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Clinton man critically hurt in accident



Photo by Jack McFarland

This 1973 Corvette was nearly cut in half after it struck a tree on north Ninth Street. The driver was transferred to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

On Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 5:30 p.m., the Fairview Park Rescue Unit was called to 946 North Ninth Street in Clinton for a car crash with injuries.

Upon their arrival, they found a 1973 Corvette scattered throughout the yard, with the driver Doug McMasters trapped inside. McMasters was stabilized by the Vermillion County

Ambulance crew.

The jaws of life were used to remove the passenger side door to free McMasters.

McMasters was taken to West Central Hospital and later transferred via Lifeline helicopter to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

McMasters suffered three fractured vertebrae, seven fractured

ribs, a crushed spinal column, a broken leg, and a lacerated aorta.

Police said McMaster BAC was .19. The estimated speed was 80 mph (30 mph zone).

Charges of driving while intoxicated, disregarding a stop sign, and false/fictitious registration are pending.

Jack McFarland

Friday, March 27, 1998

The condition of a Clinton man believed to have been critically injured in a one-car accident on North Ninth Street in Clinton Thursday afternoon is unknown at press time today.

Clinton Police say Doug E. McMasters, 32, 327 Mulberry Street, was driving south in the 1000 block of North Ninth Street shortly after 5:30 p.m. and had reached an estimated speed of 80 mph when he sped through a stop sign at the intersection of North Ninth and Matthews Streets.

Tire marks indicate McMasters started accelerating in the middle of the 1000 block and traveled more than 275 feet before it spun clockwise, struck the west curb sideways, skidded through the parking area sideways before striking a tree on the west side of the 900 block.

Police say the 1973 Corvette was nearly cut in half behind the driver's seat by the impact with the tree. It skidded backward into the front yard of the Chuck Beard residence at 946 North Ninth where it came to rest a few feet from his front porch.

The Corvette hit the tree with such force that the battery was torn in half and the exhaust manifolds were broken. The differential and right frame member were bent at nearly a 90 degree angle with the front half of the car.

Beard said he heard a noise and looked out a window just in time to see the Corvette headed in the direction of the front of his house. "I thought it was coming inside my house," he said.

Pieces of the engine, frame and fiberglass body of the Corvette were strewn in the street and across neighboring lawns.

Records indicate the Corvette was registered in the name of his wife, Ronda McMasters. However, the license plate on the Corvette was registered to a black, 1981 two-door Chevrolet, also issued to Ronda McMasters.

McMasters was taken by Vermillion County Ambulance to West Central Community Hospital in Clinton. A West Central Community Hospital spokesman today said McMasters was treated in the emergency room at the Clinton Hospital and later transferred to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis by LifeLine helicopter, where he remains in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. He is currently paralyzed from the waist down.

Tests revealed McMaster's blood alcohol concentration was .19 per cent, nearly twice the legal limit in Indiana. Clinton Police Cpl. Richard Lindsey said today the accident is still under investigation, but charges of false registration, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and running a stop sign are pending.

Reprinted from The Daily Clintonian

Gutweins Suffer Major Loss In Devastating Fire

Official now says damage has reached \$3 million mark

By Kristina Baker

Francesville-Local firefighters haven't seen a fire like Monday night's (April 6, 1998) blaze at Gutwein Seeds in years. And it could have been worse if the wind hadn't been on their side, according to Francesville Fire Chief Mitch Parish.

If the wind had been coming from the north, the fire at Gutwein Seeds south of town not only would have destroyed one warehouse, but it would have spread to another warehouse just south of it.

"I've been on the department thirty years, and this is the worst local fire," Parish said Tuesday.

Fire claimed a warehouse and the hundreds of bags of corn and

soybean seed inside. All that remains of the storage facility are pink mounds of seed and pieces of bags that once bore the Gutwein name. Mangled metal siding, charcoal in color, lay in heaps.

Francesville volunteer firefighters returned Tuesday morning to the fire scene to extinguish the smoldering seed. A Caterpillar backhoe sifted through mounds of seed, allowing firefighters to spray down the smoldering corn and soybean.

Firefighters from six departments in four counties battled the blaze Monday night until the early morning hours. Approximately seventeen tanker and pumper trucks from San Pierre, Medaryville, Monon, Buffalo, Rensselaer, and Francesville responded to the fire.

Parish said the Francesville

department received the call around 9:30 p.m. Upon their arrival, the pole building with metal siding was ablaze. Flames were coming through the roof, firefighters recalled. They said they could see the flames miles away from the business located on Pulaski County Road 650 S, just west of U.S. 421.

"It went extremely fast," said Eric Gutwein, President of Gutwein & Sons, Inc., owners of Gutwein Seeds. The outside of the grading tower was wood, so it went up in flames quickly, he explained.

By 1:30 a.m., crews had the fire under control - after nearly 75,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish it. Parish said when crews left, the fire was still smoldering and they basically had to

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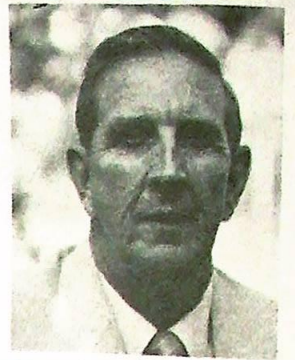
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Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker



Prayer For Today

Our Most Gracious God,

Once again we come to You with prayers of affirmation, confession and thanksgiving. We affirm the presence of Almighty God in our lives. We confess our sinful thoughts and deeds and pray for divine guidance. And, we thank You for the many blessings, especially those of family and friends, that have graced our humble lives.

In Jesus' name.
Amen

Minute Message

The day we call Mother's Day was first observed in Philadelphia in 1910 and has been celebrated nationally since 1914 by presidential proclamation.

Honoring a mother (and also fathers) was one of the Judeo-Christian ethics expounded many centuries ago. In Deuteronomy, Chapter Five, we read from the Ten Commandments, "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

The apostle Paul echoed this sentiment in his letter to the Church at Ephesus and he called it the first commandment with a promise.

I happened upon a neat little booklet recently, entitled "P.S. I Love You" by H. Jackson Brown, Jr. It is composed of many postscripts his mother added to her letters to him and I'd like to share a few. From Page 78 we read:

"P.S. A recent study revealed that people who did volunteer work at least once a week outlived those who did none, two-and-a-half to one. That implies that doing something for other people is a powerful contributor to health and long life."

And from another page, some more of a mom's wisdom:

P.S. Did you hear the story about the optimist and the pessimist? The optimist goes to the window every morning and says, "Good morning, God." The pessimist goes to the window and says, "Good God, morning." I've always loved your optimism."

These thoughts are so typical of the many mothers that we celebrate this time of year. One more simply said: "If you're doing your best, you won't have any time to worry about the failure."

Mother's Day this year is May 10. And Father's Day is June 21, coincidentally the day summer begins. So for the fathers out there, I'd like to share the Edgar Guest poem...

"Only a Dad"

Only a dad with a tired face
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the game;
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come and to hear his voice.

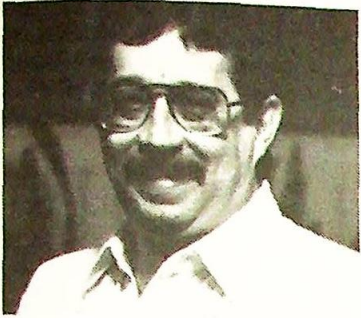
Only a dad with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad but he gives his all,
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing with courage stern and grim
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen.
Only a dad, but the best of men.

If you are still blessed with living parents, take them to church on these special Sundays and honor them on their very special day.

From the President



Jack Zeeks

Hello Firefighters and Friends, Spring is finally here. I've been fairly busy the past couple of

months trying to attend different functions and district meetings.

The convention will be here before we know it. If you haven't sent in your pre-registration and room reservations, please do it now. Our friends at District 11A and 11B I know are really working hard to make this convention the best yet.

I hope everyone sent their letters in for the following awards: Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg, Lois Boaz, and Bridgeport Scholarships. The Midwest Awards have already been completed. If you didn't get a name in, be sure to next year.

I attended the Indiana Fire Services Institute's seventh annual Fire & Emergency Services Dinner and Training Seminars in March. Attendance was much

better than last year. The dinner, seminars, and the guest speaker were excellent.

The last part of April, Carolyn and I attended the Congressional Fire Services Dinner in Washington, DC. While there, we visited with some of our legislators in Congress on Capitol Hill.

My job has kept me out of the state lately, so if you need to get in touch with me, leave a message with Carolyn or my daughter, Tracy, and I will return your call as soon as I can. If it's an emergency, Carolyn knows how to get hold of me. I don't know what I would do without those two.

In closing, Carolyn and I wish you health and happiness. Hope to see you in Terre Haute.

Until we meet again, have a great summer.

Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award of Excellence

Applications Due by July 1, 1998

The Marc Mueller Award of Excellence annually honors a volunteer firefighter who exemplifies the philosophy of fire prevention. The Marc Mueller Award of Excellence is named after 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. The NVFC and Master Protection Corporation present the award as a tribute to outstanding volunteerism and community service performed through the fire service.

To be considered for the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence, nominees must be volunteer firefighters and be from a member state of the National Volunteer Fire Council. In addition, nominees must meet a majority of the following criteria:

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

- Nominees 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.

- Nominees may have developed or enforced a specific piece of legislation resulting in increased fire safety.

- Nominees may have developed or taught a specific program

resulting in public awareness of the need for a fire-safe environment.

- Nominees may have investigated, arrested or supervised an enforcement effort which led to the conviction of a Penal or Fire Code violator.

The selection of the Marc Mueller Award of Excellence recipient will be determined through a nationwide nomination process. The award will be presented at the NVFC's Fall meeting in Warwick, Rhode Island on October 10, 1998.

Mail submissions no later than July 1, 1998 to:

NVFC
Marc Mueller Award
1050 17th Street, NW, Suite 1212
Washington, DC 20036

Bill Young Retires

After thirty-two years serving the residents of Center and Northern Robinson Townships as a volunteer with the Wadesville Center Township Volunteer Fire Department, Bill Young of Wadesville has retired.

Not only did Bill serve a number of years as chief, but through the years he also served many of his years with the department as assistant chief and captain. He has seen, and been a part of the department growing from one truck and a few members to a well trained team of thirty-five members with two pumpers, two tankers and a custom built rescue unit capable of any kind of response.

Bill says he will now be able to spend more time on his other two hobbies of fishing, with his new boat, and hunting. Everyone on the department will miss him and his knowledge of fire fighting, but maybe we can talk him into a fish fry.

Thank you, Bill Young, for all you did for us, and God Bless.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Have you mailed yours yet? If not, you are too late for this year. We received thirty applications this year and will be making our selection on May 1st. The winners will be announced at convention in June.

THINK, THINK, THINK
Start Your Application For Next Year
NOW, NOW, NOW

Lawrence Swartz, Bridgeport Chairman
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PRNW	LeMoyne (Buz) Koehler
PRNE	Richard (Dick) Glant
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PREC	Don Cushman
PRSE	Nelson E. Ehlers
PRSW	Jack Harker

Others wishing to be a candidate may be added to this list by making your wishes known. Nominations may also be made from the floor at convention.

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Bill Howe, Sr.	(219) 322-4158

District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1&2

January 21, 1998
St. John VFW

The meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:50 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by PRNW Buz Koehler.

Guests included PRNW Buz Koehler, IVFAA District 1 Chairwoman Martha Thomas, District Treasurer Clarence Moss, Past President and Fire Marshal representative Ivan Nevil, Past President Lawrence Swartz, Gold Card member Julius Demek, and Robert Davis.

St. John Fire Chief gave a brief history of the fire department. Denny Wilson introduced Ivan Nevil from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Ivan discussed PSTI, fire chief class at Beverly Shores, confined space class, new OSHA rules, Firefighter I and II, Fire and Emergency Services dinner, revolving loan, and the Bill Indiana Fund.

Roll Call was answered by forty-five members from District 1 and forty-six members from District 2. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2.

Minutes were read by Jim Bradford, District 1 Secretary. One correction made - Clarence Moss was the winner of the Fire Institute ticket and Nancy was the alternate.

PRNW Buz Koehler reported on the new Senate and House Bills.

Lawrence Swartz discussed the Fire and Emergency Services dinner. He also reminded everyone that the Bridgeport Scholarships are due in one month.

Treasurer's report was given.

Old Business - If you are going to the Duneland Fire School, take off \$5 for one class or \$10 for two classes. The Association will be billed later.

District 1 Chairman Bill Howe mentioned the OSHA rule and he has copies if you need one.

New Business - Lincoln Township Fire Chief thanked the Merrillville Volunteer Fire Department for a great job at an accident on I-65 that involved two firefighter's wives.

At the last State Officer's Meeting, there was money given to the IVFA to purchase smoke detectors from First Alert. We will purchase 599 regular smoke detectors and one hearing impaired smoke detector. Larry wanted to know how they should distribute them. Motion was made by Bill Howe, Schererville, to give one detector to each department in the state. It was seconded by Ron Bishop, Ross Township. Motion carried.

There were several deaths reported in both districts. A moment of silence was held in their memory.

Good of the Order - Schererville Auxiliary is having a Hearts on Fire dance on February 7th. Firefighters get in free or it's \$12 a couple.

Lake of Four Seasons is having a dinner dance on March 28th. The cost is \$32 per person, which includes dinner and all you can drink. Please purchase tickets by March 16th.

Bill Howe, Sr, thanked everyone who helped Schererville with their fire.

Martha Thomas asked the departments to get more girls for the Miss Flame contest next year.

Next meeting is February 18 at

Ross Township.

50/50 drawing held with \$172 collected and \$86 won by V. Cassboi. The centerpiece was won by John Anderson, Lake of Four Seasons.

Motion made by Larry Crosby to adjourn and seconded by Ed McCoy. Motion carried.

February 18, 1998

Ross Township District 4

Our meeting was called to order by District 1 Chairman Bill Howe, Sr. at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lawrence Swartz.

Guests included IVFAA District 1 Chairwoman Martha Thomas, District Treasurer Clarence Moss, 50 year members Julius Demek and John Wilson, Past President Lawrence Swartz, PRNW Buz Koehler, Joe Komoscar from the Fireman's Store, and Dale Smith from Southwestern Fire Service and Sales.

Ross Township Lt. Ron Bishop gave a brief history of the department. Ron also introduced Bob Mason, Director of EMS. Bob gave a short program on EMS and fire services working together.

Roll Call was answered by fifty-three members from District 1 and twenty-four members from District 2. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2.

Minutes were read by District 2 Secretary Susan Crosby. No corrections were made.

PRNW Buz Koehler reported on Senate and House Bills. He also discussed the new OSHA rule that is effective on April 8, 1998.

Lawrence Swartz discussed the Indiana Burn Camp for 1999 and also that the Bridgeport Scholarships are due at the central office by March 1st. If you need an application, ask Bill or Larry.

Lawrence also mentioned if a department has a death, please contact your district chairman. At the State Officer's Meeting they talked about having assistant chaplains. If you know anyone who would be interested, let us know at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications - Each department will receive one smoke detector to give to a needy family. Once given out, give the name of the family to your district chairman.

New Central office phone number is 1-888-808-IVFA. Ask for Amy or Christie.

IVFA By-Laws are being printed and will be mailed to each department shortly.

IVFA 50 year history books are being printed and will be ready for convention.

Convention 1998 will be sending out raffle tickets to each department. Please purchase and send back.

State Fire Marshal's office sent each department a tape on terrorism. If your department did not receive a copy, call the office.

If your certification was in by February 2, 1998, you should have received it already.

IVFA gave \$1000 to the Burn Camp.

Fire chief class in on March 14, 1998 at Beverly Shores.

Old Business - Still accepting license plate forms, if you want one. You will receive your form back 60 days prior to when your plates are due.

Duneland Fire School is March 28 & 29 and April 4 & 5.

New Business - There was one death in the two districts, Vincent Kowalczyk. A moment of silence was held in his memory.

Good of the Order - New Chicago Auxiliary is having a chicken dinner on February 21 from 4-7 p.m.

New Chicago Fire Department is having a spaghetti dinner on February 28 from 4-7 p.m.

FDIC volunteer night at Wayne Township is March 21, 1998.

Rensselaer is having a chili supper on February 21 from 4:30-7 p.m.

Four Seasons formal dinner dance is March 28.

Next meeting is March 18 at Kouts.

The 50/50 drawing was held with \$133 collected and \$66.50 was won by Susan Crosby.

Southwestern Fire Service and Sales donated a hat won by Jim Ashlock, a cup won by Jay Pasa and a cup won by Ross Township Fire Chief.

A motion was made by Keith Austin to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Crosby. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Crosby, District 2 Sec.

DISTRICT 3

January 15, 1998, 8:00 p.m.
Springfield VFD

Pledge was given and led by Springfield VFD Chief.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report given and approved.

Held a discussion on PSTI. Several views on this and we'll discuss it at the next meeting.

Buz Koehler gave reports on license plates, Duneland Fire School and Burn Camp for kids.

Also had a discussion on State Convention in Terre Haute. Holiday Inn to be convention headquarters.

Bill Howe gave a report on the Duneland School to be held March 28 & 29 and April 4 & 5.

Midwest and Ollie Sandburg Awards should be in by Jan. 31.

Door prizes won by Kevin Rensberger and Buz Koehler.

Meeting adjourned by Kevin at 9:35 p.m.

February 19, 1998, 8:00 p.m.
Westville FD

Meeting opened with Pledge led by Westville FD Chief.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Lawrence gave report about people not receiving the paper. He said to be sure to give your correct address. Also make sure your beneficiary is up-to-date and correct.

Lawrence said the Fire Marshal's Office is taking care of the Burn Camp project.

Also gave a talk on PSTI and what it is doing.

Buz gave a report on legislation. Also said there are several bills that have passed and several to watch.

Bill Howe gave a report about convention that is coming up.

By-Laws are printed and will be sent to each department.

Mitch Parish said Tim Downey filed against ICRB for having a Workman's Compensation office in Indiana. The closest one is in Wauwausee, Wisconsin.

Buz Koehler gave a report on "two in and two out." Said to get copy of it, it's only 320 pages.

Duane Lantz is sort of backing out of his position (Assistant Chaplain) and is going to start to enjoy life. This man has done a great job for many years. Duane,

enjoy yourself for years to come.

Door prizes were won by Bob Uryga and Duane Lantz.

Motion carried to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

March 19, 1998, 8:00 p.m.
Kankakee Twp. VFD

Our meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Treasurer's report was given and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Buz Koehler gave a report on the Duneland Fire School to be held March 28 & 29.

Ollie Sandburg Award to be in by June.

He also gave legislative report and what bills are dead and which ones are to be watched.

There will be a Burn Camp in 1999.

There was a discussion on the convention and several people are to check on places (food & hotels) for the year 2000.

Duane Lantz said he was very proud of the fire department during the severe snow storm we had with all the help, food and shelter given.

Bob Uryga reported on what is needed when a fireman is killed in the line of duty. This is very important or else we could have a very hard and confusing ordeal for the fire department as well as the deceased's family. Ed to make copies and get them to each department.

Gary Eggart gave a very good report on how Starke County has formed an Honor Guard. They have By-Laws and uniforms and they practice to perform at funerals. He said if they are needed, they will be glad to attend.

Tom Wheatbrook had a discussion on exchange people from Germany. These were professional paramedics and EMTs. Tom wanted to take them around to several departments, but the snow storm came in.

Door prizes won by Ed Ritter and Duane Lantz.

Next meeting to be held at Bass Lake on April 16, 1998.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ed Ritter, Secretary

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 5

March 12, 1998

Location: Denver Fire Department, Denver, Indiana

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Kissinger at 1935 hours with the Pledge to the Flag following.

Roll Call was answered by twenty members representing eight departments.

Guests included Richard Glant, Northeast Public Relations and Charlie Baker, IVFA Chaplain.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by District Secretary Kent Trickle. The following corrections were made: roll call should have shown thirty members representing eleven departments and IVFA Miss Flame candidate Tina Capron's name was misspelled. Sorry Tina, I did a poor job of proof reading.

Communications - Chairman Kissinger reported on the need of filing clothing damage within 60 days of the incident. The article of clothing also needs to be sent with the claim.

A legislative update was given on bills known to be dead and some which may still have been alive at the end of the session.

Chairman Kissinger reported on several upcoming training sessions and reported that Indiana

Weekend at the National Fire Academy would be July 18 and 19 of this year.

Richard Glant reported on the up-coming fire chiefs orientation and free software for fire reporting to the State Fire Marshal's Office. Contact should be made with Ivan Nevil at the SFMO.

A reminder was also given about the up-coming IVFA Convention.

Chairman Kissinger reported on the untimely passing of Abbeenaubee Fire Chief Keith Thomas, who died at a fire department training session, due to a heart attack.

The Indiana Insurance Institute, along with the IVFA, has purchased enough smoke detectors to give one to each department within the state to give to someone in their coverage area who has a need.

Each department that receives one is to install it and report the name and address of the recipient to their District Chairman. Claypool, Denver, Mexico, Roann and Pleasant Township Fire Departments received one for their coverage area.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

The next meeting will be May 7, 1998 at the Bremen Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6

Let me start with an apology for not getting a report to you before this time.

To date, there has been one death reported this quarter, Clifford Carnahan of Jackson Township/DeKalb County. Our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their loss.

The last district meeting was held at Washington Township of Whitley County with good attendance.

Also, I would like to thank Bill Kinsey, Secretary/Treasurer and Richard Glant, PRNE/Past President, for attending.

At the meeting it was decided that the Miss Flame contest would be held in November next year.

A discussion was held on changing the meetings to Sunday rather than Thursday. This will be discussed more at the May meeting.

We are looking for the traveling trophies for the district, so we can have them for the district picnic in August.

If you know where they are, please contact me.

I would like to thank Cleveland Township South Whitley Fire Department for putting on the program covering the Larwill fire.

The next meeting is May 21 at Ligonier.

The July 16th meeting will be at Corunna Fire Department with election of officers.

The Association was given money to purchase 529 smoke detectors. They were divided up among all the districts in the state. If your department knows of someone in your area who needs a smoke detector, contact me for information.

There is one hearing impaired smoke detector. If your department has a hearing impaired person in your coverage area, contact me at once as there is only one available.

Don't forget the IVFA Convention June 17-20 in Terre Haute. If you haven't made your reservation, do so at once. They have planned a super schedule. See schedule on page 28 of this paper. I am looking forward to seeing you there. If you are playing games, don't forget to get your entry form in now.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mike Mackin, Chairman

DISTRICT 7

January 19, 1998

The meeting was held at Liberty Center Volunteer Fire Department with Chairman Mort Sorg opening the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call was answered by forty-five members representing fifteen departments present.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

There was one guest present, Ivan Nevil from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Mort reported there were two deaths in the district since last meeting.

Mort still has forms for the IVFA plates.

If you are interested in attending the state convention, you need to fill out the forms that are in the paper (see page 26) for your room reservation and your registration. There is also a schedule of events in the paper (see page 28). It tells you when the meetings will be.

If you plan on attending the fire school, you must make sure you have a current IVFA card, so you can receive the \$5 rebate.

Ivan reported on the Indiana Gas Company program on carbon monoxide detectors. Chief Mossburg from Markle reported the class was very good.

Mort also has forms for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. They need to be completed by March 1st. These are sent to the IVFA Central office.

With no more business, the second Roll Call was given with the departments reporting new fire chiefs. Warren's new chief is Mark Conner, Mt. Etna's is Mark Sale and Andrews has Dale Gray.

March 16, 1998

The meeting was held at the Markle Volunteer Fire Department with Mort Sorg, Chairman, opening with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call was answered by forty-five members representing fifteen departments.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Guests included Ivan Nevil from the State Fire Marshal's office and PRNE Richard Glant.

Mort reported he still has forms for the IVFA license plates. You should give the IVFA office a 60-day notice, along with the \$5 fee.

At the last quarterly meeting, the Games Committee requested

money for a new trailer. The board agreed to give the committee \$5000 for a new trailer.

The Fire Service Institute dinner was well attended. The Master of Ceremonies was "Big John Gillis" from an Indianapolis radio station.

The IVFA will give \$1000 to the Indiana Burn Camp to help get it started.

There are school grants available through the National Fire Service Council. There are ten different kinds of grants available.

Richard Sorg talked on two bills going through the Senate, on your right to be a volunteer. The bill is aimed at protecting the rights of paid firefighters to volunteer their time and expertise in their communities.

Dick Glant reported on free computers & personnel clothing.

Ivan reported on free computers; Command Center class for EMS, March 28-29; Basic Life Support, April 4-5; Fire Chief's Orientation; Indiana Weekend, July 18-19; and the Indiana Gas Co. program for which 197 departments have signed up. He talked on Indiana's OSHA ruling.

Each of the fifteen departments present received a smoke detector, for donating to a person in their community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted a bake sale auction.

Respectfully submitted by, Dale Gray, Secretary

DISTRICT 8A

The March 11, 1998 meeting was held at Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting started at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call was answered by twenty members, representing twelve departments. The attendance was not that great and we are getting into spring fever and spring break time of year.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given. Both were approved and/or discussed.

There were no guests present. Old Business: None.

The Midwest Award Committee has done its work and the member name has been relayed to the Vice President. The district recipient of this award will be notified at the next meeting.

After a report on the February Officer's Meeting held in Indianapolis, the most important business of the evening was dis-

tributing the smoke alarms to each department representatives present.

The Insurance Institute of Indiana provided money to buy a number of smoke alarms to be given to residents of Indiana. Our district received twenty-one alarms and we are in the process of getting the alarms to the most active departments in our district. We will not be able to give each department an alarm as there are more departments than alarms. We will report to the state officers in May and I will have a list of departments in the August paper.

All departments will acknowledge receiving an alarm and will then report the destination to the district chairman. This is an opportunity for these departments to get some good public relations if they choose.

It's not too early to apply for the Bridgeport Scholarship for 1999. The application must be in the main office by March 1999 with the required paperwork, school grade reports, etc. Get the application, then get that to me along with the rest of the information and spend the summer of 1998 knowing you have taken one action toward the rest of your life.

After the second Roll Call and some general information sharing, we had the 50/50 drawing. We used the winner of the drawing to determine which department got the one different smoke alarm. Congratulations Richland Township.

Keep telling everyone in your fire area that quick response depends on how quick they call the emergency in and not how fast you drive.

The next meeting will be May 13 at Sharpesville in Tipton County. See you there.

Respectfully submitted by, Robert E. Fleener, Chairman

DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at New Waverly, Indiana, on January 22, 1998 at 7:40PM. The host was the Miami Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The invocation was given by Mark Ancil and he led the Pledge to the flag. Chief John Minglin welcomed the group.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Roll Call was answered by eight departments represented by twenty-five members reporting 76 calls responded to since the last meeting.

There being no guests or legislative news, the Chairman led a discussion on handling HazMat spills.

The responding fire department needs to make contact with Larry Hamby of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The spiller must contact IDEM, EMA, and the Health Department on these incidents.

Every January the State Fire Marshal's Office sends to all fire departments the updated list of prices you can charge spillers for use of your trucks and equipment used. You can get the spill recovery team that comes in to replace your stock and they will bill the spiller.

On the question on how many trucks you respond with, you follow your Standard Operating Guidelines that sets up your procedure. Within 30 days, the fire department must bill the spiller and they have 60 days to pay. After that, they can be fined \$2,500 per day by the community or County.

Howard County is one of the counties that has an ordinance to help enforce this. If you are containing the spill, don't let it get away from you, or you are responsible.

Ken Scott, the Fire Inspector for the Peru, Indiana Fire Department, presented a program on Juvenile Firesetters. He said that half of all residential fires are caused by children. The dangerous combination of having matches and lighters within reach of children, children not being watched, and their natural curiosity about fire, has led to many tragic incidents.

Each Fall, in Indianapolis, a Juvenile Firesetter seminar is held. Fire Safety Programs presented to children through an interagency coalition of the Fire and Police Departments, Juvenile Courts, schools, Social Service, and parents, is the best way to protect our children and prevent fire setting by them.

The "Learn Not to Burn" curriculum is being used by many school districts with good results.

The next meeting will be at the Onward, Indiana Volunteer Fire Department on March 26, 1998.

The meeting at the Onward Volunteer Fire Department on March 26, 1998, was called to

order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Charlie Cline. State Chaplain, Charles Baker gave the Invocation. Buz Koehler, PRNW, led the Pledge to the Flag. Onward Chief, Marvin Jones, welcomed the group.

Guests included Charles Baker, Buz Koehler, Father Frank Kilcline, Fred Sumpter, and Patti Merley.

Roll Call was answered by eleven departments with twenty-seven members in attendance and 123 alarms answered.

A smoke detector was given out to each department to go to a resident in their jurisdiction who needs one. Some departments are going to provide more detectors to other residents in need. For the detectors given out tonight, the name is needed back of whomever received it.

Corrections on the 1998 roster were Marvin Jones, Chief of Onward Volunteer Fire Department and Aaron Dehner, Secretary of Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Buz Koehler went over the legislation passed this year that affects the volunteer fire service.

Senate Bill 347, and EMA bill, allowed mutual aid among the Midwest states.

SB 171 set three requirements to use defibrillators.

SB 348 had the Burn Camp included in it and that will start in 1999.

House Bill 1210 allows transfer of equipment between entities without a sale. This also allowed fire departments to have 15 years to pay off equipment.

HB 1177 allows Trustees to borrow from other funds to operate fire departments, permits firefighters to serve on more than one fire department and covers spiller pays on HazMat.

Ollie Sandburg nominees need to be in by May 1 and Mr. IVFA nominee into the Chairman by May 1.

Remember your college students for Bridgeport Scholarship applications.

License plate forms are still available.

The IVFA historical books will be ready by the convention which will be June 17-20 in Terre Haute.

Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy is July 17-19. Contact Ivan Nevil at PSTI.

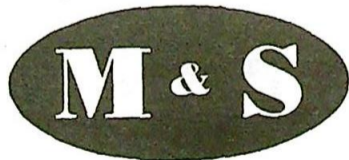
Fred Sumpter, Arson Investigator for the State Fire Marshal's Office, gave the program.

Information included where the eight investigators are located in the state. Call 1-800-423-0765 the State Fire Marshal's office between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM to report major structure fires and fatalities. Outside office hours, call the Emergency Operations Center at 1-800-669-7362. A supervisor calls the area investigator immediately who will respond as soon as possible. We all need to get interested in investigation to stop arsonists.

NFPA 921 and 1033 cover investigations. The defense attorneys know these and will use them against you if possible. 1033 is a standard and must be followed, 921 is a guideline.

The State Fire Marshal has a church fire video program available for community information. Indiana is tied at number one in the nation for the number of church fires. It is mandatory that ATF respond to church fires and the FBI wants in, too. Fred stressed that firefighters should not move items in a burned structure. That may cause spoliation of evidence. Investigators red tag evidence and it needs to be in place. Insurance companies and manufacturers may sue fire

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Assistant Chaplain



Duane D. Lantz

As most of you know by now, Grace and I have decided we can no longer travel much at night and therefore will no longer be doing memorials.

We are still in fairly good health, but of course, have slowed down a lot and feel it is time. We will still be going to conventions and meetings as long as we are able.

What a lot of beautiful memories we have of all of you, those who are still active and those who have also slowed down. I have made many scrap books of my articles in the paper, clippings and pictures for most of the years, and all of the thank you notes that I have received for memorials I have done. They mean very much to me and thank you to all who have sent them.

We want to thank all of you for your friendship and the wonderful things you have done for us over the years. Without all of you, our lives would have been very different, and we are very grateful that God has been so good to the IVFA.

This will be my last article for the paper, so we just want to say a big thank you to all of you for the years we have been together. The IVFA is a wonderful organization and we hope it will always be there for all of the young men who are volunteers and officers.

God bless all of you and may you all remain safe and well. Our prayers are with you.

We still want you to go to the church of your choice on Sunday. We will be thinking of you.

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The links are friends so dear.
And like a rare and precious jewel
It's treasured more each year....
It's clasped together firmly
With a love that's deep and true,
And it's rich with happy memories
And fond recollections, too....
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For, as long as memory lives,
Years can't erase the pleasure
that the joy of friendship gives....
For friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold,
But to have an understanding friend
Is worth far more than gold....
And the golden chain of friendship
is a strong and blessed tie
Binding kindred hearts together
As the years go passing by.

Helen Steiner Rice

To Duane & Grace,

Thank YOU for all the years of service and devotion.

We will miss your articles and words of wisdom, but we look forward to seeing you whenever possible.

May God bless you and yours.

District 9A

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departments for handling appliances, etc., in accidental causes.

There was a discussion on voting in prosecuting attorneys who will go after arsonists. Invite these candidates to your meetings and find out where they stand.

Onward VFD will have a Pancake Day on April 18th from 7 a.m. to Noon.

Burlington VFD is having a Sausage and Pancake meal from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 11th. Indianapolis fire school is April 25-26 and May 2-3.

Charlie Baker reminded IVFA members to get \$5.00 off each class by putting your IVFA number on your application.

Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department, Clymers, is planning to update its fire apparatus. If you have any trucks to sell, contact them.

The next meeting is May 28th hosted by the Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department. This may be held at the Grissom Air Reserve Base new fire training facility.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. with food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted by, Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9B

March 12, 1998

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Brettin at 8:05 p.m. (fast time) at the Fowler Fire Department, Fowler, Indiana.

Buz Koehler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Bill Burton gave the Invocation. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Roll Call was answered by the following: Ambia, 2; Brookston, 1; Boswell, 1; Earl Park, 2; Fowler, 16; Francesville, 2; Goodland, 3; Monon, 2; Remington, 5; Rensselaer, 4; and Wolcott, 2. Total of forty firefighters present representing eleven departments, with a total of 105 alarms

There were four guests present including Buz Koehler, PRNW; Linda Baker, Midwest Fire & Safety; Claire Leuck, State Representative; and Ron Crype, Fowler Town Council.

Minutes were read and approved.

Old Business - Mr. Koehler discussed fire chief orientation courses in the near future, and he also mentioned that IVFA license plate forms are still available.

The Bridgeport Scholarship nominations are due by March 1, 1998. The Ollie Sandburg Award and Mr. IVFA nominations are due by May 1, 1998.

The historical books should be finished by convention, also the IFSI Fire Caucus dinner was a big success.

The IVFA donated \$1000 towards the state burn camp.

The district smoke alarms were distributed to the departments that attended the meeting.

New Business - Indiana Outreach Weekend is scheduled for July 17-19 at Emmetsburg, Maryland.

Mr Koehler, PRNW, also stated that anyone interested in becoming an assistant chaplain needs to contact him.

Good of the Order - Boswell will be having a steak fry March 28 from 4-8 p.m.

Fowler Fire Chief, Bill Rosenbarger introduced the members of the Fowler Fire Department and then the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The scheduled program for the evening was canceled due to unfavorable weather conditions. District 9B would like to thank State Representative Claire Leuck for sharing the current status of

state legislature affecting the fire fighting services.

Respectfully submitted by, Donald E. Skinner, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

I would like to take this opportunity to inform each of you that may not know who our new district Miss Flame is; she is Ellen May (Vermillion) from Sandford. She has already been observed visiting around the district wearing the jewels of her position. We are looking forward to having her represent us at the convention. Congratulations, Ellen and the best of luck in June.

Our May meeting, the 17th, will be hosted by Shepardsville. They have a nice addition to the firehouse and it will be an excellent chance for you to join with us and see it, as well as attend the meeting. One o'clock is still the start time and we will be eating first, so don't be too late.

Carolyn and I will be out of town on vacation May 23-31. Please remember, contact Don Vermillion 812-535-3748 should the need arise and ask divine guidance for us as we travel.

There are four events which we have been made aware of in June: the 7th is waterball at Shakamak, the 13th has two fish fries, one at Sandcut and the other at Lewis Township; and the biggie is convention 17-20.

The Convention Committee co-chaired by Bob Meyers and Bill Bush has been working hard for almost two years now to put this year's convention together and the final loose ends are being tied up as you read this. We ask you, please support your district and the committee by helping where you can, but most of all attend!!!

We will close by reminding you of the July meeting to be at Lewis Township (Coalmont) where we will be electing the officers for the next year.

Red Morris, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

The meeting was held March 8, 1998 at the Hillsdale Community Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by our Chairman Larry Bartlow. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Con Mankin and State Sgt-At-

Arms Bill Bush led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Introduction of guests included our new District 11B Miss Flame Brandi Miller from the Lyford Fire Department and the District 11A Miss Flame Ellen May.

Roll Call was answered by twenty-two men representing six departments.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was also read and approved.

A report of the February State Officers Meeting was given with some discussion on the state legislative session.

Also the need to submit all clothing forms within 60 days. Your claim form must be submitted to the district chairman and he can validate the claim and send it on to the state office within the 60 day period.

District 11B would like to welcome two departments to our district. They are Center Township Volunteer Fire Department of Lebanon and Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department.

Our next meeting is May 13 in Covington at 7:00 p.m. Please note that this is a night meeting and also on Wednesday night.

Up-coming dates are:
July 8 - Fairview Park 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 - Picnic with 11A
Nov. 8 - Reelsville 1 p.m.

And the biggest date of all is convention "1998" June 17-20 at Terre Haute. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted by, Larry Bartlow, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at Lizton-Union Fire Department on March 18, 1998 by our Chairman John Ross.

Roll Call was answered by fifteen members representing seven departments.

The Pledge to the Flag was given.

Minutes were approved as read.

John announced several schools and seminars for the next few months.

Don brought up going together with another district for a picnic to help bring up interest and attendance, possibly with some sort of competition. John appointed Bob Crouch and Greg Mohr to come up with something at the next meeting.

Bob Crouch gave a report on

IOSHA. They will probably approve the two men in and two men out rule and the small departments just do not have the membership to comply.

If you have a fireman fatality or injury and you have not complied, you can be fined up to \$750,000 per incident. Most fire departments do not have the money to comply or pay a fine. It's going to be rough.

There is an article in the February issue of Firehouse magazine with details. Some people think volunteer fire departments are exempt, but they are not.

Bill Hizer introduced members of his department.

Our next meeting will be May 18, 1998 at Madison Township. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Rosie Johnson, Sec./Treas.

As District 12 Chairman I would like to welcome the new fire departments that have joined our district.

The new departments are: Advance Volunteer Fire Department, Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department, Washington Township, Washington Township Westfield, Zionsville Fire Department, and Worth Fire Department.

I want these departments to feel free to join our meeting anytime. The next four meetings will be:

- May 18 - Madison Township
- July 20 - New Whiteland Election of Officers
- Sept. 21 - Paragon, IN
- Nov. 16 - Pittsboro, IN

All meetings start at 1900 hours.

The '98 convention is coming up real soon. I look for all departments to come and have fun. It will be at Terre Haute's Holiday Inn June 17-20. Come and enjoy the fun, business meetings, displays, and games on Saturday.

This will also let fellow firefighters meet one another from the state of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted by, John Ross, Chairman

DISTRICT 13A

Dear fellow firefighters, I'm sorry that I missed the last issue, so let me try to catch you up on what has been happening in our district.

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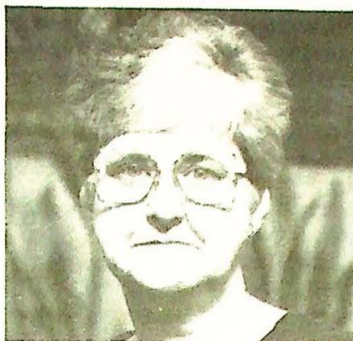
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IVFAA President



Lou Bartlow

Hi Ladies,

What a beautiful spring day this is. It's time to start thinking about all the summer activities and all of the fundraisers.

This will be last time to write to you as your president. It's been my pleasure to serve in that capacity and meet and make so many friends. I thank you for all the good help and encouragement you've given me.

Now, my hope is that the organization will continue to grow and prosper. The changes that have been made are just a start. There are things that still need to be done. Please get behind the officers and give them suggestions and help. This is your organization, and you are the important ones.

Convention is in Terre Haute in June this year. We hope you can come and attend the meetings and activities we have planned. It should be a busy, fun time.

In closing, have a safe, happy, healthy summer and God bless each of you.

DISTRICTS 1, 2

Our meeting of March 5, 1998 was hosted by Lake Eliza Auxiliary.

Present were approximately thirty members.

Guest included Bill Howe, District 1 Chairman; Clarence Moss, Treasurer; Alisha Vaught, Miss Flame from District 1; and Eileen Scubelek Miss Flame, District 2.

The girls were presented with flowers and trophies.

Happy Birthday was sung to Florence Saberniak. She was a young 91 years of age. We wish you many more and we are so glad you could join us.

Doe Doll tickets were passed out to the auxiliaries present. We need to have money and stubs turned in by the May meeting.

Reminder to all that convention in June is drawing near. If you plan on going, need to get your reservations in now.

A lovely meal was served and enjoyed by all. Their theme was St. Patrick's, since both were held in March.

Next meeting on May 7, 1998 at Lake Station Fire Station. Respectfully submitted by, Martha Thomas, District 1 Ann Moss, District 2

DISTRICT 3

Our meeting was held at Kingsford-Union Fire Department on January 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

Lucille Tyskie, Springfield Township Department, provided travel packs for the Miss Flame candidates Ditty Bags. LaCrosse and Michiana Auxiliaries reported on other items that have been collected for them.

The 1998 convention will be held at Terre Haute, June 17-20. Registration forms are available, (see page 26 of this paper) as well as the 1998 tie tacks and charms. Kingsford-Union Fire Department has the 10th annual Fish

Fry on April 10, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adults \$6 advance tickets or \$7 at the door. Children \$3.

Michiana and Springfield are planning spring pancake breakfasts.

The Michiana Department received the traveling award plaque. Leona Uryga and Agnes Battleday were award winners.

Next meeting at Coolspring Fire Dept. March 18, Coolspring Fireflies are the hostesses.

Our March 18th meeting was held at Coolspring Fire Department. Our District Chaplain Carolyn McCarty conducted a Memorial Service for Kingsbury Auxiliary member Marie Gemberling and presented a Bible for the family.

The handmade ditty bags by Springfield's Rose Stantz were received.

Coolspring Auxiliary turned in several items for them. LaCrosse Auxiliary will fill them for the 1998 Convention in Terre Haute June 17-20.

Scheduled events reported were: Kingford-Union Annual Fish Fry April 10; Springfield Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale April 26; and Scipio Pancake Breakfast May 5.

Springfield won the traveling plaque. Grace Lantz, Scipio and Estella Szabo, Springfield won the attendance awards. Mum plants and wrapped gifts were awarded to the ladies present.

Our next meeting will be on May 20th at the Springfield Fire Department at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Lucille Cohen, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 6

The March meeting was held at Washington Township, Whitley County.

The district has had cook-books printed that we are selling to support our Miss Flame contestant. They are selling for \$5 each. The first 150 buyers will also receive a free state cookie book.

I would like to thank the district auxiliaries or persons who donated their favorite recipes to help us in this project. If you or your auxiliary wish to help us sell these books, please contact me.

Our Miss Flame contestant this year is Kimberly Smith representing the New Haven Adams Township Fire Department. Good Luck to her and all the other girls participating this year.

I am looking forward to seeing more of you at the May 21st meeting at Ligonier and the July 16th meeting at Corunna, which is the election of officers.

Hope to see a lot of you at the convention in Terre Haute June 17-20. It looks like a super time will be had by all who attend.

We have lost one member in death this year so far. Our sin-

cere sympathy to the family of Jean Silger of Corunna. She will be missed greatly by her auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary L. Mackin, Chairman

DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

Our last meeting was held at Hymera. They had a great meal.

We talked about raising dues. We also discussed the fish fries going on.

The "Convention Will Be Great in '98" is really looking good. Districts 11A and 11B are really working hard to make this a great success this year. Holiday Inn is the main headquarters.

The Memorial is going to be held at Marilyn Community Church.

The parade is coming along nicely, with many pieces of fire fighting equipment involved.

We have many tours lined up. We will have buses taking us on many of our meetings and events. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jane Lingenfelter, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

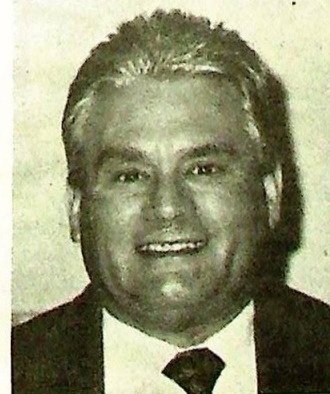
It's hard to believe that as I write this, it is only 2 months until convention. Time passes so quickly anymore. I hope you've sent in your reservations and registrations. Remember to take advantage of the lower registration fee, it must be in by June 1.

I hope there is good attendance at the convention. The '98 Convention Committee is working really hard to plan a good time for us. Another reason to attend is to support your Miss Flame contestants. We have 17 girls competing and I hope everyone will attend the final judging and crowning on Thursday. Let them know you are really behind them and give them your encouragement and support.

Our district's candidate is Brandy Miller, Lyford VFD. She is 17 years of age and the daughter of David and Patricia Miller. We wish Brandy best of luck, but most of all we hope she has a great time participating in the contest.

The area fire departments and auxiliaries are busy working on fundraisers. Already there have been several fish fries. I'm sure there are lots more to come during the spring and summer. We must remember that as we plan, work and travel to these activities, safety must be in mind. Let's not take any risks that will compromise our safety and that of our family and friends.

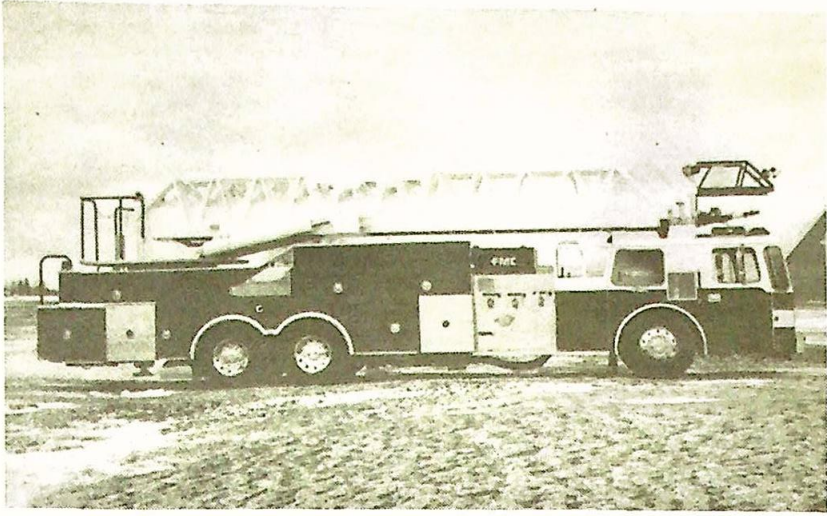
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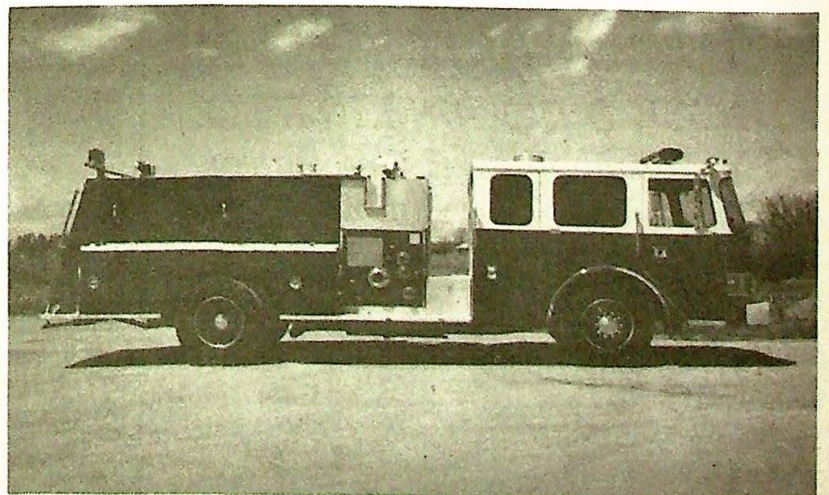
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IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

RAMADA INN, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
February 8, 1998

Vice President, Faye Sallee, stepping in for President, Lou Bartlow, presided over the meeting. Lou is home recovering from surgery. Hurry and get well!!

Faye opened the 9:00 a.m. meeting by asking Chaplain Joann Hays to lead us in prayer. Before prayer, Joann asked everyone to turn to their right and say good-morning to that person.

Sgt. of Arms, Miriam Schaeckel then led us in the Pledge to the flag. Recording Secretary, Barbara Kerney read a note from the Jack Cox family, in the death of his wife, Linda. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family.

Barbara then gave the Roll Call. We had eighteen members and seven guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read. Barbara Parker made the motion not to read the district reports, and it was seconded by Mary Mackin. Motion carried.

A correction to the minutes - Ann Moss was going to check on the Miss Flame banners, not GET them. Sorry about the misinformation.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her report.

Barbara Kerney then gave the membership report. We have 1,045 members paid, 61 Individuals with a total of 1127. That is an increase of sixty-eight. Keep working on getting new members and auxiliaries.

Barb asked that the district chairmen look at the reports of their auxiliaries and members, as we need to get them updated. We do have some new auxiliaries, but the certificates will not be passed out because Lou is not here to sign them.

Chaplain, Joann Hays gave her report. She wanted to get a correct Bible count of those out in the field. We have some old Catholic Bibles and we want to get them used before the new ones. So if you have one in your possession, please let her know. When one is needed, she will contact you and if you would not mind sending it to the one that needs it, she would appreciate that. You can then turn your postage in for reimbursement.

Joann read the list of the deceased members that she has for Memorial service. We have also used all the money in our flower fund, so a collection was taken up. If you have a death, illness, hospitalization, please let Joann know. She will see that the word is passed on. Joann thanked everyone for the cards that were sent to her husband.

Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gray read a Thank you note from Lou Bartlow.

Auditing, Phyllis Vargo, said everything was OK. Installation, Barbara Parker said it will be OK as long as she has candidates.

Financial Study, Phyllis Vargo, said she had \$167.00 turned in today from the sale of the 2 year planners. She has seven left.

Doe Doll, Phyllis Vargo said she has the tickets. So pick yours up and we must get busy and sell them. She is a pretty ballerina with blonde hair. Remember, this is our only money making project.

Miss Flame, Eula Bush said Ann was not able to get the banners, so they are looking into another source. She has eleven girls so far. Some of the pageants are coming up real soon.

Convention will be done with the State Committee this year. One thing they plan to do is give Bill Ingle, Lucy and Gene Stofer a reprieve this year and find another source to sponsor the Miss Flame luncheon. The cost is around \$500.00. It is not that they have not done a super job, but they have done it for so long, that they feel like they need to be given the opportunity to set back and enjoy it this year. District 3 will still provide the ditty bags for the girls.

By-Laws, Martha Thomas said she doesn't have anything to report. Barbara Parker said she hopes it stays that way. We don't need to change the By-Laws, and we certainly don't need the hassles. Good Suggestion!!

Diana Gray said we do need a new list of the officers and past presidents for our books. They have been crossed out so many times. Barbara Kerney will send the new list to Diana. If she has them in time, she will put them in with the minutes. If not, they will be sent later.

Jewelry, Mary Mackin, said she wanted all the jewelry that is out, and not sold, to be turned in at the May meeting. That way, she will know how much she will have available for convention. Mary said she had some of the men ask for tie bars, instead of the tacs, and she wanted to know how we felt. It was decided to get one dozen gold and one dozen silver. We will see how these sell, and then maybe next year we can purchase more.

Historian, Wanda Johnson, said she went through the box and she still needs to locate book #1. Book #3 has some loose pictures in the

front, but it is only complete up to 1993. She needs pictures and articles for 1994, 1995 and 1996. If you have any, please get them to her and please date them and tell what they are for.

Wanda asked permission to make cloth covers for the books. She said they are getting tacky looking. She will do this at her expense. She was told to GO FOR IT!!

Bill Bush came into the meeting to go over the convention. He said everything was ready to go. Joann is handling the registration and is doing a super job.

The parade should be the highlight of the convention. The fellow that is handling it, has things right in order.

If you do not have your reservations in, please get them in. The host motel is filled, but they will put you in a brand new motel that is near.

Mitch Parish took pictures for the Convention book. New district chairmen and any officers that wanted new ones, smiled pretty for him.

Presidents Advisory, Barbara Parker, said everything is OK.

Lois Boaz, Phyllis Vargo said that since Eva Gottche passed away, Miriam Schaeckel was asked to step back in for another year. We need your letters-along with the jacket size. They must be in by April 1st. So get them IN!!!

Joann asked that all recipients to please wear their jacket to the Friday meeting and to Memorial service in respect for Eva Gottche and all the rest of the past receivers of Lois Boaz, that are deceased.

Parliamentarian - absent
Old Business:

Chinese Auction - Barbara Parker asked to get a report of those donating for the auction. She would like all items brought to the May meeting, so that she can set up along side of the registration table on Wednesday. That way, she can get their money before it is all spent!!!

Faye thanked Wanda Johnson for a lovely Valentine party on Saturday evening. She played a fun game and had lots of nice gifts. The food was great. She went out of her way for all of us!! If you missed it, it was your loss - You will just have to make it to the next one.

This May meeting we will not have a party, because the committees will meet if they choose to do so, to finish up things before convention.

A motion was made by Barbara Kerney to allot \$300 to Eula Bush for the Miss Flame expenses. Jane Lingenfelter seconded it. Motion carried.

Faye reminded us that the dates for the up coming meetings are: May 2-3; August 8-9; and November 7-8. They will be at the Ramada Inn on Pendleton Pike. \$52.00 is the room rate (straight across the board).

Barbara Parker made the motion not to read the district reports. Wanda Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.

Ann Moss made the motion to adjourn and Martha Thomas seconded it. Motion carried.

Faye asked Joann to close with a word of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Gray, Corres. Sec.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Districts 1 & 2
The meeting was held in Schererville.

Miss Flame judges were introduced. Expenses were discussed.

Phyllis Vargo discussed the By-Laws and constitution guidelines. A copy was given to each Auxiliary.

A silent auction was held for

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IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Well, spring has finally arrived. How beautiful everything is. The trees with their new buds after a long winter's nap. The flowers are popping up with their glorious brilliant colors. What a picture!

Everybody seems to be in a great mood after being cooped up. However, we sure have a lot to be thankful for with the winter we had, after the West Coast and the East Coast were hit so very hard by El Nino.

Thank you God for being so good to us.

As we approach another convention in June, we pray for those families who have lost a loved one to be remembered at the Memorial as that name is placed on the cross.

May the heavenly Father bless each and everyone of you and give you strength to go on and leave you with good memories of your loved one.

"When you make new friends,
Don't forget the old.
One is silver,
The other is gold."

In silence we will find new energy and true unity.

The energy of God will be ours to do all things well, and so will be unity of our thoughts with His thoughts, the unity of our prayers with His prayers, the unity of our actions with His actions, of our lives with His life.

All our words will be useless, unless they come from within.

Understand the tenderness of God's love. You are precious to Him. He loves you, and He loves you so tenderly that He has carved you on the palm of His hand.

"I have enscribed you on the palms of My hand."
Isaiah 49:16

We in Districts 11A & 11B pray that you will enjoy our convention, because there sure has been a lot of hours and work put into it just for you.

We'll pray your trip to Terre Haute, and back to your home town, will be safe and we wish you all good health.

Bless each and everyone of you.

District 11B

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Please keep in mind our district meets on the second Sunday of January, March, September and November at 1 p.m. In May and July the meetings are in the evening at 7 p.m. Following is the schedule for the remainder of the year: May 13 - Covington; July 8 - Fairview Park; September 20 - Annual picnic jointly held with 11A location TBA; and November 8 - Reelsville.

We would sure like the attendance at these meetings to increase. We are always open to suggestions as to how this can be accomplished. A good way to

advertise your activities and fundraisers is attend the district meetings. You will be surprised how fast news travels through our fire service family.

Looking forward to seeing our "annual friends" at the convention in June. "Terre Haute will be great in '98".

Respectfully submitted by
Eula Bush, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 15

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 19

NO REPORT

Message from the Lois Boaz Committee

The Lois Boaz Committee would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful letters that were written.

If your special lady was not chosen this year, we encourage you to please submit her name again next year. We wish every one submitted could win.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's winner and wish her a great year.

Phyllis Vargo
Mary Mackin
Miriam Schaeckel

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IVFAA Officer's Meeting

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craft items. A raffle was done by Schererville for two firemen statues. Convention was discussed.

District 6

The meeting was held at Concord Township Volunteer Fire Department in Dekalb County.

The cook books have been sent to the publisher and should be back around Christmas.

A meeting in January was held at the Spencerville Community Building with the Miss Flame contest. Our Miss Flame will be Kimberly Smith representing the New Haven Adams Township Fire Department.

The cook books are in and will sell for \$5.00 each with a Cookie Book to the first 200 buyers.

The March meeting will be held at Washington Volunteer Fire Department in Whitley County on the 26th. The program will be the Larwill fire, where a fireman was killed and two others badly burned.

District 10

A joint meeting was held at Morristown Fire Department for a pitch-dinner.

To our great disappointment, District 10 will not have a Miss Flame. We had no girls to run.

The meeting was held with ten members and two guests present. A discussion was held about a money-making project.

Convention was talked about, along with the convention charms and tacs. It was voted to donate a gift for the Chinese Auction.

Christmas favors were passed out to those attending.

District 11

Our meeting was held at Cory Fire House on January 18th. We had a great meal of chili, vegetable soup, hot dogs, peanut butter sandwiches and relish tray, with cookies for dessert.

We held our Miss Flame contest and had two candidates. Our Miss Flame is Ellen May.

We held a short meeting ant then adjourned.

District 11B

The November meeting was held at Reelsville. Once again, they served a delicious Thanksgiving menu with turkey and all the trimmings.

The January meeting was held at St. Bernice. After a nice lunch, final plans were discussed for the annual Miss Flame Dance to be held on Valentines Day at the One Half Century Club in Clinton.

The next meeting will be March 8th at Hillsdale.

District 12

The meeting was held on November 24 at the Steak & Ale, with Lawrence Auxiliary hosting.

There were eight members and four guests present.

Riley Christmas kits were discussed, as well as dues, fundraisers, convention and Miss Flame.

The Miss Flame contest will be held on February 15, at Wayne Township Fire Headquarters. A pitch-in dinner will be held before the judging. There will be three girls running.

District 13B

The meeting was held on November 10, 1997.

It was decided to change our district officer elections to the May meeting, instead of August each year. The new officers will take office starting July 1st.

Our district is happy to announce a Miss Flame contestant for the convention this year. She is Tammy Spears, from Centerville.

The district also decided to donate an item for the Chinese Auction at convention.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with District 13A, and will be held on February 15, 1998 at Centerville Fire/Rescue.

Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Needs Your Support Now

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is working with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service to increase funding for one of the only federal programs that provides direct financial assistance to America's volunteer fire departments.

If approved by Congress this year, the Rural Community Fire Protection (RCFP) program will be re-titled the Volunteer Fire Assistance program and the Interior Appropriations Subcommittees of the U.S. House and Senate will begin to determine annual funding levels for the program.

The NVFC believes that this restructuring will allow for greater prosperity for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program while maintaining the programs integrity.

The program will continue to provide cost-share grants, through State Forestry agencies, to rural fire departments to train, equip and help organize.

Funding for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program was reduced from \$3.5 million in 1994 to \$2 million in FY 1998.

This reduction in program funding has reduced the ability of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program to assist local fire organizations to train and equip their firefighters.

The current appropriation of \$2 million for this program is able to find only seven percent of the requests for assistance received from fire departments.

The services provided by volunteer firefighters are generally regarded as an "avoided" direct cost to the public.

A 1991 study, commissioned by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, estimates that it would cost \$36.8 billion annually to convert America's volunteer firefighters to paid firefighters.

Thus, the volunteer fire service represents a national resource of enormous value that must be supported and nurtured if it is to continue to fulfill its critical role in emergency services response.

In March, the NVFC testified before the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee in support of increasing funding for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program to \$10 million in FY 1999.

The House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee will determine FY 1999 funding for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program in the next few weeks.

Now is the time for volunteers to contact their members of Congress in support of increasing the funding for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program.

Action: Call or write your

members of Congress today and urge them to support increasing funding for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program under the Department of Interior Budget to \$10 million.

Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202/225-3121 and ask for the office of your Senators and Representative.

Knight Twp. VFD New Company No. 6

The Knight Township Volunteer Fire Department in Evansville, Indiana has just completed construction on their new fire station.

Located at 2646 N. Burkhardt Road, this state-of-the-art facility sits on a little more than one acre, just south of Old Boonville Highway.

The station was designed with four apparatus bays to hold one rescue squad, two engines, and one ladder truck.

There are 2552 square feet of living space, which includes a living room, kitchen, training room, office, watch room and bunk room. The bunk room has enough space to hold ten firefighters.

Several businesses and individuals have donated their time, material and money to help make this station a big success.

There is still much work that needs to be done, but everything is coming together and we should have our ribbon cutting and Open House some time in late April or May.

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 - b. Application forms are all computer printed: copies are

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NOTE: Effective January 1, 1998 the fee paid for each plate to the BMV is \$12.00. The BMV retains all of the \$12.00 for their costs. The IVFA receives none of this fee.

The \$5.00 fee paid to the IVFA is used to cover IVFA expenses for processing the application and \$1.00 of the IVFA fee is used to replenish and maintain the BRIDGE-PORT FUND that provides two \$1500 scholarships each year and the \$3000 line of duty death benefit to member's families. After expenses are covered, the remainder can be used to help fund the \$5.00 direct discount each member can receive for each authorized fire school he or she attends. See complete information regarding the \$5.00 fire school discount elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

IVFA INDIVIDUAL LICENSE PLATE REQUEST FORM

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Department Name _____ Department # _____

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City/State/Zip _____ Month Your Plates Renew _____

Daytime Phone _____ # Plates Requested _____

County of Residence _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

District 13A

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Our January meeting was held at Indiana Precision Technology (IPT) in Greenfield. We had a well-attended meeting, a tasty meal, and good fellowship while we learned about their fire brigade. Our meeting ended with a tour of their plant and a viewing of the HazMat gear. Thanks IPT.

The February meeting was held at Pendleton Fire Department, again being well attended. Our special guest was our district Miss Flame Tammy Spears. We wish you good luck, Tammy, as well as to all of the Miss Flame contestants.

March's meeting was at Jefferson Township in Henry County. We had a smaller attendance and those who weren't there missed out on important information on an up-coming LP Gas School, the new ISO ratings, and new and up-coming legislation.

Also, on April 16th, we will be meeting at Sugar Creek Township, Station #1, in Hancock County (New Palestine).

On April 18th, Shirley Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an LP Gas School, which includes three (3) hours of classroom training and three (3) hours of a live burn, with an hour break in between.

In May, the meeting will be hosted in Fortville at their station, with the program being present by Chief Warren White of the Warren Township Fire Department.

In June, we will all be at the state convention. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tim Martin, Chairman

DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 15

The November 18, 1997 meeting was held at Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barr at 1930 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney offered prayer. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Barr.

Roll Call was answered by eight departments and fourteen members.

Chairman Barr stated he had sent each department a questionnaire to be filled out. He had only received back thirteen. He asked all department to please respond.

The Treasurer's report was given. A motion was made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Harry Logan to accept the report as distributed.

Old Business: Barbara Kerney stated that the Miss Flame candidate's names need to be turned in to her by January 3, 1998. The judging will take place at the January 20 meeting at Ft. Branch Fire Department.

Chairman Barr explained the system that will be used to obtain IVFA license plates for 1998. A \$5 fee will be charged to receive the license plate form. The Bridgeport Fund will receive \$1 to help finance the death benefit and scholarship programs. The remainder will be used to offset the cost of running the license plate program.

New Business: Harry Logan stated that Marris Township has broken ground for their new St. Philips station.

Secretary Kerney stated that money is available from the Fire Marshal's Office on the Revolving Loan Fund. The interest rate is 2% below bank prime. You may borrow a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$150,000. More information can be obtained from the Marshal's office.

The IVFA has received a donation of \$1375 to purchase smoke detectors for low income families.

As of the November IVFA officer's meeting, the membership

stands at 16,185 members.

The IVFA will be offering a \$5 discount for each class attended to all IVFA sponsored fire school for each paid member.

A copy of the IVFA By-Laws will be sent to each department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 2025 hours.

The next meeting will be at Ft. Branch Fire Department.

The January 20, 1998 meeting was held at Ft. Branch Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barr at 1955 hours.

Guests in attendance included Alex Smith and Bill Tracy, M&S Fire and Safety; Ken Bowes, Sternberg E-One; Ellen Biehler 1997 district Miss Flame; Stephanie Parker; and Angela Willoughby.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave an inspirational reading and asked for a silent prayer for Linda Cox, wife of IVFA Vice President Jack Cox, who is ill with cancer.

Roll Call was answered by nine departments and 20 members.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes of the November meeting. A motion was made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Harry Logan to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried by a show of hands vote.

Treasurer's report was given. A motion was made by Mike Sokeland and seconded by Harry Logan. Motion carried by a show of hands vote.

Old Business: All departments will receive a copy of the new IVFA By-Laws. A date has not been set as to when they will be received.

New Business: Jack Kerney stated that the Fire Investigators Association will be having a Fire Investigators class in the fall of 1998. Information will be coming to each department as plans are finalized.

He also stated that the Green River Firefighters Association will be having a Firefighter Officers

School on February 13-15 at the Executive Inn Owensboro. Kerney has registration forms.

A report was given on the low interest Revolving Loan Fund. There is still money available. The next drawing will be in May. If you are interested, the application forms can be obtained from the Fire Marshal's Office. You can borrow up to \$150,000 for new or used equipment.

Kerney handed out schedules for the convention in Terre Haute on June 17-20. (see page 28)

A report was given on the Workmen's Compensation problems in Indiana. The IVFA will be sending a letter to the Indiana Insurance Rating Bureau expressing the IVFA's concerns.

Kerney explained the procedure for obtaining the IVFA license plates for 1998.

The IVFA received enough money to purchase 600 smoke detectors. These will be distributed to the fire departments as they are received.

Barbara Kerney explained how the McCutchanville Fire Department teamed up with the Center Township Trustee to distribute and purchase smoke detectors for the low income families in Center Township.

The IVFA now has 16,185 members.

Jack Kerney explained how to apply for the IVFA scholarships that are given away each year. The IVFA awards two \$1500 scholarships each year at convention. Get your applications from John Barr or Jack Kerney.

An explanation was given on how to nominate someone for the Ollie Sandburg and Mr. IVFA awards.

Chairman Barr explained he received very few questionnaires back asking for fire department information. These questionnaires are vital to the IVFA in keeping track of changing addresses and the changing administrative personnel of your fire department. If your department has not responded, please do so as soon as possible.

Jack Kerney gave a brief legislative report on the progress of the bills in the legislature.

Ft. Branch was thanked for hosting the quarterly meeting and for the food provided.

Owensville has again asked to host the district waterball contest. The tentative date will be August 1, 1998. Further information will be coming later.

The next meeting will be held March 17 at GE Plastics in Mt. Vernon.

Miss Flame Chairman Barbara Kerney introduced Peggy Alstadt, Jack Kirwer, and Darlene Murphy as the 1998 Miss Flame judges. Barbara introduced the contestants for the 1998 district Miss Flame contest. Representing McCutchanville and the 1997 District 15 Miss Flame, Ellen Biehler; Stephanie Parks, representing Owensville; and Angela Willoughby, representing Perry Township.

After the contestants met with the judges, they selected Angela Willoughby as the district 1998 Miss Flame. She will represent the district at the convention in June. Chairman Barr thanked all of the contestants for participating.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours.

The March 17, 1998 meeting was held at GE Plastics in Mt. Vernon. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barr at 2005 hours. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Barr.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave a spiritual reading.

Roll Call was answered by ten departments and twenty-two

members.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes of the January 20, 1998 meeting. A motion was made by Harry Logan and seconded by Harmon Feather to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Treasurer's report was distributed. Motion was made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Harry Logan to accept the report as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Jack Kerney stated that the Evansville Area Fire Investigators Association is planning an Arson Investigators Class on October 10, 11-17, 18-24, 25. Details will be forthcoming from that organization.

Anyone going to FDIC was advised that there will be a volunteer night on Friday.

Kerney reminded everyone that was not registered to vote, they need to do so. And please, exercise your right to vote.

He also advised everyone needing an IVFA license plate form needs to try and send in their request form at least 30 days in advance. If your request was sent in months in advance, your forms will be mailed to you the month your license plates are due.

The Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy will be July 17-19. Information is available from the Fire Marshal's Office or PSTI.

A report was given on the Low Interest Loan Fund. Eight departments in Indiana will receive \$800,000. The next drawing will be June 1, 1998. All applications must be in to the Fire Marshal's Office by May 15. The maximum you may request is \$150,000.

Kerney advised everyone that PSTI is now caught up on all fire certifications. If you have not received a certification that you have applied for see him after the meeting.

The Indianapolis Fire School will be April 25-26 and May 2-3.

The new OSHA Respirator Standard was described and explained how it will impact the fire departments.

Chairman Barr distributed smoke detectors to all departments present. Forms are supplied with the detectors and are to be filled out and returned to the district, listing who received the detectors. Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue received the hearing impaired detector.

Chairman Barr stated that the district Waterball Contest will be August 1 in Owensville.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2110 hours.

Following the meeting, Jess Roberts took all attending on a tour of GE Plastics. Our thanks to GE Plastics for furnishing the meal before the meeting, as well as the tour.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jack Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17A

Our last district meeting was held at Steen Township Fire Department on March 18, 1998 at 1930 hours. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Harker with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call was answered by twenty-three members from nine departments.

Secretary Pete Carter read the minutes of the last meeting, which was held in Vincennes.

A discussion was held about the NFPA 1200 and "two in/two out". The feeling is that there will

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

Indianapolis, Indiana - February 7 & 8, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order at the Ramada Inn North/East in Indianapolis at 3:10 p.m. Charlie Baker gave the minute message, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Jack Zeeks - Started the meeting by asking everyone to state their name and district before they spoke since this is Amy Timmons first time taking the IVFA minutes.

Red Morris District 11A introduced Vice-Chairman Don Vermillion as his guest today. Jim Bradberry, Secretary District 1, was introduced also. Bill Kinsey introduced Amy Timmons. Bill Kinsey also gave the current 888 number and Christy Hill's name as the other contact in the Central office.

Jack Zeeks asked everyone to take out their emergency call list and make changes where necessary. He wants to update the list every two years, at least, because that is when the President changes.

Vice President Jack Cox - Stated he has not been able to attend many functions this year. He is going to be out more in future and will attend some of the meetings.

Mike Mackin District 6 - Made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. After a brief discussion Mike Mackin withdrew his motion. Jack Zeeks made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction in the last paragraph concerning the motion to adjourn. Larry Petro seconded. Motion carried.

Chaplain Charlie Baker - Reported following the quiet fourth quarter, things got hectic. The Association had a near record number of deaths. He thanked everyone, especially Father Lantz and Charlie Cline.

Assistant Chaplain Father Lantz - He has done three memorials. Thanked Charlie Baker as he did a terrific job at the last memorial. He also wanted to thank all those who have helped, especially the Vice President.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush - Bill Bush is currently working on the convention. There have been some pretty serious illnesses in his district but things are getting better.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kinsey - Started with the treasurer's report looking at the balance sheet for 1997 (everyone should have a copy). These figures do not represent a true picture of \$83,000 profit since there were several items that did not come due till the first part of 1998. Commitments made for 1997 such as Noah program at \$13,000 were not paid till 1998. There is a detailed account on page three. The Association is under budget for now since the original authorization has allowed up to \$20,000 for the Noah program. Some adjustments are still being made on the program, leaving the cost at this time as \$14,000. Noah sent Bill Kinsey letter thanking us for being involved with them and would like to use our name in the program brochures. In order to accommodate the Noah system, TRD computers were upgraded. The upgrades should be in next week. Right now the system is too slow to print the reports.

Bill Kinsey reported the Association has had a gambling license since 1989. Bill Kinsey read the permit and assured it was correct. It is necessary to complete a report after each event.

Bob Fleener District 8A asked Bill Kinsey when plates will be sent? Bill Kinsey said the October deadline did not happen so we are working off a 60 day deadline so members can have them on time. This means anyone requesting a plate must submit an application and check at least 60 days before the month they renew in order to receive their request form in time. The ones in early were categorized by month and will be mailed out 30 days early. The previous system, sending them once a year, caused a lot of problems due to the amount of lost plate forms.

The plate fee during 1997 accounted for \$16,000 in revenue, \$4,000 went to the Bridgeport fund, and \$2,500 in expenses for the plate processing and supplies.

Bill Bush asked Bill Kinsey if the license plate count has dropped much? Bill Bush also commented the Central office is doing good job. Bill Kinsey says license plates are picking up. Right now we cannot tell what the future is and how many more we will get but it should be a good amount. It is hard to tell at this time if it will equal the previous years. The old program was unable to count accurately the number of forms sent. This year we will know exactly since the new system is more accurate.

Bill Kinsey started the secretary's report saying he sent in the Indiana Lobby Registration for lobbyist John Shanks. He completed the application and sent it in with \$100 before the deadline. After the deadline he got it back with a letter stating the check should have been \$50. Bill Kinsey then re-issued the check and sent it back only to receive another letter saying they needed a \$10 late fee in order to process the registration.

The old computer locked up two days before the new program arrived causing the system to be down for a while. The computer repair people have tried to fix and could not. Kissell was not notified yet because of the charges involved. Does the Board want to call him? Ed Brettin District 9B asked if this is the only computer the auxiliary could have? What does Lee Kissell charge? Bill Kinsey said it was several hundred. We call him and leave a message; his wife calls back, then Lee calls back to correct the problem. Usually he dials in to the computer but he may need to make a trip this time.

Larry Petro made a motion to accept Bill Kinsey's notes. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion carried.

PR AREA REPORTS

PRNW Buz Koehler - Was able to attend all his district meetings.
PRNE Richard Glant - He missed a couple of meetings because he had the flu and was in Las Vegas for awhile.

PREC Don Cushman - Made most of his meetings and everything is pretty quiet.

PRWC Don Johnson - He missed his last two meetings because of car problems and illness. District 20 is dividing. He will notify the Central Office of the changes.

PRSW Jack Kerney - Missed one meeting, but made most of others. He went to the IFIA Annual Business Meeting also.

PRSE Nelson Ehlers - Absent

DISTRICT CHARIMEN REPORTS

District 1 Bill Howe - Everything is pretty quiet and the weather has been decent. There have been a couple of deaths but everything is pretty good overall.

Lawrence Swartz stated he had a request on behalf of Duane Lantz. Duane Lantz no longer wishes to participate in memorials because he has a hard time physically and mentally. He is getting older and doesn't want to be exposed to all kinds of weather or too much stress. On behalf of him and his wife, please do not contact them for any future memorials. Duane Lantz will continue to come to meetings, but call the Chaplain for memorials. Jack Zeeks asked this request be honored.

District 2 Larry Stott - Thanked everyone. He had three deaths in his district. Asked when the By-Laws will be sent? Jim Parker said the By-Laws were sent to the Central Office and will be printed by a local printer. Larry Stott asked how soon. Bill Kinsey said it would be awhile because of new system's current inability to print labels. Jack Kerney asked if the Association could send the By-Laws on disk? Jim Parker said that not all the departments have computers. Larry Stott thanked Amy and commented on the good meeting turnout.

District 3 Bob Uryga - Absent

District 4 Greg Freed - He attended the last district meeting. The attendance was not good, but neither was the weather.

District 5 Don Kissinger - His district has had fair meeting attendance. They now have a Miss Flame contestant. There is a department in District 7 that wants to be in District 5, because the meeting dates in District 7 conflict with their department's meeting schedule. Mitch Parish said it was fine with him, if it will help the department to receive information. The next district meeting will be March 12 at Denver FD.

District 6 Mike Mackin - He has had four deaths, two of which were life members, in his district. He thanked Ivan Nevil for coming up to a meeting. In their January meeting Kimberly Smith was voted Miss Flame. Next meeting will be March 6 at Washington Township FD in Whitley County.

District 7 Mort Sorg - His district had two deaths since the last meeting. He thanked Chaplain Charlie Baker. Next meet will be March 16 at Markle.

District 8A Robert Fleener - Held the last meeting at Pleasant Township and had a pretty good turnout. Got a department to rejoin the IFVA after being out for five years. He asked if they could have paid their 96-97 dues? Jack Zeeks said we did not accept previous dues payments.

Next meeting will be at Fiction Township on March 11. Also, he still has 18 smoke detectors and needs to know how to distribute them.

District 8B Larry Petro - At the January meeting they selected Tracy McAllen, from Pennville, as their Miss Flame contestant. Also, he had three deaths in his district.

District 9A Charlie Cline - The district had normal attendance at the last meeting. The Juvenile Fire Setters program went very well. Next meeting will be at Onward FD on March 26.

District 9B Ed Brettin - His district has had good meeting attendance. He thanked Buz Koehler for his help. The next meeting will be on March 12.

District 10 David Israel - His district had one death on January 1, he was a 30-year member. Talked to Jackson Township to see if they would renew their membership. He received good feedback from them and will follow up soon. Senator Bob Jackmand attended their January meeting. Next meeting will be on February 18.

District 11A Red Morris - They had a district meeting in January and elected a Miss Flame candidate. Next meeting will be on March 15. Thanked Bob Fleener for asking about detectors, because he was going to.

District 11B Larry Bartlow - Their January meeting did not have a very good turnout. The next meeting will be on March 8 at Hillsdale FD.

District 12 Assistant Chair Al Mendel - Reported Jack Zeeks attended the last meeting, but the attendance was poor. Next meeting will be March 16 at Lizton FD.

District 13A Tim Martin - Had two regular meetings in November with good attendance. Thanks to all that helped. The January meeting did not go well. Tim Martin has been sick a lot. The next meeting will be on February 19 at Pendleton. He has a ticket for the Fire Caucus Dinner tomorrow, but he is still not feeling well and would give it to anyone who would like to go. If no one accepts it, he'll attend as planned.

District 13B Dennis Spears - Last meeting had good turnout. All has been quiet.

District 14 - No current representative.

District 15 John Barr - Reported having two meetings one at Mt. Vernon and one at Ft. Branch. Their Miss Flame candidate is Angela Willaby. Next meeting will be March 17 at GE Plastics.

District 16 Danny Hickman - No report.

District 17A Jack Harker - He has had two meetings with great attendance. On January 17 they had about 120 people at the Annual Sausage Festival. Everyone had a good time; even Jack Zeeks was there. Jack Harker apologized to Jack Zeeks for not introducing him. Tracy Boatwright presented certificates for the 250-hour class. The next meet will be March 18 at Stein FD.

District 17B Luke Kluender - Reported it has been pretty quiet in his district. The carbon monoxide program is good. They will have a Miss Flame contestant this year.

District 18 Frank Daunhauer - He has had two deaths in his district. Eighty-seven members attended their last meeting. Next meeting will be on March 19.

District 19 Paul Covington - No report

District 21 Perry Martin - Attendance was better at their recent meeting. Don Johnson had a Birthday. Oden had a Turkey BBQ.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

Richard Glant - No report.

Mitch Parish - The Fire Marshals office sent a memo on billing. Should not bill if they do not meet restrictions. To figure the clothing and car allowance the trustee will take 200 divided by the number of fireman who attended fires. He is not pleased with this. He has quite a bit of business to discuss tomorrow.

Jack Harker - Hazardous material had several incidents. How do we bill?

Ivan Nevil - No report.

Carl Bruns - No report.

Jim Parker - No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Editor's Assistant Bill Howe - He reported the newspaper is on the way to the press. The vendors would like the May issue of the paper out early. Bill Bush asked if Laney had enough materials for

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From the Vice President



Jack Cox

There have been several special events during the first of 1998.

The East Central School for Emergency Services (Richmond), was a great success. There were several IVFA members that took advantage of the \$5 discount for each class attended at this school.

I attended the volunteer night at the FDIC in Indianapolis. I saw many friends and made some new ones at this event. Chief Larry Curl of Wayne Township

Fire can be very proud of this event. It was well planned and everyone had a good time. Thanks, Chief.

The Indianapolis School is ready to start and applications are coming in fast. This should be another great opportunity for all Indiana firefighters to obtain much needed training. I feel that none of us are to good to take additional training. Whether you are a chief or a rookie, we must realize that further training is a must to survive in this fast world we live in.

The 1998 IVFA Convention is all planned and the committee is ready. I am looking forward to this year's convention, since I am running for president and would appreciate your support.

As always the agenda is filled with something for everyone. Let's keep this annual affair a family event. We spend enough time away from our families, and this is an opportunity to enjoy the time with your loved ones along with your fellow firefighters.

Looking into the future, I am excited about the future of the IVFA and the Fire Service in general! There are many opportunities out there, however, we cannot take advantage of them all.

We MUST do all we can to continue to be the most competent and professional emergency services group in Indiana.

We are all professionals, whether career or volunteer! I was pleased when Chief Curl spoke of this at the Volunteer Night at the FDIC. If the general public can only recognize this fact, we will receive the recognition we deserve.

Until then we must promote ourselves as professionals and accept nothing else.

Until next issue, have a SAFE summer.

District 17A

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be a lot of house fires fought from the outside of the home.

Assistant Chief Pete Carter of the Vincennes Township Fire Department shared with those present his recent trip to Las Vegas and attending the classes on HazMat Material and Training.

Insurance Institute of Indiana has donated \$3,605 for smoke detectors to the IVFA. Each one of the departments received one detector to be given to someone that doesn't have one in their

home. Names of those receiving the detectors will be turned in at the next meeting.

A discussion was held about the license plate forms and the \$12 that will be charged next year by the license branches.

Chairman Harker asked for pictures of new fire apparatus and new station for the IVFA newspaper.

There was one death in our district, Walter H. Yagle from the Edwardsport Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours with ice cream being served by the host department.

The next meeting will be hosted by Verl Township Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack Harker, Chairman

DISTRICT 17B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 18

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 19

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 21 NO REPORT Gutweins...

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let the fire burn itself out. Although the blaze destroyed one warehouse and grading station - where the grain is shelled, kernels are separated by size, treated and bagged - firefighters were able to save a second warehouse when flames threatened to set the nearby building ablaze, according to Parish.

"I think the departments that responded did an excellent job," he said.

The Indiana State Fire Marshal investigated Tuesday morning to determine the cause. However, that information and the location of the fire's origin cannot be released until the investigation is completed, Parish said.

According to Gutwein, the amount of seed destroyed in the fire was not great. "It looks like a lot, but it's really not that much," Gutwein said. What was destroyed in the fire was only a small portion, he said. "The vast majority of the seed is in the other buildings."

Gutwein said he does not believe the fire will have much impact on local farmers.

A lot of the seed has been shipped already according to Gutwein, who supplies seed to areas in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, as well as in Indiana. About 90 percent of it has been shipped to farmers. "We should be able to satisfy our customer's needs. We were fortunate that we didn't have more damage," he said.

But the impact on the business, started by Gutwein's grandfather in 1936, may be great - an estimated \$1 million in damages. "It will be at least that," Gutwein said. "I don't know."

Chief Parish said Tuesday evening that estimate has jumped to \$3 million, which includes the seed, equipment, warehouse, grader and other damages sustained in the fire.

Gutwein said he faces many decisions including the clean-up and whether or not to rebuild, for all of which he had no answers.

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a nice paper? Bill Howe said yes, he thought so.

Advertisement Lawrence Swartz - No report.

National Volunteer Fire Council Mitch Parish - The next meeting will be in Edinburg TX. Gene Stofer would like Mitch Parish to go. He has to speak to him about it.

Jack Zeeks added Larry Curl called about FDIC volunteer night and asked for our help. He told him the Association would help. Jack Zeeks assured everyone it would require very little out of pocket expense.

By-Laws Jim Parker - No Report.

Public Education Jim Parker - No report.

EMS Larry Stott - He couldn't attend the last meeting, but Bill Kinsey sent him a letter concerning the First Responder EMS reports. He can show everyone the letter if needed. Jack Zeeks didn't think there was much we could do about the situation.

Membership Carl Bruns - No report.

Jack Zeeks asked everyone to make sure they were charged \$52 for their room. If not, be sure to get this rate. Also, the District Chairmen need to all have their pictures taken.

Jack Zeeks called a two-hour break at 4:57 p.m. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Bridgeport Lawrence Swartz - He sent out 25 applications and has some with him in case anyone needs them. He also, received a letter with a contribution in memory of Robert Harris for \$497 from his family. Lawrence stated the importance of keeping in contact with the family. Also, the District Chairmen should announce at meetings that contributions are accepted.

Fire School Jack Cox - Chris Rainbolt is the new president IFIA. Jack Cox thinks they will ask for more money for the outreach program (arson or outreach program). He doesn't feel we can support that at this time because of financial reasons. He has seven nominations for Midwest Awards that are due today or tomorrow at the latest. The Ollie Sandburg Award needs to be in by May 1.

Historical Mitch Parish - He has been unable to do much in the last few months due to family reasons. Sixty pages of paper are done now. Jack Zeeks asked for tentative completion date. Mitch Parish said the typesetter was lost, but he would check on it.

Insurance Bill Kinsey - He is attempting to establish a study group in the summer to rewrite chapter 36 so the mandate is clear. Tim Downey was authorized to pursue the Insurance Department and Workers Compensation Board in regard to clearing up the problems with workers compensation benefits to volunteer firemen. Tim Downey requested authorization to pursue it at his expense. His attorney will send a letter of intent to the Insurance Compensation Rating Bureau. It is currently difficult to obtain workers compensation for volunteer firemen. It is important for this association to support this matter.

Charlie Baker sent out the District Chairman handbook. On page 16 the appropriate amount is \$.25 per mile. Replace the emergency call list with the new one received this morning. Concerning the PR reports, the chairman wishes to advise you this information is not updated. Grave markers have been ordered, and will say either his/her last or final alarm. Female versions of it can be requested by the next board meeting.

Jack Zeeks asked Bill Kinsey to explain office guidelines currently being worked on. Bill Kinsey stated the previous committee had created a schedule for Central Office. Bill Kinsey read the schedule and asked for suggestions. Lawrence Swartz thought the list was great, but needed to be copied and distributed to all officers. Bill Kinsey stated the copies had been held pending approval and changes, if any.

Jack Zeeks asked Amy Timmons to send legislative reports to all past presidents. Lawrence Swartz said when members changed their address, officers especially, should let someone know. Bill Kinsey asked if anyone else should be added to the mailing list. Jim Parker said there was a long list of past presidents in the newspaper. We should verify the number of them interested in being involved.

Jack Zeeks gave his new pager number as 888/815-1689 or his toll free number, 800/338-5699 ext. 216. Bill Kinsey said he closed his office so that number is invalid. Contact him at home or on his cellular phone. Jack Cox gave his pager number as 765/973-1152.

Fire Services Institute Mitch Parish - Reported he did not attend the last meeting of IFSI, but did attend the prior meeting. He said the majority of the meeting attendees were IVFA members. The IFSI dinner is tomorrow night. The dinner will kick off the Hoosier Burn Camp. The Governor is supposed to attend. John Shanks originated the IFSI, but had not attended any meetings until the Burn Camp came about.

Lawrence Swartz added that IFSI has fulfilled the requirements necessary to enhance the relationship between the fire service and legislators in an effort to get more support, money, and backing. Still, some meetings have been canceled with as little as two days notice. Is it a lack of support? Bill Kinsey said Lawrence's message will be taken under consideration, but the intent of the institute has not been accomplished.

Charlie Baker appreciates all comments and agrees to an extent, the institute has not fulfilled its intents, but it is still growing. The fire service is composed of organizations. Lots of different interests don't really have a common objective. There were a total of thirteen members of the Board originally, now only five members attend. The others attending are officers or coordinators. The institute needs seven or nine members present to have formal meeting. He still thinks the IVFA should continue to support it, at least throughout 1998, even if it fails.

Mitch Parish added he would continue to support it. Jack Zeeks stated he talked to Chris Rainbolt and informed him he was a member of the Board. Jack Zeeks thinks you will see him participate now.

Convention Bill Bush - The committees are working really hard. They are working on the Banquet, especially the Wednesday night reception. Anyone can bring an antique for the parade. Provisions will be made to assure its safe return. Need a two-wheel hand drawn fire truck to lead the parade. Jack Kerney thought St. Minerad might have one.

The next Convention meeting is March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at Deevers on Fruitridge Avenue. Call Red Morris with questions. Bill Bush passed out the convention schedule.

Games Al Mendel - He reported in August that Terre Haute would sponsor a fire challenge. They decided it could not be handled during the convention since they are running on a time crunch. The committee can not do this either because of time. Mike Mackin thinks we would need a different weekend if we were to do this. Also, the com-

mittee is getting to the point where the games trailer is not big enough to carry all the supplies. Al Mendel priced new ones. Al Mendel built the old one in 1975 is no longer large enough. The Association needs one about 14 feet long, 7 feet wide and 6.6 feet tall with concession doors on the side. A PA system will also be needed. The old PA system in state fair trailer would be fine.

Trailer options are to use the old one, build a new one, or purchase a new one. With three basic price ranges \$3,075 plus \$538 each for concession doors, \$3,375 plus \$450 each for concession doors, and \$3,720 plus \$360 each for concession doors. He will write the details out for the Board meeting.

PS77 Lawrence Swartz - The training schedules are out. The next meeting is March 1 at Camp Atterberry.

Jack Zeeks announced the next IVFA meeting will be on May 2-3, then asked for a motion to recess this meeting and go to the Board Meeting. Don Kissinger made the motion. Larry Petro seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board Meeting was called to order by Mitch Parish at 8:42 p.m. Bill Howe made a motion to accept the minutes. Don Cushman seconded. (Suspended reading) Motion carried.

Larry Stott asked about the smoke detectors that all departments should have received. Don Cushman asked if we had enough? Bill Kinsey said we have 529 detectors and about 600 departments. He had no way to deliver them, so he had them shipped to all district directors (18 to each). He also has 75 or 76 in the car. After a lengthy conversation it was decided not to give a detector to every department, but to leave it up to the district chairmen. Mitch Parish said to keep a list of the departments receiving the detectors. Larry Petro asked if the departments should also keep a list of the people receiving detectors. Jack Zeeks thought we should require a signature and name back.

Red Morris made a motion to give them to the departments, have the department sign for them, and to return a letter stating who received them. Don Kissinger seconded. Two opposed, motion carried.

Jack Harker made a motion to give each district one of the twenty-four more expensive detectors. Ed Brettin seconded. Motion carries.

As a result of the two motions, each District Chairman will receive one \$10 and two more \$6 smoke detectors. Jack Zeeks will have all districts check to see if anyone needs a hearing impaired smoke detector since there is only one.

Mitch Parish brought up the fact the Association had discussed purchasing sympathy cards and get-well cards at the August meeting. Ed Brettin asked for prices. Jack Zeeks asked for price range. Don Cushman will check on making them for free.

Lawrence Swartz said the submitted advertisements for the newspaper are too large for the paper. The completed advertisements for Fire Schools are about seven pages. He asked how many of those pages should the Association print. Lawrence Swartz felt it was necessary to set a size limit. Mitch Parish said to put the name, date, and location but not the full size ad. Charlie Baker asked to entertain a motion that any submitted camera-ready art is at their expense. Red Morris asked if we took a vote on size limits and a one time printing fee at last meeting. Mitch Parish said the limit is 6x10.

Mitch Parish asked for a motion to adjourn and reconvene tomorrow. Larry Petro made the motion. Jack Harker seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1998

At 8:35 a.m. Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order. Charlie Baker gave the minute message. He thanked everyone for his or her help to Jack Cox in the loss of his wife.

BRPS&E Paul Covington - Currently trying to get accreditation off the ground. Have not been able to get coordination of PSTI.

PSTI Ivan Nevil - Passed out information on several classes including the Fire Chief Orientations, which will be held February 7 at Richland Township, February 14 at Beverly Shores, and February 28 at Freedom. The Camp Atterberry Confined Space Entry and Rescue Course will be held March 2-6. The training course for ICS/EMS will be held on March 28 and 29.

Ivan Nevil asked if all departments had received the video on terrorist awareness for first responders? To borrow a video on church fires, call Tom or Angie in the Arson division of Fire Marshall's office.

Through dealing with Cummings the Association can obtain 15 computers which are currently at Columbus Fire Department. Call Gary Burris, 812/376-2679, to get one free. There are no guarantees they will work in year 2000.

Indiana Gas wants to stop responding to carbon monoxide calls. They have started a training class for all departments interested in responding to these calls. Indiana Gas plans to give away \$500, to purchase detectors, to every department in the service area that attends the training course. They have had a good response so far, 198 fire departments have attended the seminar.

Thursday, Friday, and this Monday certificates were printed for any previous classes. Write or fax if you did not receive a certificate or if you got one you did not earn. Buz Koehler asked if patches for certification have been sent out? Ivan Nevil said they were working on it and most have been sent out. Larry Stott asked about master certification? Paul Covington said they were still working on it.

Guest - Chris Rainbolt, President of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association, wanted to put an end to the rumors IFIA is failing. He stated the association has had problems, but they were addressed. The computer system was upgraded and they now have an office in Clarksville. The office is opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekly with his wife serving as the Executive Secretary.

Some instructors left, due to new standards, but he is working hard to get new firemen involved. Registration has increased 100% from last year.

March 7&8 IFIA will sponsor an Incident Safety Officers Class at \$30 per person. Also, they have been approached to sponsor a Basic EMT Class this summer for approximately \$300 per person. Chris Rainbolt talked with Jack Zeeks about extending the \$5 discount to the outreach programs for the first five programs.

IFIA is still selling IFSTA books. NFPA is willing to use them as one of their suppliers. They offer a 10% discount on all IFSTA materials for active and inactive members. The loaner library is being updated as well. They are currently purging old slides and tapes. He explained that most classes would consist of about twenty-five people. If there are any future questions, please page him at 1-800-235-0282.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Kinsey clarified expense vouchers. For this meeting each attendee can claim \$.25 per mile, \$50 per night for room expenses (one night only, unless attended a Friday night meeting), and \$25 per night dinner expenses. Bill Kinsey asked everyone to please make all explanations clear on the vouchers, as we need details on these forms. Also, sign and total accurately.

Jack Zeeks stated that district chairmen only collect mileage when going to talk to departments about joining the Association. Mileage cannot be claimed for your own district meeting. If invited to another district meeting, you can claim mileage.

Jack Zeeks stated the clothing forms need to be turned in as soon as possible.

The telephone bills are awful high, please watch the number and duration of calls. Bill Kinsey said that calls should be limited to departments in their district.

A lengthy discussion resulted.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Zeeks took a roll call to see who was attending the IFSI dinner. Several new people decided to attend, as there were still empty seats.

Charles Cline announced that the Buck Creek Annual Fish Fry is April 25, 1998.

Jack Zeeks said the Association will send ten people, including him, on the Washington D.C. trip.

Jack Zeeks said the new district chairmen could go automatically. The trip is scheduled for around the last week of April. Give him a business card for drawing if you want to attend.

Jack Zeeks asked to recess and allow the Board Meeting to convene. Paul Covington made a motion to recess. Bill Howe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At 10:05 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Mitch Parish.

Mitch Parish asked if there was any discussion on brick and mortar building. Bob Fleener said his district disapproved. Bill Howe made a motion to "table" the brick and mortar vote pending more information. Buz Koehler seconded. Motion carried.

Guest - John Shanks started by passing out a legislative summary. He addressed a question received from Larry Stott earlier in the week. Senate Bill #407, which affected EMT and paramedics, concerns Do Not Resuscitate orders. It is currently dead, but could be brought back. Senator Miller is trying to extend Do Not Resuscitate orders outside the hospital, making it possible to deal with Do Not Resuscitate orders in the field.

Larry Stott said right now if handed one of these orders, it cannot be honored. John Shanks thought we needed to see how this was going to be worded before the Association decides if they should support this.

If the bill returns, John Shanks will put an article in the newspaper. John Shanks wants to know the Association's opinion.

John Shanks said the legislative packets contain only active bills. He briefly discussed the Burn Camp. Ginger Shanks is Executive Director and will speak on the issue later. He then took questions.

The toll free number for Bushman, Carr, and Shanks is 800/548-9325. John Shanks said to please contact him with questions and comments on all legislative issues. He explained he really needs input on these bills.

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IVFA 1998 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Stephen R. Buschmann & John N. Shanks II
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It is our pleasure to present the final legislative report for the 1998 Session of the Indiana General Assembly to the members and friends of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. All action on bills coming out of the Session is now complete and, as they say, "we're all safe for another year!"

During the 1998 Regular Session of the 109th General Assembly, the House of Representatives introduced 427 bills, while the Senate introduced 480 bills. Of the original 907 bills introduced, 133 bills were passed by the General Assembly. The Governor vetoed 2 of the bills; signed the remaining 131 acts into law.

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association supported, opposed, or watched a substantial number of the bills that were introduced this year. A brief description of the legislation enacted affecting the IVFA, as well as some of the matters that failed or were defeated, are as follows:

IVFA SPONSORED OR OTHER MAJOR BILLS:

Senate Enrolled Act 348 [Authors: Senators Johnson, Rogers, Craycraft & Randolph; Sponsors: Representatives Klinker, Burckhardt & Avery]

This act amends the ghost employment statute to allow a government employee to work, on government time, for a nonprofit entity or another governmental unit without violating the ghost employment law, under the following conditions: (1) the entity doesn't promote religion; doesn't attempt to influence government legislation or government policy; and doesn't attempt to influence election to public office; (2) the entity is another government entity or a tax exempt entity under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; (3) the employee has the approval of his supervisor; and (4) the work complies with a written policy or regulation issued by the executive officer of the government entity and that written policy or regulation includes limits on the total time the employee can spend performing the services during normal hours of employment. This bill is of particular importance to the fire service because it will, with the appropriate approvals and written policies, permit the State Fire Marshal and his department designees to serve, on public time, on the Board of Directors of the Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc., or any other such entity, as long as the burn camp does not seek state funds or other assistance that will require legislative approval. [This is essentially the same authority as would have been granted in HB 1106 which did not pass Senate committee action and is discussed later in this report.] [Effective July 1, 1998]

House Enrolled Act 1177 [Authors: Representatives Ruppel, Bischoff, Liggett & V. Becker; Sponsors: Senators Landske, Wolf & Meeks]

This act allows a township that is running short of money in its fire-fighting fund, but has excess money in its civil funds, to borrow from itself for firefighting purposes; provided the money is repaid the following year. (This saves the borrowing costs that would be incurred by borrowing from a commercial lending institution.) The act also clarifies that a volunteer firefighter who has completed the minimum basic training may serve in more than one volunteer fire company. The act also reorganizes the code sections for charging the owner or responsible party for HAZMAT costs on highways and on private property, so that charges for HAZMAT related costs (as permitted by regulations of the State Fire Marshal) may be recovered without the prior publication of notice. Charges for non-HAZMAT costs still require published notice before they may be recovered. [Effective July 1, 1998]

House Enrolled Act 1210 [Representatives Tincher, Foley, Leuck, Ruppel & Bischoff; Sponsors: Senators Landske, Wolf & Skillman]

This act allows a government unit to transfer fire trucks, emergency service vehicles or firefighting and emergency services equipment, by sale, gift, or other acceptable arrangement, directly to a volunteer fire company without going through the formal disposal process for surplus equipment. The only limit is that the government unit must first offer the vehicles or equipment to volunteer fire companies located in the same county, before the vehicles and equipment may be offered to volunteer fire companies that are outside the particular county. A volunteer fire company acquiring vehicles or equipment under this process may only acquire the vehicles and equipment for its own use in providing firefighting and emergency services. This act also permits a township, fire district or a fire protection territory that has an assessed value of less than twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to finance the purchase of firefighting apparatus and equipment, including housing, over a period of up to 15 years, if the purchase is made with funding from the state or federal government.

The statute doesn't specify whether all of the funding must come from state or federal sources, so it is possible that a fire truck purchased in part with "Build Indiana" funds would qualify for the longer term financing. Also, the impact on the revolving loan fund administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal is being studied.

The State Board of Tax Commissioners and the State Budget Agency will ultimately need to interpret this section. [Effective July 1, 1998.]

OTHER BILLS IMPACTING IVFA:

Senate Enrolled Act 171 [Authors: Senators K. Adams, Wyss, Meeks, Bray, Long, Dempsey, Waterman, Bowser, Alexa, Howard, Craycraft, Antich & Washington; Sponsors: Representatives Lytle & Gulling]

This act provides "good Samaritan" immunity to individuals, businesses and organizations who acquire and gratuitously use an automatic external defibrillator, as long as the user has completed an American Heart Association certified course or its equivalent. The act provides that a person or entity possessing an automatic external defibrillator must notify the ambulance provider in the area or the Emergency Medical Services Commission of the acquisition and location of the defibrillator and further must notify the ambulance provider



L-R Representative Candace L. Morris (R-Indianapolis), Gene Stofer, and Representative R. Michael Young (R-Indianapolis).



L-R: Gene Stofer and Representative Bill Ruppel (R. North Manchester).



L-R: Representative John S. Keeler (R-Indianapolis), Representative Robert W. Behning (R-Indianapolis), Gene Stofer, and R. Michael Young (R-Indianapolis).

or fire department that provides ambulance service as soon as practicable after the defibrillator is used. [Effective on passage]

Senate Enrolled Act 237 [Authors: Senators Merritt & Craycraft; Sponsors: Representatives Kruzan & Gulling]

This act permits the Indiana Emergency Services Commission to temporarily suspend an EMS certificate for up to 90 days (formerly 45 days) without a hearing upon a finding of imminent danger to public health or safety. The act also allows the Commission to permanently revoke an EMS license or certificate upon finding that the holder has been convicted of a crime involving controlled substances. [Effective on passage]

Senate Enrolled Act 347 [Authors: Senators Sipes, Wyss, Craycraft, Jackman & Meeks; Sponsors: Representatives Cochran & Mahern]

This act creates the Emergency Management Assistance Compact for cooperation between member states for mutual assistance in case of emergencies. The act provides that law enforcement officers who visit other states under the Compact do not have arrest powers unless specifically authorized by the receiving state. The act also gives the executive director of the Fire and Building Services Department law enforcement authority while discharging his duties. [Effective on passage]

House Enrolled Act 1008 [Authors: Representatives Ayres, Villalpando, Dvorak & Foley; Sponsors: Senators Bray & Alexa]

This act combines the various exemptions from jury duty which exist in the law and adds an exemption from service on criminal juries for employees of the Department of Corrections and their spouses and children. There is included in the law a general exemption for elected or appointed local government officials who are actively engaged in the performance of their official duties and an exemption for members of a fire department or company, both volunteer and paid. [Effective July 1, 1998]

House Enrolled Act 1145 [Authors: Representatives Frizzell, Ruppel, Bailey, Avery, Fesko & Kruse; Sponsors: Senators Reigsecker, Rogers, Miller & Craycraft]

This act changes the law on special group license plates, which will include the IVFA plate. The act requires a special group to sell at least 2000 plates before January 1, 2001, to keep its special plate designa-

tion and thereafter to sell at least 2000 plates in the first four years of each five year cycle.

A special group, including the IVFA, must sell at least 10,000 plates before January 1, 2001 and during the first four years of each five year cycle thereafter, in order to have a separately designed plate like the IVFA has now.

If the group sells more than 2000, but less than 10,000 during the particular cycle, the group will have a generic Indiana license plate with a special emblem affixed to the plate designating the special group.

The act also creates a separate statutory "Indiana Firefighter" license plate for salaried or volunteer firefighters.

This plate will compete with our plate, but won't replace it. [Effective January 1, 2000]

BILLS AND SUBJECT MATTER THAT DID NOT PASS:

House Bill 1106 [Authors: Representatives Bischoff & R.M. Young; Sponsors: Senators Landske & Wolf]

This bill would have permitted the State Fire Marshal and his staff to serve and participate in the establishment and operation of one or more burn camps for children under age 19 who have been the victims of burns and other physical trauma resulting from fires and explosions. The bill passed the House (99-0).

The bill died on a tie vote in the Senate Public Policy Committee after an intense negative lobbying campaign by a group known as "The Peoples Burn Foundation of Indiana." [SEA 348, which did pass, provides sufficient authority to allow the Office of the State Fire Marshal to participate.]

A special thanks to Senator Tom Wyss, Chair of the Senate Public Policy Committee for hearing the bill and his public support of the Hoosier Burn Camp.

BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR AFFECTING THAT COULD HAVE AFFECTED THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE:

House Bill 1136 [Author: Representative Fry; Sponsors: Senators Zakas, Reigsecker, K. Adams]

This bill would have permitted the cost of maintaining fire hydrants in Baygo Township, Elkhart County, to be included in the water bills of the customers of the city waterworks and required St. Joseph County to distribute a percentage of its municipal waste disposal fees to Madison Township (8%), Union Township (6%), and Penn Township (6%) for use by those townships in providing fire service.

In his veto message, Governor O'Bannon said that decisions for the distribution of local funds should be left to local governments.

This concludes our 1998 report. It is our continuing honor and pleasure to represent the men and women of Indiana's volunteer fire service.

For further information on any of these bills, please don't hesitate to call us at 800/548-9325 or look us up at the IVFA Annual Convention in Terre Haute, June 18-20. See you there!

Coolspring Township VFD



On March 6, 1998, the Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department in Michigan City, Indiana, placed into service a new rescue vehicle.

The apparatus consists of a twelve foot walk-in compartment with roll up compartment doors, mounted on a 1997 Ford Super Duty Chassis with a Power Stroke Turbo Diesel Engine.

The truck replaces a converted 1985 Chevy ambulance that the department converted to suit its needs.

The new truck contains on board hydraulic extrication equipment consisting of a Lukas ram, two ram extensions, a Lukas cutter and spreader, with two mounted hydraulic reels. This was also standard on our previous truck.

New to this apparatus are the on board electric generator with 4,500 Watt Quartz lights and three exterior 110 receptacles and on board cascade system for refilling air bottles on fire scenes.

This truck also contains seating for six personnel, with two SCBAs mounted in the walk-in part of the truck.

It is also fully furnished with heat and air conditioning in the front and back of the truck to allow for its use as a command center or rehab vehicle.

This is the third truck the department has used since the introduction of the First Responder program in 1992.

Initially, rescue/medical calls were run out of a 1976 Dodge Utility bed truck.

That was followed by a 1985 ambulance we converted to meet our needs. Now we have purchased this vehicle, which we fully believe will suit our needs for quite some time in the future.

The Coolspring Township VFD is a department that currently shows 43 active members ranging from Second Class through Master Firefighters. As a department, we respond to an average of 585 calls for service annually out of three stations.

The department covers an area in the northwest corner of the state, just outside Michigan City. The area that the department covers is a commercial and residential area with limited industry.

We also run automatic mutual aid to neighboring Center, Scipio, Springfield, and Westville Fire Departments, as well as mutual aid to the Michigan City Fire Department.

We are a fully incorporated department contracting fire protection to Coolspring Township, as well as to the unincorporated town of Trail Creek.

We have three fund raisers per year, including a Spring Dinner, a

two-day Summer Fireman's Ball, and a Fall Dinner Raffle.

With the addition of this apparatus to our fleet, we hope to further enhance our fire and medical coverage to the citizens of Coolspring Township and Trail Creek.

This truck brings our current fleet of trucks to ten.

Other trucks in our fleet are: A Spartan Quality pumper (1000 gal. water tank, 1000 gpm pump), a 1981 Ford Pirsch

pumper (750 gal. tank, 750 gpm pump), a 1996 Ford 4-Guys pumper tanker (1800 gal. tank, 1250 gpm pump), a 1996 Ford 4-Guys tanker (2200 gal. tank, 500 gpm pump), a 1984 4-Guys tanker (2200 gal. tank, 250 gpm pump), a 1985 Chevy Horton ambulance, which serves as a back up rescue truck, a 1973 Howe Ford pumper tanker (1000 gal. tank, 500 gpm pump), a 1970 Howe International 4X4 brush truck (250 gal. tank, 200 gpm pump) and a 1976 Dodge utility truck.

The department was founded in 1955 and has been an active part of the community since that time.

In 1992, the department became active in the LaPorte County First Responder program and has since become the busiest volunteer fire department in LaPorte County.

If you wish any other information regarding our department, you can contact us at:

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Off-duty fire chief saves 5 from blaze

Burning home spotted on Steuben newspaper route

By Julie Creek and Julie Johnston

The Journal Gazette
Pleasant Lake - Patsy Jolly and her boyfriend woke up about 5:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5, 1998, to the sound of frantic pounding on the front door of her house at 940 W. Main Street in Pleasant Lake.

That pounding may have saved their lives, the lives of Jolly's two sons and a friend of her son who was spending the night.

Steuben Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Shane Taylor had been out delivering The Journal Gazette for a friend who had to travel out of state for a death in the family when he saw flames coming from Jolly's roof.

"He woke us up," Patsy Jolly said Sunday night. "We wouldn't have gotten up. There was no smoke in the house until my boyfriend opened the door and that brought smoke down into the house."

Taylor quickly drove his truck

a few blocks to the fire station and summoned firefighters, Jolly said, and then returned to fight the fire.

The Hudson, Hamilton and Salem Center Fire Departments also assisted in fighting the fire, according to the Steuben Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire was traced to the chimney attached to a fireplace, fire officials said.

"I only made it through about a quarter of the paper route," Taylor said. "I had to stop. After about two hours, I broke free and finished the route."

The fire, brought under control in less than an hour, caused an estimated \$40,000 in damage to the house, mainly in the roof and attic areas.

"The fire department did a good job," Jolly said. "I had lots of antiques in the living room and they saved most of them."

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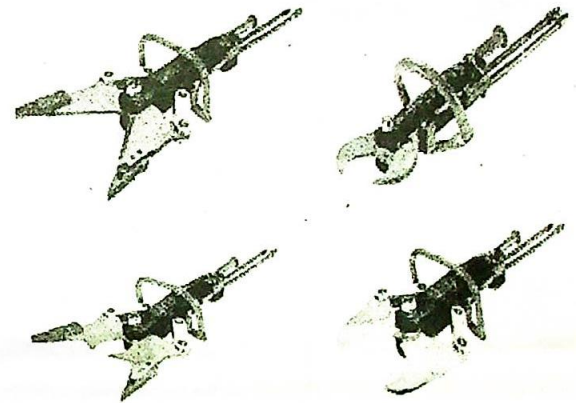
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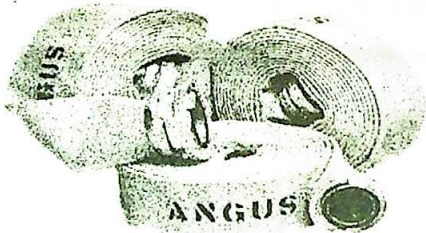
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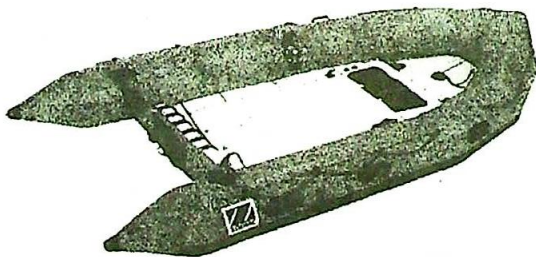
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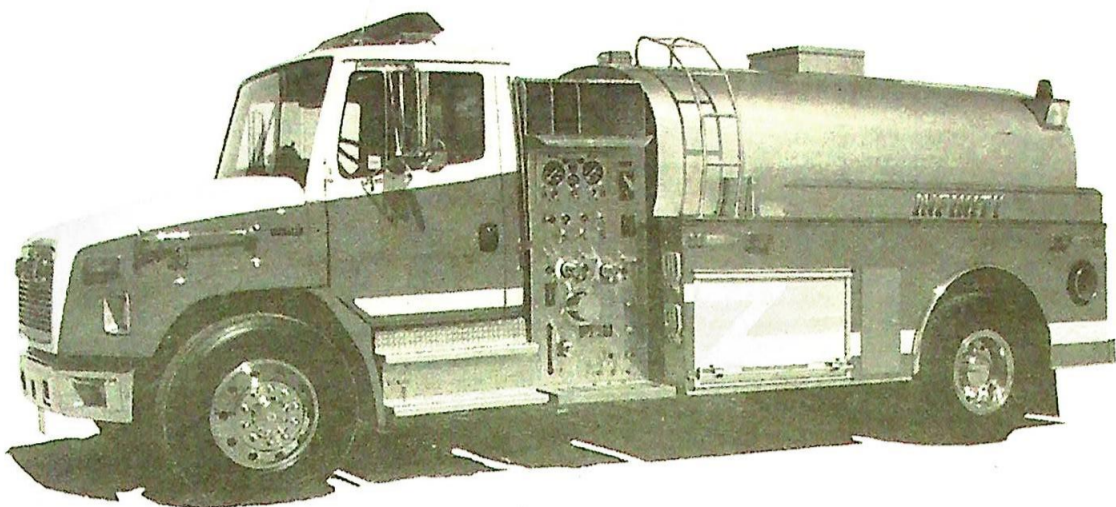
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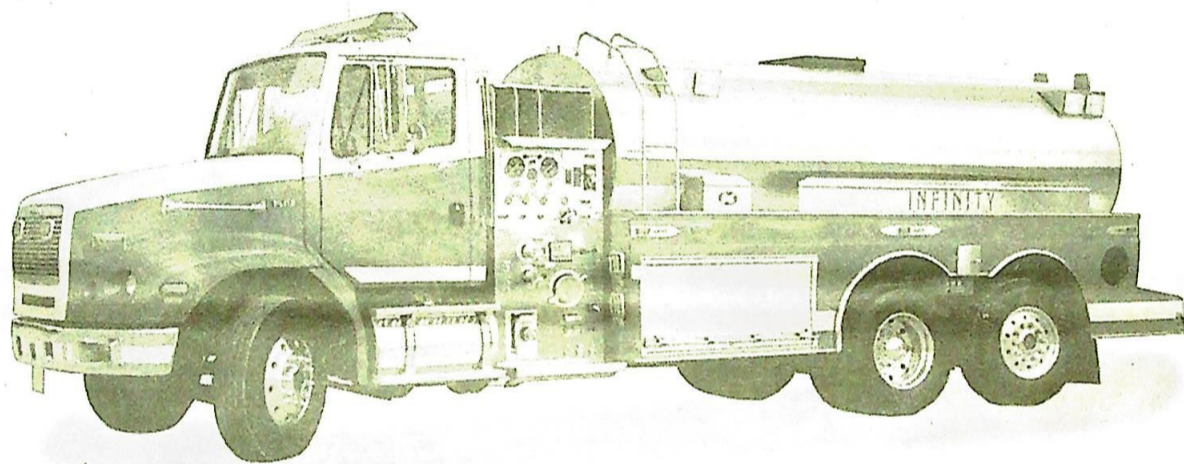
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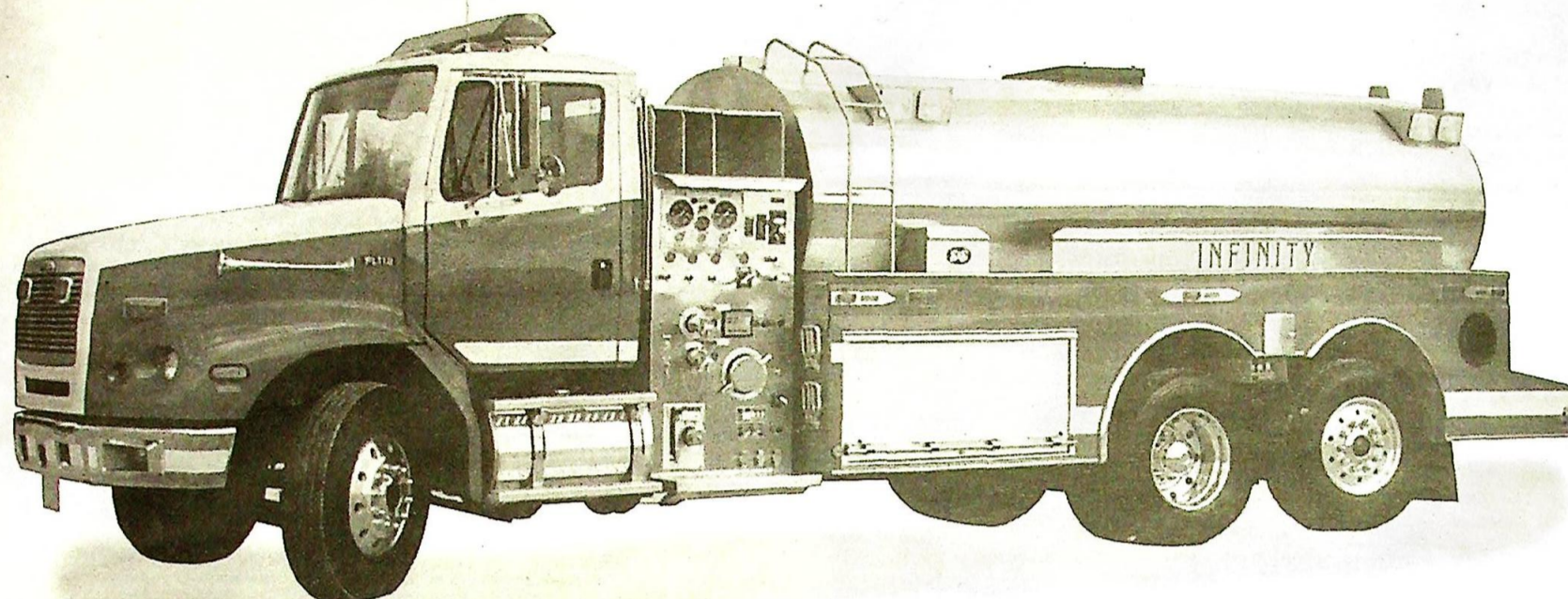
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NVFC to Participate in NFPA 1200 "Task Group"

The Standards Council of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) met in January to determine the future of its Project on Fire Service Organization and Deployment.

The Standards Council addressed this issue at the request of the NFPA 1200 Technical Committee, which was originally assigned to develop this standard.

The NFPA 1200 Technical Committee, however, had reached an impasse over how to address the deployment issues in the standard and, consequently, requested the guidance of the Standards Council on how to proceed with this sensitive issue.

At the heart of the controversy has been the question of, "how can the NFPA apply one standard on deployment and organization to all of the unique and diverse types of fire departments who are called upon to provide emergency services."

The NFPA Standards Council has concluded that the Project on Fire Service Organization and Deployment should continue.

In order to assist the Technical Committee in proceeding with this project, the NFPA Standards Council is convening a task group to address the controversial issues within this project.

The task group will be lead by the Chair of the NFPA Standards Council and will be comprised of representatives from each of the following national organizations:

International Association of Fire Chiefs;

International Association of Fire Fighters;

International City/County Management Association; and

National Volunteer Fire Council.

The purpose of the task group shall be to gather information, make recommendations and provide guidance as to how the project might proceed.

It is hoped that this task group can review options, explore the issues that are currently dividing the Technical Committee and attempt to find common ground among the constituencies concerned with this Project.

When it initiated this Project, the NFPA Standards Council stressed that the scope and number of documents developed by this project was within the discretion of the Technical Committee:

The Council recognized that deployment needs may vary depending on the type of fire department or community environment, and that there are several proposals as to how these different deployment contexts might be categorized.

While some propose a distinction based on career versus volunteer departments, others have suggested that distinctions based on population size or density or both would be more workable.

Other approaches may also be appropriate. (Standards Council Decision January 11, 1995; agenda item #94-93).

The NFPA 1200 Technical Committee has been unable to come to agreement as to the appropriate scoping of document(s) within the jurisdiction of the Project, and this appears to be a primary cause of the

impasse that has resulted.

The NFPA Standards Council has, therefore, requested that, among any recommendations that it develops, the task group include recommendations as to document(s) scoping which the NFPA can implement.

At the Kansas City public hearing, in November 1997, there were suggestions that issues of scope might be accommodated by limiting the application of a particular document by department size, by the number of full-time emergency responders available in a department, or by the size or type of the community. These specific options as well as equipment.

Companies will crush surplus equipment to guarantee it never leaves the plant fit for use.

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Fire trucks are broken up and sold for scrap metal.

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In 1998, the NVFC will seek introduction of federal legislation that would take the liability bur-

den off of private individuals and corporations who chose to donate used fire equipment to volunteer fire departments.

The NVFC will depend on the vocal support of the volunteer fire service to achieve its legislative goals in 1998.

In addition to putting the fires out in their communities, it is necessary for volunteers to help control the "fires" in Washington, DC.

The NVFC is competing with other interest groups for the attention of lawmakers.

The only way to be heard is for the volunteer fire service to stand up and be counted.

If a member of Congress receives a series of phone calls or letters from volunteer firefighters in their district, that member will respond with support.

The NVFC can provide volunteers with talking points, sample letters, and phone numbers of pertinent members of Congress in support of these legislative initiatives.

For more information on any federal legislative or regulatory issue facing the volunteer fire service, contact the NVFC National Office (Bruce Beardmore) at 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).

Vincennes Township



The Vincennes Township Fire Protection District, Indiana recently took delivery of a Pierce 75 foot heavy duty ladder. The unit is equipped with a 500 hp engine, 2,000 gpm Waterous pump and a 500 gallon poly tank.

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Fire routs family again

And for the second time in 29 years, the Grays say they'll rebuild their home west of U.S. 41 near Lowell.

By Suzanne Eovaldi
Correspondent

For the second time in their lives, the James Fray family was roused from their home by a fire.

The first time was 29 years ago; the second was Tuesday, February 3, 1998.

"It's never easy," Betty Gray said as she looked out the window of the family motor home near the charred remains of what once was a two-story brick home.

The home at 15404 White Oak Avenue, in far southern Lake County about two miles west of Indiana 41 and north of Lowell, was built to replace the family's

original house, which burned down on the same site 29 years ago.

They will rebuild this time, too, the Grays said. But Tuesday, Betty Gray, 58, found comfort in the little things.

"The kids are all gone and on their own this time," she said.

Firefighters are uncertain what caused the 4:30 a.m. fire that sent Betty Gray, her husband, James, 60; and their son, Joel, 37; into the early morning cold.

They escaped uninjured, but damage estimates are set at \$200,000.

As many as ten fire trucks and rescue vehicles crowded the road at the fire's height as firefighters used water hauled to the scene to fight the blaze.

"Joel woke up coughing and smelled smoke. He woke up Mom and Dad," said Sandy MacFarlane, the Grays' daughter who lives in Lake Dalecarlia.

Joel Gray was asleep in a first-floor bedroom when he awoke, coughing on the smoke. He ran upstairs to his parent's bedroom to awaken them, MacFarlane

said.

When they came down, they saw flames starting to come up through the floor of the house, MacFarlane said.

"They tried to put it out with water from the fish tank and the sink," MacFarlane said.

But the family was forced outside, grabbing clothes and family photographs off the walls as they ran.

Betty Gray drove about a half-mile away to get a strong enough signal from her cell phone to call 911.

"I'm glad they got out," MacFarlane said, as she stood in the front yard and remembered standing watching another fire when she was three.

Then she was one of six children living in the house, which caught fire while the older children were in school.

"All I remember is standing out in the front yard with the firemen," MacFarlane, 32, said.

"It burned to the ground then."

Tuesday was much the same. Firefighters knocked down the

brick walls, leaving only the chimney standing.

Lowell Fire Department Safety Officer Tim Reed said firefighters had to pull the brick walls down because the mortar had softened from the intense heat.

"They might collapse; the roof is gone," he said. "It's safer that way."

Lowell firefighters were first on the scene.

Lake Dale Fire Department Chief Bob Carr said flames spiked behind each window as firefighters had to fight the blaze from the yard of the heavily wooded area in an unincorporated area about six miles north of Lowell.

Firefighters from Lowell, Lake Dalecarlia and Cedar Lake contained the fire within two hours.

Tuesday afternoon, Betty Gray stood in the kitchen of her fully stocked motor home and served her husband lunch while she ate from fast-food cartons with him.

Fellow parishioners from Cedar Lake First Baptist Church and neighbors brought them food and clothing throughout the day.

Reprinted from the Post-Tribune

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Aurora Volunteer Fire Department goes on-line.

In January of 1998, the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department took a leap forward in developing an internet website that offers the public and other fire departments information related to this rural department in southeastern Indiana.

Aurora Fire Department member Jeff Zoller created the site. Zoller has been involved in commercial website development as a small business venture and he explains that the site has much to offer.

"The site contains a good historical overview of the Aurora Fire Department, including photo's from the late 1800's.

One of the first fire apparatus in Aurora was the 1880's steam engine called the Aurora #1. Today, Aurora #1 has been restored and can be viewed in the Cincinnati Fire Museum. We are still working on incorporating the Fire Company #2's history into the website."

The Internet can be a powerful tool in gathering information on arson investigations, safety, fire training, and sharing stories and history.

The Aurora Fire Department recently received an award from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) for their Disaster Management implementation during the Flood of 1997 that ravaged the Ohio River Valley. The award nomination entry is also on their website.

"Our website contains membership information, recent projects, a photo gallery, history, links to various fire safety website and information on safety and training.

"We hope to add to this library of training material so other fire departments can utilize it," explained Zoller.

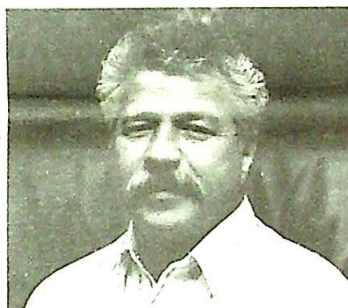
Fire Chief Dana Cotton and other members of the department gathered information and pictures to build the website.

The AVFD hopes to update the website monthly. "Feel free to utilize this site as a resource in your fire department activities," said Zoller.

The website address is: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/9123/afd/>

Anyone interested in creating a similar website can contact Jeff Zoller for details at (812) 926-0072.

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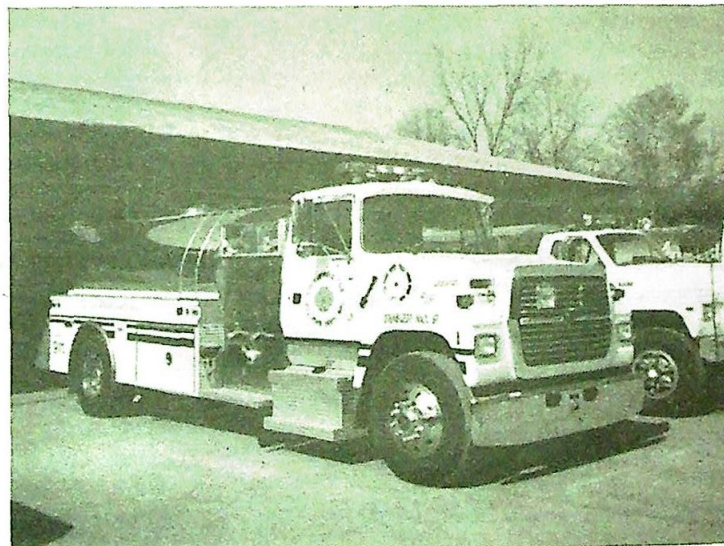
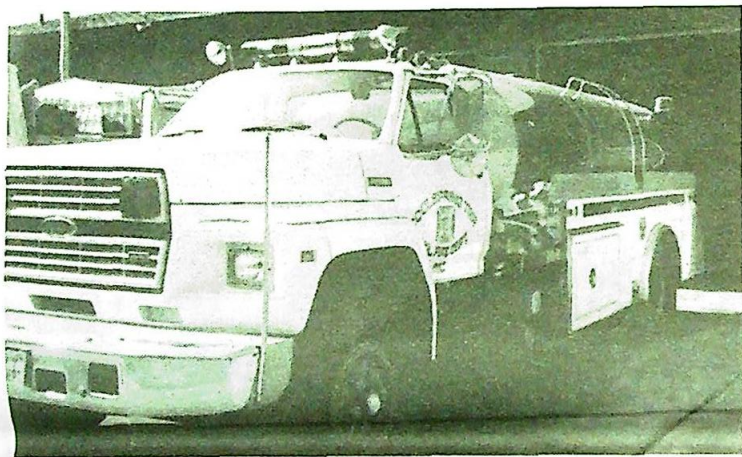
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IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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Guest - Ginger Shanks spoke about the Indiana Burn Camp, which she has been working on for several months. Each year about one million children are injured and three thousand die as a result of fires. Survivors have scars, emotionally as well as physically. She is volunteering her time, 40 hours or more per week. Total, the Burn Camp needs \$100,000 in donations.

The camp will allow the kids to attend camp with other children like them. This camp will have doctors and psychiatrists on staff to help them. Bill Bush asked if we have talked to local casinos for money? John Shanks said they had done that. Ed Brettin asked what the \$100,000 covered? Ginger said all expenses for 1999 since all workers are volunteers. John Shanks said it takes money to raise money so they are fighting with this issue. There is valuable information concerning burn camps on the Internet if anyone is interested. Ginger Shanks asked the IVFA to take the lead in trying to get the burn camp going.

Jack Zeeks asked for motion to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. Rich Glant made the motion. Larry Petro seconded. Motion carried. Mitch Parish called the Board Meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

Mitch Parish read the list of people going on the Washington D.C. trip automatically. The list included Jack Zeeks, President and Ed Brettin, new District Director. Jack Zeeks asked that anyone who took the trip last year wait and attend only if there are empty slots. David Israel, Bill Kinsey, Perry Martin, Bill Bush, Paul Covington, Larry Stott, Jack Harker, and John Ross were drawn to attend. Luke Kluender and Frank Daunhauer will be alternates.

The President's Advisory Board would like a report explaining the way legislative money is being spent. John Shanks explained the money pays for two lawyers, one non-lawyer, and one intern. Lobbying is year round process. John Shanks also tries to attend caucus and study groups.

He suggested the Association form a political action committee in order to surpass the restrictions faced by lobbyists. This would include endorsements, contributions, and attending events that lobbyist cannot do. The firm sends a time break down to Gene Stofer. Mitch Parish asked if John Shanks could send the reports to the President, Vice-President, and Secretary as well.

Mitch Parish said they had voted not to support the Duneland Fire School because it was thought to be a for-profit organization. The fire school is actually not for-profit. Larry Stott made motion to support the Duneland Fire School. Buz Koehler seconded. Paul Covington opposed. Motion carried.

T. R. Downey needs a motion to approve a first letter of intent to sue ICRB. Bill Howe made the motion approve TRD action. Jack Kerney seconded. Bill Kinsey explained why we needed to sue and that Tim Downey will invest his time and money, but needs authorization from this organization to continue. Motion carried.

Larry Curl asked Jack Zeeks to support the Indiana Family Volunteer Night at FDIC at a cost of approximately \$1000. Rich Glant made motion to support this. Charlie Cline seconded. Motion carried.

EMS Commission re-appointed Larry Stott.

The old Central Office computer, which was going to be donated to the Ladies Auxiliary, is not working. Bill Kinsey said the old computer locked up prior to new system installation. Bill Kinsey asked if the Association wanted to spend the money to repair the old system. Ed Brettin asked if it was possible to give one of 15 free computers to ladies. Bill Bush asked if Kinsey could call and find out the cost. Bill Kinsey said the modem is bad and Lee Kissell would have to drive to Indianapolis to do the estimate and repairs.

Jack Zeeks also suggested calling Lee Kissell to get an estimate. Jack Harker made motion to contact Lee Kissell. Mike Mackin seconded. (A \$500.00 maximum limit) David Israel will check into one of 15 computers. Buz Koehler said if the computer cannot be fixed to destroy the hard drive before putting it in the trash. Jack Zeeks suggested getting a price estimate but waiting on the repairs. Fourteen in favor, fifteen against. Motion failed.

Opened a new motion. Jack Zeeks asked for a motion to get the quote in case it is not possible to get one of the 15 computers from Columbus. Buz Koehler made the motion. Seconded. Motion carries.

Al Mendel read the estimate on the new trailer. Buz Koehler makes a motion for option two to spend up to \$4,500. Ed Brettin seconded. Motion carried.

The Burn Camp needs money to get started. Charlie Baker said most other associations were donating \$1000. Charlie Baker made a motion to donate \$1000. Charlie Cline seconded. Motion carries.

Bill Kinsey submitted a report on the installation of the Noah program. The program was originally authorized for \$20,000. The estimate was \$16,000 and the actual cost was \$14,403. After the print servers were reconfigured for \$540 the total cost was \$14,943.

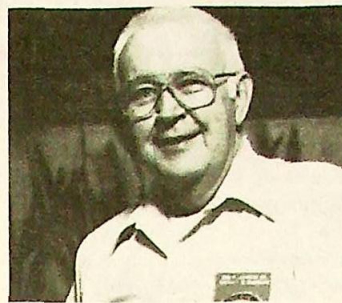
Randy Sapp, of T. R. Downey, spent 18 hours in research, prior to the conversion Randy Sapp prepared for 9 hours, and during the conversion he spent 33 hours helping complete the project. This only reflects part of his time. Randy Sapp submitted, upon Bill Kinsey's request, an estimate of 60 hours at \$75 per hour totaling \$4,500. If this is approved the total cost will still be under budget. Bill Kinsey feels Randy Sapp should be reimbursed since it was above and beyond his normal job description.

Bob Fleener made a motion to pay T. R. Downey, Inc. for Randy Sapp's work at a total of \$4,500. Bill Howe seconded. Red Morris asked if \$75 per hour is Randy Sapp's normal rate? Bill Kinsey answered, yes and more. Majority in favor, several opposed. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mitch Parish asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill Howe moved to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Don Kissinger seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Amy Timmons

Public Relations West Central



Don Johnson

Bits of Wisdom from PRWC:
I asked the officers of the IVFA for permission to dissolve District 20 because of lack of interest. I was given the okay and this is the end result.

Cicero FD, Jackson Twp. FD, and Atlanta FD will now be in District 8A. The district chairman is Robert Fleener, RR2, Box 596, Elwood, IN 46036 765-552-6807.

Center Twp. FD, Jamestown FD, and Perry Twp. VFD are now in District 11B. The district chairman is Larry Bartlow, P.O. Box 12, Montezuma, IN 47862 765-245-2125.

Advance FD, Lawrence Twp. FD, Washington Twp. FD-Indianapolis, Washington Twp.-Westfield, Zionsville FD and Worth FD are now in District 12. The district chairman is John Ross, 261 S. City Road, 300 E., Danville, IN 46722 317-745-4231.

Wayne Twp. Noblesville, White River Twp. are in District 13A. The district chairman is Tim Martin, P.O. Box 129, 101 Water Street, Dunreith, IN 47337 765-987-8408.

Thorntown FD, Sheridan FD and Sugar Creek FD are in District 21. The district chairman is Perry Martin, 5030 Downey Lane, Lafayette, IN 47905 765-296-3107.

If any member of these departments wants more information, please call your respective district chairman. They will be glad to answer any question, or call me, Don Johnson at 317-243-0086.

The remaining West Central is doing a good job. I have attended all the meetings in my area and everyone is getting out the message on the proposed new rule by OSHA.

I hope that not too many departments will be adversely affected by this. All the departments are doing a good job and we are proud of them and their dedication to the fire service.

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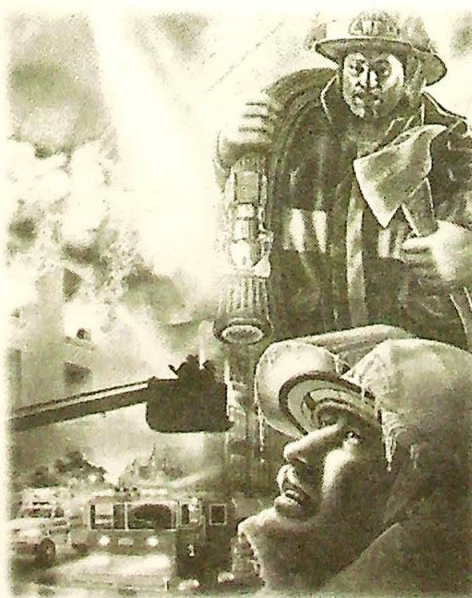
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1-800-FIRE-LINE 16 States Are On Line - Are You?

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), representing the nation's volunteer fire, EMS and rescue personnel, has launched a nationwide recruitment campaign in an effort to boost the ranks in the volunteer fire service.

1-800-FIRE-LINE is a toll free number which links interested citizens with volunteer emergency opportunities in their community.

This virtually no-cost service is operational in Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia. Seven other states are expected to be operational soon.

The reason for the campaign: Many residents are not aware that their emergency services are fully or in part volunteer.

- Most do not know that their help is needed.
- It is difficult to access information about one's emergency services.

• Today's youth are 100% of the emergency services future and must be nurtured.

The 1-800-FIRE-LINE Campaign is self-funding. It can be enhanced with promotional products (brochures, videos, posters, t-shirts, etc.) that are available through NVFC.

As more states connect, the opportunity to have national sponsors fund the advertising of this public safety concern becomes a reality. The NVFC's goal is to have all 50 states on-line by the year 2000.

States that adopt the 1-800-

FIRE-LINE number simply have calls placed within the area code boundaries for their states routed to a state-wide answering point.

The names of prospective volunteers who call the 1-800-FIRE-LINE number are passed onto local contacts that will inform them about the emergency service opportunities in their communities.

Publicity materials have also been developed. Schools and libraries can receive a video entitled, "What if No One Answered the Call?" Geared toward the youth, the video is mailed to states that come on line.

Funding for the video production and distribution was donated by the Prudential Foundation.

Edward Cohn, Chairman of the Retention and Recruitment Committee of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission pioneered the program. The state of New Jersey has received more than 3,500 calls in the past two years and Pennsylvania has received 550 calls in the first six months of implementation.

Recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters has been a high priority of the NVFC since it was organized in 1976.

The need to make more people aware of the need for volunteers in the emergency services led the NVFC to make a "Commitment to Action" for the President's Summit for America's and participate actively in the Summit in Philadelphia in April 1997.

The NVFC has committed to work towards expanding the ranks of the volunteer fire service in America from 840,000 to one million by the year 2000.

This will be accomplished through the many recruitment projects that the NVFC is currently involved with, in addition to establishing a nation-wide toll-free "hotline" called 1-800-FIRE-LINE.

For more information on how to implement the program in your state, contact NVFC at 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).

Church Fires

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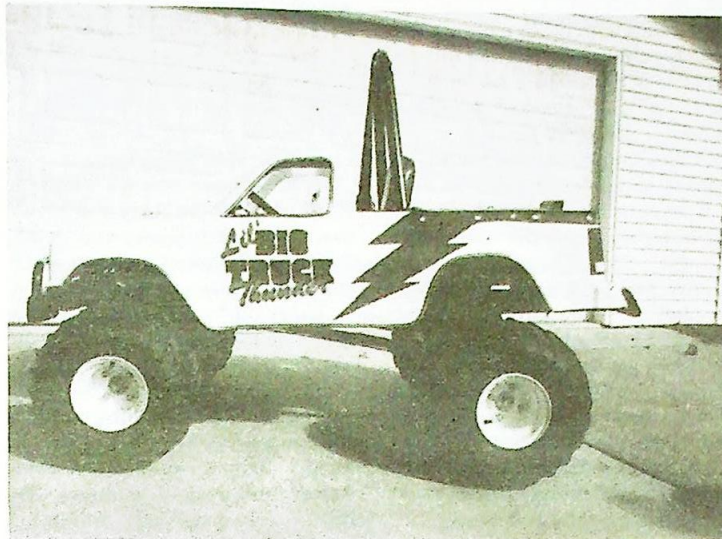
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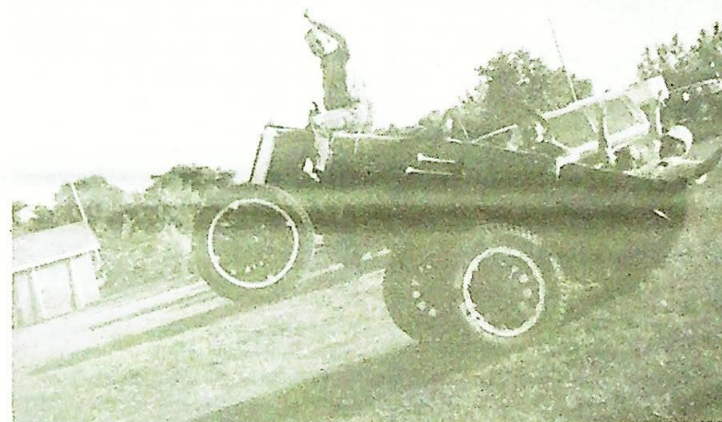
The '98 Convention Raffle will be drawn on Friday night, June 19th, at the banquet.

The prizes are the "Lil Big Truck", a grandfather clock, and a fire truck telephone.

We sincerely hope that all fire departments will purchase or sell the tickets that were sent to them and return the money right away.

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PARADE ENTRY



The "Buck'in Ford" has entered the parade line-up. Just one of the many entries to be in the '98 Convention Parade.

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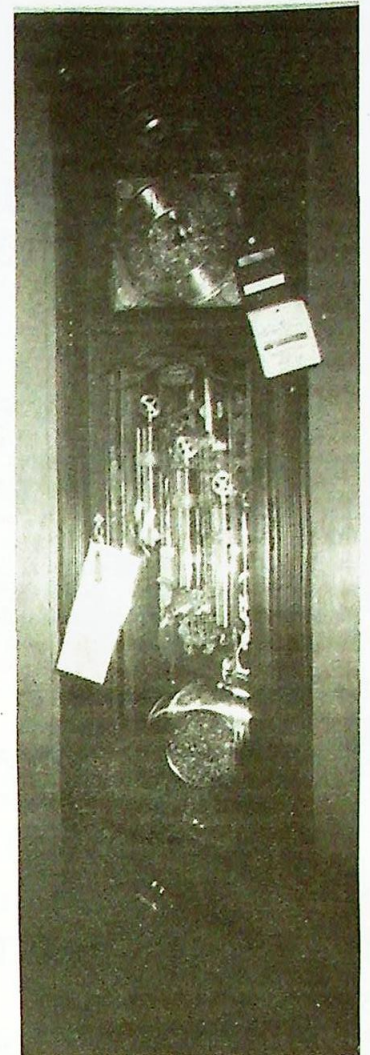
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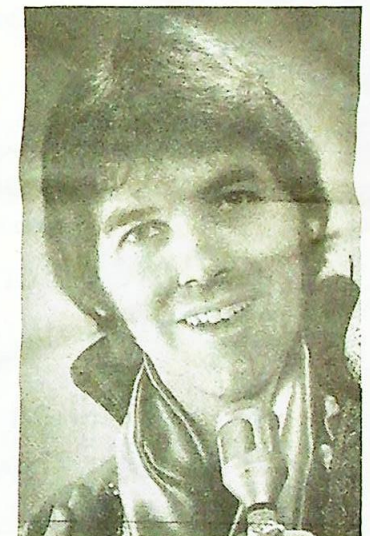
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Bingo Bonanza on Sunday

For More Information Call 219 345-3715



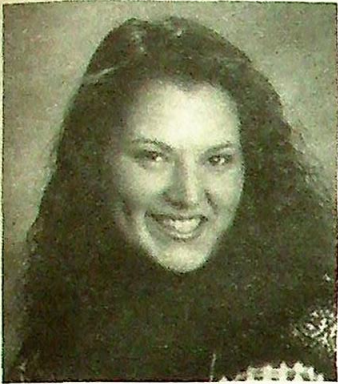
ENTERTAINMENT



See the "Bruce Borders Show" in the So. Vigo School auditorium directly after the opening meeting. The Elvis impersonator is well-known throughout the Wabash Valley. There is no cost to the convention attendees.

1998

MISS FLAME CANDIDATES



Alisha Vaught
Scherville Fire Dept.
District 1



Eileen Scubelek
Lake of Four Seasons Fire Dept.
District 2



Heather Garwood
LaCrosse Fire Dept.
District 3



Stephanie R. Freed
District 4



Amanda Burroughs
Argos Fire Dept.
District 5



Kimberly Smith
New Haven VFD
District 6



April J. Marshall
Center Twp. Fire Dept.
District 8A

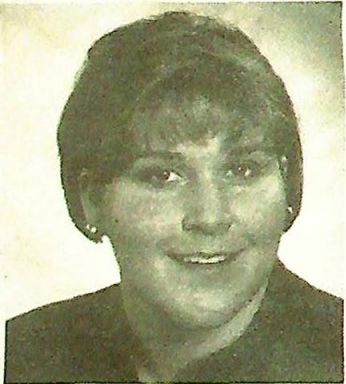
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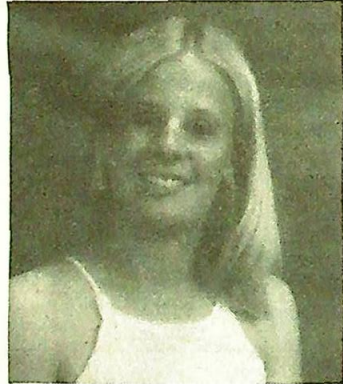
Tracy L. McClain
Pennville Fire Dept.
District 8B



Ellen M. May
Fayette Twp. (Sandford) Fire Dept.
District 11A



Brandy G. Miller
Lyford Fire Dept.
District 11B



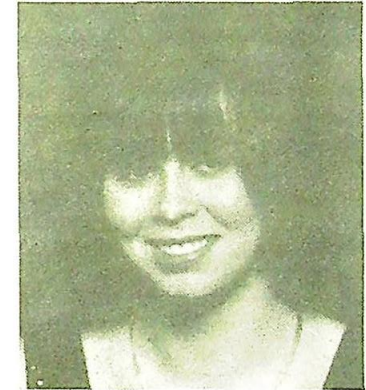
Christina M. Thomas
Decatur Twp. Fire Dept.
District 12

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Tammy Spears
Centerville Fire Dept.
District 13B



Angela L. Willoughby
District 15



Anna M. Cardinal
Washington Twp. Fire Dept.
District 17A



Ashley B. Zeeks
Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
District 17B



Brittney Neukam
Haysville Fire Dept.
District 18



Cindy Caudill
Blooming Grove Fire Dept.
District 19



**1997 Miss Flame
Angela N. Lister**
District 21

CONGRATULATIONS!

1998 IVFA Convention - Terre Haute

"Terre Haute will be Great in '98"

MOTEL RESERVATIONS

The 1998 Convention Committee has elected to have all room reservations made directly through the motels.

HEADQUARTERS WILL BE THE HOLIDAY INN. They will hold their guaranteed rates and at least 200 rooms open for the convention until May 17, 1998. After that date, the room rates are not guaranteed. When they are full, they will refer you to other motels.

Or, if you do not wish to stay at the Holiday Inn, there are numerous other "chain" motels in very close proximity.

The Holiday Inn rates are as follows:

<u>Single/Double</u>	<u>Queen</u>	<u>King</u>
\$76.00	\$66.00	\$76.00

Tax will be added to the above rates.

The motel has both smoking and non-smoking rooms available. They will require that the room be guaranteed with first night deposit by cash or credit card. Please make your reservations by calling the motel direct.

HOLIDAY INN 812-232-6081

If questions concerning how to make reservations, you may call:

PATTY MILLER 765-832-6931

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Camping reservations may be made by calling the KOA CAMPGROUNDS at 812-232-2457.

The rate will be \$21.00/Day.

If questions concerning camping arrangements, please call:

MAX HARRAH 812-299-4836

SEE PAGE 28 FOR CONVENTION SCHEDULE

1998 CONVENTION PARADE APPLICATION

The convention parade will be Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. in downtown Terre Haute. Prizes will be awarded. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

There is no fee to enter. Applications must be postmarked by May 10, 1998. If you have any question, or do not receive registration confirmation by May 30, call David Miller at 765-832-6931.

Tell us about the unit to be placed in the parade:

Tell us the name of the organization which owns the unit:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

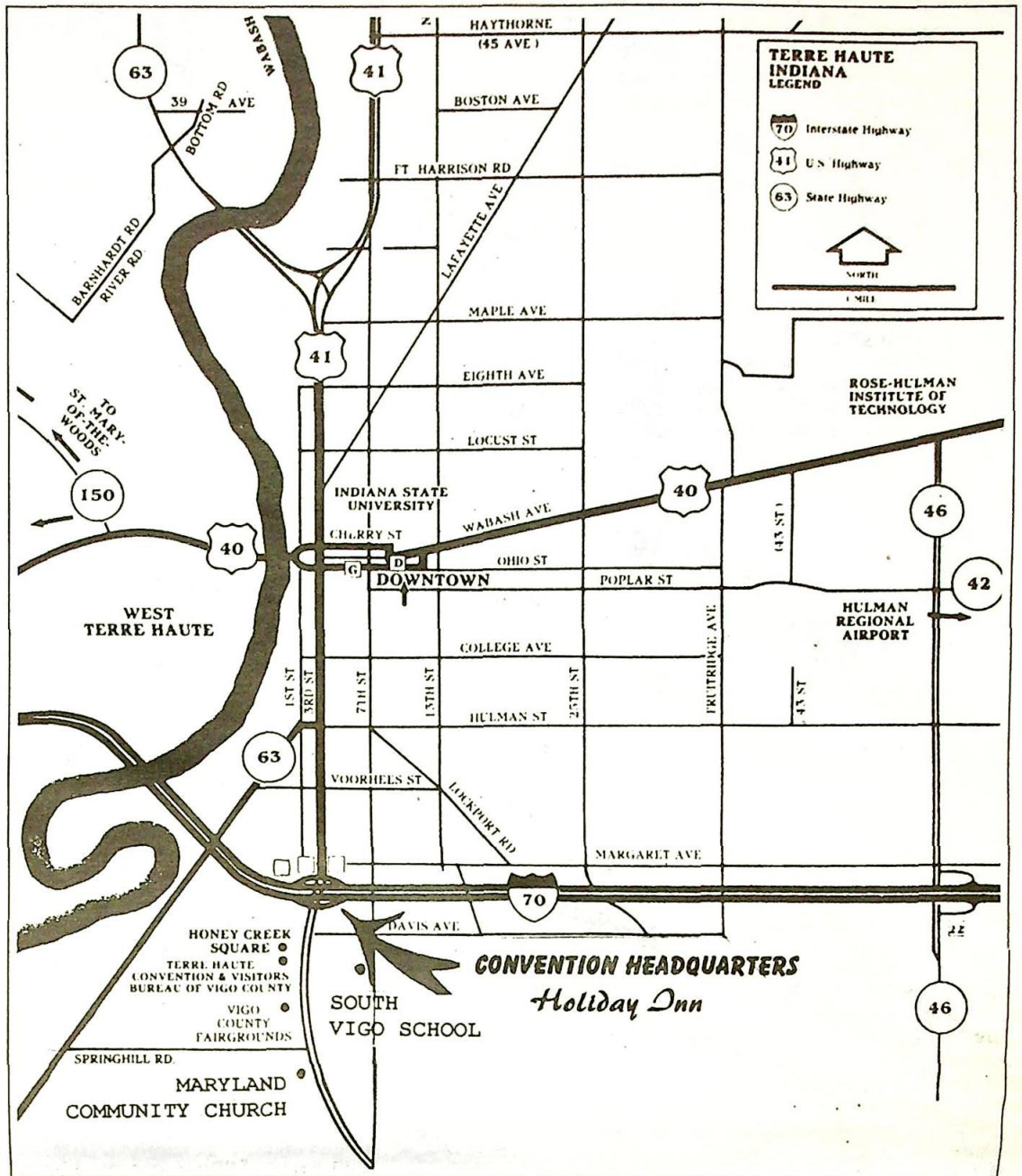
Contact person for the parade:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

PARADE '98
DAVID R. MILLER
RR1, BOX 414
ROSEDALE, IN 47874



1998 IVFA PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

TERRE HAUTE WILL BE GREAT IN '98

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00/PERSON (DEADLINE JUNE 1, 1998)
LATE AND ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE \$50.00/PERSON

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FIRE DEPT./CO. _____

COUNTY _____ TOWNSHIP _____ IVFA DIST. _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (If registering) _____

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	MEMBER	SPOUSE	TITLE
STATE OFFICER	_____	_____	_____
AUXILIARY MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	_____	_____	_____
DELEGATE	_____	_____	_____
IVFA MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
IVFA AUX. MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
GUEST	_____	_____	_____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER / MAKE PAYABLE TO 1998 IVFA CONVENTION)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR MASTERCARD/VISA.

TYPE OF CARD _____ ACCT # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER _____

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATIONS TO:

JOANN HAYS, REGISTRATIONS
1998 CONVENTION COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 6095
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47802
PHONE: 812-299-1574

MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A. The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and score sheets dated 8/96.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one from each district). The District winners' applications along with two photos (black and white preferred) will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10. The girls selected will be representing the state, district and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district, and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and departments.

The behavior of all Miss Flame candidates and winners will always be becoming and appropriate to such representation.

When attending the convention, motel rooms are set aside for the Miss Flames. They must, however, make their own reservations and advise the Reservation Committee that they are a candidate. Each contestant will have a chaperone (parents or designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperones may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements. They are responsible for paying for their own accommodations.

The itinerary for Miss Flames at the convention will be sent to the candidates by the Miss Flame Committee Chairman. Along with this, they will be advised of the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday evening, the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The judging will consist of personal interviews on Thursday morning and final judging on Thursday afternoon. Winners will be announced and crowning of the Miss Flame will be at the Opening Meeting on Thursday evening.

All girls will be expected to attend the men's and women's meetings, Memorial Service, and banquet on Friday. They will attend the waterball games and ride in the parade on Saturday (if there is one). They will sell doe doll tickets throughout the convention.

District Chairmen (men and women) will be responsible for providing rules and information to Miss Flame candidates. If chairmen need information, they should contact the Miss Flame Chairman.

JUDGING REGULATIONS

Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas. All judging scores will be confidential.

All state contestants will be considered on the following percentage basis for "Miss Flame" state judging. No questions to be asked relative to scholastic ability.

- 25% on what she thinks are the benefits of a volunteer fire department in her community:
 - * her fire department role in community
 - * her relationship to the volunteer fire service
 - * her involvement with the fire department, and
 - * her family's involvement with the fire department
- 20% on personality and poise (includes carriage, composure, self-control and self confidence).
- 10% on ability to carry on a conversation in a personal interview and before a group.
- 10% on appearance (grooming, neatness).
- 10% on community involvement (4-H, church, school, etc.).
- Each state contestant should be familiar with the following topics. The judges will select three of the five (same three for each contestant) and ask each contestant to express her thoughts on them. 5% for each of the three topics.
 - *National Government
 - *Environment
 - *Quality of Education
 - *Inflation
 - *Juvenile Crime
- 10% on impromptu speech or last minute thoughts.

DON'T FORGET
Deadline for the August issue
of the newspaper is
July 10, 1998
Please, make a note of it.

IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER

- Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxilliary or be a member herself.
- Entrant must be single and a non-parent.
- Entrant must be 15 years old but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention. She must be a resident of the state of Indiana.
- There may be only one entry from each department in the District Contest.
- The department winner will be decided at the discretion of the department.
- Winner of a department will be entered in the District contest.
- District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
- District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.
- District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.
- District winner should be decided by March 1; application and two photos (black and white preferred) will be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10.
- Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
- I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at the State Convention.
- The Convention host department will provide judges to select the state winner prior to the opening meeting on Thursday evening.
- The Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thursday evening.
- I.V.F.A.A. will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the Judging on Thursday at Convention.
- I.V.F.A.A. will furnish winner I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy and a \$100 savings bond.
- I.V.F.A.A. will furnish I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers, trophy and a \$50 savings bond.
- Formal attire will be worn at the State Judging.
- Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability and ability to express ideas.
- It will be the responsibility of the parent or chaperone to pay their hotel/motel expenses.

ATTENTION: Miss Flame Contestants and Parents

March 10th has come and gone and seventeen contestants have entered the 1998 Miss Flame Contest. You will find names and pictures of the girls on page 25 of this paper.

The Miss Flame and convention committees have been working really hard to make the contest and the convention an enjoyable time for the girls.

TO THE CONTESTANTS:

If you have not made your room reservations, please do so right away. The rooms will not be held much longer. Be sure to tell the reservation clerk that you are a Miss Flame contestant. One double room has been set aside for each contestant but you have to call and reserve it.

TO THE PARENTS:

Do not forget to send in your registration and money before June 1, 1998.

Information letters have been sent to the girls/parents and district chairmen.

Another letter will be mailed to the contestants in May with additional information.

If anyone has any questions concerning the contest, please do not hesitate to call me at 765-665-3213.

Eula Bush
 Miss Flame Committee Chmn.

Hendricks County Fellowship of Christian Firefighters

"Let us not give up meeting together..."

All emergency personnel and their families are welcome to attend. This meeting will be a non-denominational time of testimony, devotions and prayer for all our fellow emergency personnel and their families.

Please plan on attending.

The next meeting is May 28, 1998 at North Salem Fire Department, 5 West Pearl Street, North Salem, Indiana at 1900 hours.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10: 24-25 (NIV)

For more information please contact:

Randy Waltz, President
 Danville Fire Department
 745-5010
 or
 Karen Cooper, Secretary
 Hazelwood VFD
 539-4590

Fellowship of Christian Firefighters

"An international non-profit, non-denominational ministry to the fire service."

"MISS FLAME" CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
 (PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK)

NAME _____ SS# _____
 (Print in full)

ADDRESS _____
 Number and Street City State Zip Code

PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ AGE _____

PARENT'S NAMES _____

CHAPERONE NAMES (IF NOT PARENTS) _____

DISTRICT# _____ CHAIRMAN _____
 (MEN) (WOMEN)

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSOR _____
 (NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER)

SPONSORING FIREMAN OR AUX. MEMBER'S NAME & RELATIONSHIP: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

WHERE EMPLOYED _____

HOBBIES: _____

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I/we, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I/we are the parents and/or legal guardian of: _____ and do hereby give our consent to her participation in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, "Miss Flame" Contest. The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxilliary are in no way obligated or under contract to any person/persons, or firms to supply any requirements for contestants, parents, legal guardians or chaperones.

_____ Parent/Legal Guardian Date _____

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I concur that _____ will represent District _____ in the State Miss Flame Contest at the annual Convention. I further concur that the sponsoring firemen/auxilliary member's dues are current with the I.V.F.A./I.V.F.A.A.

_____ DISTRICT CHAIRMAN DATE _____

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THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE STATE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN. Entry form for the state contest, two photos (preferably black and white) must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10.

Eula Bush
 1419 W. 850 S.
 Dana, IN 47847
 317-665-3213

THE I.V.F.A. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS
 REVISED 8/96

From the '98 Convention Co-Chairmen

Dear IVFA and IVFAA members,
It's about that time again! Convention '98 will be held in Terre Haute on June 17-20, with convention headquarters at the Holiday Inn. All our committees have really been hard at work to make this convention one of the best and most enjoyable for everyone.

A schedule of events will be found on this page of the newspaper. As you can see, this will be a busy four-day event, with something of interest for everyone.

The success of this convention depends a lot on membership participation. Come meet your old friends and make some new ones. This is a time for good fellowship.

If you haven't already pre-registered, we hope you will now send in your registration form (see page 26) as we are sure this is going to be a convention you won't want to miss.

We sincerely mean "Terre Haute Will Be Great in '98".

Looking forward to seeing you all in June.

Sincerely, Bob Meyers

Time sure flies when you're having fun and when you are busy. When you receive this paper, it will only be about a month until the convention. I sure hope you have registered and have reserved your room. The \$40 registration ends on June 1 and will go to \$50. We are hoping to have a very large crowd this year.

We have had articles in this paper all year hoping to get information out so that everyone will be informed as to what is planned, when & where. We hope we have been successful in doing this. However, if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 765-665-3213 or Bob Meyers at 812-466-2826.

Each fire department in the state was sent tickets for the raffle. We hope each one will help support this effort by either selling or buying them and returning the money to us right away. The prizes this year are the "Lil Big Truck", grandfather clock and a fire truck telephone. The drawing for these prizes will be at the banquet on Friday night.

The Convention Committee is a hard working group of people who are hoping you will come to Terre Haute and reap the benefits of their efforts. We hope to see you there because, "Terre Haute will be Great in '98".

Bill Bush

Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Fireman

Effective: January 1, 1994

The Paper is of tabloid size. Publisher & Editor Robert Laney, P.O. Box 437, Crown Point, Indiana 46307.

Quarterly issues are printed for February, May, August, & November. ALL copy MUST be in the hands of Lawrence Swartz or the publisher, Mr. Laney, by the 10th of the month preceding the month of issue.

Rate Schedule Per Single Issue

\$7.50 per column inch for one color - either all red or all black. \$8.40 per column inch for two color - red and black.

EXAMPLE: Your ad is two columns wide and two inches high = 4 column inches, 4 times above rate schedule will give the amount of the ad cost.

Full page ad consists of 80 column inches. Single issue billing would be 80 X rate.

Rate Schedule For Four Consecutive Issues

\$6.00 per column inch for one color - either all red or all black. \$6.90 per column inch for two color - red and black.

EXAMPLE: Your ad is three columns wide and eight inches high = 24 column inches, 24 times the above rate schedule will give the amount of ad cost.

Full page ad consists of 80 column inches. Four issue billing would be 80 X rate.

Pictures Requiring Halftones For Ads

\$6.90 for pictures up to 3 X 5. \$9.00 for larger ones. If ad is run more than one time consecutively, only one charge applies.

Classified Ads

\$6.25 per ad for 25 words or less, over 25 words will be charged at the column rate. The above word limit includes name and address of advertiser.

Member departments of the Association are allowed one (1) free ad for one item only of 50 words or less per issue. Overages will be billed at the current rate charges.

Terms

New advertisers will be required to submit payment with ad copy. Advertiser MUST have their account paid prior to the next issue of the paper or their ad will be deleted until payment is received, unless prior arrangements are made.

All checks are to be made payable to INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

All checks and ad copy are to be mailed to:

LAWRENCE SWARTZ
2665 W. BUNKUM ROAD
RENSELAER, INDIANA 47978

1998 IVFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE JUNE 17 - 20, 1998 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH		
Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv, Games & Tours)	Holiday Inn-Holidome
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Hog Roast (Indiana Fire Equipment)	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds*
7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.	Miss Flame Mixer (Get Acquainted)	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds*
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	D.J. Awesom Sound Company	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fireworks	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH		
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv, Games & Tours)	Holiday Inn-Holidome
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging	Holiday Inn-Win. S. Wing
12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn-S. Park Lot
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Seminar	Holiday Inn
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Seminar-Brian Alkire, Tatem Ins. Co.	Holiday Inn-Gallery
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Holiday Inn-Holidome 2nd
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Tours & Activities	*
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	IVFA Officer's Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium
1:30 p.m. to close	Miss Flame Judging	Holiday Inn-Gallery
2:00 p.m. to close	CKS Co. Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	Ind. Fire Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	IVFAA Officer's Meeting	Holiday Inn-Gallery
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Southwestern Fire)	Holiday Inn
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Opening Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium*
9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Bruce Borders Show (Elvis Impers.)	S. Vigo Sch.
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fire House Rhythm Band	Holiday Inn Park Lot E.
9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH		
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch - Firemen & Auxiliary	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria*
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Men's Business Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium*
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv. & Games)	S. Vigo Sch.
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn Park Lot S.
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Women's Business Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria*
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Memorial Service	Maryland Com. Church*
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Your Choice
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
1:30 p.m. to close	Women's Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria
1:30 p.m. to close	Miss Flame Trip/Activity	See Miss Flame Agenda
2:00 p.m. to close	Southwestern Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	CKS Co. Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Children's Pizza Party	Hulman Civic Center*
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Convention Banquet	Hulman Civic Center*
9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Dance	Holiday Inn-Chestnut
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fire House Rhythm Band	Holiday Inn-Park Lot E.
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH		
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Registration for Games	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Convention Games	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to close	Vendor Fair Setup (FREE)	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to close	Fire Dept. Flea Market (FREE)	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Parade Lineup	Downtown Terre Haute
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Parade & Award Trophies	Downtown Terre Haute

* Bus Transportation Provided

Contestant Entry Blank

Hose Replacing Contest Waterball Contest Cart Race

Our fire department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests:

**Waterball, Hose Replacement or Cart Race
Terre Haute, Indiana on Saturday, June 20, 1998**

An entry fee of \$15.00 in each contest. The \$15.00 entry fee will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check in each square the contests entered by your department.

Dept. Name _____

Signed _____

Chief or Secretary

NOTICE

All contest entry blanks should be in or postmarked on or before **June 1, 1998** to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$15.00 entry fee for each contest entered.

Send entries to:

**Al Mendel
6608 E. Country Road 151 N.
Plainfield, IN 46168
317-272-7932**

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

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

Another anonymous giver aids Merrillville

This time the donation is \$26,000 for equipment for the fire department.

By Karen Snelling
Staff Writer

Merrillville - For the second time in as many months, the Merrillville community is benefiting from the generosity of an anonymous donor.

A secret benefactor has donated \$26,000 to the Ross Township Volunteer Fire Department to buy new emergency and rescue equipment.

The money will be used to buy, among other items, air tanks and breathing masks for the department.

The donations, announced Tuesday, March 17, 1998, by the Legacy Foundation, increases the total of anonymous donations made to agencies serving Merrillville residents to nearly \$50,000.

A month ago, another anonymous donation allowed the Merrillville Police Department to purchase four expensive video cameras that were installed in four squad cars.

"We're hoping there might be more donors who are anxious to see good things happen without getting their names in the paper," said Edward J. Radigan, President of Merrillville's Legacy Foundation.

Both anonymous donations were made through the philanthropic, not-for-profit community organization.

Radigan said the person making this latest donation "just wanted to make sure the fire department had all the latest

equipment."

He said the donor approached him months ago and asked him to contact officials at the volunteer fire department to find out what they needed.

The department used the gift from the anonymous source to buy ten air tanks and breathing masks that cost \$2,322 each.

The fire department also purchased a water rescue sled, Radigan said.

Fire Chief Jerry Phillips couldn't be reached for comment on Tuesday.

In February, the Merrillville Police Department installed four in-car video cameras thanks to another anonymous donation.

Police Chief Lance Huish said his department received \$20,000 to buy the cameras.

He said the donor also set \$2,400 aside for new or refurbished bulletproof vests, which need to be replaced every five years.

Reprinted from the Post Tribune

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

Fiberglass plant burns; production to resume

By David De Camp
The Journal Gazette

Wolcottville - A chemical fire severely damaged a fiberglass plant early Thursday, February 26, 1998, in Wolcottville, fire officials said.

However, the plant's owner, HRO, Inc., has found a vacant plant in nearby South Milford, and plans to have its thirty-five

employees resume work there today, said HRO's insurance agent, Bill Lear of Kendallville.

Firefighters were called about 12:15 a.m. Thursday to the blaze at 200 Vine Street, said dispatcher Jim Neumann of the Johnson Township Fire Department, which serves Wolcottville.

Seventeen crews from LaGrange, Noble, and Steuben Counties and Sturgis, Michigan, needed about three hours to control the blaze, although hot spots burned into the day, Neumann said.

Wolcottville, a town of about 900 people, is across the Noble-LaGrange County line. The HRO site is on Wolcottville's northeast side.

HRO, which has been in Wolcottville for about nine years, had three buildings at the site, Lear said.

A main office and plexiglass plant were not damaged in the fire, he said, and operations there were to resume today.

HRO's owners, Randy and Becky Owens, and their sons, Jaime and Randy, Jr., could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

Fire investigators estimated damage to the fiberglass plant and equipment at about \$1 million, Neumann said.

However, Lear said the damage actually could be half that amount.

HRO's steel, one-story fiberglass plant and machinery were severely damaged, and the plant's roof fell, Neumann said. However, parts of some walls remained standing, he said.

The plant had a main section and an addition, Lear said.

"We haven't had any contractors look at it, but it obviously sustained substantial damage," he said.

Investigators determined a chemical reaction in the plant likely ignited the fire, Neumann said. Styrene gas, acetone and ethyletone peroxide were found.

The cause is believed to be accidental.

Those chemicals - used to make the fiberglass products - cause explosions and toxic smoke when lit, Neumann said.

To fight the blaze, the firefighters methodically used a backhoe to clear debris, then cooled areas that were ablaze.

"Once plastics like that get started and the stuff they use to make (fiberglass) get started, it's hard to put out," Neumann said.

Two firefighters were treated for minor smoke inhalation, and another firefighter was injured in an explosion from the fire, Neumann said.

All three firefighters were released from treatment within an hour.

"We did fill up an awful lot of air tanks because of the toxic fumes," Neumann said.

No one else was injured, and no one was in the plant at the time of the fire.

Another company had the vacant plant and offered it to HRO, Lear said. He declined to identify the other company.

Molding production was to begin Friday, February 27, and full production would begin the following week at the new site, Lear said.

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Friday, February 27, 1998

NVFC Annual Firefighter of the Year Award

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The chief had a drawing for the ladies to receive the center pieces on the tables.

There was also a drawing to give away twenty \$5.00 bills.

Captain Wells presented the chief with a check from the men on the department.

The chief then presented checks to his Assistant Chiefs Dave Barley and Ricky Hix for a job well done in 1997.

Assistant Chief Hix presented three bronze axes to three men on the department.

These men have all served over thirty years on the fire department.

Chief Verlin Coomler is the only remaining charter member on the department. He helped organize the department when it started in 1960.

Captain Paul Strickland has been on the department since 1961. He is our radio operator and does many other jobs for the department and at 87 years old he does not miss many fires.

It is not unusual to see Paul at 2:00 a.m. in his pajamas responding to the call. That is dedication.

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2. The Defense against Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 1996 also known as Nunn-Lugar II, appropriated \$23 million to the DoD to increase first-responder preparedness against potential acts of chemical or biological terrorism.

Originally, the DoD had targeted the top 27 cities in the United States by population to receive this training.

This training will likely be expanded to reach 120 cities by the year 2002. Six cities have received this training so far.

There has been talk of the National Guard taking a role in this training process. A study is currently underway to explore this possibility.

The testimony delivered at this hearing by Chief Curl addressed the need to continue this type of training and expand its availability so that fire departments in suburban and rural America may be prepared to deal with a potential act of terrorism.

In his statement, Chief Curl explained to the Subcommittee that the bomb that was detonated in Oklahoma City was believed to have been constructed and transported through rural America.

Many of the fundamentalist and extremist factions within our borders operate in rural and suburban settings. These areas are protected primarily by professional volunteers. The Federal training initiatives that have been conducted thus far have focused only on major metropolitan areas.

This training must be expanded to reach America's volunteer fire and emergency service that protects rural and suburban pop-

ulations.

Chief Curl went on to explain that State and local emergency responders are in need of additional federal financial support to continue training of first responders to the basic awareness and incident command levels; to acquire the necessary personal protective equipment; obtain hazardous material detection equipment and training; and purchase large scale decontamination equipment and training.

Furthermore, it was stated that the volunteer fire service recognizes the importance of the role of military agencies in controlling an area that has been affected by a terrorist incident, but questions the effectiveness of having them train the fire and emergency services.

This training must be provided from the fields of emergency management and hazardous materials management rather than from the military and its consultants.

The military is an important player in the field of technical expertise with weapons of mass destruction, but managing the consequences of the use of such weapons in civilian settings requires a civilian approach.

The NVFC and the VCOS recommended that Congress support training of first responders on domestic response to terrorist incidents through the National Fire Academy under the U. S. Fire Administration and FEMA.

The National Fire Academy is prepared to provide this type of training to first responder contingent on proper support through the appropriations process.

The concept of using the National Guard as a supplemental responder to these events is a valid one.

However, the National Guard can not substitute for the local fire and rescue services that will

respond in the first minutes of a terrorist incident.

The Federal Government must support local emergency response agencies in every community, both urban and rural.

Every firefighter and emergency responder in America needs to be properly trained to respond to terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.

The NVFC will continue to monitor Federal initiatives to provide terrorism training to first responders and report developments in the Dispatch.

In addition, the NVFC will work with federal agencies to ensure that volunteer fire departments are afforded the necessary training and equipment.

The only way to ensure that federal training initiatives are expanded to reach volunteer fire departments is for members of the volunteer fire service to contact their Members of Congress and demand that they support efforts to extend anti-terrorism training to all first responders, not just those that serve major metropolitan areas.

Action: Call the U. S. Capitol Switchboard at 202/225-3121, and ask for the office of your Senators and Representatives.

Urge them to support expansion of federal anti-terrorism training to include suburban and rural communities, in addition to metropolitan jurisdictions.

Terrorism

The Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, in cooperation with the Indiana Terrorism Task Force, has produced a video to acquaint First Responders with the threat of terrorism.

For more information, contact Rick Schlegel at 317 233-4280.

Weldon Holds Hearing on Anti-Terrorism Training at FDIC, Volunteers Testify

On March 21, the Military Research and Development Subcommittee of the House Committee on National Security held a field hearing in Indianapolis, Indiana at the site of the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC).

Chief Larry Curl of the Wayne Township Fire Department in Indiana presented testimony at the hearing on behalf of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Volunteer Chief Officers Section (IAFC-VCOS).

Congressman Curt Weldon (PA) called the hearing to review the Federal programs which provide civilian personnel of Federal, State and local agencies with training and expert advice regarding emergency response to the use or threatened uses of a weapon of mass destruction (WMD).

Weldon was particularly interested in hearing from the fire service on the need for improvements in the capabilities of emergency first responders and in the overall capability of Federal, State, and local emergency response agencies to respond to and mitigate the effect of such incidents.

Congressman Weldon is Chairman of the Subcommittee and also serves as Co-Chairman and founder of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus.

Last year, at the direction of Congress, the Federal Government began two initiatives that were aimed at providing training to first responders in emergency response to terrorism.

1. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), under the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, began targeting 120 metropolitan jurisdictions for first responder training.

This program includes a two-day, on site operations-level course for first responders.

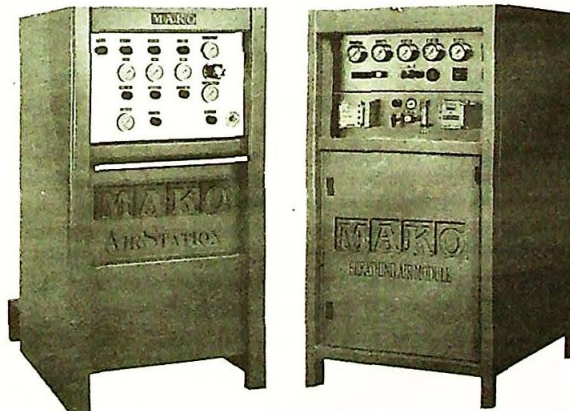
According to the Department of Defense (DoD), this training has been conducted in twenty-seven cities in 1997 and twenty-two more cities are scheduled to receive the training in 1998.

Another part of this training program includes a four-hour, self-study, awareness course that is based on a haz-mat training model.

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Hazelwood VFD



In November 1997, the Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of the 1997 E-One American Eagle Series tanker pictured above.

Southwest Fire District Prepares for Ice Rescue

By Tim Johnson
The Southwest Allen County Fire District (SWFD) is one of two Allen County fire departments equipped to handle ice rescue.

Two years ago, the department purchased ice rescue equipment.

With the number of ponds increasing in the area, the department felt it was necessary to be prepared for a rescue should someone fall in the ice.

Six department firefighters recently attended an advanced ice rescue training session in Hobart. These six firefighters trained and practiced ice rescue with the other firefighters during their training sessions.

"We are in the process right now of updating our ice rescue equipment," said SWFD Deputy Chief Jeff McBride.

Each of the three fire stations in the district will be equipped with a suit, rescue rope and rescue sling.

The district covers 86 square miles. SWFD Assistant Chief Dan Jackson says the area has 80 to 90 ponds and three miles of river.

The Indianapolis Road station houses the ice rescue sled. The sled weighs only 80 pounds and

unfolds to look like a pontoon. On a rescue mission, the sled can also function as a raft should the ice break.

Equipped with an oar with an ice pick at the end, rescue workers can chip their way to the rescue site or paddle their way to the victim.

Bars which connect the two floating pieces can be used to add leverage to pulling up the victim who has fallen through the ice.

The department has special suits worn by the rescue workers which are super insulated and waterproof, not to mention floatational.

"A person can stay in the water for up to six hours with this kind of suit," said volunteer firefighter Tim White. They are a rubber, like a wet suit only with the reverse principle," said Jackson.

"A wet suit lets water in and sticks between the body and the water. It warms a layer of water. This is more of a dry suit."

"Our protocol is when we get an ice rescue or water rescue, the station will respond with their rescue suit," said McBride.

"As we are responding, one person will get the rescue suit on, so as soon as they get to the scene they can jump out of the unit, go to where the person (victim) is at, run in and get them, hook them up and pull them out of the hole."

The ice sled is \$3,000 and each suit costs about \$400.

The rescue workers are trained to use the sled and utilize a one-man rescue.

The one-man rescue is utilized

when the ice is thick and a victim has fallen through.

Using the rope, one rescue worker would go out to the victim, wrap the rope which is also attached to the rescue worker and bring him to safety.

The suits protect the rescue workers for hypothermia. Those training said the suits are very warm in the ice-chilled waters.

"If you get hypothermia, you get real cold," said McBride.

"Your extremities start cramping up. You have no feeling. You get fatigued. Your memory starts slowing down so you're not as keen as to what's going on.

"If your body temperature gets down to a certain temperature, then it can result in death."

Speed wise, the sled can assist in a quick transportation to the victim.

Southwest Fire District is looking for additional volunteers.

Anyone interested should stop by one of the three stations: Indianapolis Road; South Bend Drive; or Old Trail Road in Waynedale.

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St John pole barn destroyed by fire

Staff report
St. John Township - Fire destroyed a 4,000-square-foot pole barn warehouse here early Friday, February 20, 1998.

About thirty firefighters from the Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Department and the St. John Fire Department fought the blaze at Grish Plastics, 8800 Parrish Avenue, for nearly three hours before it was brought under control, according to Lake Hills Fire Chief Shawn Millard.

Millard said firefighters, who were called by a neighbor around midnight, strung hose for nearly a half-mile to the nearest hydrant to get water to fight the intense blaze.

The fire was fueled by cardboard boxes filled with plastic pellets, raw materials for the plastic propellers used in toy airplanes that are manufactured at the plant, Millard said.

Toxic fumes from the burning plastic forced firefighters to use breathing equipment while fighting the fire.

Firefighters saved the manufacturing building just five feet from the warehouse and a home 40 feet away, Millard said.

Millard said the fire was of suspicious origin, but no cause had been determined.

No one was reported injured in the fire.

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Jack Kerney

After many years of discussion, OSHA has issued their FINAL RESPIRATORY STANDARD - 29 CFR 1910.134 and other Respirator Provisions of 1910 and 1926. The effective dates for Indiana will be June 7, 1998. 1910.134(a) respiratory determination will go into effect on November 7, 1998.

Other respiratory provisions of 1910 and 1926 will be effective December 4, 1998.

I suggest every fire department get a copy of the new standard from the Bureau of Safety Education and Training, Indiana Department of Labor, or on the Internet at www.ai.org/labor.

This new standard will effect every fire department. It covers a lot of issues including: program responsibility, respirator selection and use, hazard evaluation, fit testing, medical examinations, and training.

Of particular interest, it addresses the requirement for the "two-in/two-out" rule to improve scene safety.

If your department decides not

to comply, it could increase your legal liability if an injury would occur.

The standard provides guidance as to which actions you can take during the incipient stage of the fire, for investigation and size-up purposes and obvious rescue situations, when four firefighters are not yet assembled on the scene.

You can still comply with the standard and firefighters can perform rescue operations before the entire team has assembled, but only under certain conditions.

Your program must include information on developing a comprehensive written respiratory protection program, including worksite-specific procedures for respirator selection, medical evaluations, fit testing procedures, equipment maintenance, breathing air quality, training evaluation of the program's effectiveness and the assignment of a program administrator.

I hope everyone will comply with the new standard. It will only make the fire scene safer for all of us.

It doesn't seem like another year has already passed. It seems like just yesterday that you bestowed on me the title of Mr IVFA. It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity for the year 1997.

I hope everyone is planning on attending the convention in Terre Haute. Bill Bush and his committees have worked very hard to make sure we all have a good time.

And I almost forgot, thank goodness we are all on the same time again.

Keep me informed of your meeting dates and fundraisers. I will be glad to attend.

Out of the dark

Chesterton to become first fire department in Porter County to buy high-tech imaging helmets; Dyer already uses similar helmet

By Jerry Davich
Times Staff Writer

Chesterton - A dark blanket of smoke pours out of a blazing house.

A woman screams frantically to arriving firefighters that a little girl is inside the burning home.

Usually, a firefighter would have to crawl through the building, feeling his way to reach the body of the little girl.

But a high-tech helmet would allow a firefighter to easily see the girl and whisk her to safety, even in a room pitch black with smoke.

This live-saving scenario could be played out in Chesterton when they become the first community in Porter County to buy the Infra Red Imaging System.

The system is a specially devised helmet that shows a firefighter a thermal image, revealing subtle variations in temperature that outline bodies, walls or hot spots in a burning building.

The Chesterton Fire Department will buy two helmets by February. Each costs about \$25,000.

The Dyer Fire Department has bought a hand-held thermal imager that uses similar technology, said Thad Stutler.

The helmet bought by Dyer Fire Department cost \$18,000, Stutler said.

A check of other Lake County departments showed that none has this infrared technology because of its high cost.

"After two years of talking about these helmets, we are absolutely thrilled about this addition," said Chesterton Council Member Gina Darnell, who brought up the idea to council members after watching a demonstration of the helmet's effectiveness on television.

"I thought this could be on the fire department's wish list," Darnell said.

"If these helmets save one life, they will be well worth the \$50,000 investment," said Darnell.

Ray Carnes, a Chesterton resident, made numerous calls to the manufacturer, Cairns & Brother, Inc., of Clifton, New Jersey, to gather information about the equipment.

He also attended a training seminar with Chesterton Fire Chief Warren "Skip" Highwood to view the helmets in action.

"I'm just relieved the town is finally getting them," he said.

Valparaiso resident Patricia Weber is also campaigning for the equipment. She is trying to raise \$50,000 to purchase two IRIS helmets for the Valparaiso Fire Department.

The Portage Fire Department would also welcome the new helmets, but the city is waiting on public help financially, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Scheub said.

For most fire departments in the area, the question isn't the quality or value of the helmets.

It's the price.

Chesterton was able to buy two helmets with a surplus of funds from the sale of the town's water department to Northwest Indiana Water Company.

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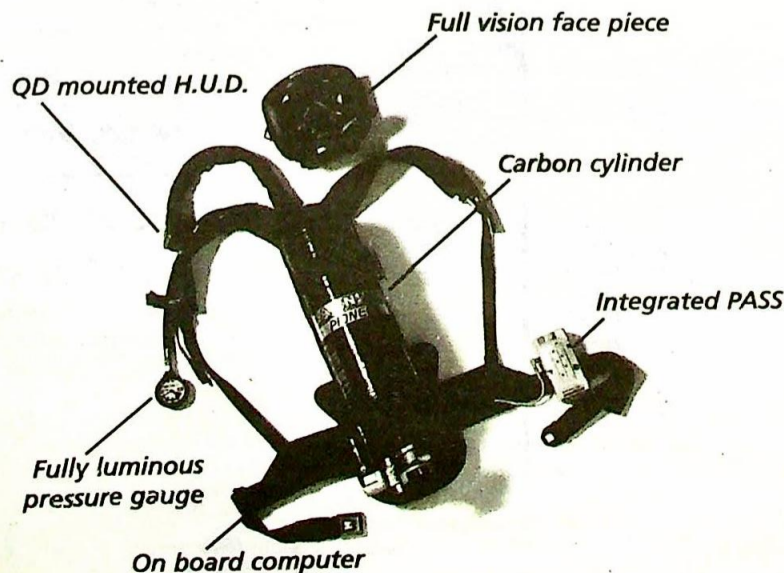
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'Build Indiana' Grant provides Cardiac Emergency Equipment



Banner photo by Janet Peters

Jackson County EMS recently purchased three LifePack 500 automated external defibrillators for county fire departments in Pershing, Carr and Crothersville/Vernon Twps. The AED's, purchased with "Build Indiana" grant funds, will help the outlying county volunteer fire departments provide early defibrillation for cardiac arrest patients. Pictured (L-R) Dennis Maxie, Crothersville VFD; Chief David Scott, Carr VFD; Deputy Chief Rebecca Scott, Pershing VFD; Assistant Chief Melvin Hutchens, Crothersville VFD; and Hugh Garner, Training Coordinator, Jackson County EMS.

By Janet Peters

A man falls to the ground, clutching his chest. He stops breathing, and there is no pulse. Cardiac arrest. What are his chances of surviving this episode?

With no CPR administered until medical personnel perform defibrillation ten minutes or more later, there is a zero to two per

cent chance of survival, according to statistics provided by the American Heart Association.

If a "good Samaritan" is on hand to perform CPR within two minutes until defibrillation at ten minutes, the percentage goes up to two to eight per cent.

When CPR occurs within two minutes and emergency medical technicians defibrillate by seven

minutes, twenty per cent survive, Early CPR and defibrillation both within the first four minutes raises the rate to thirty per cent, and that is the goal Director Dennis Brasher wants Jackson County Emergency Medical Service to achieve.

"When I applied for Build Indiana grant funds several months ago, one of our goals was

to assist county volunteer fire departments that respond to traumatic medical emergencies in the outlying areas of Jackson County in obtaining a means to provide enhanced care for the cardiac arrest patient," Brasher said.

"With the assistance of State Senator Becky Skillman and State Representative Brent Steel, Jackson County EMS was awarded a grant totaling \$112,250, and a portion of that grant money was earmarked for three LifePack 500 automated external defibrillators."

The "AED" is a small, light-weight semi-automated external defibrillator that will deliver electrical current through the chest wall and across the heart muscle in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest, Brasher explained.

AED is more advanced, but more "user friendly" for first responders and emergency medical technicians.

The departments receiving these AED's are Pershing, Carr, and Crothersville/Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Departments.

The EMT's and First Responders in each of these three fire departments have received training in the operation and usage of automated external defibrillators, and specifically in the use of the LifePack 500 AED, Brasher said.

Each of the departments also will become a "certified non-transport response unit" as required by the Indiana State Emergency Management Agency.

"Statistics are clear that early defibrillation is the key," said Hugh Garner, training coordinator for Jackson County EMS.

"When a person goes into sudden cardiac arrest, the heart muscle goes into fibrillation, the most lethal and most common heart rhythm.

"We depend on the fire department to get there, stabilize the patient, and start CPR if necessary, until we arrive with our defibrillator."

Garner explained that CPR mechanically pumps blood throughout the body, but rapid external defibrillation can often get the heart muscle out of ventricular fibrillation and into a life-sustaining rhythm until paramedics arrive.

"Defibrillation doesn't work every time, but when it works, it works," Garner said.

"We appreciate the fire departments that respond to the scene with us. They are a great help - an extension of us.

"To show our appreciation, we purchased the defibrillators to provide them with the tools they need to provide the best patient care possible to our constituents in Jackson County."

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Kerosene heater sparks fire

A lock on the gas meter and a tag on the electric box indicated all power to the house had been turned off.

By Suzanne Eovaldi
Correspondent
Cedar Lake - A police officer kicked in a door and rescued a 50-year-old woman from a

smoke-filled house early Saturday morning, January 31, 1998.

Ginger Bisset was overcome by smoke while trying to rescue her pet dogs and cat she feared lost in a fire that destroyed her old farm house. The fire was reported at 4:24 a.m.

She was listed in serious condition at the Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, where she was airlifted to after first being treated at St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point.

Cedar Lake Fire Chief Dennis Wilkening said a kerosene heater in the front part of the house at 7320 Vermillion Street ignited a stubborn fire that took nearly four hours to put out.

Ginger and Jim Bisset apparently relied on the kerosene heater to warm their home.

Wilkening said there was a lock on the gas meter and a tag on the electric box indicating all power to the house had been turned off.

"Ginger went back in after the animals," said Fran Holtz, a neighbor who lives across the street.

"She's in there; get her out," Holtz yelled to Jim Bisset, Patrolman Keith Wood and Sgt. Robert Forsel as the front of the house became engulfed in flames.

Wood, 27, who joined the department in 1996, ran around to the rear of the house and kicked in a back door.

Once inside, he heard Ginger Bisset cry for help.

The smoke was so thick, Wood could not see her.

He crawled on the floor and found her semi-conscious on the kitchen floor. Wood picked her up and carried her to safety.

He is being hailed as a hero. "We're obviously very proud of his going above and beyond and putting his life at risk," said Police Chief Charles R. Kouder.

"Thankfully, they got out of the house."

Kouder said Wood needed oxygen at the scene for smoke inhalation, but was not hospitalized.

He said Wood will be recognized by the department for his act.

Holtz said she only saw one dog get out of the burning home. She said one cat and six dogs lived in the home with the Bissets. Holtz said they lost everything.

"He didn't even have shoes on when he got out."

She said the nearly 100-year-old structure was the original house from a large farm near the Salesian Boys School property.

A Cedar Lake firefighter hauled a full red gas can out of the burning house.

"The house is lined inside with metal and plywood sheeting; you can't get through," Wilkening said.

The tin roof and the metal sheeting thwarted efforts of firefighters who would douse the flames, only to see them break out again in the early morning chill.

Fire departments from Cedar Lake, Lake Dalecarlia and Crown Point were on the scene, along with rescue and hazardous material personnel as well as the Cedar Lake and Lake County Police Departments.

Staff Writer Carole Carlson contributed to this story.

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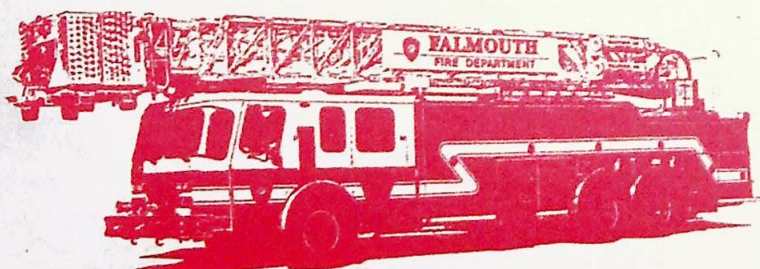
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Hello Firefighters,
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First there were fire runs, then rescue and good will runs (cat in a tree), now there is carbon monoxide (CO) runs.

I'm sure you have experienced this, a call for a detector beginning to alarm for three seconds, about every five minutes. After advising the homeowner to go to a neighbor's until the home is completely checked out, Indiana Gas Company immediately dispatches a person to check the gas appliances for CO leakage and check the detector.

As it turns out, the battery/senior pack had expired and was giving false alarms.

Please don't take this for granted. After several false alarms, there could be a real one.

Everyone is at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. Medical experts believe, however, that some individuals are more vulnerable to poisoning such as unborn babies, infants, children, senior citizens and people with heart or lung problems.

MARSHAL'S MEMO

March

The Indiana Hazardous Materials Conference is coming up on June 3 and 4. It's being held at the conference center at the Valle Vista Country Club in Greenwood, Indiana.

If you're interested in attending, give us a call for more information.

Many of you have asked me to keep you up-to-date on the status of the new Fire and Building codes.

Both are moving well, having passed the Commission, and they are in the Attorney General's office.

From there they'll go to the Governor's office for his signature by April 1, and will become effective thirty (30) days after that signing. Keep your fingers crossed, we may have a new Fire Code yet!

We have some new folks in our office and I don't know if I have let you know about them yet.

They are two new inspectors, Kevin Cleveland and John Kierzkowski and also a new investigator in our Arson division, Dave Lepper.

They've been doing an excellent job and we certainly welcome them aboard.

The last issue I need to let you know about is an update on our efforts to start a burn camp in Indiana.

As you may know, we introduced HB 1106 to make it clear

that this office had the authority to be involved in this effort.

The bill was moving along just fine, until we had a hearing on the bill in the Senate Public Policy committee.

At that hearing, an organization called The Peoples Burn Foundation of Indiana showed up, and testified against our bill.

The bill failed to come out of committee on a 4-4 vote, which seemed to make the people who testified against it very happy for some reason.

However, SB 348, a bill having to do with ghost employment that allows governmental employees, both state and local, to work with not-for-profit organizations while they're on duty, will still allow us to go forward with our dream of a camp for children who have burned by the ravages of fire.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to move ahead with our participation in this wonderful effort, and I look forward to working with the fire service here in Indiana to make this dream become a reality.

Well, I need to close for this month; please be careful out there!

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters

April

Well, it's Spring and everybody ought to be in a real good mood. For one thing it's golf season and that always cheers me up.

We completed our last fire chief's orientation at the Freedom Fire Department in Owen County and it really went well.

Our thanks to all of the departments who hosted these events this year.

Great news! The 1998 fire and building codes have been signed by the Governor and become effective April 30, 1998.

Congratulations to the fire service for hanging in there and seeing the fire code become a reality; it was at times a real battle and you are to be commended for your efforts.

One thing I need your help with is *Learn Not To Burn* manuals. If you would, please check to see if your schools still have the manuals they were given and if they are using them. It's possible that a teacher has left that school and taken the manuals with them. Please let us know what you find out.

Indiana Weekend is coming up in July; the dates are the 17th, 18th, and 19th. Mark these dates on your calendar, as it is our 10th anniversary and you won't want to miss this one. We are also planning to take at least two buses, one from Indy and one from up north, starting in the Lake County area and making stops along the toll road. Check out the flyer in this mailing for more information.

I need your input on something. It's always been the policy of this office to not release the list of fire departments, that we maintain in our office and in PSTI, for commercial purposes, but lately we've been rethinking whether that is a good idea, feeling that the departments out there might be missing out on some information, or products, that might benefit your fire department. Please let me know if you agree or disagree with the idea of releasing this information to commercial companies.

Sadly, I have to inform you of

another firefighter death. Jeff Reik of the Aurora Fire Department, their Safety Officer, passed away at a training exercise on Wednesday, April 1st. Our sincere sympathies to his family and his department.

On a brighter note, we are in the process of updating our web page, trying to make it more useful and helpful to all of you. If you think of anything that would be useful to have on our web page, please let us know.

Our web page address is;
<http://www.ai.org/sema/osfm.html>.

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Well, I better close for this month.

Please be careful out there. Remember there is no such thing as a "routine" house fire.

Until then, Brothers and Sisters,

M. Tracy Boatwright

Huntington Sesquicentennial 1848 - 1998

Come and join the celebration. Huntington will be celebrating its 150th birthday from August 8th through the 16th.

Anyone with a vintage fire-fighting vehicle is invited to attend the parade and displays.

For more information, please contact Jim Jennings at 219 356-3620.

Volunteer Chief Officers Section of the IAFC

Re: National Volunteer Week

In many communities, the volunteers who belong to the fire department and the rescue squad are the only defense a community has against fire, medical emergency, motor vehicle accidents, floods and weather related disaster.

For many Americans across the United States of America, the volunteer fire department or rescue squad is the only line of defense against disaster. Volunteer firefighters do more for our communities than many of our society's "heroes," but do not get as much recognition, nor do they seek it.

Volunteer firefighters comprise approximately 80 percent of the fire-fighting force protecting America's cities, suburbs, and rural areas.

Even New York City still has two active volunteer fire companies responding to emergencies within the city limits.

Emergency calls in most communities have increased dramatically within the last three to five years adding burdens to an already time strapped volunteer fire force.

Volunteer firefighters are virtually always on call. Emergencies are not scheduled; they occur at all hours of the day, afternoon and evening.

When emergencies occur, the public expects to receive rapid, reliable and reasonable care. The professional image of the volunteer firefighter still needs to be cultivated.

The public in some cases still associates "volunteer" with unprofessional. But in most every state the "volunteer" firefighter training has the same rigor as the career firefighter.

Volunteer firefighters do more than douse blazes. They are trained in advanced first aid and CPR. Many are skilled emergency medical technicians and some are paramedics.

Volunteer firefighters perform another key service to communities. They educate citizens, especially children about how to survive should a fire occur. Being in a fire is a very eerie occurrence. The fire is not light, but dark. Children are frightened and sometimes act irrationally when confronted with a fire.

The reason volunteer fire departments exist is purely one of economics. Having a force of people who receive no or very little compensation is an obvious benefit to the local tax rate and the taxpayers.

But the cost of operating a volunteer fire department is skyrocketing just like other government services.

The equipment, apparatus, clothing and supplies cost the same for a volunteer fire department as they do for a career fire department.

1998 is the 350th anniversary of the volunteer fire service.

The volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members are the longest serving volunteer organization in the United States of America.

During this national volunteer recognition week, Americans who are served by volunteer fire departments and rescue squads should remember to express their appreciation and thanks to those community heroes who make themselves available to handle emergencies and disasters that affect people's lives.

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Pets only victims in Cline Ave. fire

Owners of the St. John Township home were not at home at the time.

By Michael Puente
Staff Writer

St. John Township - The owners of a Cline Avenue home weren't around when a fire started in a bedroom late Thursday

morning, February 5, 1998, but their dog and two cats weren't as lucky.

Only one of the cats survived the fire in the one-story, ranch style home at 9034 Cline Avenue.

Horses housed in a nearby stable were spared, although their drinking water was in short supply because the fire shut off power to a well.

Firefighters from Lake Hills, St. John, Cedar Lake, Center Township and Lake Ridge took several hours to put out the fire.

The fire started at about 11:30 a.m. in a front bedroom of the home, said St. John Volunteer Fire Department spokesman Joseph Gomeztagle.

Although no one was injured, the dog and cat died due to smoke inhalation, Gomeztagle said.

Flames smoldered for several hours as firefighters tried keeping the fire from spreading to an attached garage.

The fire burned a large hole in the roof above the bedroom.

The stable was a safe distance away from the burning house. Irene Keilman, a relative who doesn't live at the house, was talking to residents nearby to see if they could provide water for the horses.

The family was making arrangements to stay with relatives, Keilman said.

A damage amount was not available Thursday.

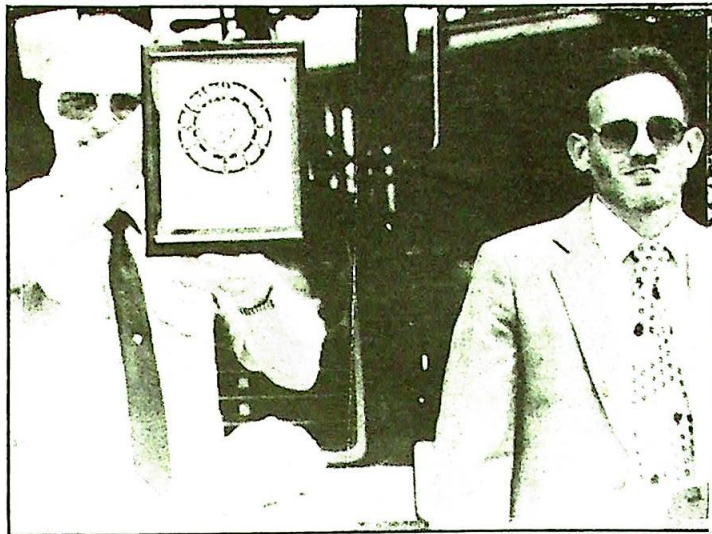
Fire investigators are trying to determine what started the fire,

Gomeztagle said.

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Friday, February 6, 1998

Albion Fire Department



ANE photo by Mark Hunter

NEW CLOCK - Albion Fire Chief Bob Beckley, left, proudly displays a clock that was given to the Albion Fire Department at their dedication by Mike Mackin, Chairman of District 6 of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Looking on between the two men is Rev. Edna Wildey, who officiated at the dedication.

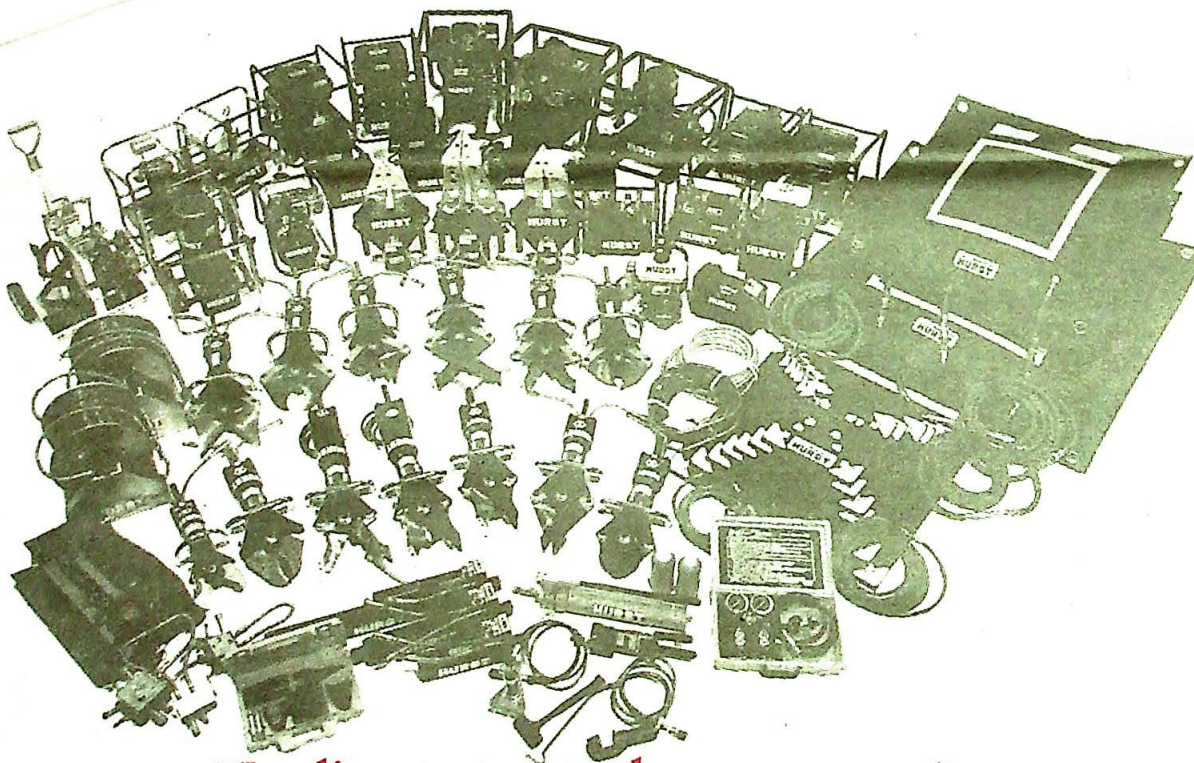
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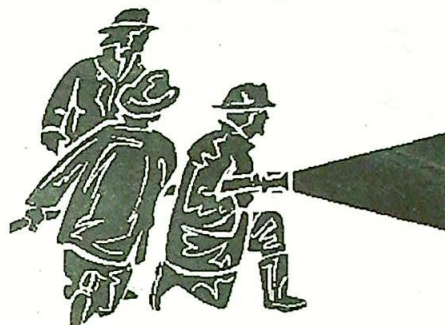
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