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Two destructive fires



Loogootee firefighters were confronted with another blaze Sunday morning on West Main Street, where two buildings were destroyed by fire. Several nearby businesses suffered smoke and water damage, and most shops on the west side of the square were vacated in fear that the high winds would cause flames to get out of control. (Additional picture on page 27) Photos courtesy of The Loogootee Tribune

There are times when heroes are hard to find, but courage, bravery, and just plain hard work were in ample supply on Sunday, February 7, as two unrelated fires kept local and area firefighters busy for over 13 hours battling blazes in the city.

At approximately 6:02 a.m., a city worker and a dispatcher at the Municipal Building, noticed an "orange glow" west of the building, where the Fintan Walker residence at 300 Walker Street was found to be in flames.

The Loogootee VFD was still at the scene, with this situation under control, when a call came at approx. 9 a.m. that two buildings on W. Main St. were on fire.

"We had both trucks at the Walker house and were just beginning to 'break down' one of them, as the fire was under control at that time," said Lt. Terry Pielemeier of the Loogootee Fire Department. "We like to keep one unit ready to go in case another call comes in, which is

exactly what happened."

"The Walker house was under control when we left," stated Deputy Chief Benny Summers. "We left three men there to handle the hot spots, and the rest of us reported to the scene on West Main Street."

Nip's Pool Room and adjacent building which housed the office of Dr. Roger Lysiak, Chiropractor, and four apartments owned by Paul, David and Steve O'Brien, were engulfed in smoke.

When we got there, I took one look at smoke rolling from 3 buildings and immediately called Haysville & Crane for help," said Summers. "All we could do was stand and watch until we got the power cut off. Public Service was there almost immediately, but just standing there for 4-5 minutes was hard. During the day we pumped 550,000 gals. of water. We're thankful we had about a million gallons in storage."

Fifty firemen were on the scene to help with the firefighting

during Sunday's effort. There were 2 units from Haysville, one from Shoals, one from Crane, and one Civil Defense truck, as well as the 2 city trucks on the scene.

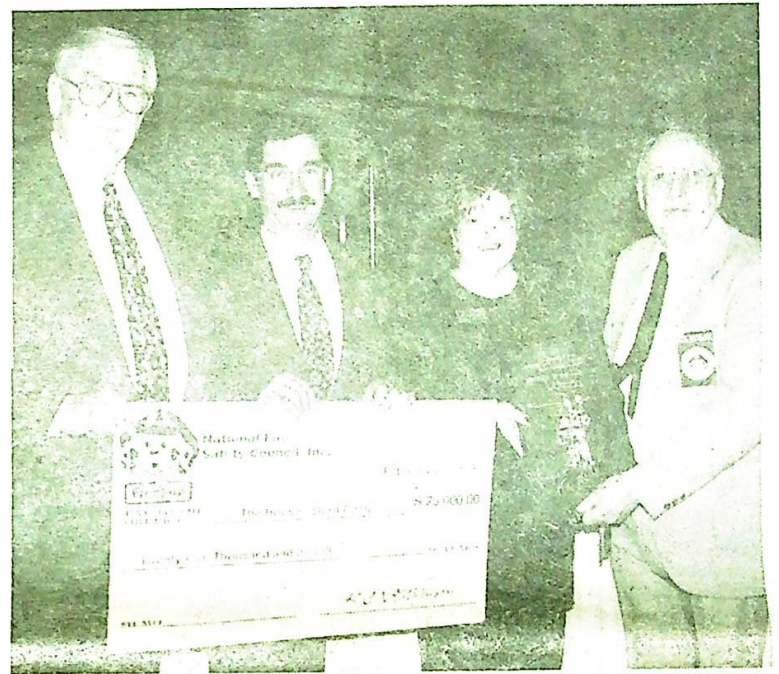
Pielemeier credited the availability of help from our neighbors and the advantage of up-to-date equipment with a big part of the success in controlling the fires.

"I simply can't say enough about the excellent help we had from all the area units," Pielemeier said. "Everyone responded so quickly, and having the extra aerial unit from Crane was a big help. Crane sent six people and offered more if we needed them, and also offered base housing for displaced people if it was needed.

"We also have to give credit to the mayor's office - and previous administrations as well - for having the foresight to see that we have the necessary equipment," he continued. "It always seems like a lot of money, which it is,

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National Fire Safety Council leads corporate Burn Camp support



Pictured (l-r) Gaylord Walker, Chief Hines, Ginger Shanks and Jack McFarland.

When the call went out from Indiana's fire service for money to start a summer camp for young burn survivors, a longtime, good friend of the fire service stepped forward, The National Fire Safety Council (NFSC). Although their headquarters is in Michigan, the NFSC has a very long reach into the lives of people across the United States. The Council is probably the nation's largest producer of fire safety education and public awareness materials.

Founder and former president of the NFSC, H.R. Wilkinson, approached the Burn Camp last year asking how the council could "give something back to the people of Indiana as a thank you for all of their generous support of the NFSC for so many years." Naturally, the Burn Camp suggested they consider being the first charter sponsor of the Hoosier Burn Camp through a commitment of \$25,000 over the next four years. Within a few days a check for \$10,000 arrived at the Burn Camp office with a letter pledging future checks.

Good to their word, a check for \$5,000 was presented to the Burn Camp at the 8th Annual Fire & Emergency Services Dinner held on February 1, 1999 in Indianapolis. Gaylord Walker and Jack McFarland presented the Hoosier Burn Camp with a symbolic check representing their commitment to the Indiana's young burn survivors. Hoosier Burn Camp President, Seymore Fire Chief Fred Hines and Executive Director Ginger Shanks accepted the check on behalf of Indiana young burn survivors then presented the Council with a beautiful plaque bearing a pewter replica of the Hoosier Burn Camp commemorative statue depicting a fire fighter carrying a small child to safety.

In recognition of their generosity, the Council's name & logo will appear on all Hoosier Burn Camp shirts worn by staff & campers. These sweatshirts & T-shirts are also for sale as a fundraiser from the Burn Camp office or on Visitors Day, June 2, at Camp Tecumseh.

The Hoosier volunteer fire service expresses its great appreciation to the NFSC for its generous support of the Burn Camp and hope other corporate sponsors will follow their lead. Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc. is a IRC Section 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation and may be contacted at 800/254-2878.

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Prayer For Today

*Our Most Merciful Heavenly Father,
With thankful hearts we welcome another springtime into our lives. We are mindful of that springtime centuries ago when our Lord was transformed from death into everlasting life. His resurrection was a sign that death had been conquered and a promise that we also will be transformed on that great and glorious day when we are called home.*

Amen

Minute Message

The resurrection story is nearly 2,000 years in age, but its message is timeless.

I like it because of its promise and because of its central truth: Jesus proved He was the Son of God.

Follow the Easter Story as it unfolds in the 20th Chapter of the Book of John (the items in parentheses belong to yours truly).

Early on the first day of the week (Sunday), while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. (The stone had been put there by the Roman soldiers so no one could steal the body).

So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved (John was referring to himself), and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple out ran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked at the strips of linen lying there, but did not go in.

Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

Finally, the other disciple (once again John's reference to himself), who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

A little while later the disciples returned to their homes. Jesus revealed his presence to Mary Magdalene who reported her observation and conversation to the group. Picking up the story in verse nineteen, we read on.

On the evening of that first day of the week (same Sunday; evening) with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. (This was to show proof of who he was, that it was the resurrected Lord and not a ghost). The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

And, with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

It is indeed a wonderful story with a wonderful promise. May His Holy Spirit touch you all.

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BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

A large thank you goes out to all 41 applicants for this year's two scholarships to be given at our Annual Convention in Columbus, June 18, at the convention dinner.

For those needing assistance for next year, I advise you to get an application now.

Don't worry about a Y2K problem with our scholarship program. We still select the winners the old fashioned way, with a pen or pencil.

Applications are available from your district chairman, as well as, any elected officer. If all else fails, please call me.

Lawrence Swartz, Bridgeport Chairman
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Bill Engle dies



Billy Joe Engle, 71, died Friday, April 2, 1999, at Good Samaritan Hospital. Born September 6, 1927, in Sullivan County, he was the son of Rufus and Thelma (Fidlar) Engle.

Engle was co-founder & former chief of the Vincennes Twp. Fire Dept. He was Past President, Vice President, District Chairman & Chairman of the Board of the IVFA; Assistant State Fire Marshal; member of Indiana State Fire Commissioners Board; and founder of Vincennes Twp. Fire Prevention District, serving as President and Trustee.

A firefighter instructor who had the rating of Master Firefighter, he had received numerous awards for his service in firefighting.

He worked at Texaco, retiring as a supervisor after 32 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WW II, a member of the First Christian Church in Vincennes and the American Legion. He

was also an avid gardener and woodworker.

Engle married Verta Heikes and she died October 1, 1988.

A IVFA memorial service was held Monday at the funeral home.

From the President



Jack Cox

Hello fellow IVFA Officers and Members,

1999 is in full swing. Legislation is moving rather slow as I see it. Only one bill, HB1169, is moving to our expectation this session. This bill will increase the required level of insurance benefit that is to be provided to all volunteer firefighters. We feel that we are deserving of increased benefits to protect our loved ones, should a accident or health problem occur as a result of your duties as a volunteer firefighter. This Bill has

passed the House and is in 3rd reading in the Senate.

I have received word that we are having problems getting the health benefits paid, in a timely manner through the Worker's Compensation benefit for volunteer firefighters. You can rest assured every effort to correct this problem is being made by the IVFA Officers, with the help of T.R. Downey Insurance. If you are experiencing problems with this, PLEASE let us know ASAP.

Our Annual Meeting, at convention, promises to be one we can all remember. An attendance increase is expected.

My last conversation with the Convention Committee was that the convention hotel (Holiday Inn) has filled up. Future attendees will be placed in another hotel nearby.

I was deeply saddened at the passing of Past President Bill Engle. We will miss his wisdom and presence at our meetings, as I know he'll be missed by his family and firefighters.

I've had the opportunity to attend several meetings, dedications, and open houses this past quarter. Please, keep those invitations coming. Don't forget to attend your district meetings.

Remember: Prevention is a key to the success of your fire dept. Prevention is less costly & a safer operation than suppression!

Nancy and I wish all success this spring season and hope to see you at Convention!

NOTICE: TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

A REMINDER TO ANY DEPT BUILDING OR THINKING OF BUILDING A NEW STATION

The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

Our contact for obtaining a clock is TODDY MICHL. He needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

Please contact Toddy at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. He can be reached by calling 812-299-1019. If for some reason you are unable to contact him, please call Bill Bush at 765-665-3213 and he will be able to assist you in getting the order placed with Toddy.

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PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

To ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, fire is a danger that can affect any home in Indiana, and early warning signs of fire must be taken seriously; and
- WHEREAS, advance planning can make the difference between life and death in a fire; and
- WHEREAS, an adequate escape plan includes knowing two ways out of each room, arranging an outdoor location where everyone will meet upon exiting and memorizing the local fire department's telephone number; and
- WHEREAS, Jerry Neal, who has been a volunteer with the Wayne Township Fire Department in Marion County, Indiana, for 23 years, has been invited to visit Portugal to assist in setting up a public education program for the fire service there; and
- WHEREAS, for the last 12 years, Mr. Neal has been an important part of the Public Education Division of the Wayne Township Fire Department, helping to educate the public and to develop programs to educate youth about fire safety; and
- WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside time to recognize the importance of fire safety and to offer our best wishes to Jerry Neal in his travels to Portugal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK O'BANNON, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 25 - 30, 1999, as

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and encourage all citizens to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 8th day of April, 1999.

Frank O'Bannon
BY THE GOVERNOR: Frank O'Bannon
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: Sue Anne Gilroy
Secretary of State



District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1&2

January 20, 1999

Porter Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting called to order by Bill Howe, District 1 Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance led by PRNW Buz Koehler.

Guests included District 2 Chairman Larry Stott; Past President Mitch Parish; PRNW Buz Koehler; Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss; IVFAA Past President Phyllis Vargo; IVFAA Districts 1 & 2 Chairwomen Martha Thomas and Ann Moss; and Dale Hensley of 5-Alarm Fire Equipment Co.

Roll Call answered by 45 members, District 1 and 17 members, District 2. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago, Dist. 1 & Lake Eliza, Dist. 2.

Porter Fire Dept. Deputy Chief Mike Kiest gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters. He also introduced Bob Casbon, Porter County Haz-Mat Coordinator, who gave a short program on biological weapons of mass destruction.

Bill Howe reported that only one letter from District 1 and one letter from District 2 for the Midwest Award had been received. Deadline is today.

Bill reminded us convention is in Columbus June 16-19 and suggested getting reservations now.

A six-day class on terrorism is to be held at Notre Dame.

Letters for Mr. IVFA and Ollie Sandburg Awards due by Feb.

Bill and Mitch Parish presented Bill Cunningham, Chesterton VFD with a Gold Card.

Treasurer's report was given. Motion made by Dennis Schavey, seconded by Tom Orrell, to accept report. Motion carried.

Buz Koehler read proposed fire service legislation coming up. Mitch Parish reported that \$100,000 has been appropriated for a volunteer firefighter's memorial monument.

He reported he has 500 IVFA history books for \$20 each. Several are already reserved.

Mitch also reported on the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Phyllis Vargo reported that letters are needed for the Lois Boaz Award by February.

A motion made by Clarence Moss, seconded by Tom Orrell, to give the Districts 1 & 2 Miss Flames \$200 each for convention expenses. Motion carried.

District 2 Chairman Larry Stott reported that he needs letters back on the proposed IVFA group health insurance.

Phil Griffith reported on the Indiana Burn Camp. They could use help since they'll have about 38 kids this year ages 7-17. Clarence Moss said Crown Point & LOFS Fire Departments each donated six T-shirts. He suggested each department do the same.

One death reported since last meeting, John Hostettler, Merrillville FD. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

Both Pete Monix, St. John and Jake Thomas, Merrillville have forty years of service. A round of applause was given.

New Chicago is having a pancake breakfast Sun., January 24. Schererville is having a dance February 6 at the Serbian Hall.

Duneland Fire School is coming up.

50/50 drawing was won by John Gerry from St. John and the gift from Dale Hensley was won by Kurt Keiser from Chesterton.

Next meeting will be February 17 at Lake Hills Fire Department.

Motion was made by Dennis

Schavey, seconded by Tom Orrell, to adjourn. Motion carried.

February 17, 1999

Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Buz Koehler, PRNW.

Guests included Past Presidents Mitch Parish & Lawrence Swartz, PRNW Buz Koehler, District 1 Chairman Bill Howe, IVFAA Past President Phyllis Vargo, Districts 1 & 2 IVFAA Chairwomen Martha Thomas & Ann Moss, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, Past District 2 Secretary Ralph Knapp, and Dale Hensley from 5-Alarm Fire Equipment.

Lake Hills VFD Chief Shawn Millard gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters. He introduced Dick Geiger, who gave a presentation on "Barricade" fire blocking material and a demonstration in the parking lot after the meeting.

Roll Call was answered by nineteen members from District 1 and forty-five members from District 2. Attendance Trophies won by Merrillville, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2.

Motion made by Ed McCoy, and seconded by Bob Szot, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Mitch Parish reported he has the IVFA history books. The District Chairmen have a list of those who asked for them.

Lawrence Swartz reported deadline for articles in the next newspaper is April 10 and deadline for Bridgeport Scholarship applications is April 1.

PRNW Buz Koehler reported nominations for Mr. IVFA be in by April 1st. He gave a short legislative report and mentioned Fire Chief Orientation in Rensselaer.

Dennis Wilkening from the Lake County Fire Chief's Association gave a report on on-going & up-coming training.

Larry Stott reported a Masters category in EMS later this year.

Ron Rogers reported on the Fire Institute dinner he & another New Chicago firefighter attended.

Bill Howe reported on the State Officer's Meeting.

Burn Camp is May 30 - June 4 at Camp Tecumseh. They could use some help. Contact Phil Griffin at U.S. Steel Fire Dept.

Treasurer's report was given.

New Business - Bill Howe read proposed By-Law change affecting make-up of Bridgeport Scholarship Committee. Motion made by Nancy Webb, Lake Dale, seconded by Wally Cook, Merrillville, to accept changes. Motion carried.

Bill also reported proposed medical group insurance plan was dropped because not enough people are interested.

Larry Stott reported 3 deaths in the districts since last meeting, Dan Thiel, St. John; Melvin Cannon, Kouts; & John Blaskovitch, Lake Hills.

Good of the Order - Independence Hill's dance May 1. Independence Hill is now Merrillville Station 2.

LOFS dinner/dance May 20. Tickets to be bought in advance.

50/50 drawing won by Larry Stott. Caps donated by 5-Alarm won by Ann Moss & Ron Rogers.

Martha Thomas and Ann Moss reported Miss Flame winners are Kari Fravel and Amy Jean Davis.

Next meeting March 17 at Lake Station.

Motion made by Bub Wise,

seconded by Paul Watling, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Lake Station VFD

March 17, 1999

Meeting called to order at 8:10 p.m. by District 1 Chairman Bill Howe. Pledge of Allegiance led by PRNW Buz Koehler.

Guests included past President Mitch Parish, District 2 Chairman Larry Stott, District 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, IVFAA Chairwomen Martha Thomas & Ann Moss, and Dale Hensley from 5-Alarm Fire Equipment.

Chief Ron Good gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters. Program was a demonstration in the parking lot by Hurst on extrication.

Motion made by Ed McCoy, seconded by Paul Watling, to dispense with reading of minutes of previous meeting. Carried.

Roll Call answered by 53 members, District 1 and 14 members, District 2. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago, District 1 and LOFS, District 2.

Bill Howe reported history books in that were ordered. Cost is \$20. After the next meeting, if you don't get your book, they'll be offered to anyone that wants one.

Miss Flame contestants will be at May meeting.

PRNW Buz Koehler gave a legislative report.

Treasurer's report was given.

Good of the Order - New Chicago, March 20; Merrillville dance May 1; Lake Station dance April 24; Lake Eliza Easter Egg Hunt April 28; LOFS dinner/dance March 20.

Bill Howe reminded us to get benefits from the Bridgeport Fund, dues must be paid for the previous 3 years. Nominations for the Ollie Sandburg must be to Vice Pres. by May 1. Nominations for Mr. IVFA in to one of the three previous winners by April 1.

April 10 deadline for paper. Next meeting April 21 at Lincoln Twp. FD.

50/50 drawing won by Brian Orris, Lake Station.

Motion made by Ron Rogers seconded by Ron Good, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by, Jim Bradford District 1 Sec.

DISTRICT 3

The district meeting was held on January 21, 1999 at Scipio Township VFD at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Bob Uryga.

Roll Call was answered by eight departments present and four guests. Springfield Twp.-1, Knox Center-3, LaCrosse-1, Scipio-8, Westville-2, Hamlet-2, Kingsbury-1, Michiana Shores-2, LaPorte County HazMat-1.

Guests included our district Miss Flame Cindy Fessler from LaCrosse; Buz Koehler, PRNW; Bill Howe, District 1 Chairman; and Bruce Yonkers.

Treasurer's report was given. Tim Sandy made a motion to except the report and seconded by Kenny Fath. Motion passed.

Committee Reports - Tim Sandy (Convention Co-Chairman) announced that we need more participation from departments to help with the Convention in the year 2000. He also mentioned that the art departments of each high school in LaPorte and Starke Counties will be asked to come up with a logo and slogan for the convention.

The Convention Committee asked for some money to help them out in expenses. Jim Byers

made a motion to give them \$200 and seconded by Eric Wood. Motion Passed.

Bob Uryga said Edith House still available. Coolspring Twp. is in charge of it.

Leona Uryga explained what Miss Flame does to earn convention expenses.

Bob Uryga explained the financial needs of the district.

Gary Ekart asked for a private room for security at convention. Bill Howe said Holiday Inn will give complimentary rooms if asked.

Bill Howe talked on legislation and what state bills are coming up. Disability and death benefit to increase.

Buz Koehler stated that if you have the Internet, use www.ai.org to see the state bills.

The Convention in Columbus this year is June 16-19.

The Fire Chief's Orientation is February 20 at Rensselaer.

Reminder for awards are Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg, and the Midwest award.

If dues were paid for 1998-1999, they are on time.

Bill Howe said that Terre Haute had a \$250 weekend give away that made a good kick off for expenses.

May 30-June 4 Hoosier Burn Camp at Camp Tecumseh for children. Looking for volunteers.

The Indiana Fire & Emergency Service dinner is February 1.

Bob Uryga handed out IVFA stickers.

He also said he delivered the in-line death duty payment to Paul Laux's widow in December.

Bob asked if at least one representative from each department could attend the wake of a fellow firefighter. Starke Co. has a honor guard that will come if called. Call the Starke Co. Sheriff Department, Bob Uryga, or Ed Ritter.

BFE will sponsor the 50-50 raffle. Pat Ulrich from Scipio and Bruce Yonkers won.

Tim Sandy spoke of the Duneland Fire School which is March 27-28 and April 10-11.

Dave Kaufman is hosting the Ind. National Credited Seal. Starke Co. honor guard will compete in the FDIC.

Gary Ekart has asked Buz Koehler to look into Starke County being transferred to a southern district. Reason given, the time difference.

Second Roll Call: Lincoln Twp.-1, Michiana Shores-2 (8 calls), Springfield Twp.-1 (38 calls), Knox Center-3 (12 calls), Kingsbury-1 (1 call), LaCrosse-1 (4 first responders calls), Scipio-10 Westville-2 (37 calls), Hamlet-2 (4 calls), Haz-Mat-1.

A motion was made by Kenny Fath and seconded by Eric Wood to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was held on Feb. 18, 1999 at Pleasant Twp. at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chief Phil Blum.

Roll Call was answered by eight departments. Coolspring Twp.-2, Kingsbury-2, Knox Center-2, LaCrosse-1, Lincoln Twp.-1, Michiana Shores-1, Pleasant Twp.-5, Scipio-3.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given. Kevin Rensburger made a motion and seconded by Don Childers to accept the report.

Guests present included Bill Howe, Mitch Parish, Buz Koehler and Bruce Yonkers.

The Fifty Year books are in and they are \$20. A list was read of all the people who ordered these books. There are only 11 books left.

Bill Howe and Buz Koehler stated that 1600 bills are presented and 69 are being watched.

Insurance bill (1169). We are watching several of these bills that are in the house. Public performance bill we are opposing. Several reports on other bills were given.

Bob Uryga gave a report on Clandestine Lab. investigation. These are chemicals. All departments should be careful.

Dave Kaufman gave a report on Convention 2000. Letters are going out to the schools about the logo and slogan to be sent back by April to have a vote.

Make sure your address is correct for the paper and IVFA for insurance purposes.

Also you can test out on the cross over for classification.

Bridgeport Fund Scholarship is to be in by March 1, 1999.

The Duneland Fire School deadline is March 12. The school is March 27-28 & April 10-11 at Chesterton. IVFA members will receive \$5 off the fee.

Second Roll Call: Coolspring Twp.-2, no report; Kingsbury-2, 9 runs (2 fire, 7 first responders); Knox-Center-2, 11 runs; LaCrosse-1, 6 runs (6 responders); Lincoln Twp.-1, 6 runs (6 responders); Michiana Shores-1, no report; Pleasant Twp.-5, 5 runs (1 fire and 4 responders); Scipio Twp.-3, 6 runs (2 fire and 4 responders).

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Childers and seconded by Eric Woods.

The district meeting was held at Kingsford-Union on March 18, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Uryga.

Roll Call was answered by six departments. Kingsford-Union-8, LaCrosse-1, Lincoln Twp.-1, Michiana Shores-2, Westville-2.

In the absence of the secretary, no minutes were reported. A bank statement balance in the regular account was reported.

Guests were Buz Koehler, Mitch Parish, Bill Howe and Bruce Yonkers.

Bill Howe spoke on legislative bills that passed. Buz Koehler stated to contact our state representatives for the bills to pass.

Mitch Parish stated that 911 may be the emergency number in the near future by federal law.

The IVFA By-Law, Article 7, section 7 was voted on and passed. The By-Law was to get rid of the words the senior to a public relations director.

Buz Koehler stated that the hotel rooms for this year's convention need to be booked now.

April 10 deadline for paper. The Burn Camp is the last week of May.

Indiana Fire Weekend May 1-2. Duneland School is March 27-28 and April 10-11. A \$5 discount with your IVFA card.

Mr. IVFA deadline is April 1. The Ollie Sandburg Award deadline is May 1.

Convention minutes were read. The Edith House is available.

Mitch Parish stated that departments should get new forms for the scholarship if it doesn't have Central Office on it. History books still available.

Three films on Attic Insulation Fires given by Bill Howe for a drawing. Won by Buz Koehler, Mitch Parrish and Dave Enochs.

Bob Uryga won the 50-50. A reminder about the Miss Flame Raffle in April.

The next meeting is at Koontz Lake on April 15.

Second Roll Call- Kingsbury-1, 7 calls; Kingsford-Union-1, 8 calls; LaCrosse-1, 3 calls; Lincoln Twp.-1, 2 calls; Michiana Shores-2, 2 calls; Westville-2, 41 calls.

A motion was made by Ken Fath and seconded by Jim Ingram to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by, Ed Ritter, Secretary

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 5

January 14, 1999

N. Manchester Public Safety Complex, N. Manchester, IN.

Meeting was called to order at 1935 hours with the Pledge to the Flag following.

Roll Call answered by 23 members representing 10 departments.

Guests included Richard Glant, PRNE

Minutes read by Sec. Kissinger and approved as presented.

Dick Glant talked about the keynote speaker at the Fire & Emergency Services dinner, Joel Sonnenburg. The dinner is also going to help the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Discussed the need to make reservations at the main hotel for convention immediately because rooms are going fast.

Chairman Kissinger advised all to make sure that address is current to receive IVFA paper.

With the IVFA quarterly meeting not until February, there was no other business to discuss.

Good of the Order - Our prayers are with the family and friends of the firefighter from Worthington-Jefferson VFD who died in the line of duty.

Introduced Richard "Cap" Sullivan, a retired firefighter from the Chicago Fire Department, who is a member of the Winona Lake Fire Department.

The North Manchester Fire Department is hoping to move to their new public safety complex the week of January 18th.

The next meeting will be held at the Bremen Fire Department on March 11, 1999.

The meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours, with refreshments being served by the host dept.

March 11, 1999

Bremen Fire Department, Bremen, Indiana

Meeting was called to order at 1932 hours with the Pledge to the Flag following.

Roll Call was answered by 21 members representing 8 departments.

Guests included PRNE Richard Glant; Gary Robison, Midwest Fire & Safety; and Kenny Johnson, Hoosier Fire & Safety.

Minutes read by Secretary Kissinger and approved.

Chairman Kissinger has the 50th Anniversary book for sale.

The FDIC show is March 16-21 at the Indianapolis Convention Center and RCA Dome. Jack Fetrow, N. Manchester Public Safety Director, will be giving a seminar "Preparing Small Departments for Big Fires" at the FDIC show. Good luck, Jack!

Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy will be May 1 & 2. There is talk about joining Indiana & Illinois together to bring attendance up.

Indianapolis Fire School to be held April 24-25 & May 1-2.

Discussed new legislation currently going through the State House of Representatives.

If your department's chief has changed, you need to contact Chairman Kissinger.

At the last quarterly meeting, Chairman Kissinger advised that ISF put on a "mini" seminar about methamphetamine. Look for future seminar coming to the northeast area for fire departments to learn more about this dangerous drug and how it's produced.

Good of the Order - The N. Manchester Public Safety Complex will be holding its Open House on May 16, 1999. Time still to be determined.

Raffled off a door prize donated by Midwest Fire & Safety. Won by Jerry Lanning, Bremen Fire Department.

Next meeting to be held at Claypool Fire Department on May 13, 1999.

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

Respectfully submitted by, Cam Kissinger

DISTRICT 6

Hello District 6,

I hope everyone has survived the cold weather, and now is enjoying the nice spring weather, we are now having.

As we are enjoying the spring, now is the time to be planning to attend the annual meeting (convention) in June, at Columbus,

Ind. The motel registration should be made right away, because the motel is almost, if not already, full right now. And I am sure the convention's hosts will be more than happy to receive your pre-registration.

At the convention I will be running for Public Relations Northeast and am asking for your support. If I do win, the district will be needing a new chairman, so please be thinking of a replacement. If I don't get PRNE, I will run for district chairman if you still want me chairman.

Also the Allen County Fire Chief's Association is going to be bidding on the convention for 2001. So if you are interested in seeing the convention coming to your backdoors, please come and show your support, in voting to get the convention in Allen County.

If I have not contacted all the departments in the district, I will be contacting you about the dues billing coming out the first of April.

(1) Questioning whether your department received your notice on time. (2) Did your department receive your membership cards.

Why I am trying to do this is to help out the central office on mix-ups, and the confusion that does happen with the dues coming into the office.

Don't forget to send in your registration for your license plates about 60 days before your license plates are due. The earlier you send them, the better off you will be.

I would like to congratulate the Thorncreek Township Fire Department on their Open House which was held on March 27. They should be very proud of the new station, I know I would be proud of it.

In a sadder note, the District and State Auxiliary did lose a Past President of the Auxiliary with Catherine Mason from Wayne Township #1, now known as the Southwest Fire District #1. She was president from 1961-1963.

The next two meetings will be held at Richland Township Larwill on May 20th, with the program on Rescue Equipment and at Albion Fire Department with elections on July 15th.

Respectfully submitted by, Mike Mackin

DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 8A

The last meeting was held at the Amboy Station on March 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The January 13th meeting was scheduled at Amboy, but it was cancelled. On Saturday, January 9, we had a foot of snow and the prediction was for another 6"-10" for the following Tuesday, so I called Amboy and rescheduled for March. One of the smarter things I've done. There was blowing snow on Wednesday the 13th.

At the March meeting, there were 14 members present, representing 9 departments.

There was a threat of snow on the weekend, but it was clear and the roads were dry on the night of the meeting.

The discussion was mostly about the current legislation.

All department chiefs received the Fire Marshal's mailing and most everyone already heard the information I had on the mailing.

We discussed the fire department charges and a copy of each procedure was available.

A district meeting schedule was available.

I read aloud the current legislation report and suggested anyone with an interest in any bill should call their legislator with questions.

Our next district meeting will be May 12 at Atlanta.

Respectfully submitted by, Robert Fleener, Chairman

DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A

January 28, 1999

Meeting called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at Twelve Mile, Indiana. State Chaplain Charlie Baker gave the Invocation. Chairman Cline led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guests included Charlie Baker, Gary Robinson, Father Frank Kilcline, Buz Koehler and Bruce Yonkers.

Roll Call answered by 29 members representing 11 depts., reporting 132 alarms answered.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Cline presented the 50 Year Award badge to Richard Myers. Firefighter Myers joined the fire service in 1947 after leaving the Air Force. He noted some of his memories over the years.

Old Business - Midwest Award and Ollie Sandburg nominations can be turned in until February 6.

Chairman Cline asked if progress was being made on the face mask test fitting.

Charlie Baker reminded us of the Burn Camp for children that will be held the end of May. The Fire Caucus dinner on February 1, 1999 will benefit this.

New Business - Buz Koehler, PRNW, went over upcoming proposed legislation that would benefit the volunteer fire service: the amount of insurance a fire department needs to carry for total disability for 250 weeks; state college tuition and room & board paid for children of fallen firefighters; State Board of Accounts limits disbursements of fire department funds to relevant public usage; a \$2,000 tax deduction for firefighters to become effective after Dec. 31, 1999; an emergency equipment grant fund administered by the State Fire Marshal's Office; a \$100,000 appropriation to erect and place a monument on the State Capitol grounds to honor fallen volunteer firefighters; patients away from the hospital,

follow "do not resuscitate" orders that patients have requested or if their conditions will prevent CPR from improving their cardio-pulmonary condition; Cumulative funds of townships cannot exceed 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation; a \$60,000 appropriation to the Firefighter Board of Personnel Standards & Education to conduct a study for the need for a statewide firefighter training facility; civil damages not be brought against a fire dept. that donates used equipment to another dept; anti-terrorism fund of \$30,000 to be established to repay entities incurring expenses while responding to terrorism.

Larry Hamby of the State Fire Marshal's HazMat division presented a program. Discussed precautions to be taken by first responders at clandestine drug labs (which you may even not know is involved in right away), the Anthrax threat problem, and Weapons of Mass destruction.

Stressed doing a thorough scene assessment, having a Standard Operating Guideline, which the State Fire Marshal's Office can assist you with, that our senses won't detect many agents used by terrorists, the fire dept. Incident Commander owns the scene. Remember containment is the key to controlling a HazMat incident.

The Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department and "one good cook" served a delicious buffet.

The next meeting is at Walton on March 25, 1999.

March 25, 1999

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at 7:35 p.m. at the Walton VFD.

Guests included Mitch Parish, Charlie Baker, Buz Koehler and Steve Crispin.

Chaplain Baker gave the Invocation and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Captain Crispin of the Logansport Fire Department gave a report on further developments on the Cole Hardwood fire last June. The total loss was \$14.9 million.

A water line is being run in to augment the hydrant, because of different threads coming in from other fire departments. The cause is still undetermined, but the building in which it started has been identified. The Young America and Walton Fire Departments came back two more days to help watch the scene. And yes, green wood does burn.

The minutes were read and approved.

Roll Call was answered by 31 members from 14 fire departments reporting 199 runs.

Old Business - Mitch Parish had 50-yr. history books for \$20.

PRNW Buz Koehler gave a report on which legislative bills are still moving along.

In the House of Rep. these bills have been passed on to the Senate: insurance for volunteer firefighters; accessibility permitted to ones files; fees for E911; assistance for rural fire department grants; right-of-way for emergency vehicles with flashing lights and the public must change lanes and reduce speed for emergency vehicles stopped on the shoulder or get a Class A infraction; many annexation bills; and fire inspectors may go into businesses for the purpose of pre-plans for fire suppression.

Senate bills that have gone to the House of Rep. are: "do not resuscitate"; make 911 universal for all the state; cumulative funds for township buildings and vehicles; and a training facility.

New Business - Chief Don Smith of Burlington said that the county fire chiefs are working on

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District 9A

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one mutual aid agreement that all would sign for uniformity.

Lawrence Swartz reported that 41 Bridgeport Scholarship applications were received.

He reminded us that April 10 is the deadline for the paper.

Lawrence also spoke about convention in Columbus June 16-19. Encouraged all to attend for fun and information.

Charlie Baker said there will be a fire school at Ben Davis High School in Indy on April 24-25 & May 1-2. Get \$5 off tuition with IVFA membership. Can get your IVFA dues back this way every year.

Bill Hardy and Ward Lesch of Clinton Township VFD told about the ESROC BLEVE in Logansport in February. At first the materials involved were unknown and one truck driver was believed missing. He was found OK later. Evacuation of nearby residents was made interesting by the wind directions changing. There were no injuries.

The next meeting is at Young America on May 27th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m., followed by a meal.

Respectfully submitted, Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9B

Medaville VFD

Meeting called to order by Donald Skinner at 7:30 p.m. after which he led the Pledge to the Flag. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Roll Call was answered by 33 members representing 7 departments responding to 101 calls. Brook-1; Francesville-6; Monon-3; Medaville-12; Rensselaer-3; Winamac-7 & Wolcott-1.

Guests included PRNW Buz Koehler; Randy Abby, Bass Lake Fire Dept.; Chief Bill Schock & Ass't Chief Denny Randle, Delphi Fire Dept.

Minutes read and approved.

New Business - Caucus Dinner Feb. 1, 1999 in Indy. Kyle Conard made a motion to send one person to the dinner from our district. Fred Jungles seconded the motion. Bill Branton, Francesville will go.

Kyle Conard is the new chief at Brook.

Introduction of host department was given along with a thank you for the meal.

50/50 drawing winners were Shawn Harper, Winamac; Jim Minkert, Franc; Joe Tiede, Franc. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Randy Abby talked about air bags in new cars and about how long it takes for the air bags to come out without being hit in that area.

We thanked Jim for coming.

Monon VFD

Meeting called to order by Buz Koehler at 6:55 p.m. He also led Pledge to the Flag. Refreshment served prior to meeting.

Roll Call answered by 31 members from 8 depts. with 62 alarms. Buffalo-2, Francesville-4, Monon-13, Remington-3, Rensselaer-3, Reynolds-1, Winamac-3, Wolcott-2.

Guests include Past President Mitch Parish and Justin Darling & Stephanie Mary, State Police.

Minutes read and approved.

New Business - If change in address, advise district chairman.

Convention '99 in Columbus. Make sure to register ahead.

Reviewed legislative bills involving volunteer fire depts.

Monon is having a fish fry June 19, 1999.

Introduction of host department was given. Appreciation for meal expressed.

50/50 drawing won by Buz Koehler.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. Justin Darling discussed locations where amphetamines are being made and the potential risk of hazardous chemicals involved in a fire.

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

This is old news for many of you, but when we looked back at the article in the last paper, we are reminded that we have not had the opportunity to advise those who don't already know, that our new Miss Flame is none other than Miss Carol Temple who came to us from the Posey Township/Staunton Department. Congratulations!

If you come to the district meetings, you will be able to meet her and congratulate her yourself...hint, hint.

This is the last issue of the paper before we will be at Columbus for convention. We know several people that are going to enjoy themselves more this year than last, simply because we will have less to do and more time to see what else is going on. Why not come and join us, you will have a good time and be able to give support to Carol as she represents us.

Next meeting to be hosted by Jackson Twp. (Clay Co.). Chief Stearley informed me we'll meet in the station at Co. Rd. 600N & Co. Rd. 200E, starting with something to eat.

Also, (just for Don), one way to get there is to go north from I-70 and SR59 for approx. 2 miles, turn right (or east) on Co. Rd 600N and proceed about 3 miles, and you have found us. We'll be looking to see you there May 16.

As we look ahead a little, past convention, to our July district meeting, we find the firefighters in Fontanet are preparing to welcome us on the 18th at 1:00 p.m. That's right, Nevins Twp. will be our host for the annual elections. Your presence and vote are encouraged.

Our list up-coming events are:

May 15 - Otter Creek Station

1/North T Ht Fish Fry 3-8 p.m.

June 5 - Posey Twp./Staunton

Pork Chops 3-7 p.m. Schoolhouse

June 12 - Otter Creek Station

2/Sandcut Fish Fry 3-8 p.m.

July 4 - Jackson Twp./Clay Co.

Breakfast 7-11 a.m. district meeting location

July 24 - Nevins Twp./

Fontanet Fish Fry 3-8 p.m.

Sept. 11 - Sandford Fish Fry

4-8 p.m.

Sept. 24 - Perry Twp. Cory

Apple Fest Bar-B-Q 4-8 p.m.

Sept. 25 - Perry Twp. Cory

Apple Fest Fish Fry 12N-8 p.m.

Sept. 26 - Perry Twp. Cory

Apple Fest Chicken & Noodles

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

DISTRICT 11B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 12

Meeting called to order by Don Johnson, in the absence of our chairman and vice-chairman, on March 15, 1999.

Roll Call answered by 32 members from 11 departments.

A plea was made for Miss Flame contestants for next year. We need more young ladies to participate.

We had a very good program on Meth. Labs by Indiana State Trooper Tim McClure.

There will be a longer program at the Wayne Twp. Conference Center May 22, 1999 in Indy.

You don't have to register to attend and it'll be worthwhile for you to attend to learn about these labs for your protection. Hope to see you there.

The convention was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Our next meeting should be at Stilesville on May 17, 1999.

See you at convention. Respectfully submitted by, Rosie Johnson, Sec./Treas.

Due to being on vacation, I was unable to meet the deadline for the Feb. issue. I will, therefore, attempt to catch you up on the happenings in our district.

Thanks to Mooresville Fire Dept. for hosting our January meeting. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by those in attendance.

Items discussed were changes in mileage to be paid for travel and bills in review for legislation relating to Indiana volunteer firefighters.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00 hours with the next meeting scheduled for March 15 at the Monrovia Fire Department.

Thanks to Al Mandell, Vice Chairman, for conducting the March 15th meeting for me while I was gone, and to Monrovia Fire Department for hosting it. I have not reviewed the minutes of this

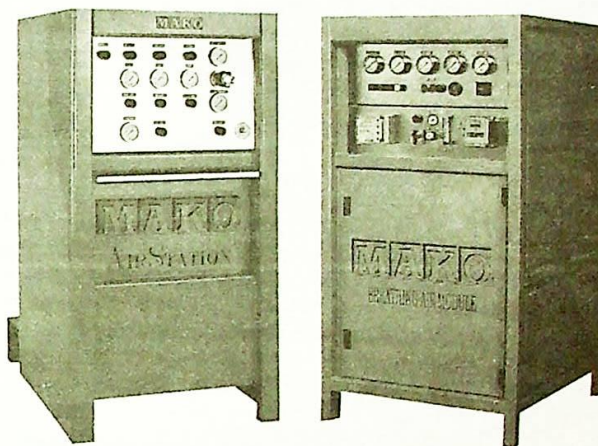
meeting yet, but will report on this in the next issue.

We're nearing that time of year again when many of our departments have their annual fish fries. Please make note of the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend as many as possible. These departments depend greatly on the money raised by these events. Get a group from your department and your families and go together. Enjoy the food, fun and at the same time help support your fellow firefighters! Hopefully, you'll see them return the favor by attending your next department fund raiser. We're all here for the same reason, so let's

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IVFAA President



Faye Sallee

Hello Spring! The crocus are blooming and the tulips are chasing them - Spring must be close at hand.

I for one will sure be glad to see the snow gone. I don't know which is worst, shoveling snow or getting the yard ready for spring (so we can mow the lawn!)

Hope everyone had a safe and warm winter and that the men didn't have to be out fighting fires too often.

Now is the time to start planning those summer fund raisers.

Hope everyone is looking forward to attending this year's convention. Remember to get your reservations and registration in as soon as possible.

See you in Columbus in June.

DISTRICTS 1,2

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 3

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 4

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DISTRICT 6

January 25, 1999

The Auxiliary met at Garrett Fire Station, DeKalb County.

Roll call was taken with seven members representing four departments.

We then joined the men for a program on railroad crossing safety.

State Vice-Chairman, Mary Macklin continues to sell the 1999 state project tickets for the fire truck, so be looking for her to contact you or better yet, contact her and sell, sell, sell.

We discussed the upcoming convention.

Also, state dues will be raised to \$3.50 beginning with the 1999-2000 year, payable in July.

March 25, 1999

The meeting was held at Southwest Fire District #1, Allen County. Attending were six members representing four departments.

We discussed the sale of the cookbooks, or lack thereof. We would appreciate anyone purchasing these. We will deliver or mail, if you are in the market for one or two. Remember they make great gifts. Just give Mary Macklin or myself a call and leave a message. Thanks.

Our district Miss Flame, Kimberly Smith is willing to come to any event your department is having. Her address is 16721 Thiele Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46819 and her phone is 219-639-3231. Just send her a note or give her a call.

We congratulate Thorncreek Township Fire Department,

Whitley County, on their new station. The open house and dedication ceremony on March 27, 1999 was enjoyed by all that attended.

Upcoming meetings are: May 20 at Richland Township in Larwill, Whitley County; July 15 at Albion, Noble County, for election of officers; and September 23 in Angola, Steuben County.

The picnic will be August 22nd at 12 noon with a potluck dinner at the Ashley Park, DeKalb County. Games to follow in the afternoon.

Hope to see all of you at the meetings and the picnic.

Respectfully submitted by, Marilyn Dever, Chairman

DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11B

It's hard to believe that as I write this, it is only two months until convention. Time passes so quickly anymore. I hope you have sent in your reservations and registrations. Remember, to take advantage of the lower registration fee, it must be in by June 1, 1999.

A good reason to attend convention is to support your Miss Flame contestant. We have 17 girls competing again this year 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 candidate is Brandy Miller, representing Lyford VFD. She is 18 years of age and the daughter of David and Patricia Miller. We wish Brandy the 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 fund raisers. 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 kept in mind. Let's not take any risks that will compromise our safety or that of our family and friends.

Please keep in mind that our district firefighters and auxiliaries meet on the second Sunday of January, March, September and November at 1:00 p.m. In May and July, the meetings are in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

Following is the schedule for the remainder of the year:
May 12 - Fairview Park
July 17 - Hillsdale

September 12 - Annual picnic jointly held with District 11A at Raccoon State Park

November 14 - 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 fund raisers is to attend the district meetings. You will be surprised how fast news travels through our fire service family.

Looking forward to seeing all our "annual friends" at the convention in Columbus, Indiana in June.

Respectfully submitted by, Eula Bush Chairman

DISTRICT 12

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B

The district met in a joint meeting with the men on Sunday, February 21, 1999 at Centerville Fire/Rescue.

At this meeting we held our Miss Flame Contest. We are happy to announce the winner was Angelleen Cunningham, sponsored by Lewisville Fire Department. She is a sophomore at Tri High School and the daughter of Ed & Karen Freestone.

The runner-up is Tammy Spears, sponsored by Centerville Fire/Rescue.

Lewisville Fire Department Auxiliary was presented with a certificate at this meeting as they are new members of the IVFAA. Welcome!!

Our district is donating items for door prizes at the annual meeting during convention. We are also donating an item for the Chinese Auction.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with the men on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at Lewisville Fire Department. This will be officer elections, so everyone, please plan to attend.

Convention is getting here fast. If you need registration forms or information, contact District Chairman Diana Griffin or Secretary/Treasurer Leslie Spears. I'm sure a good time is planned for this year's convention in Columbus.

Respectfully submitted by, Leslie Spears, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 14

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DISTRICT 15

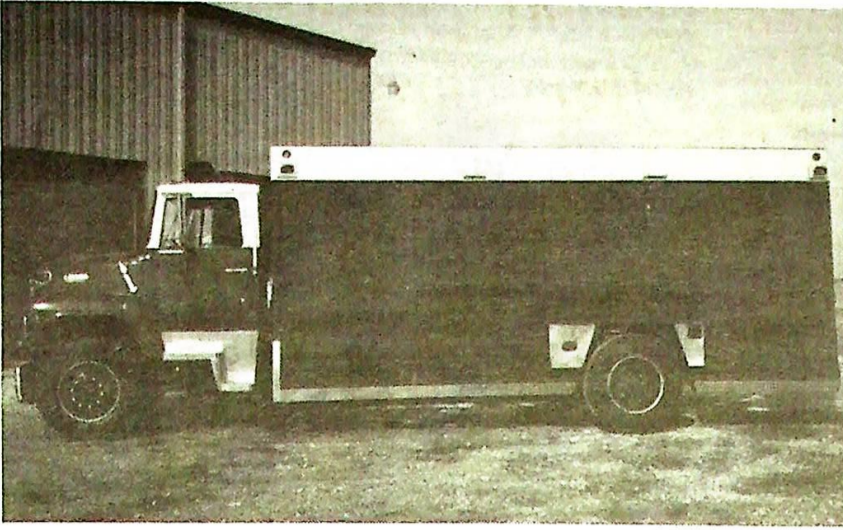
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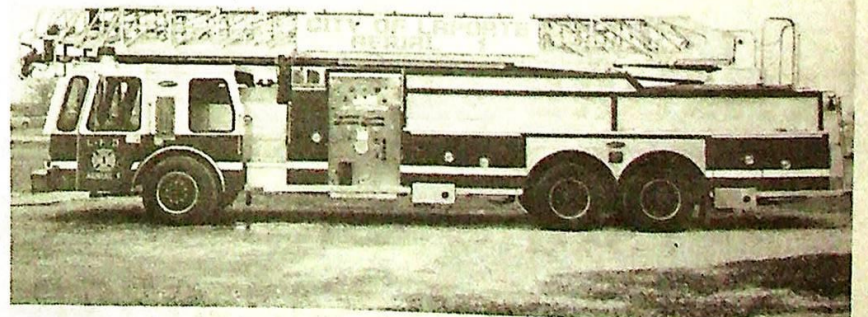
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Joann Hays

DISTRICT 17A

I attended the Vincennes Fire Department's meeting and sausage supper with my husband, District 17A Chairman Ronald Bell, and enjoyed it very much. It was a first time for me.

Our ladies have not had a meeting for a while. It seems everyone has been busy.

We sponsored the Miss Flame Contest at our Odon/Madison Fire Station on January 23, 1999. We had a great turnout.

Bonnie Jones, Vice President, and Lora Bechtel served cake and punch while the judging was being done.

Our contestants were Heather Porter, Richland/Taylor; Nicole Hageman, Palmira; and Heather Cliff, Center Twp. Heather Cliff was chosen to represent our district at the convention in June. Judges were PRSW Jack Harker, his wife Bev and District 17A Chairwoman Malinda Bell.

I didn't get to attend Richland/Taylor's meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary March 8th because of pending bad weather coming into our area.

I hope to be able to attend their meeting in April.

Attended Bloomfield's new fire station Open House and had a

great time.

Then Highland Township Fire Department had their first district meeting on March 18th. We enjoyed the pork chop supper before the meeting.

Their guest speaker was State Representative Peggy Welsh. Our district Miss Flame Heather Cliff and the 1998 Miss Flame Anna Cardinal were in attendance.

I'm working on getting more auxiliaries started in our district.

Hope to see a lot of you ladies at the State Meeting in April in Columbus.

Respectfully submitted by,
Malinda Bell, Chairwoman

DISTRICT 19

February 9, 1999

The February meeting was held at the Manchester Fire Department. Marilyn Smith led the prayer and then we enjoyed a lunch provided by the Manchester ladies.

We had the Pledge to the Flag, followed by Roll Call, which was answered by sixteen members.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Marilyn reported on the cards that were sent out and she received more information from those present about cards that should be sent.

President Beth Caudill gave a report on the State Officer's meeting.

She also mentioned there will be no Miss Flame contestant from our district, since no girls applied.

Beth then discussed the Vice President's Project, which is the raffle. A picture of the fire truck being raffled was shown (see page 22) and the option of choosing the truck or the money was explained.

Beth said the nominations for the Lois Boaz Award were now closed. The convention was promoted.

New Business - Discussion

held about the Chinese Auction. Pam brought a wooden rose and a motioned was made by Marilyn Smith, with a second from Vi Bruns, to take \$20 from the treasury to put towards its purchase price. Morris Auxiliary will pick up the balance. Motion carried.

The President asked for help with the door prizes and the various auxiliaries are being asked to provide them by the May meeting. We will see what comes in and take action at that time.

Upcoming events:

Morris is having a breakfast March 14 at Shad Hall.

Oldenburg will be selling take-out fish on Ash Wednesday.

Sunman is having their annual consignment auction on April 11 at 11:00.

Manchester is having a dance on March 20 and a chicken dinner on April 18.

Blooming Grove will have a fish fry on Good Friday.

The next meetings are scheduled as follows:

May 11 - Morris

August 10, Sunman

Possibly Oldenburg some time after that.

The meeting was motioned to adjournment by Marilyn, and seconded by Pat Moster. Motion carried.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Pat Moster. Pam Scheele won the door prize.

A prayer was given and card bingo followed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Pam Scheele, Secretary

**Deadline
for August
issue
is
July 10**

A final note from our 1998 Miss Flame



1998 Miss Flame, Anna Marie Cardinal with Mr. Joel Sonnenburg, keynote speaker, at the 8th Annual Fire & Emergency Services Dinner on February 1, 1999

Ladies and Gentlemen of the IVFA,

Thank YOU! Thank you for your kindness, hospitality and especially for the opportunity to be your queen.

There is no other group that I can think of that I would have been more proud to represent in this past year.

Being the public relations for all the volunteer firefighters in Indiana has been a rewarding experience that I will always hold close to my heart.

I'm so proud of all of you and all that you stand for!

It was an honor to represent such a worthy group of men and women. You should be proud of yourselves and my hope is that by seeing me out and about made you all the more proud of the unselfish work that you do.

Out and about is exactly what I was this past year! Although I was unable to attend all the events involving our fire departments, I did keep very busy.

Some of you may have seen me at parades and open house celebrations. I also attended dinners, meetings, etc. (too many to list).

And most recently I had the honor of being present at the Annual Fire & Emergency Services Banquet in Indianapolis, where I presented the Hoosier Burn Camp with a check totaling over \$1,000 that I have collected from area fire departments.

It was so much fun, the food was great, Ginger & John's efforts were impressive, and Joel Sonnenburg, the keynote speaker, was unforgettable.

I am so grateful for opportunities like these that being Miss Flame has allowed me to experience.

I will miss everything, but am very excited for the new Miss Flame. Every girl should have an experience like this.

To answer some commonly asked questions - My favorite part of being queen was waving to the little girls at the parades, who I hope I am a positive role model for. Seeing them smile and say things like, "Look, Mommy, the princess!" sent cold chills up my spine every time.

Next year I will be attending Indiana State University in Terre Haute. (Where I was crowned last year!) I will be working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design.

Well, this year went fast. I'll be graduating on May 28th and going to my last prom.

And in June I hope to see each and every one of you at convention in Columbus to bid me farewell and welcome your new queen!

Thank you all once again for the experience of a life time.

May God always bless the firefighters.

Truly yours,
Anna Marie Cardinal

IVFAA Vice President



Mary Mackin

Hello,

It finally looks like and feels like SPRING!!! Hooray!

It soon will be time to get together for the Convention of the IVFA and IVFAA. I'm looking forward to seeing all my old friends and hope to meet some new ones.

If you haven't yet registered and gotten your reservations in, don't delay. The hotel is almost, if not filled, by now.

This year's charm and tac are shaped a little different and are very nice. See E. J. Smith for all your IVFA jewelry, as she is your new chairman.

I am sorry to say we have lost a past president of the IVFAA. Catherine Kate Mason was president in 1961-1963 and was a Lois Boaz recipient. We will miss Kate even though the last few years she has been unable to be as active as she once was.

I had the privilege of being a guest at the Thorncreek Township Volunteer Fire Department Open House on March 27. They had a lovely day and can be very proud of their new station. Congratulations!

Their auxiliary served a lovely buffet.

I hope you have your tickets for the 1995 Seagraves Ladder truck, because the tickets are going fast.

Thanks for your prayers and cards through my several short hospital stays. It means a lot to me.

Hope to see you all soon.

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LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING

By John N. Shanks II & Stephen R. Buschmann

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By the time the membership of the IVFA reads this report, the First Regular Session of the 111th Indiana General Assembly (1999) will, hopefully, be history. We say hopefully because this is a budget year and tradition almost dictates that the Governor call them back into session at least once before the budget bill is finally passed. Perhaps this year will be an exception. (Was it?)

Let's assume that it was and all bills, including the budget, are on the Governor's desk waiting his action to become law. The final legislative report will be presented at the convention in Columbus at the business meeting. Although this is an interim report it should provide a fairly accurate picture of the Legislative Session as it impacted the vol. fire service.

There were 1,111 bills filed in the House of Representatives and 675 in the Senate. Of those there were 83 which potentially could impact the volunteer fire service.

The IVFA asked that six bills be introduced, but it appears that only two of them HB 1169 and HB 1315 will become law.

The IVFA initiated bills, their authors and sponsors are:

HB 1169 Expands definition of the term "volunteer firefighter" to include the performance of all assigned duties as well as training exercises; increased the weekly disability benefit from \$150 per week to \$250 and increased the total permanent disability benefit from \$60,000 to \$150,000. House Authors: Ruppel, Klinker, Bischoff, Budak, R. Adams, Cherry, Denbo, Duncan, Lytle, Oxley, & Sturtz; Senators: Clark, Landske & Craycraft.

HB 1289 The current law allows tuition exemption for the surviving dependents of firefighters & police officers killed in the line of duty. This bill would have enhanced the definition of the term "other included expenses" to include room & board. House Author: Rep. Ruppel. The bill never received a hearing in House Education Committee. Another bill, HB 1519, authored by Rep. Stevenson & Rep. R. Adams, contained the same language. Bill never received a hearing in the House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 1315 This bill raised the ceiling on state board of accounts audit waivers from \$60,000 to \$100,000. This ceiling in no way limits the ability of the state board of accounts to audit a vol. fire dept. which receives less than \$100,000 in public funds. Simply enhances the board's ability to waive an audit based upon the information provided by the dept. on their annual Form E-1. House Authors: Rep. Bischoff, Ruppel, Oxley, & Thompson. Senators: Landske and Wolf.

HB 1316 Provided a \$2,000 gross income tax deduction for vol. firefighters. House Author: Representatives Bischoff, Ruppel. Bill never received a hearing in House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 1317 Eliminated the fire-fighting & emergency equipment revolving loan fund and replaced it with a grant program funded by \$6 million each year from the Build Indiana Fund. House Authors: Rep. Bischoff & Ruppel. Bill never received hearing in the House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 2036 Allowed fire protection territories to establish cumulative building & equipment funds. House Authors: Rep Bischoff & Ruppel. Bill never

received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Other bills we followed, their authors and sponsors (* indicates most likely to become law):

Bill No.	Authors	Sponsors	Description of Bill
HOUSE BILLS			
1002	Kruzan	Merritt, Jr.	Public Records and open door compliance. Creates office of public access counselor
1156	Smith		Fire Dept. appropriations to certain fire depts from state general fund
1190	Lutz		Richland Twp. FD appropriation for capital improvements
1193	Pelath		Annexation referendum requires municipality to annex entire election precinct
1238	Frenz		Allows counties to use emergency phone system fees for equipment for effective communication
1256	Kersey	Meeks	Access to public employee personnel files by public
1310	Cook		Aggravating circumstances for murder sentences for emergency medical persons
1319	Cheney		Question to be placed on ballot concerning annexation
1328	Smith		All sales of fireworks not approved for sale in Indiana must be made at wholesale
1329	Smith		Prohibits use of fireworks after midnight, except by governmental unit or groups that possess permit
1335	Bailey	Riegsecker	Professional firefighter license plates
1373	Bischoff		Allows a county to impose recoupment fee on each motor vehicle admitted to natural areas, not to exceed \$1
1374	Bischoff		Appropriation for volunteer firefighters monument to be placed on state capitol building grounds
1377*	Whetstone	Lawson	Provides for enhanced emer. phone system fund distribution.
1384*	Lytle	Wheeler	Establishes Indiana rural fire protection initiative to provide assistance to rural fire depts.
1415	Liggett		Provides for county-wide toll-free calling
1423	Duncan		Forgives the obligation for repayment of loans for fire equipment
1427*	Duncan	Meeks	Provides right-of-way for emer. vehicles with flashing lights
1428*	Duncan	Skillman	Allows use of 911 funds for computerized phone emer. warnings
1429	Pelath		Establishes Anti-terrorism fund for Indiana
1455	Cochran		Adds clothing allowance & holiday pay to police & firefighter pension base
1475	Whetson		Annexation for town of Avon
1484	Harris		Makes Internet gambling a Class B misdemeanor
1490	Pond		Allows a county to prohibit the sale of any firework that is not permitted for sale at retail
1491	Pelath	Gard	Provides for certified mail notification of annexation ordinances and allows for remonstrance
1503	Denbo		Requires deposit of sales tax on fireworks into special vol. fire co. account within state general fund
1519	Stevenson		Tuition exemption at state educational institutions for surviving spouse or children of public safety officers killed in line of duty
1534	Liggett		Changes terminology from "automatic" & "semiautomatic" defibrillator to "Automated external defibrillator" and establishes fund to purchase equipment
1552	Frizzell		Civil immunity from liability for civil damages for volunteers, other than relating to operation of a motor vehicle
1608*	Bailey	Merritt, Jr.	Changes notice requirements for certain annexations
1615	Buck		Appropriation for Kempton fire services for fire truck & auxiliary water supplies
1617	Buck		Appropriates money from state general fund for Harrison Twp. FD to construct addition to station & twp. trustee office
1648	Cochran		Prohibits sale of fireworks not approved for sale in Indiana
1682	Klinker		Levy appeal for fire protection district.
1701	Tincher		Establishes firefighter training & education certification program
1726	Frenz		Various open door & public records provisions

1744*	Avery	Server	Pre-planning fire inspections
1779	Whetstone		Provides for one time recomputation to twp. fire dept. levies
1869	Cochran	Sipes	Establishes the integrated public safety commission
1907	Kuzman	Landske	Provides that property tax levy limits do not apply to fire protection districts
1918	Sturtz		Requires state lottery commission to issue licenses for electronic gaming devices
1944	Foley		Build Indiana fund appropriations
1996	Bottorff	Weatherwax	Fireworks permits by fire chief
1998	Buck		Prohibit property tax for police & fire service
2071	Crawford	Breaux	Marion County public safety consolidation
SENATE BILLS			
0001*	Merritt, Jr.	Kruzan	Provides for public access counselor & complaint procedure
0008	Simpson		TRF service credit for teachers retiring after 6/30/99 and served in Peace Corp or Nat. Guard.
0031	Wheeler	Cook	Requires sale of minimum number for issuance of special group license plates
0040*	Kenley	Kuzman	Technical corrections to Ind. Code
0115	Gard		Specifies information to be contained in an ordinance of an annexation by a municipality
0117	Gard/Long		Revises annexation remonstrance period
0118	Gard/Long		County approval of annexation ordinance
0119	Gard/Long		Limits annexation attempts period
0167*	Gard/Long	Pelath	Terms & conditions of annexation
0168	Gard/Long	Pelath	Allows annexed area to retain fire emergency services protection
0213	Nugent		Allows option for fees for natural resource properties, not to exceed \$1
0244	Gard		Notice of annexation to property owners
0262*	Miller	Villalpando	Provides for out of hospital do not resuscitate orders
0286*	Nugent	Bischoff	Universal 911 emer. phone number
0294	Borst	Bauer	Specifies that state & political subdivision of state may not conduct charity gaming activities
0308	Clark		Fees for alcoholic beverage employee permits for volunteers
0316	Alexa		Limitation on governmental tort liability judgments
0332*	Wheeler	Harris	Authorizes twps to establish cumulative twp vehicle & building fund for acquisition of vehicles, building & property projects
0339	Bowser		Requires municipality to annex entire election precinct as relates to St. Joseph Co.
0352	Weatherwax		Requires public employees to resign from public employment before becoming candidate for elected office, but may continue service of elected office
0400	Weatherwax		Property tax rate controls for local units of government
0402	Wheeler	Adams	Firefighter training facility study
0440	Mrvan, Jr.		Permits police & fire suspension hearings before public safety board or merit commission on suspensions of five days or less
0454	Server		Property tax levy appeal for Scott Twp. of Vanderburgh Co.
0476	Antich		Limitations on governmental immunity for emergency communication systems
0518	Lewis	Sipes	Grants immunity from civil damages to persons who donate equipment to vol. firefighters
0541	Lawson		Changes terminology from "automatic" & "semiautomatic" to "automated external defibrillator" and establishes automated external defibrillation grants
0554	Lutz		Provides for income tax deductions for survivors of public safety officers who die in line of duty
0562	Wolf		Prohibits sale or use of fireworks in private owned campsites on state property
0667	Waterman		Provides for setting of water utility recovery of fire protection costs

IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

MARTIN HOUSE MOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 7, 1999

The 9:00 a.m. meeting was called to order by President Faye Sallee. She said we had a special guest who was going to sing for us. It was Jennifer, the granddaughter of Chaplain Joann Hays. She did a very good job.

Chaplain Joann Hays then gave a word of prayer. This was followed by Sgt.-of-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel leading the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Barbara Kerney gave the Roll Call, which was answered by twenty-four officers and seven guests present.

Barbara then read the minutes of the last meeting, with one minor correction. Wanda, the Historian needs information for Book#1 and 1987. Minutes were then approved as read.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand Nov. 6, 1998	\$9033.83
INCOME:	
Dues	\$ 57.50
Interest	21.42
Jewelry	150.00
VP Project	66.00
Unrelated Income	10.00
TOTAL INCOME	+ 304.92
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Operating Exp.	\$251.43
Mileage	390.30
Phone & Postage	32.55
Overpaid Dues	32.50
VP Project	288.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	- 934.78
Balance on hand Feb. 6, 1999	\$8403.78
<i>*Subject to audit</i>	

Recording Secretary, Barbara Kerney said she has had six departments paid, four Individuals and 74 members since November with a total of 1054.

Chaplain, Joann Hays said she has given three memorial services since August. She also has sent flowers and said our flower fund was

very low. So, we passed the hat for additional collections. There are several people that we need to send cards to: Charles Wilson, Roy Richardson, Larry Stott, Lillian Dever, Marjorie Brames and Lou Bartlow. We passed cards around to sign. Keep them all in your prayers.

A report from Mary Mackin said that Ruth Fairfield is back in her own home, still under the weather.

Joann passed out Bibles to those needing them.

Auditing: Nothing to report.

Installation - Barb Parker said it was going to be mighty short.

Financial Study - Lou Bartlow was absent..nothing reported.

Miss Flame - Eula Bush came forward and gave President Faye Sallee two pieces of scotch tape and had her put them in each of her palms. Then she had her put her hands up to her ears and ask her what she was doing??? Faye did not know....well, Eula said it was a dumb blonde listening to tapes. It was good for a chuckle to get things going.

Eula said she has ten applications so far. She reminded each district that they are to furnish their applicant with her sash for convention. They can be unique, but must have the district on them. She will see about getting them made for you at a cost of \$10 each. She will let you know. After all applications are in, she will send out the correspondence.

Corresponding Secretary - Diana Gray read a nice note from Miss Flame, Anna Marie Cardinal. We also received a nice Thank You from Miss Flame, Ashley Zeeks, District 17.

Anna Marie has taken the Hoosier Burn Camp as her project and she has been all over the state doing different little projects to raise money. She has given \$2,500 to the Burn Camp. She has really been working hard as Miss Flame.

Vice President's Project - Mary Mackin said we are already in the black. We need to keep selling the tickets. She has pictures of the fire truck, if you want one to show. If you need more tickets, see her!!

Mitch Parish brought in some history books that are for sale at \$20 each. If you want one, you can contact him or he will have more at the next State Officers meeting in May.

Nominating - Tammy Hungate, nothing yet.

Historian - Wanda Johnson said she still needs items for '87 and anything for Book# 1, since it cannot be located. If you have anything, pictures or articles from the first convention, please let her know. This would be for 1975.

Presidents Advisory - Lou was absent.

Lois Boaz - Phyllis said the decision has been made. It was very hard, but next year get more letters in. The more information we have, the better it is. She said one thing that could be added to the letter is the phone number of the person submitting the letter. This way they can be contacted if need be. And don't forget to sign the letter!!

Joann asked that all recipients, please wear their white jackets to the Memorial Service in remembrance of Thelma Lester.

Parliamentarian - Phyllis Vargo said it is fine.

OLD BUSINESS:

Miriam Schaeckel had three black brief cases that she purchased at Meijer for \$9.99 on sale. She got a rain check to buy nine more, but didn't want to until she saw what the officers thought about them. They are a \$20 value. Barbara Kerney made a motion to go ahead and purchase nine more and Joann Hays seconded it. Motion carried.

Phyllis Vargo said the 2-year planners are doing well. Make sure you have your money at the May meeting.

Wanda Johnson said that her district did not want the dues raised, but accepted the fact. Their concern was how it was done. They felt it should have been taken before the convention floor to be voted on, not at an officers quarterly meeting. A discussion followed, but Eula pointed out to her that in the Standard Operating Procedure it says that it takes 2/3 vote at a quarterly meeting to set the fee for dues. So she will take that back to her district and explain to them.

Dorothy Reiter asked Barb Kerney if she had purchased her new printer yet?? Barb did not get that done yet.

A question from Leona Uryga about the membership cards was asked and Barb said she was uncertain about what to do - trying to make a decision about putting them on plain light weight paper or to laminate them. It needs to be cost effective and mailing could be expensive. Barb will have a month to decide which will be less expensive and what will be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be May 1 & 2 at the Holiday Inn in Columbus. Room rate will be \$69. The phone number to call for reservations is 812-372-1541 ext. 370. Please call and secure with a credit card. This will be where convention will be held in '99.

Faye asked that the checks for Miss Flame and for the Koffee Klutch be written for convention.

BREAK

After the break, Faye said that Eula had a "Senior Moment" and needed to go back to the Miss Flame business. Eula asked if anyone had volunteered to do the ditty bags for the girls. She could not remember. No one had, so District 11A will do them. If any district wants to bring items to help. We usually need twenty bags.

Barbara Parker, who said District 10 is hosting the convention, has had NO help, and she will probably need some. There was no one at the November meeting and her Secretary/Treasurer was killed in an accident. So Barb had to take that job, too.

It would be a big help if some districts would help with door prizes for the women's meeting. Bring them wrapped to the May meeting.

District 15 offered to do the ditty bags for the women, but Barb Parker will let Barb Kerney know if it is needed.

Jim Parker came in to give us some information about the convention. All that will be in the IVFA paper. A tentative schedule will also be in there. Also the room reservation form, registration form and any of the other items needed will be in the paper.

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District 12

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show our support for each other. June 3-5 Amo FD. June 17-19 Cartersburg FD. June 27-29 Hazelwood FD. (fireworks)

If your department is having a fish fry or fund raiser and you'd like for me to include it in my article for the paper, please do not hesitate to contact me. The more that know, the more will go!

And let's not forget convention in Columbus June 16-19! If you haven't gone to convention before, make this your first year to attend. We have a ball, learn a lot, meet new people, and bond with fellow firefighters.

Even if you can't attend the entire convention, plan to come for a while in the evenings or Friday after work. Even bringing the family for the parade and water games on Saturday is worth the trip. Look in this issue for the convention schedule, registration and hotel information. (see page 22)

You may feel like a stranger if you're attending for the first time, but you'll leave feeling like a part of the greatest brotherhood in the world! Take a "Step In Time In '99". You'll be glad you did.

Our thoughts this week have been on the death of State Trooper Cory R. Elson, shot down in the line of duty. Our hearts hurt and our prayers circle around his family, friends and fellow troopers.

We as firefighters, know the hurt, anger and pain that are associated with the loss of one of our brothers. And, in this realization of quick death related to our jobs, it somehow overlaps their brotherhood with ours and makes us mourn for theirs as we believe they would mourn for ours. Goodbye our brother. We shall see you in a better world.

Respectfully submitted by, John Ross, Chairman

DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

Thanks to all the firefighters and ladies auxiliaries for the cards and letters that were sent when I was in the hospital. I was hurt when the veterinarian was vaccinating some cows and one decided to go through a door where I was standing. I'm lucky to be here and am now out of the cattle business. I'm going to take my boat and RV and spend more time at the lake.

Thanks to Nelson Ehlers, PRSE, for taking care of my report at the Officer's Meeting while I was hospitalized.

Thanks also to Fred Page, IVFA and Rev. Mike Wimberly, District 14 Chaplain, for taking care of the memorial service for Bernard L. Richart of Spencer Twp. VFD. Mr. Richart was killed in an auto accident.

Thanks to the Boy Scouts for their help.

We had a joint service with Fr. Joseph B. Moriarty of St. Joseph Church of Four Corners, Indiana. There were over 200 people at the service. Bernard had served 28 years on the Spencer Township VFD and the IVFA. He also served eight years as chief. Our prayers go out to the family of Bernard L. Richart.

If there is a death of a firefighter in your department, please contact me.

Also, if you have a change of address, please contact me. You

will not receive the IVFA newspaper if we don't have your correct address.

I have been visiting some departments in my district the past few months. Also, I've been working on getting some regulations passed here in the county to put 8" water mains in subdivisions and block numbers on road signs so firefighters and emergency equipment can find the right house.

Thanks for all your help. Respectfully submitted by, Roy E. Richardson, Chairman

DISTRICT 15

January 19, 1999

Knight Twp. Fire Department. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Moffett at 19:35 hours. Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the minute message. Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Moffett.

Roll Call was answered by 10 departments and 36 members. Chairman Moffett thanked the Knight Twp. Fire Department for furnishing the meal.

He then introduced guest Tim Wargel of M&S Fire & Safety.

Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the November meeting. Motion was made by John Buckman, seconded by Less Lantaff to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney distributed his report. Motion made by John Barr, seconded by Tim Wargel, to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed.

Old Business - Jack Kerney reported that he has reserved the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center for the 2001 Convention. Harry Logan will chair this committee, along with Jack Kerney, Kevin Brown & Steve Anderson. Jack will set up meeting with the Visitors & Convention Bureau.

The 1999 Convention will be held in Columbus. Rooms are available at Holiday Inn.

John Buckman asked if the district would endorse him as a candidate for 2nd Vice President of the IAFC. Motion made by Less Lantaff, seconded by Ken Corbet, that we endorse John for this candidacy.

New Business - Barbara Kerney introduced the Miss Flame candidates, Ellen Biehler, Angie Willoughby, Stephanie Conger, and Leslie Nicholes. She also introduced Dave Dean, Alex Smith and Penny Meyer as the judges. After a series of interviews and questions, the judges selected Leslie Nicholes as the district Miss Flame, and Angie Willoughby as the runner-up.

Tim Wargel from M&S Fire & Safety gave a demonstration on the ISG Photo Imaging Camera.

Jack Kerney reported on the last Officer's Meeting which included problems at State Office; New OSHA Respiratory Standard, and how it applied to the fire service; the Association name change to remove the gender specific fireman to firefighter; legislative report; By-Law change on mileage and overnight accommodations for officers while on Association business.

Jack also reported on the Indiana Fire Instructors Association: Annual meeting at Jasper March 13-14; Indy Fire School April 24-25 & May 1-2; Michiana Fire School May 15-16; New Albany Fire School Aug 21-22 & 28-29.

A report on Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards & Education also given. Included were new classification of Fire Medic being proposed and IFSAC accreditation for Indiana programs.

Kevin Brown reported on the WSI fire.

Next meeting will be at

Haubstadt on March 16.

Door prizes provided by M&S Fire & Safety.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

March 16, 1999

Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue Meeting called to order by Chairman Moffett at 19:20 hours, after which he led the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave a spiritual reading.

Roll Call answered by 7 departments and 28 members.

Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the January meeting. Motion made by Barbara Kerney, seconded by Jim Hungate, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Treasurer Kerney distributed his report. Motion made by Harry Logan, seconded by Derick Berning, to accept report as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Old Business - FDIC in Indianapolis March 15-21; Emergency Response To Terrorism at McCutchanville March 27-28; Indianapolis Fire School April 24-25 & May 1-2; New Albany Fire School August 21-22 & August 28-29.

Barbara Kerney thanked everyone who supported the fund raiser for Alexis.

Steve Braden from American Enviro-Services gave a presentation on what his environmental company can provide to our fire departments.

Chief Kerney passed out information he received from the Indiana State Police on Methamphetamine labs.

Chairman of the Board Kerney reported on the February meeting of Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards & Education.

IVFA Vice-President Kerney reported on the February Officer's Meeting.

Next meeting will be held at Newburgh Fire Department on May 11, 1999. A meal will be served and a foam demonstration Tim Krach, of M&S Fire & Safety will be presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue for the pork chop dinner.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17A

January 16, 1999

Meeting was held at Vincennes Fire Department. A sausage supper was served to over 400 in attendance including wives.

Evansville Honor Guard was presented an award from the Fire Marshal's Office for their outstanding job and dedication to fallen firefighters.

Also 1998 Miss Flame, Anna Cardinal, received donations from various fire departments for the Children's Burn Camp.

Attended District 18 meeting at St. Meinards on January 21, 1999. A delicious chili supper was served before the meeting. I got acquainted with some of the firefighters in District 18 that I hadn't met before.

On January 23, 1999 we held our district Miss Flame contest at Odon/Madison Fire Station. Our contestants were Heather Porter, Richland/ Taylor; Heather Cliff, Center Township; and Nicole Hageman, Palmira. Heather Cliff was chosen to represent our district at the convention in June.

The Odon/Madison Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the contest. Cake and punch were served while the judges were making their decision. Judges were PRSW Jack Harker, Jack's wife Bev Harker, and District 17A Chairwoman Malinda Bell.

We have had one death since the State Officer's Meeting in February, Warren Hasler. He was a charter member of the Richland/Taylor Fire Department at Bloomfield, Indiana.

Newberry Fire Department held their meeting on March 8, 1999 and also hosted Green County Firefighter's Association's meeting.

After the meeting, Newberry Fire Chief Dexter "Shorty" York was honored on his impending retirement. He was presented with the Governor's Award for Meritorious Service by Mike Bigler, Chief Deputy of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, assisted by Jack Kerney and Ron Bell.

Jim Abrams, President of the Greene County Firefighter's Association read a poem honoring firefighters.

Shorty helped Newberry Fire Department buy its first fire truck. The department presented Shorty with a plaque in recognition of his 24 years of service, along with a poster signed by everyone in attendance.

Bloomfield Fire Department held an Open House for their new station on March 13, 1999. Everyone enjoyed the delicious chili supper. District 17A Chairman Ronald Bell presented Bloomfield Chief Chris Stahl with the IVFA clock, along with a State Flag on behalf of State Representative Peggy Welsh and House Speaker John Gregg. An American Flag was also presented to the chief on behalf of Congressman John Hostettler. They have a fire station to be proud of.

On March 18, 1999 Highland Fire Dept. held their first district meeting and we all enjoyed a delicious pork chop supper.

The guest speaker was State Representative Peggy Welsh.

Other guests included 1998 Miss Flame Anna Cardinal and our current Miss Flame contestant Heather Cliff.

Public Relations Director Jack Harker thanked the fire department for having the meeting.

Richard Carrie of Steen Township Fire Department told about the National Flag Celebration June 7 thru 14. They would like to see firefighters attend the celebration on Friday thru Sunday. There will be a Flag Celebration Parade in Bicknell, Indiana on Sunday.

For more information, please contact Mr. Carrie or CEO & Chairman George E. Lane at 812-882-4960.

Coming events:

May 1 - Highland Fire Department Hog Roast.

May 20 - Plainville Fire Department will be host to the district meeting. There will be a guest speaker.

I have been attending a lot of meetings at various fire departments and trying to get acquainted with all departments in my district.

Respectfully submitted by, Ronald Bell, Chairman

DISTRICT 17B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 18

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 19

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 21

NO REPORT



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IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

February 6, 1999

President Jack L. Cox called the meeting to order. Chaplain Baker gave the Invocation. Vice President Jack Cox led the Pledge to the Flag. Minutes from November, 1998 meeting approved (as printed with corrections).

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Cox was invited to a District 14 meeting. He also went to District 19 with Mr. Covington in Lawrence. Apologized to the organization for not being able to attend the Fire Services Conference Dinner because of a prior commitment. Requested support in fulfilling duties of this association.

Vice President Kerney has traveled over 2400 miles since the last meeting. Attended several district meetings, the memorial & funeral service for the fallen firefighter in Worthington, and the fire instructors 812 area director's meeting. As a result of his attendance, he was elected the 812 director. Also attended the annual meeting.

Chaplain Charles Baker had to travel out-of-state twice last month. Called for assistance from associate chaplains. Reported the need to develop a list of associate chaplains to assist. Asked for individual names that may be able to assist.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush gave his activity report and report of inventory on hand.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kinsey asked approval of printed treasury report. Reported that any district chairman who has not received a packet with the membership roll, a packet with the departments including a list of unpaid and paid departments, please pick up materials today. Indicated that there are still some items that need to be included on the list (i.e., telephone number of chief).

Distributed financial reports. Reported revenue decreased for the year 1998. The association operated under budget for 1998. The Budget Committee will present budget for the appropriation's approval.

Reported that the central office is operating with one full-time per-

son and two part-time people. Requested approval to change cut off date for last year's membership to March 31 from April 28. M. Mackin made motion to approve change in membership cut off date from April 28 to March 31. C. Cline seconded the motion. Motion passed 31-3

Bill Kinsey reported there were individuals who asked for and received Institute Dinner tickets, but did not attend. Reported that the tickets still must be paid for. Reported total membership-15,532 (active, inactive, lifetime).

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS

PR Northwest Director L. Koehler attended majority of meetings.

NE Public Relations Director R Glant attended all but 2 meetings.

PR West Central Don Johnson attended all of the meetings.

PR East Central Don Cushman attended all meetings (2 were canceled). Charlie Wilson in hospital in Greenfield with liver & lung cancer.

PR Southwest Jack Harker - Attended all meetings except for District 15 meeting.

PR Southeast Nelson Ehlers - Reported 3 deaths in the district (in Madison and Hanover). District 14 Roy Richardson is in the hospital. Reported request for a ladies auxiliary group. Reported approval of mileage and hotel issues at last meeting by 33 firefighters and 10 departments. Discussed House Bill 1779, which provides a one time tax recalculation of township firefighting budget. Also discussed Senate Bill 518 regarding liability for donation of equipment for volunteer firefighters to other volunteer departments. Recommended District 14 collect and distribute turn out gear equipment, since some of the small departments are having budget difficulties amongst their township trustees appropriating sufficient funds.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jack Zeeks - Passed

Richard Glant - Passed

Mitch Parish - Passed

Lawrence Swartz - Passed

Carl Bruns - Passed

Jim Parker - Passed

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 - Bill Howe missed the meeting in November here. Last month presented a 50 year card to a fireman from Chesterton. When it

was supposed to be presented, the guy had a heart attack and stayed in the hospital for a pretty good time and he looked pretty healthy the middle of last month. So that got done with the help of Mr. Parish and Buz. Other than that, everything is pretty calm.

District 2 - Larry Stott reported good attendance at the district meetings. Thanked all who attended meetings.

District 3 - Bob Uryga passed. District 4 - Greg Freed reported average attendance.

District 5 - Don Kissinger reported three deaths in the district since last meeting.

District 6 - Mike Mackin reported 2 deaths (one life member). Distributed 4 life member cards, has 3 left to distribute. Reported need for a clock for dedication ceremony this spring for Thorn Creek Twp. Reported low attendance at last 2 meetings. Reported next district meeting on March 26 at Southwest Fire District Station #1, Community Building. The May 20 district meeting at Richmond Twp Fire Station. (Contact Toddy Michl for clocks for dedication ceremonies 812-299-1019).

District 7 - Mort Sorg reported low attendance at last meeting due to weather. Reported next district meeting on March 15, which will also include the Annual Bake Sale. No reported deaths since last district meeting. Reported Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on March 21.

District 8A - Bob Fleener reported last district meeting on January 14 was canceled due to weather. Reported next district meeting will be on March 10.

District 8B - Larry Petro was absent.

District 9A - Charlie Kline reported good attendance for prior district meetings.

District 9B - Don Skinner reported 2 meetings since last meeting. Reported 2 deaths in the district.

District 10 - David Israel reported good attendance at prior meeting.

District 11A - Red Morris reported one death since last district meeting. Reported next district meeting on March 21.

District 11B - Larry Bartlow reported fair attendance at prior meeting in January. Reported continuing problems with dues on memberships & membership card listings. Reported issue regarding committee positions; suggested more district chairmen on more committees, and using past presidents as guidance for all committees. Next district meeting on March 14 at 1 p.m.

President Cox reported problems with memberships or dues should be sent (in writing) to him or Central Office to his attention.

District 12 - John Ross reported good attendance at prior meeting. Next meeting on March 15 in Monrovia at 7:00 p.m.

District 13A - Tim Martin reported poor attendance at last two meetings. Reported one death in district. Reported next district meeting on February 18.

District 13B - Dennis Spears reported one death in district. Reported next district meeting on February 21 in Centerville at 3:00 p.m. Reported the following district meeting on April 21 at Charleston Fire Department at 8:00 p.m. (daylight central time).

District 14 - Roy Richardson was absent.

District 15 - Don Moffett was absent. (PR Nelson Ehlers gave report) One death in district. Reported good attendance at prior meetings. Reported Summerville FD attended meeting and joined IVFA. Reported Summerville FD is in need of turn-out gear. IVFA to supply 15

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Clarks Hill VFD Chief Kingery retires

George Kingery retires after 45 years of service.

Beginning January 1, 1999 Clarks Hill VFD has a new chief. After 45 years of service with the department, George Kingery is retiring. It was said that he was the oldest and longest serving chief in Indiana.

George was born on December 18, 1919. He came to Clarks Hill in 1942 with his wife Nelouise. He then moved away and returned in 1951. He worked at Ready Mix, now IMI, for forty years and raised two daughters.

George joined the volunteer fire department in 1952. That was when the department was chartered and it had twenty members. George is the only active member of that list today.

At that time, Bud Wallace was chief and didn't particularly like being fire chief, so George took over the position in 1953. It was then that the elections stopped. No one wanted the position, or was it George just did a good job?

In 1953, they used what is now the Town Hall and had only dirt floors. Today it has been built up to a 4-bay fire dept. housed in the back of the Town Hall. They received donations and had fund raisers in order to build the fire department.

In 1977, the department was providing ambulance service for Clarks Hill. Three years later, the state ordered them to shut it down because the ambulance no longer met state standards.

But that didn't keep George out of it. Nelouise told of a story that Denny Fidler's boy came home from school one day and decided to throw gunpowder in the fireplace. It exploded in they boy's face. George went and got the ambulance and drove the boy to the hospital, even though he was told by the state that he couldn't. The state was notified and George told them, "I won't use it again, unless I need to."

George was always worrying over the things that had to be done. He made sure the auctions, fish fries, and MDA drives were in order. The department would help in the blizzards and with the needy.

They always had a Halloween parade for the little ones, sometimes for the big ones too, on Halloween night. The children with their parents would line up and follow the fire truck around the block and get a treat and refreshments when they returned. Prizes were given away in different categories for their outfits. He had the fire department very active in the community.

In 1991, they were able to get the fire rating down from 10 to a 7. In 1997, George supported nine local residents to go to EMT school, as he felt the citizens in Clarks Hill needed them. He allowed the department to pay for schooling from St. Elizabeth.

George and wife Nelouise were active people in our community. Nelouise because of her famous cooking. They are both thought of very highly in the community and always will be.

George isn't sure what he will be doing with his spare time, since he won't be worrying about things in the department. He will still be attending the meetings when he can. We're sure he has a lot of fishing and camping trips

planned.

The couple have 6 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. That alone will keep him busy.

To you, George Kingery, we want to say THANK YOU! Thanks for your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work that you put into our community and the fire department.

Nelouise, thanks for allowing George to spend the time needed to do so many things and do them so well.

Happy Retirement!!

Recall of Carbon Monoxide Alarms

WASHINGTON, DC - In cooperation with the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kidde Safety, of Mebane, NC, is voluntarily recalling about one million carbon monoxide alarms, including 650,000 Nighthawks and 350,000 Lifesavers.

The Lifesaver models could alarm late or not alarm at all, and the Nighthawk models could alarm late.

These alarms are used to detect carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless, odorless gas, leaking from fuel burning appliances. When they don't work, consumers can be unknowingly exposed to hazardous levels of CO, and suffer injury or death.

Kidde Safety and CPSC are not aware of any injuries involving these products. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

The Nighthawk models included in the recall are models manufactured between Nov. 8, '98 - March 9, '99. The manufacturing date is on the back of the unit as year, month, day. "NIGHTHAWK" and "Carbon Monoxide Alarm" are written on the front of the unit. If "Carbon Monoxide Detector" is written on the front, the unit is operating properly and isn't part of the recall.

The Lifesaver models included in this recall are models 9CO-1 and 9CO-1C manufactured between June 1, '97 - Jan. 31, '98. The manufacturing date is on the back of the unit as the first six numbers in the serial number, located above the UPC code. The manufacturing date is written as day, month, year. "LIFESAVER" and "Carbon Monoxide Detector" are written on the front of the unit. Kidde Safety will help consumers identify whether their

units are involved in this recall.

Consumers can participate in the recall in two ways. Visit the Kidde Safety recall web site at www.nhawk.com and follow the instructions, or call Kidde Safety toll-free at (888) 543-3346 between 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. EST Mon. - Sun. to identify whether alarms are involved in the recall.

If so, consumers will be sent a postage-paid envelope to return the alarm. Lifesaver models will be repaired, and Nighthawk models will be inspected and tested, and repaired if needed.

Kidde Safety has informed CPSC that consumers will receive alarms back within 30 days. All returned alarms will be recertified to UL-2034.

Hardware and mass merchandise stores nationwide sold these alarms beginning in '98 for about \$20 to \$50. Consumers should not return the alarms to stores.

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea & dizziness. Exposure to high levels can cause death. CO poisoning associated with using fuel-burning appliances kills more than 200 people each year and sends about 10,000 to hospital emergency.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml99/99082.html>

IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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Faye reminded the district chairmen to get their minutes from their meetings into the paper.

With no further business, Faye asked for an adjournment. Wanda Johnson made the motion and Ann Moss seconded it. Motion carried. Faye thanked Joann for the Valentine party last night. It was a lot of fun. Thanks also to her helpers.

Joann closed with a word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Gray, IVFAA Corresponding Secretary

Barb Parker's recipe from November '98 meeting.

PEANUT CRISP BARS

1/2 C. granulated sugar
1/2 C. corn syrup
dash salt
1 C. Jif peanut butter
2 C. crispy rice cereal

(MICROWAVE)

1/4 C. margarine
1/4 C. packed brown sugar
1 Tbls. milk
1 teas. vanilla
1 1/4 C. powdered sugar

In large glass bowl, combine granulated sugar, corn syrup and salt. Microwave 3 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Blend in Jif and stir in cereal. Pat evenly in buttered 11x7x2 inch pan.

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I have attended all my meetings. One I traveled approximately 120 miles for a 90 mile meeting. I should have been on I-74, not I-70, but I made it anyway.

My PR District will have a Methamphetamine drug lab seminar put on by the Indiana State Police at Wayne Township Conference Center, 402 North High School Road in Indianapolis on May 22, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. (see page 36)

This is a very informative session and just may help save your own life, as these labs can be set up anywhere and are very dangerous. So come on over and

have a look see.

You do not have to register, but I would like to know about how many will be here so I can be prepared. Just give me a call.

We had FDIC here in Indianapolis a few weeks ago and my department had a couple of houses for them to practice burning. Wayne Township could not let us get ahead of them, so they burned a 15-unit apartment building.

All joking aside, these apartments are very hard to fight fires in, because they have a 45 degree slope in the rear that goes into a lake and carpports in front that makes access very hard.

Wayne Township fought very hard to get them to change the plans when they were built, but did not have any luck.

One firefighter was badly burned with steam. We're lucky no one has been killed in them.

Well, I have rambled enough. SEE YOU AT CONVENTION.

St. Joseph Township completes station addition

St. Joseph Twp. Fire Department (Allen Co.) recently completed a building addition which added approximately 2300 feet of living space to the station.

St. Joseph Twp. is located on the northeast side of Fort Wayne and has been providing fire & rescue service since 1954. We are a combination department with a paid crew on duty Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

In 1974, we reintroduced an ambulance to our services and in order to provide a quick response time, we provided a sleeping room for an EMT and driver, so our station would be manned 24 hours a day.

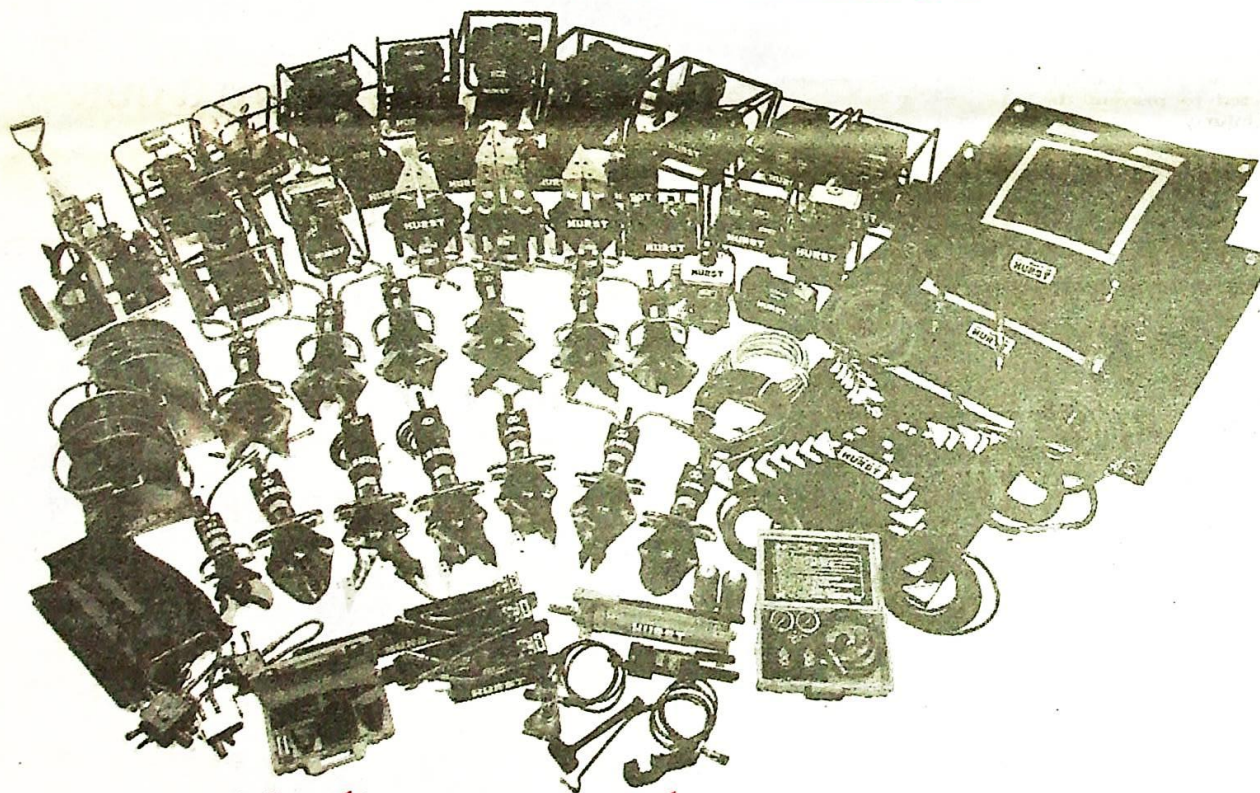
Although this worked for many years, we found it more difficult to assure 24 hr. coverage. It was decided to add more and better facilities to attract volunteers. The addition includes four private bedrooms (permanently assigned to members, with the requirement that they are on station at least three nights a week from midnight to 6 a.m) and a dormitory which can be shared by up to six firefighter/EMTs.

During construction, existing living quarters and office were remodeled, doubling the size of our dayroom, adding two bathrooms with showers, and an office for the chief.

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Hoosier Burn Camp

Letters From Camp

By Ginger K. Shanks, Executive Director

By the time this letter from camp is published, the first encampment of Hoosier Burn Camp will be only a couple of weeks away. We've been looking forward to this day for almost two years, but the butterflies are really starting to churn. Applications from campers have been dribbling in since early April, but as other camps have told us, most people wait until the last minute, a week or so before camp to rush their applications in because they forgot, or something. Trying to make plans in that kind of an atmosphere is a real challenge. We don't want any child to miss out on coming to camp because of a parent's tardiness, so we've had to make some assumptions about attendance - I hope we're right.

The outpouring of volunteers from within and without the fire service has been overwhelming to put it mildly. Because of the way camper applications were flowing in, we weren't able to confirm many of our volunteers until early May. We greatly appreciate their patience. Planning for all of us has been difficult because it is our first year and we don't now have a camper history to rely upon in making plans. Hopefully next year we'll have a better crystal ball.

Without a doubt the most exciting event for us since the last letter from camp was the Eighth Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. Thanks to the Indiana Fire Services Institute, Hoosier Burn Camp was again the focus of attention. We had a silent auction, sold t-shirts and had our traveling display for attendees to see and camp volunteers for them to meet. Through all of these efforts, we finished with almost \$13,000 more than when we came!

The highlight of the evening was really not raising money for the camp but getting to meet and hear one of America's most dynamic young men - Joel Sonnenburg. I told you about him in the last letter (Nov. '98) and he was everything I described and more. I have never met anyone with such an inspiring and gentle faith. The April issue of *Indianapolis Monthly* described Joel most aptly by entitling their multi-page article "Face of Courage." These few words say it all as anyone who has met him can attest. We thank Joel for taking time to share an evening of his life with us and for his love and commitment to living life to its fullest and challenging us to do the same. We hope Joel will be able to visit Hoosier Burn Camp 2000 - our kids need to see first hand the hope which lies in Joel's sparkling eyes and captivating smile.

When speaking of captivating smiles, the name of Camp Teen Spokesperson Anna Cardinal must be mentioned. This extraordinary young woman and IVFA 1998 Miss Flame has single-handedly raised more than \$1,000 for Hoosier Burn Camp. One of her fundraising ideas was auctioning off a kiss. To the surprise of the winning young man it was a chocolate kiss, Mom was watching!! Anna's enthusiasm and dedication to the camp has been a credit to the ideals and tradition of community service her family and of the IVFA. The IVFA can be very proud of their Miss Flame and the honor she has brought to the organization this past year. These slippers are going to be hard to fill!

In the August letter I look forward to sharing pictures and stories of Hoosier Burn Camp '99 with you. Visitor's Day at camp will be June 2nd. Everyone is welcome! If you would like a map to Camp Tecumseh please give me a call and I'll mail it to you. Activities begin at 11:00 a.m. with a parade of campers and staff riding fire apparatus from various fire departments from northwest central Indiana followed by a cookout. Come meet and greet these very special young people and our camp staff. It will be an experience you won't forget.

I will close for now, more details of camp await my attention. Thanks for your continuing support of Hoosier Burn Camp. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation to Hoosier Burn Camp, please give me a call at 800/254-2878.

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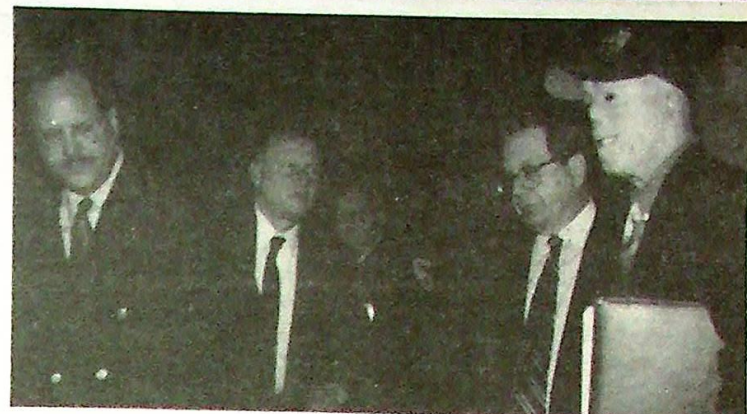
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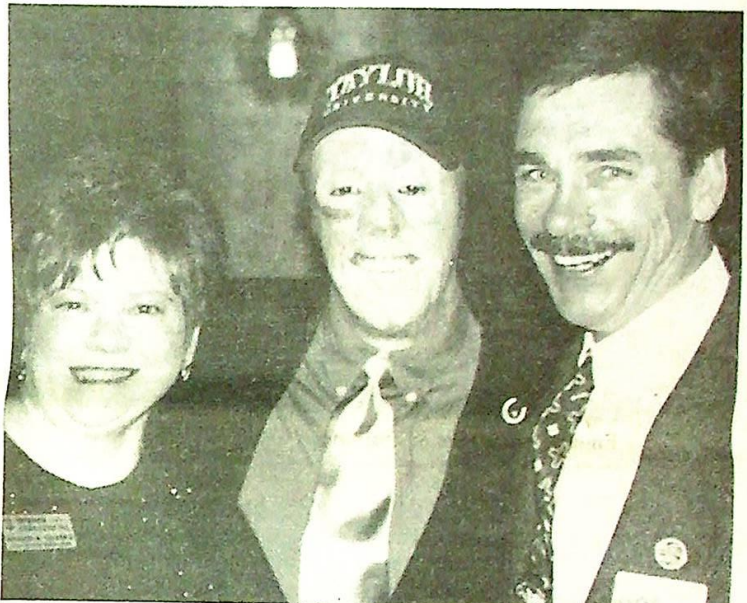
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MC Jim Shella, State Representative Bob Bischoff, Chief Larry Curl, and State EMS Director Pat Ralston rise with the audience following Joel's inspiring keynote presentation.



MC Jim Shella from WISH-TV 8 and Chief Hines are charmed by Miss Flame Anna Cardinal as she presents checks for the donations she personally raised.



Executive Director Ginger Shanks and Hoosier Burn Camp President Chief Fred Hines exchange hugs with Joel Sonnenburg following the Fire Services Dinner.



Ginger and her husband John present a Hoosier Burn Camp sweatshirt to Joel.

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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used SCBA's to Summerville Fire Department. Reported need to visit some departments to offer assistance. Next meeting on March 16 in Gibson Co. (location TBA).

District 16 - Dale Scott was absent.
 District 17A - Ron Bell reported 2 prior meetings. Reported annual church dinner in Odon with good attendance. Next district meeting on March 18 in Highland Township.

District 17B - Luke Kluender was absent.
 District 18 - Frank Daunhauer reported good attendance at prior meeting. Three deaths since last meeting. Next district meeting on March 18.

District 19 - Paul Covington thanked Association for Conference Dinner ticket. Reported good attendance at prior 2 meetings. Representative Bischoff attended last meeting. Problem with database regarding incorrect address. Suggested need to review membership directory and make corrections.

President Jack Cox responded and said to send corrections to Central Office (in writing).

Requested support in opposition to Hospital Senate Bill 1701. Discussed Senate Bill 402 and stated that we do not need that passed. Reported next district meeting on March 25.

District 21 - Perry Martin reported improvement on attendance at last meeting. Reported one death in district. Next district meeting on March 10 in Sheridan.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Bill Bush reported on number of Miss Flame contestants to be approximately 16 or 17.

District 9A - Charlie Cline discussed liability problems with donating equipment to fire departments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NVFC Delegate - Mitch Parish reported activity and has been offered a delegate position to NFPA Standards Committee.

Convention '99 - Jim Parker reported progress. Reported agreement on beer wagon. All activities can be held at the Holiday Inn except the memorial service. Reported availability of other motels in nearby area because the Holiday Inn is close to sold out. Encouraged members to register for convention. Cut-off date for discount pre-registration fee is June 1, fee is \$40.00. Reported availability of tours to Nashville, shopping malls, Cummins Engine Plant & Bob's Farm Machinery. Feb. issue of IVFA newspaper has schedules & locations.

President Cox reported that the problem with the credit card machine has been resolved.

Legislative Committee - Deferred to Sunday meeting.

Editor Assistant - Bill Howe deferred to Lawrence Swartz, Ad Taker.

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Reported on advertisers. The next issue will be out in May. At August meeting Indiana Fire was in remiss of account at Terre Haute. As of November, they were \$1120 in arrears. Received notice that it would be rectified.

Bill Bush questioned one vendor at Terre Haute convention. President Cox appointed 6 Public Relations Directors to Nominating Committee for upcoming convention. Richard Glant nominated Chair of Committee. Slate prior to April 10 newspaper.

NVFC Delegate - Mitch Parish reported opportunity to be delegate to NFPA Clothing Committee. Reported financial concerns. Chaplain Baker - Recommended approval as NFPA Delegate. Board of Directors will act on support.

By-Laws - Jim Parker reported on acceptance of first reading to changes to By-Laws at last meeting.

District 1 - Bill Howe requested By-Law clarification on chairmanship of Bridgeport Committee.

Jim Parker (cont.) reported that amendment must be made to Board in writing leaving appointment of Bridgeport Committee representative to any one of the six P.R. Directors. Report concluded.

February 6th, 1999 Proposed By-Law Change, Article 7, Section 7. Re: Bridgeport Committee now reads "Senior Public Relations Director." Proposal is to change to read "Public Relations Director."

Richard Glant PRNE made motion this be taken as first reading. Don Cushman seconded motion. Motion passed.

EMS Commission Delegate - Larry Stott reported unable to attend last meeting; no report.

Membership Chair - Carl Bruns reported paid membership of 15,532 active members with 844 potential departments (of which 181 have not paid anything). Reported future meeting to identify those unpaid departments. Requested that district chairmen identify problems and attend meetings. Reminder that District 20 was dissolved.

Bridgeport Scholarship Chair - Lawrence Swartz reported 24 requests for applications; recommended change in procedures.

Fire School Committee Chair - Jack Kerney passed.

Historical Committee - Mitch Parish reported he has 100 50th Anniversary books with him for delivery.

Insurance Committee - Bill Kinsey requested Lobbyist John Shanks consult Legislative & Insurance Committee before submitting legislation. Report concluded.

Awards Chair - Jack Kerney requested nominations.

Photography - Don Kissinger reported pictures will be taken on Sunday morning before meeting begins.

Board of Firefighting Standards of Education - Paul Covington reported IFSAC site review done. Ivan Nevil, Paul Spurlin and Paul Covington working with IFSAC and will also be attending the Annual ISFAC meeting in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Reported a completion of the re-write of the Rules. The revised Rules will be published in the March

Registry. Larry Stott received the 1st FireMedic certification. Reported that Jack Kerney was elected Chair of BFS&E.

Motion made by District 9A Charlie Cline to send correspondence in support of Chief Pat Donahue of Kokomo Fire Dept. for career chief appointment to Board BFPS&E. Motion seconded by District 8A. Bob Fleener. Motion passed.

Union Chief Tommy Miller resigned from BFS&E.

Games Chair - Al Mendel reported new trailer pending.

Indiana Fire Service Institute - Mitch Parish requested support of Hoosier Burn camp (scheduled for last week in May).

District 3 - Bob Uryga reported one death in the line of duty.

Public Safety Training Institute Rep. - Lawrence Swartz reported PSTI initiating Train the Trainer courses.

A lengthy discussion held regarding problems in LaPorte Co. Decision was made to meet further before making changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Stott requested status of health insurance being made available to IVFA. It was reported that there is not enough interest. There are only 41 interests from all districts.

- Responses:
- District 1 - none
 - District 2 - 7
 - District 3 - none
 - District 4 - none
 - District 5 - none
 - District 6 - none
 - District 7 - 4
 - District 8A - none
 - District 8B - not in attendance
 - District 9A - none
 - District 9B - none
 - District 10 - none
 - District 11A - 1/2
 - District 11B - none
 - District 12 - 7

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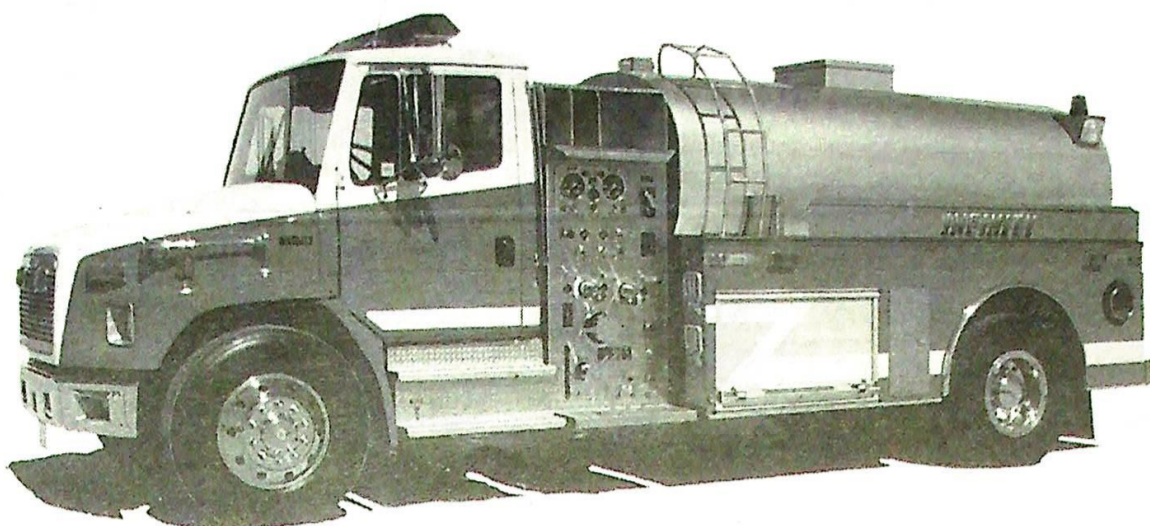
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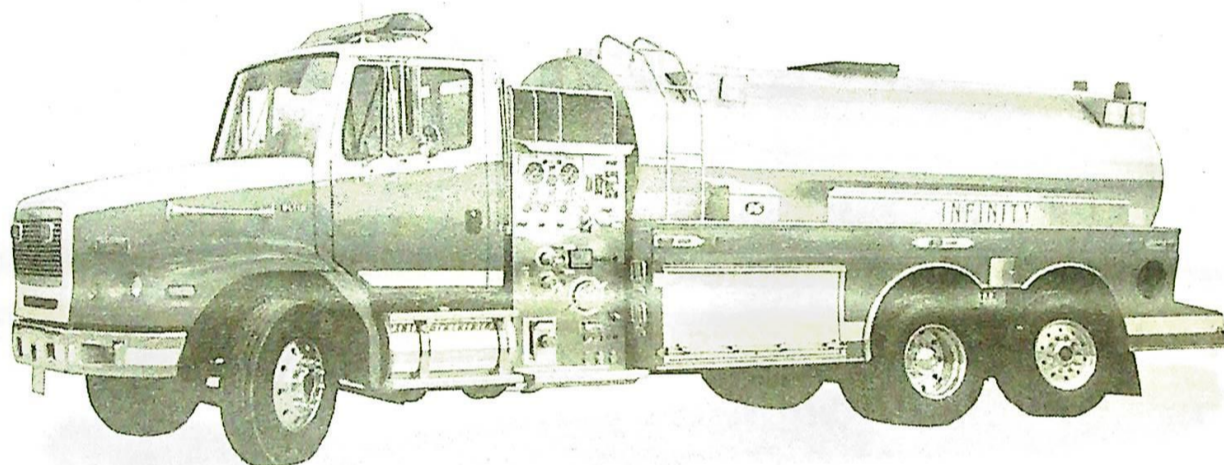
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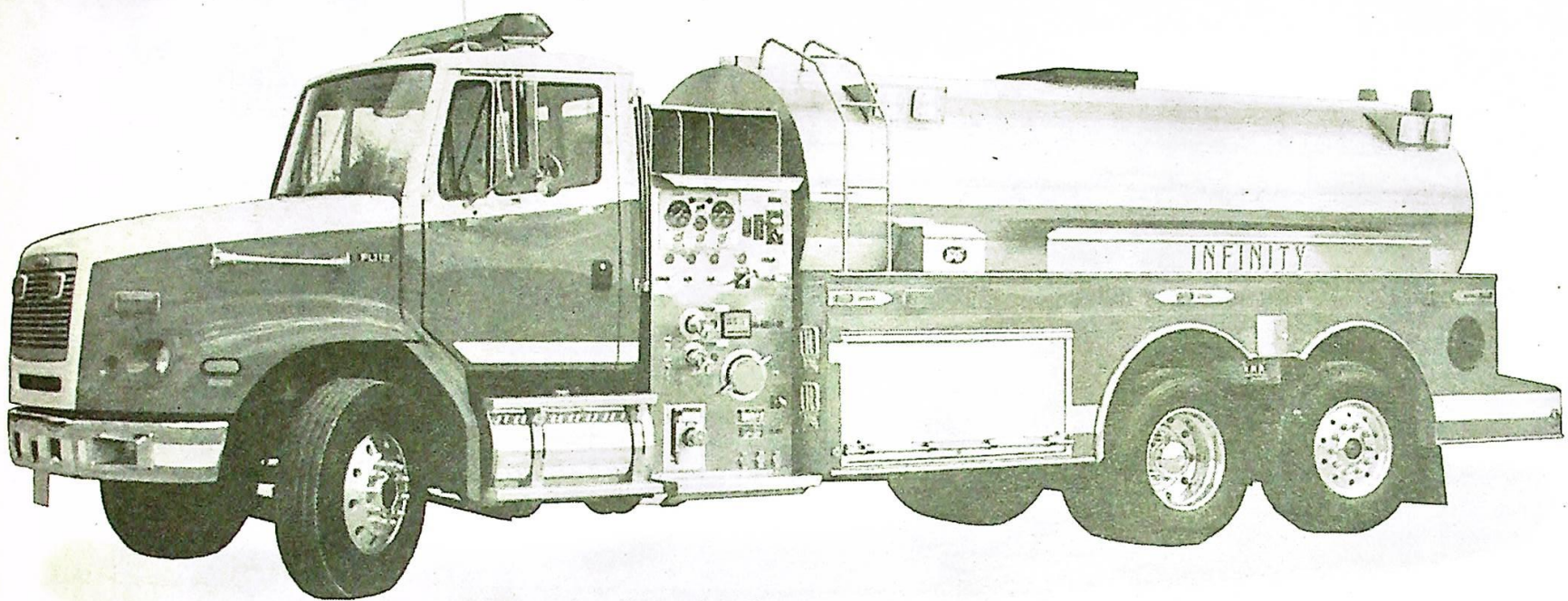
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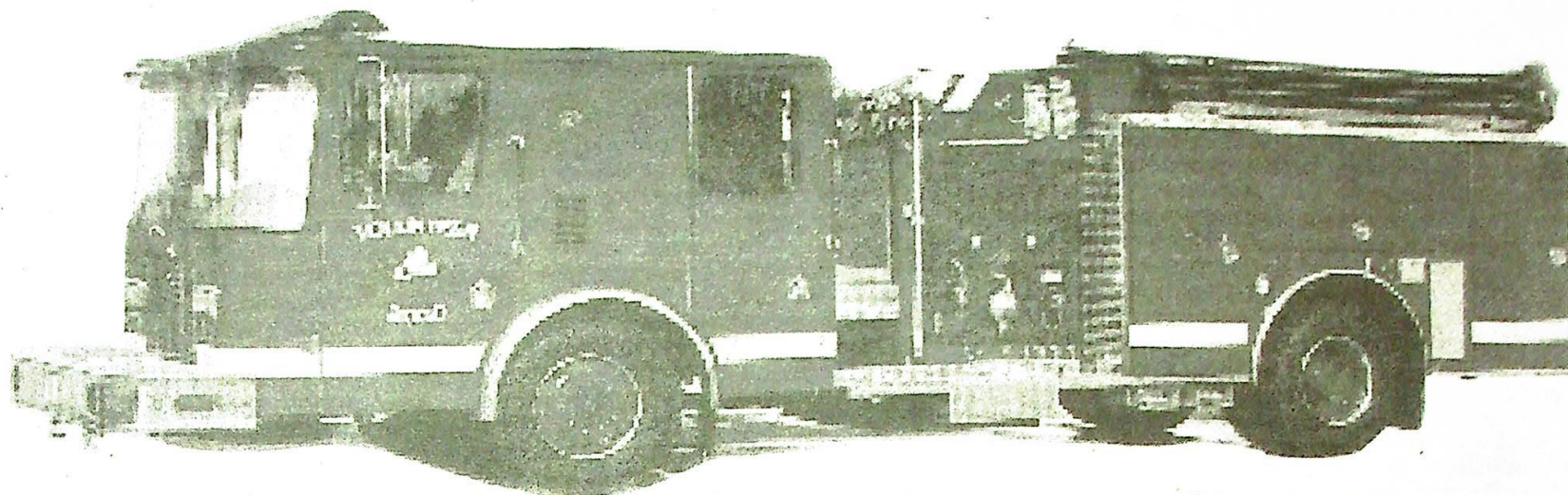
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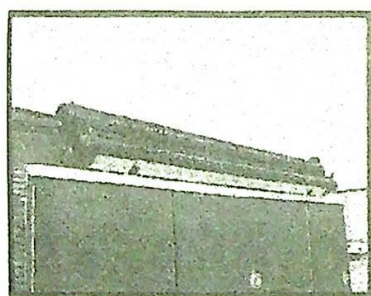
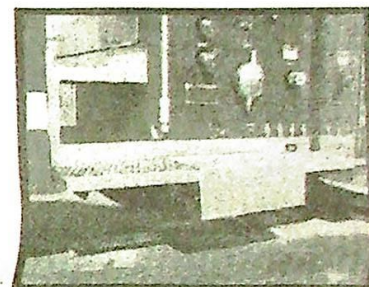
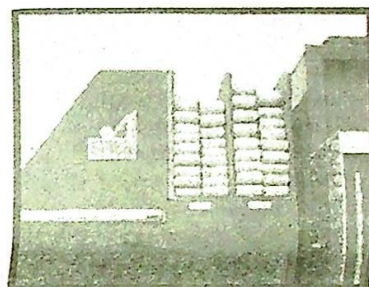
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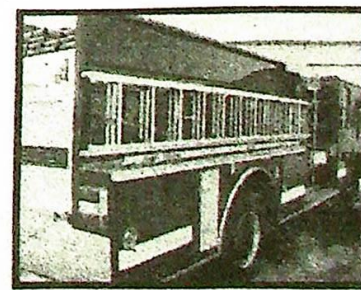
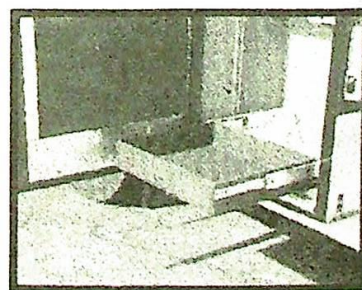
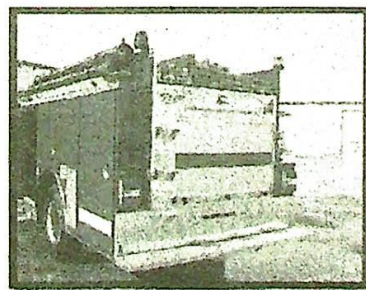
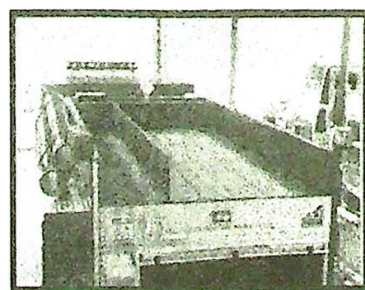
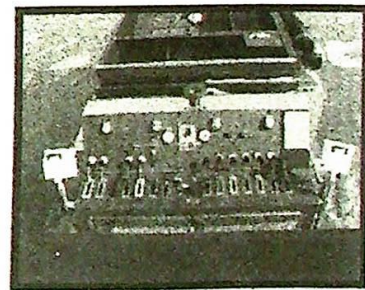
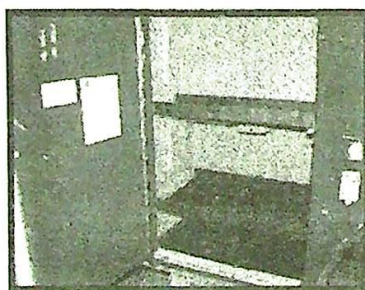
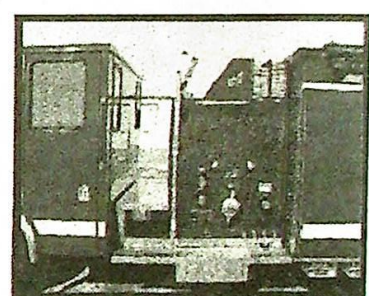
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We hope you will take time to look over downtown Columbus. It is really nice. The folks here have done a fantastic job of making us feel welcome. We want you to come to Columbus (District 10) prepared to have a good time.

We have planned activities for your enjoyment, amusement and education. See you June 16-19.

Make that "STEP IN TIME IN '99" at Columbus, you'll be glad you did.

Your Convention Co-Chairmen,
David Israel (812) 663-8952
Jim Parker (317)783-9293

1999 CONVENTION PARADE APPLICATION

The convention parade will be Saturday, June 19 at 2:00 p.m. in downtown Columbus. Prizes will be awarded. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

There is no fee to enter. Applications must be postmarked by May 19, 1999. If you have any questions, or do not receive registration confirmation by May 30, call Dan Hadley at 812-372-2439.

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 '99 • DAN HADLEY
651 DELLA ROAD • COLUMBUS, IN 47203

CONVENTION SCHEDULE JUNE 16 - 1999 COLUMBUS, INDIANA

TIME	EVENT	HOLIDAY INN LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH		
Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv, Games & Tours)	Holidome
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Hog Roast	West Parking Lot
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Dance	Crystal Ballroom D
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Beer Wagon	Director
THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH		
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv., Games & Tours)	Holidome
8:30 a.m. to Noon	Miss Flame Judging	Gavel-Hearld-Directors
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nashville Tour	West Parking Lot
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Seminar	Crystal Ballroom A/A2
11:00 a.m. to Noon	Men's Officers Meeting	Crystal Ballroom A
Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Bartholomew Room
1:30 p.m. to Close	Miss Flame Final Judging	Crystal Ballroom A/A2
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Tours	West Parking Lot
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Ladies Officer's Meeting	Bartholomew Room
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Southwestern Fire)	Crystal Ballroom
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Opening Meeting	Crystal Ballroom A & B
2:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Beer Wagon	
9:00 p.m. to Midnight	Dance	Crystal Ballroom C
FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH		
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch - Firefighters and Auxiliary	Prefunction Area
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Men's Business Meeting	Crystal Ballroom
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv)	Holidome
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays (Outside)	West Parking Lot
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays (Inside)	Prefunction Area
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Women's Business Meeting	Bartholomew Room
11:00 a.m. to Noon	Memorial Service	First Christian Church
Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	On Your Own
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Beer Wagon	
1:30 p.m. to Close	Womens' Business Meeting con't.	Bartholomew Room
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Tour Prime Outlet Mall	Taylorville
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Pizza Party - Children & Teens	Bartholomew Room
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Convention Banquet	Crystal Ballroom
9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Dance	Crystal Ballroom
SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH		
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Registration (Games)	West Parking Lot
8:00 a.m. to Noon	Convention Games	West Parking Lot
8:00 a.m. to Close	Vendor Displays (Outside)	West Parking Lot
8:00 a.m. to Close	Vendor Displays (Inside)	Prefunction Area
8:00 a.m. to Close	Fire Department Flea Market	West Parking Lot
Noon to 2:00 p.m.	Parade Line-up	Cummins Engine Co.
		COB Parking Lot
		Downtown Columbus
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Parade & Award Trophies	

1999 IVFA PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 16-19, 1999

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00/PERSON (DEADLINE JUNE 1, 1999)
LATE AND ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE \$50.00/PERSON

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FIRE DEPT. _____ IVFA DIST _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	MEMBER	SPOUSE	TITLE
STATE OFFICER	_____	_____	_____
AUXILIARY MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	_____	_____	_____
DELEGATE	_____	_____	_____
IVFA MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
IVFA AUX. MEMBER	_____	_____	_____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER)
MAKE PAYABLE TO 1999 IVFA CONVENTION)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR MASTERCARD/VISA.

TYPE OF CARD _____ ACCT # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING: UNDER 12 YRS. _____ OVER 12 YRS. _____

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION TO:

BARBARA PARKER • 1999 CONVENTION COMMITTEE
403 N. 11TH AVENUE • BEACH GROVE, IN 46107
PHONE: 317-783-9293

For
Miss Flame Contestants and
Convention Contest Information
See Pages 28 & 29

NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

1999 Important Instructions!

Please Take Note

The State of Indiana provides Special Recognition License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association.

You will not be able to obtain plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

To obtain your license plate(s) you must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your *Individual Plate Request Application* to the IVFA Central Office no later than 60 days before the month you wish to receive your plates. This form should contain the number of plates you are requesting for the year 1999, along with \$5 for each plate.

Renewal months by first letter of your last name

January-Corporations February-A, B, Rental, Bus
 March-C, D April- E,F,G, Personal May-H, I
 June-J, K, L July-M, N, O August-P, Q
 September-S, T October- U, V, W, X, Y, Z

3. Purchase the actual quantity of plates you requested from the IVFA Central Office.
 - a. **DO NOT** request more forms than you plan to use!
 - b. The BMV may charge the IVFA for leftover plates you do not pay for!
4. The application contains a space to write the number of plates requested, making it necessary to fill out only **ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON NOT PER PLATE.**

5. The license plate form will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. It is important that the individual or department keep a copy of all forms for their records.
7. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
8. See additional instructions for BMV procedures. (Below)

BMV Procedures

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time, it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail one (1) plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special Recognition License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates.

Please, do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, only to the BMV.

One dies in fire, but one saved

UPS driver rescues man

By Lorell Fleming
Journal and Courier
Shadeland - An elderly Shadeland woman died Tuesday, January 12, 1999, from severe burns suffered over at least 90% of her body when her century-old home caught fire. But a UPS driver is being hailed a hero for rescuing her husband.

Harriett Bill, 80, was transported to Wishard Memorial in Indianapolis, where she died. Her husband, Louis, 76, suffered minor burns and smoke inhalation, and was in fair condition.

Fire investigators believe an overloaded faulty electrical outlet is the source of the fire. Investigators also suspect numerous papers, magazines, and other items helped accelerate the burn.

Larry Wichmann reportedly noticed the fire on his way to West Point to make a UPS delivery. Knowing the Bills were elderly, he kicked in the back door of the farmhouse engulfed in flames and yelled to see if anyone was there. He reportedly heard screams for help and facing intense heat and smoke, went into the house. After finding Louis and dragging him to safety, he re-entered the burning house in search of Harriett. But the heat and smoke forced him to leave the building.

Wichmann stayed with Louis and directed firefighters and rescuers to Harriett's last known location. Shadeland firefighters Dan Plantenga, Larry Vanderkleed, and Joel Koch rescued Harriett.

Wichmann, 34, of Lafayette, was treated for smoke inhalation in the emergency room and released.

Back at the UPS office in Lafayette, Wichmann's bosses marveled at his act of heroism "He put a coat over his face, crawled into the house and pulled Louis out. That's pretty amazing," said Pete Skelly, one of Wichmann's supervisors. We consider him to be a hero.

Wichmann declined to comment on the events.

Reprinted from the Journal and Courier Wed., Jan. 13, 1999

A Thank You

Just a note about the loss of our neighbor and friend Harriet Bill. Louis and Harriet Bill were two of the nicest people you'd want to meet. Harriet will be sorrowfully missed and we hope a speedy recovery for Louis Bill. Louis was a member of the Shadeland FD for 35 years, one of the original members.

I think we need to send out a great big thank you to the volunteer firemen from Shadeland, Wea, and West Point for the great effort to rescue these friends and to extinguish this house fire.

Also a special thank you for firemen Joel Koch, Dan Plantenga, & Larry Vanderkleed who went in to rescue Harriet.

As a retired member of this department, I'm especially proud of the work they did.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Larry Wichmann, who risked his own safety to go into the fire to rescue Louis Bill.

It's my opinion that heroes are normal, everyday people who find a need to help someone. I know Larry Wichmann and I know that he won't want a lot of attention. He did a job to save a neighbor and a friend in need.

I just would like to say, "Thanks, Larry. You are a hero and I would like to shake your hand for the fine job you did."

Tim Hilton

PLEASE NOTE

The form below should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:

IVFA Central Office
1 N. Capitol Avenue, Suite B2
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Please do not send the application to this newspaper.

That will only delay your application and you may miss out on getting your special plates.
Thank you for your cooperation.

STAPLE CHECK HERE

1999 IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application

Name _____ IVFA Membership# _____

Department Name _____ Department # _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Month Your Plates Renew _____

Daytime Phone _____ # Plates Requested _____

County of Residence _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTER

2480 Jonathan Moore Pike Columbus, Indiana 47201
 (812) 372-1541 FAX (812) 378-9049

NAME OF GROUP: Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.
 CONFERENCE DATES: June 16-19, 1999 * RESERVATION DEADLINE: June 1, 1999

SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATES:	DOUBLE/DOUBLE	KINGS/QUEENS
Single Occupancy	\$75.00	\$75.00
Double Occupancy	\$75.00	\$75.00
Triple Occupancy	\$75.00	\$75.00
Quad Occupancy	\$75.00	\$75.00

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED: _____

NUMBER OF ROOMS REQUESTED: _____ *Extra beds available at \$10 per night

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ MIDDLE: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____ COMPANY PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ ARRIVAL TIME: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

DEPOSIT _____ AMEX _____ VISA/MC _____ DC/CB _____ OTHER _____

CREDIT CARD #: _____ EXP DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

5% SALES TAX AND 5% BED TAX IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE GUARANTEED IN ADVANCE BY A MAJOR CREDIT CARD OR DEPOSIT

CHECK IN IS AT 4:00 P.M. CHECK OUT IS AT 11:00 A.M.

YOUR GROUP CODE IS **FIR**. YOU MAY CALL HOLIDAY INN WORLDWIDE AT 1-800-465-4329 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY USING THE GROUP CODE. YOU MAY ALSO CALL OR FAX THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO THE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE. YOUR OVERNIGHT ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED ON JUNE 1, 1999. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE THAT DATE.

*THESE DATES REFER TO THE OVERNIGHT ROOM RESERVATIONS
 *RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 6, 1998.

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
Columbus, Indiana on Saturday, June 19, 1999

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, 1999** 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 1, 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.

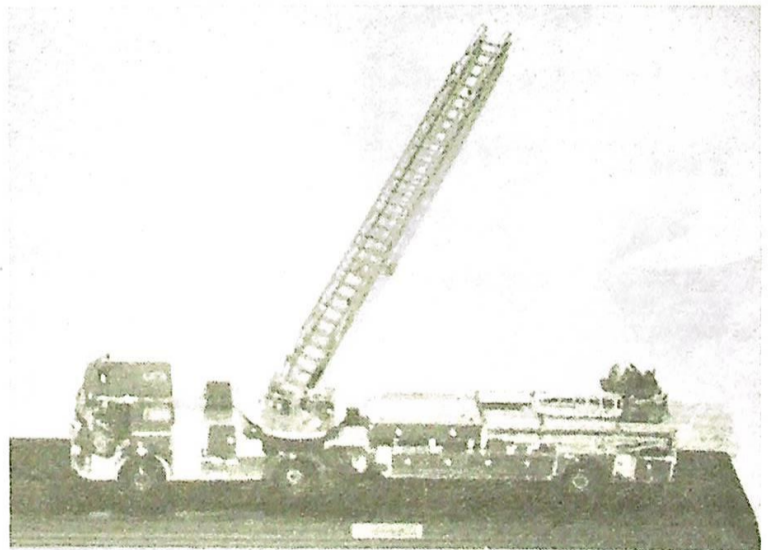
Columbus '99 Convention Map

MILEAGE CHART to Columbus, Indiana

Chicago IL	220
Lexington KY	147
Louisville KY	73
Cincinnati OH	72
Cleveland OH	363
Dayton OH	137
St. Louis MO	289
Detroit MI	291
Indianapolis IN	43
Vincennes IN	116
South Bend IN	181
Lafayette IN	105
Evansville IN	152

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Auxiliary money-making project



Franklin Mint 1965 Seagrave's Ladder Truck.

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See you at Convention '99 In Columbus

After 31 years Boxell retires

By JERRY HERTENSTEIN
Staff Writer

WARREN—A common childhood dream of every boy growing up in Warren is to be a fireman, claims DeWayne "Curly" Boxell.

When Boxell, 61, hangs up his helmet a final time this month it will mark the end of thirty-one years as a member of the Warren VFD, a dream fulfilled. He is retiring December 31, 1998.

Boxell said he didn't hesitate when asked to join the firefighting force in 1967.

"I've really enjoyed being a fireman," said Boxell. "The Warren VFD is a good bunch of guys." He was fire chief 1992-1997 and is now a captain.

Boxell has instant recall of major fires he battled.

He was on the department less than a year when called to a Warren house blaze that killed a mother and her "5 or 6-year-old daughter" only a few weeks before Christmas 1968.

He was also on the scene at a fatal fire in 1995.

"A young man died in a trailer fire at Ninth & Wayne Streets," said Boxell.

"The trailer was destroyed. The State Fire Marshal said the fire was arson, but the local sheriff's department didn't think so.

"Once you've smelled burned human flesh, it's a smell that never leaves you. I still get a whiff of it every now and then."

Boxell has vivid memories of a barn blaze near Liberty Center in the early 1970s when more than 100 hogs were killed.

It was a cold night with temperature 20 degrees below zero. Wind blew at a bone-chilling 30 mph. Gas and water lines froze in the fire truck and it had to be towed to Warren.

One of the biggest battles in Boxell's firefighting log involved advancing against flames that destroyed a two-story, nine-room house east of Warren.

"It was way below zero and the wind blowin'," said Boxell. Firefighters from Warren, Liberty Center, Markle, and Mt. Etna were on the scene 9 1/2 hours.

Boxell was part of firefighting efforts at three major fires in downtown Warren - the Brooks Building in the early 1970s, the Lodge Building in the early '80s, and the fabric shop in the '80s.

Boxell said only one time did he believe his life was in danger. Plaster fell on Boxell shortly after he entered a burning house in Jackson Twp. in Wells County.

"I heard two-by-fours crackin' and I knew it was time to get out," said Boxell. He is matter-of-fact in describing his years with the fire department.

He said being hurt on the job "is something I never worried about. I always thought if it happened, it happened."

Firefighting is a family tradition with the Boxells.

DeWayne Boxell's son, Keith, 39, has been a Warren volunteer firefighter since 1977.

His brother, Ron, 57, is a volunteer, and a brother, Charles, 65, retired from the force three years ago.

Charles Boxell was assistant chief during DeWayne Boxell's tenure as chief.

The most noticeable changes in firefighting in three decades are training and equipment, Boxell said.

"These days training for a volunteer is more in line with that of professional firefighters," he said, noting the inconvenience of taking time off from a wage-earning job. Boxell is an auto

mechanic with his own shop in Warren.

The cost of equipping a firefighter averages \$1,800 today compared to \$300 to \$400 when Boxell joined the force. Expenses have increased,

Boxell said, because of standards mandated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. An example is an OSHA requirement that all firefighters wear air packs when fighting a fire.

"It's time," said Boxell, shrugging when asked why he is calling it quits. "A person knows. It's time for younger people to take over."

The Warren VFD at a banquet honored Boxell with its Fireman of the Year award.

"It's hard to replace a guy like Boxell," said Mark Connor, now the chief.

Connor said a recent review of fire department run sheets shows Boxell responded to 99 percent of the calls.

"It's an honor to follow Boxell," said Connor.

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Don Cushman

Gaston VFD



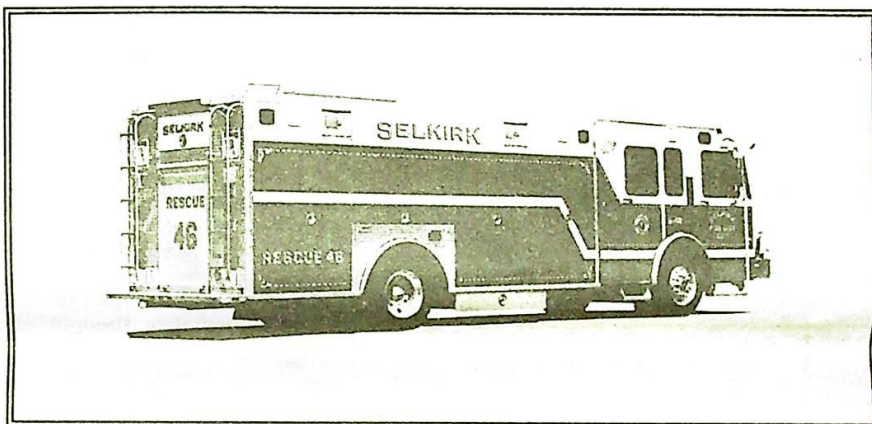
Photo: David P. LePortis

A car fire on southbound I-69, near the rest park in Delaware County, closes the interstate for about twenty minutes.

Captain Rick Dampier, Gaston Volunteer Fire Department, prepares to direct Engine 92 where to stop. State Troopers assisted with traffic control while the fire was extinguished.

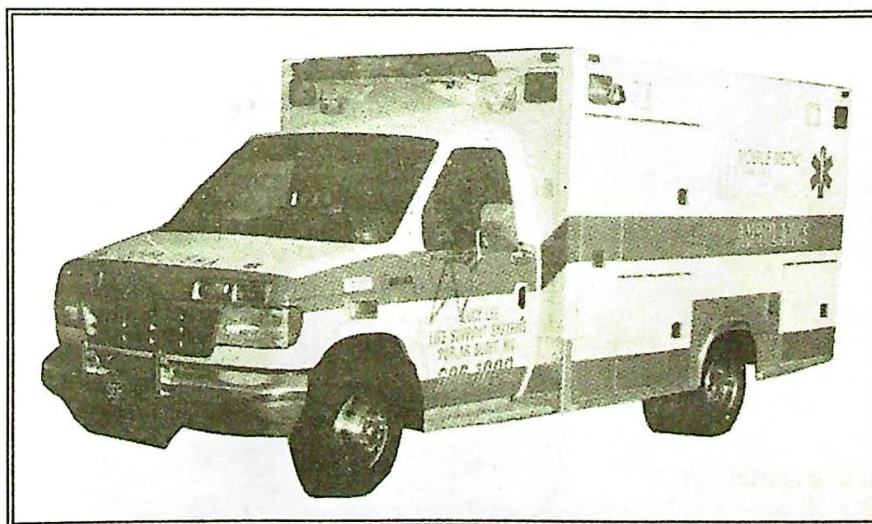
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January Baietto Lake Hills FD



days a week, in physical therapy. The tasks that used to be so simple are an every day struggle for me. I spend about 18 hours a day either in bed or on the couch.

The doctors say that I am permanently disabled, with right side deficits. I refuse to give in to that. I'm sure as time goes by, I will continue to improve. I have a long way to go, but with all your good wishes, I'm very optimistic. In March or April, they will decide whether or not to operate again. I sure hope they won't have to.

I have been asked several times if I regret joining the fire department. I guess my most honest answer is that I regret being on that one call.

Being a firefighter and medic took up a large part of my life. I miss it!! The high school kids in the area nicknamed me *Fire Lady* and its a name I grew to love.

I loved waterball and all the good times that went with it. To all of my waterball friends, I think of all of you often and I will never forget all the fun that we shared.

I miss being out there. Helping people really made me feel good about who I was and what I was doing with my life. I miss being there to hold a scared

child's hand or to be able to help a sick person or tend to the needs of a person in an accident. I miss the adrenaline rush as I ran out the door.

Although I miss so many things, I am very content with my memories of the time I have served as a First Class firefighter for Lake Hills FD. I was able to reach so many of my goals. They let me drive the trucks, fight the fires, hell, I was even a lieutenant for a few months. What more could you ask for?

For the last 10 years of my life, I have worked on my regular job with special needs children. Now we share the same space for therapy. And every morning I keep reminding myself how lucky I am to be here and that I am blessed with such a wonderful life. Look around - there is always someone worse off than us, to let us know how good we have it.

I wish all of you good health, and once again, I thank you for all your kindness and concerns.

Keep up the good work and play safe!!

Your fellow firefighter,
Fire Lady, January M. Baietto
Lake Hills Fire Department

If you would like to contact firefighter Baietto, her address & phone number are:
8706 Lee Street
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 365-2314

I was asked to write a letter to the IVFA newspaper to let everyone know how I'm doing. It was very nice to find out that so many people were asking how I was.

Well, it was a year ago January 18th that the fire call came in that would end my career as a firefighter, as well as change my life as I once knew it.

I underwent spinal cord surgery last June. I was lucky enough to have a wonderful surgeon from the Chicago Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch.

I spend three hours a day, four

Cromwell's engine from Connecticut colleagues

By Bob Buttgen

Cromwell - Firefighters from the Sparta Twp. Fire Department have kindled a friendship over the years with their colleagues in Cromwell, Connecticut.

Firefighters from both Cromwells - Ind. and Conn. - have marched in each other's parade and festivals.

Their relationship took another step forward this month when the Connecticut department sold the Indiana fire department a full-size fire truck for the bargain price of \$1.

"This is a great gift," said Bob Leamon, Chief of the Sparta Twp. Fire Department, based in Cromwell.

The 1965 model Mack truck is in excellent working condition and has a lot of sentimental value to the Connecticut department, according to Doug Logan, Assistant Chief of the Cromwell, Connecticut department.

"This truck was our sweetheart for many years. A lot of our guys had their first training with a diesel truck on old NO. 5," Logan said, referring to the truck's number.

Logan and four other firefighters made the 900-mile trip last weekend in order to train the Indiana firefighters on the truck.

No. 5 had been the Connecticut department's main reserve truck, but the city recently bought a new truck, which pushed No. 5 into a secondary reserve position. "We wanted to keep it as a parade truck, but our city commissioners said we had to get rid of it," Logan said. "And we immediately thought of our friends in Indiana."

Leamon and his men were very appreciative of their new truck. "She will get the respect she deserves," he said.

A new fire truck similar to the one donated to his department would cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000, according to Leamon. The Connecticut department paid \$295,000 for its new truck, according to Logan.

Leamon said there is every reason to believe that No. 5 will give many years of service to the Sparta Twp. Fire Department, saving local taxpayers the cost of

a replacement truck.

Kreager Brothers, a local excavating and construction company, volunteered to send a flatbed truck to Connecticut to bring the fire truck to Indiana, according to Leamon. It arrived on Friday, January, 22, 1999.

A full day of training was conducted Saturday for more than a dozen Cromwell firefighters, who hosted a pig roast for their Connecticut counterparts later that evening.

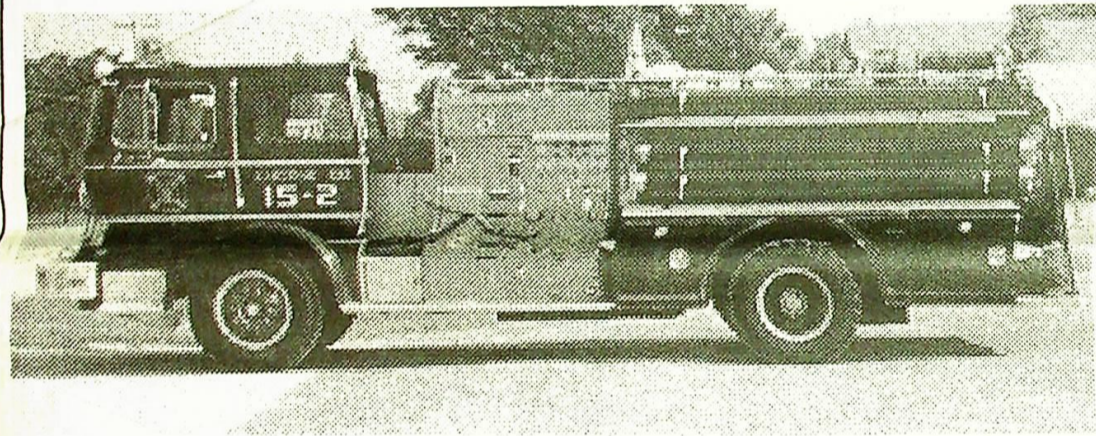
In addition to Logan, other firefighters from Cromwell, Connecticut who came to Indiana were Mark Langston, Jay Kelly, Jeremy Reneson, and Bob Barone. Cromwell, Connecticut has a population of about 15,000.

Last summer, members of the Indiana fire department traveled to Connecticut and marched in a parade. They received a trophy honoring them for traveling the longest distance to take part in the parade.

At last year's Cromwell Days, several Connecticut firefighters came to Indiana and marched in that parade.

Reprinted from The News-Sun, February 9, 1999.

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Contact: Green Township VFD

8031 N. State Road 9 Greenfield, IN 46140

Bob Holland at (317) 462-5939 or Jeff Williams at (317) 326-3062

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Nelson E. Ehlers

Open House at Plain Twp. new building

Leesburg - An Open House was held for the new Plain Township building, which incorporates the Trustee's office, Assessor's office, the Emergency Services and the Fire Station.

Construction began last year after several years of planning.

Don Kissinger, District 5 Chairman for the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, presented the station with a clock as part of the dedication.

Doughnuts, cookies and coffee were served to the visiting public.

"The building is good for townships for the good services they provide," said Martha Mayer, Plain Township Board member.

The Plain Township Fire Chief is Mitch Rader. Assistant Fire Chiefs are Terry Eppley and Scott Kammerer. The Secretary is Lloyd Shroyer.

The EMS Executive Board is Cathy Rapp and Joel Stokes.

The Plain Township building is located at 34 East Armstrong Road in Leesburg.

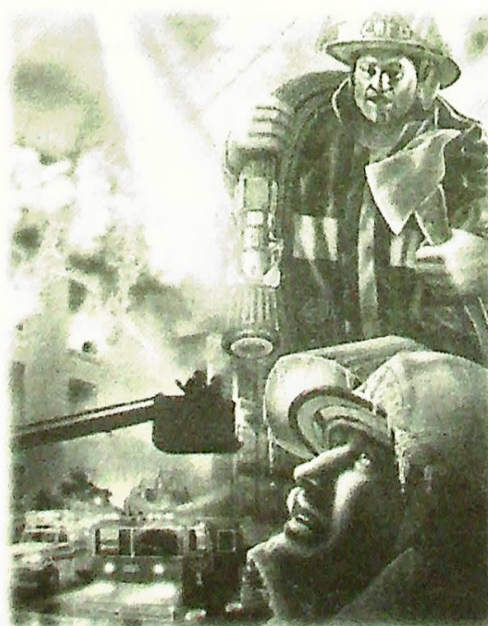
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Fire Chiefs' Association honors two firefighters

A newly-retired firefighter and one just starting his career share this year's Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award.

DeWayne "Curly" Boxell, who retired from the Warren VFD, and Matt Law, who became involved in the Roanoke VFD as part of a Boy Scout program, were honored by the Huntington Co. Fire Chiefs' Association at a dinner at Morrison's Restaurant in Warren.

Nominations for the award are submitted by the chiefs of the county's volunteer fire depts, with the recipients selected by Huntington Fire Chief Jim Jennings (no firefighters from his department are eligible) and Sheriff Rod Jackson.

"We look at what they do above and beyond what they're expected to do," Jennings said. "Extra work around the station, they don't miss meetings, they volunteer for extra duty."

Boxell, who gave 31 years to the Warren FD, participated in more than 95% of all runs made in the past decade, Warren Fire Chief Mark Conner said. His retirement in December, 1998, Conner added, "created a large pair of shoes for the others to fill."

"If there was something that needed to be done at the station or to a truck, Curly was a guy that you always knew would be there. If there was a fire run, no matter what time of day or night, Curly would always be there."

Boxell, who served as chief from 1992-1997, was able to replace three of the department's trucks and upgrade the department's firefighting gear during that time, Conner said. He and his family "almost single-handedly" ran the dept's collection for the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc., collecting more than \$10,000 over the years, the chief said.

Boxell, who has lived in Warren most of his life, ran the Riverside Phillips 66 station and gave Conner a job there when the younger man was in high school. Conner said that in addition to learning about cars from Boxell, he gained the desire to become a part of the fire department.

Law, 24, "has had an exemplary tenure with the Roanoke FD," Chief Dave Vining said.

A curiosity about firefighting led him to the Scouts' Explorer program, and that in turn led to his being approved as a regular member of the department at his earliest eligibility.

Law has completed the First Responder course. "Huntington Co. medics speak highly of his performance," Vining said. He knows how to operate the dept's apparatus, helps with maintenance, and contributes to the business side of operations as he serves a second term as dept president, Vining said.

Also nominated for the honor was Bill Inderlied, a 12-year member of the Bippus FD and holds First Class Firefighter and First Responder certification, and is quick to respond to a call.

"Bill has established a reputation of being the first to respond to the station on almost every call and has set a benchmark for the other firefighters to strive for," Chief Jerry P. Helvie said.

Inderlied, a project manager for Star Excavating, volunteered his time and his company's equipment to do the excavating for the new fire stations in Bippus.

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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District 13A- 3
District 13B - none
District 14 - not in attendance
District 15 - 7
District 16 - 3
District 17A- none
District 17B - none
District 18 - 5
District 19- 5
District 21- none

PRSW Harker made motion to drop issue of insurance. Charlie Cline, District 9A seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Cox addressed the issue regarding the clocks for fire stations. Dedication now ordered through Bill Bush and Toddy Michl.

District 8A - Bob Fleener made motion (for Sgt. At Arms) to retain supplies. PRNW Director Ehlers seconded motion. Motion passed.

Discussion had regarding mileage vouchers. Bill Bush indicated that he has almost run out of the vouchers. Requested a reorder of vouchers (prior to May meeting) and suggested to eliminate the 10¢ and reduce the committee expense line(s) to minimize the form to one sheet.

President Cox appointed Howe, Swartz & Kinsey to modify expense voucher.

Meeting recessed at 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning

Chaplain Baker gave minute message.

Sgt. Jay Janke, Indiana State Police & Lt. Tim McClure gave presentation of Clandestine Methamphetamine labs and requested cooperation in training firefighters in Indiana Training to be held in 6 public relations areas.

Legislative Lobbyist - John Shanks reported and reviewed Bills in Legislation (69 bills). Discussed Hoosier Burn Camp. Suggested having Joel Sonnenberg as a future speaker at Annual IVFA Banquet.

PSTI - Ivan Nevil had discussion regarding practical skills for IFSAC Accreditation. Difficulty in writing practical skills for Inspector I and Inspector II. Packets will be distributed to site team members for evaluation of skills.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Mitch Parish convened the meeting and asked for voice vote to approve Immediate Past President Jack Zeeks, Jr. as 1999 Chairman of the Board. Approved

Chair Jack Zeeks, Jr. called for Roll Call vote on SOG changes.

Hotel amendment
District
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A - yes
8B - absent
9A, 9B, 10 - yes
11A, 11B, 12 - no
13A, 13B, 14 - yes
15 - absent
16, 17A - yes
17B - absent
18, 19, 21 - yes
President, Vice President - yes
Secretary, Treasurer - yes
Chairman of the Board - no
Chaplain - yes
Sgt.-At-Arms - no
NWPR, NEPR, ECPR, WCPR - no
PRSE, PSSW - yes
Total votes: 24 yea, 9 nay, 3 absent

Mileage amendment - All yea, except 3 absent.
Fire Caucus Dinner in Washington, DC - April 21

Attendees: Jack L. Cox, Tim Martin, Don Kissinger, Ron Bell, Don Skinner, Mort Sorg, C. Red Morris, Frank Daunhauer, Jack Kerney, Bob Uryga, Alternate #1 - Carl Bruns, Alternate #2 - Jack Harker.

District 18 - Frank Daunhauer made motion to make District 18 permanent member of Logo Committee. Ehlers seconded motion. Motion defeated.

Motion made to issue Form 1099 instead of W2 form with tax withholding for officers allowances. Motion passed.

Motion made to allow expenses for Mitch Parish if called as NFPA Committee Delegate. Motion passed.

Motion made to approve \$3,500 Bible purchase. Motion passed.

Motion made to pay hotel bills for 15 Auxiliary officers. Motion passed.

Chaplain Baker gave minute message.

Meeting adjourned

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Two destructive fires

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when we ask for things such as the aerial unit, but we sure were thankful we had them this time"

St. John's Catholic Church and youth group together with many businesses and individuals, saw that fire crews had food & drinks. Shelly Fields, Nancy Huebner, Jon Eaton, Stacy Rasico, Hardees, Greenwell Hardware, Circle S, Dairy Queen, Phillips 66, Shell Mart, and Buehler's Foods all contributed.

The two buildings on W. Main St. are considered total losses, as well as the Walker home. Neighboring businesses on West Main & JFK Ave. moved equipment & inventory out on Sunday morning as a precaution against the fire's spread, as high winds plagued the area throughout the day on Sunday.

Thankfully, the use of the two aerial trucks helped alleviate the danger from the wind.

"Once we got the aerial units in place, that basically eliminated the wind factor," Lt. Pielemeier said.

"Of course, the wind still forced smoke and soot mainly into the buildings to the east of the fire. There wasn't much we could do about that."

Fred Daffer from the State Fire Marshal's office was in Loogootee by midday on Monday to confer with Acting Chief Summers and to determine causes of the fires. At the Walker house, origin was believed to be electrical in nature, with a good possibility that

lightning was involved. Summers stated that there was a hole blown in front of the switch box.

Further investigation was necessary on W. Main St., and work continued on Wednesday under the direction of Daffer and Andy Long, also from the State Fire Marshal's office.

The insurance company also hired a private investigative firm to proceed with the search for a cause of the fire. Both the state office and the private firm will work with local fire officials in the investigation.

The apartment building had three apartments upstairs and one downstairs. All of them were rented, but only one had people inside at the outset of the fire. Three of the occupants have been relocated in town, and the fourth person's plans are uncertain.

Fire Chief Gerald Huebner was on vacation headed for Daytona, when he called home to complain about problems with the alternator on his RV. After learning what was going on in Loogootee, he decided that his problems weren't such a big deal after all.

One of the city firemen was participating in a bowling tournament in South Bend when his mom called him about the fire. He quickly arranged for a State Police escort out of South Bend and headed home to assist in the firefighting effort.

Those personally affected by the fire, as well as the entire

community, truly appreciate the training and expertise of our local fire department, and our neighboring units as well. In spite of the losses, it was their effort and hard work in successfully containing the blaze, which averted what could have become a disaster for the entire adjoining block downtown. Thankfully, no one was injured during the day's events.

Besides being brave, courageous, and dedicated, one other adjective that should be used to describe these men is modest. When asked if the Tribune could publish a list of our 14 regular volunteers and the 6 reserves, both Deputy Summers and Lt. Pielemeier asked, on behalf of all the men, for the paper not to.

"No one wants the limelight," said Summers. "We work as a team." Pielemeier echoed that statement. "No one wants to detract from what everyone else does," he said.

"Most people know who we are anyway, and believe me, no one is doing it for the recognition. Also, we have to recognize the help we got from all the other units. We just can't thank them enough."

So when you see a fireman around town, pat him on the back and say thanks!

This letter of thanks appeared in the the same issue of *The Loogootee Tribune*.

Letter to the Editor:

This past Sunday morning we had the unfortunate opportunity to watch our Loogootee VFD doing a very professional job of putting out a very dangerous fire

while confining it to the area of two buildings. This had to be a very difficult task, taking in consideration the very strong winds. There was smoke and water damage to other buildings, but this couldn't be helped.

Not only are our firemen excellent in their work, once again we have seen the great importance of having the necessary equipment needed to extinguish a second story fire, namely the snorkel ladder truck which was purchased a few years ago. I thank the city council in office at the time for having the foresight to allow us to buy this truck.

I also want to thank the church group(s) that prepared food for the firefighters, as well as any other individuals or groups that I may not be aware of in their efforts to assist our firefighters.

As always our Loogootee Police officers were a great help in getting the residents out of the burning building to safety and assisting the fire department in traffic direction.

Also let's not forget the Loogootee Water Department in maintaining the water system necessary and making the water available for the fire department.

A big thank you also to the out-of-town fire departments that came to our assistance.

Speaking for all the citizens of Loogootee, we appreciate all the efforts of any and everyone that assisted in this fire and kept it from spreading into a worse situation than it was.

Sincerely,
Bill Parker, Mayor

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Y2K and portable generators

From the Office of the State Fire Marshal

Concerns about potential Y2K problems have caused many people to purchase portable generators, and State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright and other fire officials across Indiana have a growing concern about the potential fire and explosion hazard associated with the use of these generators, including the fuel used to operate them.

Most of the portable generators that are being sold operate on either gasoline or liquid propane.

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS INCLUDE:

1. Generators should be located outside and away from combustible material while in use because of the heat and carbon monoxide emitted by these devices. If indoor use is absolutely necessary, it requires fire-rated separation from all other portions of the structure and venting to the outside.

2. Fuel sources must be outside of structures. The storage of LP cylinders and quantities of gasoline inside is extremely dangerous, and is illegal in all buildings other than one and two family dwellings.

3. Gasoline storage tanks must be designed and labeled for the storage of flammable liquids, and equipped with appropriate emergency relief venting.

4. LP piping to the generator must be iron, or steel, or brass, or copper, or ASTM-approved polyethylene.

5. Electrical connections must be of an approved type, and must meet the applicable requirements of your utility company.

YOU MUST CONTACT YOUR UTILITY COMPANY PRIOR TO INSTALLING ANY PORTABLE GENERATOR.

For further information, please contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at 1-800-423-0765.

From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

It was an honor to attend the District 17B meeting on March 8, 1999 and take part in honoring Chief Dexter "Shorty" York.

Mike Bigler of the State Fire Marshal's Office presented Shorty with the Governor's Award for his years of service and dedication.

Shorty is retiring after twenty-three years of service to the Newberry Volunteer Fire Department.

He joined the department in December, 1975, while serving on the Newberry Town Board.

He was instrumental in acquiring the property and building the fire station and town hall now occupied.

He was also instrumental in acquiring the first fire truck for his department.

Shorty has been involved in all facets of his department from maintenance of the trucks and building to fund raising.

I just finished attending the Emergency Response To Terrorism class sponsored by PSTI.

I encourage all fire departments in the state to take advantage of this FREE class. It will open your eyes and show you how vulnerable we are as First Responders to these types of emergencies.

If you would like one of these classes, contact Ivan Nevil at PSTI, 1-800-666-PSTI.

It is with deep sorrow that I announce the passing of another Past President of the IVFA and friend of the fire service, Bill Engle. Bill was still active in the IVFA and his own fire department, Vincennes Township.

I personally will miss Bill, as I'm sure the rest of you that knew him will. My sympathy goes out to his family and fire department.

I too, as I am writing this article, having just lost a loved one, my mother.

May God be with them both.

I would like to thank those who came to the funeral home, as well as those that called to express their condolences.



On Sunday, February 7, 1999 the Loogootee Fire Department was called to 300 Walker Street at approximately 6 a.m., where the Fintan and Helen Walker residence was burning. Lightning is believed to be a factor in the fire.

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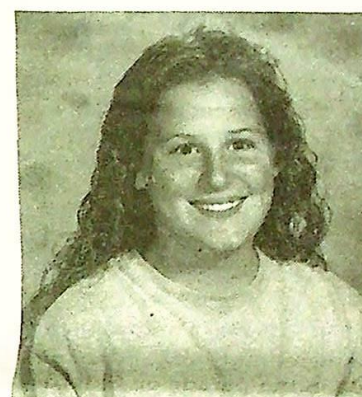


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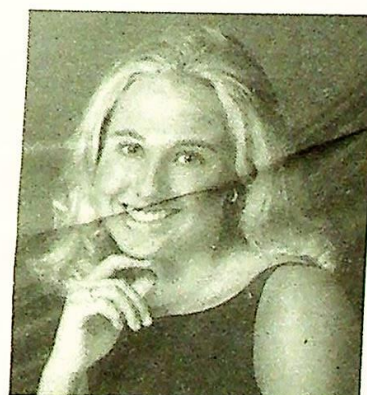


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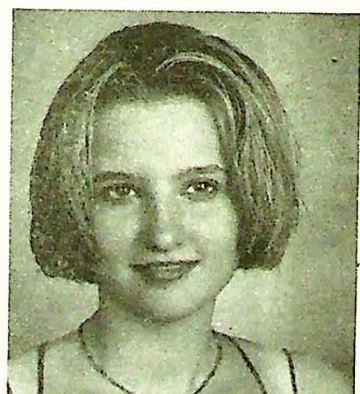
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MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

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.

1. 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

2. 20% on personality and poise (includes carriage, composure, self-control and self confidence).

3. 10% on ability to carry on a conversation in a personal interview and before a group.

4. 10% on appearance (grooming, neatness).

5. 10% on community involvement (4-H, church, school, etc.).

6. 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

7. 10% on impromptu speech or last minute thoughts.

IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or be a member herself.

2. Entrant must be single and a non-parent.

3. 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.

4. There may be only one entry from each department in the District Contest.

5. The department winner will be decided at the discretion of the department.

6. Winner of a department will be entered in the District contest.

7. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.

8. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.

9. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.

10. 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.

11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.

12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at the State Convention.

13. The Convention host department will provide judges to select the state winner prior to the opening meeting on Thursday evening.

14. The Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thursday evening.

15. 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.

16. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish winner I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy and a \$100 savings bond.

17. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers, trophy and a \$50 savings bond.

18. Formal attire will be worn at the State Judging.

19. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability and ability to express ideas.

20. 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 again this year 17 contestants have entered the Miss Flame Contest. You will find names and pictures of the girls on the facing page.

The Miss Flame and Convention Committees have been working really hard to make the contest and the convention an enjoyable time for the girls.

Contestants and parents, if you have not made your room reservations, please do so right away. The rooms will not be held much longer. The number to call is 812-372-1541.

Be sure to tell the reservation clerk that you are a Miss Flame contestant with the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association group. One double room has been set aside for each contestant, but you have to call and reserve it.

Also parents, do not forget to send in your registration and money before June 1.

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 Chairman

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN PLEASE NOTE:

The Miss Flame Committee is requesting that each district provide their contestant with a sash with the district number on it to wear to the convention during the competition.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Eula Bush at 765-665-3213

PLEASE NOTE

MISS FLAME APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MISS FLAME CHAIRMAN:

EULA BUSH
1419 W. 850 S.
DANA, IN 47847
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ONCE THE FORM IS FILLED OUT, IT 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 EULA BUSH BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN MARCH 10.

THE I.V.F.A. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Forty years of volunteering for Bremer

Thoughts of a Fireman's Wife

By Stacey Reinhold
Staff Writer

For Robert Bremer, the sirens of Huntertown Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC) have all but been silenced.

"I used to, every time I heard the sirens, look outside and see if I could see smoke," he told. "I don't do that so much any more."

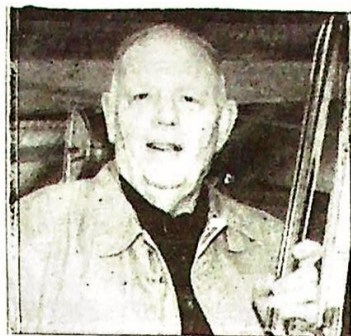
At age 72, Bremer still holds onto his title of volunteer firefighter, but he also recognized, "Fighting fires is for the younger guys. If there's a big fire, I'll go, but I pretty much stay out of their way. I don't get around as well as I once did."

It was 40 years ago when Bremer, then residing near Huntertown, heard about the department selling house numbers. "I stopped in there to buy some and started talking with some of the guys," he recalled. "They found out I was a mechanic and I started working on some of their equipment."

But his fascination with fire-fighting began long prior to that initial contact. As a child in the sixth grade he visited a firehouse near his grandfather's home to which he declared, "That really was all it took. I've been interested in firefighting ever since."

After about six months with the department as their volunteer mechanic, Bremer filled out an application noting his interest in becoming a volunteer firefighter.

Once on the department, Bremer became instrumental in moving the volunteer station forward. He helped bring ambulance service to the HVFC and was an active proponent of fundraising projects that helped the department rebuild larger, more efficient quarters and



purchase new equipment. But despite the rewards of saving lives and property, Bremer's job wasn't always pleasant.

"My wife, Helen, was, I think a lot of times, disgusted with it because it took up so much of my time," he admitted. "I remember once when my daughter was in a Christmas play at school and I had to leave for a fire. I never even got to see the play."

His efforts, however, failed to go unnoticed. In 1981, having served in such offices as assistant chief engineer, chief engineer and even fire chief for seven years, Bremer was named "Firefighter

of the Year."

"That was a complete surprise," he recalled, "but it was a nice surprise."

Although his involvement with the department today mainly consists of verbal input, Bremer still carries a beeper so he knows where his fellow volunteers will be when the sirens sound. He still keeps his gear handy, although now it's at his home.

He still likes to drive the fire trucks, but his preference lies with the 1929 Ford pumper he and three other volunteers rebuilt for parades and other promotional events.

And he admitted, he still keeps an ear open for the sirens that beckon all active volunteers. "I used to drive for miles to find a fire; I'd stop whatever I was doing just to see what was going on. I don't do that anymore," he said. "Now, if my wife and I are on our way to dinner or something, I just go to dinner. I don't need to know anymore."

Reprinted from Senior Life, Allen County, March 1999.

Where do I start? What can I say?
The stress I feel, I only pray,
dear God please help them, they only care,
for someone struggling somewhere.
They leave like the wind when the tone they hear,
and I in turn pray, dear God keep them near.
Their life is as fragile as yours or mine,
but many times that's forgotten as the flames intertwine.
As his mate I'm to help him as only I can,
no matter the cost, no matter the man.
The fire may be fierce and the wind may be strong,
but you'd better believe he'll be there for however long.
He's truly dedicated to his fellow man,
and shows it unselfishly whenever he can.
As a fireman's mate I'm of value too,
for without this companion, what would he do?
He couldn't press on when duty calls,
or have the strength and vigor to fight for the cause.
It isn't easy when life is so rudely interrupted,
and the fun all ends by the sound of terror.
My only hope then is that his life will be spared,
and the fun we were having we will soon again share.
So again as the hours now pass,
I pray dear God, he's my mate, he's my life,
so please spare him and bring him back safely tonight.
Lori A. Britton, Russiaville, Indiana

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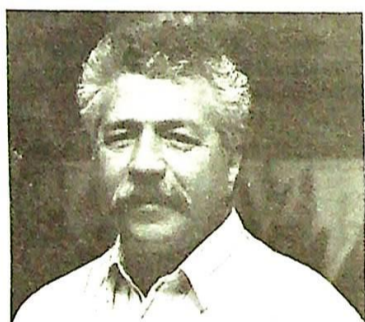
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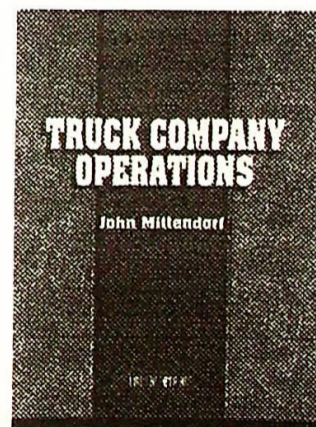
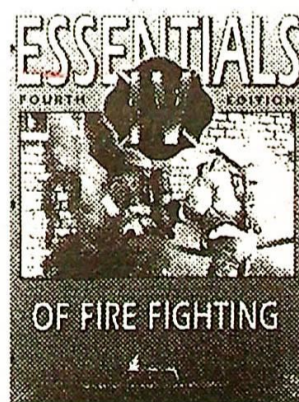
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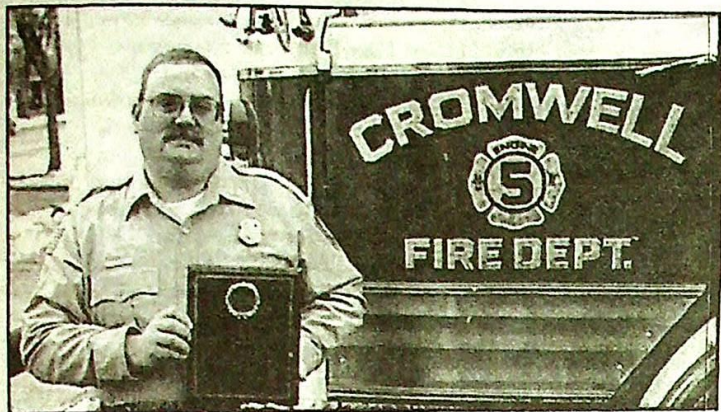


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Cromwell Firefighter of the Year



Kyle Canady of Cromwell was recently named Firefighter of the Year by the Sparta Twp. Fire Department, based in Cromwell. Canady is a First Responder Captain for the volunteer fire department. A native of Edgerton, Ohio, Canady has been with the Cromwell VFD since 1990. Past recipients of the honor include Michael Miller, 1989; Mark Leamon, 1990; Kirk Scott, 1991; Robert Leamon, 1992; Duane L. Ewell & James Wallace, 1993; Duane E. Ewell, 1994; Shawn Cox, 1995; Alan Hutsell, 1996; and Tim Housman, 1997.

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 (Totals are approximate)

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Greatest Challenge:
 Recruitment and retention, adequate funding.

Facts were compiled by National Volunteer Fire Council and FEMA

Public Relations Southwest



Jack Harker

Hello Firefighters & Friends,
 Spring has finally gotten here. The first part of 1999 has been a very busy and hectic year so far.

I have tried to attend all the district meetings that I could. I had three meetings on the same evening, so I had to miss two of them because they were too far apart.

One meeting on another evening, I tried to attend, but the location had been changed and I wasn't notified, so I missed the meeting.

So far this year, I have lost two of my best friends to cancer. Both on the Vincennes Township Fire Department.

One was Dave McGiffen, the other Bill Engle. A lot of you out there knew these men.

I hope everyone is planning on attending the convention in Columbus, June 16-19, 1999. The departments there have worked very hard to make sure we all have a good time.

Please keep me informed of your district meeting dates. Sometimes, directions would help, too. We are all on the same time now, so that won't be an issue.

Also, if you are holding any fund raisers, please let me know.

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To apply for the award, the chief of the fire dept must submit an application. Applications can be requested by mail, fax, telephone or e-mail. It is also available for downloading on our web site (www.firesafehome.org).

This year's form has been revised. There is now a space for describing the fire dept's fire prevention bureau or fire prevention activities. The form must be signed and some type of description must be included.

The description does not have to be detailed, but should be enough to show that the fire dept does some type of fire prevention and/or public education each year. Examples are listing the number of persons assigned to the bureau or typical activities (e.g. inspections, station tours, school visits, open houses, etc.). Many fire depts do not have a fire prevention bureau, but have one or more firefighters who perform prevention tasks. A summary of the types of activity that they perform is acceptable.

We like to hear about unique prevention or education programs, too. If you want to devote the space to a specific program, that's fine. We'll pass your ideas along so other fire depts can learn from your experience.

Another change this year is in how the awards are distributed. Where state fire marshals are able to distribute the awards, we will send the awards to them for their signatures and distribution. If a state fire marshal is unable to participate, the president of the National Association of State Fire Marshals will sign the awards and OLS will distribute them.

We encourage you to inform your local media of the award so your community hears about your fire prevention efforts. A sample news release will be included with your award. Make sure to return the application to the NASFM office by the due date. The address and fax number are at the bottom of the form. We will process late arrivals, but we cannot guarantee that they will get to you by Fire Prevention Week.

If you have any questions about the award or eligibility, please contact the OLS director, Pat Coughlin at 913/268-1311 or via e-mail at patcough@sprynet.com.

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"So Dear God give me strength, please don't let me fail,
And watch over and protect the firefighter's of Fruitdale."

Captain Jackie Rowland
November 11, 1998

District 14



Dave Benson, (right) Deputy Chief of the Setterburg Volunteer Fire Department, presents House Mayor Rick Cannon with the Fireman of the Year Award for outstanding service to the department, to the community, and to the Crusade for Children.

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Tom Jozwiak 2nd Annual Memorial Softball Tourney

On August 30, 1996, the South Bend Fire Department lost a devoted 34-year veteran. Captain Tom "Joz" Jozwiak succumbed to a cruel form of muscular dystrophy, Lou Gehrig's disease. Joz was very active with, and participated in many statewide firefighter benefits and activities such as softball tournaments in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, and the State Bowling tournament.

In an effort to keep Tom's memory alive, an annual memorial softball tournament in his name, has been organized. Proceeds are donated to brother/sister firefighters who have had a medical burden effect them and their family.

The recipient of the 1st annual tournament was a brother firefighter from Kokomo who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's. A donation of \$2500 was made to he and his wife at the Fire Chief's convention. After several trips to the Mayo Clinic, and months of continued testing, it has been determined NOT to be Lou Gehrig's as originally diagnosed. His condition IS treatable with medication, and as we understand it, he should be close to 100% within 3-5 years with the medication. A special thanks to all who attended last year's tournament and made this miracle possible!!

We are currently in the process of finding a recipient for this year's tournament. If you have someone on your department, or know of a brother or sister who has had a major medical condition arise, please contact myself or Jim Gadacz with details. While we would love not to have to do a tourney like this, the reality of the profession is that these things do occur and our provisions we make are never enough to cover them. This is our way of doing what we can, in Joz's name, to promote the brotherhood and sisterhood of our profession.

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Volunteer firefighter steps down after 25 years



By Robert Bryan
 Plain Dealer Reporter

Firefighters, volunteer as well as professional, are like athletes in at least one respect.

Bob Schmalzried put it directly: "It's a young person's thing. Particularly as a volunteer. You never know who's going to show up (at a fire scene). So you can't just say I'll just stand back and advise. Or run the pump. Because whatever there is to be done has to be done"

After a quarter century on the Noble Township department, Schmalzried, who was 54 in February, retired.

"I'd always hoped I'd know when it was time," he said. "It just felt like the time was right... Once you're not even 40 anymore it gets a little tougher.

Muscle aches and pains come sooner and last longer, for unlike athletes a volunteer firefighter doesn't have a warmup period before his next exertion.

And as the years go on, he noted, it gets harder to put in a good days work after 2-3 hours sleep in a fire-run interrupted night. Schmalzried is a pattern maker at The Ford Meter Box, where he's worked for 20 years.

"My employer was real good to me," he said. "I could leave work and go to fires pretty much at will once I got into the pattern shop."

During his years on the Noble department, he held most every post from firefighter to captain to training officer.

It was perhaps as training officer that he made his greatest contribution over the years - a fact marked by his receiving a few years ago a state award, Instructor of the Year. Upon his retirement, he received another

state honor, the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

By his own admission, in the early days we (Noble Twp.) were pretty bad. We had a bad reputation and we probably pretty much deserved it. It wasn't that we had bad people. It was just lack of training, lack of funds, lack of knowledge, lack of everything."

Ironically, he said, it was the department's most vocal outside critic, Dallas Winchester, then Wabash Fire Chief, who gave the department an important push.

"He wasn't afraid to stand up and say what he thought, but he was also willing to do something about it," said Schmalzried, noting that Winchester made available to the volunteers both second class and first class firefighter training here.

Schmalzried also took instructor's training and has been teaching classes almost continuously since, a practice he will probably continue to some extent, though retired from active duty.

He said of the continued training firefighters receive these days, "It kind of feeds on itself. The more you know, the more you want to know. Firefighting can be basically a pretty simple thing, but there are so many things that enter into it and through training you can recognize them so much quicker. A lot of it is a safety thing, like being able to recognize a situation that's going bad."

So how did he come to join the department?

"I think things are always with a purpose," he said. "I was reading a Readers' Digest condensed book about a New York firefighter. And a fellow I played softball with called me and asked if I'd be interested in joining the Noble FD. The Lord moves you where he wants you to be."

You start out thinking it'd be a nice service to the community, and it is. But firefighting quickly gets into the blood, it hooks you.

Of his years on the fire department, he said, "It's been a real treat ... there've been some tough times, but there've been an awful lot of good ones."

There are also some important side benefits from firefighting and training, he said. "I've gotten to know some awfully fine people from all over the state."

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Richard 'Dick' Glant



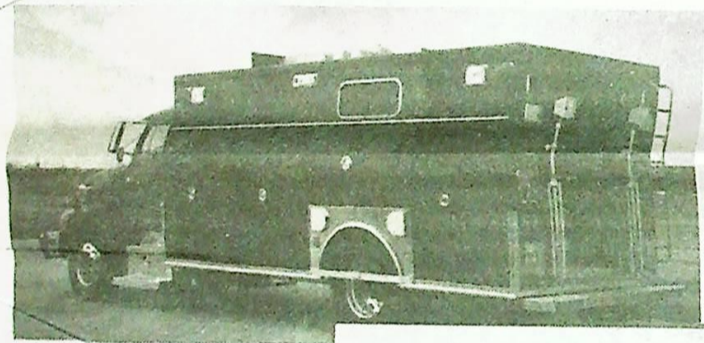
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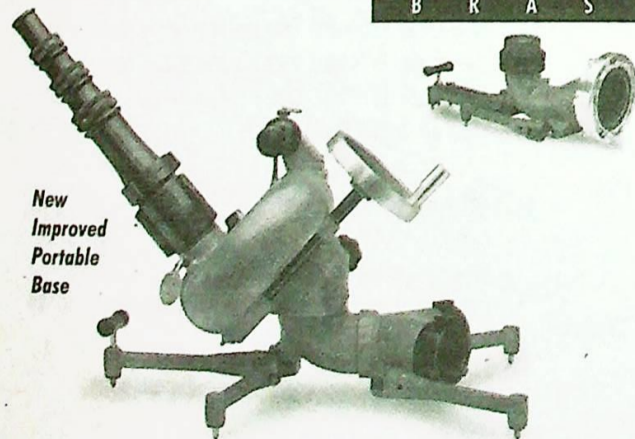
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Late night Lake Dale blaze claims two



Two Lake Dalecarlia residents were killed early Saturday, March 27, 1999, when flames engulfed their lake-front cottage.

"I was the first one on the scene, and I had flames shooting out of the south and east side windows," said Lake Dalecarlia Fire Chief Bob Carr, who tried to get to the house after neighbors warned him that the occupants were likely still inside. "I couldn't get in."

The dead were identified Monday morning by the Lake County Coroner's Office as Robert Wilson, 37, and Linda Nelson, 28, both of 283 W. Lakeview Drive. Autopsies performed showed the cause of death as "severe burns and smoke inhalation" according to a coroner's spokesperson.

Mike Haviland, Public Relations Officer for the Lake Dalecarlia VFD, said the two bod-

ies were found in different rooms of the single-story, frame house. "As I understand it, they had just gotten home."

Carr said the house was fully gutted and Lake County Sheriff's Department Chief Miquel Arredondo said the investigation is being handled by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office. If there is evidence of foul play, the Sheriff's Department will get involved.

Haviland said the fire call came in just after midnight and

involved not only Lake Dalecarlia, but also Cedar Lake and Lowell VFD. He added that the extent of the damage made it difficult to determine even where the fire started.

Carr said that Lake Dalecarlia firefighters barely had time to rest from that fire before another house fire was reported Saturday night.

That call involved a vacant house in the 15600 block of Roberts St. in Creston, and there were no injuries. The single-stor-

home was heavily damaged.

Carr said Todd Wilkening, Assistant Fire Chief in Cedar Lake and a fire investigator, is bringing in 'Mischief', a Lake County Fire Chief's Association fire investigation dog, to try to determine the cause of the blaze.

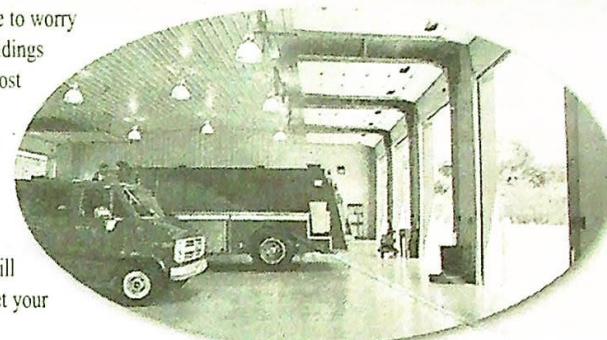
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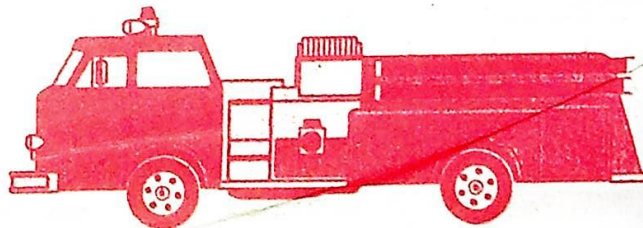
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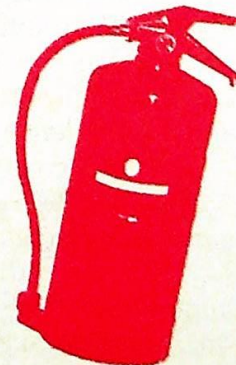
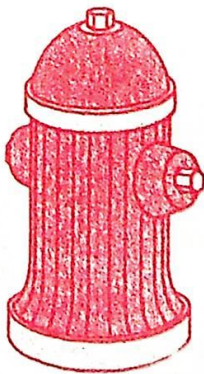
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The Rudolph brothers are third generation firefighters following their dad Mike and their grandfather Carvan, a founder of the department.

David McGiffen Dies

Former Knox County Council member David Allen McGiffen, 53, died Tuesday, March 30, 1999 in Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Born October 2, 1945, in Vincennes, he was the son of Webster and Gertrude (Dellinger) McGiffen.

He was owner/operator of Dave's Wrecker Service and R&W Radiator. He had been president of the Indiana Towing & Wrecker Association.

He was a member of the Vincennes Township Fire Department and was a former county highway superintendent.

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February
I hope all is well with everyone out there. It has certainly been busy around here.

The Indiana Fire Service Institute dinner was a huge success. Our speaker, Joel Sonnenberg, did a fantastic job and it was a really great night.

As you know, the dinner was dedicated to the Hoosier Burn Camp and, speaking of the camp, the camp really needs your help as counselors for May 30 through June 4, 1999.

You do not have to be a psychologist or a mental health professional, just be there with the kids all week and have fun with them. If you can help, please get in touch with Ginger Shanks at 1-800-254-2878.

As you may know, the Juvenile Firesetters Task Force is working in a variety of ways to address the problem of children setting fires. Currently we are looking to gather information about juvenile set fires around the state.

If you have had any child set fires this year, and if you have any as the year progresses, please send us the number of fires, the ages of the children involved, the dollar amount of the property loss and the cause. **DO NOT SEND THE NAMES OF ANY CHILDREN, PLEASE.**

The last thing I want to remind you about is the Fire and Arson Conference coming up at the Omni North, in Indianapolis, on May 24 through May 27, 1999. This should be a great conference because Tom Hinkle and others have been working very hard to put together a fantastic program.

March
Well, Spring has finally arrived! Now if the weather would just start cooperating, it would be super.

Our last Fire Chief's Orientation was in Salem last Saturday. These programs have been very successful, with over fifty attendees at each location.

I'd like to thank everyone who gave up their Saturday to attend, and I hope you found the information helpful.

Also there are some product recalls from CPSC that I thought would be of interest to everyone. (see page 14)

I always try to pass along any of these that I feel the fire service would want to pass along to their communities.

Please remember the softball tourney being sponsored by the South Bend Fire Department in honor of one of their brother firefighters whom they lost to Lou Gehrig's Disease. (see page 33)

As we get closer to the year 2000, I'll be sending out information that I hope you'll find useful. Many folks are hoarding gasoline, using generators to power their homes, etc. This is a situation that could become extremely dan-

gerous for firefighters. Imagine having to fight a house fire with 200 or so gallons of gasoline stored in the garage. We need to be very aware of the potential for disaster and not go unaware into these situations. (see page 36)

For your information, there is a Haz Mat Conference coming up on June 8-9 at the Valle Vista Conference Center & Country Club in Greenwood, Indiana. This is also a very important conference. (see page 36)

Don't forget about the Arson Conference coming up on May 24-27 at the Omni North Hotel!

In our ongoing efforts to expand juvenile firesetter intervention programs across the state, we are helping to provide training for the fire departments who want or need more training in this area.

As many of you know Tom Shoaff, who is our acting NFIRS Manager, is also an inspector for our office and keeps very busy trying to keep us up to speed on our fire reporting requirements. If you have any questions about the NFIRS program, please call Tom on our 800 line or his direct number 317-232-2227.

And finally, our office is requesting information on how many departments around the state have Smoke Detector give away programs.

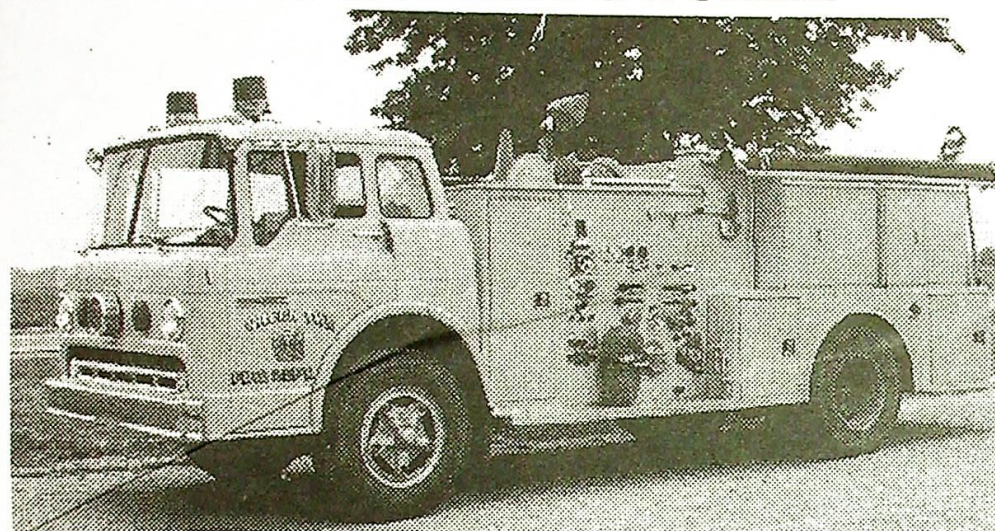
We are working with the Safe Kids Coalition on a media campaign to make families more aware of how important smoke detectors are in protecting their lives. Please try to help us with this very worth while initiative.

Well it's time for me to close this for now. I've tried to bring you up to speed on what's going on around here, as I feel its very important to keep the fire service as well informed as possible.

Please be careful out there!
Until next time, Brothers and Sisters,

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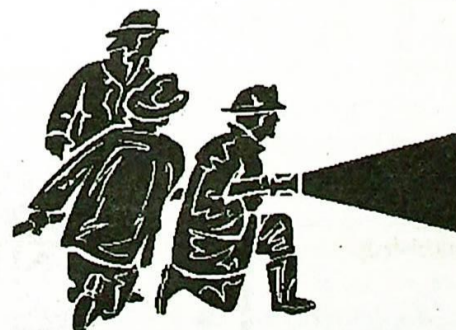
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