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Volunteer Firefighters Honored

New Whiteland Recognizes Four With More Than 20 Years Service

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BY JENNIFER JILL FOWLER
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What makes a person dedicate 40 years of his free time to public service?

"I've asked myself the same question," said Ray Rodgers, who along with three colleagues at the New Whiteland Fire Department recently was recognized for his years of service. "I haven't answered it. It's just a matter of I've been in police and fire all my life."

Rodgers has had a couple of lifetimes as a public servant. While working as an electrician for Sears, Roebuck & Co., he served as a part-time officer with the New Whiteland Police Department.

After 28 years, he retired from Sears and began working full-time for the police department, from which he later retired. He also has worked for and retired from a position as a police officer for Indianapolis International Airport.

All the while, Rodgers was making his mark at the New Whiteland Fire Department.

"I've been involved in everything so far," he said. "They built the original station here in 1960. I helped plan all three of the trucks that we have and an addition to the building. I've been involved in the whole mess, and it's been a pleasure."

Rodgers and some other firefighters also started one of the first private ambulance services in the county in the early 1960s: New Whiteland Emergency Unit, which no longer is in business.

"The first ambulance we had was a station wagon that belonged to a deputy marshal," Rodgers said. "Then we got a pink Cadillac. It's been progress, just one after the other, and a lot of people have been involved in it."

"There's still a couple of us old fellows around here."

New Whiteland Fire Chief Larry Christian, who was appointed to head the department starting Jan. 1, said he wanted to recognize people such as Rodgers, who have contributed so many years to the 25-member volunteer department.

"I was looking through the records and found out these guys have been here so long and decided to do something about it," Christian said.

At the last Town Council meeting, Christian presented awards to Rodgers and the following other firefighters:

- Wayne Walters - 36 years



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FORMER New Whiteland volunteer firefighter Ray Rodgers and three colleagues were recognized for their years of service to the department. Rodgers was a volunteer for 40 years.

- Paul Grube - 25 years
- Phil Rockwell - 20 years

"It was unexpected," Rodgers said. "Two years ago I decided I was just going to quit at 40, but they wanted me to work on building a new fire station."

Now 74 years old and stricken

with emphysema and asthma, Rodgers doesn't respond to calls for help anymore.

"I miss getting out there and getting dirty," he said.

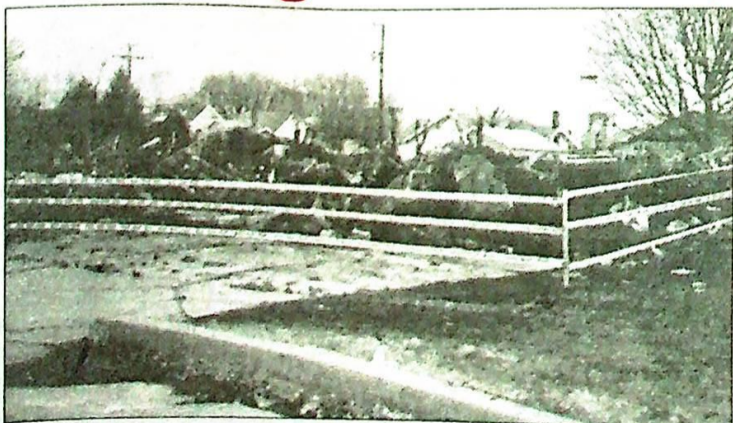
But he's still contributing, working with the fire prevention program and helping plan the construction

of a new firehouse.

"If I didn't, I'd go crazy," he said. "What else does a 74-year-old man do but sit around and talk fire department?"

is Rodgers up for 40 more? "I'd settle for 20."

Fire Destroys Apartment Building in Bicknell, Indiana



This is all that was left of an apartment complex at Bicknell, Feb. 29th. Thirty-five families lost their homes. No one was killed or seriously injured in the pre-dawn fire. The building used to be an elemen-

tary school, that closed in 1963, and converted to apartments in 1965. For several hours there was concern because one of the occupants of the building was unaccounted for, but was later located in Vincennes. First

call came in at 5:45 a.m., said Tom Houghland of the Bicknell Fire Department. He said this was the worst fire in Bicknell since a similar one several years ago. Bicknell Fire Captain Ed Owens said firefighters were at the scene most of the day. The Bicknell Fire Department was aided by six other departments: Vigo Township Volunteer, Vincennes, Vincennes Township Volunteer, Edwardsport Volunteer, Washington Township Volunteer, and Freelandville Volunteer. One firefighter was injured. Vigo Township volunteer firefighter Roger Lemons was struck in the helmet by a high-pressure stream of water. He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital where he was treated and released.

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Be with us this day and pour your merciful blessings on all our volunteers.

In the Name of the Risen Savior,

Amen

Please Continue To Pray For Our President, Jack Cox

Jack suffered a massive stroke early last February and has been moved from Richmond (as of this writing) to a rehabilitation center of good report in Indianapolis. Your prayers are appreciated by Jack and wife, Nancy.

Minute Message

There are many distinct personalities found in the Bible and not the least of these is Simon Peter.

He first came upon the recorded scene in the Book of Mark when Jesus said to him, "Come, follow me." Jesus' last words to him as stated in the last chapter of the Book of John were, "You must follow me." Between these commands is a rich historical narrative of a very interesting character.

One of the first disciples, Simon Peter became the apparent leader of the group. An impulsive, often brash, almost reckless individual, this fisherman had a disciple brother we call Andrew. Much is known of the former; little is known of the latter.

While we often think of Peter's shortcomings, especially his denial of the Lord on three occasions after Jesus' arrest by the authorities, he later did many good deeds as he matured in body and spirit.

Recall that Jesus once asked his disciples a probing question. "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then, he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

It wasn't long after this pronouncement, however, that Peter's human nature allowed his tongue to get him into trouble and earned him a strong rebuke from the Lord.

Peter seemed to come into prominence following the resurrection and embarked upon his ministry about the time of Pentecost. He is credited with writing two Biblical letters; First and Second Peter.

It is widely believed he was martyred in Rome by Nero several years later and was crucified in the reverse position (head down) because he did not feel worthy of dying as Jesus did.

Isn't it remarkable that Jesus took ordinary people, often without much formal education or worldly means, and turned them into teachers, preachers and saints?

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The Second Regular Session of the 11th Indiana General Assembly or more common known as the "Short Session" began on November 16, 1999 and ended on March 3, 2000. As some of you may remember, the Indiana General Assembly, many years ago, only met every other year. The interim session was instituted in the early 1970s as a means to allow the legislature to consider "emergency matters." What has become known as the "short session" (called that because of the length of time it can last) has simply become a "long session" condensed in time.

This year there were 965 bills introduced, 445 in the House and 520 in the Senate. Of those only 154 were passed and the 11 of those were vetoed by the Governor, mostly on state finance issues. As you may have heard there was a significant multimillion dollar error made by someone in the administration relative to the forecasted impact of the personal property tax reduction passed by the 1999 Session.

The IVFA initiated several bills this Session, including the following:

- allow fire protection districts the same flexibility as townships to impose a fire levy outside the prop-

erty tax levy limits (HB 1068 & SB 428),

- allow fire protection territories to establish a cumulative building and equipment fund (HB 1068),

- a special income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters (SB 430),

- remove grants received by a volunteer fire department from the state's Build Indiana Fund from the calculation used by the state board of accounts to determine the audit waiver (HB1371),

- expand the fees covered by the tuition waiver for survivors of public safety officers, including volunteer firefighters (HB1271).

At one point in the Session, we were following the daily progress of more than 50 bills as they made their way through the legislative process. To be sure we were on the same wavelength as the IVFA, I had a weekly prearranged teleconference with the IVFA's Legislative Committee, Jim Parker and Charlie Baker. If often seemed very appropriate to have the association's Chaplain involved in the legislative process, God knows we needed all the help we could get!

There were seven bills passed and signed by Governor O'Bannon which impact the volunteer fire service, two of the bills contain three of the association's initiatives. They are:

HB 1068 Fire Protection Districts and Fire Protection Tax Levies. (House authors Dennis Oxley, Bill Ruppel, Tom Saunders; Senate sponsors Sue Landske and Richard Young) Effective March 15, 2000

This bill contains two of the IVFA initiatives. It allows fire protection districts to levy outside the property tax levy limits and allows fire protection territories to use money in their equipment replacement fund for buildings. Since the territories already had a fund similar to a cumulative building and equipment fund. It was decided that it would be

more expeditious to simply allow use of that fund for "housing" rather than create a new cumulative fund. The equipment fund could already levy outside of the property tax freeze.

This bill also allows a municipality that is located in two counties to establish a fire protection district. It also provides that the dissolution of a fire protection district takes effect three months after the latter of the adoption of the ordinance to dissolve or the payment of the district's liabilities.

HB 1137 Battery on a Firefighter. (House authors Jesse Villalpando, Ralph Ayres, Brent Steele; Senate sponsors Joseph Zakas, Allie Craycraft, Ron Altling) Effective July 1, 2000.

This bill makes it a Class A Misdemeanor if a battery is committed on a firefighter engaged in his or her official duties and a Class D Felony if the battery results in bodily injury to the firefighter.

HB 1271 Tuition exemption for survivors of public safety officers and veterans. (House authors William Cochran, John Frenz, Dennis Kruse, Sue Scholer; Senate sponsors Allen Paul, Tom Wyss, Connie Sipes, Ron Altling, Allie Craycraft, Patricia Miller) Effective August 1, 2000.

This bill redefined the fees for which the tuition exemption would apply to include all "mandatory fees" imposed by the state educational institution. Previous law limited the exemption to tuition only.

HB 1328 Indiana Emergency Medical Commission. (House authors Mark Kruzan, Bill Ruppel, Matthew Whetstone; Senate sponsors Jim Merritt and Vi Simpson) Effective July 1, 2000.

This bill changed the term "ambulance service" to "emergency medical service" in describing two

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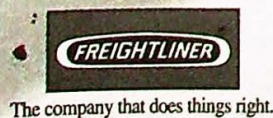
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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1&2

Ainsworth/Deep River VFD February 16, 2000

District One Chairman Bill Howe called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by District One and Two secretary Jim Bradford.

Guests included District TWO IVFAA Chairwoman Ann Moss, Past IVFAA President Phyllis Vargo, 50-year member Julius Demek, District Two Chairman Larry Stott and retired Valparaiso Fire Chief Phil Griffin.

Chief Perry Herzog introduced his firefighters and gave a history of the fire department.

Ron Marshall from A & R Pipeline gave a program on natural gas pipelines.

Roll call answered by 43 members from District One and 15 members from District Two. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago from District One and Lake Eliza from District Two.

Treasurer's report: balance \$1055.59.

Legislative report given by District Two Chairman Larry Stott.

Report on State Officers meeting given by Bill Howe, Larry Stott and Jim Bradford.

Chairman Bill Howe reported the newspaper should be in the mail. New printer for paper is Printco from Rensselaer. Articles for next paper must be in by April 10. Be sure to fill out a new membership form any time you have a change in beneficiaries. We will be renamed the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association as soon as all the paper work is completed. President Jack Cox has had a stroke and is in the hospital.

District Two Chairman Larry Stott reported that if you carry a defibrillator on your rigs, a report must be sent in once a month. This report must be sent in even if you do not use the unit. Next convention meeting will be held March 9.

One death reported in District One since last meeting. John Thiel from Schererville. Long time West Central PR Director Todd Michl has also passed away. A minute's silence was held in their honor.

Phil Griffin reported on this year's Burn Camp. Will be held May 29 to June 2. Need department caps and T-shirts for the kids.

50-50 Drawing: \$86.00 collected, \$43.00 won by Tom Milne from Munster.

Next meeting will be held on March 15. It will be hosted by the Schneider VFD.

Motion by Ron Rogers, seconded by Dennis Schavey to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

New Chicago VFD January 19, 2000

Meeting called to order by District One Chairman Bill Howe at 7:45 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by District One and Two secretary Jim Bradford.

Guests included District One IVFAA Chairwoman Martha Thomas, District Two IVFAA Chairwoman Ann Moss, District One Miss Flame Brenda Rodendaul, Dale Hensley from 5-Alarm Fire Equipment and Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Motion by Bob Szot, seconded by Dale Morgan to dispense with reading of minutes of previous meeting. Carried.

Chief Ron Rogers introduced his firefighters and gave a history of the department.

Program given by Gary Robison on the new NFIRS report. Paper reports will go away as of 12-31-2000. Software will be free from the Fire Marshal's office. All calls must be reported. Reports are to be sent

in monthly.

Roll call was answered by 24 members from District One and 4 members from District Two. Low turnout was probably due to the first heavy snowfall we had today. Total attendance for 1999 was 604 members.

Larry Stott reported we now have a new central office. Pick up information at the front table.

Five deaths reported since last meeting. Bob Burton from Lake Station, John Janda and Bob Laney from Crown Point, Lavern Blankenbaker from Keener Township and Raymond Dewes from St. John. A minutes' silence was held in their honor.

Bill Howe reported Fire Institute dinner next Monday. Dennis Shavey and Bill Howe were winners of tickets to the dinner.

50-50 Drawing: Jacket from 5-Alarm won by Ann Moss from Lakes of the Four Season. \$104.00 collected, \$52.00 won by Dean Sabo from Lake Station.

Next meeting will be February 16, 2000 at Ainsworth/Deep River VFD.

Motion by Ron Rogers, seconded by Bob Szot to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jim Bradford
District 1 & 2 Secretary

Schneider VFD March 15, 2000

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by District Two Chairman Larry Stott. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by PR Northwest Buz Koehler.

Guests included 50 year member Julius Demik, PR Northwest Buz Koehler, District One Chairman Bill Howe, District One and Two Treasurer Clarence Moss, District One IVFAA Chairwoman Martha Thomas, District Two IVFAA Chairwoman Ann Moss, District 9B Chairman Randy Denton, District 9B Secretary Larry Barkley, Barbara Wilkening, Dale Smith from Southwest Fire Equipment and Wally Cook from T. R. Downey.

Chief Ken Belshaw introduced his firefighters and gave a history of the department.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Dale Morgan, seconded by Bob Szot to accept minutes as read. Carried.

Roll call answered by 22 members from District One and 55 members from District Two. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago from District One and Shelby from District Two.

Treasurer's report: Balance \$1100.59.

PR Northwest Buz Koehler gave a short legislative report and reported President Jack Cox is doing

better and has been moved to a convalescence home.

District One Chairman Bill Howe articles for next paper due by April 1. Copies of the new printer's name and address available at the head table.

Motion by Dale Morgan, seconded by Paul Watland to give District One and Two Miss Flame contestants \$200.00 each towards convention expenses. Carried.

Two deaths reported since last meeting. Larry Gray from Lake Station and Ewalt Jahnz from Kouts. A minutes' silence was held in their honor.

New Chicago VFD having a spaghetti dinner March 25 from 4 to 8 p.m.

District Two IVFAA Chairwoman reported she has tickets for the Auxiliary raffle. First prize is a Franklin Mint Fire House Bank. Next convention meeting to be held April 13 at the Blue Chip Casino.

District One Chairwoman reported Bernice Esserman is doing better.

District One Chairman Bill Howe and District Two Chairman Larry Stott reported they would not run again for their offices.

50-50 Drawing: \$136.00 collected, \$68.00 won by Art Morrison from Shelby. Dale Smith donated the following items: two cups, two hats and a pair of gloves. Cups won by Josh Lambert and Judy Weber. Hats won by Doug Schild and Bill Howe. Gloves won by Jake Thomas.

Next meeting April 19, 2000 at Union VFD.

Motion by Dennis Schavey, seconded by Ron Good to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jim Bradford
Secretary

DISTRICT 3

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 5

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 6

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 7

Berne, IN

March 20, 2000

The meeting of the IVFA District

7 was held at the Berne Vol. Fire Dept. with Chairman Mort Sorg opening the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

Dale Gray, Secretary, gave the roll call, which was answered by 67 members representing 15 departments and three guests.

Dale then read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved.

Mort reported that the Central Office was having some computer problems, so give the office plenty of lead time in order to process your IVFA license plate.

Mort reminded everyone to make sure they check the information on the dues forms.

He also brought up the subject of the Blue light law. At the last quarterly meeting this was discussed and it was decided that the chairman would take it back to their district and see what the membership wanted to do. Do you want to change it or leave as is. After a discussion a vote was taken and it was decided to leave as is.

Mort said that Mitch Parish still had 60 copies of the History book and so if anyone is interested in a copy you can notify Mitch. His phone number is in the IVFA paper.

Ivan Nevil from the State Fire Marshal Office gave us an update on happenings there.

Mike Mackin, Public Relations, read a letter from Vice President Jack Kerney about the report to the EMS Director on the defibrillator.

After the second roll call was taken the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be at Warren Vol. Fire Dept., May 15, 2000 at 7:30 PM.

Ivan Nevil made a Special Presentation to Mr. Cletus Gifford, from the Berne Vol. Fire Dept. He presented him with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award and Chief Army Velesco presented him with the Gold Card for 50+ years in the Dept. Mr. Gifford was joined by his wife and family.

Following this was the annual Bake Sale that the Auxiliary holds to help defray costs for the Miss Flame at convention and other needs. This year, a total of \$800.00 was made, thanks to the great auctioneer and the buyers we had!! You all deserve a big THANKS!!!

Dale Gray, Secretary

DISTRICT 8A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at the Delphi, IN Volunteer Fire Dept. at

7:30 p.m. on January 20, 2000. Mark Ancil lead the prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was given.

Guests included Leigh Ann Randle. She is the IVFA Queen candidate for District 9A sponsored by the Delphi Fire Dept. She said that she is excited about representing us and is looking forward to the support of the 9A members.

Roll call was answered by 26 members from nine departments reporting 96 alarms had been answered since the last meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Delphi Chief Bill Schock introduced Carroll County Sheriff Deputy, Mark Back. Deputy Back had his "bomb sniffing" dog, Airs, with him. Airs is trained to sit near suspicious material when he finds it and he turns his head to where it is. He found material on an engine in the bay and one person in the crowd. He is an imported Dutch Shepherd and is a pet with the family. Other types of trained dogs are for Arson detection, missing persons, cadaver recovery, among others.

Old business: The new IVFA central office is in operation now. The Secretary is Barb Kearny. The address is Box 4797, Evansville, IN 47724. Phone numbers are 1-877-606-4832, 1-812-867-3293, FAX 1-812-867-3471.

Members turned in names of firefighters who have served 25 years or more and are still active. They are verified by their Chief. They will receive one pen for a lifetime. These will be given out in January of each year.

There are still some IVFA history books left.

Reservations for the convention at Michigan City in June need to be turned in.

New Business: There was a discussion on when to have the meetings. The fourth Thursday of the month was the consensus.

If anyone has sent license plate request forms in to the old IVFA address, they will be forwarded to Bill Kinsey.

Changes for the roster of Chiefs and Secretaries were turned in.

Mark Anvil won the 50/50. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 and sandwiches were served.

Respectively submitted,
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at the Democrat Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. in Cutler, IN, at 7:30PM. The prayer was given by State Chaplain Charlie Baker and the pledge to the flag was recited by all.

Guests present were Charlie and Linda Baker, Buzz Koehler, Mitch Parish, and Pat Downey.

The roll call was answered by 11 fire departments with 30 members present. One hundred eleven alarms were responded to since the last meeting.

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From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

It's that time of year to change the time for some of us in the State. Barb and I will be on the same time as most of you will be.

I would like to thank all of the District Chairmen for forwarding their Mid-West Award winners to me in a timely manner. All Districts have an award winner that will be presented at the 54th annual convention.

I have received numerous letters for the Mr. IVFA Award and the Ollie Sandburg Award. I thank everyone for their letters; they all are very deserving individuals.

President Cox is continuing to recuperate from his stroke in February. President Cox is being transferred from Richmond, back to Indianapolis for more rehabilitation. Jack is receiving rehabilitation, but has a long process to recovery. Please keep Jack in your prayers and pray for a complete recovery. Don't forget Nancy, she needs all of our support, and if you have time, send her a card and let her know you are thinking of her and Jack.

I have been told that the Convention Committee has been working very hard putting the finishing touches on our 54th annual meeting and convention. If you have not made your reservations, time is running out. All hotel rooms in the Casino have been spoken for. Other hotels with rooms are available nearby.

We would like to thank all of those who have called and been very patient while we made the transition from Indianapolis to Evansville. We were backlogged, in some cases, back to August of 1999. This back-

log has now disappeared and we are entering items as we receive them into the office.

It is with regret that I received the resignation of District 6 Chairman Mike Mason. I would like to thank Mike for his time and effort he has contributed to District 6. Mike Mackin, PR Northeast, is scheduling a special District meeting to elect another chairman. If anyone is interested, contact Mike Mackin or myself.

If anyone has any questions or comments, regarding the IVFA or the fire service in general, please feel free to call anytime toll free at 1-877-606-4832, or fax me at 812-867-3471.

Everyone be safe, and we will see you at Michigan City.

District 9A

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The minutes were read and approved.

Old business: Four Indiana firefighters attended the Wildfire training in Georgia. It was suggested that they share what they learned with an article in the IVFA newspaper. They will also be at the Duneland Fire School.

Get reservations in soon to the convention for \$40.00.

Donations have been coming in for our Miss Flame candidate.

A change was handed in for the 2000 roster. Charles Hammond is Chief at Royal Center.

New Business: Mitch Parish reported that our organization's name has been changed to Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Assn. Please make sure that members complete IVFA forms when they change addresses. Hundreds of newspapers have to be returned at 50-cents each. Mitch updated us on the health condition of IVFA President Jack Cox. There will be a Leadership Conference at Decatur Twp., April 15, 7AM. Regarding filing fire reports by computer, there will be classes and free equipment if sign up is done this year. There will be more info coming on this. Mitch said he is on the NFPA committee for protective clothing. They meet April 30th in Portland, OR. The new printer for "The Indiana Volunteer Fireman" newspaper is Printco, 116 N. Cullen, Rensselaer, IN 47978. Morris Barlow is the editor. News and informational articles are needed and they can be sent there

or faxed to Buzz Koehler at 219-866-5000.

Letters of nomination for the Ollie Sandburg Award need to be in to Chairman Cline by May 1st.

Pat Downey offered to help with any insurance questions.

Buzz and Charlie Baker reported on legislation affecting the volunteer fire service. Those that passed: Fire districts can cross county lines, battery on a firefighter while on duty is a Class A misdemeanor and a Class D felony if injury results, tuition exemption for children of firefighters who die in the line of duty, and it is a Class B misdemeanor to point a laser light at a public safety officer.

Mike Titus spoke on farm chemicals. There may be 100 different chems on a farm. One gallon may cost \$500.00 and 1/10 ounce may only be needed per acre. They can be in a variety of packaging from medicine bottle size to 8000 gallon tanks. They include pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides, and fungicides. Results of exposure can range from rashes to death. They become a HazMat incident when dispersed from the original container and not for the original use. There are penalties for not reporting spills. Right now with planting time starting will find the largest inventory of products in buildings, not always in expected areas. Dealers have large quantities in their stores. Placards may help responders but in some cases they are not required. MSDS and bill of lading should be in trucks. Call Chemtrec for help. Farmers are exempt from reporting to the LEPC what they have on their property. Use worst care scenario when going in. DO NOT use water on farm chemicals because the run-off compounds the problem. Let it burn or use foam. Thieves of Anhydrous Ammonia for methamphetamine are leaving valves open. Don't pick up ammonia tanks by the hooks. Strap or belt them to raise upright. Next meeting is at Flora, IN, May 25th.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9B

April 10, 2000
District 9B

On January 13, 2000 District 9B met at Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department with a total of 34 firefighters and 89 alarms. Also present were give guests. Chairman Randy

Denton called the meeting to order and introduced the guest present. Past President Mitch Parish spoke on scholarships and that they need to be in the hands of the secretary by March 1st. Buz Koehler asked for everyone to stand for a moment in memory of Robert Laney and gave out the new address for the central office. Chairman Randy asked that each department try to submit someone for the Midwest Award. He also asked that each department in District 9B to submit a new roster for their department. Heather Lyons, District 9B candidate for Miss Flame, spoke on the contest. The host department members were introduced and a video on the Summitville Elevator Fire was shown.

On March 9, 2000, District 9B met at Star City Volunteer Fire Department in the community room. There were a total of 32 firefighters present with 109 alarms. Four guests were also present. Buz Koehler announced that he would be running for Vice President of the IVFA at the convention. He also spoke on the benefits of the IVFA and that each department might wish to obtain a benefit book for their department. He also asked that each member contact someone who hasn't been to a district meeting in awhile and ask them to come to the next district meeting. This might help increase membership at meetings. Past President Mitch Parish advised that there was 12.5 million dollars available in grant money. He also spoke on the software program through the State Fire Marshal's Office and that the district secretary's wages had been raised to \$50 per year. He also was glad that all dues for this year were paid by the 6th of February.

Linda Baker advised that Midwest Fire and Safety soon would have a web page. The address will be Midwest Fire and Safety.com

Chairman Randy advised that he still needs rosters of each department. Also, that Rensselaer Volunteer Department would be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on May 7th.

Host department members were introduced and then an informative program was given by Parkview Samaritan Helicopter Services.

The next meeting will be at Winamac Volunteer Fire Department on May 11, 2000.

Larry Bartley
Secretary
District 9B

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11-A

HELLO FIREFIGHTERS,

Our January meeting was hosted by Cory Volunteer Fire Department, they did a terrific job! Our featured speaker was Clay County Deputy Dan Best who spoke on methlabs. It was a very interesting discussion and a lot was learned. Many departments in our district have had the unfortunate call and had to deal with this problem.

Our featured vendor was Jerry Dusenberry of Sycamore Fire and Safety, Inc., 1649 W Sitting Bull Dr., Terre Haute, IN 47802. Phone 812-299-2565. He showed us many items that he sells and has an interest in giving a training class to us.

Despite the snowy weather everyone attending our Miss Flame dance had a great time.

Congratulations goes to Briana Husband, who was crowned our Miss Flame for 2000. A special thank you to Carol Tempel, our 1999 and State Miss Flame. She did an excellent job representing the volunteer firefighters of Indiana during her term.

We are very excited with the interest in our first training class. We held an extrication class February 26

and 27 at Mike's Auto Salvage in Terre Haute instructed by Pee Wee Warren. We had 47 firefighters representing 14 departments who participated in this class.

We are working on a farm rescue/hazmat class for late summer.

We have scheduled Abbotville for December 2 and 3, 2000. If interested in attending let me know as there will be a class size limit.

A special thank you to John Fagg Sr. and Paul Salb, who have spent many hours putting together these classes.

Our March meeting was hosted by Patricksburg Volunteer Fire Department as far as anyone can remember that was the first time we had been there. They did a terrific job!

Our featured speaker was Jeff Stainfield from Jones Insurance who spoke on liabilities issues that concern the fire department. Pat Downey was also present and spoke about insurance and his company.

John Mullin from Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment Co., Inc., 1605 Prospect Street, Indianapolis, IN 46203, 1-800-382-9788 Pager 990-2642. He spoke about scba and thermal imaging cameras, it was very interesting.

This year is our turn to host the 11-A / 11-B picnic in September. Anyone with ideas let us know.

Our May meeting will be held May 21, 2000 at Wright Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Midland. Our featured speaker will be Mike Biggler from the State Fire Marshals office speaking on hazmat and terrorism.

Our July meeting is our election meeting and will be held at Seelyville Volunteer Fire Department.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Toddy Michl who passed away. He will be deeply missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison

DISTRICT 11-B

Perrysville Volunteer
Fire Department
March 12, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Bartlow. The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt-at-Arms Brent Bush. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Connie Mankin.

Chairman Bartlow introduced the guest speaker, Gary Robison, Program Chairman for NFIRS. He spoke on Firehouse Software programs. The state will be on the system, totally electronic by December 31st. He named several contacts where fire departments may purchase computers for fire house reporting. The software that he has is a freebee.

March 31st is the last date to submit any 1999 reports to the fire marshal's office. He commented that grants were available. Grant writing classes are forthcoming to anyone interested. Contact Gary Robison's office, 1-800-423-0765. Indiana is 7th in the entire nation in reporting fire department runs. There are over 200 programs available from his office. Departments are to document all CO runs documenting the make and model of the detector and the current reading. He also stated that fire departments cannot mandate evacuations, only can make recommendations for evacuations. He also mentioned there will soon be a protocol coming out on fire department requests for assistance from choppers on wildfires. These requests will be made by the fire department involved.

The roll call was taken with 26 members from nine departments present, there were also four guests present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with corrections. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The

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District 11-B

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secretary read a THANK YOU card from the family of Toddy Michl, our past PR Representative from this area for many years who died recently.

Chairman Bartlow announced that there is a new company who will be putting together our association newspaper. It is PRINTCO, located in Rensselaer.

Chairman Bartlow also read about the bills that were passed recently during the last legislation session and was awaiting the Governor's signature.

Chairman Bartlow read a safety notice pertaining to the Scott Aluminum Air Bottles. Bill Bush announced that the association president, Jack Cox, had been moved to the Oak Ridge Rehabilitation Center located in Richmond. He will be there for extensive rehabilitation. We all wish him the very best. Bill Bush also spoke on the memorial service that was held for Toddy Michl in Terre Haute.

Don Johnson, PR West Central spoke on an E-Mail he had received from Vice President Jack Kearney concerning the available funding now being made for police departments and nothing for the fire departments.

Chairman Bartlow then introduced Jim Kelsner, a fund raising representative from Leibling Family Circus, he showed a short video about the circus program that he sponsored. He mentioned opening dates he had available and explained the company policies in regards to the percentages of the gate receipts.

Chairman Bartlow introduced the Ladies Chairperson of the district who spoke about the upcoming convention and the just past District Miss Flame Dance.

Chaplain Con Mankin spoke on a program that he would like to attend. The cost is \$50.00 for the session. A motion was made by Larry Ketchum for the district to pay the \$50.00 entry fee. Seconded by Bill Bush. The motion carried. The name of the group is The Federation of Fire Department Chaplains.

Chairman Bartlow announced that the May meeting will be held at the Dana Fire Department on May 10th at 7:00 p.m. He also announced that the July meeting will be held at the Covington Fire Department on July 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bartlow presented the Host department certificate and a check in the amount of fifty dollars to the host chief, Phil Brannin.

The meeting was then adjourned by Chairman Bartlow.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

District 12

District 12

John Ross, Chairman

Monday, March 20th, District 12 held its meeting at the Brooklyn Fire Department with approximately 20 members in attendance representing eight different departments. Thank you to Chief Doug Kirk and his firefighters for hosting this meeting and for the good food and hospitality shown. Sadly, this meeting fell just after the loss of one of Brooklyn's oldest firefighters, Charles E. Harper. Harper had served the department for 57 years and will be greatly missed by all. Our sincere thoughts of sympathy go out to that department and to the family of this fallen firefighter.

Regarding this subject, I must emphasize the importance of contacting me A.S.A.P. upon the death of someone on your department and to be sure he or she is a member in good standing with the I.V.F.A. In other words, that their dues are current. The death benefits, i.e. memorial service, bible, grave marker, life insurance, etc. can only be awarded

to members, active or retired, that have paid dues to the Association. It is the revenue from the dues which allow the I.V.F.A. to offer these benefits and should and will only go to those contributing annually. If you have a member of your department retire, they should continue to have their dues paid by your department or should be contacted by your department each year and given the opportunity to personally pay their dues through your department. It is with great sadness and regret when I must refrain from honoring a fallen firefighter with these well deserved benefits.

The season of fish fries and fund raisers is just around the corner. Please make note on your calendar of the following dates and plan to attend these events. Let's help support each other as many of the smaller departments must depend on the revenue from these fund-raisers to purchase needed gear, supplies and equipment:

Mill Creek Fire District - Amo, IN - Fish Fry - June 2, 3 & 4

Cartersburg Fire Department - Cartersburg, IN - Fish Fry - June 15, 16 & 17

Hazelwood Fire Department - Hazelwood, IN - Fish Fry, June 22, 23 & 24

Note: Cartersburg Fire Department sponsors a horse pull each year at their fish fry. Hazelwood Fire Department is giving away a new truck at theirs. Tickets are on sale now and going fast! For further details, contact those departments individually or call me (317) 745-4231.

Don't forget the I.V.F.A. Convention at Michigan City June 14th through the 17th!

Our next District 12 meeting will be Monday, May 15 at Brown Township Fire Department in Mooresville, Indiana at 19:00 hours. Come one, come all!

Best wishes and big blessings to our fearless leader, Jack Cox. Fight hard and give it hell, Jack!

Volunteer Firefighters Forever!
John Ross, Chairman
District 12

District 13A

NO REPORT

District 13B

NO REPORT

District 14

Dear Chief and Firefighters,
I would like to thank Tom Sellmer, Betty, P.R. Director Nelson Ehlers for taking care of my district meeting at Scipio in January, while I was in the hospital. I had a triple heart by-pass; but I'm doing okay now, the doctor says I may make it. I'm planning on going to the State Convention in June and hope to see all my friends there.

We have a 14 District Miss Flame this year. Her name is Amanda McKinzie from Hanover. We are looking for a good a time at the convention.

We have a got a lot of things going on this year. I hope to get the 25 year service pin out to everyone. I have got a list to who will receive one, if you would check your department list and let your district chairman know, so we can check it with the central office list.

Western Fire Co. #3 at Madison will be celebrating their 150 years in service on May 20, 2000, with an open house from 12N - 4PM public and at 6PM for a huge hog roasting. We will have some awards given out. So plan to come on out.

Thank you,
Roy E. Richardson
14 District Chairman

DISTRICT 15

January 18, 2000

Somerville Vol. Fire Dept.

The January 18, 2000 District 15 meeting was held at Somerville Vol. Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 19:35 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the spiritual reading, and asked a moment of silence for those that had passed away.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Anderson.

Roll call was answered by 35 members and 10 departments.

Guests in attendance were Tim Wargel - M&S Fire and Safety, Ken Bowes - E-One Fire Apparatus, Tim Montgomery - WSF Fleet Services.

Secretary Jack Kerney presented the minutes of the November meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kenny presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

A 2002 Convention Committee will explore the availability of the Convention Center. Committee members are: Kevin Brown, Harry Logan, Jack Kerney, Steve Anderson, Barbara Kerney, Karen Berning and Tim Wargel.

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Kerney explained the Miss Flame judging, and introduced the judges. The contestants were Stephanie Conger representing McCutchanville Fire Department and Tera Brown representing Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue.

IVFA Central Office Manager, Barbara Kerney explained the workings of the Central Office.

The Miss Flame judges announced that Stephanie Conger was selected to represent District 15 as Miss Flame at Michigan City.

Chairman Anderson passed out department membership rosters and asked each department to make corrections for the Central Office. Steve would like them returned by February 1.

IVFA Vice-President, Jack Kerney announced that the district needs a Mid-West Award recipient by February Officers' meeting. Barbara Kerney nominated Kevin Brown as the recipient.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at

20:45.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kerney
Secretary

March 21, 2000
Marrs Township
Vol. Fire Dept.

The March 21, 2000 District 15 meeting was held at Marrs Township Vol. Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 19:22 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the spiritual reading, and asked a moment of silence for those that had passed away.

A moment of silence was observed for the firefighters that had died over the last week.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Anderson.

Roll call was answered by 31 members and nine departments.

Guests in attendance were Tim Wargel - M&S Fire and Safety, Ken Bowes - E-One Fire Apparatus, Tim Montgomery - WSF Fleet Services, PR/SW - Jack Harker, John Mullen - Midwest Fire and Safety, Chief Tim Smith and Pete Cater - Vincennes Township Fire Dept.

Secretary Jack Kerney presented the minutes of the November meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made to suspend the Treasurer's report due to a computer misprint.

OLD BUSINESS

A 2002 Convention Committee will be held within the next two weeks to explore the availability of the Convention Center. Committee members are: Kevin Brown, Harry Logan, Jack Kerney, Steve Anderson, Barbara Kerney, Karen Berning and Tim Wargel.

Miss Flame Chairman, Barbara Kerney, announced, to those who were not in attendance at the last meeting, that Stephanie Conger from McCutchanville was selected to represent District 15 at the convention.

Chairman Anderson announced that the 2000 Midwest Award winner was Kevin Brown from Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue.

All departments were requested to return their IVFA membership rosters back to Chairman Anderson with their corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Kerney passed a sheet around for those departments that would like to receive E-mail to list

their addresses.

A discussion was held on the possibility of support of legislation to address the Blue Light Law, to allow dash lights in vehicles. Chairman Anderson was given a verbal vote to object to any such legislation.

Barbara Kerney gave a medical update on IVFA President Jack Cox.

A medical report was made on the condition of the Scott Township firefighter that fell from the roof of a suspected structure fire.

The Board of the IVFA was asked to find a new Editor to publish the newspaper, due to the death of Editor Laney. The board selected Printco of Rensselaer, IN to publish the newspaper for the remainder of 2000. Deadline for the May issue will be April 10. Chairman Anderson will e-mail the address and fax number when he receives it.

Chairman Anderson read the legislative report from John Shanks.

IVFA Central Office Manager, Barbara Kerney explained the workings of the Central Office and that membership and license plates were being processed as they are received.

Chief Brown, from Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue, announced that his department will undergo a name change to "Black Township Volunteer Fire Department."

Chief Winkle from Somerville Vol. Fire Dept., announced that his department was having a Bean and Ham Supper on April 15 from 4-8 p.m.

Secretary Kerney announced that the next meeting will be in Vanderburgh County at Perry Township Vol. Fire Dept. on May 16.

Chairman Anderson introduced John Mullen, who provided a demo on auto extrication Holmatro Rescue Tools.

Chairman Anderson thanked Marrs Township for the fried chicken dinner what was provided.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 20:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kerney
Secretary

DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17-A

January 15, 2000

Vincennes Fire Department's, hosted their annual Sausage Supper and District 17-A meeting. This

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	Melinda Bell	
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Barbara Parker	Leona Uryga	
	Rowena Scott	

IVFAA President



Faye Sallee

Sure was a strange winter, wasn't it? One day 60 - 70 degrees and the next day snow! Oh well, hopefully spring is here to stay.

I don't know which is worse, shoveling snow or getting the yard ready for spring (so we can mow!) It is still March and I've mowed twice already.

Hope everyone had a safe winter. Not too many fires to battle in the cold.

Now is the time to plan those summer fund raisers.

Hope everyone is looking forward to attending this year's convention. Get those reservations and registrations in now!

Hope to see you all at Michigan City this June.

DISTRICT 1 & 2

March 2, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, Dist. 2 Chairperson at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and history given by Teresa Parker of Lowell Auxiliary. Paul Fuller, President of the Lowell Fire Department gave department history.

The host department Lowell Fire Department served dinner.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 46 members in attendance and one guest representing eight departments. Other guests were Bill Howe Sr., District 1 Chairman, I.V.F.A., Clarence Moss, Dist. 1 & 2 Treasurer and Jake Thomas, Merrillville Fire Department, Phyllis Vargo, Past President I.V.F.A.A., Nikki Luebcke, Dist. #2 Miss Flame.

Minutes from the November 4, 1999 district meeting were read by Kim Gornik. Passed as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Ann Moss. Passed as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Lois Bois award - The chairpersons received 70 letters for this award. This was great. But made the task of picking one winning is tough. The winner will be announced at convention.

Convention schedules - get your reservation in. This year's convention will be held at Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

Chinese Auction - one item is needed from each district for the auction. This is a fundraiser for the state auxiliary.

NEW BUSINESS

Ditty Bags - for the Miss Flames. We are looking for items for the ditty bags for Miss Flame. Please get these items to the District Chairmen as soon as possible.

State Raffle - Tickets are \$1 a piece or 6 - \$5. They are available from the district chairmen. First prize is choice of Franklin Mint Firehouse Bank or \$200.00 in cash. Second prize is the items not choice by first place winner.

State Charms & Tie Tacks - Ann has 1999-2000 Charms & Tie tacks for \$5.00 each. Also Ann has IVFAA patches available for purchase.

Moment of silence was held for all the members of the Auxiliary and men's department that has passed away since the last meeting.

Bill Howe Sr. spoke on the passing of Bob Laney who has done the I.V.F.A. newspaper for years. There has been named a new printer for

the newspaper. The contract went to Rensselaer Printco at 116 N. Cullen Street, Rensselaer, IN 47978. Articles can be sent, faxed or e-mailed to the company by the 10th of the month.

Nikki Luebcke, Miss Flame District #1 talked about a special project she is doing called "Operation Heal". Miss Luebcke will be visiting different burn centers and helping children who have been burned in a fire.

Bill Howe Sr. also spoke regarding the Indiana Burn Camp. It will be held May 28th - June 3rd. If anyone knows of a burn family, contact Bill, Ann, or Martha.

Department Announcements:

Lake Dale is holding a Chili Supper on April 15th at the fire department, starts at 4:30, \$5 for dinner, \$2.50 age 10 & under, \$1 for hot dogs. Lake of Four Seasons Dance March 11th, the cost is \$35.00, and Bunco April 7th at station #1, cost \$10. Munster Crazy Bunco/Buffer April 5th at station #1, cost \$7.00.

District Meeting for 2000:

May 4th - Schererville

September 7th - Lake Dale

November 2nd - Munster

50/50 Winner:

Betty Carr, Munster - \$32.00

Traveling Trophies went to Munster for District \$1, and Lake of Four Season for District #2.

Motion was made by Mary Michiels of Lake Dale and seconded by Kathy DeBold of Lake Dale to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner, Dist. #2 Secretary
Anne Moss, District #2 Chairman
Martha Thomas, District #1 Chairman

DISTRICT 3

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 6

The Sixth District Auxiliary had a now out for our January meeting. It was scheduled for Washington Township, Whitney County. This station is located out in the county, thus too much snow kept us from going.

The Sixth District Auxiliary did meet at Noble Township South Fire Station, Noble County, on March 23, 2000. We had an enjoyable meeting, but would like to see more auxiliary members present.

The Sixth District will need to elect officers at the July meeting, watch for your notices as to place and time. The next meeting will be May 25, 2000 at Thorncreek Township, Whitley County.

Also please be thinking about the November meeting and the District Miss Flame contest. Any daughter of an IVFA or IVFAA member between the ages of 14 and 18 is eligible to compete at their station level and the winner then comes to the

district to compete to represent the 6th District at the 2001 convention which will be held in Fort Wayne.

At State Officers' meeting we were urged to stress that the Friday morning meeting at convention would be the main meeting. If business is all concluded in the morning there will not be an afternoon meeting. Make plans for Michigan City now.

Marilyn Dever
Sixth District Chairman

DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 8

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

Convention time is just around the corner. Don't forget to pre-register by June 1. Headquarters will be at the Blue Chip Casino/Hotel in Michigan City, and starts June 12. Hope to see you there.

Brianna Husband of Lewis Twp. was selected to be our new Dist. 11A Miss Flame. She will be representing us at convention. Please give her your support and don't forget to invite her to your local functions.

Our next district meeting will be held Sunday, May 21 at Wright Twp., Midland, IN at 1:00 p.m. Please try to attend. Other dates coming up are:

June 3 a fish fry at Posey Twp.
June 10 a fish fry at Sandcut OC #2 VFD, 3 to 8:00 p.m.

June 16 Dist. 11A meeting will be held at Seelyville at 1:00 p.m. Try to attend. We will be finalizing plans for 11A/11B joint picnic to be held in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Morris
District 11A Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

It is hard to believe that as I write this, it is only two months until convention. 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, 2000. A very good reason to attend convention is to support your Miss Flame contestants. We have 19 girls competing 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.

District 11B's candidate is Amanda Davies representing the Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department. She is 15 years of age and the

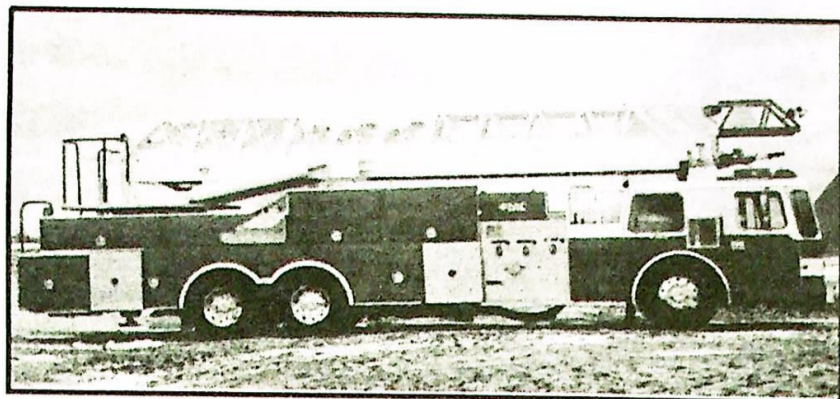
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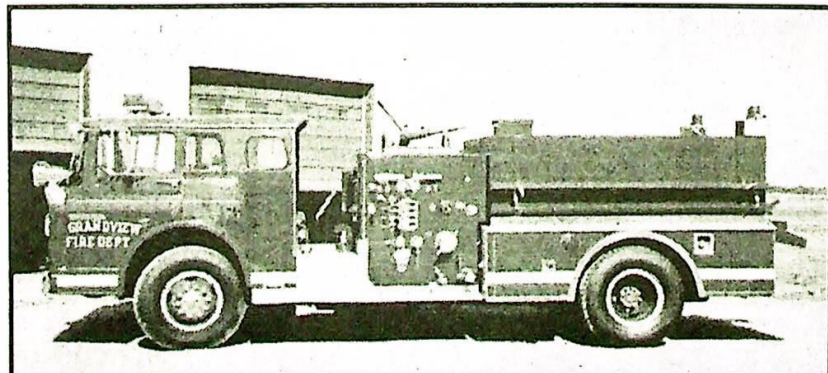
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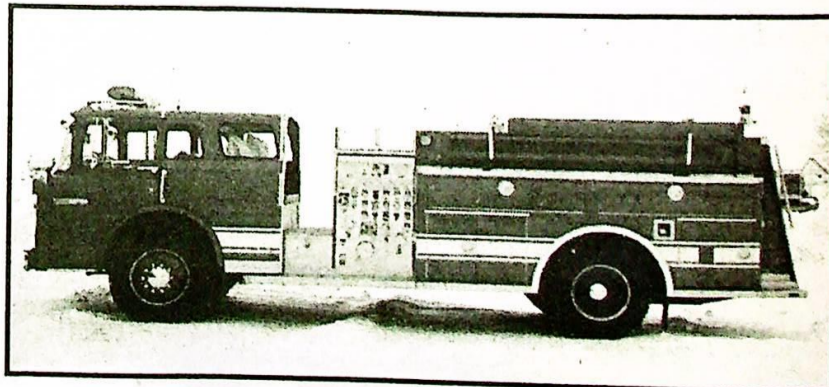
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Thanks to Grandview F.D.



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IVFAA Vice President



Mary Mackin

HELLO EVERYONE:

Spring is finally here, the flowers are blooming and everything is nice. I hope the winter wasn't too hard on you.

T.R. Downey Insurance has donated a Franklin Mint cast iron Fire Station Bank for this year's fund raiser. It is really nice, so get your tickets from your District Chairman, or other Auxiliary members. The Emergency Training & Book Store donated the tickets again this year.

I would like to thank these two organizations for the generous help on this project.

If you haven't gotten your reservations in for the convention in Michigan City, now is the time to do so. I'm looking forward to seeing you at convention in June.

Mary L. Mackin
Auxiliary Vice-President

District 11B

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daughter of Mike and Kim Davies and the granddaughter of Maxine and John Davies. We wish Amanda the best of luck, 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. Several departments in the district are having breakfasts on Saturday and Sundays. I am sure there are lots more to come during the spring and summer. We must remember that as we plan, work, and travel to these activities safety must be in mind. Let's not take any risks that will compromise our safety and that of our family and friends.

Please keep in mind the District 11B firemen 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 10 - Dana, July 12 - TBA, September 17 - annual picnic jointly held with 11A

and November 12 - 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 our "annual friends" at the Convention in Michigan City in June.

Eula Bush
Chairman
District 11B

DISTRICT 12

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 15

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17A

Here it is spring already. I cannot believe how fast time is going.

We have a District 17-A Miss Flame contestant, Heather Porter, she is being sponsored by the Richland/Taylor Fire Departments Ladies Auxiliary and Firemen.

Also we had a very tragic loss, Feb. 11. We lost a member of our Auxiliary. April Malone, was one of our original ladies when we re-started our Auxiliary. April was only 31-years-old, she leaves two daughters and a husband. This was very sudden and a great shock to everyone who knew April. I contacted Chaplain Joan Hays, and she came down and we had a lovely memorial service for April and her family, Feb. 14. I had never been involved with a memorial directly, this was a first for our Auxiliary. I was so proud of all the ladies in attendance and also for our local firefighters who attended and stood with our ladies. April's husband, Donnie, is a firefighter on the local fire department and also District 17-A chairman secretary.

A BBQ Chicken and Bake Sale Benefit was held for April Malone's family March 4th. We had six tables full of baked items, and the guys were sold out of the chicken before noon, it was a huge success. Thanks to the ones who helped put it together and helped and donated their time that day, we know Donnie,

Mirrah, and Bailey greatly appreciated this:

Am looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention in June.

Respectfully submitted by,
Malinda Bell, chairman

DISTRICT 18

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 19

The February 8th meeting of the District 19 IVFAA was held at Manchester Fire House; eighteen members and five guests were present. Chaplain Marilyn Smith gave a brief prayer and then a lunch was served. Everything was well made.

President Beth Caudill called the meeting to order. We then said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and had roll call. The treasurer's and secretaries' reports were given and accepted. The treasury has a balance of \$309.38.

Chaplain Marilyn Smith said she continues to send cards as she re-

ceived information on people and asked the auxiliaries to keep her informed.

Items to be contributed for the Chinese Auction were discussed. Several ideas are pending while people check them out. Each District has been asked to supply an item. Beth handed out the tickets for the ladies' raffle which is a Franklin Mint fire truck or money.

Ms. Flame for our District was introduced. She is Jennifer Caudill.

The nominating committee had nothing to report and it was disbanded. The President and Secretary/Treasurer were asked to write a listing of what they do and mail it to the auxiliaries so they can discuss it at their meetings and see if anyone would be interested. This will be done. The present officers agreed to remain in office until the fall.

The Lois Boaz committee said they had 10 very good candidates and it was a hard decision. Various money making ventures were discussed for the State Association to pursue. The consensus of our group was towards the purchase of polo shirts. It was mentioned that rooms are scarce in Michigan City so re-

servations should be made as soon as possible. Anyone who has access to getting freebies for the dirty bags were encouraged to bring them to the next meeting. It would be an excellent advertising outlet.

Robin Russell, the assistant chief EMS at Manchester, gave a brief safety demonstration on choking and burns. It was very informative. She then took questions.

Upcoming events included:

- Morris - Breakfast, March 12
- Manchester - Spaghetti supper, February 27 and a dance April 1
- Sunman - Consignment sale April 30
- Blooming Grove - Good Friday fish fry

The next meeting was held May 9. Sunman will host the August 8th meeting. The 50/50 drawing of \$14.00 was won by Marilyn Smith. Marlinda Noel motioned the meeting to adjournment with a second by Pam Brashears.

Look for pictures of Hoosier Burn Camp on page 25 of this issue.

Letters From Hoosier Burn Camp

From Ginger K. Shanks,
Executive Director

By the time you read this "letter" we will be only days from the second encampment of Hoosier Burn Camp, a place to be "just one of the kids." We had nineteen campers and forty-some adult staff last year. From the way applications for campers are coming in, I expect we'll have close to forty campers this year. Pretty exciting!

The staff will arrive for training and orientation on Sunday, May 28 and the camps will begin arriving on Monday morning. A special thanks to the many departments who help transport our kids to camp. Many of the families don't have the means to get their children to camp because of work schedules or sheer economics with gas almost 50% above last year's prices. It's touching to see the emotion on the faces of the firefighters who transport the kids - once they arrive at camp they don't want to leave. An hour or so with one of these children makes a deep and lasting impression on even the most seasoned veteran. You just think you've seen or heard it all.

As for all volunteer organizations, raising money is a never ending process. The volunteer fire service has really stepped up to the plate to help the camp. The IVFA Convention is a great opportunity to raise awareness and money not to mention a time for me to meet and thank the firefighters from departments who have made donations. Of course, we send thank you letters but it's really great to get to meet the men and women who did the boot drive or ran the raffle or who cooked the endless pots of chili to raise money for our kids. It is amazing how a lot of people doing even a little to help us can add up. We are grateful for your continuing

support and encouragement.

Visitor's Day is Wednesday, May 31st, a very, very special day at burn camp. Last year we had thirteen departments show up with firefighters and equipment ranging from antique fire trucks to a very modern aerial truck. Wow, Camp Tecumseh really looks different from seventy-five feet in the air. Some kids (and staff) made several trips through the line to get a ride. The parade of trucks with the kids and staff riding atop of them, lights, sirens and bells going sent chills down my spine. Awesome hardly describes the feeling.

We could never have too many firefighters or trucks for Visitor's Day. If you would like to bring a truck up for the day, please give me a call or just show up. Festivities begin at 10:00 AM and the parade begins around 11:00 AM. We have a cookout at noon, a very short program and then the guests and campers seem to find plenty of activities to do - basketball, volleyball, learning how to handle a (live) fire hose or just chatting. As one firefighter put it last year, "come for an hour and you'll spend the entire day." These spirits of these courageous kids is infectious. Don't believe me - come and see for yourself!

Also, last year several departments gave us T-shirts and baseball caps for the kids. Some of these kids don't bring many clothes with them to camp and an extra T-shirt is always welcome. If you would like to donate shirts and anything else for the campers, please call me toll-free at 800.254.2878. If individuals in your community would like to make donations, we are exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) which means that donations are tax deductible, to extent allowed by law, for the donor. Checks may be made

payable to "Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc." and mailed to our new office address, 349 North 500 West, Anderson, IN 46011.

Well, again, thanks for your support. Hope you'll join us on Visitor's Day and please look us up at the IVFA Convention at the Blue Chip Casino at Michigan City, June 15-17. We'll be in the parking lot with the fire trucks in the motorhome.

Candidates Named For IVFA Convention

Following is the list of candidates that the nominating has received. They are:

President:

Jack Kerney

Vice President:

LeMoyné "Buz" Koehler

Secretary:

John Davies

Red Morris

Treasurer:

William Kinsey

Larry Ketchum

Jack Harker

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North East - Mike Mackin

North West - Larry Stott

East Central - Don Cushman

West Central - Don Johnson

South East - Nelson Ehlers

South West - Jack Harker



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ATTENTION:

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

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 competition. If questions, contact: Eula Bush @ 765-665-3213.

NOTICE:

See Page 2
for
information
on NEW
IVFA Central
Office

NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

2000 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 2000, 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.

From "Barb" at the Central Office

The Central Office is up-to-date on membership renewals, address, and beneficiary changes. License plate renewals have been mailed through May, and I am currently working on June. If you have moved it will help the office if you could give us a call or drop us a note so we can get the changes made in the computer before you miss an issue of the newspaper.

We would like to thank all of those who have called and have been very patient while we made the transition from Indianapolis to Evansville. We were backlogged, in some cases, back to August of 1999. This backlog has now disappeared and we are entering items as we receive them into the office.

Some of the problems, you as members can help us with are:

- Print all information requested as legible as possible.
 - When you send in a new membership application, send in the \$13.00 dues for each active member and \$7.50 for each in-active member.
 - Also on the membership application, be sure to fill out all of the information requested on the form, including the beneficiary.
 - The application must also be signed by the member requesting membership, so the beneficiary is valid.
 - When you request a license plate application, send \$5.00 for each license plate request. Make sure to include all of the information requested.
 - Keep in mind that beginning in May and continuing through August, we will be very busy entering membership renewals. This will limit how fast we can respond to special requests for license plates.
 - Try responding with your license plate requests as soon as possible.
 - License plate requests cannot be faxed, due to need of the corporate seal on the application.
 - Send all correspondence to the office to: IVFA Central Office - P.O. Box 4797 - Evansville, IN 47724.
- Keep in mind that the information we enter into the computer, is only as good as the information you supply us.

PLEASE NOTE

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County of Residence _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

IVFAA Chaplain

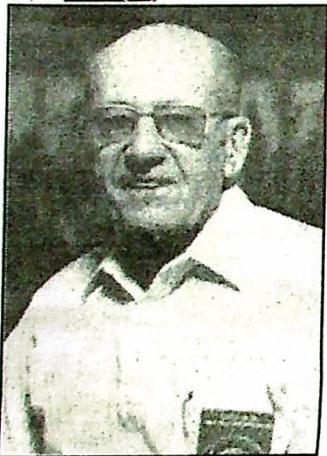


Joann Hays

This is in "Loving Memory" of our Dear Friend



1919



Toddy Michl



2000

Toddy Michl, who passed away on February 13, 2000

God saw he was getting very tired and a cure was not to be.

So God put his arms around him and whispered "Come with me."

With tearful eyes the family watched him suffer and saw him fade away.

Although they loved him dearly, they could not ask him to stay.

His golden heart stopped beating.

His hard working hands were laid to rest.

God broke all our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best.

A memorial service was given on Friday, February 18th at the DeBaun Funeral Home in Terre Haute.

There was a huge turnout of firefighters and state officers who came to pay their respects.

The memorial service was given by IVFA Chaplain, IVFAA Chaplain Joann Hays, Dist. 11-A Chaplain Larry Biggs and Prairieton Fire Chief Monte Hunt.

Our friend, Toddy, has left us with many wonderful memories.

He was the recipient of the Mr. IVFA Award.

He was a Public Relations S.W. for many years.

He was a member of the Prairieton for over 50 years.

He was a member of the State for over 50 years and had received his gold card.

And we will all remember him for building that beautiful wooden cross with all of its electric candles and used only at Convention time on Friday for the memorial service in memory of those who we have lost during the year.

This year as the cross is carried into the church and set up by the cross crew, there will be many thoughts from each one of them. Then there will be some tears and also be some laughter because they know their boss who has gone to heaven will be looking down on them to make sure everything is

right or he'll be saying, "Gosh darn it, guys or did good all of you."

This cross was his pride and joy. We say "thank you, good buddy".

At the service as his name is called and the rose is put in its place, we only want to think of its beauty and a token of our love for him and we won't ever forget our dear friend, Toddy.

Then those beautiful candles that are lit, there will be one to represent him and the candle's flame has many symbolic uses. We can only think of it as a promise of eternal life and may the image of its flame and memory of Toddy live in all our hearts forever and ever.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Helen and the family.

God, we know that you have taken our friend home to be with you. We'll miss him, but we know God that you take home only the best. So please, heavenly Father, take good care of our firefighter friend until we all will meet him again in heaven.

God bless you, Toddy.

Love and Prayer,

IVFA Chaplain, Joan Hays

P.S. Father, I forgot to say please take care of all of our fighter friends that you have taken to heaven to be with you. We miss them also Father, protect them Father, as they all protected us down here on earth. Bless each and every one of them and their families.

In Memory

Ruth Ford - Past Pres.

3/23/17 - 2/10/00

April Malone

4/6/68 - 2/12/00

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 8:12

February has been a busy time for me and also a very sad time.

On February 11th, Bob and I traveled to Ft. Wayne to give a memorial service for IVFAA, Past Presi-

dent Ruth Ford. Ruth served as our IVFAA president (1965 and 1966). She also served as Installing Officer for many years.

Then on Sunday, February 13, we lost a very dear friend of ours, Toddy Michl. His wife, Helen, served as our district chairman a few years back.

Then on Monday, February 14th, Bob and I traveled to Odon to give a memorial service for April Malone, who was a member of the Odon Auxiliary.

I extend my deepest sympathy to all of their families and friends.

As spring begins, and we look at all of the beauty around us and also thank God for giving it to us, I send you a "Legend of the Dogwood."

Those trees are so beautiful and after you read it, I'm sure the next time you see a dogwood tree you will want to look at its beautiful blooms much closer.

God gives us such miracles it is real hard to understand how he does it, but with him things are a mystery until you have the faith of the Lord. Thank you God for your son Jesus.

The Legend of the DOGWOOD

THERE is a legend, that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it:

"Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross.

... two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

Friends, by the time you read this, Michigan City will be well on its way, making sure we have a nice convention.

Looking forward to seeing you all and pray that you will attend the Memorial on Friday at Convention. Bless all of you.

Take care of yourselves.

Love and Prayers
Joann Hays, IVFAA Chaplain

Letter from IVFA State Miss Flame

This past year has been a memorable year for me. I, Carol Tempel, was crowned the IVFA State Miss Flame in June of 1999. For the past year I have been to several functions across the state of Indiana.

One thing I decided to take on as being Miss Flame as the Hoosier Burn Camp. This is a camp where burned kids can go and just be themselves. They do not have to worry about anyone looking and pointing at them for being disfigured. I attended a meeting at the Indiana Ballroom in Indianapolis. This was an informational meeting talking about the camp and also raising money for the camp. At a dinner I attended in Vincennes I went around and collected money for the burn camp. I want to say thank you to everyone and all fire departments that donated. It is a great cause and the money will be well spent. This year's burn camp will be held the last week of May.

In January, there was a dance held in my honor and the new District 11A Miss Flame was crowned. I want to thank all of the ladies who organized this gala event. It was truly special.

I hope to see everyone at this year's convention which will be held in Michigan City. Once again I would like to thank everyone for being so kind to me and to all of the firefighters that volunteer so much of their time to keep us safe.

Carol Tempel

1999 IVFA State Miss Flame

Nineteen Enter Miss Flame Contest

March 10 has come and gone and there are 19 contestants entered in the Miss Flame Contest this year. You will find names and pictures of the girls on another page in the paper.

The Miss Flame and Convention Committees have been working really hard to make the contest and the convention an enjoyable time for the girls.

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 888-879-7711 Ext. 2414. 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
Chairman,

Miss Flame Committee



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IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

OFFICERS' MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2000

President Jack Cox being in the hospital, Vice-president Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 3pm and since Chaplain Baker was in Florida, called on Red Morris to give the Invocation. Mr. Kerney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack then introduced George Carey, representing Clinton Color Crafters of Clinton, Ind. who publish the Daily Clintonian. He made a proposal to us for doing the printing for our organization. (A copy of his proposal is attached to these minutes.) George fielded several questions of clarification. He did indicate that he would need a "one person contact" to interface with him.

The Chair then had Don Johnson introduce Chief Dale Henson representing the Indiana Assoc. of Fire Chiefs. Chief Dale talked to us about trying to get a united front for the fire service to approach the Legislature on fireworks legislation. We gave him no commitment, but he will come to our May meeting and give us some more specifics and maybe get a letter of support.

VP Kerney then gave us an up to date report on Mr. Cox. Mr. Zeeks and Mr. Kerney had gone down to see him Friday evening.

Jack then called for the reading of the minutes of the Nov. regular meeting. However, the Secretary was interrupted with a motion by Jack Zeeks and a second by Don Kissinger to accept the minutes as printed and distributed. The motion carried with only one no vote heard. Jack then asked if anyone would make a motion on the minutes of the Special meeting held on Nov. 13, 1999. Don Kissinger, Dist. 5 made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and distributed and Larry Petro, Dist. 8B did the second. Again, only one no vote was heard so the motion carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President - unavailable

Vice President - filled us in on the status of the central office. He and Barb have been mostly working in the late afternoon and evenings. That's when most of the calls come in. We were informed J.L. Systems is to be in 2/21/00 to finish the install and do the training. The license plate forms are now handled by hand.

Secretary - read a thank you card from the Laney family and thanked the officers for the chance to serve as Secretary. Indicated that he would check to see if he can find a way we can make our phone calls without dialing as many digits and maybe cost us less. If you want a card, see the Sec.

Chaplain - unavailable (understand he is in Florida).

Sgt. at Arms - went to Florida with an option to stay six weeks and came back in nine days. Went to the 11A dance. Hopes the gal that entertained at last year's convention or the guy that was at the 11A dance can be at this year's convention. Went to the Dist. 17A meeting at Oden and learned a lot. Spoke briefly about the Station clocks.

Treasurer - presented those in attendance with a copy of the 1999 financial report and covered the same, pointing out that we spent \$31,403.80 more than we took in. He was asked if we are now putting one or two dollars of the license plate fee in the Bridgeport fund. He stated that we are putting \$1 per plate. It was discussed to increase it to \$2 but never acted upon. He concluded with a caution as to how we spend monies. (A copy of the financial report is attached to these minutes.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS' REPORT

PRNW - Mr. Koehler advised us he had missed two meetings, one because of the weather and one where two meetings are the same night. He has made several memorials and lauded the Dist. Chairmen for a good job of carrying info back to the District meetings.

PRNE - Mr. Mankin apologized for having to miss a couple of our quarterly meetings because of work but was glad to be back. Made all meetings but Dist. 6 which was cancelled. Attended the Standards of Education meeting and said he felt others should do so as they are able. Also, he did not receive a letter announcing this meeting.

PRWC - Mr. Johnson has made all of his meetings and only has one with an attendance problem. He will be working on it.

PREC - Mr. Cushman has just flat missed some of the meetings and some have been cancelled. He is getting the E-mails and that is helping a lot.

PRSW - Mr. Harker attended all his November meetings including the one in Oden which was very good before he was put down with knee surgery. Since then he attended the Vincennes 17A meeting where over 500 people gathered for a great meeting. Other than getting his knees back in shape, all's good.

PRSE - Mr. Ehlers hasn't been to Dist. 19 for awhile since he's been filling in for Roy Richardson so much. Scipio did get their clock, finally. It got caught in the change from Dist. 10. He has enjoyed getting the E-mails.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jack Zeeks - made it to Vincennes and thanks to Ron Bell was able to come home with a mug.

Richard Glant - nothing to report.

Mitch Parish - thank you to Ron Bell for the invite to the meeting at Oden.

Carl Bruns - thanked Nelson Ehlers for calling him with info.

Jim Parker - also thanked PR EV Cushman for timely calls.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 - Bill Howe said attendance has been down because of the weather and that they had Gary Robison on NFIRS at one meeting. Reported four deaths and two memorials.

District 2 - Larry Stott echoed what Bill said since they meet together, thanked Chaplain Baker for his help, and the next meeting will be 2/16 at Ainsworth, Deep River.

District 3 - Tim Sandy has had two meetings, Jan. attendance down with the snow. Two deaths and gave a lot of thanks to a group called COPS who help in bereavement support. The next convention meeting will be 2/10 at 7pm 'real' time. They are working to update the membership list.

District 4 - Greg Freed announced the next meeting for 2/24.

District 5 - Don Kissinger had 11 Departments and 19 members at the Nov. meeting and three deaths the past quarter. The next time to meet will be 3/9.

District 6 - Mike Mason had two deaths this quarter. He had to cancel one of the two meetings and his attendance at best is poor. He asked if

anyone had any suggestions. One was to try serving meals and another to visit with the various departments at their business meetings.

District 7 - Mort Sorg has had one death and the attendance was down at the last meeting. With the snow and blowing, Mike even had to lock his hubs in. The next meeting will be the annual bike sale at Berne on 3/20 and include a gold card presentation for a past Chief. It also happens that the Miss Flame candidate is from Berne. Thanks for buying all the peanut brittle, 8500 lbs. were sold and the ladies have given the Department \$15,000.

District 8A - Bill Pape advised us they had 12 departments and 37 people at the last meeting which heard from the Marshall's office about NFIRS. The next meeting will be 3/8 held at Duck Creek ... take note Mr. PR.

District 8B - Larry Petro had eight departments with 15 people at the last meeting and one death this past quarter. Mr. PR take note that the next meeting is in Bryant on 2/9.

District 9A - Charlie Cline had 28 people and a good time with a sniffing dog program. Because their meetings are boring without Buzz, they are now meeting on the fourth Thurs. so Buzz can say he made all his meetings.

District 9B - Randy Denton has been having fair attendance and no deaths. They do have a Miss Flame candidate this year. He will have the next meeting on 3/9.

District 10 - David Israel hasn't had a meeting yet this year and will probably not have one in Feb. but will get back on the track in March. He has had scheduling problems. Thanks for the ticket to the Institute dinner. He has signed up one new Dept. and collected dues from two departments that did not realize their dues were past due because of change of chiefs. He needs another copy of the memorial pictures and commented that he is getting more info quicker now that he is on the e-mail list.

District 11A - Diane Harrison has had one death since Nov. The Nov. meeting had a good turnout with the Chief of Worthington talking about the problems faced when a Dept. has an in line of duty death. It was a real learning experience. Gary Robison spoke on NFIRS and Southwest Fire and Safety was the featured vendor. The Jan. meeting was at the Cory fire department where the Clay Co. Sheriff's Dept. had a program on scene preservation and Sycamore Fire and Safety was the featured vendor. The meeting in March will be on the 19th at Patricksburg with Jeff Jones speaking on liability issues and Midwest Fire as the vendor. The Miss Flame dance was on Jan. 22nd and Briana Husband will be the Dist. 11A Miss Flame. Sullivan is now an IVFA department with 12 members. Don Johnson along with Jack's E-mail have been doing a good job of keeping her up-to-date.

District 11B - Larry Bartlow had seven departments and 21 people at the Jan. meeting which is about normal for them. The next meeting will be 3/12 in Perrysville and NFIRS will be there also. He commented about a problem the Allison 3060 or New World transmissions are having. The engine dies because of a "lo voltage surge" which they think means a wire loose somewhere. Best thing to do is shut off ALL switches, turn the key off, walk around the vehicle (maybe kicking a tire here and there), get back

in and start the engine. It seems this is possible in any brand with electronic controls.

District 12 - John Ross had 20 people from seven departments at the last meeting and Gary was there with NFIRS also. The next meeting will be 3/20 at Brooklyn. Another thing Gary said was that we won't be able to get grants in the future if we aren't in the NRIRS program, but that if we are reporting in March or April we will get a listing of grants that are available.

District 13A - Tim Martin had eight people from five departments at the last meeting and they had no meeting in Jan. due to conflicts in scheduling. He commented that attendance is a problem in most meetings in his area. The next District meeting will be 2/17 at Sugar Creek.

District 13B - Dennis Spears had one death to report and had bad attendance at the last meeting ... seems a fire and a lost person took precedence. He is reading the E-mails.

District 14 - Roy Richardson is home recuperating from heart surgery. The report was that Roy had had a rough time but is doing a lot better, however slow and easy. He hopes to be able to attend the May meeting.

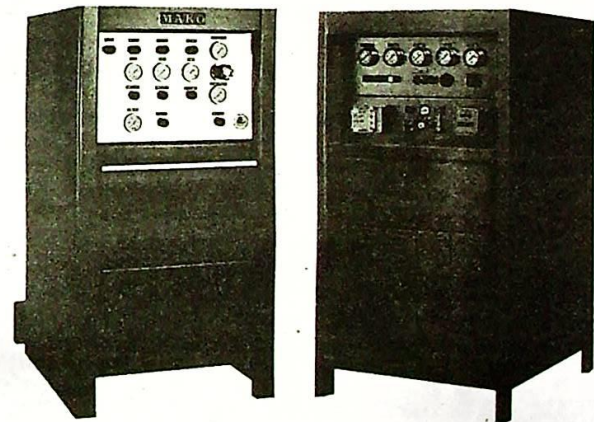
District 15 - Steve Anderson indicated one death and thanks for the chance to attend the institute dinner, Oden turkey dinner, and the sausage dinner. He has one new IVFA department and is working on two more. The attendance has been up lately with 35 people from 10 departments at the last meeting. At that meeting they put together a committee to result in a bid for the 2002 convention. The next District meeting will be 3/21 in Mars. Twp.

District 16 - Dale Scott has experienced his first death and thanks Charlie Baker and the other officers for the great assistance. The attendance has been very poor for the last couple of meetings. In fact, the Jan. meeting was cancelled when

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Driver killed in semi accident

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by LAWRENCE TURNER
Tribune Staff Writer

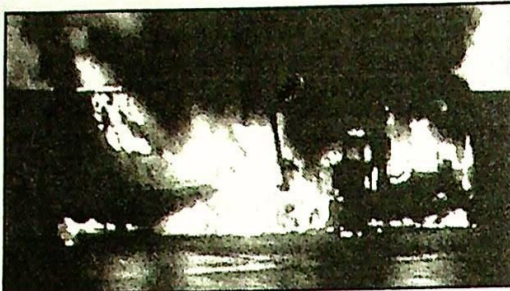
A Kewanna man was killed in a motor vehicle accident early Wednesday morning that involved two semi trucks and a 1993 Chevy Geo. The accident closed US 31 down for nearly eight hours.

According to the Indiana State Police report, at approximately 6:50 a.m. a Conway tandem load semi, driven by 36-year-old David M. Vigansky of South Bend, was stopped in the northbound lane at the stoplight on U.S. 31 intersecting County Road 100 North. Directly behind it was the Geo driven by Eric K. Fort, 52, Kewanna.

When the light turned green, Vigansky and Fort started driving northbound. Another semi, driven by 32-year-old Jacob Nance of Paris, Ky., traveling behind Fort's vehicle suddenly slammed into it, causing Fort's vehicle to collide into Vigansky's.

Nance's semi struck Fort's vehicle with such impact that it also struck Vigansky's load, compacting the Geo enough to be pushed partially underneath the rear Conway load.

The rear of the Conway trailer,



Fort's vehicle and Nance's semi immediately erupted into flames.

"I was in Gallahan's truck stop drinking coffee when I heard the noise," a bystander said. "I came running out and it was already engulfed in flames."

Fort died at the scene, likely upon immediate impact, from massive trauma. His body was burned beyond recognition.

Both Nance and Vigansky were wearing seatbelts and neither were injured. Brenda Nance, 45, Paris, KY, was in the passenger seat of Nance's vehicle and suffered a broken finger. She refused treatment.

The New Waverly Fire Department, aided by four trucks and seven personnel from the Peru Fire Department and two trucks and five personnel from the Mexico Fire Department, responded to the

THE DRIVER of this Geo Tracker was killed Wednesday when the vehicle was sandwiched in between two semi-tractors in the northbound lane of U.S. 31 at 100N in Miami County. (Phoros-Tribune photo by Arnold Ernest)

scene and took approximately 15 minutes to extinguish the inferno.

The Peru fire units left shortly before 8 a.m. but returned to the scene from 11:06 a.m. to 12:49 p.m. to extricate Fort from his vehicle.

The Miami County Emergency Management Agency had closed U.S. 31 North near the U.S. 24 exits up to the scene of the accident from 7 a.m.-2:45 p.m. The U.S. 24 exit onto U.S. 31 North was also closed to normal traffic.

To aid in the clean up, crane service was called to the scene to lift larger portions of the wreckage onto a flatbed trailer.

Other agencies responding to the scene included the ISP, Peru Police Department, the Miami County Sheriff's Department, Dukes EMS and the Indiana Department of Transportation.



Richard Gerlach (center) is presented with an award for 31 years of service as a volunteer firefighter by Ivan Nevil (right), administrator of the Public Safety Training Institute Fire Academy, as Schererville Fire Chief George Michels looks on Wednesday. (Photo by Lisa Schreiber/Post-Tribune)

Schererville Commends Firefighters' Dedication

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By SHELLEY SEPIOL
Staff Writer

SCHERERVILLE - Jobs well done in emergency service to others were commended before a packed audience at Wednesday's Town Council meeting.

Thirty-one-year volunteer

"The only tough time is answering ambulance calls for kids."

Richard Gerlach,
volunteer firefighter

firefighter Richard "Dickie" Gerlach humbly accepted his State Fire Marshal Service Award with regrets he had not worn his dress whites. Gerlach, 58, served as battalion chief, captain, and lieutenant for a total of 14 years of his service.

"I had one heck of a good time and the only thing I miss is getting out of bed at 2 or 3 a.m.," the Schererville native said after receiving his medallion. Gerlach said he joined the department out of fondness for its members and a desire to help people.

"It's been wonderful with all the people you meet," he said. "Going to the emergency room and meeting all the people - they treat you like a king."

"The only tough time is answering ambulance calls for kids."

Gerlach says he has been using his extra free time since retiring from the department in December to spend with his six grandchildren. Two more are on the way.

Fire Chief George Michels said Gerlach's greatest strength as a firefighter was his endurance on calls between midnight and 7 a.m. "If there was an ambulance call that came in, very rarely was he not there," Michels said.

Also honored Wednesday by the American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana were four firefighters and two police officers for their efforts in saving the life of 26-year-old Dominic Albano, who went into full cardiac arrest Feb. 7 in the parking lot of the Pine Island Apartments.

Senior dispatcher Gaylynn Cox took the call from a passer-by who saw Albano collapse in the west, snowy lot. Schererville Police Officer Tom Quinn was first on the scene, quickly joined by Cpl. and EMT Joe Uzubell.

The two officers performed CPR until Michels, Assistant Chief Billy Howe, Capt. Robert Paterson and firefighter Tom Schweitzer arrived on the scene to use a defibrillator. Michels took the audience back to 1991 when the council granted the department's request for \$30,000 to purchase five defibrillators.

Albano was transported to St. Margaret Mercy Hospital South in Dyer in 16 minutes. Halfway there he had a pulse, while EMTs continued to keep him on a ventilator until he was turned over to hospital staff.

He was released from St. Margaret two weeks later with a pacemaker. He is recovering, according to Michels, and plans to make an appearance at a future Town Council meeting.

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Letter of Thanks

To I.V.F.A. State Officers & District 10 Members

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank all of your members that gave me their support in the passing away of my wife, Annabelle in February.

I received some very nice cards and a lot of thanks from some of the state officers at the hospital while she was there.

Thanks,
Earl Chasteen
District 10 Member

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A Command Performance

(Editor's Note: Every couple of years, a reader brings the following letter to our attention. As it makes its way across the country from station to station, it has become a modern-day firehouse classic. While we do not know the letter's source, we do know that it expresses a phenomenon observed by many of us who have ever answered the call. Just who these guys are we also do not know, but we definitely know they aren't from our department.)

Dear Chief:
I am taking this opportunity to thank you for putting out the fire in my house, although I do not live in that house any longer. I realize now that a fire in the cellar is fairly easy to put out - you just fill it up with water. Too bad the fire wasn't in my cellar. Knowing very little about fires, I was surprised that a fire that started on my ironing board could cause so much damage. I was quite worried when the fire engines arrived, with all that confusion and running around. My husband said, "It's a good thing it was daytime, or there might have been more accidents." I hope the man who fell off the fire engine when it lurched to a halt in front of the house is all right. He was very lucky. That other engine - the big one - just missed running him over.

They were really fast at getting the hose off the engine, piling it up in the middle of the road, and looking for the ends. One man pulled out one end, put a nozzle on it and dashed into the house. Another man found the other end, put a nozzle on it and ran into the other side of the building. These men were both shouting, "Start water!" I felt sorry for the man with the cap, who was left behind with the engine. He was wringing his hands and didn't seem to know what else to do. So he got into the engine and drove it down the street out of sight. I also felt sorry for the man with the white helmet who kept dropping his lantern and waving his arms.

After awhile I thought it best to get some of my belongings, because

the fire was getting worse. I was gathering up some of my more valuable possessions when two men with masks and tanks on their backs rescued me. How thoughtful of them. They were in an excitable state, speaking incoherently through the masks. One pointed to a door, I tried to warn them that it was a closet, but it was too late. They opened the door and dashed in. I was able to get the bigger fellow out without too much trouble, but the smaller man's tank was caught in the wall. He certainly hit that wall hard, and the big man was right behind him. I immediately ran to the window to attract attention. I knew there were a lot of men outside running around and yelling. Just then, a man with "Lieut." on his helmet and another man with "Capt." on his helmet, who were running around the house at top speed, collided head-on.

The "Capt." was furious. The "Lieut." didn't get up. It's a good thing that they finally moved. Though, because that's where the big metal ladder landed when it fell over. In the excitement, someone closed the door to the closet where the smaller man was. It wasn't until a bell on his tank started ringing that he was remembered. You people certainly think of everything. Imagine - a bell that rings when you get caught in a closet. They got the poor man out, but he almost suffocated when they attempted to revive him with that resuscitator machine. Everyone was arguing over how to use it. Fortunately he had enough strength left to keep pushing the mask off his face, or he might have smothered.

I went upstairs. It was very hot and smoky up there, but when I opened the windows, it wasn't bad. Outside some men were struggling with a ladder caught in a tree. Someone had moved it, stranding a man up there, and now they were trying to get it back because he was unable to get down. Then I heard a lot of noise coming from the stairs - hacking, coughing and swearing. The language was awful. A man was

yelling at the others. "Get up there! Get up there! Through the smoke I could see a man lying on the top step. He shouted, "Hey Lou, there's a lady up there! It must have been Lou who yelled back, "Give her the line - maybe she can get a shot at it - and watch your language, you guys!" Because of the difficulty I had with the hose-line, I would suggest that you have your bigger men hold these hoses, and the smaller men run around with the tools.

If you remember, once the fire was out, there was a rash of accidents. A man with a white hat and some stars on his coat came upstairs and berated the man with "Lieut." on his hat for not throwing the debris out the window. A short time later, there were shouts of "Stop!" The man with the white hat just gotten hit with a sofa. The safety driver was injured and almost drowned when he fell through a hole into the cellar. A chair had been placed over the hole but the chief who had gotten all wet told the fellow to remove it because over it. He told the safety officer he was dopey! Anyway, such language. A "Lieut." seemed all right but his helmet was wedged on his head and they couldn't get it off. He also appeared somewhat shorter. The man with the white helmet was pleasant to me even though he was still quite wet. He told me how lucky I was, and pointed out to myself and my neighbors the importance of calling the fire department immediately. Most big fires are the result of delayed alarms. Imagine what would have happened had I waited.

In closing, I would like to say we haven't had as much commotion and excitement around here since a little boy rang a false alarm, and the big ladder truck rolled down the hill and ran into the car with the bell on the front. Thank you again for your efforts on my behalf. I promise not to leave the iron on the ironing board again.

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Western Fire Co. #3 Celebrating 150th Birthday on May 23rd

Western Fire Co. #3, Madison, IN will be celebrating its 150th Birthday on May 23, 2000, which was organized May 23, 1850. This is a special occasion not too many people can boast of.

The occasion will be celebrated on Sat., May 20, 2000 with an Open House from 12 noon to 4 p.m. EST for the public. At 5:00 p.m. plans are to work over a huge hog which has been roasting for several hours. For this occasion Western Fire Co. #3 has invited fellow

firemen in Madison and emergency personnel folks, also.

There will be a couple of special dedications, including a memorial in front of the engine house. It is hoped to have all of their old engines there also. The day will include a lot of old pictures and memorabilia, stories and a lot of reminiscing of the good ol' times.

Following is a list of 40 Year Members and 25 Year Members, respectively:

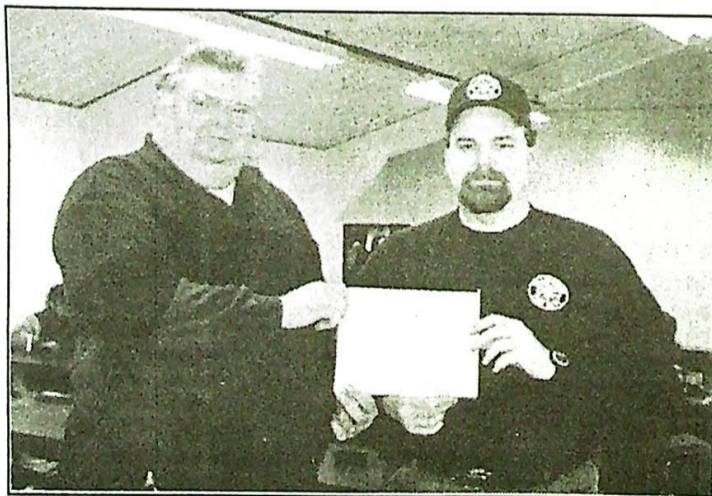
40 Year Members

Name	Year Joined Co.
William "Bill" Long	1947
William "Pinhead" Goins	1950
Ronald Lohrig	1951
Winifred "Whitty" Andrews	1956

25 Year Members

John Goins	1964
Graham Lohrig	1968
James Lohrig	1970
Paul Carlow	1971
David Carlow	1974
Dirk Cheatham	1975

1999 Firefighter of the Year



Sellersburg Fire Chief, Mark Ball, left, is shown presenting the 1999 Firefighter of the Year Award to Captain Jay Walters for outstanding leadership and performance.

Roy Richardson
District 14 IVFA Chairman

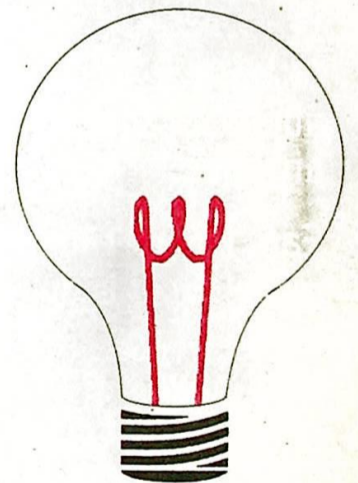
ATTENTION

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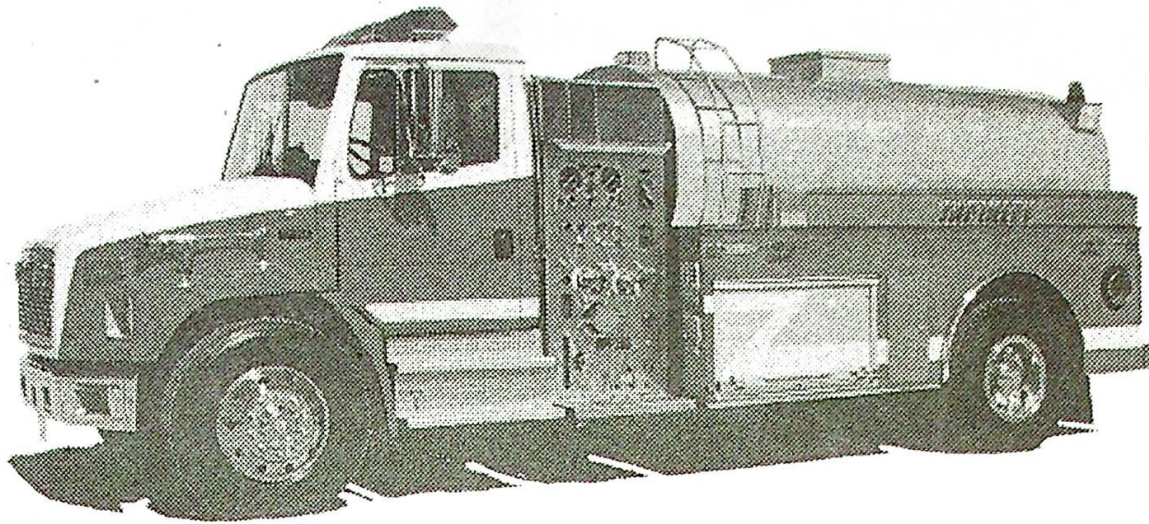
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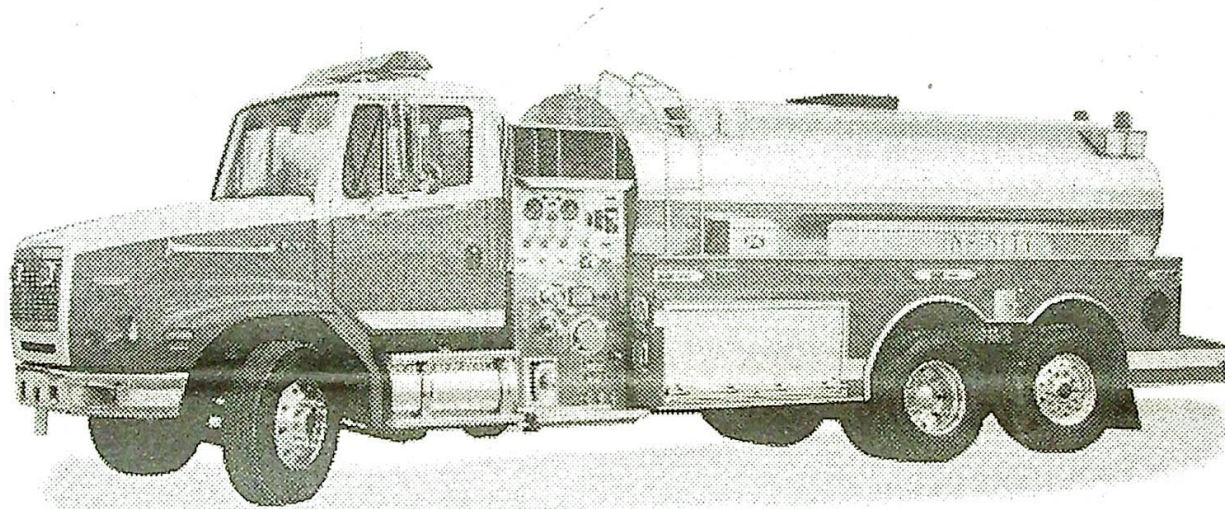
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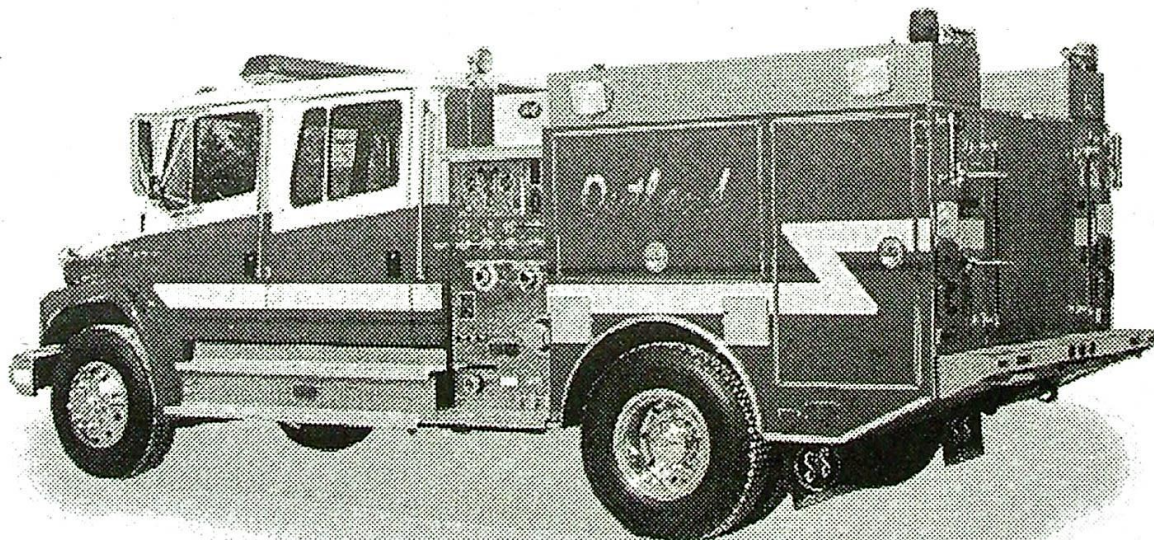
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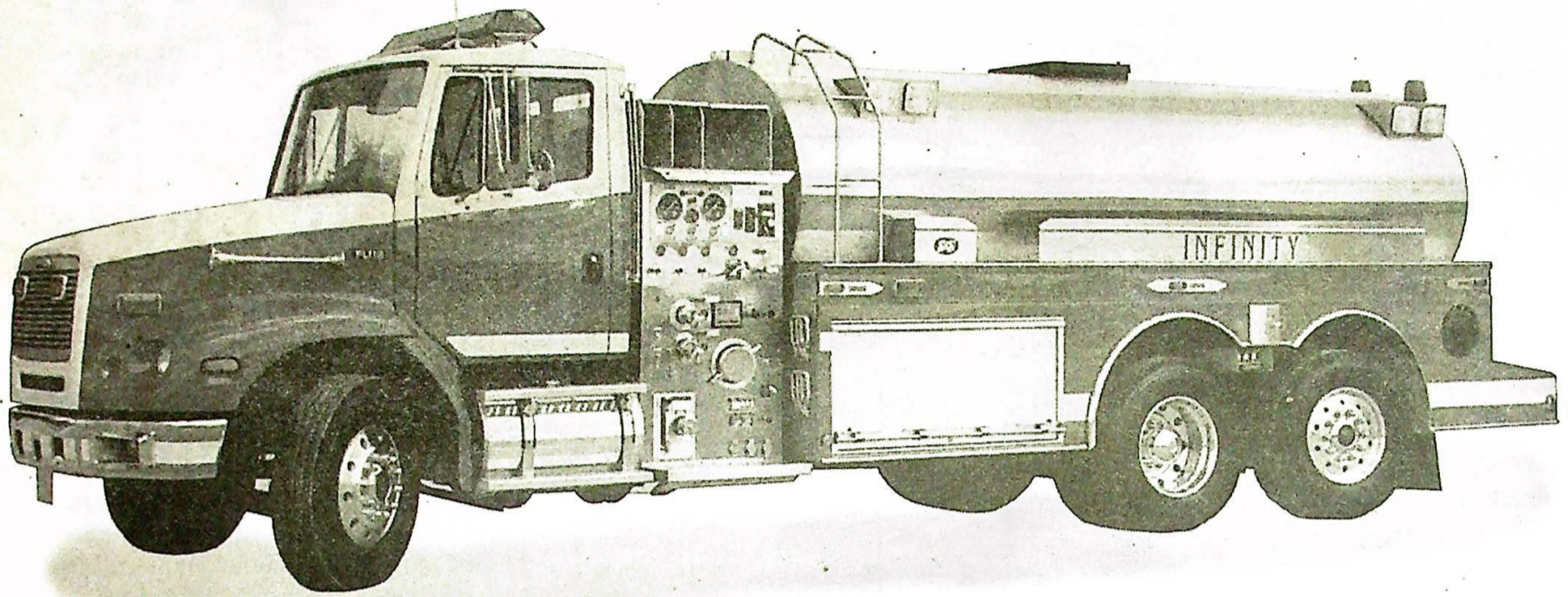
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Gaston Firefighter Succumbs

DELAWARE COUNTY, IN - Firefighter John Oldfield, a 36 year veteran of the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department passed away on Jan. 29, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

John started with the department when it had a roster of only 12 members. Since then, the roster has almost tripled in that time.

John was not only active on the fireground, but also was a steadfast pillar in the department's fundraising at the local Lion's Club fair. A new building for the department's fundraising will have a plaque in his honor.

He was also a careful and conscious man. Willing to help the rookie roll hose or clean equipment. He was taken seriously in training but loved to laugh.

Even when not at the firehouse, John still kept an eye on what the department was doing. He even went as far as to call a firefighter who



(Photo by David P. LePoris) FINAL TRIBUTE — Funeral procession passes firehouse as tones are set off in honor of fellow firefighter, John Oldfield.

was responding to a fire and advise him that he was going the wrong way. Needless to say, the firefighter was given the code name, "Wrong Way".

Visitation was at Gant-Richmond Funeral Home, Gaston, with the fire department honor guard present. Taps were played at the Thompson Cemetery on Feb. 2, 2000. The family is asking

that memorials be sent to the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department or GFT Christian Church.

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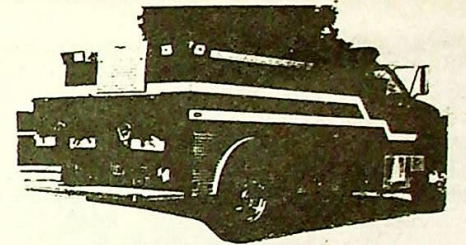
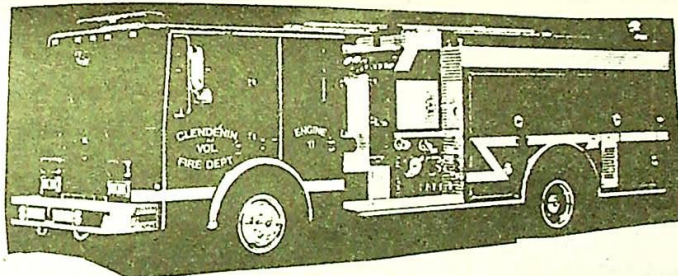
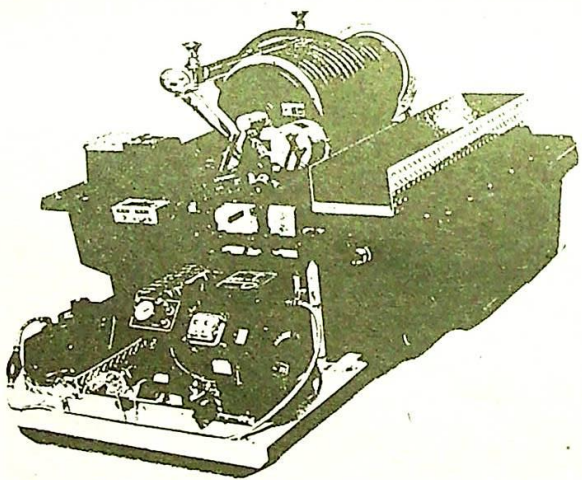
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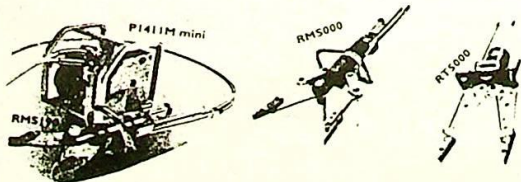
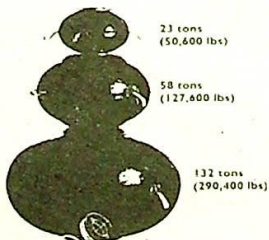
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NIOSH Respirator User Notice

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) wishes to inform users of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) that certain high-pressure aluminum seamless and aluminum composite hoop-wrapped cylinders made of aluminum alloy 6351-T6 are susceptible to sustained load cracking (SLC) in the neck and shoulder area. If such cracks are not detected during visual inspection, cylinder rupture can occur, especially during filling. These ruptures can result in serious injury, death, and/or property damage. The Institute is therefore recommending that these cylinders be given special attention in order to eliminate the risks associated with such cylinder ruptures. These affected cylinders are used on a number of NIOSH-approved SCBA and are available in a number of sizes and durations ranging from 5 to 30 minutes.

It is important to note that only a small percentage of cylinders made of aluminum alloy 6351-T6 have actually been found to exhibit sustained load cracking. Moreover, out of several million cylinders manufactured from this alloy by various companies, NIOSH and the US Department of Transportation (DOT) are aware of only 12 ruptures within the United States. Eleven of the 12 ruptures occurred during refilling. Six of these 12 ruptures involved SCBA cylinders while the others involved cylinders used for SCUBA diving, medical oxygen, or carbon dioxide storage. Forensic analysis has determined that most of these cylinders failed due to the SLC failure. However, in some cases, evidence of other factors such as external mechanical damage was also present.

All six of the SCBA cylinders in question were manufactured by Luxfer Gas Cylinders. Luxfer discontinued the use of aluminum alloy 6351-T6 in the United States in 1988, and Luxfer cylinders manufactured in the United States after the date are not believed to be susceptible to SLC failure. Therefore, Luxfer cylinders manufactured in the United States after 1988 are not subject to this notice.

The DOT specification for the suspect cylinders is DOT-3AL. Prior to 1989, aluminum alloy 6351-T6 was used in the manufacture of cylinders identified by the following DOT exemption numbers:

Seamless Aluminum Cylinders

DOT-E 6498 DOT-E 7042
DOT-E 8107 DOT-E 8364
DOT-E 8422

Aluminum-lined Composite (hoop-wrapped) Cylinders

DOT-E 7235 DOT-E 8023
DOT-E 8115

These DOT exemption numbers should be clearly marked on the cylinder label. The DOT has published additional information about this cylinder problem in Federal Register Notices dated October 18, 1999 (Volume 64, Number 200, pages 56243-546244) and July 26, 1994 (Volume 59, Number 142, pages 38028-38030).

The most recent SCBA cylinder rupture occurred at the Summerfield, North Carolina, Fire District on May 2, 1999. While no injuries were reported, the charging station in which the cylinder was enclosed sustained considerable damage. The cylinder was manufactured by Luxfer under DOT exemption DOT-E 6498, in June, 1977. Subsequent analysis revealed that cracks in the neck region of the ruptured cylinder were more than eight years old. The investigation further established that the cylinder had been leaking prior to the rupture.

The Institute has consulted with DOT, SCBA manufacturers, and Luxfer, and has determined that in order to reduce the risk of death,

serious injury, or property damage, the following safety precautions should be taken with regard to all seamless aluminum DOT-3AL and composite aluminum hoop-wrapped cylinders manufactured of 6351-T6 alloy:

1. Increase the frequency of internal visual inspections. An internal visual inspection should be performed on an annual basis, as recommended by DOT. The internal visual inspection, which is performed on an annual basis, as recommended by DOT. The internal visual inspection, which is performed by removing the cylinder valve, inserting a high-intensity light probe and an angled mirror into the cylinder and examining the inner surfaces of the cylinder, is useful in identifying SLC defects in the inner surfaces of the neck and shoulder area. This internal inspection should be performed by a qualified inspector in accordance with comprehensive inspection guidelines for high pressure aluminum cylinders. Examples of recognized inspection guidelines include the Compressed Gas Association (CGA) C-6.1 "Standards For Visual Inspection of High Pressure Aluminum Compressed Gas Cylinders", and Volume 1 of "Luxfer's SCBA Cylinder Visual Inspection Guide". Any discovered evidence of a crack, defect, or damage requires the cylinder to be removed from service. Some SCBA manufacturers have their own inspection guidelines.

2. Inspections should be performed by qualified individuals. A fire department or other SCBA user may choose to perform these annual inspections in-house, or may contract with a qualified outside inspector. In any case, individuals inspecting for evidence of SLC or any other cylinder damage or imperfection must be able to follow visual inspection guidelines competently and should be trained by accomplished instructors experienced in visual inspection of cylinders.

A fire department of other SCBA user choosing to out-source the inspection process should verify the qualifications and capability of the contracted inspector. Internal visual inspection has been shown to be highly effective in the discovery of SLC defects. However, these inspections are only effective when properly performed. Therefore, emphasis should be placed on inspector training and diligence in the inspection process. US DOT requires that hydrostatic retesting and requalification be conducted by registered agents who have been certified by the DOT and who have been issued a valid Retester's Identification Number (RIN) by the DOT Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA). The recommended annual visual inspection does not have to be conducted by a DOT certified RIN holder. However, as stated above, the visual inspection should be conducted by someone who has been trained, qualified, and shown to be competent in conducting visual internal inspection.

3. Submit cylinders for non-destructive testing at regular intervals between the required requalification testing. While DOT requires the requalification (hydro-testing) of DOT-3AL seamless aluminum cylinders every 5 years, and of aluminum-lined composite (hoop-wrapped) cylinders every 3 years, it is recommended that cylinders be submitted for ultrasonic testing, eddy current testing, or some other form of non-destructive testing in between the normal required hydro-tests. Non-destructive testing should be performed only by qualified and competent inspectors who understand the proper use of such equipment. The qualifications of any cylinder inspector or tester should

be verified prior to contract negotiations.

4. Do not refill any cylinder that has lost internal pressure for no apparent reason. Unexpected loss of cylinder pressure may be an indication that SLC defects have developed in a cylinder. Any cylinder that is found to have lost pressure for any apparent reason should be immediately removed from service, and an internal visual inspection should be conducted to evaluate the cylinder. This recommendation also applies to any cylinder, regardless of construction.

5. Cylinders should only be refilled in a manner which limits risk to personnel and property. It is recommended that all seamless aluminum DOT-3AL and composite aluminum hoop-wrapped cylinders manufactured of 6351-T6 alloy be filled or "topped off" inside a suitable enclosure or in a way that prevents injury and property damage. A number of compressor manufacturers, as well as other companies produce and market enclosed cylinder refilling stations de-

signed for this purpose.

6. Use proper cylinder filling equipment and procedures and refrain from fast-filling. SLC growth occurs over several years, but such growth and the likelihood of cylinder rupture are accelerated when the cylinders are over-pressurized, filled without regulators and the proper filling apparatus, or fast-filled. As noted, 11 of 12 DOT-3AL cylinder failures have occurred during the filling process. The Luxfer recommended fill rate for DOT-3AL cylinders made of alloy 6351-T6 is below 600 psig per minute. Therefore, users should refrain from fast-filling cylinders constructed of alloy 6351-T6 aluminum. A just-filled cylinder should not feel warm or hot to the touch. The cylinder must never be filled to a pressure above the service pressure stamped on the cylinder.

7. Check for valid re-test date before filling. No cylinder, regardless of construction type, should be filled if it has exceeded the valid service life or re-test (re-qualification) dates specified by DOT.

Procedures on inspecting high pressure aluminum cylinders can be obtained by contacting:

- Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Customer Service Department, 3016 Kansas Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507, (909) 684-5110 (phone), (909) 781-6598 (fax), www.luxfercylinders.com (Internet);
- Compressed Gas Association, 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22202-4102, (703) 412-0900, ext. 799 (phone), (703) 412-0128 (fax), www.cganet.com (Internet).

For further information, please contact Mr. Tim Merinar or Mr. Tom McDowell at NIOSH by calling (304) 285-5907 or by contacting the NIOSH Technical Information Hotline at 1-800-35-NIOSH.



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How many fish do you have to fry to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera? How can a 1934 Seagraves pumper provide the fire protection that the people who depend on you deserve? How can we afford the training we need to keep up with developments in the fire service? Those questions are asked repeatedly by volunteer fire fighters.

Career departments have money troubles as well. There doesn't seem to be enough to go around. How can we afford preschool fire safety programs for everyone who wants them to prevent death and injury to one of the most vulnerable parts of the population? What do we do when the city council freezes the budget? We can volunteer our time to the Hoosier Burn Camp to help kids overcome their physical and emotional scars, but what can others do?

Until now, those and other questions may not have had satisfactory answers, but that is changing. The Executive Director of the Indiana State Emergency Management Agency and Department of Fire and Building Services and Chair of the Indiana Public Safety Training Institute (SEMA/SFBS/PSTI), Patrick R. Ralston, developed a new idea that could make a major difference in public safety. Why not encourage the citizens who benefit from emergency services to donate needed money, either through the purchase of a special recognition license plate or directly through contributions of gifts or real property?

Indiana, however, did not have a legal mechanism at the state level to accept and distribute funds. It now does. In its last session, the Indiana General Assembly created the Emergency Management, Fire and Building Services and Public Safety Training Foundation. The bill went into law on July 1999 and the Foundation held its first board of directors meeting in December 1999.

This not-for-profit foundation is one of the first of its kind in the country. Through it, many areas of public service such as fire, EMS, emergency management and building inspections could benefit.

Besides some of the possibilities mentioned earlier for the fire service, ideas include helping EMS with the SAFE Kids Coalition to provide safety devices to needy families and fight for laws to protect children 14 and under, or provide local grants for pediatric equipment, or conduct research projects to find hidden needs and address those needs.

Emergency management could benefit by supporting local disaster response and recovery efforts when federal money is not available, developing awareness campaigns to help people prepare and protect themselves from disaster and assisting communities prepare for the possibility of terrorism. Technical improvements to the design review and inspection process of building officials would cut costs and improve safety. Money has already been allocated for the purchase of new equipment to inspect elevator cables and improve their safety.



Money raised through license plate sales will be divided into four funds. Thirty percent will go to emergency management, 30 percent to fire and building, 30 percent to emergency medical and 10 percent to a stewardship fund to promote the sales of the license plate. The plates cost \$37 in addition to the normal registration fee with \$25 going to the Foundation and \$12 to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for administrative costs. Proceeds from contributions and the sale of donated personal property on the open market may be directed to specific funds.

The Foundation consists of 15 voting members and 4 non-voting members. The governor chooses the voting members. They are; the executive director of SEMA/DFBS/PSTI, state fire marshal, state building commissioner, deputy director emergency management, deputy director emergency medical services and one member from each of Indiana's 10 congressional districts.

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no one showed up. One department is getting some very bad publicity over a 4am fire where a body was so badly burned that the department overlooked it. Roy Richardson sends his thanks for all the cards and calls and is looking forward to seeing us in May. Between the recorder and E-mail, Dale is being kept up on things.

District 17A - Ron Bell has had one death and good attendance at a couple of meetings. Oden had 22 members of 10 departments and Vincennes had 35 departments and 306 members. Next meeting will be 3/8 at Elmore Twp. and then 5/6 will be in Bloomfield. Anyone wanting to be on the bread route needs to let Ron know.

District 17B - Luke Kluender wasn't available for comment.

District 18 - Charles Parker wasn't available for comment.

District 19 - Perry Martin thanked the IVFA for the Institute dinner ticket. They have had one death and thanks for the help from Charlie Cline. He thanked Don Johnson for the timely calls and reported 12 members at the last meeting. Also, he thanked Buzz for attending his last meeting and making it interesting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative - Jim Parker apologized for our not having gotten the summary reports. He'll wait until Sun. morning since Mr. Shanks is to be here at 9am.

Editor's Asst. - Bill Howe indicated that three members of the paper committee met with the Laney Co. and after this copy of the paper, Laney will not be doing any printing for the IVFA. The stationary and envelopes ordered last meeting did not get printed, but we have the new negatives. They didn't solicit for a new printer prior to this meeting. There are several people interested in making a proposal. Jack Kerney has a proposal from Huntingtonburg and Buzz has a proposal from Rensselaer. Several comments were made about the subject before Tim Sandy made a motion which was tabled until the Board meeting. Mr. Howe did indicate that the current issue is supposed to be ready to go to press 2/10.

Advertising - Mitch Parish wants our help in finding a D. W. Pressley from the Elkart area. A \$360 ad was placed and we need paid for it. Mail comes back as moved, no forwarding address. The Nov. issue had 27 ads and only less than \$40 to collect. It sure is a bigger job than he had thought it would be.

Nat'l. Vol. Fire Council - Mitch Parish is now an alternate on the NFPA Standards Committee which will meet 4/30, 5/1 & 2 in St. Louis they think. He also announced the National Fire Caucus dinner will be 5-3-00, 4-25-2001 and 4-18-02.

By-Laws - Jim Parker was not able to find the display board he thought we had out at Wayne Twp. so they had to borrow for the day at the Statehouse. They did find some logos and Charlie Baker has the two signs and Jim has the six small logos. Jim recommended that we look into procuring the correct type of display board so that if we do set up in the future we will have one. He will check some prices to bring us at the next meeting.

EMS - Larry Stott hasn't had a meeting to attend but said he is being told that if we made an EMS run in April '99 that we should make sure a report has been made and on all runs we made since then or be subject to fines. Paul Covington saw where the next meeting will be 3/1 and will be a public hearing on the major rewrite of the rules. It sounds like they are setting up to control the first responder as well as the transport services. Jack Zeeks request we have the representatives on the board come to our next meeting. Jack Harker will make a contact and see.

Membership - Carl Bruns said the computer is down and until we get things back in order we will all just have to muddle through and do the best we can.

Bridgeport - Carl Bruns has received 11 requests for apps. and the Central office has sent out six. Apps. will be returned to the committee for action at the May meeting.

Fire schools and training - Jack Kerney says the numbers don't match but he may not have all the EBT count yet. Jack is showing 1634 students for a cost of \$8160 while the treasurer says 2049 students and a cost of \$10,249.24 with no sound reason for the 24-cents.

Historical - Mitch Parish encouraged us all to sell, sell, and sell some more. We have about 65 books left and need to find homes for them. They will be available for sale at the convention. Mitch will have some pictures at our next meeting.

Insurance - Bill Kinsey has the changes made to include the central office and indicated the renewal comes up in a couple of months. He asked the question if we were going to stay with the same agent and carrier. Several comments were made before Larry Petro made a motion that we stay with our current carrier and agent. Don Cushman came up with the second and the motion carried.

Midwest awards - Jack Kerney needs all Districts to turn the names in to him before we leave tomorrow. He stated that he had not received any nominations for the Ollie Sandberg award but was expecting some soon.

Photography - Don Kissinger will be taking pictures Sunday morning of the new district chairs and anyone else that is in need of a new mug shot. Shirt and tie preferred.

Fire service institute - Mitch Parish, along with Jim Parker, Carl Bruns, and Charlie Baker attended the last meeting on Jan. 13, 2000 at Wayne Twp. It was decided to put the retreat on hold for now. The calendar of events has been started with what they have and additional dates will need to be sent in. The Burn Camp will be 5/28 thru 6/2. There was a Halloween party held with Reggie Miller present where about \$44,000 was raised to support the camp. Mitch says we need to look at the direction of the institute is going and make some possible changes.

Convention - Tim Sandy says we're going to have one. The hotel opens the 15th of Feb. and the staff training is well underway. There are no rooms left at the Blue Chip Hotel. They are now recommending the Holiday Inn and will be addressing the possibility of a shuttle at their meeting on the 10th. The banquet has been contracted by the Orak Shrine Temple. Shuttles will be available for the banquet. Things are falling together now and we will have a good Convention.

Games - Al Mendel passed for now, they have a committee session this evening and will give a report tomorrow.

PSTI - Lawrence Swartz was not to be found.

Mr. Kerney decided that since we're to go into old business next that it was a good time to recess until 8:30am. Mr. Bush advised us that the room would be secure if we wanted to leave a portion or all of our things.

8:30am, Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000

Vice-president Kerney called the meeting to order and gave us an update on Mr. Cox. The information was obtained from the phone call made this morning to Mrs. Jack Cox. Nancy plans on commuting from Centerville to the hospital each day.

Joann Hays, IVFAA State Chaplain led us in the morning devotional

prayer.

The Chairman advised us that we need to make our reservations for the second weekend of May which would be the 13th and 14th. yes, that is Mother's Day weekend, seems we jumped out of the pan and into the skillet.

Games Committee - Al Mendel reported they had had their meeting last night and discussed the possibility of having youth waterball but decided the game site may be too far from the hotel, think they will wait for next year. Wanted a direction for trophies and entry fee if the Miss Flame team developed and won as they did last year. Jack Kerney will cover the cost if it comes up. Trailer is working great.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kerney indicated that after further review, we had far too much confusion regarding the tickets for the institute dinner to charge individuals. However, next year will be quite different.

The subject of name change to firefighters came up. A lot of comments were made, some confusion came out, but a copy of the August minutes showed where a motion had been put on the floor, seconded, and a roll call vote passed for the name to be changed to firefighters. That was the first reading and vote. The second vote can be taken at this meeting. The vote will be under board action.

Mr. John Shanks arrived and gave us a review of the bills in the House and Senate that are or may be of concern to this organization. He passed out copies of the summary he was covering.

Mr. Kerney advised us the National Fire Academy wanted to have an Indiana weekend in Indiana since there weren't the numbers to go to Maryland. The date was set and still not enough people signed up, so it was cancelled. They aren't sure what'll happen now, but maybe combine with Illinois.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Sandy announced the Duneland fire school for 3/25 & 26 and also 4/1 & 2 at Chesterton High School.

Mike Mankin had a question on the dash light. The decision was to take the subject back to the Districts and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss it more. John Shanks commented that maybe we best leave it alone because in the Legislature, like grain thru a goose ... you know what it is you put in but you can't tell what's going to come out.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

David Israel commented about departments paying dues late or saying they never got a notice. Held for board action.

Mitch Parish announced that since we will have no notice in the next issue of the paper about the new editor or where to send articles, all articles for the May issue should be sent to Mitch or Bill Howe, typed, and by April 1, 2000.

Don Kissinger, Dist. 5 moved to adjourn. John Ross of Dist. 12 had the second. Motion carried.

BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2000

Chairman of the Board Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order and called for the reading of the minutes, but he recognized Mike Mankin, PRNE who motioned that we accept the minutes a printed. The Chair then acknowledged Mr. Cushman, PREC, who gave a second. The Chair restated the motion and called for the vote. He heard only two nays so he declared the motion carried.

The first two items on the agenda were the roll call votes on (1) District Secretary allowance to go from \$15 to \$50 per annum, and (2) the word change in our name from Firemen to the word Firefighters. The Secretary called the roll twice and the results are:

Pres. - absent
 Vice Pres.: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Secretary: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Treasurer: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Sgt. at Arms: Abstain
 Chaplain - absent
 PR NW: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 PR NE: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 PR WC: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 PR EC: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 PR SW: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 PR SE: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Chair of Bd.: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 1: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 2: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 3: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 4: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 5: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 6: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 7: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 8A: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 8B: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 9A: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 9B: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 10: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 11A: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 11B: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 12: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 13A: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 13B: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 14 - absent
 Dist. 15: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 16: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 17A: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 17B - absent
 Dist. 18 - absent
 Dist. 19: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes
 Dist. 21: Dist. Sec. - yes; Name change - yes.

Mr. Zeeks presented the next item as a need for a motion to allow the Central Office to choose a bank in Evansville to make the deposits into and then via a cashiers' check send the money to the Treasurer for deposit in Bank One. This is needed because there isn't a Bank One in Evansville. Larry Petro so moved and Charlie Cline gave the second. The motion carried with no votes against. Jack Zeeks explained that the plan is to transfer the monies each month except at dues time and then it will be on a weekly basis.

Bill Pape made a motion that the paper committee be given the authority to select and contract with a new editor to proofread and publish the paper for the year 2000. Ron Bell did the second. Again, the motion passed without opposition.

Bill Kinsey, as Treasurer, made it known to us that we did not as yet have a written and signed contract with Barb Kerney. Yet, he had paid them a month's payment based on the proposal she had made to the organization.

He would like for this body to do an authorization for him to pay without an invoice until such time as the contract is completed and signed. Mike Mankin made the motion that we do that and Larry Bartlow had the honor of the second. Vote was all ayes ... no nays.

David Israel brought up that he had a department which sent their dues in with a July 31 postmark and had no indication they were considered paid on time. It was pointed out that no one is shown as paid in 1999. Paul Covington felt that with the lack of timely reporting in the system, the loss of the past office, and our long time without a computer that we should give a sort of amnesty for 1999 and that he made a motion to that effect. Charlie Cline agreed and gave a second. The motion carried but we did hear no one vote.

The Chair indicated that we need to consider giving the Central Office a \$500 Petty Cash fund. This will keep them from having to expend their own monies and then turning in a voucher at the quarterly meetings. Nelson Ehlers made a motion to allow a \$500.00 Petty Cash Fund for use by the Central Office. The second came from Charlie Cline. Motion passed.

The next subject was the Congressional Fire Caucus. Several people felt we should do it ourself if we do and make the break from Wayne Twp. More than one option was mentioned. The idea need be decided today since the dinner is set for May 3. Mike Mankin made a motion that we only have five people go this year. The motion died for a lack of a second. Don Cushman made a motion that we send 10 people to Washington in two rental vans. The second was by Larry Stott. A hand vote showed 11 yes and six no votes. Cards were taken up and only eight are going if Jack Cox will be able. If not it will only be seven.

Charlie Cline, on behalf of Roy Richardson, announced that Madison Twp. will be having an open house on May 23 from 12N-4P and then a picnic at 6pm. Also, Roy wanted to be sure that the 25 year pin subject got on the floor. Much discussion and many comments later, Bill Bush made a motion to table until the next quarterly meeting. Motion was tabled.

Tim Sandy made a motion that we allow expenses for Bill Kinsey to attend the National Volunteer Fire Council meetings since he is the alternate delegate from this organization. Buzz Koehler made the second and the motion carried.

Having had some time to think about the Washington trip, Dale Scott made a motion that Jim Parker investigate and determine the most economical way to get our delegates there and make the necessary arrangements. Larry Stott said he would second that motion. The motion carried.

Richard Glant pointed out that we are in need of a nominating committee. Jack Kerney agreed and said that Richard could be the Chairman and have Jack Zeeks, Mitch Parish, Carl Bruns, and Jim Parker serve with him.

Mike Mankin made a motion that we adjourn as soon as we had Red Morris give the benediction. Larry Petro seconded.

Red gave the benediction.

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Perry Brings A Smile



On Christmas morning 1999, Perry, "The Fire Dog" was taken to Bloomington Hospital by members of the Perry - Clear Creek Fire Department, to visit children who were in the hospital over the holidays.

Due to the Christmas Holiday all children had been discharged either temporarily or permanently. The head nurse in charge asked, if we would visit all the other patients who were permitted to have visitors.

We started on the second floor of the hospital and "Perry" immediately started to bring smiles to all the doctors, nurses and staff on duty. Many of these people made comments such as "This made my day!"

Perry sang Christmas carols and wished the patients a "Merry Christmas". Those who were able to get out of bed, came to the hallway. "Perry" made a bed call to those unable to get out of bed.

All of the patients were happy to see and hear "Perry" perform. To a few doctors and nurses, "Perry" handed out "Fire Prevention through Education" T-shirts and "Learn Not To Burn" pencils supplied by the Perry - Clear Creek Fire Prevention District. Patients who were grandparents asked, if they could have a T-shirt for their grandchildren. Candy and Santa Claus pins supplied by a local merchant were also handed out. Smiles could be seen on all persons on both floors of the hospital.

"Perry" also visited a man who had developed Alzheimers. When "Perry" wished this man a Merry Christmas, he responded with: "A Merry Christmas to you, too." This was a surprise to the nurse, as he had not spoken in over two weeks.

We have been requested to return with "Perry" after the holidays to visit children who must return periodically to the hospital. It was agreed, that the head nurse will inform us when these children return.

"Perry" was purchased through a grant from All State Insurance and our local agent, John Albertson, with additional funds from the Perry - Clear Creek Fire Prevention District. Since receiving "Perry", he has visited our schools, the District 17B IVFA meeting, the PCCVFD Christmas party and the Monroe County Fair. He has brought smiles to everyone who saw him.

We would like to thank the Bloomington Hospital and their staff for permitting us to have "Perry" visit their patients and bring joy and happiness to people who could not be home for Christmas. I would also like to thank Joel and Debi Bomgardner of the OCCVFD and their family, as well as Jim Dunning, former OCCVFD board member, for taking their Christmas morning to bring happiness to people who were not able to be home with their loved ones.

January 20, 2000

George Rusnak

Fire Prevention Chief & Inspection Division of Perry-Clark Creek Fire Department

Home Destroyed in Odon Fire



An Odon couple lost their home in an early morning fire. On March 24th, Sondra Townsend woke to the windows exploding and the room next to where she was sleeping was in flames. She escaped her burning home without any injuries.

Firefighters arrived on the scene a little after 7:00 a.m. The home was totally engulfed in flames. The firemen not only battled the fire but high winds kept the flames going.

(Photo by Ron Bell, District 17A, Odon, IN)

IVFA CONVENTION 2000 Hotel Registration Information

Below are the phone numbers for various hotels

Blue Chip Casino/Hotel
(Convention Headquarters)

888-879-7711 Ext. 2414

\$84.00 + tax

(Reservations accepted after October 18)

Holiday Inn

219-879-0311

\$81.00 + tax

OTHER AREA HOTELS

Hampton Inn Comfort Inn Knights Inn Red Roof Inn
219-879-9994 219-879-9190 219-874-9500 219-874-5251

CAMPING

Michigan City Campground
219-872-7600

2000 IVFA REGISTRATION FORM

BLUE CHIP CASINO, MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

JUNE 14-17, 2000

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00/PERSON (DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2000)
LATE AND ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE \$50.00/PERSON

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
FIRE DEPT. _____ IVFA DIST. _____
SPOUSE/GUEST NAME _____

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	MEMBER	SPOUSE	TITLE
STATE OFFICER	_____	_____	_____
AUXILIARY OFFICER	_____	_____	_____
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	_____	_____	_____
DELEGATE	_____	_____	_____
IVFA MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
IVFA AUX. MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
SPOUSE/GUEST (NON MEMBER)	_____	_____	_____

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SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER _____

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

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IVFA CONVENTION 2000
1532 W. SPRINGVILLE ROAD
LAPORTE, IN 46350-7848

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE PHONE TIM 219-326-0173 OR DAVE 219-369-1235

I.V.F.A. CONVENTION SCHEDULE 2000 JUNE 14-15-16-17, 2000 - District 3 Michigan City, Indiana "Come and Play in Y2K"

TIME	EVENT	BLUE CHIP CASINO HOTEL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH		
12:00 - 19:00	Registration	BC Lobby
17:00 to ?	Picnic	Peninsula
17:00 to 23:00	Beer Wagon	Peninsula
19:00 to 19:45	Miss Flame Mixer	BC Mtg. 3 & 4
19:00 to 23:00	Entertainment (Karaoke)	Peninsula
THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH		
08:00 to 18:00	Registration	BC Lobby
08:00 to 12:00	Miss Flame Judging	BC Mtg. 3 & 4
08:00 to 12:00	Women's Shopping Tour	Outlet Mall
08:00 to 10:00	Seminar "A" Legal Issues	BC Great Lakes A
08:00 to 10:00	Seminar "B" Concerns on FF Injuries	BC Great Lakes B
08:00 to 10:00	Seminar "C" MSA	BC Great Lakes C
08:00 to 10:00	TFT Tour Group 1	BC Hotel Entrance
09:00 to 11:00	TFT Tour Group 2	BC Hotel Entrance
10:00 to 12:00	Seminar "D" PSTI Current Issues	BC Great Lakes A
10:00 to 12:00	Seminar "E" Fire Station Design	BC Great Lakes B
12:00 to 17:00	Vendors Displays (in)	Pre-Function Areas
12:00 to 17:00	Vendors Displays (out)	Peninsula
12:00 to 13:00	Miss Flame Luncheon	BC Great Lakes C
*13:00 to 15:00	Casino Cruise	River Boat
13:00 to 16:00	BFFPS&E Meeting	Grand Ballroom
13:30 to close	Miss Flame Judging	BC Mtg. 3 & 4
17:00 to 18:30	Hot Dog & Beer Bust	Peninsula
19:00 to 20:30	Joint Opening Mtg.	BC Grand Ballroom
20:00 to 24:00	Entertainment (Mary McCoy)	Peninsula
20:00 to 24:00	Beef Wagon	Peninsula
FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH		
06:30 to 08:00	Continental Breakfast	BC Great Lakes A
07:00 to 15:00	Registration	BC Lobby
07:30 to 10:30	Men's Business Mtg.	BC Grand Ballroom
08:00 to 10:30	Women's Business Mtg.	BC Great Lakes A,B,C
11:00 to	IVFA Memorial Service	St. Paul's Lutheran
12:00 to 16:00	Miss Flame Outing	Flip's Cascade Mtg.
10:00 to 16:00	Vendors Displays (in)	Pre-Function Areas
10:00 to 16:00	Vendors displays (out)	Peninsula
12:00 to 16:00	Beer Wagon	Peninsula
13:30 to close	Men's Business Mtg.	BC Grand Ballroom
13:30 to close	Women's Business Mtg.	BC Great Lakes A,B,C
18:00 to ?	Kid's Pizza Party	Suburban Lines
18:00 to 21:00	Banquet	ORAK Shrine Temple
21:00 to 24:00	Entertainment (New Odyssey)	ORAK Shrine Temple
*01:00 to 02:30	Casino Cruise	River Boat
SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH		
08:00 to close	Games	Peninsula
12:00	Hotel Check-out	BC Hotel
12:00 to 14:00	Parade Line up	TBA
14:00 to end	Parade	Along Franklin St.

*River Boat Cruise time is "On Your Own" and is not a required activity



Relaxing

Eula Bush, District 11 B chairman and President's Advisory Lou Bartlow, enjoying a relaxing evening at the Feb. 5th State Officer's meeting, Marten House (Hotel) in Indy.



Bake Sale a Success

March 4th Benefit Bake Sale held for April Malone's family. A huge success. (Photo submitted by Malinda Bell)

Miss Flame Contestant



Our District 17-A Miss Flame contestant, sponsored by Richland/Taylor Fire Department's Ladies' Auxiliary, Bloomfield, and Scotland, IN. Miss Heather Porter and Richland/Taylor's Ladies' Auxiliary President June Cahill.

(Submitted by Dist. 17A Chairlady Malinda Bell)

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

Michigan City, Indiana on Saturday, June 17, 2000

An entry fee of \$15.00 in each contest. The \$15.00 entry fee will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check in each square the contests entered by your department.

Dept. Name _____

Signed _____

Chief or Secretary

NOTICE

All contest entry blanks should be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 2000 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.
AVON, IN 46123
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 15, 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.

ATTENTION Miss Flame Contestants

There will be 1st and 2nd prizes awarded to the contestant with the best decorated hotel room door! Put your imagination to work. No staples or tacks, please. Use tape only. Also do not do anything that will interfere with the closing or locking mechanism of the door.

Legislative Report ...

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members on the commission, one from a volunteer fire department and one from a full-time municipal fire or police department.

SB 62 Public Safety Survivor Benefits (Senate authors Joe Harrison, Allie Craycraft, Connie Sipes, and Tom Weatherwax; House sponsors Tom Kromkowski, Larry Buell, Ron Liggett, and Dick Mangus) Effective March 17, 2000.

This 43 page bill became what's known as a Christmas Tree bill because it had a little something on it for everyone. It had provisions affecting PERF public safety officers survivor benefits, lobby reports and retired legislators' insurance. We followed the bill because there are IVFA members in PERF. The bill, among other things, allows survivors to receive their benefits either in a lump sum or over a period of five years. This bill affects members of the 1925 as well as the 1977 funds. If you are a member of either fund and would like a copy of the entire bill, please contact me at jshanks@buschmannarr.com, by telephone at 800.548.9325, or my mail at Buschmann, Carr & Shanks, P.C., 1020 Market Tower, 10 West Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Please specify that you want a copy of Senate Bill 62.

SB 147 Regulation of Laser Pointers (Senate authors Charles "Bud" Meeks, Bob Meeks, David Long, and Tom Wyss; House sponsors Gary Cook, Ralph Ayres, and Bill Ruppel) Effective July 1, 2000.

There were two bills introduced dealing with the issue of the misuse of laser pointers. Rep. Gary Cook, a retired Plymouth police officer, also authored a bill in the House.

The problem this bill addressed was a dangerous game played by some people using a laser pointer known as "dotting" where they put a laser "dot" on a public safety officer to frighten the officer. Why, you ask? Simple, the dot made by a laser pointer purchased at a discount or office supply store makes the same visible "dot" as a laser sight on a weapon. The officer, not knowing if he or she is about to be shot immediately takes evasive action, sometimes drawing a weapon. According to committee testimony this is a very popular game played by young people who encounter a police officer making a traffic stop or in a concert crowd. The supporters' claim was that unless there was enforcement authority given to police officers when they catch a person doing this, the lives of police officers, firefighters and innocent civilians were in jeopardy.

The bill makes it a Class B Misdemeanor to intentionally point the light from a laser pointer at a public safety officer, including a volunteer firefighter. Further, the bill added to the list of prohibited weapons possession of a newly discovered (at flea markets) Russian made knife which can propel a spring loaded blade from the handle of the knife approximately fifty feet. At thirty feet the projected blade could easily penetrate a wooden board or an office wall as one legislator reportedly accidentally discovered.

SB 330 Long Term Foster Care (Senate authors Johnny Nugent, Katie Wolf, Jim Merritt, and Patricia Miller; House sponsors Sheila Klinker, Cleo Duncan) Effective July 1, 2000.

This very controversial bill made several changes in the law dealing with children in need of services. However, a part affecting the fire service allows a parent of an infant to defend a child neglect charge by abandoning a child by leaving the child in the custody of an emergency medical services provider. The phi-

losophy behind this unique provision is to encourage parents who might otherwise abandon a child on the door step of a fire station, hospital, or church to hand the child over to a "person" thereby not subjecting the child to the chance of being put in jeopardy by going undiscovered and being injured or dying from exposure. According to committee testimony this approach has been successful in other states in reducing the deaths of abandoned infants. It would be wise if you have an EMS unit to contact the local child welfare agency in your jurisdiction to coordinate your efforts should you receive an abandoned infant.

UNSUCCESSFUL BILLS:

As indicated earlier in this article there were several bills which the IVFA initiated which didn't pass and we need to give special thanks to the legislators who authored or sponsored those bills for their efforts in your behalf.

HB 1373 Build Indiana Fund (House author Pat Bauer and Claire Leuck; Senate sponsors Morris Mills and Vi Simpson)

This bill would have eliminated Build Indiana Fund grants from being a part of the calculation used by the state board of accounts to determine the presumptive annual audit waiver of \$100,000 (increased in the 1999 Session from \$60,000). The problem has arisen that a small department with, say a \$20,000 operating budget, received a \$150,000 BIF grant for a new fire truck. It could end up spending 10% of its operating budget on an otherwise unnecessary audit just because the grant put the department over the \$100,000 disbursement threshold. This is a clear case of the right hand giveth and the left hand taketh away. O'well, what's another couple of fish fries anyway?

The bill passed the House 90-2 but never got a hearing before the Senate Finance Committee.

SB 427 Firefighting and Emergency Grant Fund (Senate sponsor Sue Landske)

This bill would have changed the current revolving loan fund into grant fund. It was assigned to Senate Finance Committee but never received hearing.

SB 430 Volunteer Firefighter Tax Deduction (Senate author Sue Landske)

Beginning with the 2001 tax year, volunteer firefighters would have been eligible for a \$2,000 Indiana gross income tax deduction. The bill was assigned to Senate Finance but never received a hearing.

This concludes our report. It is our continuing pleasure to represent the men and women of the volunteer fire service before the Indiana General Assembly. I look forward to being at the IVFA annual convention in Michigan City. In the meanwhile, if I or our firm may be of any service, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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2000 IVFA CONVENTION OFFICIAL PARADE ENTRY FORM

I/We wish to enter a unit in the 2000 parade to be held on Saturday, June 17, 2000, starting time, 2:00 p.m.

All participating units must be lined up at least one hour prior to parade starting time.

We understand and agree that there will be nothing (such as candy or favors) thrown from our unit into the crowd along the parade routes. We further guarantee that we are fully covered by insurance in an adequate amount to cover all possible public liability and property damage due to accident or negligence on our part and do hereby absolve the City of Michigan City and the IVFA Convention Committees of all responsibility.

We wish the following to be entered:

Name of Unit _____	TYPE OF UNIT
Description of Unit _____	___ Fire Department Unit
_____	___ Antique Fire Unit
_____	___ Color Guard Unit
_____	___ Marching Band Unit
_____	___ Float
_____	___ Antique Auto Unit
_____	___ Clown Unit
_____	___ Novelty Unit

Number of Separate Units _____

There will be no stopping of forward progress during the parade. We will have spotters throughout the parade route. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Signed: _____
 Organization _____
 Signature and Title _____
 Address of Organization _____
 Phone Number of Responsible Party _____

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY MAY 22, 2000

Please return this completed form to:
 IVFA Convention Parade Committee
 c/o Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department
 911 El Portal Drive
 Michiana Shores
 Michigan City, IN 46360

District 17-A

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is always held at the Eagles club in Vincennes, I.V.F.A.

Miss Flame Carol Tempel, led the large group in Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Barb Kerney, gave the blessing before the meal. Barb also has been doing the license plates form by hand, thanks Barb we know this takes a lot of time. State fire Marshall Tracey Boatwright from Indy was in attendance, Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshall's Office, said by 2001, all 959 Fire Departments will be in booklet.

Washington Township Fire Department, Bruceville, gave a donation to the Burn Camp in the amount of \$100.00, and challenged other Fire Departments to do the same. Richland/Taylor Fire Department raised the challenge to \$150.00.

For visitor's day at the Burn Camp, Fire Marshal Tracey, invited all Fire Departments and encouraged them to attend. Public Relation's Jack Harker was in attendance, glad he could make it. Jack had both knees replaced in December, he has had quite a bit of time getting back on his feet. There were over 500 in attendance.

January 30, 2000

Elnora/Elmore Fire Department, had a log home fire, cause of fire was a four wheeler had ran into the gas meter and main going into home, luckily no one was injured.

February 3, 2000

Attended Richland/Taylor Fire Department's meeting at their Scotland Fire Station. Welcomed Miss Flame contestant for District 17-A, Heather Porter. She is being sponsored by the fire department and their ladies auxiliary. Good luck. Heather is the daughter of Bill and Debbie Babcock, of Bloomfield.

Our condolences go out to the family of Donnie Malone, who lost his wife, April suddenly Feb. 11th. Donnie is my District 17-A Secretary and fellow firefighter.

A BBQ Chicken and Bake Sale fund raiser was held March 4th for the family. Almost everyone pitched in and helped, it was a huge success.

March 8, 2000

Elnora/Elmore Fire Department were host to District 17-A meeting. A supper of ham and beans was served, was very delicious. This was held at the Daviess County Fairgrounds, in Elnora. Guest speaker, Al Scarpellini, Fire Science, Vincennes University and a Vincennes Firefighter. He gave a very interesting presentation on how the fire service got started.

P.R. Jack Harker and Bev were in attendance. Glad to see Jack is back on his feet and feeling much better. Jack gave an update on I.V.F.A. President Jack Cox. Our get well wishes go out to him. Our Miss Flame contestant Heather Porter, helped with the door prize drawings, and the 50/50. There were 58 in attendance.

March 13, 2000

Attended the Greene County Firefighters Association meeting at Newberry. Had a very enjoyable evening.

In February, had a memorial service for a retired fireman, Ray Sims.

DISTRICT 18

The March 16th meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Parker at St. Henry Fire Department.

There were 63 members out of 19 departments present and answering 120 fire and 81 medical calls since the last meeting.

There were two deaths in the district since March 16th meeting, Brian J. Cooper of Jasper Fire Dept. and Clarence J. Berg, of St. Anthony.

Guests included Jill Landauer, Miss Flame Candidate; Alex Smith

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Shirley VFD Takes Delivery of S&S Pumper

The Shirley (IN) Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of an S&S Pumper - Tanker in December. A 2000 GMC Top Kick chassis with a Caterpillar 350hp diesel and Allison World transmission were selected. The truck is equipped with a Waterous 750gpm pump and 2100 gallon poly tank with 10" rear dump. The truck carries a 2500gallon fold-a-tank, 24' extension ladder, 12' roof ladder, two airpicks with spare bottles, and has two crosslays. Used primarily as a tanker, it has the capacity to serve as our front line rural engine if necessary.

The members are very proud of this truck.

International Association of Arson Investigators Training Calendar for 2000 As of January 1, 2000

TOPIC	DATE	LOCATION	LOCATION
IAAI National Conference	May 15 - 19	Grand Rapids, MI	Annual National Conference
IFAC Annual Conference	May 22 - 25	Sheraton Indianapolis	Indiana Fire Arson Conference
Electrical Fire Investigations	August	TBA	Steve Shand of Shand Forensic
Car Fire and Vehicle Theft	September	TBA	Vehicle Invest Nationwide
Furnace, Water Heater and Gas Fueled Appliance Investigations	October	Indianapolis	Jim Wood of Herb Miller & Assoc.'s
ANNUAL MEETING	December	Indianapolis	Rev. 2. 2-21-00

For the latest information on training and current issues call the information line 888-839-1275 or local 317-337-0641

20TH ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN INDIANA SCHOOL OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 16 & 17, 2000

Summit Middle School - Fort Wayne, Indiana

TENTATIVE COURSES

HRS	TITLE
6	Death Scene Investigation
6	Computers in the Fire Service
6	The New NIFERS Report (Shortcuts, techniques & disciplines)
6	Power Point Presentations
6	Get Out Alive -- Firefighter Safety
6	Aircraft Crash Fire Rescue Emergencies
6	Flammable Gases & Liquids
6	EMT-B Skills & Practical Testing
6	Thermal Imaging Cameras
6	Reading a Fire Building
6	First in Officer
6	Swede Burn Chamber Phase Two
6	Law, Records and Reporting
6	Defense Tactics for the First Responder
6	Explosive Emergencies -- Awareness Level
6	Electrical Hazards for the First Responder
12	Developing and Writing Grant Applications (grant writing specialist)
12	Surface Water Rescue
12	EMS Basic Extrication (EMS Certified)
12	Advanced Heavy Rescue
12	EVOC "Train the Trainer" EMS
12	Truck Company Operations
12	Forcible Entry
12	Back to the Basics -- Pandora's Box
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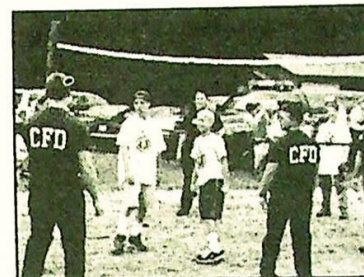
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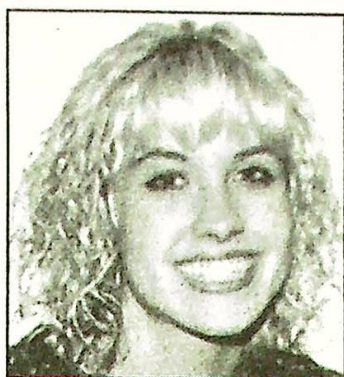
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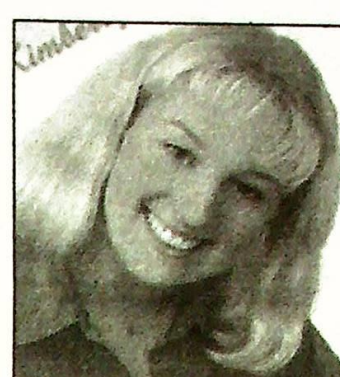
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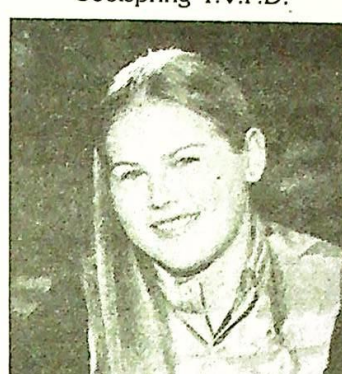
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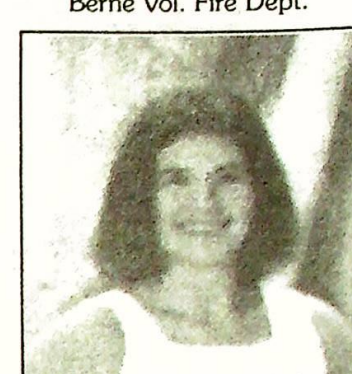
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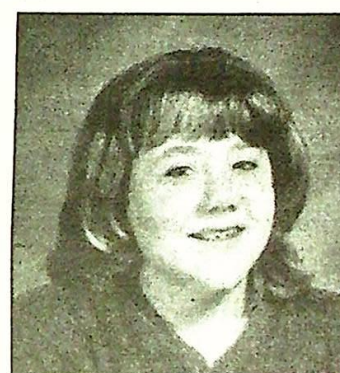


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1999 MISS FLAME - CAROL MARIE TEMPEL

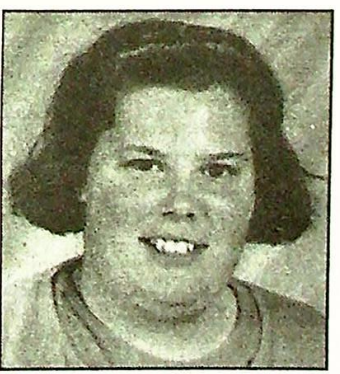
Carol was crowned Miss Flame at the Convention in Columbus in 1999. She represented District 11A, Posey Twp., Staunton, IN. Carol is a freshman at Indiana State University, majoring in Elementary Ed. Carol is the daughter of Larry and Martha Tempel.



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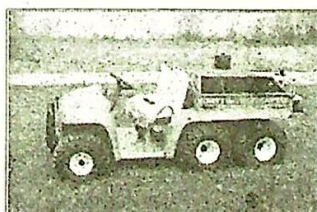
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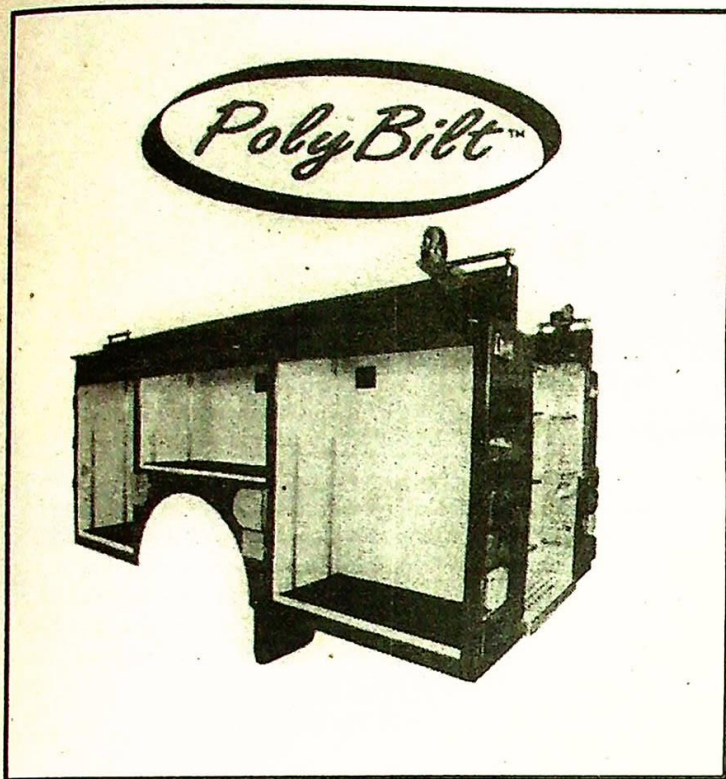
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"The polymer bodies built to date for use on Darley apparatus have been strongly accepted by those customers," said Peter Darley, Chief Operating Officer of Darley Company. "Our initial goal has been to successfully build a variety of bodies for a range of different uses. Sure polymer bodies might cost a little more to produce, but we're seeing that customers understand and appreciate the value we are providing with this product".

Tim Dean, President of Pro Poly of America, added: "We see fire departments getting the same benefits as those realized from the use of our polymer tanks - the biggest being a very long, hassle free existence. Look, our construction methods and the materials that we are using in PolyBilt are the same, we even have incorporated the use of our patented Bent Edge™ technology.

Many articles have already been written about the advantages that poly materials offer for the body and associated components when used with specialty and commercial vehicles. Now that PolyBilt is bringing its products to the OEM marketplace, truck distributors and specialty truck equipment buyers will have another product that they can offer to their customers.

Public Relations Northwest



LeMoyne 'Buz' Koehler

Gentlemen:

Well another winter is behind us and spring is in the air. The Farmers are headed to the fields and will be applying anhydrous ammonia which is used to produce methamphetamine drugs. This may present a real dangerous situation if the tanks are left unattended and an attempt to remove some of the anhydrous is miss handled. If called to the scene, firefighters should use caution when responding.

During the short session of the legislation only a few bills were being watched and supported, and only a few of them were passed. We need to continue to work with legislators to keep them aware of our needs.

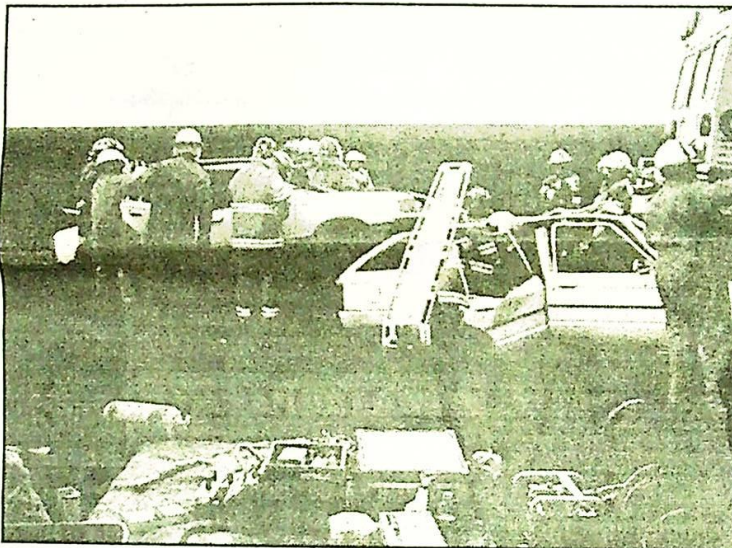
On the national level, there was a major boost for the fire service in the passage of the funding for FY 2000 Supplemental Appropriation Bill in the House of Representatives in Washington, DC on March 30, 2000. Instead of 10 million dollars, the Appropriations Bill dedicated 100 million to fire and emergency services, departments, programs and prevention programs.

We will try to get the information out to everyone as quickly as possible.

Please be careful out there!!! See you at the district meeting and don't forget Convention 2000.

L.E. 'Buz' Koehler
Public Relations
Northwest
I.V.F.A.

Extrication Class Held



District 11-A Extrication Class was held February 27 and 27 at Mike's Auto Salvage. Pee Wee Warren with Plymouth Fire Department was our instructor, assisted by Tim Shotts from Southwestern Fire and Safety.

There were 47 firefighters present representing 14 different departments.

Many new ideas were learned from the class and some old ones reviewed.

District 18 (continued from page 24)

son, WBDC Radio; Jack Harker, Southwest Public Relations; Pete Carter, Vincennes Twp.

New business - Due to the recent changing of the name of the organization, we will be ordering new patches after the sample patch is presented at the next district meeting for approval.

The half pot drawing of \$32.00 was won by Vic Begle. The prizes from M&S were a life hammer won by Benjamin Brown, a streamlight flashlight won by Jeff Hurst, and an equipment bag won by Bryan Luker.

The next meeting will be held May 18th of 2000 at Jasper, Indiana.

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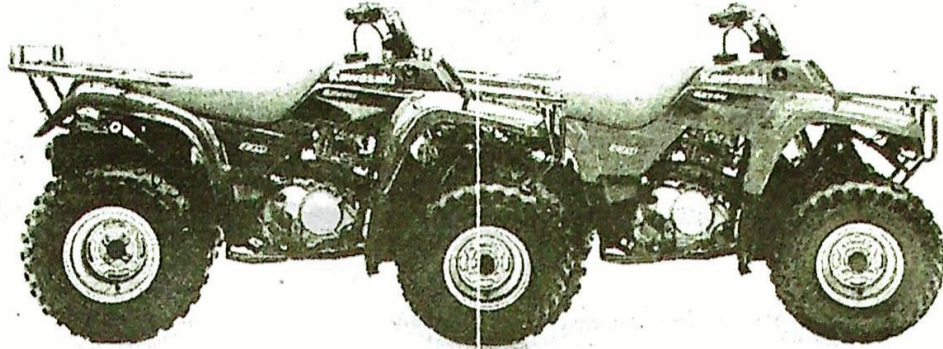
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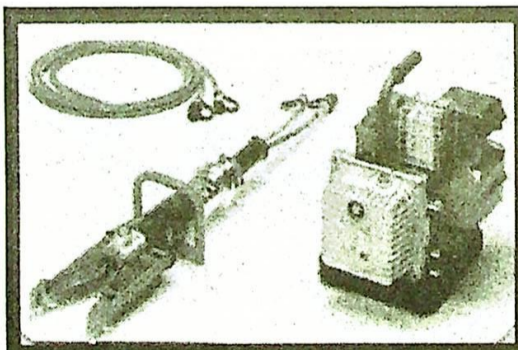
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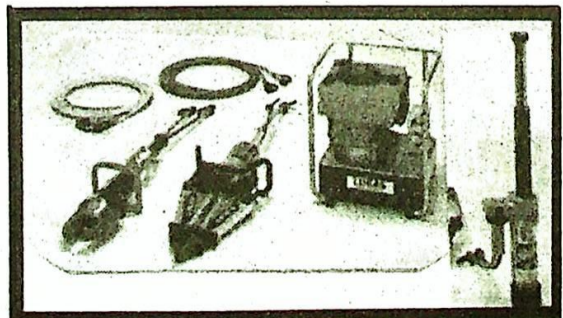


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District 14 Chaplain Moves To Another Church



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT is Mark Furnish, Chief, Rev. Michael Wimberly, Chaplain of Monroe Twp. Fire Dept. and Chaplain of District 14 IVFA. Michael's wife Debbie and Marvin Jay Cleveland, President Monroe Twp. Rev. Michael Wimberly and wife, Debbie have been in the fire dept. and District 14 IVFA for several years. Now they have taken on another church out of town. We are going to miss Michael and Debbie. We hope them both good luck in their new church. -- Roy E. Richardson, 14 Dist. Chairman IVFA.

Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

HELLO NORTHEAST INDIANA:

The birds are chirping, and the trees are starting to bud. A good sign of spring is finally here.

I've been making all of the district meetings, and it's been a pleasure meeting everyone at the district meetings. And serving you as your Public Relations Officer. With the resignation of Mike Mason as District #6 Chairman, a special meeting was called on May 4, at the Auburn Fire Department Station #2, to elect a Chairman to fill the rest of Mike's term.

Hope to see you at Convention, or at your District meetings.

Michael (Mike) Mackin
Public Relations Northeast

Fireman Honored With Gold Medal



Pictured (left) Roscoe, wife Phyllis, Gary Robinson (State Fire Marshal's Office. - Photo contributed by Mike Hainlen, Pres., Converse Vol. Fire Co.

Roscoe Prickett was awarded the Governor's Meritorious Service Award Gold Medal on April 3, 2000 in honor of all that he has done during the last 49 years to help the community. He joined the Converse Vol. Fire Dept. in January, 1951 because he "just wanted to help."

The award was presented by Gary Robinson, with the State Fire Marshal's office during a surprise ceremony.

Prickett had been serving dinner that evening and the award was a complete surprise to him. Prickett's wife, Phyllis and several of his children and grandchildren also surprised him by coming to share in the moment.

Prickett was speechless except to say thanks. Roscoe has served on

the department for 49 years, along with being Converse Deputy Marshal and Deputy Sheriff for Miami and Grant counties from 1976 to 1993. He has held the position of Richland Township trustee since 1977.

From 1975-1998, Prickett was an EMT on the crew of the Converse Ambulance Corp. of which he was an original founder. He now does his service in the department by manning the dispatching radios.

Several of Prickett's relatives are firefighters also. When asked when he was going to retire, he said, "I am doing to die on the department; I never want to leave."

(Editor's Note: This article was written with permission from the Oak Hill Times).

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Miss Flame Dance Held



On January 22, District 11-A held a Miss Flame Dance at American Legion Krierstein Post 104.

Our Miss Flame was chosen, Miss Briana "Bri" Husband, will be representing District 11-A at Michigan City in June.

Briana is a senior at Shakamak High School. She plays volleyball, basketball, softball. She belongs to the yearbook and newspaper staff and Quill and Scroll. She is representing Lewis Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Her parents are Bryan and Gerri Husband. We wish her good luck at convention. Any department wishing to have her attend any functions may contact her at 812-665-2605 or email bhusband@viaduct.custom.net

We also honored Miss Carol Tempel, 1999 Miss Flame and State Miss Flame. She has represented the district and state well. We wish her the very best in all her future ventures. Pictured above is State Miss Flame Carol Tempel, State Sergeant-at-arms Bill Bush, 2000 District 11-A Miss Flame, Briana Husband.

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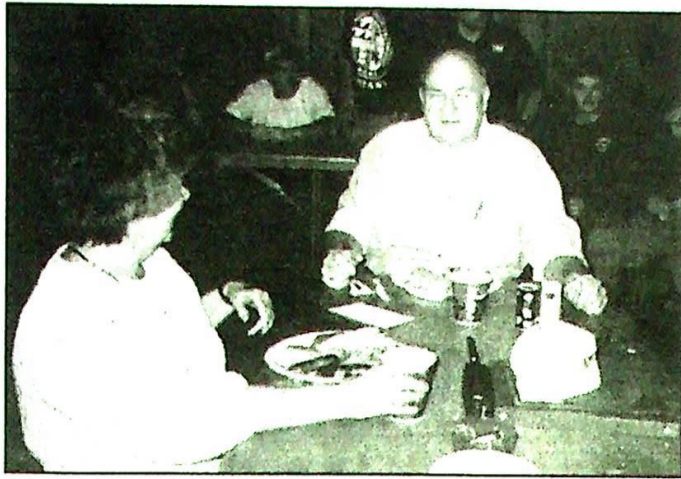
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Jack Harker Celebrates 65th



Public Relations Jack Harker and fellow Vincennes Firefighter, celebrated his big "65" birthday on Friday, Jan. 14th. Was so glad Jack made it to the supper. Bev tries to keep him in line but as we all know that is impossible. (Photo by Ron Bell, District 17-A - Odon, IN)

Cooking In the Rain!



On Feb. 26th the Elnora/Elmore Fire Department cooked for the Stites Auction, at Elnora. Was a cool and rainy day, but fireman Wayne Ellis and his wife Martha, continued to help cook. (Photo contributed by Ron Bell, District 17-A, Odon, IN)

Enjoying Dinner!



Public Relations Jack Harker and wife Bev, enjoying the Ham and Bean supper at District 17-A meeting at Elnora/Elmore Fire Department on March 8th.

Sharing A Laugh



I.V.F.A. 1999 Miss Flame Carol Tempel, District 17-A Ron Bell and Ross Emery from Richland/Taylor Fire Department, at Vincennes Fire Department's Sausage Supper, sharing a good laugh together. You never know what District 17-A Ron Bell might say.

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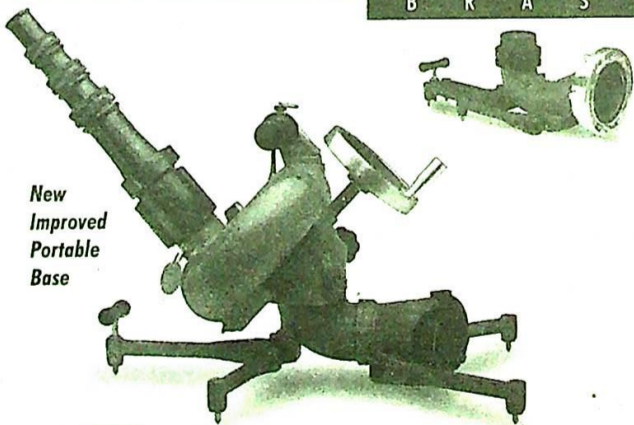
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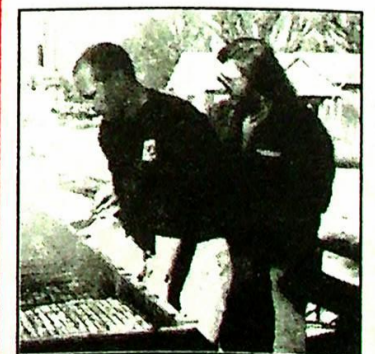
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Fund-Raiser Held for Malone's



BBQ Chicken and Bake Sale fund raiser for Malone Family. Helping manning the grill are: Mike Malone and Chris Wise, fellow firefighters. (Photo contributed by Ron Bell, District 17-A, Odon, IN)

Collision Responded To By Mutual Response



(Photo by David P. LePoris)

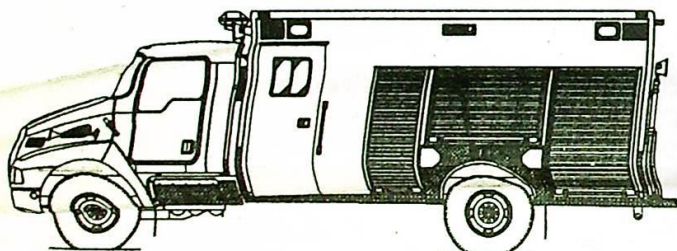
DELAWARE COUNTY, IN — Icy road conditions in February kept fire departments busy during rush-hour traffic. This accident blocked traffic west of I-69 on SR 332 and sent four people to the hospital. Gaston and Yorktown Fire Departments responded along with Indiana State Police and Delaware County EMS. Clint Barker, Gaston Firefighter said, "It doesn't take much for something like this to happen. You have to be careful and alert."



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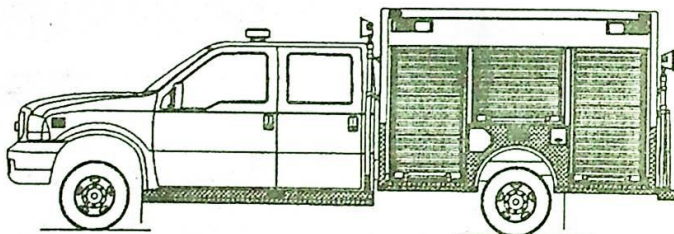
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Fire Up For Fun in 2001

By Jim Berger,
2001 Convention Chairman

Plans are progressing well for the 2001 IVFA Convention being held in Fort Wayne, June 13 - 16. As was announced in our bid package, the convention will be located at the Grand Wayne Center with hotel accommodations in the attached Hilton Hotel. Overflow rooms are in the Downtown Holiday Inn only a few blocks away. Both hotels offer an indoor swimming pool, fitness room with full service restaurants. Many fast food restaurants are within walking distances to both facilities.

The Hot Dog Bust will be held two blocks away at the Firefighters Museum which should make for nice atmosphere and good fellowship. The memorial service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, only one block away. This church recently received a multi-million dollar facelift and is very beautiful.

"Germanfest" a festival celebrating German heritage in Fort Wayne also takes place during this weekend. This festival features two large beer tents, bands and a large dance floor. IVFA members attending this convention will be given free admission to the tent and those arriving on Wednesday will be treated with a free meal and drink.

If you are bringing your family, Fort Wayne is the home to Glenbrook Mall, Indiana's largest shopping mall. Other attractions include the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Lincoln Museum and Science Central, an interactive children's learning experience.

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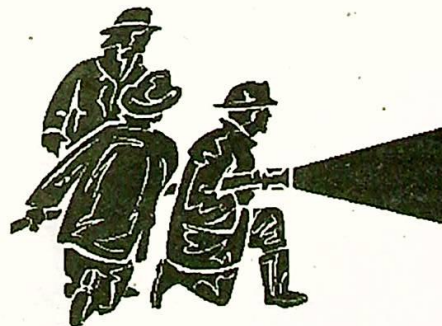
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