program nationwide that will help on these items. You will need form B313 and they will give it to you.

At the Convention this year you will be asked to vote on what kind of a convention you want for the next year. One of our own or with the other fire service organizations. Be sure you let your delegates know your depts. wishes so they will be able to vote for what you want.

A dept. is allowed three voting delegates and three alternates at the Convention. Mileage will be paid for one car both ways to the Convention.

That's it for this time, hope to see you at the Convention.

Volunteer fire departments face problems; Madison no exception

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer

A general population and fire department membership rolls both of which are aging, increasingly stringent state and federal regulations about training for firefighters, firefighters who work in towns miles away from home during the day, and rises in the expenses involved in buying and maintaining fire equipment.

These are some of the main problems facing volunteer fire departments in the U.S. in circa 1992, and Madison is no exception.

"In general, we haven't been spared the problems facing the rest of the communities in the state and country," said Madison Fire Chief Steve Horton recently in discussing the current status of the city's unique system of six independent fire companies totally staffed by volunteers.

"We rely on what amounts to an all-volunteer force — no paid drivers, and a part-time chief," Horton pointed out, for the benefit of anyone who is not familiar with Madison's method of providing fire protection for its citizens, their homes, businesses and factories.

Horton said a problem that looms large for Madison's fire companies—as well as all those who rely on volunteers nowadays—is the fact that so many people in their working years are employed at jobs—often in factories—that are located in Louisville, Carrollton Columbus, or elsewhere, far away from fire-arm distance of Madison.

"We've noticed that we do have a staffing problem (when fire alarms come in) from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday," Horton said. "We've done some research on this, and one of the factors is, Madison has changed."

Lapel's Jr. Fireman of the Year



Matt Pape Left: Received Jr. Fireman of the Year Award.

Mathew R. Pape, 18 years old, has been with the Lapel Jr. Volunteer Fire Department for 4 yrs. On February 10, 1992, Mathew was presented with a plaque for Jr. Fireman of the Year.

Mathew wants to thank his peers for their votes.

Matt will graduate in May from Lapel High School, Lapel, IN.

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Officers Meeting

Feb. 1, 1992, Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis. The meeting was called to order by President Nevil. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Parish. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz. President Nevil announced the speakers who would be present at this meeting and called for Bill Kinsey to come forward. Bill Kinsey presented a new association flag to the Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush. The roll call was taken by Secretary Kissell with a quorum present. President Nevil called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Richard Glant make a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Seconded by Dwayne Osborne. At this time, President Nevil introduced the guests present.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Nevil reported he had met with Gene Stofer in Indianapolis several times regarding legislation, he also attended the caucus dinner last November. He stated that the winter conditions has limited his travel around the state.

Vice President Parish announced that he has been traveling around the state and had attended several meetings.

Secretary Kissell reported the membership of the association as of Feb. 1, 1992 at 17,292. He had received six applications for the Bridgeport scholarship program and announced that the dues billing will be out on April 20th.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report as of Jan. 31, 1992.

At this time, President Nevil introduced Marshal Goddard who spoke about the current reporting system by local fire departments. He reported only 2/3rds of all departments in the state are reporting back to his office. This is not good enough. He stated that a complete reporting system must be made to work, and at this time he is requesting help in supporting this program to get it to the 100% level. Marshal Goddard announced the appointments to the new Standards & Education Board. They are as follows: Tom Adams-Chief, Purdue Univ.; Scott Garrett-Chief, Union City; Anthony Johnson- Training Officer Elkhart Fire Dept; Tom Miller-Capt, Indpls Fire Dept; Thomas Loraine-Aboite Twp Vol. Fire Dept; Shirley Jones-Emerg. Dir, Methodist Hosp; Michael Brooks-Alcoa, Newburg and Don Haas-Pres, Haas Cabinet Co, Sellersburg. The next speaker was Dan Lee, Dep Fire Marshal who spoke about medical physicals and what minimum requirements are needed for a satisfactory report to be in each firefighter's personal file. Following a physical, a letter will be sent to each fire chief stating he or she is capable or is not capable of performing the duties of a firefighter. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Ind Fire Conference on Feb. 22nd and 23rd being held at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis.

President Nevil introduced Kay Strombeck, Dir of Special Programs for the EMS Commission who spoke on Body Fluid Exposures and related to the federal and state regulations on bloodborne diseases. Following her presentation, a question and answer session was held.

Chaplain Lantz reported he had conducted 11 memorial services since the last officer's meeting. He had attended the new recruit ceremony at Wayne Twp. (Marion Co.) and also attended the Burlington awards dinner. He has traveled 3,386 miles since the last meeting.

Recording Sec. Davies reported he had attended 5 district meetings, one memorial service, the IFSI meeting and the caucus dinner in Indianapolis.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush announced he is looking for a new flag pole. He has plenty of supplies available for those who need them.

The meeting recessed at 4:52 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

President Nevil reconvened the meeting at 6.30 p.m. President Nevil introduced Tom McComb from the Ft. Wayne Fire Dept who presented his Fund Raiser Project, a 911 Survival Strobe light. This presentation was well accepted by those in the audience.

The next speaker for the evening was Bill Segraves, the newly appointed Director for the State Training Academy, who spoke on the program objectives for the academy. He touched on each phase of the objectives briefly. Following this program, a question and answer session was held.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS

WC Michl reported he had made all of the district meetings and announced that he still has three firehouse dedication trophies left.

SW Davis reported that the Sausage Dinner was a success.

SE Hildebrand announced the convention program is on line. Dist 16's interest is good.

EC Jackson reported that he had made some of the district meetings in his area.

NW Howe reported attendance in his district meetings has been good.

NW Kinsey announced he has made the district meetings in his area and the attendance has been good.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D21 Martin reported that he attended the caucus dinner.

D20 Palmiero reported attendance at district meetings good.

D19 Covington announced that everything in the district is going well.

D18 Heneisen reported district meeting attendance good.

D17B Zeeks reported the turnout at district meetings good.

D17A Engle reported the topic at his last district meeting was Insurance.

D16 Hickman announced he is working in his district to secure a better attendance record.

D15 Seitz absent.

D14 Woodfill announced the new license plate forms distribution was going very well.

D13B Cox reported attendance is down and activities were slow.

D13A Nulliner absent.

D12 Johnson thanked the officers for attending the memorial service for Charles Bodgen.

D11B Osborne reported district attendance good. He requested direction by the association on blue light violators.

D11A Meyers reported a fair attendance at last meeting.

D10 Neal reported attending the fire caucus dinner.

D9B Koehler reported a small crowd at last meeting. Had 1 death in the district.

D9A Sutton last meeting the Vice President covered for him attendance was good.

D8B Petro reported good turnout for Miss Flame contest. Had 1 death in district. The attendance has been good for meetings. The license plate program going well and he attended the caucus dinner.

D8A Fleenor reported attendance at meeting was good. License plate distribution of forms going well.

D7 Dale Gray reported the district Miss Flame Contest had a good attendance.

D6 Engle reported 1 death in district, attendance has been fair and license plate program going well.

D5 Glant reported attending the caucus dinner, license plate applications going well, attendance at Miss Flame contest good.

D4 Ferro absent.

D3 Bentley announced attending the caucus dinner, had 1 death in the district, license plate program going well has concerns within the district about insurance.

D2 Stott reported 1 death of a gold card member in his district.

D1 Kephshere announced 3 deaths in the district, attended the caucus dinner.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Pete Lockhart thanked those who remembered him during his illness. He also made some favorable remarks about the caucus dinner. All other past presidents in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions - Hildebrand reported he had not received any new resolutions.

Program Book & Solicitations - Stofer spoke about the program book outlook for future sales.

Editor's Assistant - Howe reported that the paper will be printed within two weeks.

EMS - Johnson reported attending an EMS meeting. He passed out sample of a new form for future use by the EMS and remarked about a computer hookup that is available.

Bridgeport Fund - Swartz reported he has a limited supply still available.

Fire Schools & Training - Parish announced that he still needs the forms from the PR Directors on fire schools.

Historical Update - Parish reported the committee still needs the May and August 1972 issues of the newspaper. Also would like to have a list of the 50 year members. The book is started and will give a review as the committee goes along.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 p.m. until the following day at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 1992

The meeting was called to order by President Nevil with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

President Nevil introduced Larry Curl, President of the Indiana Fire Service Institute who gave an updated report. To date, 57 legislature members have joined the institute. He gave a report on the dinner held in November 1991. The second dinner is scheduled for Nov. 15, 1992 at the same location. He spoke on the 317 fire school to be held April 25, 1992. He announced that a legislative advisory committee is being formed and is putting together an EXPO committee.

President Nevil requested the name of an individual be turned into him within the next two weeks to serve on this legislative advisory committee from the association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislature - Stofer who gave an updated report on the progress of the house and senate bills submitted to committees for action and where they stand as of this meeting. This included those bills that are still alive and the bills that failed in committee and are now dead for this session.

At this time, President Nevil introduced J.D. and Jim Thomas who presented their program including the soliciting of ads for the convention book. A question and answer session followed.

President Nevil called on Vice President Parish who introduced Ms. Linda Kemper from Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. She explained and outlined the stress program that will be presented at the seminars throughout the state. She referred to this as the Critical Incident Stress Program. She announced that she will be conducting the seminar at DePaul University in Greencastle.

Nat'l Vol Fire Council - Stofer. He reported that the last meeting was held in Midland, Texas. He spoke on items of concern to this organization regarding the fire service. He introduced the Marc Mueller Award for Excellence recognizing fire prevention and he announced that forms for recommendations will be in the mail. He spoke on those bills of the national level that involve members of the fire service. He also touched on those bills he favors as a benefit to the members of the fire service and he would like to see passed. He encouraged those at this meeting to contact the legislators in Washington and show them our support for these bills. The next meeting of the council will be in Nashville, Tennessee in April.

Insurance - Stofer. He stated that some problems in the insurance field were reviewed and suggestions made to correct this situation if possible.

Awards - Parish. He announced that several districts had not turned in the names for the "Midwest Award" to date. This needed to be done as soon as possible.

Safety - Covington. He stated that he has an article ready for the first printing and wants comments back after it is published. President's Advisory - Nevil. He reported about speakers and programs for future meetings. The committee will review and advise later on the number of speakers and the length of time involved with these presentations.

OLD BUSINESS

President Nevil announced that a new department packet was needed.

Bill Engle gave a wrap up of the 1991 Convention.

A question came up concerning the sprinkler trailer and its liability involvement. It is not resolved yet and is still being researched.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that names for the Standard & Education committee along with the Legislative Advisory Committee were needed.

Paul Covington brought up about the clothing claim forms. Confusion exists as to where the forms are to be correctly sent. Gene Stofer made a recommendation to correct this situation. President Nevil announced he would resolve the problem and everyone will be notified.

Convention 1992 - Bill Mosley gave an updated report on the activities for the convention. The dinner menu was reviewed. He stated that the boat ride reservations needed to be sent in. The vendor setup was announced. A flea market on used fire equipment would be held on Saturday.

At this time, a motion was made by Jack Zeeks to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Dwayne Osborne. Motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glant. A motion by Bill Howe seconded by Dwayne Osborne to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Glant brought before the board the program book for the convention. Carl Brunns express his comments concerning the Thomas Company over previous years of using them for the ads. Lawrence Swartz commented that a pamphlet would work for the needs of this association this year. Jim Parker voiced his opinion towards a limited booklet as far as the number of pages within the booklet. Bill Kinsey also stated his personal comments about this subject. Pete Lockhart commented using the center four (4) pages as the convention program from the IVFA newspaper. Gene Stofer suggested printing the convention book this year, eliminate all ads and pay for printing ourselves.

A motion by Jack Zeeks to reject the offer from the Thomas Company. Seconded by Jack Cox. Motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Virgil Heneisen to appoint a committee for the program book. Seconded by Larry Petro. Motion carried by a voice vote. Chairman Glant appointed a program book committee consisting of: Pete Lockhart-Chairman, Bill Howe, Ivan Nevil and Paul Hildebrand. It was brought up about a decision on how to handle the program. A motion by Gene Stofer to let the committee make the decisions. Seconded by Dwayne Osborne. Motion carried by a voice vote. A motion was made by Bill Engle to honor the Dale Corporation's request to release them from the contract. Seconded by Pete Lockhart. Motion carried by a voice vote. Gene Stofer announced that he needed the names of those attending the National Fire Caucus in Washington, D.C. A motion was made by Pete Lockhart to send ten (10) people to the National Fire Caucus. Seconded by Dwayne Osborne. Motion carried by a voice vote. It was announced that three (3) new brief cases were needed. A motion by Gene Stofer to let Bill Howe and Larry Stott take care of this. Seconded by Bill Bush. Motion carried by a voice vote. Jim Parker stated that the trailer was in need of repairs. He also suggested that the repairs be made and to discontinue the practice of taking the trailer around the state and to use it at the convention only. A motion by Bruce Neal to accept Jim Parker's recommendation concerning the trailer. Seconded by Dwayne Osborne. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Glant commented on the need for membership packets. A motion by Ivan Nevil to have twenty-five (25) packets put together. Seconded by Jack Zeeks. Motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Zeeks. Seconded by Carl Davis. The motion carried.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lantz.

John Davies, Recording Sec.

YOU... AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

DON ABBOTT,
DIVISION CHIEF
WARREN TWP FIRE DEPT.

This article is the first of several dealing with YOU and HEALTH and SAFETY. I will examine some of the different types of materials that we find on some of our fires and their health and safety affects.

Creosote is a complex chemical mixture made up of organic chemicals. It appears in the form of a thick, heavy, tarry liquid or semi-solid substance, obtained from distilling coal tar. Its main uses are as a wood preservative and in pitch for roofing. It is very flammable (it burns at 82 degrees F).

Burning gives off a powerful carcinogen called benzo(a)pyrene and many other related polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons known as PAH's.

Common sources would be fires involving utility poles, railroad ties, and/or other wood treated with creosote to prevent decay, mildew or other types of corrosion. Creosote may also be found in residential fires (burning roofs).

You can recognize the presence of creosote in wood which looks dark or even black, and has a tarry smell. Pitch used in tarring has creosote in it; it looks black and smells tarry. You may also encounter creosote in a toxic spill. Again, it has a tarry smell.

Exposure to creosote comes from inhaling vapors as it burns and/or absorption through the skin. It is associated with increased incidences of cancer of the skin, forearm, prostate, testicles and penis. For example, chimney sweeps in Europe developed scrotal cancer from exposure to creosote-like substances in chimneys. Over 100 PAH's (additional substances given off by burning creosote, mentioned earlier) are known to cause cancer. Gases and vapors from burning creosote also contain new chemicals that result from heat. These are toxic, too, and particularly irritate the throat and eyes and skin.

The symptoms of creosote exposure are the skin may burn, itch, become reddish, turn grayish or bronze color in areas, blister, ulcerate or even turn gangrenous. The eyes may be injured, producing an inflammation of the mucous membrane lining the inner surface of the eye, or permanent scarring of the cornea. (The cornea is the transparent, protective covering over the lens of the eye). A rash may appear on the skin surfaces.

Other symptoms may also include salivation, vomiting, dizziness, headache, hypothermia, a bluish discoloration of the skin due to lack of enough oxygen in the blood, convulsions, weak pulse, and breathing difficulties. There are no special tests commonly used. If there is a rash or other abnormalities on the skin after a severe exposure, a dermatologist should be consulted to see if a biopsy needs to be performed.

The best insurance against any potential exposure is the wearing of all protective clothing and SCBA.

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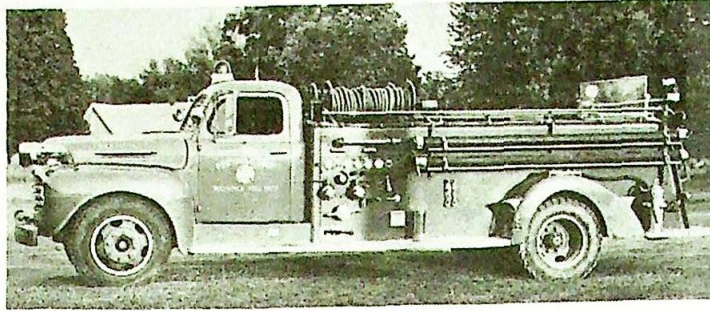
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PERSHING TWP. V.F.D. RETIRES UNIT #92



Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department said goodbye recently to a veteran firefighter. Pershing Unit #92 turned in her equipment and rolled from the firehouse toward a new life in the civilian world.

Unit #92 was manufactured in 1949 by Ford Motor Company and began her fire service career in Northern Indiana. She joined the Freetown based fire department in its infancy serving many years as the first due apparatus on all structure fires. Pumping long hours and driving

over the area's rough rural terrain took its toll on the proud red fire engine. In the 1970's an overhaul which included a new Cummins Diesel engine and the rebuilding of #92's midship pump prolonged her life. In 1978 the fire department purchased a GMC quick attack mini-pumper and #92 was placed in semi-retirement. Five years ago #92 answered her last call responding to attack a house fire.

"It is sad to see her go," said Assistant Chief Rebecca Scott. "#92 was the first real fire truck I

ever met and I quickly came to respect her. She has been on call for 43 years and has outlasted quite a few firemen."

"We call it progress," explained Chief Richard Blaker, Sr. Lives and homes depend upon our equipment and ability to use it.

Times have changed, fires have changed and we have to change to keep up with today's demands."

Scott summed up #92's retirement like this, "I hope that when I retire I can leave with as much dignity and accomplishment."

There is a vacant space in Pershing Township Fire Department truck bay #2. Firefighters will be focusing time and raising money to replace #92 and the other aging fire trucks now in service. The department fleet includes a 1956 International tanker-pumper, a 1977 Tanker-pumper, a 1967 Kaiser and 1956 jeep willeys. The 1978 GMC Mini-pumper is still in service as first response truck on all structure fires and doubles as the department's medical/rescue unit.

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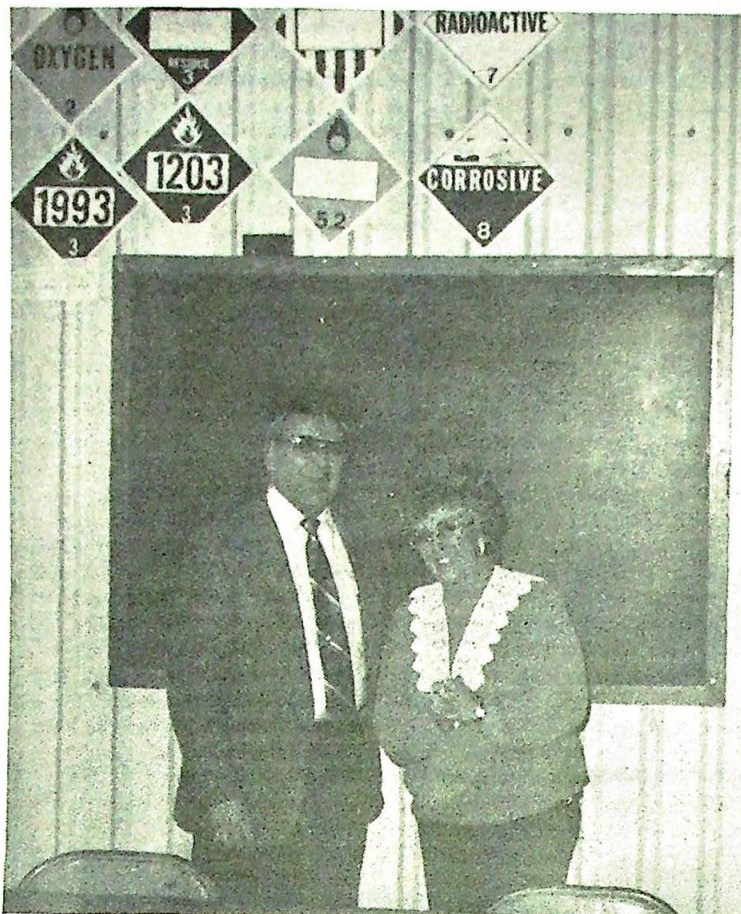
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Goddard Attends Greene Co. Meeting



On February 10, 1992 Indiana State Fire Marshal, Gene Goddard, and wife Betty, attended the Greene County Firefighters Association meeting which was held at the Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department in Coalmont. Supper and fellowship were enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Marshal Goddard spoke to forty-two members representing twelve different departments, with many topics being covered and various questions being answered.

On behalf of the Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department and Greene County Firefighters Association, we would like to extend a very special thank you to Marshal and Mrs. Goddard for taking the time to address us.

Oxygen, cigarette mix fatal to local man, 75

By ANGIE HOWLAND
Banner-Graphic Staff Writer

Smoking a cigarette and simultaneously using liquid oxygen proved fatal for a Greencastle man after he reportedly caught himself on fire Tues. afternoon.

Richard D. Coffman, 75, 2 S. Madison St., died at Wishard Hospital at 1:55 a.m. Wednesday after suffering burns over 80 percent of his body from a Tuesday afternoon fire.

His wife, Vivian Myrle Coffman, was listed in serious condition in the Wishard intensive care unit Wednesday morning after suffering damage to her lungs and respiratory track.

The fatal fire reportedly occurred about 4:20 p.m. Tuesday while Coffman was sitting in the living room of his house and was using oxygen due to a medical condition. At the same time he was also smoking, according to Greencastle Fire Chief Bob Elmore.

The combination of the liquid oxygen and the cigarette reportedly caught Coffman on fire. He reportedly tried to get away from the blaze by getting out of the chair but fell on the floor.

Firefighters were dispatched to the house at 4:22 p.m. and in two minutes were on the scene.

Putnam County Sheriff Richard Lyon also responded to the scene, just one block west of the jail, and without wearing any fire retardant clothing ran into the house to get Coffman. At the same time, GFD firefighter Bill

all stay."

The fire at that point was confined around Coffman and the chair; it had not spread to any other part of the room, Elmore said.

Lyon reportedly took Coffman by the arms and dragged him to the door and Miller took the legs and served as a shield between the fire and Coffman, and the two men got the man outside.

The rescue took about three minutes, Elmore said.

Coffman and his wife were both flown via Lifeline Helicopter to Wishard Hospital.

Sheriff Lyon was taken to Putnam County Hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation. He was released later Tuesday evening.

Lyon was not available for comment on the incident Wednesday morning.

But the first death by fire in Putnam Co. for 1992 should never have happened, Elmore said.

"When you have an oxygen-enriched atmosphere, a tiny speck of ash will cause a spark," the chief said.

And because of the concentrated oxygen, the fire burns at a very rapid rate.

No exact cause of how the oxygen was ignited has been determined, but Elmore said that "somehow, the smoking material contacted another combustible material causing the fire." That other combustible material could have been a piece of clothing.

Once the fire began, it spread very quickly by melting the oxygen line leading from the tanks to Coffman.

"He couldn't get away from the fire," Elmore said.

Once Coffman was taken out of the house, firefighters turned off the valves to the oxygen canisters and the fire was extinguished. An estimated \$1,000 damage was done to the house and contents.

Elmore said the cause of this type of fatality is very rare but whenever fire and liquid oxygen are mixed, the results prove fatal. Elmore said that signs in hospitals and other public areas bringing attention to "oxygen in use" are everywhere.

The chief added that a sign notifying the visitors was posted on the front door.

"The public needs to realize the importance of not smoking around oxygen, even in restaurants, people need to be aware of it," Elmore said.

Banner Graphic, Feb. 19, 1992

1991 State Miss Flame



Dawn Ragland

Dear Members of the IVFA,
I would like to take this time to reach you all.

In these, the past few months of my reign, I am beginning to look back on all of the wonderful opportunities that the Miss Flame pageant has given me. I have been lucky enough to serve as the district 8-B Miss Flame for two years, as well as the 1990 State Runner-up, and finally the 1991 State Miss Flame. In these two years, I have made many wonderful friends both in the girls and the Miss Flame committee.

The pageant not only gives young ladies the chance to make life-long friends, but it also helps them build self-confidence, public speaking ability, and an opportunity to be involved with the most wonderful volunteer association in the world!

I thank each and every member of the I.V.F.A. for making the Miss Flame pageant a part of State Convention. It has been a fantastic experience for me, and one that has changed my life forever. I encourage all eligible young women to participate in the Miss Flame pageant.

In closing, I would like to specifically thank - my mother, my fire department (Gaston), Barbara, Mariam, Nancy, and all other members of the Miss Flame committee as well as my dear friends Tracy Zieks, Kelly Dwyer, and Julie Shanholt for all of your kinds words and support.

I look forward to June when I will pass this wonderful title on to the next lucky young lady. I will see you all at convention!

CAYUGA FUN DAYS JUNE 5, 6 & 7

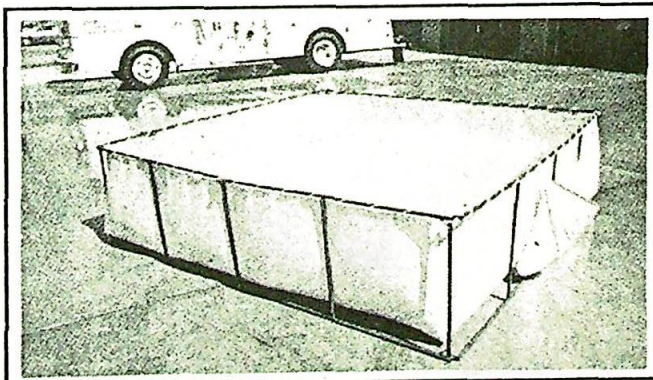
The Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary will be holding its second annual "Cayuga Fun Days" on June 5, 6, and 7 in downtown Cayuga. The Department and Auxiliary have scheduled the three days with games and contests, concessions, flea markets, entertainment and parade for all ages.

Highlights of each day start with Thursday evening with a Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt. Friday evening entertainment will be a 50's/60's dance with a DJ, open to the public (no admission). Street Rods are also welcome to come to participate in a show. Saturday starts off with a Breakfast at the firehouse, entertainment from the Hip Pocket Boot Kickers on stage in the afternoon, Jonah Fish Fry at the firehouse, and Saturday Night entertainment at the N.V. High School Auditorium. Sunday starts bright and early with another Breakfast at the firehouse, open class Car Show, and parade and celebrity auction in the afternoon. Flea markets and concessions will be open Friday evening, and all day Saturday and Sunday. Games and contests have been planned throughout the three day event at different times. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs!

Would you like to participate as a vendor and set up a booth or do you have a parade entry? Maybe you would like to enter your show car in the competition and drive it in the parade? Perhaps you would like to take part being entertained or on the other hand, part of the entertainment? If you would like to participate in any way or just attend to enjoy yourself, please contact Ron Brink, Chairman, at (317) 492-3236, or Tim Wilson, Assistant Chairman, at (317) 492-4127, for a detailed agenda, or write to:

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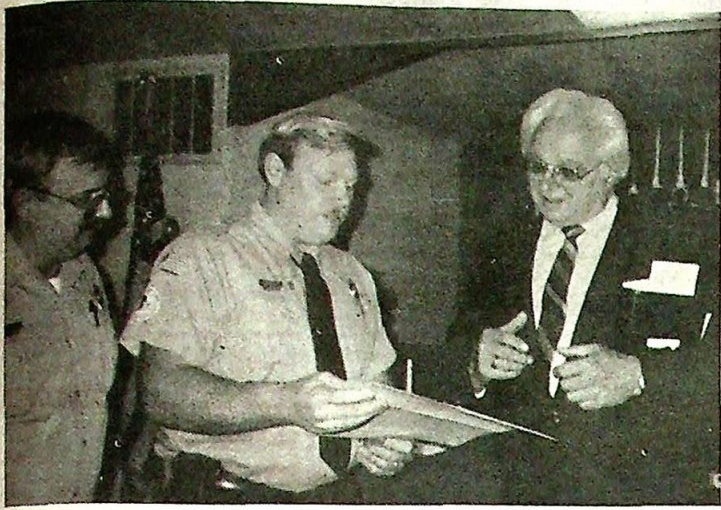
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Farewell to Retiring Pastor Rev. William Klakamp



Pershing Twp. honors Rev. William Klakamp. Left to Right: Chief Richard Blaker, President Greg Sutton, Rev. Klakamp.

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department recently responded to the Freetown Nazarene Church. Firefighters surprised the retiring pastor Rev. William Klakamp on his farewell Sunday morning worship service. Reverend Klakamp served many years as a minister to the rural community participating in the fire departments chaplaincy program and assisting firefighters in construction projects.

"We are going to miss you and your constant encouragement," Fire Department President Greg Sutton told Klakamp as he presented a certificate of appreciation.

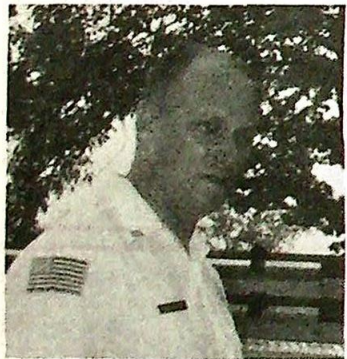
Reverend Klakamp requested that firefighters sit on the front pew and serve as ushers for the

worship service. "I've waited my whole life to get all these guys in church, I intend to put them where I can see them and enjoy it!"

"Our churches are very important to us," said Chief Richard Blaker. "We have 10 churches in our protection, representing the majority of our population. Their cooperation and concern for safety is essential to our prevention effort."

Pershing Township Fire Department has aggressively pursued church fire safety measures. "We have preplanned nearly every church in the area," said Blaker. "Bill has been instrumental in initiating our contacts and programs."

Lyle Ault receives recognition for 32 years



Lyle Ault, 32 year veteran honored by Pershing Twp. V.F.D.

Pershing Township firefighter, Lyle Ault received the recognition and appreciation of his peers for 32 years of continued service with the Freetown based fire department. Ault joined the infant fireservice program in 1959. Ault is certified as a firefighter First Class and has served as department trustee, chairman of the merit board, chairman of the July 4th Committee, and was President of the corporation from 1987-1988.

Ault attends the Freetown Church of Christ. When not busy with fire department activities, Lyle lives with his wife Marilyn in Spraytown.

Fire Department President Greg Sutton and Chief Richard Blaker presented Ault with a plaque designed and constructed by Pershing firefighters, a commemorative name tag, and a certificate of merit for outstanding service.

"Lyle is quite a guy", com-

mented Chief Blaker. "What I wouldn't give for a few more people like him. He has been a dependable asset to the department and a role model for the rest of us."

Assistant Chief Rebecca Scott said of Ault, "Lyle is always so open and fair minded. That is the kind of leadership that makes us feel like part of the team, important, and appreciated. Lyle's greatest gift is his ability to care about people. We are going to vote to keep him for another 32 years."

Dates Announced for Bremen Firemen's Festival

The Bremen Volunteer Fire Department would like to announce that the dates have been set for this years BREMEN FIREMEN'S FESTIVAL, and Committees appointed for the various activities scheduled.

The 1992 Festival will be held from June 30th thru July 4th. Luehr's Ideal Rides will be on the Midway, with rides and entertainment for all ages. This is our 36th with Luehrs.

The annual Festival parade will be held on June 30th and will start at 6:30 PM SHARP. Anyone interested in entering a unit in the parade whatever it may be is asked to call the fire station at 546-3660. You may also mail a description of your entry to: Bremen Firemens Parade Comm., 123 S. Center St., Bremen, IN, 46506.

We are requesting anyone interested in renting a display booth area this year, please do so

early as demand last year was extremely high and we would like to accommodate everyone possible. To rent booth space please contact JAY STOUER at 546-4582 or KENT KOONTZ at 546-2971 or the fire station 546-3660.

Please watch this publication for further and more detailed information on this GREAT SUMMER EVENT.

Fred Cook
Publicity Chrmn.

Fire Destroys Mobile Home

A mobile home near Brooksbury was destroyed by a fire yesterday evening.

Milton Township volunteer firefighters were paged to the blaze about 7:33 p.m., according to Milton Fire Chief Aaron Heath.

The trailer, occupied by Barbara Bishop, her small son, and Kevin O'Conner, was located approximately one mile east of Brooksbury on State Road 56.

Heath, who lives about a half mile from the mobile home, said he looked out his window when he received the page and saw that the trailer was "fully involved" in flames.

The first truck was on the scene within seven minutes, Heath said, and a total of two pumpers, one tanker and 10 firefighters responded. More than 5,000-6,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire.

Heath said no one was at home at the time of the blaze and there were no injuries. He said the trailer was totally destroyed and the family lost nearly all of their possessions. He estimated the total loss at between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

The Madison Courier
Friday, April 3, 1992

... WRONG NUMBER? no, not exactly

SHARON ANDERSON, manager of Dieken's Bakery & Cafe downtown, was trying to phone Dieken's Bakery in Clifty Plaza to check on a delivery Mon. morning. The phone rang several times, then a man answered and said, "Fire dept." "I'm sorry, I must have the wrong number," said Anderson and hung up. She

dialled the number again, and again the same man answered, "Fire dept." "I'm trying to reach Dieken's Bakery," said Anderson, puzzled because she had double checked the number. "You've got it, lady, but I'm a fireman and this place is on fire!" the man declared, then hung up. The fire was confined to a heating duct, but about \$3,000 worth of baked goods and packaging were rendered unsaleable by smoke, owner JOHN DIEKEN told us later in the week. He said the bakery is to re-open Mon. following repairs.

The Madison Courier, April 4, '92

Liberty Township Holds Awards Banquet



Indiana Fire Marshal Gene Goddard and Director of State Fire Fighters Education, Bill Kinsey, were the guests of honor at the awards banquet, held on Jan. 11, at the North Liberty Fire Station. There were 48 guests present for the delicious dinner catered by Bob's Country Store. Desserts were made by Alida Gouker.

Awards for 20 years of service were presented to Allen Albright and Mike Knepp.

Second Class Firefighters awards went to Tom McCormick, Paul Williams III and Rick Kuchel.

First Class Firefighters receiving awards are pictured with guests. In the front row are Bill Kinsey, John Blosser, Gene Goddard, Jerry Gouker and Dennis

Fisher and in the back row are Dan Rozwarski, Scott King, John Dooms, Jeff Gouker and Allen Albright.

A plaque was given to Martha Lambert, Liberty Twp. Trustee, and Advisory Board for their support of the fire department.

The Liberty Twp. Fire Dept. would like to thank all the people that have given the department so much support in the past years. With your support we have come a long way to improve our fire fighting ability.

Our Dept. consists of 21 firemen-3 Master Firefighters, 13 First Class & 5 Second Class. Also 2 men are 2nd class instructors.

John Gouker

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Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. adds new pieces of equipment



LIBERTY Twp. Volunteer Fire Department recently added an Equipment Van and some new equipment to their Department.

The van used to be South Bend's Haz-Mat van. With the help of a very concerned Trustee and Advisory Board wanting to keep the department in "tip-top" shape, and the overwhelming support of the community through the firemen's fund raisers, and a lot of hard work by the firemen, the community now has a very valuable piece of equipment.

The van is equipped with the Jaws-of-Life, Air Bags, Air Chis-

els, Air Masks, 6000 Watt Generator, and a good lighting system.

The van will be a great asset for accidents and structure fires. We wish to thank the Trustee and Advisory Board along with all the citizens who have helped support the department. We are very proud of our fire department which consists of: 3-Master Firemen, 13-First Class Firemen, 5-Second Class Firemen, and 2-Firemen that are Certified 2nd Class Instructors.

John W. Gouker Sr.
Fire Chief

Jonesville Fireman Festival

This is the time again for the JONESVILLE FIRE DEPT. to have their annual festival. The 1992 PARADE COMMITTEE would like to invite you to be a part of the celebration and festivities which are being made to celebrate this year.

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, July 18, 1992. The parade will begin at 12:00 with pre-judging of entries starting at 9:00 until parade time.

REGISTRATION: All entrants will stop at the registration table and sign the release form.

[NOTE: Lineup will be on 950 S. after all the judging is over.]

JUDGING: Category winners will be announced shortly before the parade line up so the winners will be able to show their trophy as they proceed through the parade.

ATTN: ALL COLOR GUARD UNITS will be asked to lead or be in front of the parade.

ENTRY FORMS:

The entry form below is for your convenience in pre-registering your unit. Please read over the form and if you have questions, please let me know by phone or letter. Thank for your interest, support and cooperation. We hope to see you on SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1992.

Earl Chasteen.
Parade Chairman

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Fire damages home

Madison Fire Dept. officials examined a single-family dwelling at 612 Walnut St. today to try to determine the cause of a fire which erupted at 2:01 a.m.

The blaze in the brick structure was confined to the second floor, the area of the joists between the floors, and the wall around the flue, according to Madison Fire Chief Steve Horton. He said the alarm came in via a 911 emergency telephone call.

The owners and occupants are Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Forrest, Horton said.

Firefighters from Madison's four downtown volunteer companies battled the blaze, which was brought under control by 2:30 a.m. A considerable amount of smoldering debris had to be removed from the upstairs of the house, according to Horton.

The chief estimated the damage at \$20,000 to \$25,000. He said there was damage to the furnishings as well as to the building itself. No one was injured.

Madison Courier, Feb. 28, '92

METHODIST HOSPITAL'S LIFE LINE HELICOPTERS ACHIEVE 10,000 FLIGHTS

Private invitation-only event in May to mark the occasion.

They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Their crews have cared for thousands of patients being brought to Indianapolis from an accident scene or any Indiana hospital. Thirteen years after Methodist Hospital's Life Line helicopters first lifted off, the aircraft will reach a milestone of 10,000 flights in 1992. On May 15, the Hospital will stage a private tribute to those who have made this achievement possible.

"A Chance for Life" is dedicated as a tribute to those patients and family members served by Life Line," says Chief Flight Nurse Debbie Schutz, R.N. "We also want to honor those who give of themselves to save the lives of others, including physicians, emergency medical services, firefighters, emergency and critical care nurses, and law enforcement officers whose unrelenting heroism is a daily event in pursuit of the goal, "A Chance for Life."

The event is by invitation only and will be at the Indianapolis Zoo Friday, May 1st, at 4:00 p.m. and include refreshments, whale and dolphin shows and celebrities. Both helicopters will be on display for closer inspection. Casual attire is suggested. Former Life Line patients will be sent invitations. Those not receiving invitations may call Schutz at (317) 929-5464; the Life Line office maintains records on all former patients.

Through the years, a thriving

spirit has grown into a system of professional services dedicated to the care of others. "Life Line's mission is to provide quality patient care and rapid transport from the accident scene or referring hospital to any Indianapolis hospital," says Schutz. "We are committed to cooperating with all Indiana hospitals and emergency agencies to complement their existing emergency and patient care services."

The helicopters have played a key role in countless emergency situations involving seriously ill or injured patients. During the month of May, a helicopter is parked at the Indianapolis Motor

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