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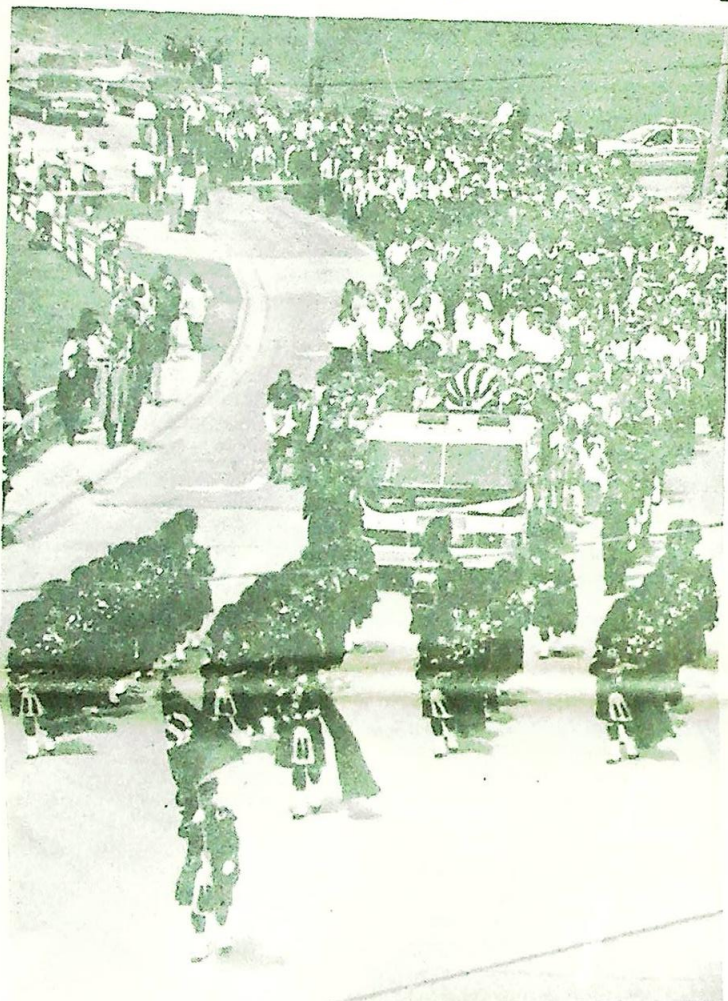
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A final fire call for hero

Thousands gather to pay their respects to fallen firefighter



The Pipes and Drums Emerald Society of the Chicago Police Department leads the funeral procession down Old Ridge Road in Hobart.

Aldino Gallo/The Times

By RADA INDJICH
Times Staff Writer
HOBART - North of St. Bridget Church at Front and Center streets, the road slopes downward and the curves around Festival Park.

Coming around that bend and heading for the church under a cold Monday morning sun was the funeral procession of Herlof

"Ted" Hansen, III.

Hansen died Thursday, fighting a fire. He had been a member of the Hobart Fire Department for the last seven years. He was 39 years old and the divorced father of two.

The cortege slowly edged up the hill after leaving the Rees Funeral Home on Old Ridge Road.

That was where, after everyone had filed past his casket for the last time, that a firefighter approached Hansen's 7-year-old son, Herlof "Teddy" IV, outside the funeral home.

He placed Hansen's fire hat on the boy's head and pinned his father's badge to the boy's shirt. Mourners wept.

And there were thousands of them. Fire and police departments from throughout the state, as well as, out-of-state assembled to pay homage to their fallen brother.

As the procession edged closer to the church, the haunting, steady hum of bagpipes floated over the flashing lights of the police cars and fire engines.

It was the Pipes and Drums Emerald Society of the Chicago Police Department, dressed in kilts, that played the songs of lamentation. They had come to pay their respects as well.

At high noon, the fire truck bearing Hansen's body stopped in front of the church. A Gary Fire Department Honor Guard called to attention the hundreds of firefighters and police officers who filled the streets.

Their right hands snapped to their foreheads in salute while firefighters carried Hansen's coffin into the church and the bagpipes played.

The church filled with family, friends and firefighters, until it could hold no more. Others gathered on the lawn in front of St. Bridget and up and down Center Street. The Mass was broadcast over a loudspeaker.

A woman stood alone in a gravel driveway across the street from the church. She wore pink pants and a white windbreaker. Her gray hair whipped across her forehead while she bowed her head to listen to the service.

"Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled," said the Rev. Dominick Bertino. "Be glad and rejoice for your reward in heaven is great."

It was Easter Monday and the priest gently reminded the mourners of the love of God.

"The reality is God has never abandoned us," he said.

"Let us proclaim the mystery of faith," he continued. "Welcome into Your kingdom our departed Ted. We hope to share in Your glory when every tear shall be wiped away."

Chuck Hansen then rose in front of the mourners to eulogize his brother.

"He was doing what he loved most, firefighting," he said. "He

did it well and he made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Ted will live on in all of us - in some way he touched all our lives.

"When we all go home this evening, take his memory with you - not the sorrow or pain you feel now. But the happiness and joy you shared with him.

"Teddy, we love you," he said. Silently the mourners filed out of church. The wind blew and sea gulls squawked overhead. Again, the hundreds of firefighters lining the street were called to attention, and then the bagpipers began to play "Amazing

Grace."

It was nearly 1:30 p.m. before the procession made its way down the city's main street to pass by Hobart Fire Station No. 1 where Hansen had been headquartered.

As is the custom, the Hobart Fire Department announced over its radio that it was Hansen's "last call." Then the trucks turned on their sirens.

Hansen's last call was again broadcast as the procession passed the Merrillville Fire Department on 73rd Avenue. He had been a life member of that

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1995 CONVENTION REPORT CONVENTION CHANGES

I would like to inform you of the happenings in Evansville and how they will affect the 1995 convention.

The bank has foreclosed on the Executive Inn Hotel. The hotel has closed one wing of its building and closed the Convention Center. Also, The Executive Queen Riverboat is unavailable for our use. As you can see, this has caused much concern with all of those involved with the convention.

After meeting with the managers of several hotels and the local convention bureau, we have decided to move the 1995 Convention to the Holiday Inn Airport on Hwy. 41 North, formally the Ramada Inn. This will serve as Convention Headquarters, where registration and most activities will be held.

The Holiday Inn will not be able to provide enough rooms for all of those attending the Convention. There are, however, several motels nearby. A revised reservation form is in this issue of the paper, describing the available rooms and their rates. A map is also provided giving the approximate location of the hotels.

All of those that have already registered should have received a letter and a new hotel registration form in the mail. These members will have first choice at rooms in the headquarters hotel.

For those who have not mailed in their registration or reservation form, remember the registration fee will increase to \$50.00 on June 1.

As Chairman of the Convention, I am very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause any members, but this situation was out of the Convention Committee's control. As a committee, you can imagine the spot this has put us in. We had worked 18 months to give you a convention you would truly enjoy. Now, we are faced with planning a totally new convention in just 6 months. Please have patience with us and we will try to make the best of the situation.

Some of the highlights of the convention will be a golf tournament to be held on Wednesday at Hamilton Golf Course. Gathering will be at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. A fishing tournament will be held at Scales Lake on Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. You must have an Indiana fishing license and provide your own bait. A Bar-B-Q will be held at Scales Lake on Wednesday evening, and a 50's - 60's Sock Hop on Saturday night with prizes awarded for the best dressed and a dance contest.

All boat ride ticket money that was received in advance will be refunded at the convention registration office.

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From the Vice President



Jack Zeeks, Jr.

Spring has finally arrived !! Hope everyone had a safe winter.

This past March, the IVFA lost a very close and dear friend in the passing of Carl Davis. Carl as many of you know was our Southwest PR man for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

I have made it around to a few district meetings and I am looking forward to getting out to more throughout the year.

Convention time is drawing close, everyone needs to get their registrations and reservations sent in. District 15 has really been working hard on the convention. We need to show our support for their hard work.

Looking forward to making a lot of new friends and seeing all of my old friends at the convention.

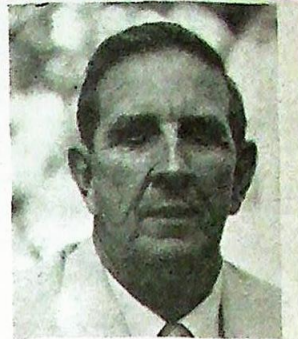
See ya all soon.

OFFICER NOMINATION SLATE FOR 95-96

Can be found on page 25.

Check it out!

Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, We thank you for the sweet refreshment of sleep and for the glory and vigor of the new day. As we set our faces once more toward our daily work, we pray for strength sufficient for our tasks. May Christ's spirit of duty and service make noble all we do. Uphold us by the consciousness that our work is useful and a blessing to all. When we work with others, help us to regard them, not as servants to our will, but as brothers and sisters equal to us in human dignity and equally worthy of their full reward. May there be nothing in this day's work of which we shall be ashamed when the sun has set, nor in the eventide of this life when our tasks are done and we go to our heavenly reward. In Jesus Name, Amen

Big Picnic in July

The First Annual Fire and EMS Appreciation Family Picnic will be held on July 16th at Westlake Park, 650 North High School Road in Indianapolis between the hours of 10 AM and 7 PM. Many things are planned. Be sure to read the flyers as they are published and mailed to all departments and plan to bring the family to this gala event.

Minute Message

The value of one's work should not only provide for the necessities and certain desires of life but should also fulfill the needs of the soul. Many Biblical references point toward this. In random order, some of those follow:

Ecclesiastes 3:12,13 I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. . .

Verse 22 So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work, because that is his lot.

Ecclesiastes 5:18,19 Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him—for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept this lot and be happy in his work—this is a gift of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work (These verses also pertain to church leaders).

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

Ephesians 4:28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Proverbs 22:23 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

There are many other scriptural admonishments regarding the virtues of doing a good job at whatever we choose to do. The job also becomes easier and much more self-satisfying when we dedicate it and ourselves to serving the Lord.

Go in peace and may the peace of God go with you.

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A Final Fire Call...

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volunteer department.

Large groups of people gathered in the streets from Hobart through Merrillville to watch the procession.

Waiting for the cortege at the cemetery's entrance were a Gary fire truck and a Merrillville fire truck. Hansen had been a member of the Gary department for five years.

The trucks raised their ladders nearly 40 feet in the air to form an arch under which the funeral procession would pass.

It took more than an hour for the cortege containing hundreds of vehicles, to make its way to the cemetery. Three police officers on motorcycles led the way. Behind them followed more than 80 fire trucks and police and fire vehicles from various departments.

Firefighters, police officers and mourners formed a respectful group around the canopied gravesite and waited silently for others who were still filing into the cemetery.

Firefighters came to attention while Hansen's casket was lowered from the fire truck and taken to his grave.

A priest told the mourners in a brief ceremony that whoever lives and believes in Jesus Christ shall never die.

"Comfort us in our sorrow, we pray to the Lord," he invoked.

A silver fire engine bell on a waist-high stand was rung while Gary firefighters took the American flag from Hansen's coffin.

They folded it and presented it to Hobart Fire Chief Dale Hensley.

A firefighter played "Taps" on a bugle. Hensley took the flag and walked to Hansen's 10-year-old daughter, Amanda, seated at the grave.

He presented her with it, then bent over to take her head into his white-gloved hands and comfort her.

She quietly took off her glasses to wipe the tears away.

Then Hansen's casket was lowered into the ground.



John J. Watkins/The Times
Herlof 'Teddy' Hansen, IV, 7, receives the cap and badge of his father from a fellow firefighter Monday.

1995 IVFA TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT - EVANSVILLE JUNE 14TH THRU 17TH 1995

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH:

8:00 AM to Finish Golf Tournament - Hamilton's Golf Course
NOON to 4:30 PM Registration - Terrace/Patio Area
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Fishing Tournament - Scales Lake - Transportation Provided (Fishing License Required)
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Tour - SW Indiana Survive Alive House - Transportation Provided
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM District 15 Bar-B-Q and Dance - Scales Lake - Registration/Swimming/Fishing - Transportation Provided

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH:

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Registration - Terrace/Patio Area
8:00 AM to Noon Miss Flame Judging - Rail Room 1-2-4
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Tour - Evansville Brewing - Transportation Provided (Pending)
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM Choice of Seminars - Terrace Ballrooms
- "Fire Chiefing" Should Be Fun!
- Fire Department Liability - Keeping Your Neck Out of the Noose!
- Defining Your Departments Mission!
- Length of Service Awards Program
10:45 AM to 11:30 AM Choice of Seminars - Terrace Ballrooms
11:30 AM to 4:30 PM Displays - Tent North Parking Lot
Noon to 1:00 PM Miss Flame Luncheon
Noon to 1:00 PM Lunch on Your Own - Buffet Served On Pavilion
1:00 PM to Close Board of Firefighter Standards and Education Meeting - Rail Room 4
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM State Officer's Meeting (Men) Terrace Ballroom 1 & 2
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM State Officer's Meeting (Aux) Terrace Ballroom 3 & 4
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM Tour - Ellis Park Inter Track Wagering - Transportation Provided
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM Tour - Evansville Antique Mall - Transportation Provided
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Miss Flame Final Judging - Rail Room 1
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM Southwestern Fire & Safety Beer Bust - Tropical Pavilion
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Joint Meetings - Tropical Pavilion
9:30 PM to 1:00 AM Dance - Tropical Pavilion

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH:

7:15 AM to 8:00 AM Choice of Seminars - Terrace Ballrooms
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM Coffee Clutch - Terrace
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Registration - Terrace/Patio Area
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Register for Games - Terrace/Patio Area
8:30 AM to 10:45 AM Men's Meeting - Grand Isle Ballroom
8:30 AM to 10:45 AM Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting - Terrace Ballroom
11:00 AM to Noon Memorial Service - Grand Isle Ballroom
Noon to 1:00 PM Lunch on Your Own
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM Displays - Tent North Parking Lot
1:15 PM to Close Men's Meeting - Grand Isle Ballroom
1:15 PM to 5:30 PM Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting - Terrace Ballroom
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Teen Party - Rail Room 1
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Children's Party - Rail Room 2
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Banquet - Pavilion, Patio, Terrace, Terrace Ballroom
9:30 PM to 1:00 AM Dance - Pavilion, Patio, Terrace, Terrace Ballroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH:

8:00 AM to Noon Displays - Tent North Parking Lot
8:00 AM to Close Games - Old Airport Terminal Parking Lot
10:00 AM to Noon District 15 Equipment Display - Old Airport Terminal Parking Lot
6:00 PM to 11:00 PM Dance - 50's Sock Hop - McCutchanville VFD Gym - Transportation Provided (Food Available - Prizes for Best Dressed and Dance Contest)

Revised Hotel Information And Reservation Form

These are the five hotels to which we have moved due to the inability of the Executive Inn to fulfill our requirements.

The Days Inn Standard Double: \$45
Hwy 41 near St. George Rd Single (king): \$48

The Drury Inn Standard Double: \$60*
Hwy 41 at Lynch Rd. Single (king): \$65*
*7 per extra person

Convention Headquarters
The Holiday Inn Standard Double: \$69 Poolside: \$79
Hwy 41 at Lynch Rd. Single (king): \$69 Poolside: \$79
Suite (1 king): \$82 Poolside: \$92
**Suites will be based on first-come, first-served basis

Howard Johnson's Standard Double: \$45.95 *\$6 each extra
Hwy 41 near Diamond Ave. Single (king): \$39.95

The Marriott Airport Standard Double: \$89
Hwy 41 near Hwy 57 Single (king): \$89

Name room(s) will be issued to _____
Others using same room (please include the age of children) _____

Circle VISA or MASTERCARD Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Circle: Smoking Non-Smoking No. Preference No. in party _____

Anticipated date of arrival _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Anticipated date of departure _____ Time _____ AM/PM

I would like to reserve _____ (# of rms.) _____ (style) rooms at _____

Hotel. I have enclosed a check for \$ _____ (1 night) or my credit card information.

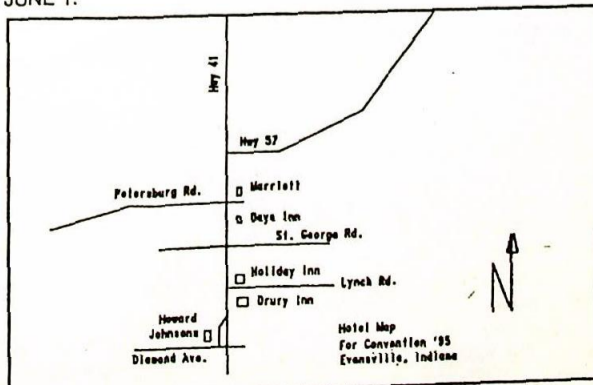
My second choice hotel is the _____ hotel.

My second room style choice is _____.

_____ I would rather stay in 1st hotel choice and get 2nd room choice

_____ I would rather move to 2nd hotel choice and get 1st room choice.

If you have not sent in your registration form, please send it along with this form to the address below BEFORE JUNE 1.



Mail to:
Convention '95
c/o Registrations
1526 Reiter Dr.
Evansville, IN 47712

District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1, 2

Nov. 16, 1994 meeting

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman B.A. Howe at 8:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Howe.

Guests introduced: included Vice President Richard Glant, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe and gold card member, Julius Demick.

Department History: given by Chief Peterson, Washington Twp.

Program: Discussed the O.S.H.A. inspection and compliance program as it relates to volunteer fire departments.

Roll Call: District #1-42 members from 10 departments & District #2-23 members from 8 departments.

Minutes of October meeting: were accepted as clarified concerning the votes on the proposed new by-law revisions.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: Vice President Glant reported on the East Central Fire School on Jan. 7 & 8 and various legislation that will be brought up at the new legislative session.

P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the new nominating committee, the appointment of a central office committee, various Workman's comp and insurance claims, and the naming of Chris Keyt as the new service coordinator to replace Pat Babbs.

District #1 Chairman Howe reported that membership now stands at 16,940 from 712 depts. and he also discussed the convention awards and the new license plate forms for 1995.

Old Business: the Fire Caucus Dinner tickets drawing was held with the following names being chosen:

District #1 - John Ozahonics and Jeff Bruder (Ed Stewart-Alternate)

District #2 - Nancy Webb and Dennis Wilking (Clarence Moss - Alternate)

Announced that the next 1996 Convention meeting will be held on January 11th, and that a logo and theme will be chosen at that time.

New Business: Announced that Lisa Vaught of District #1 and Andrea Armenth of District #2 will be representing us in the Miss Flame competition.

Discussed the 24-hour training program for new members and the 19-hour O.S.H.A. mandated basic training.

Good of the Order: Announced that Lake Eliza is holding a raffle with the drawing to be on December 10.

Announced that there would be no meeting in December, and that the next meeting will be held on January 18, 1995 at Independence Hill.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase new attendance trophies for 1995.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Jeff Bruder of Washington Township - \$48.

Attendance trophy winners: District #1 - Merrillville (Beverly Shores -yr.)

District #2 - Lake Eliza (Lake Eliza-yr)

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:20 p.m.

Jerome P. Schmitt
District #1 Secretary

January 18, 1995

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman B. A. Howe at 8:00 p.m. Pledge of

Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Howe.

Guests introduced: included President Richard Glant, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe, Ladies Auxiliary District #2 Chairman Ann Moss, District #1 Miss Flame Candidate Lisa Vaught, Tom Fredricks of Midwest Fire & Safety, Joe Komascar of the Firemen's Store, and gold card members Julius Demick and John Wilson.

Department History: Given by Chief Larry Guterrez, Independence Hill.

Program: Given by Tom Fredricks concerning Pierce manufacturing of fire apparatus, and the procedures to follow when buying a new truck.

Roll Call: District #1-66 members from 11 Depts. & District #2-35 members from 8 Depts.

Minutes of November meeting: were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: President Glant reported on the Hoosier Firefighter Picnic on July 16, the need to keep your membership forms updated, and an update on current legislation.

P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the F.D.I.C. conference in Indianapolis (Feb 1-8), The Leadership Conference (Feb. 18 & 19), the convention awards, the newspaper deadline of April 5th, and the Bridgeport Scholarship deadline of March 1st.

District #1 Miss Flame Candidate Lisa Vaught addressed the membership concerning the upcoming competition at convention.

Old Business: 1996 convention report given by Bill Howe who advised that a convention logo has been chosen, and that there are still committees that need to be filled. Meetings will be held on March 14th at Lake Ridge and on May 24th at Lake of Four Seasons.

New Business: Discussed a proposed by-law change to allow Vol. Haz Mat Teams to become IVFA members.

District #1 voted (13-12) for the officers to vote for this change.

District #2 voted (13-3) for the officers to vote for this change.

Held a moment of silence for departed firefighters Brian Uzabell and Mr. Pazonic of Lake Hills.

Good of the Order: Announced that Independence Hill and Crown Point will be hosting their annual dances on April 29th. Announced that the next meeting will be held on February 15, 1995 at Cedar Lake and that the program will be on the Roselawn Plane Crash.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Bill Gornick of Merrillville - \$70.50.

Attendance Trophy Winners: District #1 Merrillville. District #2 - Lake Dale.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:00 p.m.

Feb. 15, 1995
Cedar Lake

The meeting was called to order by District #2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:55 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Glant.

Guests introduced: included President Richard Glant; Past President, Ivan Nevil; Assistant Chaplain, Duane Lantz; P.R.N.W. Director, Melvin Carraway; Ladies Auxiliary President, Phyllis Vargo; and District #2, Chairman Ann Moss.

Department history given by Chief Dennis Wilkening. Special presentations were made to

Robert Eberle and Vernon Bixeman for over 40 years of dedicated service to their dept.

Roll Call: District #1-46 members from 9 depts. and District #2 - 63 members from 10 depts.

Program: Given by Bob Mauch and Kapp Wann concerning the Roselawn Plane Crash.

Minutes of January meeting: motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: P.R.N.W. Howe reported on current legislation, the Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy, and the 1995 convention and awards.

President Glant reported that the total current paid membership of this organization now stands at 17,400.

Old Business; 1996 Convention Report Given by Committee Chairman Bill Howe, who announced that the next convention meeting will be March 14, at Lake Ridge.

New Business: none.

Good of the Order: Announced that the Duneland Fire School will be held March 25, and 26 at Chesterton. Announced that the next meeting will be held at Porter Fire Dept. on March 15.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Ed Stewart of Merrillville - \$96.00.

Attendance trophy winners: District #1 - New Chicago. District #2 - Lake Dale.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 10:05 p.m.

Jerome P. Schmitt
District #1 Secretary

DISTRICT 13B

The regular meeting of Dist. 13B was called to order by Chairman, Jack Cox with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was taken with 18 members representing five departments. Joe Caudill, Public Relations Southeast, was our guest.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Chairman Cox opened the meeting by reading the highlights of 45 bills before the state legisla-

ture that could have an impact on the fire service.

All nominations for the Midwest Service Award were due at this meeting.

We then reviewed the concerns over 24-hour training. If you include Blood Borne Pathogens, Haz-mat, SIDs, and Confined Space which are mandated by O.S.H.A., you get 43 hours.

Also discussed was the need for members to make sure their beneficiaries are correct.

A committee has been formed to look into the possibility of forming an executive office for the IVFA. The work for one or two people is becoming more difficult.

Jack mentioned that as of February there are still 50 openings for Indiana weekend in April.

The IVFA has 10,706 license plates and 17,417 paid members. There is \$291,461.03 in the general fund and \$93,332.16 for the Bridgeport Scholarship.

Larry Jackson has resigned as Public Relations Officer for our area. A successor will be named at the convention in Evansville, June 15 thru 18.

The meeting was adjourned. The 50/50 drawing paid \$9.50. Our next meeting will be in May at the Williamsburg Fire Department. The exact date has not yet been set.

The District 19 IVFA meeting was held at Milian Volunteer Fire Department on January 27th at 7:30 P.M.

DISTRICT 19

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

First roll call reported 38 men from 16 departments recording 81 runs.

Guest present were Ed Stone and Jim Gilmore.

Old Business:

ETEC; Anyone who has not received a refund from the school not held, needs to let Paul Covington know so he can address this issue with them.

Bridgeport Scholarship applications must be given to Lee by March 1st. If you are interested in scholarships, fill out this application. Two of these are awarded each year.

The National Fire Academy was discussed and highly recommended. If you can attend do so. It will be held in April. Joe Caudill can give you additional information.

Discussion to set up a commit-

tee to organize a District Fire School. Paul Covington and Joe Caudill will sit on the committee. Three others will also sit on this committee.

Joe Caudill covered the Bills in Legislature this year. They are as follows: House Bills 1194, 1524, 1291, 1285, 1026, 1507, 1287, 1416, 1141, 1049, 1553, 1457, 1161, 1112, 1384.

Senate Bills 148, 35, 13, 269, 131, 133, 130, 111, 138, 519.

The only way most of these bills will pass is if we let our representatives know how we feel.

The second reading of adding volunteer Haz-mat Team to Article 2 Section 2. The vote was 27 yea 0 oppose.

New Business:

Discussion of State Fire Marshal's letter on allowable charges of runs, if State Fire Department may charge \$250 per truck \$100 for a command vehicle, also fire departments may recover the actual cost of material use and cost of disposal of material at the scene. If a department is going to assess fees, a public letter must be published.

A Fire Seminar on Tire Fires will be held on March 4 from 8:30 - 4:00. There is no cost. If you have any questions contact Mike Biglar at 1-800-423-0765.

Applications for the Ollie Sandberg Award and the Midwest Award are due by March 1st. These go to Lee Kissell.

Joe Caudill discussed the Fire Caucus Dinner. He stated it was a good event to be a part of.

Discussion of the Fire Expo at The Hoosier Dome Feb 4,5,6. There is an excellent venter display with over 300 exhibits. The cost is \$30 per day.

2nd roll call was taken.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The next meeting will be at Miller York Fire Dept. at 7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 7:45 P.M. at the Kentland Fire Station in Kentland.

There were 11 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 45 with 124 alarms among the 11 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: Letters from Legislators about petition;

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I.V.F.A. Convention in 1995; Chesterton Fire School March 25-26; Indianapolis Fire School April 22-23 & May 6-7; 812 Fire School August 26-27; 219 Fire School in September; Lafayette Fire School in October; Master Wildland Course in April at Clarksville; a \$250.00 bounty being offered by Bernzomatic for some types of old Propane Heaters; Fair Labor Standards Act and paid/volunteer fireman; I.V.F.A. paper; the Blue Light law; billing owner for fire runs and they pass it on to the insurance company; Mr. I.V.F.A.; Midwest Award for District 9-B; Ollie Sandburg Award; Indiana Weekend at N.F.A. April 1-2; 40+ bills in legislation affecting the fire service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting is May 11, at the Medaryville Fire Station at 7:30 P.M.

Program on the Crash of American Eagle Flight 4184 was presented by Charles Waan of Lincoln Twp. Fire Dept.

Sec./Treas.

Dennis Risner

DISTRICT 11B

Our last District 11-B meeting was held March 12, 1995 at Roachdale Fire Department. I would like to thank them for hosting the meeting and preparing another fine meal.

We had 8 departments and 22 men present.

Guests included Past President, Mitch Parish; Vice President, Jack Zeeks; District 21 Chairman, Perry Martin; and District 11-A Chairman, Bob Hayes.

Guest speaker was Representative, Susan Crosby. She updated us on the current legislative session and listened to our opinions of what is needed for the fire service.

During our business meeting, much discussion was held on the current legislative session and our need to be more active with our elected officials.

Introduced our District Miss Flame, Michelle Miller, from the Lyford Fire Department. Congratulations and good luck in Evansville.

Our next meeting is May 10th, at 7:00 p.m. at Fairview Park. Please note the time and day as it is a Wednesday night.

Our July meeting will be July 9, at 1:00 p.m. at Waynetown Fire Department. Make plans to attend as this is their first time to host a meeting. Let's make it a big success.

Larry Bartlow, Chairman

DISTRICT 15

The January meeting of District 15 was held January 17, at Ft. Branch Volunteer Fire

Department. The meeting was preceded by a fried chicken dinner prepared by the departments members.

The meeting was called to order by District Chairman, Wargel at 7:50 p.m.

Wargel introduced guests Greg Gordon from Dynamic Resources and a member the Critical Incident Stress Team; Bob Blessing and Alex Smith from Blessing Fire & Safety; Ray Harper from the Evansville Press newspaper; Anita Susott, Miss Flame 1993; Sara Robb, Perry Twp. Fire Dept. and Angala Harden, Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue, both contestants for Miss Flame 1995.

Greg Gordon informed the membership of the need for Critical Incident Stress and his involvement as a team member.

Chaplain, Barbara Kerney gave the prayer followed by Wargel with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call was answered by 11 departments and 35 members.

Secretary, Kerney distributed the November minutes. A motion was made by Harmon Feathers and seconded by Mike Sokeland to accept the minutes as written.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Chairman Wargel read the proposed by-law change that would allow Haz-Mat response teams to join IVFA. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken, 26 for and 2 against.

Secretary Kerney provided a list of Fire Marshal phone numbers. The 800 number is only answered during business hours.

Wargel called for a break in the meeting to allow for Barbara Kerney and Leslie Buckman to present the Miss Flame judging. Judges were Ray Harper, Anita Susott, and Karen Conger. Each girl drew a question from the fish bowl and responded with their answer to the audience. The 1995 District 15 Miss Flame contestant will be Sara Robb.

Chairman Wargel called the meeting back to order and thanked Sara and Angala for participating.

Convention Chairman, Kerney introduced the Convention Committee and gave the tentative schedule. The host hotel will be the Executive Inn and the displays will be in the Green Convention Center. Kerney asked everyone to try and acquire door and raffle prizes. Our Miss Flame contestant and runner-up were both asked to attend the Convention and represent District 15. Steve Anderson stated we have 130 people registered and 90 rooms taken. All departments were asked to get 5 action slides to John Buckman for the opening presentation. Wargel stated the tours that are being considered are:

Ellis Park, Sterling Brewery, The Old Antique Mall and Survive Alive House.

Each station is allowed 3 delegates per member department. A member department must have at least 5 members.

Secretary Kerney gave dates to remember - the New Harmony Sausage Supper, Jan. 21; Fire Institute Dinner Jan. 22.; Vincennes Sausage Supper Jan. 28; FDIC Feb. 4 & 5; and Ft. Branch Valentine Dance Feb. 4.

Barbara Kerney stated she needed news articles for the district newsletter.

The next meeting will be held at Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue March 21, 1995.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bruce Bauer and seconded by Mike Pflug to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Jack Kerney, Secretary

March 21, 1995

The March meeting was held at Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue and was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman Tim Wargel, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave a prayer with a moment of silence for the death of former PR Director Carl Davies.

Guests introduced included Robert Blessing and Alex Smith of Blessing Fire & Safety and Bill Tracy of M & S Fire & Safety.

Roll Call was answered by 23 members and 10 departments.

Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the January 17 meeting. A motion was made by Robert Blessing to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by Harmon Feathers. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. A motion was made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Susan Payne to accept the report as corrected. Motion carried.

Convention Chairman Kerney stated that the convention had to be moved from the Executive Inn Hotel to the Holiday Inn Airport due to the financial situation of the Executive Inn and the down sizing of the hotel. He stated that the Convention Center had also been closed.

Chairman Wargel stated that he had a very lengthy Legislative report and that if anyone needed a copy he could provide them with one.

Newsletter Chairman B. Kerney stated that she needed any news articles by May 1 for the May issue.

Ft. Branch Fire Department stated they needed an insurance certificate for the District 15 Waterball Contest to be held June 3. Wadesville Fire Department stated that their Ladies Auxiliary was having line dance lessons on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for 8 weeks.

The May 16 meeting will be held at Geman Twp. Fire Department at Co. #9.

There being no further business, Chairman Wargel adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Jack Kerney, Sec.

RUSSIAVILLE OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend the dedication of the new addition to the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department on June 11, 1995 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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State Officer's Meeting

Feb 11, 1995, Ramada Inn, Indianapolis, Ind.

The meeting was called to order by President Glant with the Invocation given by Chaplain Baker. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Zeeks. President Glant introduced the guests present and called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Jack Cox to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a close voice vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Glant reported he had travelled over 1200 miles since the last officer's meeting and that he attended the Indiana Fire Services Institute dinner in Indianapolis.

Vice President Zeeks thanked those who came down during the passing of his father.

Ass't Secretary Davies reported attending 2 district meetings, 1 Miss Flame Contest and also attended the IFSI dinner.

Chaplain Baker stated that memorial services had been sparse and that he has supplies available to those who needed them.

Ass't Chaplain Lantz reported having 1 memorial service and he had attended several district meetings.

Secretary Kissell reported there are 17,417 members paid to date. There are 738 departments paid and 85 departments were late. There have been 10,706 license plate applications sent out and 2 Bridgeport Scholarship applications mailed.

Treasurer Stofer passed out 2 financial reports and explained each. He also reported receiving a letter from a bank in Maryland.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NW Howe reported attending the ISFI dinner and also the Convention '96 meeting.

NE Kinsey reported attending all district meetings, the FDIC convention in Indianapolis and attended the ISFI dinner.

EC Jackson was absent.

WC Michl reported he attended the ISFI dinner, made all the district meetings and requested an explanation of the benefits concerning active or inactive members.

SW Kerney reported he made all but one district meeting, attended the ISFI dinner and attended the FDIC convention.

SE Caudill reported he made all his district meetings and had one new department that joined the association.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Howe was absent.

D2 Stott reported 2 deaths in the dist., no memorial services held.

D3 Uryga was absent.

D4 Ferro was absent.

D5 Kissinger reported 1 death in the district and he attended the IFSI dinner.

D6 Engle was absent.

D7 Sorg thanked everyone for the cards in the death of his mother.

D8A Fleenor reported the last district meeting went well. There will be an open house on Feb 26 at the Converse Fire House and again on April 30 for everyone.

D8B Petro thanked Ivan Nevil for attending his last district meeting, the attendance was down due to the weather. He is looking for a district secretary, the last one became a Indianapolis firefighter.

D9A Cline reported that he too attended the IFSI dinner in Indianapolis.

D9B Koehler reported holding two district meetings. The district is mailing and also voicing concerns to the legislators about the Board of Education and Standards.

D10 Israel reported two deaths in the district. Attendance at meetings has been good. He attended the ISFI dinner in Indianapolis.

D11A Hays reported attending the ISFI dinner. Had a Miss Flame contest in the district. Last district meeting had a discussion on active and inactive members.

D11B Bartlow reported he too attended the ISFI dinner. Attendance at district meetings is down due to the weather.

D12 Johnson stated he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their last district meeting.

D14A Cushman reported his district is working on another fire school. Attendance went up at their last district meeting.

D13B Cox stated the district had been quiet. He attended the ISFI dinner in Indianapolis.

D14 Hinkle reported two accidents in the district involving tankers on emergency runs.

D15 Wargel reported his district held their Miss Flame contest and he attended the ISFI dinner.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker announced that 319 people attended the annual sausage outing in his district. He attended the ISFI dinner.

D17B Kluender reported he attended the FDIC and legislators meeting.

D18 Daunhauer reported one death in the district.

D19 Covington stated the district was going well. A Miss Flame contest had been held in the district.

D20 Palmiero was absent.

D21 Martin reported that a 50 year member in the district had died. There was a small attendance at last district meeting. He attended the ISFI dinner and also the FDIC in Indianapolis.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mitch Parish reported attending a meeting at Odon and a discussion was held over the active and inactive membership status as it currently reads. He attended the ISFI dinner in Indianapolis.

Lawrence Swartz read a letter from the Swayzee Fire Dept. All remaining past presidents in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Glant introduced Steve Swails and the rest of the members of the Vendors Association. Mr. Swails addressed those in attendance on suggestions concerning the current displays program. The Vendors Association only want one day to show their products. Following his presentation, a question and answer session was held.

Legislative - Stofer reported on some of the bills now in the current legislature.

Editor's Ass't - Howe announced that the paper will be in the mail by the middle of the week. The postage rates have increased by 14% as of the first of the year. Material for the paper has increased 30%.

Advertising - Swartz reported there will be 36 ads plus the classified

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ads in this issue of the paper. He also gave his financial report.

Nat'l Vol. Fire Council - Stofer stated the executive meeting will be held in Indianapolis. The next meeting will be in Buffalo, NY on April 5 thru 7. He discussed some bills on the national level that are pending in Washington.

Public Education - Parker passed.

EMS - Johnson passed.

Membership - Bruns stated the current membership was at 17,417.

Bridgeport Scholarship - Swartz reported he had mailed 38 applications. The deadline is March 1, 1995.

Fire Schools - Zeeks passed.

Historical Update - Parish stated the committee was going to get some of the pictures appearing in the 1st 25 year book printed in the new book.

Insurance - Stofer passed.

Awards - Zeeks stated that he had received just a few names for this award.

Photography - Hinkle reported he will get the film needed to take pictures of the new officers plus some of the others who wanted new pictures.

Standards & Education - Covington reported the next meeting would be held on Monday. The commission is in a stagnant stage right now.

Convention - Kearney reported he is under the impression that the Executive Inn will be closed prior to the convention. He has booked everything in Evansville. The new agenda is forthcoming. A lot of finalizing has to be done.

Games - Mendel passed.

President Glant announced that he will make the necessary corrections to the current committee list that was mailed out to the officers.

OLD BUSINESS

Sgt-at-arms Bush stated that he forgot to bring the old briefcases to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Harker announced that the Madison Vol Fire Department has made two wagons for parade purposes only. They want permission to use and display the large association decals on the wagons. Those present voiced their opinion favorably to allow the use of the decals on the wagons.

Jack Cox stated that the IVFA was only involved in four fire schools and wanted to know why. Charles Baker and Gene Stofer both replied that this policy was never changed from the original time that they started the program. The need to consider the other three new schools at the next budget session.

At this time, President Glant introduced Diana Bell a representative from Indiana Gum Co. who spoke on fund raiser programs. The monies received will stay in the district where the gum machines are located. She explained the details of the business and conducted a question and answer session following her presentation. She gave her phone number (219-922-1224)

The meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m. until the following day at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY FEB 12, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Glant.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS CON'T

D3 Uryga reported activity in the district was quiet. They are looking for fund raiser information for the district.

D6 Engle passed.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T

President Glant announced that the Congressional Fire Services Institute and Caucus dinner will be held on April 26th in Washington, D.C. The association would send 10 members and 2 alternates to the dinner. Those names drawn to attend the dinner were: Richard Glant, John Davies, Robert Uryga, Jim Parker, Frank Dunhauer, Larry Bartlow, Mitch Parish, Charles Baker, Tom Hinkle, Tim Wargel with Jack Kearney 1st alternate and Larry Stott 2nd alternate.

Charles Baker spoke on the fire school upcoming and encouraged the new district chairmen to enroll in the class concerning the functions of the district chairman. He also announced the first Fire Institute Picnic on July 16th with the location to be determined later. He requested approval of the association's waterball equipment to be used at the picnic.

President Glant spoke on the office and its facilities currently used by Tim Downey that was visited on Saturday afternoon. He appointed an executive secretary committee consisting of: Richard Glant, Lee Kissell, Bill Kinsey, Gene Stofer, Jim Parker and Charles Baker.

Jim Parker requested that this committee be empowered to study all the aspects for this position. A motion by Bill Howe, Sr. to allow the committee to do so. Seconded by Bob Uryga. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Mitch Parish mentioned that the current emergency call list needed to be updated. Several officers voice their positive concerns regarding using this list. President Glant requested the Ass't Secretary make a new list and upon approval of the president, mail the new list out to the officers.

Luke Kluender asked about any association literature for new departments and its members. A question and answer session was held.

Ivan Nevil announced the Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy would be from March 31st to April 2nd. He also gave the schedules for the Fire Chief's Orientation schools. A discussion on the mandates without funding both on the state and federal levels was held. Directions were given to both Paul Covington and Ivan Nevil by those in attendance on their feelings about the subject of mandates without funding.

Gene Stofer spoke on the fund raiser program presented on Saturday night and turned the program over to John Shanks for his comments. John Shanks recommended not using the association name or its logo to promote this program to the public. And to assign a committee to further investigate a lot of issues that need to be discussed before a final decision can be made.

John Shanks then turned his program to the bills that affect or impact the fire service currently in the legislature. Copies of these bills were passed out to those in attendance. Each bill was discussed by John Shanks and the officers.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Israel. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zeeks. Jack Cox made

a motion to appoint Mitch Parish, Chairman of the Board. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Parish called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Jack Cox to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Bill Howe, Sr. made a motion to appoint a committee on the Gumball Machine project and looking into it as recommended by the association attorney. Seconded by Jack Cox. Motion carried by a voice vote. Chairman Parish appointed Gene Stofer and John Shanks to serve on this committee.

Chairman Parish brought up the subject to have the association trailer present at the IFSI picnic. A motion was made by Charles Baker to allow the trailer to be at the picnic. Seconded by Jim Parker. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The next order of business, Chairman Parish brought up the amendment to the By-Laws concerning volunteer hazardous material teams joining the association as members. He asked Jim Parker to conduct the vote of the district chairmen. The district vote is as follows:

District	Resolution	District	Resolution
1	Accept	11B	Accept
2	Accept	12	Accept
3	Accept	13A	Accept
4	Absent	13B	Accept
5	Accept	14	Accept
6	Accept	15	Accept
7	Accept	16	Absent
8A	Absent	17A	Accept
8B	Accept	17B	Accept
9A	Accept	18	Reject
9B	Accept	19	Accept
10	Accept	20	Absent
11A	Accept	21	Accept

Jim Parker then called for a vote of the Public Relation Directors present. All PR Directors present voted to accept the resolution. Jack Kearney stated he had 3 departments vote yes and 1 department vote no. Jim Parker then called on the elected officers at the table for their vote. All 6 officers present voted to accept the resolution.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Cox. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Baker.

Respectfully submitted,
Davies, Assistant Secretary

2 killed in U.S. 421 accident



Danita Arbuckle, Carol Druga
The LaPorte Herald-Argus

Two Chicagoans died as a result of injuries suffered in an auto accident on U.S. 421 Saturday.

Joyce Gass, 47, of 9530 S. Muskegon St., Chicago, was pronounced dead at the scene Saturday around 10 a.m. when she was involved in a three-car accident on U.S. 421 just north of Snyder Road. Her mother, Emily Gass, 67, of Chicago, died later that day at St. Anthony Hospital.

Jason Smith, 16, of 2102 Greenwood Ave., Michigan City told LaPorte County Police that he was driving southbound on U.S. 421 when he looked down for brief second. He said his 1986 Pontiac 600 then dropped off the edge of the roadway onto gravel.

Smith said he steered back onto the roadway but over-corrected, losing control of the vehicle. As he swerved sideways back onto the roadway, he started to cross the center line, colliding head-on with Gass' 1988 Chrysler New Yorker.

As the two vehicles separated, Mike Johnson, of 123 Sprunger Dr., Wanatah, drove his truck between the two vehicles but was struck by Smith's car, Johnson told county police.

Smith was reported in good condition at St. Anthony Hospital this morning. A passenger in his

car, Dan Cole, 16 of Michigan City, was treated and released.

Katrina Gass, 13, of Chicago, was also treated and released from St. Anthony. Johnson was not admitted to the hospital.

A half dozen one- and two-vehicle accidents, caused by slick roads, also were reported.

No serious injuries were reported in any of the accidents, according to LaPorte City Police.

No one area was worse than any other with accidents occurring all over, including the 100 block of Lincoln Way, Pine Lake Avenue, the intersection of Park and Warsaw streets, Waverly road at Grangemouth Drive, Fail Road and Ind., 2 and Truesdell Avenue at Hoelocker Drive.

Four accidents were reported to LaPorte County Police over the weekend because of the icy road conditions.

Fire strikes home believed to be one of county's oldest

by Troy Guthrie
Times-Mail Staff Writer

A home on Tunnelton Road that its owner called "one of the oldest in Lawrence County" was destroyed by fire early this morning. The cause of the fire that burned the Les Gyger residence might have been electrical.

Shawswick Township Volunteer Fire Department received assistance from Pleasant Run Volunteer Fire Department in battling the blaze. The home was located just north of the Tunnelton Road/South Leatherwood Road intersection.

The fire got a strong start on firefighters and flames were visible through one end of the home's attic area when firefighters arrived. STVFD vented both ends of the attic area but weren't able to keep the fire from spreading to the living area of the home.

Firefighters were still at the scene of the fire at press time and no other information on the blaze was available.

A Bedford Regional Medical Center Ambulance Service ambulance was dispatched to the scene of the fire because a firefighter was having chest pain, a Lawrence County Sheriff's Department dispatcher said. The fireman was transported for treatment.

Fred Herthel owned the home that the Gyger family rented. He and his wife Linda helped the Gygers and several others carry out many of the Gygers' possessions, including the home's refrigerator and microwave oven, before this morning's fire reached the belongings.

Herthel said the house, which was believed to be one of the oldest in the county, was originally a one-room log cabin that belonged to his mother.

The other rooms had been added on the rear of the cabin throughout the years, he said. Gyger had remodeled much of the interior of the home since moving in, Herthel added.

The home "had a couple of fuses blow" Thursday evening and Gyger called an electrician to check out the problem and the electrician was the one who found the home burning when he arrived this morning, Herthel said.

Herthel said the Gygers had lived at the residence for less than a year, moving to the area and renting the home when Les Gyger took a job managing The Grease Pit on 16th Street in Bedford.

The Salvation Army Emergency Services Unit also assisted at the scene.

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Phyllis Vargo

Dear Members and Friends,
Hope everyone had a safe winter and is looking forward to spring as much as I am.

I hope everyone has their reservations in for the convention. The committee has been working very hard to make sure that we have a good time this year in Evansville.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all the help that you gave me this year. It has been a very enjoyable year for me. Please remember to attend your district meetings and take advantage of the great friendships that you can have by sharing your money-making projects with each other. All you ladies do a great job. Keep up the good work. See you at convention and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

DISTRICT 4

District 4 IVFAA gathered at the Lakeville Fire Station Feb. 23, 1995 at 8 P.M. The host department served a delicious light supper before our meeting. The men and women then dismissed to their separate rooms.

Jane Ferro, our chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge to our flag. Chaplain Gladys Peterson, read the poem "Until This Hour Today". Secretary, Mary Hahn, took roll call, seven members were present. We were glad to have our Miss Flame, Brook Freed, with us. She is faithful to attend all our meetings. Secretary minutes were read and approved. Treasurer, Marilyn Loucks, gave her report.

Jane ask Ann Balint from the Center Township Fire Department Auxiliary to come forward. She was presented with a Bible, pictures, and bulletin of the memorial service of the state convention. It was in honor of Vida Bare.

Brooke Freed, our Miss Flame of District 4 was given her papers to fill out and get sent in for the convention.

The rest of the meeting was spent going over the schedule of the 1995 State Convention which will be held in Evansville

Our next meeting will be held at the Wakarusa Fire Station on May 25 at 8 P.M.

A sympathy card was sent to the Raymond Yoder family of the Baugo Fire Department.

Dick Glant, IVFA President, came into our meeting before we dismissed, and told us to get our reservations in for the state convention and gave us up-to-date news of the convention.

Mary Hahn, Secretary

DISTRICT 11A

Welcome Springtime! What a laugh - I washed and put away winter clothes I had been wearing to the mall to walk in. I had to get

some out again or else freeze. It sounds as if all of you are having winter again, after watching the news. We are lucky though, we didn't have snow, yet.

I have been to our district meetings and although our same people always come, we would welcome any newcomers. After all, these meetings are to inform you.

Our last meeting was held at Wright Twp. They have a new fire truck and fairly new firehouse they are proud of, and they should be. They don't have an auxiliary but some very nice ladies, firemen's wives, served us a delicious spaghetti dinner.

The men were called out on a fire and we waited some time to start our meeting. They didn't come back from the fire for some time so we had to go ahead with our meetings. First things first, putting out a serious fire was more important.

Joann and I were invited to Staunton Fire Auxiliary meeting. The ladies had belonged years ago to the State Auxiliary, but dropped out and wanted to know what to do to belong again. I sure hope we helped them out. We like to hear good news like this.

It sounds as if they are really active in helping raise money for their department. Good luck ladies!

I haven't heard where our next meeting will be, but any of you ladies, who reads this, is always welcome. All of the departments in our district are always notified of the meeting date and where it will be.

Food for thought: A chef is a person with a big enough vocabulary to give the soup a different name every day!

Happy Easter

Helen Michl, Chairman

*A Farewell Letter
From...*

**Erin Byam
Miss Flame
1994**

Dear IVFA Members,

As I write this article for the last time, I am experiencing mixed emotions. I will be handing over my crown and my duties in June. I cannot count the number of people that I must thank for this wonderful year.

As I sit here at the computer I am remembering all the events in my mind. The funny clown in Waldron and the brand new Mustang convertible, the little boy in Jonesville who saluted me in the parade, the fair in Decatur Twp., the graduation in Wayne Twp. and the line dancing. But the best of all was playing Santa's helper. Seeing Tyler's face when Santa couldn't come but when I

handed him his gift I received a big smile through watery tears. You see Tyler is almost two years old and a very handsome fellow.

To the people who put on all the wonderful parades, thank you for all the beautiful and unique cars.

This farewell letter is proving harder to write than I thought. I guess the best place to start is at the beginning. Thank you to Barbara Parker, Miriam Schaeckel, Eula Bush, Jack Kerney and all the hard workers at Elkhart. I hope to see you in Evansville. To Anita for all her helpful hints. To last year's contestants a hello and a goodbye. I hope to see some of you this year. To all the firemen and women in Elkhart who work so hard in putting on the convention last year "thank you". To this year's hard workers I will say thank you now and I am sure that I and everyone else will be made welcome by our southern hospitality in Evansville. To everyone I have met this year, thank you for coming into my life and making it richer.

A candidate represents her fire department as well as her community when going to state. My grandmother once told me "Erin, someone is always watching you, act accordingly and be proud of who you are." I cannot stress these words of wisdom more to the candidates this year and the years to come. With those words, I will wish the candidates "Good Luck".

The energy that must be put forth to go to that parade or function when sleep has been lost studying all night for that final exam on Friday and then to leave on Saturday 5:00 a.m. comes from the encouragement received from home and friends. I know I have thanked these people before, but I have to say it one more time. Thank You to Mom, Dad, Sean, Shirley Richards, and all the guys at Rockport-Ohio Twp. Fire Department, without them I would not have been 1994 Miss Flame of Indiana. And to the wonderful man in my life thank you for being there when I needed you.

I hope everyone took advantage of the Red Cross CPR classes that took place in some areas. You never know when you might be called upon to save a life. My mother was substituting at school one day when a child collapsed on the playground. She and three others did CPR until the fire department in that area came and took over. You may be called upon to save a loved one. Please take advantage of the classes in your area for first aid and CPR.

Some of my events coming up are an Easter egg hunt sponsored by Rockport-Ohio Twp. Fire Department, Mother's Day bar-b-que, possibly a couple of parades and, of course, the Convention in June.

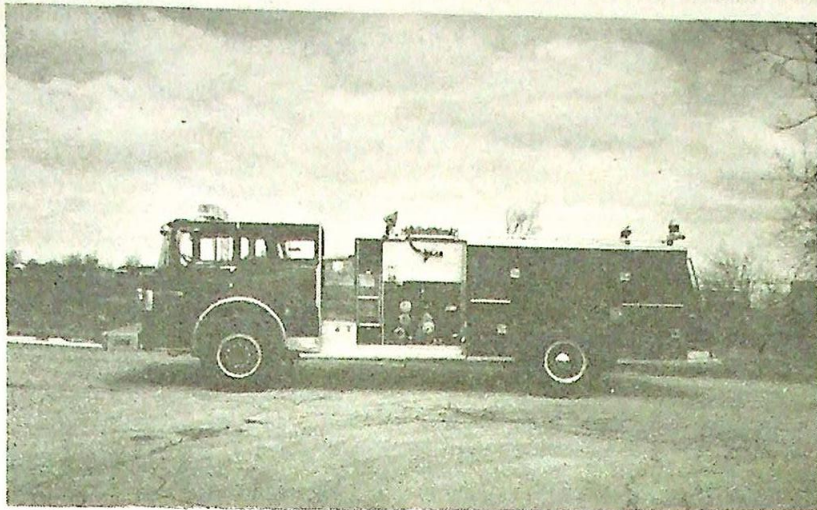
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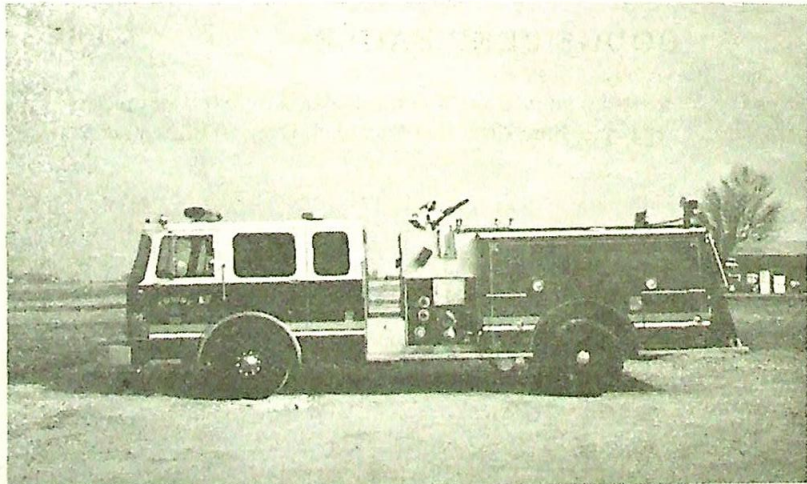
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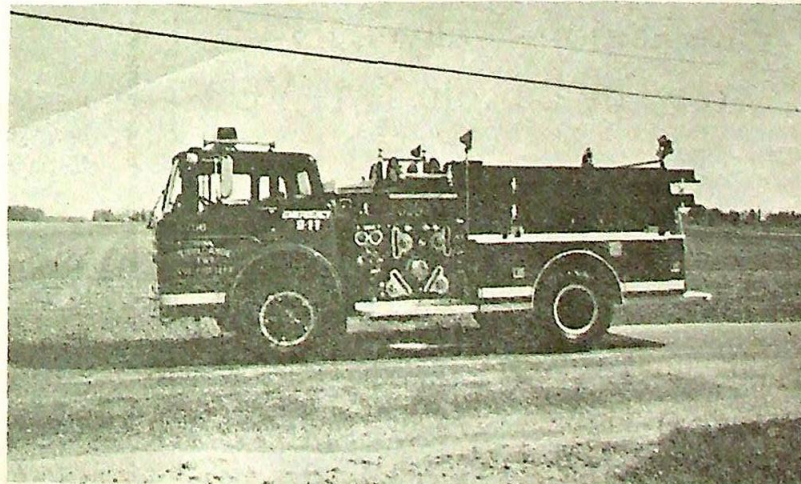
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JoAnn Hays

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3/95 - Diane Bratmueller
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As we approach the month of May, many things take place: the 500 Race, graduations, Memorial Day and the one I think of most is Mother's Day and just what it really means.

This poem is dedicated to all you mothers with my love.

Remember Mother

"A Flower of Red Must Pass"

With tear-filled eyes I said a prayer,
And knelt beside my bed.
To the the Lord, another year,
I can wear a flower of red.

Each day I live with fearful thoughts,
Would she be here this May?
For me to wear a flower of red,
To honor her that day?

Then softly came a peaceful voice,
Upon my fearful ear.
Don't wait to show her all your love,
Just one day in the year.

Let every day be Mother's Day,
Live each day as the last.

A flower of white must come,
And flowers of red must pass.

Mark 10:27 With God all things are possible.

As we soon approach the month of June we think of going to the IVFA convention. This year it is in Evansville and we want to thank them for hosting it.

Heavenly Father,

We ask a special blessing on those who have worked so hard for us, as members and friends and officers to come and enjoy a few days of fellowship and learning more about our state organizations.

Lord, be with the officers as they go into these business meetings. Please give Richard and Phyllis, as our leaders, the strength and knowledge to handle all things that are in Thine eyes.

Bless all of those who are able to attend, direct them to also perform in an orderly manner and have a great time.

Be with them all as they travel to Evansville and Lord guide them safely back home.

Father we thank You for loving us, trusting us and having faith in us.

We also know You are our friend and we love You.

Amen.

Love and Prayers,

Joann Hays, IVFAA Chaplain



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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

RAMADA INN, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 12, 1995

The meeting of the IVFAA was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, President. Chaplain, Joann Hayes, passed out Valentine magnets she had made, then read a poem entitled "HUGS". She then gave a lovely prayer asking for guidance for the ladies and men. The pledge to the flag was recited. Recording Secretary, Faye Sallee, gave the roll call, with 21 members and 3 guests responding. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Barbara Parker made a motion to refrain from reading the district reports. Mary Mackin seconded it. Motion Passed. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance brought forward Nov. 12, 1994		\$5247.33
INCOME:		
Dues	293.00	
Interest	29.78	
Jewelry	105.00	
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TOTAL INCOME	+	452.78
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Mileage	228.40	
Ph. & Postage	37.80	
Overpaid dues	7.50	
Jewelry	74.49	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	348.19
BALANCE on hand Feb. 12, 1995		\$5351.92

Letters and cards were read from the Sorg family, Diana Gray and Judy Hildebrand. Faye Sallee gave the membership report. We have 80 Auxiliaries, 1006 members and 37 Individuals with a total of 1043.

Chaplain, Joann Hayes said she had sent 3 Sympathy cards, (Jack Zeeks, Mort Sorg and Mary Mackin). She also sent 3 Get Well cards to Diana Gray, Nancy Neal and Dottie Striegel. She said she had 11 Catholic and 5 Protestant Bibles on hand. She had given a Memorial Service in Raleigh. There were 2 deaths in District 1— Lake Ridge and Munster.

Phyllis Vargo said she was asked to a Memorial service for an auxiliary members 2 year old child. She did not give a Bible, but instead gave a small gold angel pin with a note from the IVFAA. She did not know if she had done right, but Barbara Parker made a motion that if an auxiliary member is approached to give a memorial service, we would give the memorial and offer a token of our sympathy and be reimbursed for the gift. Lucy Stofer seconded it. Motion passed.

Joann said she had taken approximately 2 hours to notify everyone of the death in the association. Those that she did not talk to personally, she left a message on their recorder. The cost was \$13.81. Barbara Parker made a motion for her to continue with the calling—it was well worth it to know everyone was notified. Mary Mackin seconded it. Motion Passed.

Joann said one thing that made it nice was that she also heard of other illnesses and deaths from some that she had called. Toni Sorg said how quick the response was in cards getting to them after Joann received word. It was unbelievable. The cards were greatly appreciated. Lucy Stofer also thanked everyone for their cards.

It was learned that Dottie Striegel will be giving up District chairman, due to her health.

Auditing, Maxine Davies, said they would be auditing Doe Doll, Miss Flame and Jewelry books today.

Virginia Wilson, —no report
Installation, Barbara Parker, said they will be ready.

Financial Study, Maxine Davies, — no report

Miss Flame, Eula Bush, said she has 12 girls.

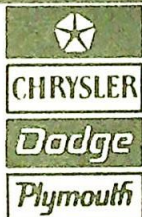
Doe Doll, Lou Bartlow, said she has \$63.00 returned so far. If anyone needs tickets, pick them up. We have to get busy selling!

By-Laws, Dollie Komoscar, — Not present. The by-laws must be in to Faye Sallee by April 8th. If not received by then they will not be accepted.

Jewelry, Mary Mackin, She sent in a picture of the charm in Jan. and have not heard from them. She turned in \$95.00 and will be getting a check from the men for \$ 340.00.

Nominating, Ann Moss, said she is OKAY!!

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Historian, Carolyn McCarty, no report.

President's Advisory, Nancy Neal, No report.

Lois Boaz, Joann Hays, only has 1 entry. Go Back to your districts and get them busy sending in letters. The deadline is April 1st. Make sure you put the size of jacket needed.

Parliamentarian, Virginia Wilson, no report. She is in Florida.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barbara Parker said the Miss Flame committee will need more money, at least \$275.00 or more.

Joann said that the Bibles that are in the cedar boxes are bad. The boxes are no good. The place where we purchased them is no longer in business. She talked to Charlie Baker and he sent her 6 Protestant bibles at a cost of \$23.95 + postage. She contacted Heirloom Bible in Witchata, Kansas and they can order 1-11 bibles at a cost of \$17.95 + postage. The more you buy, the cheaper the price. She had the bible there to look at and get some input on it. It is a bigger bible, but the print is a little larger and easier to read. A discussion followed. Eula Bush made a motion to purchase 12 of the new Protestant Bibles, but use the bibles in the field first, before the new ones are given out. Ann Moss seconded it. Motion passed.

****ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMAN BRING YOUR BIBLES TO THE NEXT MEETING SO WE CAN GET THEM RECYCLED INTO THE SYSTEM!!!

It was noted that there was a mix-up on reservations for the May meeting of the State Officers. I received a letter on Feb. 24th from IVFA President, Dick Glant, that Ramada Inn will be accepting reservations for the May 5th & 6th Meeting. It was NOT our mistake. So you can call for your reservation now!!

Phylis said ALL Committees are to meet in the Ch. room, of said committee, on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Then, at 8:00 p.m., the Line Officers will meet in Phylis' room. There will be no entertainment for that evening.

Convention report by Barbara Kearney gave us some bad news. The host Motel (Executive Inn) will be closed. SO, they are trying to get the Holiday Inn at the airport, but will not know right away. Those of you who have your reservations in, they will be sending you a letter, letting you know where you will be placed.

The Committee is going to set up a Chinese Auction to take in extra money for the Auxiliary. Barbara said it will be made up of hand crafted items. We will ask each District to furnish 1 item and that way we will have 10 to 15 items. Helen Michl made the motion to have it at Convention and Joann Hays seconded it. Motion passed.

Nancy Cushman said to send your favorite firehouse recipe to her, as District 13 auxiliary is making a FIREHOUSE COOKBOOK.

Eula Bush said that Dana will be having a big celebration on April 18th in honor of the 50th anniversary of the death of Ernie Pyle, an author from Dana. She said there would be a lot of dignitaries from TV and News present. There are also 2 other well known author from Dana, Leo Alchman who wrote for the Atlantic Constitution and Orville Wright who wrote poems. This is just some free information she wanted to pass on!

Faye Sallee made the motion to adjourn and it was 2nd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Diana Gray, Sec. IVFAA

DISTRICT REPORTS :

District 3: Meeting was held at Kingsford Union on Jan 18th with 14 present.

Traveling plaque was won by Scipio Twp. Lee Kohn brought up the idea of auxiliary hats.

Next meeting at Michiana Shores on March 15th.

Everyone won a gift and enjoyed a snack.

District 6: Met at Johnson Twp. in LaGrange County on Nov. 17th with 16 members from 5 depts. Miss Flame contest and Lois Boaz award discussed.

It was decided to have a bake/craft auction at the March meeting to benefit the Lemmon family from Sparta Twp.

In January, we met at Spinerville in DeKalb County with 16 members and 6 guests from 7 depts.

Angela Stalf from Hudson became our Miss Flame winner. Kimberly Myhler from Johnson Twp. is our runner-up. Nicole Davis presented Angela with her crown and sash.

The May meeting will be at Ligonier in Noble County on the 18th.

District 10: Meeting was held at Waldron on Nov. 16th with 17 members and 3 guests from 5 auxiliaries.

District 10 will make the ditty bags for Miss Flames again this year. We discussed a money making project. We crowned Erica Schonfeld from Waldron as our Miss Flame. Our guests were Eula Bush, District 11B Chairman and Miss Flame Chairman, Lou Bartlow, State Vice President and Miriam Schaekel, State Sgt. at Arms.

Doe Doll tickets were passed out.

District 11A: Met at Praireton Fire House Jan. 15th. Although it was very cold, we had a good turnout.

This was the day we chose our Miss Flame. After a delicious lunch, and the judging was completed, our Miss Flame was crowned. Amber Wells from Hymera was the winner and runner-up was Michelle Lynn Boyle from West Terre Haute. We wish all three girls could have won, but maybe next year Melissa Mullins from Shelbyville will try again. The judges said its very hard to judge, they are all very intelligent.

We are still selling dish cloths. We had to reorder, we sold all we had. See me if you need any.

After our meeting Joann entertained the group by making her famous hats.

Next meeting will be at Midland, Wright Twp. on March 19th.

District 11B: The regular meeting was held at Cayuga on Jan. 8th. The District dance to be held on Feb. 4th was the major topic of discussion. It turned out to be very successful and Michelle Miller of Lyford will represent us at Convention.

Our next meeting will be March 12th at Roachdale and then we will try something different by holding an evening meeting on May 10th.

Other future plans include our annual picnic to be held this year at Racoon Lake on Sept. 10th. As a special feature we will be contacting all District 11B Miss Flames and inviting them to attend the picnic.

District 12: Meeting was held on Nov. 14th at Decatur Twp. in West Newton with 14 members and 4 guests present.

Officer reports were given and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Topics discussed were Miss Flame, Conventiom'95, convention charms and Lois Boaz award deadline.

The Doe Doll tickets were passed out to each auxiliary.

March 13th is the next meeting at Decatur Twp.

District 13: The November meeting was held at Fountaintown Fire Dept. The meeting opened with the installation of the new officers elected in August.

Items from the November State Officers meeting were reviewed, including the deadlines for Lois Boaz and Miss Flame. Information was given about State Convention in Evansville.

The new By-law revisions were distributed.

At our next meeting, we will begin to work on putting together a cookbook of recipes from all the firehouses and auxiliaries that wish to contribute as a fund raiser project.

Our Feb. meeting will be held on the 16th at Charlottesville. With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a gift exchange enjoyed by all.

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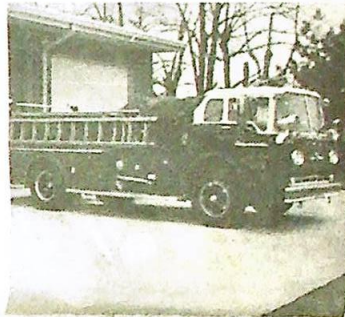
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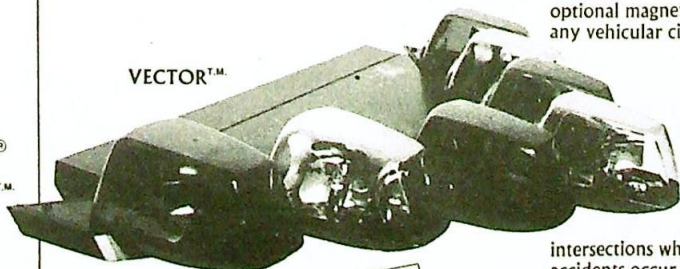
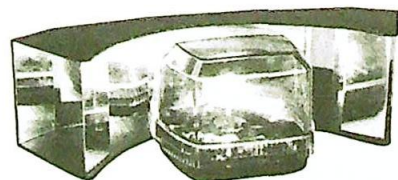
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Ephesians Chapter 5

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:27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having a spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

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In writing to the Ephesians, Paul encouraged husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it: so ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

It would appear that if one law were to be selected as a guideline for constant use in the home, love, genuine Christian love would be the best.

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Our sympathies go out to those who have lost loved ones. I have had memorials for Robert Battleday, Springfield Township; Carl Davis, Madison Township; Dave Bozell, Lake of the Four Seasons; and Robert Woodfill, of Ryker's Ridge, near Madison.

While we were in Madison, we paid a visit to Clarence Hoffman, who is 97 years of age and has been a member for 79 years. A remarkable man. It has been a pleasure to visit with him and his son, John, when we are in that area.

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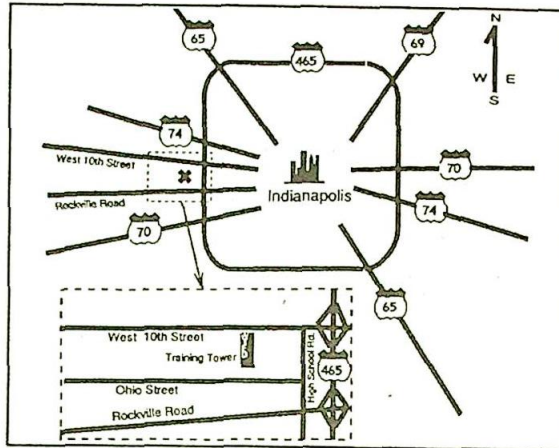
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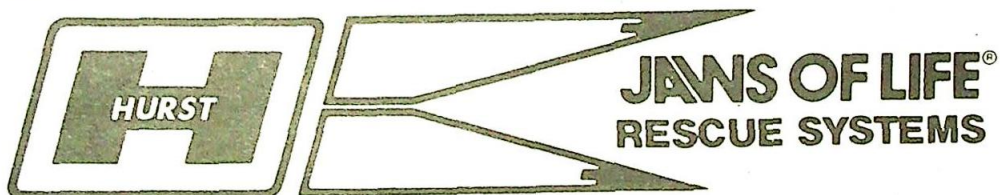


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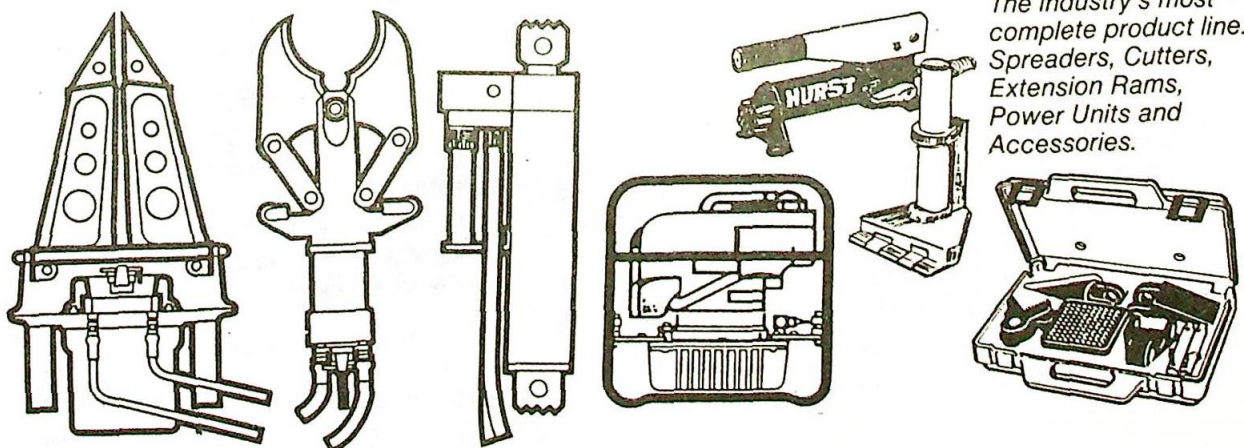
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Michigan City apts. gutted Homeless but unhurt in early a.m. blaze

Cathy Behrendt
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
Mar. 1, 1995

MICHIGAN CITY — Residents of 16 apartments at a complex on Michigan City's south side were safe but homeless after fire gutted their building early this morning.

The cause of the fire at Southwind Apartments remained under investigation this morning but did not appear to be suspicious, Michigan City Fire Department deputy Chief Willie Milsap said.

A resident of 100 Windy Dr., reported smoke in the building to 911 at 1:56 a.m., Milsap said. At about 8 a.m. flames were still shooting out of the roof of the three-story building, but by 9:30 the fire appeared to be out.

"Now we just have to figure out the who, what, where, when and how," Milsap said.

"I'm quite sure this apartment has smoke alarms which warned residents of the danger. We're very fortunate. It could have been a disaster," Milsap said as he looked at the ice-encased remains of the building, located north of the intersection of U.S. 421 and CR-400N.

Firefighters evacuated residents from the 18 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments in the 22-year-old building immediately after discovering thick smoke; two of the apartments were vacant, Milsap said.

The absence of flames and the early hour helped keep residents calm during the evacuation, Milsap said.

The evacuees sought temporary shelter in the complex clubhouse. The group of neighbors, including a newlywed couple, then watched through a sliding glass door and across a lawn as their homes and belongings were destroyed.

By early this morning, most if not all of the residents had made temporary housing arrangements through family, friends, the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army, Milsap said.

The Red Cross and Salvation Army also supplied firefighters and victims with much-needed hot coffee, Milsap said.

Firefighters battled not only a fire but also the freezing temperatures, Milsap said.

Ice-laden trees, bushes, vehicles, sidewalks and firefighting equipment were proof of the massive amounts of water used to knock down the fire in the freezing temperatures, which reached a low of 18 degrees at 4 a.m.

"Due to the weather conditions, it was very difficult to extinguish the fire," Milsap said.

The need for more water than the three fire hydrants near the burning building could supply brought mutual aid in the form of tanker trucks from Coolspring, Center, Kankakee and Springfield Volunteer Fire Departments.



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First Responders cooperate with EMS, police

Nancy Nelson Schafer
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
Mar. 29, 1995

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) actually began in 1974 to provide ambulance service and emergency care and was managed through the Health Department.

The EMS branched out into its own department in 1979 "because of the forethought and input of many people to visualize the needs of the community," said Ira Mills, administrator of the EMS.

The EMS, firefighters and police are often simultaneously called in emergency situation, whether it be a car accident or a fire; the severity of the incident is often not known at the time of the call, which is dispatched through 911.

Who gets there first depends on the geographical location of the incident. A firefighter who has had first responder training can immediately begin to administer help to the victims.

There are five ambulances available to LaPorte County residents, two are stationed at LaPorte Hospital, two at St. Anthony Hospital in Michigan City and one in Westville.

The five ambulances cover an area of approximately 607 square miles and a population of about 108,000.

The United States Department of Transportation sets the stan-

dards for EMS crews and first responders. The department also designs the courses for police and firefighters.

LaPorte's EMS recently received the Paramedical Provider of the Year Award from the State of Indiana. Part of the criteria used for evaluation was the first responder training program.

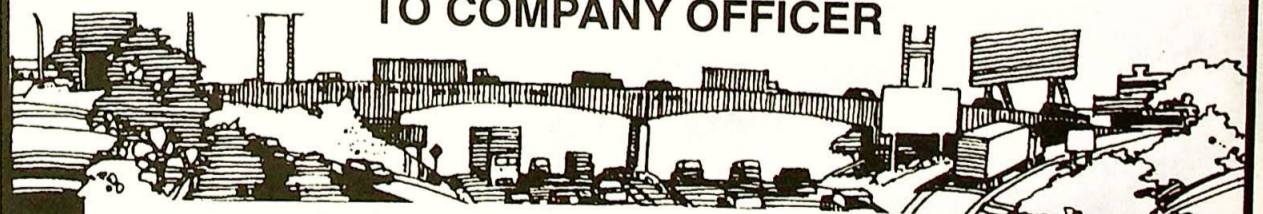
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Perry Township gets pumper truck

The Times-Mail
SPRINGVILLE — Firefighters from the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department believe that they will be better prepared to respond to a fire with their newly acquired pumper truck soon to be ready for service.

Danny New, president of the fire department's board of directors, said the 1968 Mack Diesel pumper had belonged to the city of Bloomington. It had been sold to a private vehicle dealer just hours before Perry Township firefighters called to inquire about it, but the department was able to buy it from the dealer.

The truck cost \$5,800 and the

purchase was authorized by the department's board of directors, which controls the department's money. The board stipulated the money is to be repaid so regular fire department expenditures can be met.

The addition of another truck will make the department much better prepared to respond to a fire, according to New. Previously, the department had operated with a 1978 tanker truck with a 1,800-gallon capacity. New said that when that tanker was emptied at a fire, all hoses had to be disconnected and the truck had to return to a hydrant in Springville to be

refilled. Mutual aid trucks from nearby departments usually were available to remain at the scene during the tanker's absence.

When the pumper truck goes into service, the department also will add a dump tank, which can hold water to replenish the pumper truck while the tanker truck is refilled.

New said various fund-raisers are being planned to help pay for the newly acquired pumper. A chili supper is set for Feb. 25, a pancake festival is planned for March 25, and a car wash will take place on April 15.

The fire truck fund will also benefit from any monies over the suggested \$10 minimum that households in the township are asked to pay for fire protection services.

The fire dept.'s ladies' aux. also is earmarking proceeds from its projects to the fire truck fund. Such projects have included a craft bazaar and the publication and sale of a cookbook.

Family unharmed after trailer fire

Cathy Behrendt
 The LaPorte Herald-Argus

A LaPorte family escaped its burning trailer unharmed after a neighbor awakened them early this morning.

The neighbor noticed the flames in the north side of the trailer at Shady Grove Trailer Park at 12:11 a.m. LaPorte County Police said.

Lonnie and Tracey Kestner and their 2-year-old son Brandon were luckily all sleeping in the south end of the trailer when the fire broke out, said Jim Johnston Springfield VFD assistant chief.

"The neighbor saw the flames before the Kestners even knew there was a fire. It's really amazing

they got out without being hurt or killed," Johnston said this morning.

Brandon shares the room with his 3-year-old brother Brian who was spending the night at his grandmother's. Brandon was afraid to sleep alone and his parents allowed him to sleep in their room on the opposite side of the trailer, Johnston said.

The fire started as a result of electrical problems in an outlet receptacle in the children's bedroom, Johnston said.

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Nancy Nelson Schaffer
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
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"There are only a few precious minutes in the life-saving window that we have to work within," said Ira Mills, Administrator of the Emergency Medical Services. A first responder is able to help immediately to stop massive bleeding, start CPR, help with breathing or circulatory problems and even vehicle extrication.

Why they volunteer
Three area vol. firefighters with diverse occupations explain why they decided to take the first responder training on their own time in addition to their other responsibilities as firefighters.

A busy architect in Hanna, Dave Harness has been known to walk out of an important business meeting when his emergency beeper sounds. "Being a first responder seemed like the logical next step after seeing what other first responders were able to accomplish, and I enrolled in the second training class that was offered," said Harness.

He's been a volunteer firefighter more than 20 years and a first responder for about 12.

In a rural community it takes more time for an ambulance to arrive. A first responder is an even more valuable asset in those areas.

Close to trouble spot
"I've been know to give customers the key to my shop and tell them to lock up when they leave!," laughed Mark Coulter, a volunteer at both the Westville and the Cass Clinton Fire Depts. He is a well-known auto mechanic in Westville and his customers have learned to adjust and appreciate his emergency departures.

Because of his proximity to certain high-risk accident areas such as the intersection of U. S. 421 and U. S. 30, Coulter felt the training would really be a big contribution to his area. "I saw other first responders on action and knew I wanted to learn more.

"LaPorte County offers one of the finest and toughest first responder courses in the state," said Coulter. Although Coulter knows his skills contribute greatly to helping accident or fire victims, he is adamant that "I'm always thankful and glad to see the paramedics arrive."

Makes a big difference
Warren Schacht, a plant manager at Bloxom Corp. in Michigan City, has been a vol. firefighter at the Coolspring Fire Dept. for 14 years and a first responder since 1993. He lives in Trail Creek.

Because of his proximity of I-94 and U.S. 20 he knows the training can make a big difference in a serious accident." We are on the medical side and can often get there before the ambulance. When the paramedic arrives we can be that extra pair of hands and help, not just stand there," said Schacht.

He said when you know the victim could be yourself, a member of your family or a neighbor,

you realize how important a first responder can be.

First responders are men and women who are volunteer, or in Michigan City's case, paid firefighters who have elected to do more to assist in a medical crisis.

Training exceptional
A few local companies are having some employees complete the first responder training to handle on-site emergencies.

LaPorte Co. Coroner Barbara Huston is the current training officer responsible for the training of first responders and the in-service additional training that is required, for first responders, EMTs and paramedics. She said LaPorte Co. provides exceptional training standards that are higher than the state requirements.

"First Responders provide an invaluable service to the community. They don't get paid, are up at any hour, perform life-saving duties, lift, carry, protect, direct traffic and are very dedicated; they are invaluable," said Huston. "We need them; you can never be too prepared for an emergency."

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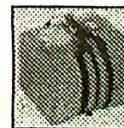
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Fire strikes storage shed

by Catherine Cowan
Times-Mail Staff Writer

MITCHELL — Fire destroyed a storage shed at a Mitchell school bus manufacturing plant Thursday, sending thick plumes of black smoke billowing across the town.

The storage shed, which belonged to Carpenter Manufacturing, was located close to the corner of Old Ind. 37 and Main Street in Mitchell, just behind Bass Liquors.

Mitchell City and Marion Twp. VFD sent a total of about 30 firefighters to the scene to fight the flames, which broke through the roof of the building soon after the fire began.

The last Marion volunteer firefighters left the scene at about 9:10 p.m. Thursday, but returned again for about three hours at 10:15 p.m. to put water on hot spots and steam that seemed to be rekindling.

Little is left today of the building and nothing remains of its contents, which included windows, vinyl seat covers and foam padding used in manufacturing school buses. The State Fire Marshal is investigating at the site today to try to determine the fire's cause, said Homer Hammett of Carpenter.

The fire was first reported by Mitchell Police Sgt. Dana Wigley, who was on routine patrol at about 3:10 p.m. when he noticed light smoke coming out from under eaves of the storage building.

Wigley immediately notified Mitchell VFD, which was on the scene in about three minutes to fight the fire. Mitchell then called out Marion Township VFD, since the Carpenter property is considered to be in the county because the property was never annexed by the city.

Within a matter of minutes, the smoke from the shed had begun to turn thick, heavy and black, mostly because of foam that was burning inside. The eastern wall of the building fell in, allowing firefighters better access to fight the flames. Mitchell Mayor Jerry Hancock brought out his construction company's plume truck, allowing firefighters to get up above the fire to spray the flames with water.

No firefighters were hurt in bringing the flames under control.

Tim Durham, president of Carpenter Mfg., said at the time the fire began, the storage shed was being cleaned out to be turned into a break room and cafeteria for the workers.

"The building was being emptied and they were moving the inventory out to clean it out," Durham said. "We haven't assessed the total value of the loss yet, but I would guess the total is under \$500,000, including the inventory and the building itself."

Durham said the cause of the fire had not yet been determined, but that he did not suspect arson.

"There is no reason to suspect arson," he said. "Probably something spilled or someone dropped a cigarette. Who knows?"

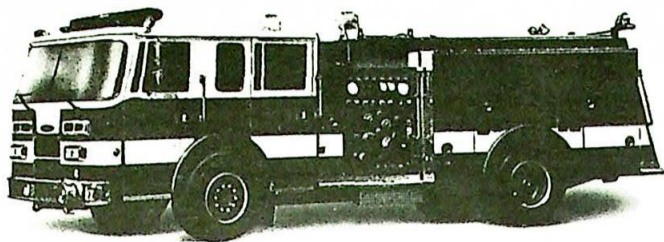
Hammett said one theory about how the fire started was that a gas heater inside the shed had malfunctioned. He said that no one would disturb the site today while the Fire Marshal was investigating the cause, but that the company would probably begin cleanup sometime over the weekend.

"We appreciate all the firefighters who came out," Hammett said. "We're glad nobody was hurt."

Several Mitchell restaurants brought coffee, cold drinks and sandwiches to the firefighters including Dairy Queen, Arby's and Mistletoe Falls Cafe. The Salvation Army Emergency Services Unit also assisted on the scene.

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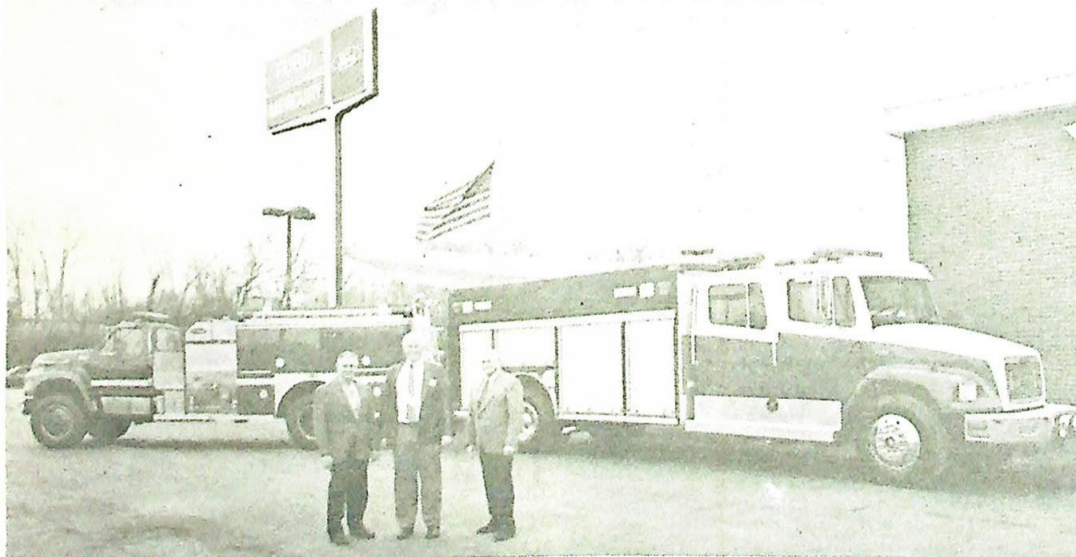
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PREPARED FOR
INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
718 SOUTH INGOMAR STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46241
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

PREPARED BY
ROBERT L. STEWART
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
721 SUNDOWN DRIVE
PLAINFIELD, INDIANA 46168
MARCH 10, 1995

AUDITORS' REPORT

WE HAVE AUDITED THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (MODIFIED CASH BASIS) OF THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. (A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1994, AND THE RELATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED. THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BASED ON OUR AUDITS.

WE CONDUCTED OUR AUDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS. THESE STANDARDS REQUIRE THAT WE PLAN AND PERFORM THE AUDIT TO OBTAIN REASONABLE ASSURANCE ABOUT WHETHER THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE FREE OF MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT. AN AUDIT INCLUDES EXAMINING, ON A TEST BASIS, EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE AMOUNTS AND DISCLOSURES IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. AN AUDIT ALSO INCLUDES ASSESSING THE ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES USED AND SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES MADE BY MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS EVALUATING THE OVERALL FINANCIAL PRESENTATION. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR AUDITS PROVIDE A REASONABLE BASIS FOR OUR OPINION.

AS DESCRIBED IN NOTE 1, THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WERE PREPARED ON THE BASIS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, WHICH IS A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING OTHER THAN GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES.

IN OUR OPINION, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REFERRED TO ABOVE PRESENT FAIRLY, IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS, THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS OF INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1994, AND ITS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED, ON THE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING DESCRIBED IN NOTE 1.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1994

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:	
CASH in Bank-General Operating Checking	\$158,926.99
CASH in Savings-Certificate of Deposit-Bank One	50,000.00
CASH in Savings-Certificate of Deposit-NBD	75,000.00
CASH in Bank - Bridgeport Scholarship Fund	42,741.59
CASH in Bank - Bridgeport Scholarship Fund	50,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	\$376,668.58

FIXED ASSETS:

FURNITURE	\$9,813.21
EQUIPMENT	13,710.43
LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(22,923.64)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:	\$600.00
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$377,268.58

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:

TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$0.00
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NET ASSETS:

UNRESTRICTED FUND	284,526.99
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	92,741.59
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	377,268.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$377,268.58

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1994

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

REVENUES AND GAINS:

DUES	\$215,429.00
PROGRAM BOOK	325.00
PAPER ADVERTISING	19,344.65
OTHER INCOME	2,913.00
INSURANCE	34,634.56
BANK INTEREST	8,443.48
CONVENTION	4,385.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES AND GAINS	\$285,474.69

NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	0.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$285,474.69

EXPENSES:

ADD TAKER PAPER	\$4,121.16
ADVERTISING INSURANCE	2,500.00
CLOTHING REPLACEMENT FOR FIREFIGHTER'S	966.02
COMMITTEE EXPENSE	2,751.35
CONVENTION EXPENSE	7,012.47
DELEGATES EXPENSE	5,366.80
DISTRICT EXPENSE	9,837.77
DISTRICT SECRETARY EXPENSE	330.00
FIRE SCHOOL EXPENSE	8,132.50
FUNERAL FUND	6,838.32
INSURANCE-GENERAL	9,622.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	3,658.50
LEGISLATURE EXPENSE	45,149.00
OTHER EXPENSE	3,957.57
OFFICERS ALLOWANCE	8,119.28
OFFICERS EXPENSES-REIMBURSED	11,678.95
OFFICERS MEETING EXPENSE	24,134.64
PAPER EXPENSE	24,436.98
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DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	600.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: 211,663.06

(DECREASE) INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED ASSETS: 73,811.63

CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

(DECREASE) INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS 0.00

**INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1994**

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS:

DUES	\$215,429.00
PROGRAM BOOK	325.00
PAPER ADVERTISING	19,344.65
OTHER INCOME	2,913.00
INSURANCE	34,634.56
BANK INTEREST CONVENTION	8,443.48
BANK INTEREST	4,385.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	2,666.34
RETURN OF SERVICE CHARGES	3,000.00
	48.15

CASH PAID FOR:

OPERATING EXPENSES 217,090.24

NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES \$74,098.94

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES: 0.00

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH 74,098.94

CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR 302,569.64

CASH AT THE END OF YEAR \$376,668.58

RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS \$73,498.94

ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE INCREASE IN NET ASSETS TO CASH (USED) PROVIDED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

DEPRECIATION 600.00

NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES: \$74,098.94

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

NONE

**INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1994**

CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

REVENUES AND GAINS:

BANK INTEREST	2,666.34
CONTRIBUTIONS	3,000.00
RETURN OF SERVICE CHARGES	48.15

TOTAL REVENUES AND GAINS 5,714.49

EXPENSES:

BANK SERVICE CHARGES	27.18
SCHOLARSHIPS	3,000.00
DEATH BENEFIT	3,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: 6,027.18

(DECREASE) INCREASE IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS: -312.69

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS: 73,498.94

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 303,769.64

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR 377,268.58

**INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994**

NOTE 1:

BOOKS OF RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED ON A MODIFIED CASH BASIS USUAL TO THIS TYPE OF OPERATION. THERE IS NO UNUSUAL TREATMENT OF ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS. THE ACCOUNTING THEORY OF RECORDING THE TRANSACTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS OF THIS TYPE. ASSETS ARE PRESENTED AT HISTORICAL COST WITH DEPRECIATION BEING ACCRUED ON A STRAIGHT LINE BASIS ACCORDING TO USEFUL LIFE OF THE ASSET. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ARE RECOGNIZED AT THE TIME THEY ARE PAID CONSISTENT WITH THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS THEORY.

MANAGEMENT ELECTED TO CHANGE THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD ENDING DATE FROM A FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 31, TO A CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31. THE RESULT WAS A SHORT YEAR CONSISTING OF SEVEN MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1993, THEREFORE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WERE NOT PRESENTED ON A COMPARATIVE BASIS.

NOTE 2:

THE CORPORATION IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY AND AS SUCH IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES ON NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACTIVITIES; THEREFORE NO PROVISION FOR TAXES IS REQUIRED.

NOTE 3:

THE CORPORATE BANK OF RECORD IS BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FOR THE GENERAL ACCOUNT. THE ACCOUNT CONSIST OF A GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT EARNING INTEREST AT THE PRESENT RATE OF 1.90%.

NOTE 4:

CASH IN SAVINGS-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-BANK ONE REPRESENTS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS IN THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS WITH BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 EARNING INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 3.15%, WITH A MATURITY DATE OF FEBRUARY 8, 1995.

NOTE 5:

CASH IN SAVINGS-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-NBD. REPRESENTS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT. THE ACCOUNT CONSISTED OF TWO CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$25,000.00 EARNING 4.9% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JULY 31, 1995 AND ANOTHER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 EARNING 7.90% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JULY 26, 1995.

NOTE 6:

CASH IN SAVINGS-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REPRESENTS RESTRICTED FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 EARNING 4.1% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JULY 3, 1995.

NOTE 7:

CASH IN BANK-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REPRESENTS RESTRICTED FUNDS MAINTAINED IN AN INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA EARNING AT PRESENT 1.90%.

NOTE 8:

THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. IS ACTING AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BRIDGEPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THE FUND IS A RESTRICTIVE FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER FIREMEN FUNERAL FUNDS.

Fisherman falls through ice

LaPorte Herald-Argus

Center Township Volunteer Fire Department, LaPorte County EMS and the LaPorte County SCUBA team worked Saturday helping a fisherman who fell through the ice on North Pine Lake. Robert Dudiak of 907 Detroit St. was fishing a couple of hundred feet offshore. At about 4:26 p.m., as he was walking back to shore, the ice broke beneath him. A resident of the 300 block of Oak Drive saw him and called for help. Dudiak refused medical treatment.

Explosion not cause of Monday house fire

The LaPorte Herald-Argus

COOLSPRING TOWNSHIP —A destructive fire at a house on U.S. 20 early Monday morning was not caused by an explosion, investigators discovered Tuesday.

In fact, Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Craig Seifert said there was not evidence of any explosion at 7022 W. U.S. 20.

The fire that severely damaged the residence appears to have started accidentally as a result of combustible materials, including clothing, stored too close to the furnace, Seifert said.

Al Fagley and his wife told firefighters they were awakened at about 3 a.m. by an explosion which shook the house, and Fagley said he believed it to be the furnace.

The Fagley's escaped the smoke-filled house and called for help from a nearby gas station.

"They were fortunate to get out safely," Seifert said.

Seifert said the couple may have heard aerosol cans in the basement exploding, but he said he has definitely "ruled out the exploding appliance theory."



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Fire fuels talk

By Dan Rosenberg
New-Dispatch staff writer
Mar. 2, 1995

Wednesday morning's fire at the Southwind apartment complex once again had people asking whether a new fire station is needed on the South Side.

Two politicians who have been involved in the debate for years disagreed Wednesday when asked if a South Side station would have made a difference in the Southwind fire.

Mayor Robert Behler said the fire was so ferocious that even if there had been a South Side station, firefighters could not have arrived in time to save the building.

"When I was standing out there this morning watching the fire, it occurred to me that someone would say 'this wouldn't have happened if we had a station on the South Side,'" Behler said. "I've said for years we need a new station, but this type of fire could not have been prevented even if there was a station within blocks of Southwind."

But Councilman Randy Miller, R-4th Ward, whose ward includes the apartment complex, said the fire served as another proof that either a new station or realignment of the current stations is necessary.

"It very definitely shows the need," Miller said. "there should be a realignment of stations, because currently there's way too much overlap of service."

Miller said fire trucks did not arrive at the fire soon enough Wednesday morning.

Firemen got the call at 1:56 a.m. and arrived six minutes later. But Miller said if fire stations were aligned better, firefighters could have arrived sooner.

"Firemen should be able to respond in three to four minutes," Miller said.

Behler said lack of money has kept the city from building a new station.

"To build and equip a new station would cost several million dollars, and at least \$500,000 a year to maintain," the mayor said. "It's been on hold for years because there has never been the prospect of sufficient funds. But with the County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) and the possibility of riverboat revenues, we can now do a serious study."

Miller said the current system does not adequately cover the area near Rogers High School, which will be consolidated with Elston High School next year.

The school, on the southeast side of town, is near the Normandy Village apartment complex another heavily populated development. There also has been heavy retail growth on the South Side in recent years, including Wal-mart, Lowe's and numerous restaurants, and this year a Meijer's store will be added to the mix.

"On the fire-zone maps, each station has a circle around it showing the time it takes for trucks to arrive at a fire," Miller said. "Right now, Rogers is really beyond the limit. But half of the circle around the Lake Hills Station covers Lake Michigan."

Miller also said a water tank should be built on the East Side to provide better service to hydrants. The Water Board requested that the state provide funds for a tank, but was turned down last month.



By Bob Wellinski/Herald-Argus Staff
Kingsford Union firefighters douse "hot spots"

Fire kills KH man

Four others escape early morning blaze

Rick Markley
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
Jan. 28, 1995

KINGSFORD HEIGHTS — Tragedy struck early this morning when a small Kingsford Heights home burst into flames, killing one of its five occupants.

Around 6 a.m. firefighters were summoned to 501 Exeter Rd. where they found a small one-story home engulfed in flames. Firefighters said a smoke alarm woke the family, all of who made it out without injury except 50-year-old Ulysses Jeffery, who died in the home.

Two of the four survivors were children.

"If it wasn't for the smoke alarm, we would have had five fatalities," said Lt. Dave Enoch, of the Kingsford Union Fire Department. Family members said they woke Jeffery when the fire started and thought he was following them out of the house, Enochs said.

Jeffery became separated from the family in the thick black smoke. Once outside, the family

saw Jeffery pounding on the window in an attempt to get out, Enochs said.

Firefighters said the house was so consumed with fire when they arrived, there was no chance of saving Jeffery.

Firefighters continued to battle flare-ups two hours after the house had been extinguished. The house was destroyed within 15 minutes, they said.

The force of the fire blew a screen window some 20 feet to the front sidewalk which itself had been licked by flames, one firefighter said as others picked and sprayed at the charred frame looking for hot spots. The cold weather makes it more difficult to battle a fire because the steam created from spraying is blinding, and the frozen ground makes for poor footing, he said.

Kingsford Union Fire Chief Bob Bentley said it appears the fire began in the kitchen and there is no evidence of foul play. It may be days before the exact cause of the fire is determined, he said.

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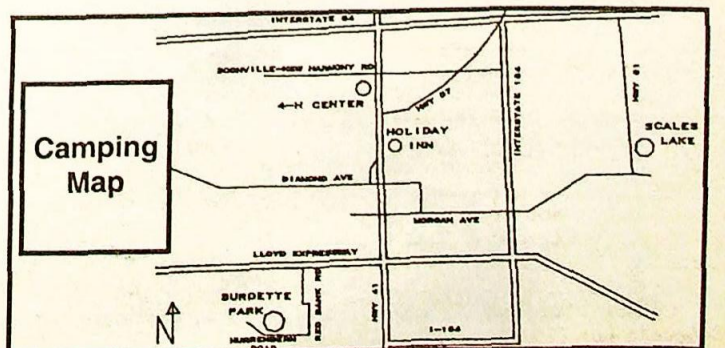
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The Suburban will be used for transporting manpower to other cities for assist and going to State Fire School, and other training school and classes.

On Monday, April 24, 1995, the Suburban Truck Committee donated the Suburban to the Town of Bremen at the town meeting on Monday night.

The Bremen Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the fire department.

Blackford Road home burns twice in one day

Mike Warren

Mount. Vernon Democrat

Two small children playing with matches and gasoline started a fire that extensively damaged their family's Mount Vernon-area home.

Fortunately, no one was injured in the blaze which destroyed the home of Danny McCarty at 4714 Blackford Road.

Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue received the call at 8:58 a.m. Saturday. By the time they arrived, the garage area of the home was fully involved, and neighbors were busy helping the family remove valuables from the home.

"On the right, back corner there's a utility shed attached to the house," explained Fire Chief Bruce Bauer. "The kids (two boys, ages 4 and 5) had poured some gas on the ground next to the shed. They lit one match. It scared them when it caught fire and they ran inside the house."

Bauer said when the children

got inside the house they apparently were afraid to tell their parents about what they did.

"It was at least 20 minutes before neighbors noticed the fire and called the McCartys, so it had a good start by then," Bauer said. "The father asked the boys why they didn't say anything, and the boys said they thought the fire was out."

By the time firefighters arrived, the garage was heavily damaged and thick smoke had spread to other areas of the house. Aside from Fire and Rescue, additional help was provided by the New Harmony Fire Department and the Marris Township Fire Department.

After extinguishing the fire, firefighters were called to the same residence several hours later. The second call came in around 5:20 p.m.

"The house had (paper) insulation - it glows real bad," explained Bauer. "Apparently, there was a little bit of it still

glowing."

The second fire, as was the case with the first, also attracted the attention of neighbors. Again, Marris Township and New Harmony firefighters were called to the scene.

In between the two fires at the McCarty home, Fire and Rescue crews fought a large field fire just off Highway 62 West.

"It was a busy day for us," commented Bauer. While the McCarty home was extensively damaged, Bauer noted the situation could have had a more devastating end.

"Those kids are real lucky they weren't hurt," Bauer said.

Bauer also said the incident should serve as a reminder how quickly kids can get in over their heads.

"These aren't bad parents by any means," Bauer said of the McCartys. "These kids were playing right in their back yard - they were alone for only about 20 minutes. Most parents wouldn't think anything of it."

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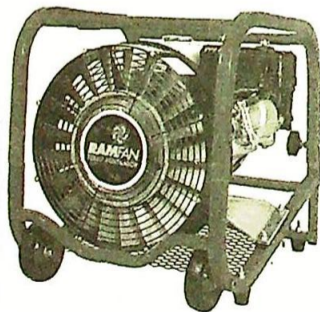
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Hello! I hope everyone had a great Easter and a safe month.

The district meetings are great. Everyone should attend to receive the information which is very important to all Fire and EMS personnel. Your district chairmen work very hard at getting the latest information for you and your departments, also for your families.

As you know the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education is working hard on the new standards. We have one of the hardest working members in the IVFA in Paul Covington. I have a lot of respect for Paul and all the hard work he has done for the volunteer firefighter. I would like to thank all the members of the Board for their hard work.

I would also like to thank Hillsboro VFD for having me as their guest speaker. It was a great honor.

I will see you all at convention in Evansville. Be safe.

1995 INTERNATIONAL WATERBALL COMPETITION

Make plans to attend the International Waterball Competition in Bremen, IN at Sunnyside Park on Sat. and Sun. Sept. 9 & 10.

This year the International Waterball Committee is sponsoring the Waterball banquet the same weekend, so more competitors and their families can attend. In the past, the banquet was held in later in the fall and many found it difficult to attend. Plamor Campgrounds in Bremen has offered our group the use of one of their pavilions.

The menu for the banquet will be a barbecue chicken dinner, including baked beans, applesauce, bread and butter, beer and soft drinks. There will be hot dogs for the children. Dance to music provided by the DJ's, the Booze Brothers.

More information will be available at the 1995 IVFA Convention and at all of the Waterball meets being held this summer. The Committee hopes that attendance will be higher this year as attendance is dropping off not only at the competition but at most of the waterball meets sponsored by various fire stations throughout the summer.

Be sure to encourage your new firefighters and old alike to give waterball a try. You'll meet new people, make lasting friendships and have one great summer.

Tentative schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 9

9:00 a.m. Games Registration Bremen Fire Station

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting Bremen Fire Station

12:00 p.m. 1st Round Waterball Competition Bucket Brigade Competition

Cart Race Competition at Sunnyside Park

6:00 p.m. Waterball Banquet at Plamor Campgrounds

7:30 p.m. International Waterball meeting with crowning of Mr & Mrs. Waterball

9:00 p.m. Dance to the Booze Brothers

Sunday, Sept. 10

9:00 a.m. Second Round Waterball Competition and trophies at Sunnyside Park

Fish Lake house damaged by fire

LaPorte Herald-Argus
Mar. 10, 1995

Lincoln Township volunteer firefighters on the scene of a fire at 101 Highland Drive, Fish Lake, Thursday morning. A passerby noticed the fire at 7 a.m. and called 911. An electrical malfunction in the water softener led to about \$15,000 in damage, Lincoln Chief Dave Foster said.

Homeowner Bill Baumgartner, his wife and their five children were not home at the time of the fire, Foster said. The utility room was gutted by the fire and the rest of the house sustained heavy smoke damage, Foster said.

Grass fire ignites, barn, car, tools Burning yard waste goes out of control

Rick Markley, Cathy Behrendt
LaPorte Herald-Argus
March 15, 1995

When Lloyd Thorne began burning a stump next to his house, he had no idea it would end in the destruction of his pole barn, a car and several thousand dollars of tools and equipment.

Thorne's yard waste fire spread through the grass and got out of control at his residence at 1535E CR-400S at about 2 p.m. Tuesday, LaPorte County Police said.

Thorne and his daughter called 911 when they realized they would not be able to extinguish the fire.

As the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department raced to the scene at the northeast corner of CR-400S and CR-150E, a pile of lumber next to Thorne's pole barn was ignited.

Pleasant Township firefighters assisted by firefighters from Lincoln, Kingsbury and Noble Townships, battled the grass and barn fire for nearly 45 minutes before containing it.

The barn was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived, Pleasant Township Capt. Kevin Bluhm said. There were no injuries reported.

"I should have had the hose out," Thorne said after the fire. "If the wind would have changed, it (the fire) would have got the house."

Although the grass surrounding Thorne's house was burned, the house was untouched by the fire.

As the grass fire swept out of control in Pleasant Township, a chemical fire ignited in Kingsbury Industrial Park.

At 2:15 p.m., a blower at

Rosborough Company in Space Leasing building R-43 started a fire that partially ignited a trailer, police said.

Magnesium inside the blower system made extinguishing the fire tricky. If water is poured on magnesium, it is explosive, LaPorte County Haz-Mat Director Roger Wolff said.

Workers were properly extinguishing the fire with dry chemicals when the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department arrived, Kingsbury Chief Ed Ritter said.

Rosborough is a Walkerton-based company.

Police estimated the damage to the trailer and building at \$2,000.

Ritter believes the fire started as a result of mechanical failure inside the blower.

50 acres burned

Charges could be filed after brush fire

Cathy Behrendt
The LaPorte Herald-Argus
Mar. 20, 1995

A brush fire went out of control and burned 50 acres of fields, woodlands, two unoccupied trailers and a car Sunday afternoon.

Tim Hoopingainer of 2898 W CR-450N apparently started burning brush in his yard at about 11 a.m. Sunday, LaPorte County Police said.

At about 12:30 p.m., with the brush fire still burning, Hoopingainer and his wife left to wash his car and eat lunch, police said.

Byron Hunt of 2906 W CR-450 N heard crackling noises from the woods east of his house about an hour later, and realized his neighbor's fire was out of control, he told police.

Center, Springfield, Coaling and Kankakee Township Fire Departments were dispatched at 2:12 p.m., and arrived with 35 firefighters to combat the still-spreading fire.

The flames spread north and east from Hoopingainer's property to a wooded area to the property of Joe Silakowski of 2894W CR-450N, police said.

Once on the Silakowski property, the fire destroyed two unoccupied trailers and a 1959 Ford station wagon, police said. One of

the trailers was used to store valuables, police said.

After about four hours, firefighters contained the fire on the eastern ridge of Silakowski's property and at abandoned railroad tracks in the area.

Center Township firefighter Mike Dove pulled a muscle while fighting the fire and was taken to LaPorte Hospital for treatment as a precaution, Center Chief Mike Turner said this morning. Dove was treated in the emergency room and released.

Information about the fire was forwarded to the LaPorte County Prosecutor's Office to review for possible charges against Hoopingainer, police said.

Turner warned area residents to be extremely cautious when burning yard or other waste.

"When it's so dry out and people continue to burn, it can get away from anybody. People underestimate how fast a fire can spread in these conditions," Turner said.

"But the idea of somebody burning and then leaving it...when there are 30 mile per hour winds...It's just careless burning," Turner said.

Last week a resident of CR-400S burned down his own barn when a stump/brush fire on his property got out of control.

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VFIS Announces Innovative Program:

Building Community Support for Volunteer Departments

York, PA -- VFIS today announced development of an innovative program to help volunteer fire departments ensure their ability to serve their communities well into the 21st Century.

"Although volunteers protect more than 90 percent of American communities, the volunteer fire and emergency services are suffering from too few volunteers and too little public support," said VFIS President Don Conley.

In the coming months, VFIS will develop and test a program to help volunteer departments increase public understanding of the on-going threat of fire, the importance of volunteer fire departments and the many ways the public can and must help to preserve America's best public safety value.

VFIS serves more than 11,000 volunteer fire departments in 49 states through a range of property and casualty, life, health and other insurance programs. Through its Client Education and Training Department, VFIS provides seminars, teleconferences, a

video loan library, newsletter, publications, safety posters, and a speakers' bureau to emergency service organizations.

According to Conley, the program initially will be tested in eight volunteer departments -- two each in the West, South, Midwest and Northeastern regions of the country.

Selection of the eight departments will be announced in coming weeks. In each department, volunteers will be trained to handle a number of key community relations skills including speech writing, dealing with the news media, fund-raising and special events planning. A community relations manual will be written and tested during the pilot programs.

"The volunteer fire and emergency services -- men and women giving generously to their neighbors -- is America at its best," Conley said. "Through this program, we hope to help volunteer emergency responders tell their story and ensure the future of this essential and unique service."

Woman Hurt...



Photo by Bob Wellinski/The LaPorte Herald Argus
Mar. 22, 1995

Kankakee Volunteer Fire Department First Responders extricate Tamara Williamson from her 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix on Ind. 2 just east of CR-150E. LaPorte County Police said Williamson, 23, of 311 Nissan St., broke her jaw in two places; she was being treated in the emergency room of LaPorte Hospital and no condition report was available.

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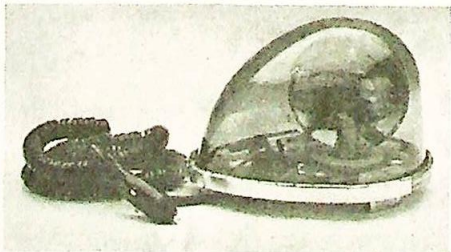
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Bill Kinsey

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The National Fire & Emergency Services Caucus dinner will be over by the time you read this but it should be a constant reminder that times have changed. We can no longer train, fight fires, answer emergencies and ignore what elected officials decide is good for the public and us. It is critical that we in the fire service communicate with everyone from our township trustee, State Representatives, State Senators, to our U.S. Representatives and Senators. Most of them have not served in a volunteer emergency service capacity and unless we tell them they will never know the truth.

I hope that if you have not been able to attend the National dinner that you will plan to attend Indiana's Fire Caucus and family picnic. Share your experiences with other firefighters. Then others may not have to make the same mistakes we have previously made.

I was contacted by Carl Bruns regarding an incident where a volunteer firefighter was advised that according to Indiana Law he should have had a Commercial Drivers License. On the back cover of the CDL Handbook 7/93, the right column lists Waivers: "Firefighters and Operators of Emergency Equipment: The FHWA believes it not contrary to the public interest to waive operators of firefighting and other emergency equipment from the requirements of the Act. Drivers who operate emergency or fire equipment which is necessary to the preservation of life or property or the execution of emergency governmental functions perform under emergency conditions."

Additionally, I contacted the Fire Marshal's Office and was referred to Mara Snyder, the attorney for the Marshal's Office and she cited Indiana Rule 140 of the IAC 7-3-16 Subsection 3. Exemptions to the CDL Rules. CDL does not apply to paid or volunteer firefighters while operating firefighting equipment. (This may not be an exact quote but is as I wrote it when talking to her on the phone.) To verify exact

wording check IAC book.

My suggestion if a firefighter is arrested for a violation of the CDL Act would be to advise the arresting officer of the exemption and take the ticket if the officer insists a CDL is required. Then take the ticket to the court with the information regarding Rule 140 IAC 7-3-16, Subsection 3.

The committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a State Office for the I.V.F.A. sharing office space and secretarial, phone answering duties with other state associations met and is obtaining prices and determining what duties would be handled by the State Office.

Just think, if you have a question or a problem with your departments dues or other matter you could call the State Office between 8 am and 5 pm Monday thru Friday and get an immediate answer. Our secretary & Treasurer have done a great job but with over 17,000 members, it's past time to improve speed and efficiency.



Pleasant Take...

The Steuben Township Fire Department presented a plaque to Don Anstett for 50 years of service on the department.

It was presented by Chief Bob Anstett which is Don's son.

Don joined the department in 1943 and has held many offices, including Fire Chief.

Photo at left: Steuben Twp. Fire Chief Bob Anstett (left) presented a plaque for 50 years of service to his father, First Captain Don Anstett.

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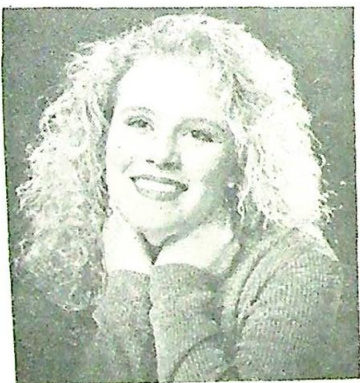
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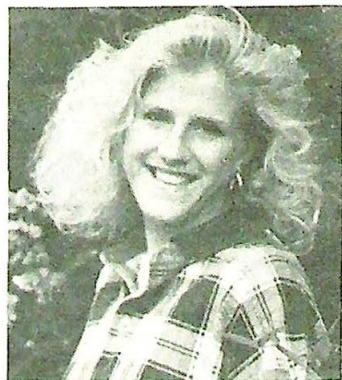


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On a regular scheduled meeting in January 1995, Centre Township VFD accepted a donation of GOOD BEARS from the "GOOD BEARS OF THE WORLD".

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Centre Township VFD personnel would like to thank the Good Bear National Organization for their donation of these bears.

Pictured from left to right: Chief Tom Hertel, Centre Township, Marty Meisner and Iva Jean Kristek, Reps. of The Good Bears, Asst. Chief Greg Fishburn and Asst. Chief Nick Tekler.

Emergency workers free woman from wreckage in 2-car accident

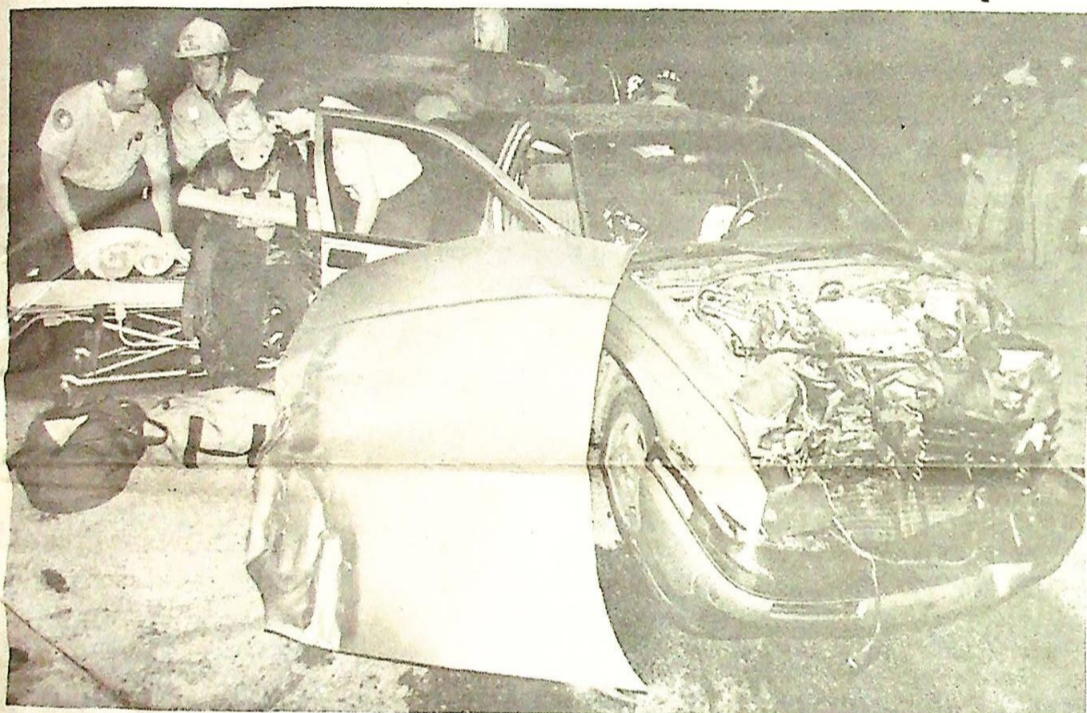


Photo by Bob Wellinski/ LaPorte Herald-Argus staff
Emergency workers remove Mary Gleason of Michigan City from her car after she apparently struck a second vehicle at the intersection of CR-800S and Long Lane Monday night. Gleason was in fair condition at LaPorte Hospital this morning.

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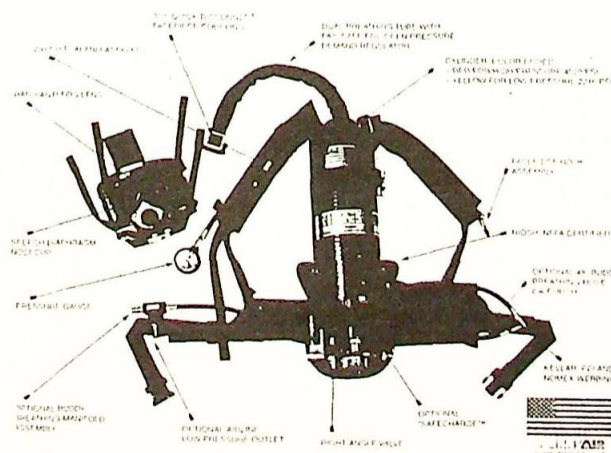
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First Responders Certified in Bartholomew Co.



On March 4th, ten firefighters from Harrison, Southwest, East Columbus and Jonesville were certified as First Responders.

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The group was instructed by paramedics, Don Gast, Carl Howard and Kevin Tibbs in conjunction with the Columbus Regional Hospital.

New First Responders: (Back row) Chris Chambers/Harrison Twp., Jim Klamor/Harrison Twp., Earl Chasteen/Jonesville Vol., Greg Warren/Southwest Vol., Shawn Plummer/Southwest Vol.

(Front Row) Wendel McNew/Jonesville Vol., Eric Banster/East Columbus Vol., Chris Gephart/East Columbus Vol., Mike Thompson/Southwest, Kevin Green/East Columbus Vol.

Nominations now being accepted for fire prevention efforts

THE MARC MUELLER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The National Volunteer Fire Council is announcing the opening of nominations for the 1995 Marc Mueller Award of Excellence which honors Volunteer Firefighters who exemplify the philosophy of fire prevention.

This annual award, established with the assistance of Master Protection Corporation, recognizes those who demonstrate superior efforts to protect the public through a continuous promulgation or enforcement of outstanding fire prevention programs in their communities.

With the formation of the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence, the NVFC is promoting the cause of fire prevention. The award was purposefully created to attract well-deserved attention to the heroes whose prevention activities save lives and property before fire occurs.

The Marc Mueller Award of Excellence is presented annually during the NVFC's fall meeting which is held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week.

The award is named for volunteer firefighter Marc Mueller who energetically promoted the causes of volunteer firefighters and supported all efforts to elevate the volunteer program to its highest level. He dedicated much of his life to public service and made major strides to bring prestige, credibility and recognition to volunteer firefighters nationwide.

Each year, the recipient's name is engraved in the permanent monument, an illuminated, three-section image of a firefighter saving a child from fire. The recipient will also receive a table top replica of the monument for display in his or her fire department

during the following year. At the end of the year, the replica will move to a new recipient and the prior recipient will receive a commemorative plaque.

Nominees must meet the following criteria to be considered for the award.

A nominee must be a volunteer firefighter and be from a member state of the NVFC. In addition:

1. Nominee must have made a major contribution or have played a key role in a significant accomplishment in the field of fire prevention.

2. Nominee must have demonstrated superior efforts in establishing goals for the protection of the public through a continuous promulgation and/or enforcement of outstanding fire prevention, fire protection or life safety programs in their communities.

3. Nominee may have developed, enforced or contributed to a specific piece of legislation resulting in increased fire/life safety.

4. Nominee may have developed or taught specific programs resulting in increased public awareness in the areas of creating a fire-safe environment.

5. Nominee may have investigated or supervised an enforcement effort which led to the conviction of a major Penal or Fire Code violator.

Nominees for the award will be asked to complete a one-page summary regarding their fire prevention accomplishments. From the nomination form and summary provided by the nominee, the recipient will be selected by a committee comprised of representatives from the NVFC and Master Protection Corp.

Of the nominations

received, the top 10 percent will receive a NVFC coffee mug emblazoned with a burning building that when filled with hot liquids extinguishes the fire and replaces it with the NVFC logo along with an inscription signifying the nominee's fire prevention efforts, and a certificate of recognition.

Nominations for the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence will be accepted until June 23, 1995 and should be sent to:

Marc Mueller Award of Excellence
c/o Project Coordinator
Master Protection Corp.
529 Broadway, Suite 650
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PORTLAND GETS NEW AERIAL TRUCK

The Portland Fire Department took delivery on January 4, 1995, of a new 75' K.M.E. aerial truck.

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Health and Safety from the Ground Up

You may not think of the fire station itself as a part of your department's health and safety program. But "keeping your house in order" is a fundamental step in a comprehensive safety and health plan. What's more, a clean and safe fire station or training facility says a lot about a dept.'s professionalism and pride in its work. So what do the authorities at the national/federal level say about keeping fire dept. facilities up to par? The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1500 Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program suggests requirements for all fire dept. facilities that include:

- Compliance with all local health, safety, building and fire code requirements that legally apply to the facility.

- Compliance with workplace safety standards that are specified by OSHA, or an equivalent standard. OSHA regulations will be discussed later in this article.

- Proper cleaning, disinfecting and storage of equipment that has or may have been exposed to an infectious disease, as directed by NFPA 1581, Standard on Fire Department Infection Control Program. NFPA 1581 requirements will be discussed later in this article.

- Smoke detectors located in work, sleeping and storage areas.

- Compliance with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, which includes requirements for fire protection features, means of egress (exit) and building services like elevators and the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system.

- Proper ventilation of exhaust emissions from fire apparatus to protect firefighters — and living and sleeping areas — from exposure to exhaust.

- Work, sleeping, kitchen and eating areas that are designated smoke-free.

- Inspections of all fire department facilities at least annually to check for compliance with the requirements in the standard, as well as monthly inspections to identify and allow for correction of safety and health hazards.

- A system for maintaining and promptly correcting any safety or health hazards or violations of codes. Infection control in fire dept. facilities NFPA 1581, Standard on Fire Dept. Infection Control Program, provides requirements for disinfecting, cleaning and storage areas for fire depts. that provide emergency medical operations. The requirements include the following:

- Disinfecting facilities should be properly lighted, vented to the outside and drained to a sanitary sewer system. Disinfection must not be conducted in kitchen, living, sleeping or personal hygiene areas of the station. Requirements are given for the design of sinks and dripdrying facilities.

- Cleaning areas must be physically separate from the emergency medical disinfecting facility, and properly lighted, ventilated, and drained to a sanitary sewer system. They also should be physically separate from areas used for food preparation and cleanup, personal hygiene, sleeping and living areas.

- Storage areas for emergency medical supplies and equipment — except for what is stored on vehicles — must be dedicated specifically for that use, and enclosed and protected from the outside environment. OSHA is part of the U.S. Department of Labor. Federal OSHA issues regulations that pertain to private employers in general industry. Twenty-three states, known as "state-plan

states," have their own OSHA approved health and safety plans that consist of regulations at least as effective as the federal OSHA requirements. Regulations in state-plan states, unlike those issued by federal OSHA, also apply to public employees — and in some of those states, volunteer firefighters are covered to the same degree as paid firefighters.

Several sections in federal OSHA regulations deal with general facility safety, though none specifically with fire facilities. Among the general industry standards are the following: Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1910, Subpart E, deals with means of egress in case of emergency. This regulation provides that exits must be adequately marked, free from barriers, sufficient in number for the type of building and its occupancy, and clearly visible.

- Federal OSHA's Sanitation Standard is found in 29 CFR 1910.141.

Requirements include:— general housekeeping (cleanliness to the extent the work allows; floors maintained in dry condition; floors and other work spaces free from protruding nails, loose boards and unnecessary

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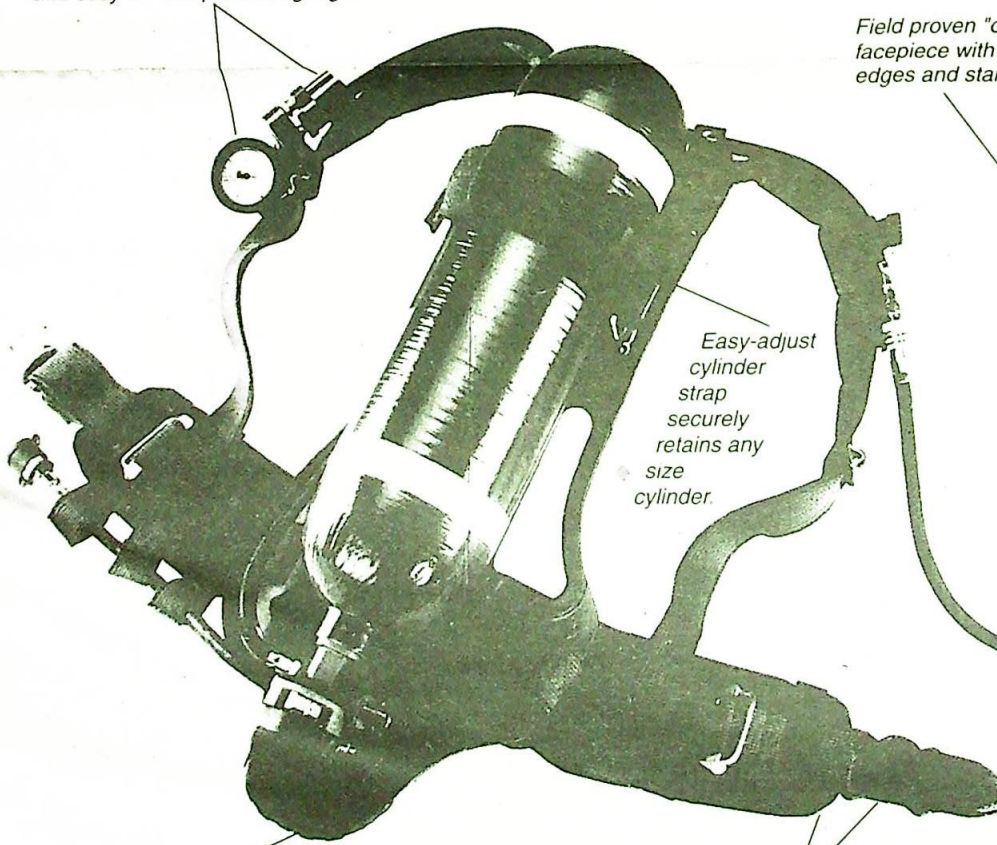
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MARSHAL'S MEMO

April, 1995

Well, it's time once again for the monthly mailing, so I'd better get something down on paper.

As you may know, we've just returned from the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg and we had a really great weekend. It was all very well coordinated by Ivan Nevil, who did his usual stellar job. Also, the Washington Township Fire Department of Marion County provided the Color Guard for Friday night's opening ceremonies and the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Saturday morning. Mark Wills of the Fishers Fire Department also participated in the service on Saturday by playing the bag pipes in his full regalia. It was quite a ceremony and their participation made it a very classy affair! Thank you all very much for making it a service to be proud of. A couple of the instructors told me it was the nicest ceremony that they had ever seen at the Academy.

On a different note, the legislature is back in full swing and I must report to you it does not look good for House Bill 1049, the legislation dealing with smoke detectors. The bill did not receive a hearing in the Senate. It is not necessarily dead at this time, but it doesn't look good. Also fire-

works has once again reared its ugly head in Senate Bill 14. The bill originally dealt with termite inspectors; it was stripped in committee and the fireworks language was inserted. Stay tuned, it is going to get interesting!

A number of you have requested a listing of the NFPA Standards that have been adopted by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. In this month's mailing you will find a 2-sided sheet showing the standards that are current Indiana law AND some of the standards that have been repealed. Remember to check the edition of each standard that the Commission has adopted.

Be careful out there and I will

Facility Safety...

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openings);— disposal of waste in proper receptacles that do not leak and may be thoroughly cleaned;— construction, equipment, design and maintenance of workplaces to allow for proper control of vermin, such as rodents and insects;— potable water provided for drinking, personal hygiene, cooking and cleaning of foods and utensils, and nonpotable water clearly marked to prevent unsafe uses;— adequate toilet facilities and sanitary washing facilities for employ-

ees;— in the case of standards requiring showers, the use of protective clothing or the cleaning of clothes (for example, the OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard, found at 29 CFR 1910.120), requirements are given for shower facilities, change rooms and clothes drying facilities; and

— if employees are permitted to consume food and/or beverages on the premises, requirements are provided for eating and drinking areas, waste disposal containers, sanitary storage and food handling.

Much of what these standards say is common sense. Most fire department members would know not to have eating facilities and toilet facilities within the same room, or to have smoke detectors in sleeping areas. But standards would not have to be developed if there weren't plenty of examples of people doing things the wrong way. These standards serve as a reminder of what should — and, if they legally apply to your department — what must be done to keep the fire department's "house" in order.

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- American Eagle
- American Massage Therapists Association
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