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From the President



Jack Kerney

The IVFA will be involved this summer in meeting with a committee to work on a piece of legislation for next year involving auto insurance for volunteer firefighters. We are hoping to get legislation next year that would keep insurance companies from discriminating against volunteer firefighters when writing their policies. We will also be looking at totally rewriting the "Blue Light Law." A questionnaire is included in this issue of the newspaper. We would like your comments on what you would like to see in the new law. We will be reviewing laws from other states, regarding emergency lighting for volunteer firefighters.

There have been a couple of volunteer fire departments, one in the north and one in the south that are having a confrontation with their trustee. The IVFA has obtained a legal opinion from an attorney, that the trustee does not have the authority to hire or fire volunteer firefighters, but has the authority to contract with another entity or fire department. The IVFA will be working on a program to inform all of our member departments what they

should have in place to enhance their position with the trustee. I do feel, we as volunteer fire departments, do not keep our trustees informed enough about what we are doing as a fire department. You might think of inviting them to your next business meeting and just try and keep them in the loop of your organization. This might help in keeping these confrontations to a minimum.

Barb and I have traveled extensively over the past quarter. We have taken the IVFA Office to the Jasper and Duneland Fire Schools. We would like to thank everyone who came to visit and ask questions. We would like to thank the IFIA and EBT for allowing us to be a part of their Fire Schools. The fire school committees at both schools were a pleasure to work with, and they made sure we had everything we needed. Since the last issue of the newspaper we attended the Fire Institute Dinner, German Twp. Fire Department - Chief Buckman, District 15 meeting at Scott Township Fire Department - Chief Austin, District 14 meeting at Monroe Twp. Fire Department - Chief Furnish, District 18 meeting at Grandview Fire Department - Chief Peters, Pike County Chiefs meeting at Spurgeon - Chief Brooks, Lockhart Twp. Fire Department - Chief Hanselman, District 17-A Sausage Supper, District 17-B meeting at Mitchell - Chief Caudell, Gibson Chief Association, Danville Fire Department Station Dedication - Chief Roberts, Greene County Firefighters, District 18 meeting at Schnellville - Chief Betz, Monroe City Fish Fry - Chief Sampson, District 11-A meeting at Poland Fire Department - Chief Schoolcraft, District 15 meeting at Yankeetown - Chief Snodgrass, and Skelton Twp. Fire Department - Chief Byers.

It has been a pleasure to be

asked and to participate in the awarding of the 50-Year Gold Cards and the 25-Year Pins. This is one of the most rewarding things I have been asked to do. Our association has over 150 fifty-year fire service members, and over 2,500 twenty-five year fire service members.

It was an honor to attend the honoring of the three Poland Volunteer firefighters that helped save the life of a young child trapped in their burning home.

We would like to visit your department, give us a call.

Look Inside for Convention Details and Miss Flame Candidates

Fallen Firefighters Memorial Dedication Set

On June 5 & 6 there will be a Candlelight Vigil and Dedication of the new Indiana Law Enforcement and Firefighters Memorial. This will be a memorial to honor ALL Law Enforcement Officers as well as ALL Fire Service members who have given their life in an attempt to protect or save those of others. The candlelight vigil will be on June 5 and the Memorial Dedication will follow on June 6. This will be in Indianapolis near the Government Center.

The Planning Committee, in an attempt to accommodate as many as possible and ensure that every organization has the opportunity to be represented has asked that you contact Mr. Tom Miller if you are a representative of your organization will be in attendance at this dedication. As President of the Indiana Fire Services Institute, I encourage all members of the Indiana Fire Services Institute and our four Caucus Co-Chairs to be either in attendance yourself or have your organization represented at this dedication, where we can join together to share a common cause and show support for our fallen comrades.

This is a major undertaking and a tremendous logistic feat for the planning committee and your cooperation in notification of your attendance is deeply appreciated by all concerned.

You may contact Tom Miller at 317-443-2130 or by email at tmiller@IAFF.org

Dorothy Bultemeier Recognized

The Hoagland Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies' Auxiliary would like to recognize a very special lady, Dorothy Bultemeier. Dorothy is one of the original La-

dies' Auxiliary members with 43 years of service. Dorothy retired in December 2000.

The Department would like to say "thank you" Dorothy for your 43

years of hard work, dedication, and support to the Hoagland Vol. Fire Dept. and Ladies' Auxiliary.

The department honored Dorothy with a retirement party on February 25. She received a plaque and several other gifts and cards. There were past and present members of the fire department, her family, friends, and a few special visitors from the I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A. Auxiliary.

Thank you, Dorothy, you are a very special person.

Also receiving a plaque was Margie Brames for her 43 plus continual years of service. Margie is also one of the original Auxiliary members. Thank you, Margie for your continuing years of service and dedication to the Hoagland Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary.



Pictured (left to right) - Judy Bultemeier, Dorothy Bultemeier, Chief Troy McDonald and Auxiliary President Carmin Lepper. Chief Troy McDonald is shown presenting Dorothy a plaque of recognition for her 43 years of service to the Hoagland Fire Department.

Fire School Set For June 9 in Kokomo

The Harrison Twp. Fire Dept. is honored to bring Chicago Fire Dept. Retired District Chief Andrew O'Donnell to the Kokomo High School South Campus, Kokomo, IN for a one-day fire school on June 9, 2001.

Chief O'Donnell retired after 33 years of service. His last assignment was District Chief and Director for the Chicago Fire Dept. Training Academy. During his years in the fires service, he has been a leader and worked in the busiest engine companies in Chicago. His fire expertise combined with his great stories makes each class he teaches unique. Chief O'Donnell continues to promote the profession by teaching for the University of Illinois and at various fire schools and service organizations in Illinois.

Chief O'Donnell has prepared a full day of class for firefighters who realize that training is where the life-saving begins. Class will run from 8:30 and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

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I.V.F.A. Benefits

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION

Each year a different District within the state hosts the Annual Meeting and Convention. The meetings are full of information concerning the association, election of state officers, up-to-date legislative information and so much more.

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Many, many hours of work and preparation go into bringing the convention to the members, with the hosting district always working hard to make this a wonderful time for socializing and learning new things and seeing new products and equipment and catching up from last year.

Great food and entertainment, awards for outstanding service, a memorial service for fallen firefighters, new equipment displays, good fellowship.

Also selected during convention is "Miss Flame" which is a young lady from one district in the state that will represent the IVFA throughout the state at meetings and functions.

Plan to attend the convention and have some fun June 13 to June 16, 2001.



Pictured above is the Hoagland Auxiliary after they presented plaques to Dorothy and Margie for their 43 years of service. (Left to right) - Kelli Rothgeb, Judy Bultemeier, Dorothy Bultemeier, Margie Brames, President Carmin Lepper, Mellie McDonald and Dawn Stine.

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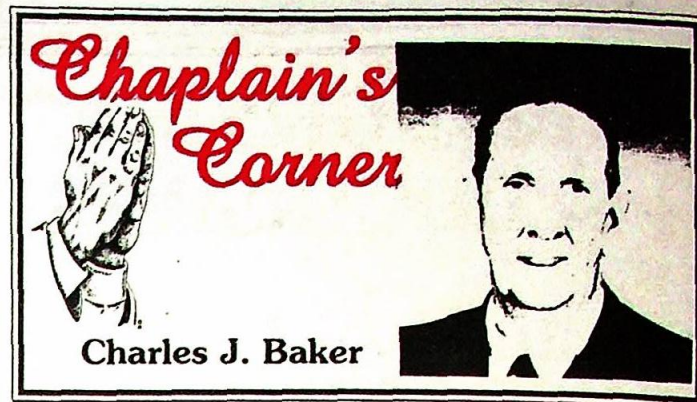
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Prayer For Today

Eternal Father:
When nothing existed but chaos,
You swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.
In the days of Noah
You saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood You set in the clouds a rainbow.
When You saw Your people as in Egypt,
You led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children You brought through the Jordan
to the land which You promised.
In the fullness of time You sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called His disciples
to share in the baptism of His death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.
Please grant the wisdom, courage and perseverance
so needed to continue this great work.

In Jesus' Name
Amen

Minute Message

Thomas Alva Edison was born at Milan, Ohio on February 11, 1847 and died on October 18, 1931 at the age of 85. He attended school for only three months as a youngster, but his teacher had trouble understanding the lad. His mother, a former schoolteacher, schooled him at home.

Nearly deaf for most of his life, he ultimately decided to become an inventor and established a shop in Newark, New Jersey and later, Menlo Park.

A tireless worker, Edison's inventions include the phonograph, the talking motion picture, the carbon transmitter, the electric light bulb and over 1,000 patented ideas.

The story of the light bulb demonstrates his perseverance. In order to work, some sort of enclosed filament had to be electrically energized and glow adequately in order to produce light. It is said that he worked for over a year on the project, experimenting with one filament after another and discarding the failures out of an open window. At the conclusion, the pile reached to the second floor of his house!

Toward the end of the project, Edison exhausted two spools of cotton thread that he coated with a mixture of tar and lampblack and worked without sleep for two days and nights before achieving the first successful glow of light.

Thomas Edison never became a wealthy man despite all of his successes, preferring to labor into his eighth decade to improve the lot of mankind. He died in 1931 and was buried on the 52nd anniversary of the invention of the electric light.

At ten o'clock that evening and at the suggestion of the President of the United States, millions of lights all across the nation were turned off for one minute to honor this great man.

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Your Chaplain,
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Applications are available from all district chairmen, elected officers of the IVFA, or the Scholarship Chairman.

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From the Vice President



Buz Koehler

Spring is in the air, flowers are seeking the sun, and grass fire season is upon us. The latter is not much fun and can be very dangerous so be careful.

I have traveled to several meetings around the state to visit and I always enjoy that.

The Association is going to continue with the 25 year pins to honor those firefighters and it is a special event when they are presented that gives the District Chairmen an extra opportunity to recognize these firefighters and visit departments. I must add that the district chairmen that I have talked to really enjoy passing out the pins.

Our Association is continuing to grow and we will be available to visit with any department that has questions, all district chairmen and of-

ficers will attend your meeting as you request, so please call us.

The Central Office in a portable form has been available at several of the Fire Schools and we will continue to offer this help as long as there is a need. So if you are at one of the Fire Schools, stop by and see Jack or Barb or any of the other officers and if you don't have any questions, just stop by to say hello.

Again, I want to remind you that if you have questions we will be visiting many departments during the year and I encourage each of you that may have questions of any kind, please allow us to help.

See you at the district meeting. Until then, stay safe.

L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Vice President

New Website

The Project Hoosier SAFE-T website is currently being updated. Visit www.state.in.us/ipsc/safe-t for the latest in project developments and info.

Lowell Firefighters Attend Fire Conferences

On Monday, February 26, Tuesday, February 27th, Fire Jack Eskridge, Lt. Randy Small, Safety Officers Jim Lampa and Tony Parker and Firefighter Todd Konradi attended some very specialized fire training classes which enable these men to bring back their training to the entire department.

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Boone Grove (Porter Twp.)
Fire Department
January 17, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by District 2 Chairman Curtis Reifon. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by vice-president Buz Koehler.

Guests included: Vice-President Buz Koehler, P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford, District 2 Chairman Curt Reifon, District 1 Secretary Tom Orrell, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, Former District 2 Chairman Larry Stott, I.V.F.A.A. District 2 Chairperson Ann Moss, Porter Co. E.M.A. Director Phil Griffith, Dale Hensley of 5-Alarm Fire Equipment Co. and Dan Bowers of Hoosier Fire Equipment Company.

There were two deaths in District Two (Steve Cher, Sr. of Lake Hills F.D. and Robert Condrion of Crown Point F.D.) and six deaths in District One. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these departed members.

Captain Jim Wallace gave a brief history of the Boone Grove Fire Dept.

Roll call was answered by 14 members from five departments from District 1 and by 21 members from five departments from District 2. The attendance trophies were won by New Chicago Fire Dept. for District 1 and Lake Eliza Fire Dept. for District 2.

Motion was made by Paul Watland, seconded by Robert Sztot, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last month's meeting. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clarence Moss advised that our current balance is \$1181.12.

District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford announced that: Congress passed a 200 million dollar bill for Fire Departments. Mr. I.V.F.A. nominations are due by April 1st and should be sent to Mitch Parrish. Midwest Award nominations are due by February 1st and should be given to your District Chairman. Ollie Sandberg nominations are due by May 1st. Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due in by March 1st.

Vice-President Buz Koehler talked: "Specialty" license places, minor "Blue Light Law" changes, the "Fire Caucus Dinner" which is coming up on the 5th of February, and advised that the deadline for articles for the I.V.F.A. newsletter is April 10th.

The next meeting of Districts 1 & 2 will be February 21st at Ross Twp. #4.

The "50/50" was won by Paul Watland, seconded by Robert Sztot to adjourn. Passed.

Tom Orrell
Secretary, District One

February 21, 2001

The meeting was called to order by District 1 chairperson Jim Bradford at 7:45 p.m. after a dinner served by host department Ross Twp. District 4 of Merrillville.

Minutes were taken by Martha Thomas in the absence of Tom Orrell, District 1 & District 2 secretary, due to the death of his mother. Our condolences go to the family.

The pledge was given by Buz Koehler and guests were Curtis Reifon, District 2 chairperson, Phyllis Vargo, District 1 chairperson IVFAA, Ann Moss, chairperson District 2 IVFAA, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary IVFAA, Clarence Moss, District 1 & District 2 Treasurer, Buz Koehler, Vice-President IVFA, Randy Denton 9B district chairperson.

Roll call was given with 40 members from 10 departments for Dis-

trict 1 and 21 members from six departments from District 2.

Mike Sneiderwine for host department introduced his line officers, gave a presentation of his job as a fire investigator and the department was incorporated in 1974 with 24 members at this time.

There were no minutes at this time from previous meeting.

Jim Bradford gave Bob Mele his 25 year for his 28 years of service.

Dennis Schavey P.R. Northwest gave a report of legislature from the state officer's meeting February.

Buz Koehler also the newspaper editor's assistant spoke about the newspaper stating that if you need anything to contact him or Mitch Parrish, ad taker. Make sure to get your notices in to the paper as soon as you get them to make sure that they will be in the next edition as they will be published in Feb., May, August and November. To be safe send them no later than 10th of April, July and October. Buzz also asked we try to have a Midwest Award winner from each District at the convention.

It was announced that the Burn Camp will run from May 28th to June 2nd.

Randy Denton, District 9B chairperson spoke about a \$100,000,000.00 grant divided into 2,000 checks. Go on-line FEMA to try to apply for grant. Get a form from the Fire Marshal's office on when the Federal Government makes forms available. Previous forms can be put on new forms. The grant will be 51% for paid departments and 47% for volunteers.

Clarence Moss gave the treasurer's report of \$1247.12 on hand at this time.

Old business: none.

New business: A moment of silence for the death of Stan Carlson of Beverly Shores and Ed Bahney of Schererville. Also Dwight Rensch's mother passed away. Our prayers are with all of the families.

Department announces: New Chicago - Pancake breakfast Feb. 25th, Lake Eliza gun raffle June 16th, Lake of 4 Seasons dance, dinner, silent auction March 10th, tickets \$70.00, Ogdon Dunes raffle March 10th.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Melanie Morgan of Lake Dale with \$59.00 to her and the same to the treasury. Ann Moss won a fire extinguisher and Jack won a shirt.

The March 21st meeting will be at the St. John VFW Post 717 at 10400 W. 93rd.

Due to not having a roll call list we are unable to give attendance trophies at this time. It will be brought up to date in March.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Sztot, seconded by Cheryl Austin and all in favor. See you in March.

Submitted by
Martha Thomas

St. John Fire Department
March 21, 2001

The meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman Curtis Reifon at 7:45 PM. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Dennis Wilkeny.

Guests included: P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford, District 2 Chairman Curtis Reifon, District 1 Secretary Tom Orrell, Districts 1 & 2 treasurer Clarence Moss, former District 2 chairperson Larry Stott, I.V.F.A.A. correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, I.V.F.A.A. District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, District 1 "Miss Flame" Kim Perry, St. John F.D. Fire Chief Fred Willman, Ivan Nevel of P.S.T.I., Phil Griffith, Director of the Porter Co. E.M.A., John Bowers from Hoosier Fire Equipment, and Jerry Stachon from Haden & Co.

District 1 chairman Curtis Reifon

and Jim Wozniowski (St. John) presented I.V.F.A. 25 year pins to the following members of the St. John Fire Dept.: Nicholas Thiery, James Thiery, Ralph Deilman, Clarence Monix, Samuel DeYoung, Richard Spring, Gerald Spohn, Charles Gorney, James Wozniowski, "Big John" Geary and James Gemballa. Those who were not present, but will receive 25 year pins at a later time were: George Connor, James Halfman, Dewey Snow, Frank Huppenthal, John Stabler, Michael Muenich and Jack Smith.

District 1 chairman Curtis Reifon also presented an I.V.F.A. 25 year pin to Rodney Norton of the Lake Eliza Fire Dept.

District 2 chairman Jim Bradford presented I.V.F.A. 25 year pins to the following members of the Independence Hill Fire Dept.: Robert Blimm, John Kierzkowski, Gerald Phillips, Lowell Pinkston, John Wallace, Donald Yaros.

Ivan Nevel of P.S.T.I. and representing Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright and Governor O'Bannon presented a special award, lapel pin and medal to Pete Monick of the St. John Fire Dept. for 42 years of dedicated service.

Jerry Stachon of Haden & Co. gave a presentation on Class "A" foam.

A brief history and description of the current St. John Fire Dept. was given.

Roll call was answered by 26 members from nine departments from District 1 and by 55 members from eight departments from District 2. The attendance trophy for District 1 was won by Independence Hill and for District 2 by Lake Eliza.

A motion was made by Wally Cook, seconded by Jake Thomas, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Passed.

P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey announced that the deadline for the I.V.F.A. newsletter is April 10th and encouraged departments to submit articles. Schavey also talked about the I.D.E.M. "non-rule document".

Porter Co. E.M.A. director Phil Griffith advised that Fri., March 23, a shipment of 'sheep' is scheduled to cross Indiana via the Toll Road and that they MAY have "Mad Cow" disease.

Ivan Nevel of P.S.T.I. spoke about the new curriculum for the "24 hour" training and on other training issues.

Clarence Moss presented the treasurer's report of: \$1317.12 current total.

Clarence Moss also advised that the Indiana Children's Burn Camp is coming up and urged anyone wishing to donate T-shirts should call him at 988-2334 and that he would arrange for them to be picked up.

Former District 2 chairman Larry Stott questioned if the pending (fire) legislation has been disseminated to the various fire departments by the district chairman. P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey advised that they had just recently received updated information and that it WILL be forwarded.

Announcements: "Indiana Weekend" at the National Fire Academy is Sept. 8 & 9. Course information will be forthcoming. Conservation Officer, F/Sgt. Paul Bykowski (by memorandum) advises of the new Indiana Law Enforcement and Firefighter Memorial "unveiling" on June 5-6, 2001 in Indianapolis. Honor guards and color guards are needed. For more information, contact him at (812) 988-9461 or at paulbyke@EARTHLINK.NET. I.F.E.S. is sponsoring a Hazardous Materials & Environmental Safety Conference on June 5-6, 2001. C.P.S.C., Xanadu Candle Co. has announced a recall of specific candles. The next meeting of Dis-

tricts 1 & 2 will be on April 18 at the Lake Station Fire Dept. at the corner of S.R. 51 & Central Avenue.

The "50/50" was drawn by District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry and won by Walt Starreck of Lake Eliza Fire Dept. A Nomex hood, donated by Hoosier Fire Co. was won by Chuck Gorney.

Motion made by Wally Cook, seconded by Jake Thomas to adjourn. Passed.

Tom Orrell
Secretary, District One

DISTRICT 3

January 18, 2001
Hanna Township
Fire Department

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 16 members representing eight departments along with four guests present. Assistant Chief Mike Magley led the pledge. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Coolspring Township firefighter Debbie Checola who passed away from cancer and for all of the firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Buz Koehler - State Vice President, Dennis Schavey - PR Director NW, Bruce Yonkers - District 1, Dan Bowers - Hoosier Fire.

The minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$215.19. (A copy is enclosed.)

Communications:
1. Comments from Chairman Sandy -

a. Announced that he has been attending department meetings to distribute the 25-year pins. He also stated that there have been several discrepancies found with the list and he will be double-checking with the State Office to get it updated and corrected.

b. Announced that an OSHA Compliance Officer has made visits to some fire departments recently. Some of the areas OSHA is checking are: written programs, hepatitis B shots, and whether or not firefighters have turnout gear that fits. OSHA will be levying fines if the violations are not abated. IVFA will be issuing a guideline for OSHA compliance pamphlet soon and any department wishing assistance with compliance should contact Chairman Sandy. He can arrange for guidance, if the proper requests are made.

c. Relayed information stating that the line of duty deaths is decreasing. There were 95 deaths in 2000 (53 volunteer and 42 career) and 112 deaths in 1999. There have been seven deaths so far this year. The leading cause of death is stress/exertion (32%). There were 31 heart attacks/CVAs deaths, 13 MVA fatalities, 13 wild fire deaths, eight deaths during training sessions, two burn deaths and two dive accidents deaths. The average age of the deceased was 55.6.

d. Announced that Fire Bill 2001 has 100 million dollars to fund the fire service programs. 300 million has been requested for the next two years respectively. He also announced that there are FEMA grants available for areas of under 50,000 people with 10% match and areas over 50,000 with a 30% match. \$750,000 is the maximum award. He also discussed several of the other federal programs and upcoming legislative proposals.

e. Announced that Midwest award nominations need to be forwarded to him ASAP.

f. Announced that he had the list of Duneland Fire School classes with

him and the registrations booklets will be mailed shortly. Again recommended that the grant writing workshop and stressed that it is being tailored to Indiana.

2. Comments from Dennis Schavey -

a. Announced that the Fire Institute Dinner is in Indianapolis on 2/5/01.

b. Advised that the gold cards have been back ordered.

c. Announced that the EMS license plates are being discontinued but the IVFA plate will still be available. The forms will be printed in the newspaper.

d. Deadlines for articles for the next edition of the paper is April 10th.

e. Requested the District Chairs to report attendance of meetings to the Vice President.

f. Announced that Paul Covington has been appointed to the EMS Commission and Buz Koehler has been appointed to the PSTI Board.

g. Announced that the PR over-head program is completed.

h. Reminded everyone that a member, child and spouse are eligible for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

i. Reminded everyone that you can receive a \$5 discount for fire schools by submitting your name and IVFA # when registering.

j. Announced that there are still historical books available if anyone is interested.

k. New stickers depicting the name change of the organization are now available.

3. Comments from Vice President Buz Koehler -

a. Reminded everyone to submit articles and pictures to the paper.

b. Announced that there will be a color guard competition at this year's convention.

c. Announced that the Association is working on a web page.

d. Announced that there will be a highlight of the membership benefits in each issue of the paper.

e. Reminded everyone to contact IVFA officers and invite them to station's dedications, fundraisers, etc.

f. Reminded everyone that nominations for Ollie Sandberg and Mr. IVFA are due by 4/1/01.

g. Reviewed several of the legislative proposals including some of the IVFA sponsored bills.

h. Announced that the web site for the state is: www.in.gov Convention Committee:

Chairman Sandy presented the Treasury with a check for \$2027.50. He announced that all bills have been paid and this is our balance. The convention account has now been closed.

Old Business:

Bruce Yonkers advised that he check with the NFPA in regards to an announcement made at our meeting a couple of months ago. Jeff Wiatrowski from Lincoln Township had stated he attended an investigator's training and they were advised that the NFPA was proposing the requirement of an engineering degree for all arson investigators. Per Bruce, the NFPA has stated this rumor is untrue, as they would lose 80% of their investigators.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order:

1. Westville Auxiliary will be having bingo on 1/20/01 at 5 p.m.

2. Buzz has extra newspapers if anyone needs some.

3. Chairman Sandy requested permission to purchase a memorial plaque for Scipio Township in remembrance of their fallen firefighters. Motion made and carried.

4. Announced that we will be making a \$50 donation to Coolspring Township in lieu of flowers in memory of Debbie Checola.

5. Dave Kaufman announced that Howmet in LaPorte will be hosting a 1st Responder class beginning 2/17/01. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. Cost is

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Public Relations Southwest



Ronald Bell

I have made it to all my district meetings. Have enjoyed attending them. February 5th attended the 10th annual Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, held in the Indiana Roof Ballroom at Indianapolis. My wife and I had an enjoyable time, met some new people, and was very educational. Ask our IVFA chaplain how to become a "Super Hero"!!!!!!

Attended District 15 meal and meeting on January 16th held at Scott Township Volunteer Fire Department. They also held their Miss Flame contest for who would represent them at the 2001 Convention.

January 18, attended District 18 meeting at Grandview Volunteer Fire Department. February 12th, District 17B meeting hosted by the Mitchell Vol. Fire Dept. Enjoyed the guest speaker very much since I am a former railroad employee.

Had the pleasure of attending District 17A's 2001 Miss Flame contest run-off, February 18th held at Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Elnora/Elmore Vol. Fire Dept. had a tragic fire, an Elnora man lost his life in the fire. For most of the firefighters this was the first fatality they had ever had to deal with. It's a sad, tragic thing when a life is taken. It's been ruled accidental and is believed to have started from a cigarette. One firefighter was taken to the hospital with smoke inhalation then released. Then was re-admitted for complications suffering the toxic fumes from the metal on the shed. So remember these fire-

fighters during this time of coming to terms with the tragic. Most of them knew the victim.

Just let me know about meetings or any functions I would be happy to attend.

IVFA Public Relations Southwest
Ron Bell
812-636-4192

DISTRICT 3

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\$90 plus book costs.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with the 50/50 being won by Dave Calvin, hats donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire being won by Jim Byers and Dennis Schavey and a fire extinguisher donated by Dan Bowers of Hoosier Fire being won by Bruce Yonkers.

The next meeting: March 15, 2001, 7:30 p.m., (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.), Michiana Shores Fire Department.

Submitted by
Pam Kaufman

March 15, 2001

Michiana Shores Fire Dept.

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. There were 21 members representing seven departments along with three guests present. Chief Jim Imes led the pledge. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence as he read the roll call of the 22 firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty this year.

Guests present were: Dennis Schavey - PR Director NW, Bruce Yonkers - District 1, Dan Bowers - Hoosier Fire.

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1970.12.

Communications: 1. Comments from Chairman Sandy - a. Announced that President Bush's 2002 budget included no money for the fire grant program. This will also eliminate Project Impact Disaster funding. Chairman Sandy requested all firefighters and departments write a letter to President Bush, their Senators and Representatives requesting reinstatement of the Fire Act. Chairman Sandy then read the letter he sent to President Bush. More information can be obtained

on-line at Firehouse.com and the National Fire Administration website, along with a form letter; b. Read a touching editorial written by Harry Carter, an internationally renowned writer on firefighting; c. Announced grant forms along with instructions will be available next week on the fire administration's web site: www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firehouse.com. Departments will not be eligible if they do not file NFIRS; 2. Comments from Dennis Schavey - a. Gave a legislative bill status report and had copies available for each department present; b. Had copies of Indiana's Access to Public Records Act, IOSHA Standards for Fire and Emergency Services, IDEM's non-rule policy document on open burning of motor vehicles for firefighter training, American Heart Association's Operation Stroke Overview, and a list of names and addresses of Indiana's legislators, available for each department.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Good of the Order: 1. Chairman Sandy presented 25-year pins to Jim Imes and Marge Wozniak of Michiana Shores and Ed Ritter and Kenny Freeland of Kingsbury; 2. Kankakee Twp. will be having a pancake breakfast on April 1; 3. Lincoln Twp. will be having a pancake breakfast on April 8; 4. Kingsbury and Michiana Shores will be having pancake breakfasts on April 29; 5. Springfield Twp. will be having a pancake breakfast on May 6.

Training: Training Officer Dave Kaufman presided over a very competitive game of Fire Jeopardy with the Michiana Shores team being the victors.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with the 50/50 being won by Tara Timm, hats donated by Dan Bowers of Hoosier Fire being won by Mike Chastain and Ed Ritter, a T-shirt donated by Tom Thode of 5 Alarm being won by Wayne Zeman and an equipment bag donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire being won by Marge Wozniak.

Next meeting: May 17, 2001, 7:00 p.m., refreshments at 7:00 p.m., Westville Fire Dept.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 5

January 11, 2001

North Manchester Fire Dept.
North Manchester, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll Call: 27 members representing 10 departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, Northeast Public Relations, LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler, IVFA Vice President, Bruce Yonkers, Past Firefighter from District 1.

Minutes were read by District Secretary Kissinger and approved as presented.

Chairman Kissinger turned the meeting over to Vice President Koehler.

Vice President Koehler advised the members about several topics:

- if anyone has any questions about PSTI, let him know;
- discussed bills going through the State;
- help for firefighters who show up for work late;
- relax rules for training burns;
- license plate fees;
- \$2000 tax exemption for firefighters;
- grant programs;
- insurance relief program;
- the IVFA newspaper should have 32 pages in the next issue;
- don't forget dates and deadlines for awards;
- the new 24 hour training is being field tested;
- held discussion on what is going on at the PSTI.

Mike Mackin talked about upcoming Convention.

District Chairman Kissinger advised that all new fire chiefs should get their name to the Central Office.

Dues packets should be out around the first of May.

District Chairman Kissinger presented a 25 year pin to Pleasant Twp. Firefighter (Laketon, IN), Don Warmuth.

Mike Blair advised that the new fire code will not be out until June or July 2001 if possible.

Good of the Order:
The question was asked whether a physical is mandatory. The State says no, but highly recommends having them done.

The next meeting will be held March 8, 2001 at Tippecanoe Fire Department, Tippecanoe, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2046 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

March 8, 2001

Tippecanoe Fire Department
Tippecanoe, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1929 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll Call: 21 members representing 10 departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, Northeast Public Relations and Richard Glant, I.V.F.A. Past President.

Minutes were read by District Chairman Kissinger and approved as presented.

Chairman Kissinger discussed bills going through legislature.

Chairman Kissinger talked about an amendment to Article 4, Section 2 of the By-Laws to allow past presidents voting rights at quarterly meetings. A motion was made to accept. Motion carried.

Mike Mackin talked about upcoming Convention.

Mike also talked about the new lobbyist for the Association.

Discussed having all districts wait a few months and discuss a blue light law that everybody agrees with and then take it to the Lobbyist to see what she can do.

Chairman Kissinger presented a 25-year pin to Dale Blackford of the Tippecanoe Fire Department.

Good of the Order:
Physicals are not required by the State, but are required by OSHA.

Tippecanoe Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers after a

recent passing of one of their firefighters.

The next meeting will be held May 10, 2001 at Atwood Fire Department, Atwood, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

DISTRICT 6

January 18, 2001

Laotto Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Jones at 19:44 hours.

Roll call was answered by 35 members, two guests from 15 departments with 340 incidents reported.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business:
Chairman Tim Jones covered the events for this year's convention.

New Business:

There was some discussion on Meth-Labs that are becoming more popular in the area. P.R. Mike Mackin went over the legislation bills that the Association is watching. Chairman Tim Jones presented Larry Hershberger from Laotto Fire Department his 25 year service award pin.

Announcements:
Richland Twp. will be having Fish Fries on Feb. 24, April 21, Oct. 13, Nov. 10. Laotto Fire Department will have a Fish Fry on March 23 & Aug. 10, BBQ's on May 4, June 15, Sept. 7 & Oct. 12, a Fall Fest on Nov. 4 and will have a Cookie Sale on Dec. 2.

Next meeting will be held on March 15 hosted by Johnson Twp.

The training program was given by Robert Murphy from R.P. Murphy and Associates on writing grants.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Mackin
District Secretary

March 15, 2001

Johnson Twp. Wolcottville

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Jones at 19:44 hours.

Roll call was answered by 67 members, one guest from 14 departments with 401 incidents reported.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given and approved.

Old Business:

Chairman Tim Jones had copies of the newspaper, booklets, membership forms, convention registration forms for anyone needing this information. Tim then covered the legislation that the association is watching.

New Business:

Chairman Tim Jones brought up about the Fire Act Cut by President George Bush at the Federal level.

P.R. Northeast Mike Mackin told everyone about the dates of 8-10-98 or 8-13-98, the computer must have locked up. So on the dues billing roster due out. To change the service date as needed, for the 25 year service pins. Mike read the change proposal to the by-laws. Jim Newman from Johnson Twp. motioned to accept, Robin Wylie from South Millford seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Tim Jones then passed out 25 year service pins to Mitchell Fiandt from Albion F.D., Chatman Christian, Roger Hartman, Michael Mayberry from Corunna F.D., Lawrence Watson from Howe F.D., Raymond Eiseman, Richard Huth, Michael Martz, Martin Reed, John Russel, Austin Slone from Johnson Twp. F.D., Martin McDonld, Bill Fisher, Mike Schearer from Ligonier F.D., Max Bergman, Duane Billman, Allen Connelly, William Connelly,

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Donald Curtis, James Eberly, Gregory Hart, Raymond Hoover, Lloyd Myers, Larry Park, Michael Rowlinson, Jerry Stewart from LaGrange F.D., David Fiandt, James George, Richard Kruse, Lee Loos, Jimmy Perkins, Gordon Walburn from Rome City F.D.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:22 hours.

The next meeting will be at Corunna F.D. on May 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Mackin
District Secretary

DISTRICT 8A

Well, it's getting to be summer in Indiana. We have to think of grass and combine fires coming up. Please take advantage of your local and state fire schools.

We had a good meeting at Greentown V.F.D. in March. Thanks to all that attended. We had the Vice President and East Central Public Relations persons from the I.V.F.A. in attendance. The Vice President brought up information on legislative bills that I.V.F.A. are supporting this year.

Mr. Koehler also informed the attendance about the I.V.F.A. "watching the money" spent. Mr. Koehler also informed us some information on the use of blue lights. The Chairman passed out 25 year pins.

Firefighters from District 8A - we have a station dedication to attend. Washington Vol. Fire Department, Inc. is having an open house for their new station. The dedication will be on June 2, 2001 at 1513 N. Bethlehem Rd., Marion. The hours of this are 1400-1800 hours. Please try to attend and support your fellow firefighters.

I also want to remind you department secretaries dues statements are coming out. Please check addresses and phone numbers for correctness.

Well, all for now. See you in May on the 9th at Jonesboro Fire Dept. at 19:30 hours.

Don't forget Convention in Fort Wayne June 13 to 16.

DISTRICT 9A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Randle at 7:30PM at the Howard County EMA fire department, Kokomo, IN, on January 25, 2001. The pledge to the flag was given and the invocation offered by Rev. Kilcline.

Roll call: 17 members from nine departments reported 61 fire runs and 40 EMS calls.

Guests: Buz Koehler, Bruce Yonkers, Rev. Frank Kilcline, Jonathan Randle, and Brad Bray.

Communications: Information on the Governor's Summit on Project Safe-T on 2/21/01. The Chairman asked that fire departments having classes let others know so that they can attend.

Charlie Cline expressed appreciation to the 11 fire departments

that assisted Russiaville VFD with a church fire on Christmas Day.

Buz Koehler reported that Paul Covington is on the EMS commission now and he, himself, is on the PSTI board. The Fire Marshal is sending out a survey at random to 1500 firefighters to find out if a state fire academy is wanted and where it should be before it goes to legislation. Nominees for Mr. IVFA are needed by April 1 and May 1st. He reviewed some of the legislation being presented this year: Civil immunity for volunteer firefighters, fees for false alarms, fire protection levee, enforcement of fire lane restrictions, sirens for green light EMS, excluding personal insurance coverage while proceeding to a scene, fire and safety education grants, congressional redistricting and impersonating a firefighter as a Class D felony. The IVFA is against the sirens and insurance bills.

New Business: There was one death in the district, Charles "Tug" Sutton, a former Chairman. Continue turning in names and addresses of your members to get this updated. E-mail addresses of fire departments are needed. Applications for Miss Flame need to be turned in. Nominations for the Midwest Award and the Ollie Sandburg Award can be turned in now.

There was a discussion on placing early warning sirens in communities. Bill Schock of Delphi said that they are usually placed on the Southwest or West sides with the prevailing winds to carry the sound and they should have a battery backup. Howard County Coroner, Brad Bray, spoke on his duties and the handling of fatalities. Coroners will cross county lines to help out in large scale incidents. All fatalities in traffic and industry are investigated. SIDS victims under one year of age are autopsied as well as sudden death of a person not on medical care, and a death up to one year after surgery, and homicide and foul play victims. At a fire fatality, the victim should be covered with a foil blanket. This victim is always autopsied. Don't disturb the body of a traffic accident victim. Leave all personal property alone. Organ donations are done at the hospital with consent of a family member.

Meeting adjourned with a meal hosted by Chief Bill Tygart and his crew. Next meeting is March 22nd, at Kempton.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel,
Sec./Treas.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Dee Mauntel on March 22, 7PM at the Kempton Volunteer Fire Dept. The Chairman Jon Randle was unable to attend. The Pledge to the Flag was given and Rev. Frank Kilcline offered the invocation.

ROLL CALL: 24 firefighters from seven departments answered the roll with 73 fire and 89 EMS calls since the last meeting.

GUESTS: Rev. Kilcline, Bruce Yonkers, Brian Jones, Justin Philips and Charlene Davis. The minutes were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: PRNW Dennis Schavey reported that the survey from the State Fire Marshal's office regarding having a state training facility will go out this week. He had information. One letter of nomination for the Midwest Award was turned in to the Chairman. Nominees for Mr. IVFA can be turned in until April 1st.

NEW BUSINESS: Frank Weaver, a 35 year member of the Galveston FD, died. Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy is Sept. 8th and 9th. More information later on this. Leighann Randle will be the Miss Flame Candidate for District 9A this year. The state convention is June 14 to 16th in Fort Wayne. See your IVFA newspaper for more info.

The NFA is offering the Volunteer Incentive Program this year the week of Sept. 23rd. Applications can be obtained by calling Ivan Nevil

at 1-800-666-PSTI. This is an intensive curriculum designed specifically for the volunteer fire officer. Call the National Fire Academy at 1-800-238-3358, ext. 1128 for courses and openings.

The FEMA \$100 million grant program will have 57% going to volunteer fire departments. The application deadline and processing timetable is still under development.

The proposed NFPA 1710 and 1720 standards for the organization of fire, EMS and special operations to the public will be ready for a vote by the NFPA membership in a few weeks.

Dennis Schavey had hand-outs on burning of vehicles for training for IDEM, list of legislators' addresses, Bill Status Report, American Stroke Association overview, Access to Public Records Act, and IOSHA standards for fire and emergency services.

Program: Sgt. Ken Roland or the ISP presented a program on Meth labs assisted by Cpl. Brad Weaver and Bob Good. Fire departments must be aware that fast burning fires, the presence of punctured aerosol cans, used coffee filters and battery casings are some indications that a meth lab may be involved. Back out and call for law enforcement. This is a HazMat incident and requires Class A suits for cleanup. Don't have any ignition sources around these labs. Weapons are usually stashed around the labs. Handouts with much info were given out to take back to the fire departments.

Galveston FD is having a Safety Day with the Smoke Trailer on May 12, 9AM to 3PM.

Todd McCain won the 50/50. The next meeting is May 24th and the place may be changed so watch for the flyer.

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel
Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9-B

District 9B met on November 9th at Boswell Volunteer Fire Dept. with 10 departments answering roll call for a total of 32 members present. Several issues were discussed from upcoming legislation. After the host department was introduced, Chairman Randy Denton then presented 25 year awards to Poland Eberhardt, Joseph B. Kult, and Denzil G. Smith on the Boswell Volunteer Fire Department. Training was then presented on electrical fires.

On January 11th, District 9B met at the Brook Volunteer Fire De-

partment - eight departments answering roll call with a total of 28 members and five guests present. Past President Mitch Parish spoke on several issues including the Fire Caucus on February 5th in Indianapolis. He also advised that scholarship applications must be in by March 1st. He then discussed several issues of upcoming legislation.

Chairman Randy Denton gave dates and locations of the upcoming Fire Chief Orientations. He also gave information of Department of Forestry Grants available to departments. He advised that District 9B needed candidates for the Miss Flame contest. He then advised the deadlines for the various awards and advised that he would need letters as soon as possible. He also advised that District 9B would be giving a trophy for the best attendance at district meetings for the year of 2001. This would be a traveling trophy during the year and the department with the best overall attendance would then get to keep the trophy at the end of the year.

The host department was then introduced and after a presentation of how to give a press release was given by WGFA radio station from Watseka, Illinois.

Next meeting will be March 8th at Brookston.

DISTRICT 10

Hey, guess what District 10? You have news from your District. Chairman David Israel would like to thank the departments and personnel for the wonderful start of 2001. My numbers department and people are up each meeting, keep it up. I would like to thank my regular supporters for their attendance at each meeting. You know who you are. Thank you. I would like to ask the rest of the departments to try and send one person to each meeting.

As you know the IVFA is giving away 25 year pins to members with 25 years on the fire department and are a member of the IVFA. I have 75 pins to give out and succeeded in passing out 50 pins so far. If I haven't been to your department yet, I'll get there or call me and set up a time. Hopefully in this edition of the paper there are pictures of the recipients so far.

The last meeting of the 10th District IVFA was held at Manilla VFD on March 21. Thanks Manilla VFD and chief Gary Wissing for hosting and the meal. There were 12 departments, 34 members present reporting 152 runs.

After pledge to the flag, salesmen and guests were acknowl-

edged. Minutes were read and approved. We had one death in the district since last meeting. Dushan (Doc) Stiko passed away. He was a 50 year member of the Warren Twp.

Discussion of the Fire Relief Act didn't pass. Talked about fire grants. Discussion on the Firefighter Memorial unveiling in Indianapolis in June. Jim Parker talked on Legislation. Jim asked for those departments applying for IDEM exemptions on live car burns if they don't get the exemption let David or Jim know.

Discussion was held on FCC license renewal. Forms are not being mailed out. They are trying to eliminate the lower frequencies. They are wanting departments to go to 800 MHz. There is a \$10,000 fine if you get caught using a base radio without a license. So check your licenses.

Discussion on anhydrous ammonia and meth labs was held.

Rod from Hoosier Fire Equipment put on a program on fire gear. Cleaning and inspecting of gear. There is a free download from Globe on recording inspection of gear.

Second roll call was done and meeting was adjourned.

District schedule for the rest of the year is as follows: April 18 at Clay Twp. VFD Jewellville in Barth. Co., May 16 Nineveh VFD Nineveh, Johnson Co., August 15 Burney VFD Burney, Decatur Co. September 19 Franklin Twp. Indianapolis, Marion Co., October 17 Fairland VFD Fairland, Shelby Co. November 21 German Twp. VFD Taylorsville, Barth Co. Meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

DISTRICT 11B

Cayuga Vol. Fire Dept.
January 14, 2001

The meeting was called to order by District Chairman, Larry Ketchem. The opening prayer was given by the District Chaplain Mankin. Chairman Ketchem presented 25 year pins to 10 members of Cayuga, Newport, Perrysville and Rosedale fire departments. The total years of service by the 10 members was 408 years. The District Auxiliary Chairperson, Patty Miller, presented Joyce Laws from Cayuga Auxiliary with her 25 year membership certificate.

Chairman Ketchem introduced the speaker, Mike Fowler from the Investigation Division of the Fire Marshal's Office. He spoke on the current procedures required by his office when requesting the services of his office. He spoke on the re

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IVFAA President



Mary Mackin

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

MARTEN HOUSE
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
FEBRUARY 4, 2001

President Mary Mackin called the meeting to order at 9:10 asking our Chaplain Joann Hayes to lead us in prayer and commenting on the good news of having Jack Cox with us on Friday night and he looks wonderful. Our Sgt.-At-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel led the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray, Recording Secretary with 23 members and seven guests present. Diana gave an update on the membership with 64 departments, 48 individuals, 22 life members, 797 paid by their departments, a total of 867 members at this time and will welcome more at any time.

Diana read the minutes from the November meeting with no corrections. They stood as read and Toni Sorg reminded me of the correct way to spell her name.

Dorothy Reiter, Treasurer, gave a report as:

Balance on hand November 4, 2000.....\$10,247.01
Income:
Dues.....706.50
Interest.....21.63
Jewelry.....100.00
V.P. Project.....58.00
Total Income.....+886.13
Disbursements:
Operating expenses.1576.54
Mileage.....530.10
Phone & Postage.....31.53
Over Pd. Dues.....3.00
Total Disbursements -2141.17
Balance on hand Feb. 3, 2001.....\$8991.97

Buzz Koehler came to our meeting asking about the new newspaper and if there was anything that he could help us with it and he got quite a lot of suggestions on the subject. He stated that if we needed anything to contact him.

Joann gave her Chaplain's report and to please keep her informed of any illnesses, babies, and deaths as she doesn't know if we don't help her with them by calling her. She had to leave early so asked to be excused. She gave everyone a present, a chocolate rose and it was announced that Ginger Shanks was ill, Ann Moss had been ill and was doing a lot better, Phyllis Vargo could not attend because of feeling ill and we wish her well, Jack Harker's sister passed away and the good news was that Toni Sorg has a new granddaughter, Olivia Marie to go along with her fairly new grandson.

Auditing: Faye Sallee says everything is wonderful.

Games: Nothing at this time.

Installation: Barb Parker says just fine.

Financial Study: Faye again just wonderful.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller stated that she sent in items for the paper concerning the Miss Flames and she didn't see her items in print. She has to have all the contestants' applications to her by March 10th so that she can send out the information to the young ladies as to the

Finally spring is here. The robins have returned and the flowers are blooming. That means gardens to plant and lawns to mow, a busy season is ahead.

I have attended several functions and fund raisers the past few months. Thank you for your invitations. I will try to make as many as I can.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Franklin Mint Fire Truck. They are only One Dollar each. See your District Chairman or Barbara Kerney for your tickets. They will also be on sale at Convention.

The Convention Committee is hard at work. They have a trolley going from each Hotel for you to

ride to the German Fest on Wednesday night for a meal and dancing. Thursday there is the Miss Flame judging, downtown tours and one to the GM plant, the Hot Dog Bust at the Firefighter's Museum and the opening meeting. Come, enjoy these functions with us.

The banquet on Friday will be a sit down meal. The menu is a New York strip steak with potato, green beans and a dessert.

I am looking forward to visiting with you at the Fort Wayne Convention. Check in time is 3:00 P.M. and check out is at 11:00 A.M.

Sincerely,
Mary L. Mackin
I.V.F.A. Auxiliary President

guidelines for the convention and anything else that they may need.

V.P. Project: Barb Kerney has the tickets and please try to beat the profits of last year. We need extra money to help defray the expense of our computer that was so needed.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith stated that she has plenty of items and we need to sell, sell, and sell so that she can lighten her cas. She has marked down some of her older items.

Nominating: Tammy Hungate everything is okay so far.

Historian: Ann Moss says they are still looking for Book 1 and could use more pictures and items.

President's Advisory: Lou Bartlow says just wonderful!

Lois Boaz: Ann Moss states all taken care of.

Parliamentarian: Lou again states everything is just fine.

By-Laws: No report because Phyllis not present.

Old Business: Diana returned \$6.00 from check for computer.

Tammy asked about guidelines update. Barb Parker stated that she would need items for the Chinese Auction be brought to the May meeting so that she will have them with her on Wednesday morning during members picking up their registrations. Also she was taking the number of items from members present so that she will know how much to expect for the buckets to be with her and ready.

New Business: Mary wanted to try something that we haven't done for awhile and the District Chairman gave a report of their last meeting so that maybe other Chairmen might get something that they may use at their meetings. Also, when you have a picture or items for the newspaper send them as soon as you have them and don't wait until so close to the time of the printing.

Barb Kerney suggested that we might have a white elephant sale on Sunday during our meeting so that we may help our treasury back to where it was since we are having more expenses than before. A motion was made by Sharon Bray and seconded by Malinda Bell, all in favor so motion passed. Barb Parker also stated that no notices will be sent out by the Recording Secretary for future meetings because of the postage and paper. A list of the meeting dates will accompany this newsletter so please keep the notices. Barb Parker asked about the book that we sign at the convention meetings so that we keep an

account of how many to expect at the next convention and try to help the committees who are in charge of items to get including the coffee klutch, etc. We need to know where it is at any given time. Maxine Davies spoke again about the license plates and the IVFAA patches so let her know if and when you need them. Marilyn Dever asked about the amount of the Chaplain's mileage and as it can change at any given time we went with the amount at the time of the November meeting.

Faye Sallee made a motion to adjourn with a second by Lou Bartlow and all were in favor.

The next meeting will be at the Marten House May 5th and 6th so see all of you there. There is a lady from Henryville who will be 100 years old in September and still goes to the Fire House so I guess we can try and keep up with her as I know I have years to go to catch up with her.

A guest with us was Jean Randle, wife of District 9A Jon Randle, so welcome aboard.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!! Debbie Freed, Ann Moss, Dorothy Reiter, Diana Griffin, Beth Caudill and our President Mary Mackin. ENJOY!!!

Barb Kerney gave the closing prayer in the absence of Joann and all have a safe drive home.

Respectfully submitted,
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA
Martha Thomas

PLEASE DISCARD PREVIOUS LETTER REGARDING 2001 MEETING DATES

To: All IVFA Officers, Directors, Committee, and IVFAA Officers
From: The President
Subject: 2001 Meeting Dates
The meeting dates for 2001 are as follows:

February 3 & 4 - Marten House
May 5 & 6 - Marten House
June 14 thru 16 - Annual Meeting & Convention - Ft. Wayne
August 11 & 12 - Marten House
November 3 & 4 - Marten House

Note: We will not be holding our May meeting at the Convention City due to the lack of not being able to negotiate a comparable price for sleeping rooms and meeting rooms. As you are aware we are watching where we are spending our funds this year. I felt this would be an expense we could not justify. I hope you support my decision.

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Barbara Kerney

Spring has arrived! I always look forward to the arrival of spring because it adds a fresh new face to our surroundings. Usually our lives seem to become more hectic since there are so many things that we seem to have to do this time of year; like yard work, gardening, vacations, spring-cleaning as well as all our extra summer activities.

We are busy in the State Auxiliary trying to recruit new members and find some willing individuals to take a district to chair. I hope all of us will take some time out of our busy schedules to sell our raffle tickets for our Franklin Mint Fire Truck. This is our main money making event. It takes the efforts of all of us to make it successful and gives us funds to operate our organization during the year.

I would like to thank the I.V.F.A. for its support as well as the funding that they have given to us during the past year. It has indeed taken away some of our financial burden. Team efforts help both state organizations to be ones that members can better serve their members and their communities.

Convention time will soon be here. Try to make plans to be in Ft. Wayne for a great time. The committees have been busy trying to put together a good four days for all of us to enjoy. Convention is a time we can be together with old friends, make new friends and enjoy the events that the convention site has put together for us.

Have a great spring and I will see you in Ft. Wayne.

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

March 1, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, President of the I.V.F.A.A. District 1 at 7:15 P.M. with prayer and department history given by Lori Sabo of Lake Station Fire Department.

The host department Lake Sta-

tion served dinner.

Phyllis introduced the guests that were in attendance, Miss Melissa Baumgardner, Miss Flame contestant for District #2, Clarence Moss, District 1 & 2 Treasurer, Dennis Schavey, P.R. Northwest, Martha Thomas, Corresponding Secretary for I.V.F.A.A., and Jake Thomas.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 23 members in attendance representing five departments, one individual and one guest.

Minutes of the November 2, 2000 meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner, corrected and passed as read.

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

Old Business - Phyllis announced that they still had two-year planners for sale for \$2, I.V.F.A.A. Patches for \$1.50, Charms and tie tacks for \$5.

Phyllis announced that she had the State raffle tickets, if you have not gotten yours or you can sell more, please see Phyllis or Ann after the meeting. The money needs to be back to district chairmen by May district meeting.

Phyllis talked about if your department is in need for the use of the State Chaplain. Please contact Phyllis or Ann. Phyllis also talked about the importance of making sure all the ladies on your department have paid their dues. They feel really bad when the departments call for Memorial Service and they check the records and find out the individual is not current on dues. Please ladies go back to your department and make sure everyone is paid.

New Business - We all sang Happy Birthday to Ann Moss! 39 and still holding.

Phyllis talked about the Chinese Auction that the State holds during State Convention. She asked the wishes of the group and what we wanted to do. We have brought two baskets with money from the General Fund and donated them to the State for the Chinese Auction. Motion was made by Beverly Vandervleet from Lake Eliza, seconded by Karen Giesler of Lake Eliza to allocate \$30-\$35 from each district to purchase of gift baskets for State Chinese Auction. Martha Thomas offered to get one of the items for the district, and Ann will take care of District #2 gift baskets for State Chinese Auction.

Next meeting will be May 3rd at Lake Eliza.

Department announcements were given.

Phyllis brought up the fact that we did not make as much money this year off the Silent Auction as we have in the past. Karen Giesler of Lake Eliza made a motion to have each department bring three items for the Silent Auction to the May meeting. Rosemarie Ruschak of Lake Eliza seconded the motion. Motion passed. It will be put on your next district cards.

Attendance trophy went to Munster for District #1. Lake Of Four Seasons for District #2.

Motion was made by Martha Thomas, seconded by Melissa Ralph to adjourn. Motion passed.

DISTRICT 6

The Sixth District Auxiliary met at Laotto Fire Department on January 18, 2001. We had an enjoyable

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meeting with five auxiliary members and two guests present representing four departments.

We discussed fundraisers and our commitment to the State Convention this year.

Then the Sixth District Auxiliary met at Johnson Township Fire Department on March 15, 2001. We had seventeen auxiliary members and four guests present representing six departments.

We have gotten the Miss Flame ditty bags and many things to fill them for convention. We will be taking donations on a handmade fireman's blanket to be given away at the district Miss Flame contest in November.

The next meeting will be on May 17, 2001 at Corunna Fire Department. Remember a light supper will be served. Hope to see you all there. Remember convention is June 13 to 16 in Fort Wayne. Hope to see you then!

Marilyn Dever
6th District Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A

Time to get reservations in if you haven't already for a great convention in Ft. Wayne, IN at the Grand Wayne Center and attached Hilton Hotel, June 13-16.

Our new District 11A Miss Flame, Heather Eckstein from Posey Twp., will be representing us. Please invite and welcome her to your fish fries, dinners and parades.

We wish to thank our outgoing Miss Flame, Brianna Husband, of Lewis Twp. for a job well done.

Our March meeting was held at Poland VFD and we thank them for their hospitality. It was a beautiful day and a very moving ceremony as three of their firemen were honored.

Our May 20 meeting will be held at Van Buren VFD Harmony at 1:00 p.m. and July 15 meeting at Burnett VFD at 1:00 p.m. Please try to attend.

Upcoming events: April 21 - Prairieton VFD Fish Fry; June 2 - Posey Fish Fry; June 9 - Sandcut OC2 Fish Fry 3-8 p.m.

DISTRICT 11-B

March 27, 2001

Here we are, spring is in the air. I just noticed last night; the sun did not set until almost 7 p.m. Don't you just love it? All we need are the warmer temps to go along with it. The 2001 IVFA Convention is just around the corner. I hope everyone got their nominations in for all the awards. There are a lot of deserving folks out there. Congratulations to our new Miss Flame for District 11B - Miss Kristen Lanzone. Her parents are Jerry and Judy Lanzone, of rural Rosedale. Her sponsoring department is Lyford Vol. Fire Dept. Good luck at the Convention.

We had our March meeting at Greencastle Fire Department. The food and fellowship was great. Our next meeting will be held at the Fairview Fire Department on May 9, 2001 at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Please let me know when your fundraisers are. I would like to get out and meet as many as I can. I know everyone works hard, it takes a lot of money to keep the stations and equipment going. There never seems to be enough.

Well, I will close for now. Hope to see you all at Convention in Fort Wayne. We have 16 young ladies running for state Miss Flame. I would like to see everyone come and support your district Miss Flame. Remember they are all winners, because they represent your district. Invite them to your Fundraisers. Show them they are special. And by the way, pay for their dinner. Have a great Easter ... See you at Convention.

Patty Miller, Chairman
District 11B Auxiliary

IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Hello, my dear friends,
How are you all doing in your departments? Hope you are doing okay.

Hope you made it through the winter months safe and sound.

We are into spring now, the weather is beautiful. But don't like the storms.

I would like to take this time to praise all of your volunteers and auxiliaries for all you do. There's times I don't feel like some of you don't get rewarded enough, but the day will come, that you will have a helmet of gold or a halo.

It doesn't seem possible we are only just a few months away from another IVFA Convention in Ft. Wayne.

I know the committees are working hard to show us a fine time.

Hope you all get to go. If you

have never been to a convention, you'll find out that you wonder why you had never gone before this.

For you that will be attending the convention, don't forget to attend the memorial service on Friday at 11:00 a.m.

I thought you might enjoy this little prayer called "Jelly Bean Prayer".

"The Jelly Bean Prayer"

Red is for the blood
He gave.
Green is for the grass
He made.
Yellow is for the sun
so bright.
Orange is for the edge
of night.
Blue is for the sins
We made.

White is for the grace
He gave.
Purple is for His hour
of sorrow.
Pink is for our
new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans
colorful and sweet,
Is a prayer, is a promise
is a special treat.

In closing, take care of yourselves and may the Good Lord take care of each and everyone of you. You're all in my prayers.

Bless each and every one of you.
Love and Prayers,
Joann Hays
IVFAA Chaplain

DISTRICT 12

essary.

Lawrence Fire Auxiliary reported the acknowledging of 50 years of service to the Lawrence and Oaklandon Auxiliaries by Martha McConnell. She was presented with a plaque at the Fire Department's Annual Dinner in recognition of this achievement.

Plans were made for a White Elephant Sale at our next meeting, to generate funds for our District Treasury.

Members reported on local department activities and members were reminded of raffle tickets and to bring items for Chinese Auction at Convention.

Next meeting is to be hosted by Lawrence on May 21st.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Sharon Bray
District 12 Chairman

District 11-B Selling Aluminum License Plates

District 11-B of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary is selling aluminum license plates for the front of vehicles of auxiliary members. This project is certified to our district and the only one of its kind in Indiana.

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A Group Of Lowell Firemen In Orientation

Chief Jack Eskridge, Captains Charlie Scott and Dan Reed, Lieutenant Bob Szafranski and Safety Officer Jim Lampa attended the 2001 FIRE CHIEF'S ORIENTATION on February 17th at the Cedar Lake Fire Department.

The all day seminar was an overview of roles and legal responsibilities of Fire Chiefs and the assistance we can provide. The orientation was for all Fire Chiefs and appointed officers in the State of Indiana.

The main topics that were cov-

ered at the seminar were as follows:

- Overview of Fire Marshal's Office and services provided
- Legislation
- Fire Investigations and Reporting
- Inspections
- Hazardous Materials
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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

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 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*

Hurrah for the arrival of spring! For us who live in the southern part of the state it means we get to set our clocks forward so that we all for the most part are on the same time.

The President of the I.V.F.A. felt we should be marketing our organization; with this in mind we are attempting to visit all fire schools in the state and set up an information center. We are making available membership, license plates, address changes and any current legislative material available to those attending the schools. This is something new we are making available to our membership and is on a trial basis. At this time we have set up at Jasper and the Duneland Schools. Hopefully we have been able to address questions and concerns as well as gained a few new members and sell license plates. We hope that this venture will become another tool to support and further advance our organization.

Thanks for your patience while our computers in the office were down sick with a virus. We are back up and running and are trying to get our requests done as soon as possible. If we aren't at meetings or schools, we will continue to try to answer your calls even after office hours. I hope by doing this we are able to help you when you need us. If we do not answer the phone in the office, we maybe on the phone with another member, or we maybe on the road to a meeting or fire school. If you would please leave a message, we will get back to you when we return to the office.

I would ask that you continue to help us make address corrections. This is very vital if you expect to get your newspaper and other organization mail. We have come a long way in resolving this problem; but we still need to work on this. The return of wrong address for the paper costs \$.50 cents.

Please note that if you mail license plates or dues to the old office address, in Indianapolis, they are no longer being forwarded. If you don't receive your license plate form or membership card within a reasonable time, you might want to phone the office to see if we have received them in our office.

2001 dues mailing will be going out in early May. Please try to return your dues in a timely manner. In order to receive your I.V.F.A. benefits, your dues must be paid "On Time" by July 31, 2001.

Thanks for your support and encouragement over the past year. I hope we have done some things in the office that have benefitted you the members. It helps us all to be better members when we work as a team to make our organization a workable operation.

PLEASE NOTE!

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Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

TO THE NORTHEAST:

We made it through the winter. So we can get ready for the spring weather. And the types of incidents that can be expected to go with the season.

I attended the Open House of the Hoagland Fire Department and Auxiliary on February 25 where the Auxiliary recognized Margie Brames and Dorthy Bultemeier as being original members of the Auxiliary for 43 years and announced the retirement of Dorthy. So "HAPPY RETIREMENT DORTHY."

I also enjoyed a pancake breakfast at the Preble Fire Department on March 10 and on March 25 at the Poe Fire Department.

I know the local convention is working hard on the convention so it can be enjoyed by all who will be attending. So remember "FIRE UP FOR FUN IN 2001".

Until we meet at your District meeting.

P.R. Northeast
Mike Mackin

cussed receiving his report back to the firehouse after he has completed the report. Following his presentation, a lengthy question and answer session was held.

Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests in attendance and mentioned the Mike Cutrell family was in need of assistance. Mike, a member of the Newport VFD has terminal cancer. A motion by Con Mankin that the district give a check for \$400.00 to the family. Seconded by Larry Bartlow. Motion carried. We heard comments from the State Secretary, Red Morris and also from the West Central Public Relations Director Larry Bartlow.

The District 11-B Auxiliary Chairperson Patty Miller spoke on the upcoming Miss Flame Dance. Carolyn Morris, Auxiliary Chairperson for District 11-A also spoke on their upcoming dance. Maxine Davies reported that the Auxiliary license plates were being sold by District 11B Auxiliary and to contact her for details (765) 246-6220. Larry Bartlow read a letter on the radio systems within the state.

Roll call was taken with 30 members from eight departments present. Chief Tim Wilson of Cayuga Fire Dept. presented certificates to members of his department with over 20 years of service. Chairman Ketchem presented host Chief Tim Wilson with the host certificate and gave the Auxiliary President Tonya Lewis the Auxiliary Host check, she then endorsed the check and gave it to the Mike Cutrell family.

The closing prayer was given by Maxine Davies, District 11B Auxiliary Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

Greencastle Fire Department
March 11, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem, the Pledge to the Flag was led by Sgt.-At-Arms Dave Miller and the opening prayer was given by Chaplain Mankin.

Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests including IVFA Secretary

Red Morris, IVFA Treasurer Jack Harker, WCPR Larry Bartlow, Past IVFAA Presidents Maxine Davies, Lou Bartlow and IVFAA District 11A President Carolyn Morris and the District 11B Miss Flame, Kristen Lanzone.

Chairman Ketchem spoke about the grave marker flags which will be on sale at a reduced rate due to the change in the IVFA logo. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the treasurer's report was read and approved.

NEW BUSINESS - Chairman Ketchem spoke on the bills in the current legislature, which ones we supported and the bills that we do not support. H.B. 1977 Fire Departments immunity for donations authorized by Tracy Boatwright passed committee reading. Treasurer Jack Harker talked about the delays some members are experiencing in receiving IVFA plates. Also Beneficiary forms need to be updated now along with address changes.

Roll call was taken with 18 members from nine departments present. Chief Bill Newgent of the Greencastle Fire Dept. introduced the speaker - Mike Fowler of the Fire Marshal's office. He spoke on the proper procedures now in place concerning notifying his office about your problem when on the scene and what he would like to have done. A question and answer session followed his presentation.

Chairman Ketchem spoke on the subject of burning motor vehicles for the purpose of department training. This is a future consideration as a law if approved by the legislature. An open discussion was held about some of the bills in the legislature now up for adoption.

Department within the district gave their activity report of upcoming events. Chairman Ketchem presented Chief Newgent with a Host Certificate and a check to cover the meal expenses.

Chief Newgent gave a brief history of his department. Chaplain Mankin announced he had conducted two memorial services since the last meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by District Chaplain Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 12

Hello from District 12! Our last meeting was held at Monrovia, Indiana on March 19. Nine different departments were present with 20 members attending. We had Red Morris, IVFA Secretary and Larry Bartlow, West Central Public Relations Director also in attendance. Discussion covered some of the laws being presented in the Legislature for the year 2001.

We also discussed working with IDEM on getting the OK to burn motor vehicles or light duty trucks for the purpose of firefighter training under the law 31 6 IAC 4-1-4.1. This will allow several departments to get together for such training without removing the interior of the vehicle that takes away from the true realism of a vehicular fire. The host department will be required to obtain the permit from IDEM to do this type of training. When applying for the permit, the IVFA is asking the host department to note how long it takes to get the permit and report this to their district chairman. IDEM has said acquiring the permit will be done post haste, but we would like to monitor this for awhile. IDEM has asked that at least five or more departments be involved in each vehicular fire training so many can take advantage of it and fewer training sessions and thus intentional burning of vehicles is necessary.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Hazelwood's Fire Department and the family and friends of Don Morgan who passed away on March 27th. Don served 47 years with this department and was an honorary member. He helped build one of their tankers and gave many volunteer hours to the good of this department. We salute this fallen comrade and his dedication as a volunteer firefighter.

Robert Crouch, Assistant Chief of Lizton-Union Township VFD, reports many changes are happening in his department lately. They have placed in-service in January a new 2001 Ford E-450 ambulance with a Braun chassis. This was an exhaustive project of almost two years in the making. The unit was purchased through Lifestar Rescue. January also saw the introduction of an M.S.A. thermal-imaging camera to the citizens of Lizton-Union Township. The camera was purchased from the Five-Alarm Equipment Company with monies derived primarily from fundraisers.

The members of the department would like to thank their vendors for their patience and efforts. But most of all, they say a well deserved "Thank You" to the folks of Lizton, Union Township, Harrison Township in Boone County and all who just pass through, for their never-

ending support of their fire department. Unfortunately they know that they will have to use this equipment some day, but at least now they have better equipment in which to do their jobs.

The Lizton-Union Twp. Fire Department recognized the following members at its annual awards banquet in January: Firefighter of the Year - Brian Witham, E.M.T. of the Year - Craig La Grange, Rookie of the Year - Miranda Wise, and the recipient of the Wayne Rothenberger award was 20 year member Nancy Joseph. This award is presented for dedicated service and longevity and is in memory of a long time township trustee and avid fire department supporter Wayne Rothenberger.

On March 13 I was honored to present William L. "Bill" Heizer of this department with his 25-year service pin from the I.V.F.A. Bill joined the Lizton-Union Twp. Fire Department in 1976 and was for 10 years as its Assistant Chief. He is still active to this day.

I think it is important to note that Lizton is the only town, city, village or province in the world that bears this name. In August of 2001, they will celebrate their 150th anniversary with festivities held in the Lions' Club Park the weekend of August 10, 11 & 12. Their fire department has been established since 1947 and will take an active part in this celebration. So mark these dates on your calendar and everyone come to the truly one and only Lizton and help them rejoice in their town's 150 years of existence!

With summer right around the corner, here are some other dates you should note. Come and support these departments during their annual fish fries and fundraiser events:

June 7, 8 & 9: Amo Fire Dept. Fish Fry;

June 14, 15 & 16 - Cartersburg Fire Dept. Fish Fry;

June 15 & 16 - A & A Township Fire Dept. Fish Fry, Eminence; June 28, 29 & 30 - Hazelwood Fire Dept. Fish Fry.

District 12 will have its next meeting at the Danville Fire Dept., at its new Station 92 on Mon., May 21 at 19:00 hours. We hope to have a lobbyist at this meeting so that you may ask questions regarding legislation dealing with the fire departments. Please send a representative from your department for this very informative meeting.

Don't forget June 13 thru 16 is the 2001 I.V.F.A. Convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana. If you haven't made reservations - do it now! Don't miss the fun in 2001!

John Ross
District 12 Chairman

DISTRICT 13A

Greetings from 13A:

This has been a pretty quiet quarter. We have had one regular meeting which was held at Fortville VFD in Fortville, IN. Twenty-four members were present representing eight departments. Guests included the State Vice President Buz Koehler and Don Cushman who is a local resident of Fortville and our town ECPR officer. A twenty-five year pin was presented to Chief Tom Alexander of McCordsville VFD. The general topics that were discussed were F.D.I.C., Historic books, IVFA newspaper and address corrections, Hoosier Burn Camp and IVFA State Convention. V.P. Buz reported on state legislation. The program was Fortville's new engine and Greenfield's new tower truck.

One death that has happened in the district was that of Howard Newkirk. Howard passed away on February 22, 2001 and was a 53-year veteran of Dunreith Vol. Fire Dept. We wish to extend our sympathy to his family and friends. We would also like to extend our sympathy to the Jack VanDenBark family of the Jackson-Blue River Township VFD in Charlottesville. Jack lost

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

Quarterly Officer's Meeting February 3, 2001

President Kerney called the meeting to order and asked Chaplain Baker for the invocation. Buzz Koehler then led us in the Pledge to the Flag. Jack Kerney then introduced our guests, namely Pat Downey, Gene Smith, and Clarence Modesitt.

Mr. Kerney then called for the Secretary's report. Red stated that he had sent by E-mail to those he had addresses for and by regular mail to the rest, and asked if everyone had copies in hand. He further stated the new long distance card should be distributed and asked if anyone did not yet have one in hand. No one was without, so he indicated he would cut off the previous carrier One-Call. Red then asked if someone would like to make a motion or if they wanted the minutes read. Jim Bradford moved and Don Cushman had the second for accepting the minutes as they were printed and distributed. The motion carried without dissent.

The President reported he had tried to be very visible and accessible. He has traveled about 4500 miles the past quarter. He reported that Past-President Cox has made a great improvement and may show up here at the meeting this weekend.

Vice-President Koehler reported he is also traveling a lot and getting to as many meetings as he can and is enjoying driving the 3500 miles and attending the meetings.

Jack called a break in the normal order of business so Pat Downey could talk to us. Pat had a few investigation discs available and thanked us for doing business with him and he hoped we could continue.

Chaplain Baker was asked to introduce our next guest, Shokrina Radpour Beering, our lobbyist. She passed out some information on their firm and a report on the bills we have asked her to monitor in the Legislature. She explained to us how we could get information thru the Access Indiana website. She then reviewed all the bills we are following.

Chaplain's Report: Charlie has had his usual busy winter quarter. He thanked those involved for the assistance and co-operation he has received in all the places he's been. He also announced he would be out of town Feb. 9 thru 13.

Secretaries' Report: Red apologized for not getting to the District 12 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Harker lost his sister and will not be able to be with us until tomorrow, so we will hear his report then.

Sergeant-at-arms: Bill Bush was missing until tomorrow also.

Public Relations Reports:

PRNW Dennis Schavey stated he has made all the district meetings and attended a memorial service. The 25 year pins are great. He has passed out several gold cards and is enjoying his job.

PRNE Mike Mackin has made all his district meetings and is attending the convention committee meetings. He also attended a Memorial. He is planning a couple of stops where the departments have dropped out.

PRWC Larry Bartlow made all but one of the district meetings and went to a Memorial.

PREC Don Cushman made most of the meetings but needs to get cards on when and where the meetings and functions are.

PRSW Ron Bell attended all the District meetings and is seeing good attendance everywhere.

PRSE Nelson Ehlers missed two of his meetings because of work and told us that if things stayed as they are, he may have to step down.

Past-President reports: Parker, Bruns, Parish, and Zeeks all passed.

District Chairman Reports:

District 1 - Jim Bradford reported for Districts 1 & 2. The November meeting had 20 departments and 49 people while the January meeting was attended by 41 people from 10 departments. He reported Bob Esserman had spent a month in the hospital and asked everyone to sign a card. He gave Mitch a present of a set of 1952 By-laws from a past chief who had passed away. He passed along a hello from Bill Howe and addressed the fact that his list of 25 year members was far from correct and something needs to be done.

District 2 - See District 1 report.

District 3 - Tim Sandy advised us they've had two deaths and he has been busy passing out the 25 year pins. He spoke on IOSHA standards.

District 4 - John Ferro was missing.

President Kerney broke from the District reports to introduce George Lay and allowed him to speak to us about Stroke Protocol.

District 5 - Don Kissinger reports they had 27 people from 10 departments at the last meeting and passed out 25 year pins. They have had one death and thanks to Charlie Baker for the Memorial.

District 6 - Tim Jones had 35 members from 14 departments at the last meeting. He passed out about ten pins. They have lost four members.

District 7 - Mort Sorg has been passing out 25 year pins and had an excellent turnout at the last meeting. They've had one death and had good attendance at each of two meth classes. Thanks for buying peanut brittle, and his next meeting will be the bake sale.

District 8A - Bill Pape had passed out 22 pins in the November meeting where 34 members from nine departments were present. 43 members from 11 departments saw 23 pins presented at his last meeting in January.

District 8B - Larry Petro has passed out several pins, found 11 people from six departments at the last meeting, presented a clock to Bryant, and is in the process of working with Center Township for a new department.

District 9A - Jon Randle says his Kokomo meeting had 15 members from nine departments and a corner as the speaker. He's been busy passing out pins and reported one death in the District.

District 9B - Randy Denton has had two meetings; 25 members from six departments in the first and eight departments with 35 members in the second meeting. He's presented a 10 25-year pins and two gold cards.

District 10 - David Israel has been busy since our last meeting, passing out 36 25 year pins, conducting two meetings (10 departments/32 members in one and 36 members-13 departments in the other), having contact with 30 departments, and presenting one gold card.

District 11A - Diane Harrison said the November meeting had eight departments/28 members and the January meeting drew 31 members/14 departments. The Miss Flame dance was a success and produced a candidate for convention. Sullivan is now a member department. She is working to get contacts made to the non-members and still passing out the pins.

District 11B - David Miller pro-tem for Larry Ketchem said they had 30 members from eight departments at the January meeting where 10 25 year pins were presented. He also reported one death.

District 12 - John Ross stated their last meeting at Jamestown was attended by 11 members from six departments. He announced the open

house for the new station in Danville for February 24th.

District 13A - Tim Martin has presented 39 pins, had 13 members from five departments at the meeting, contacted an additional five departments, and given out one gold card.

District 13B - Dennis Spears had only four departments and eight members at the meeting and the speaker failed to show also.

District 14 - Roy Richardson had about 20 members from six departments at the last meeting and is glad to hear the pins are going over well.

Our Past-President Jack Cox came in to the room and was greeted by a very well deserved standing ovation and an extended round of applause. He was just in time to observe Mr. Kerney present Roy Richardson with a certificate of appreciation for his work on the 25-year pins.

District 15 - Steve Anderson has had 27 members/nine departments and 34 members/11 departments in his two meetings. He passed out 29 pins, found a Miss Flame candidate, and contacted 12 departments sine November.

District 16 - Dale Scott was missing the action.

District 17A - Jim Abrams wasn't able to make his November meeting but it was well attended. His January meeting was the Vincennes sausage supper with 430 present. They have had one death.

District 17B - Jim Zeeks had 27 members from five departments at the resurrection of the District. He presented some pins and has had one death.

District 18 - Charles Parker has presented approximately 100 pins, had 75 members from 20 departments in the meeting and reported seven deaths.

District 19 - Paul Covington could not be found.

District 21 - Don Foltz reported he passed out pins and had 21 members/seven departments at the last meeting.

President Kerney presented Jack Cox with his 25 year pin and then recessed the meeting until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

8:30 a.m., Sunday

February 4, 2001

The President called the meeting to order and asked Chaplain Baker to give the Minute Message. Charlie read from the First Chapter of James verses 19 thru 27 and then led us in Prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Harker covered the summary of 2000, and the first month's expenses for 2001. Ehlers moved and Petro seconded to accept.

Sgt.-At-Arms: Bill reported working several plaques, has some decals, passed out some maps, and indicated he has some stationery.

Committee Reports:

Convention: the guidelines have been put together and each officer has been given a copy to keep in their red book. As each city having won a bid to host gets a committee established they will be furnished a copy for their guidance.

Executive: need to meet as soon as the board meeting is over.

Budget: has not met.

Insurance: meeting next Saturday at Vincennes.

Bridgeport: received five requests for applications. Only received one back so far. The Committee will meet on Fri., May 4 to select the winners.

Help Carl by spreading the word.

Editor's Assistant: deadline for the May issue is April 10. Get your items in as early as possible. The paper is costing us \$0.26 per copy. The more ads we can get the better off we are. We will be raising the ad cost by 10% in February 2002. Four color ads are being looked into. The same for the convention book. Convention book ads will be increased by \$25.00 starting with this year's book.

Ad taker: we only have \$247.00 outstanding and Mitch said the owner has sold his business but not the debts. Some members know the man and will try to get the money.

Clothing: have three claims, need to meet after the board meeting.

Awards: Buz had stepped out to the IVFAA meeting.

Legislative: they asked for questions anyone had following the report made yesterday.

Awards: need names for Midwest Award. Get letters in for Ollie Sandberg and Mr. IVFA.

By-Laws: a proposal to change the by-laws to allow the past-presidents a vote on the board was held for board action.

Logo: nothing to report.

Membership: Buz indicated all officers now have the packet of overheads and disc for power point. Please report all uses to Steve so they will know how often we make use of them.

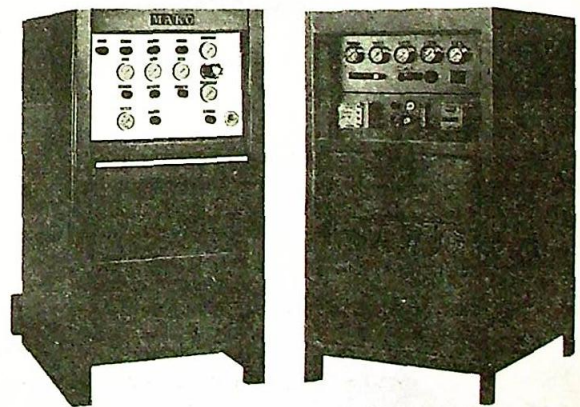
Public Ed: Nothing to report.

Photography: Mr. Kissinger indicated he and Mitch would like to have some help during the convention. Tim Sandy said he would help. There was also discussion on maybe going back and hiring an outsider

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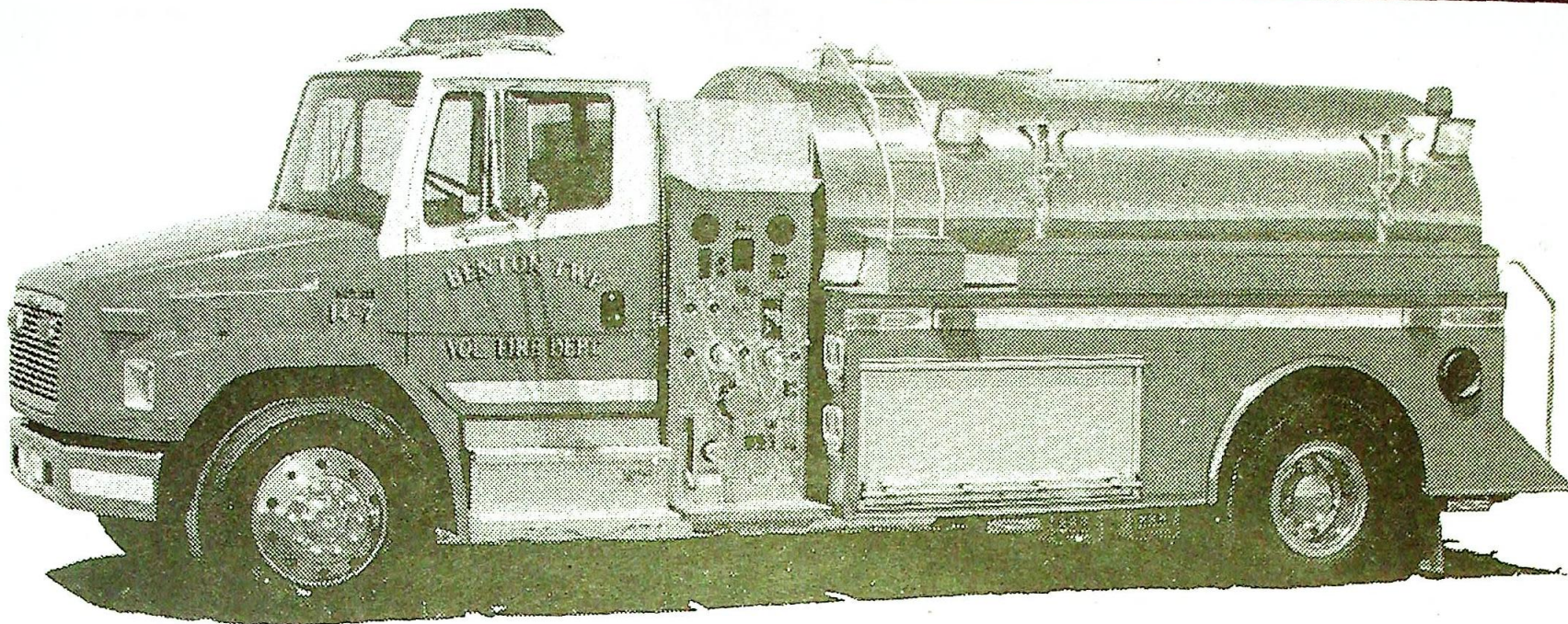
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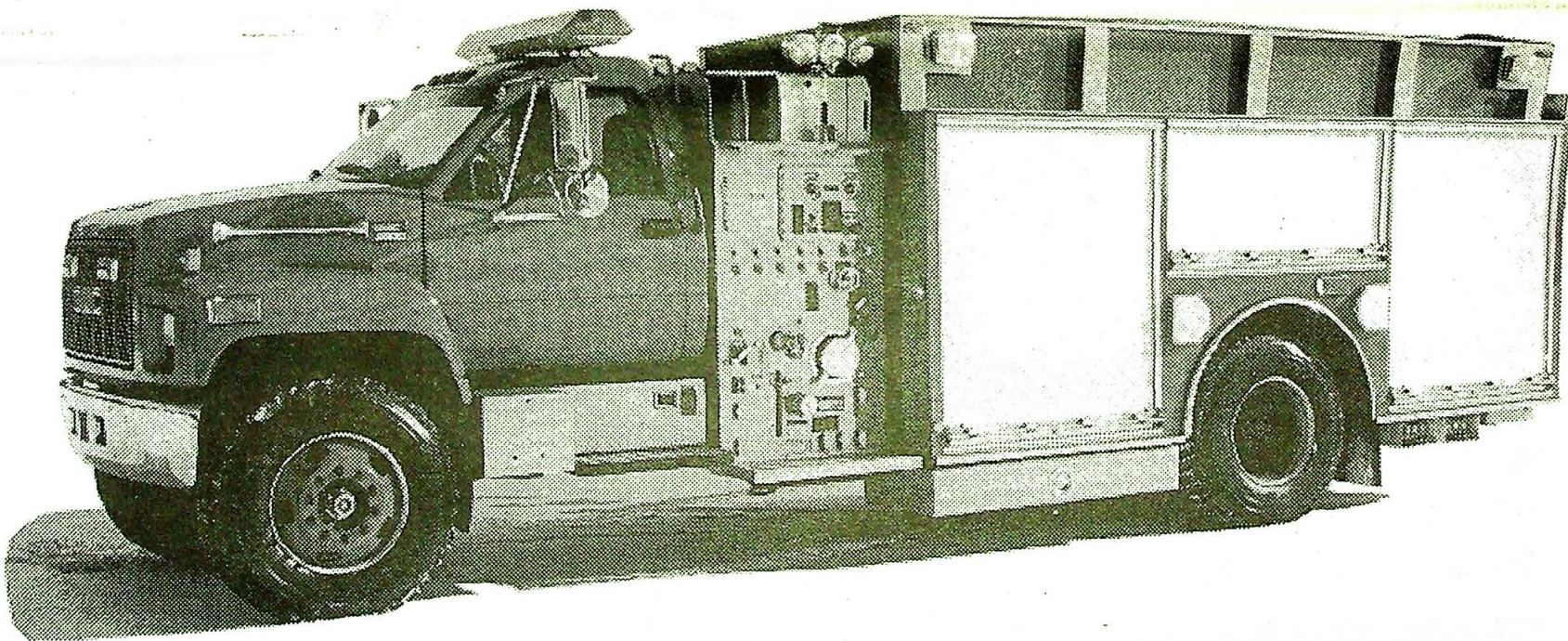
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Public Relations West Central



Larry Bartlow

Hello from West Central Indiana, The calendar may say it's spring but frost on the rooftops every morning is not springtime. As I listen to the fire scanner though I can tell Spring is here with many grass and brush fires that are starting to happen. When out in the woods chasing a grass fire just be very careful and take your time. Even a grass fire can be very stressful on the body. So be careful and safe.

This past quarter the attendance at all the District meetings has been very good. The programs have been very informative and interesting. Again I would like to invite you to your district meeting. Your district chairpersons are all working hard for you and need your support and input to improve the Volunteer Fire Service. I challenge all departments in Districts 11-A, 11-B, 12, and 21 to come to the meetings and have 20 departments present.

For those of you who don't know me I am a 20-year member of the fire service. I have been a firefighter, line officer, department treasurer, and president and for the past eight years district chairman. I am looking forward to being your public relations person. If you need to contact me about anything my phone number is 765-245-2125. I may not be home but the answering machine is always home to get your message.

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Honored With Meritorious Service Award



John Slifer, Fountaintown Community Volunteer Fire Department, was recently honored with the Meritorious Service Award by the State Fire Marshal's office. Gary Robinson and Chief Dean Tyner presented the certificate and medal to Mr. Slifer at his 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Slifer, who has resided in the Fountaintown area his entire life, was one of the charter members of the department in 1957. His involvement with the community thru the department has been well received. Never a man of many words, his deeds speak for him.

John retired from RCA in 1988. His wife, Ruth, who has also belonged to the Auxiliary since it was formed in 1958, is a homemaker. They have no children but six proud nieces and nephews. They are also active in the American Legion Post 102, Morristown.

(photo submitted by Connie Carlton)

Elliott Earns Firefighter Of The Year



Deputy Chief Greg Dietz of the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department is shown presenting the department's Firefighter Of The Year to Captain David Elliott of Station Number Five.

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson)

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THREE GENERATIONS OF FIREFIGHTERS - Pictured is Ivan Bausman (middle) from the Ward Twp. Fire Dept. with 46 years of service 1955 to 2001; Bud Sears (right) White River Twp. Fire Dept. who also is Ivan's son-in-law and has performed 31 years of fire service. Pictured on left is Ivan's grandson, Jeff Sears, of the White River Twp. Fire Dept. with 14 years of service.

All have held local offices in their departments. Bud has held district offices and Ivan was district chairman for several years.

Their families include: Ivan's wife Rosella who is a past state president, Bud's wife Rosemary and Jeff's wife Tammy and son Jared. All are from Winchester. (Photo submitted by Rosella Bausman)

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"Waiting" is the family of the firefighter, to know their loved ones have once again been returned to them safely.

This picture is dedicated to those who day after day put their lives on the line to save those of others, who through skill and dedication, work to save our homes, our property, our forests and preserve our heritage.

(submitted by Rosella Bausman)



Two Receive Awards For 50 Years Of Service

Recently two members of the Mellott Volunteer Fire Department received length of service awards from the department. Pictured are Ira "Zeke" Williams and Fire Chief Walter Seymour (right) each of whom received wall plaques for 50 years of dedicated service to the fire department. Mellott V.F.D. is situated on State Road 341 in Fountain County.

(Photo submitted by Charles J. Baker, Chaplain, I.V.F.A.)

Ice Cream Social Set For June 2

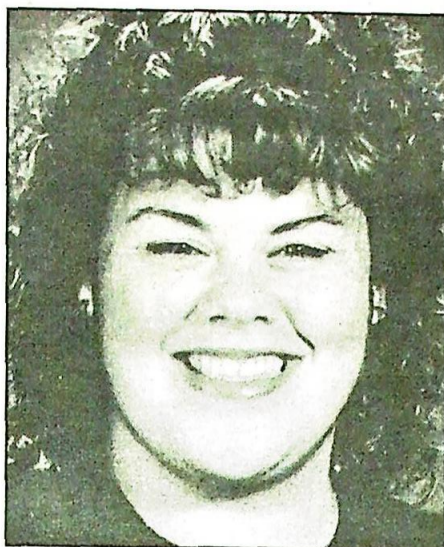
Washington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. will be having an ice cream social and station dedication on June 2, 2001 at 1513 N. Bethlehem Road, Marion, Indiana between 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Meet The 2001 IVFA Miss Flame Candidates



District 1

Kimberly Perry
Crown Point, IN
Merrillville VFD St. 2



District 2

Melissa Baugardner
Crown Point, IN
Crown Point VFD



District 6

Amanda Conley
South Milford, IN
South Milford VFD



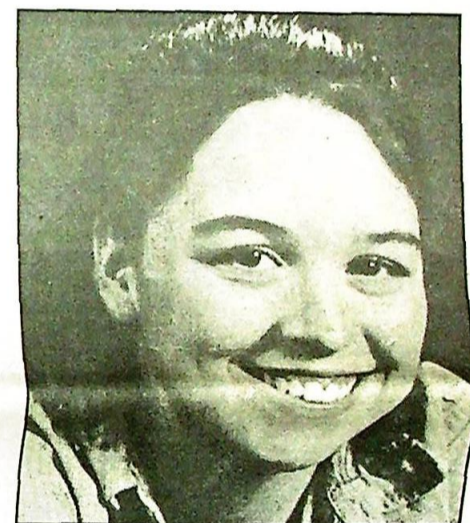
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Berne VFD



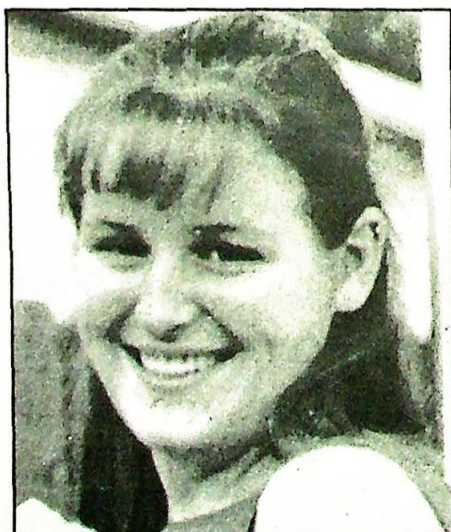
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Victoria Leighanne Randle
Delphi, IN
Delphi VFD



District 9B

Lacy Kindle
Morocco, IN
Morocco VFD



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Rebecca Cole
Morristown, IN
Burney VFD



District 11A

Heather Eckstein
Brazil, IN
Posey VFD



District 11B

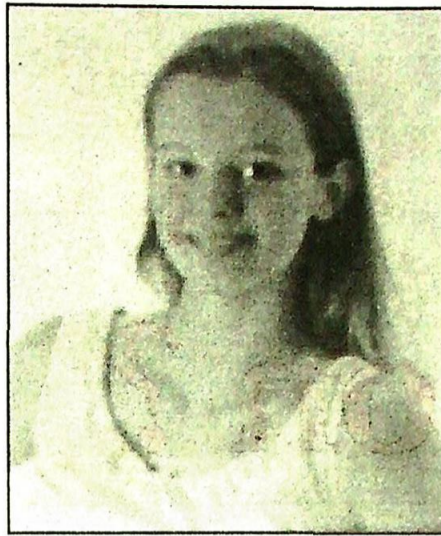
Kristen Lanzone
Rosedale, IN
Lyford VFD

Meet The 2001 IVFA Miss Flame Candidates



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Indianapolis, IN
Decatur Twp. VFD



District 13B

Angelleen Cunningham
Lewisville, IN
Lewisville VFD



District 14

Amanda McKenzie
Hanover, IN
Hanover VFD



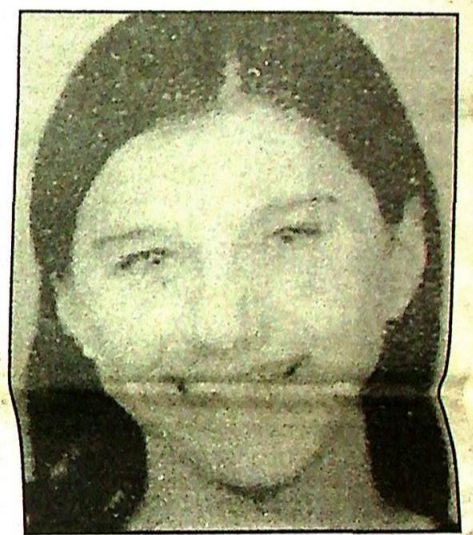
District 15

Andrea Seib
Poseyville, IN
Poseyville VFD



District 17A

Deanna Chestnut
Bloomfield, IN
Bloomfield VFD



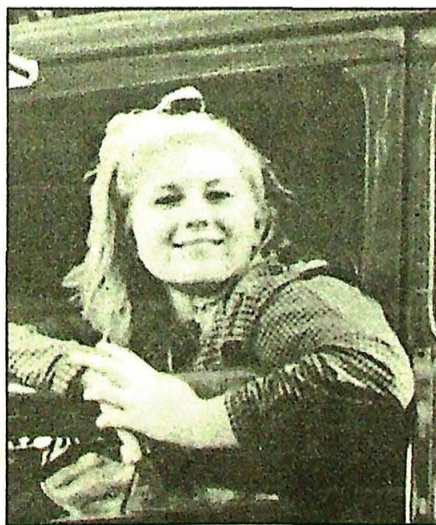
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Shoals, IN
Lost River VFD



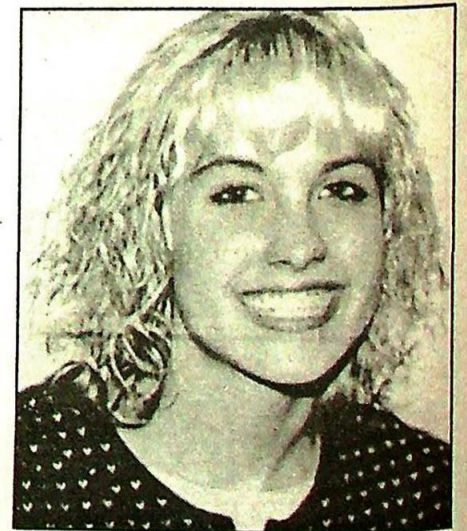
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Sunman, IN
Sunman VFD



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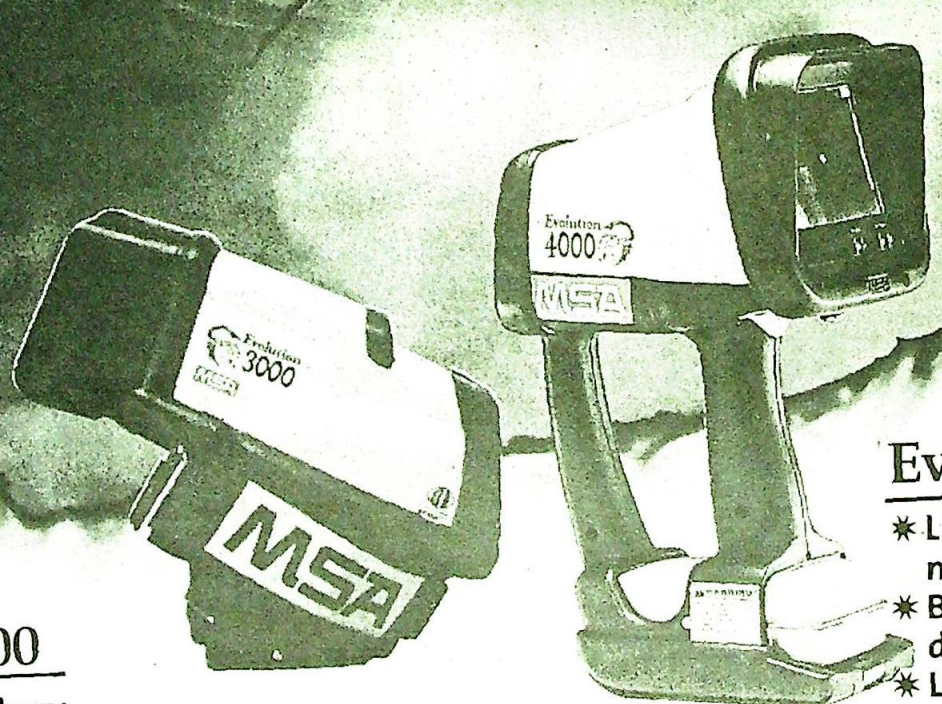
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Dennis Schavey

Where has the time gone, here it's April and just around the corner it will be convention time in Fort Wayne.

On Feb. 5th traveled to Indy for the annual dinner, if you have never been this is one sure thing you should attend.

On Feb. 7th visited Chesterton to present 25 year pins.

On Feb. 12th visited Griffith to present 25 year pins.

On Feb. 21st attended District 1 & 2 meeting at Merrillville #2 with a program on Arson investigation.

On March 1st attended an IV-FAA District 1 & 2 meeting, what a

great bunch of ladies.

On March 6th visited Washington Twp. to present 25 year pins.

On March 7th visited South Haven to present 25 year pins.

On March 8th attended District 9B at Brookston, where they had a program on anhydrous ammonia.

On March 10th was asked to attend an awards dinner at Schererville to present 25 year pins and gold cards, plus Ivan was there to present Governor's and Fire Marshal Service Awards. This event was a momentous affair. Thank you for a good time.

On March 5th attended District 3 meeting in Michiana Shores where we played F/F Jeopardy.

On March 21st attended Districts 1 & 2 meeting at St. John where 25 year pins, gold cards and Fire Marshal service award were presented by Ivan. Had a great pork chop dinner and program on F/F foam.

On March 22nd attended District 9A meeting at Kempton where the state police put on a program, Clandestine drug labs.

On April 18th will be at Lake Station District 1 & 2.

If there is any help you need at your events or functions give me a call. Hope to see you at your district meeting when it comes to your area.

Dennis Schavey
PR Northwest
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25 Year Pins Presented To Three



Ollie Cagle, Tom McClure of the North Manchester Fire Dept. and Mark Roser of the Chester Twp. Fire Dept. receive 25 year pins from chairman Don Kissinger. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger)

Bourban Firemen Receive 25 Year Pins



Members of the Bourban Fire Department with chairman Don Kissinger receive 25 year pins. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger)

Atwood VFD Members Receive Pins



Atwood Vol. Fire Dept. members received 25 year pins from chairman Don Kissinger. Photo submitted by Don Kissinger

Mentone Firemen Receive 25 Year Pins



25 year pins were presented to the members of the Mentone Fire Dept. by District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger)

Starr Receives Pin



Larry Starr of the Plymouth Fire Dept. receives 25 year pin from Chairman Don Kissinger. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger)

A Thanks To Everyone During Our Time Of Sorrow

Just want to say thank you to IVFA President Jack Kerney, Vice-President Buz Koehler, Treasurer Jack Harker, Past President Mitch Parish, board chairman Jack Zeeks Jr., District 15 chairman Steve Anderson, District 18 treasurer Kenny Lau, District 17A chairman Jim Abrams, Chaplain John Brumfie - Highland Fire Dept., IVFA Auxiliary Vice-President Barb Kerney, Bev Harker, Carolyn Zeeks, and Stella Abrams and other fire departments and fellow firefighters that attended the memorial fire service March 27, 2001, held at sudden death of my brother Gary L. Bell.

He was a firefighter on the Cannellburg Vol. Fire Dept. and an IVFA member.

Thanks also for the telephone calls, flowers, and cards.

God bless.
IVFA Public Relations
Southwest Ron Bell and wife
Dist. 17A chairwoman Malinda.

Last Call

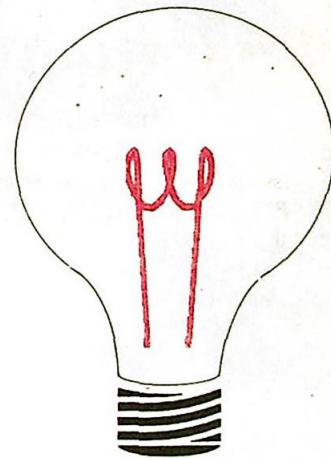
Longtime Pleasant Twp. Volunteer fireman and Sheriff's Reserve Officer Emmor Smith of Sweetser was given a Fireman's funeral Tuesday, March 20th.

Following services at St. James Lutheran Church in Marion, a large contingent of local and county police, along with seven fire departments formed a procession to Grant Memorial Park where Emmor received a 21 gun salute by the Grant County Sheriff's honor guard which also presented the family with an American flag.

Also an Indiana State trooper played Taps after which Emmor got his final call from the Fire Department.

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DISTRICT 13A

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his wife in an automobile accident on April 5, 2001. Please remember these families and others who may have struggles at this time. Remember to be careful at this time of year because the farmers are beginning to work in the fields and there will be equipment on the roads.

Our next meeting will be May 17, 2001 at a location to be announced. Keep alert to find out!

See you at the convention in June!!

13A Chairman
Tim Martin

DISTRICT 14

March 21, 2001

Dear Chief and IVFA Members:

It has been a busy time in the 14th District the last few months. I have been traveling and visiting fire departments in the district giving out 25 year pins. It has been real good public relations for the IVFA.

I would like to thank Jack and Barbara Kerney for visiting our last meeting. They are doing a great job. They have turned the IVFA around and have it on the right track.

When I visit the departments in my district the reports I give on our Legislation is a big plus for the IVFA. Thanks to all that have a part in the decisions to support the volunteer fire departments in the state.

A big thanks to all.

Roy E. Richardson
14th District Chairman IVFA

DISTRICT 11-A

Fellow Firefighters,

Well, it has been another busy quarter. On February 11, 2001 Poland firefighters were called to a house fire with a little girl trapped. The little girl, Angela, was rescued and we are all hoping that she is home for Easter. Our March meeting was held at Poland. Fire Marshal Boatwright was present to recognize David Schoolcraft, Jerry Nees, Lanny Amour, with the highest award the Governor's Medal of Valor for saving a life. Other members that were on the scene that day and working outside the structure are just as valuable as those inside. Firefighting is a team effort everyone present that day is a hero.

Don Farris, Bruce Barnett, Rob Paris from Cataract Fire Dept. were present to present \$1,624.76. The department earned this money with a fund raiser that they sponsored to help Angela's family. They were also part of the team effort.

Our speaker, Mike Fowler, was called out to work, he will be speaking at another time.

Bob Meyers was also recognized by Fire Marshal Boatwright with the Governor's Award for years of service.

May 12 and 13 we will be hosting an advanced extrication class at Mike's Auto Salvage. Class size is limited to 35. It will be alot of hands on - come prepared to work.

June 23 we will be hosting "Saving Your Own", "Getting Out Alive" Rapid Intervention Training, Firefighter I or First Class and full turn out gear is a requirement for this class.

We are also working on a flash-over class and Abbotville. Please contact me if interested in any of these classes.

I have been very proud to present Otter Creek #1, Jasonville and Clay City with their 25 year pins.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison
District 11-A

DISTRICT 15

I.V.F.A. District 15 meeting was held on Tues., Jan. 16, 2001 at Scott Township Fire Dept., Baseline Road Station. Chairman Anderson called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Sergeant-At-Arms Harry Logan led pledge to the flag.

A reading was given by Karen Berning and a moment of silence was observed for fallen firefighters John Knox and John White from the district.

Guests were Jack Harker, Ron Bell, Deb Skokeland, Lanaye Overton. Also in attendance were the Miss Flame judges, Diane Leggett, Laurie Logan and John Whitmer.

Roll call was answered by 34 members, 12 departments and 11 guests.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes from January meeting. A motion was made by Ken Gorbett, seconded by Ernie Lasley to approved minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. Motion made by Mike Skokeland to approve, seconded by Ken Gorbett. They will be filed for audit.

Convention Chairman Harry Logan stated we would have a convention meeting on Sun., Feb. 25 at 2:00 at the Raddison. He asked if each department would donate \$100.00 as seed money to the convention. The money will be returned to the department after the convention. He asked that each department participate and help with the convention.

Old Business: If you still need 25 year pins, let Steve know. He or Jack will be glad to come to the department or event to give them out. Be sure to note that this is a new year and you can add to the list of those receiving them.

Chairman Anderson asked for nominations for the Midwest Award. He will turn in the name at the February state meeting. Nominees were C. L. Mitchell, Darol Watson and Larry Grimes (deceased). Secret ballot was taken of those present. District 15's recipient is Larry Grimes. Award will be presented to Nancy Grimes in honor of Larry.

If you have any changes that need to be made concerning I.V.F.A., please give Barb or Jack a call at the Central Office.

New Business: President Kerney told of the bills that are in Legislation and what has been done thus far. He also told of Jasper Fire School March 10 and 11. We will be taking the office to the fire

schools to make it assessable to the members.

New Harmony will have a sausage supper on Jan. 27 at the 4-H Center. Serving starts at 5 p.m. Vincennes sausage supper will be Jan. 20 at the Eagles.

Department reports were given. New equipment and high run volumes were most given.

Miss Flame judging was held. There were three candidates. Nicole Payne representing German Twp., Lacy Overton representing Ft. Branch and Andrea Seib representing Poseyville. Our winner and Miss Flame candidate for District 15 is Andrea Seib from Poseyville. Barb Kerney thanked the judges, participants and their families for their interest. A small token, from the district, was given to each young lady participating.

Our next meeting will be held at Yankeetown on Tues., Mar. 20. Steve thanked Scott Township and Chief Austin for hosting tonight's meeting and for the great meal.

With there being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary,
Barbara Kerney

I.V.F.A. District meeting was held on Tues., Mar. 20, 2001 at Yankeetown Fir Dept. Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Sergeant-At-Arms Harry Logan led pledge to the flag.

Barb Kerney gave a reading. A moment of silence was observed for fallen firefighters in the district, Dick Salee from Yankeetown and Jack Richardsville from Vincennes.

Guests in attendance were Ron Bell, PR Southwest, and Jack Harker, IVFA Treasurer.

Roll call was answered by 12 members, five departments and three guests.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes from January meeting. A motion was made by C. L. Mitchell, seconded by Terry Snodgrass to approve minutes as written.

Treasurer's report was given. Motion to approve was made by Harry Logan, seconded by Larry Krack. They will be filed for audit.

Convention Chairman Harry Logan gave an update report. He and Jack Kerney will be meeting with the new group at the hotel. He will notify when next meeting is scheduled.

I.V.F.A. President Jack Kerney talked to the group about membership.

Chairman Anderson discussed Article 12; Section 2 of the SOG's whereas at this time non-active members don't receive the newspaper. Harry Logan made a motion to send the newspaper to all regardless of status, seconded by Jerry Bulger. Motion passed so Chairman Anderson will vote yea.

President Kerney explained about past presidents of the organizations are unable to vote on any board action. A motion was made by Barb Kerney, seconded by Terry Snodgrass to allow past presidents to have voting rights.

Jack & Steve gave legislative report to members. Discussion was held on Blue Light Law. Jack asked members to fill out survey so we will know what they want.

Chairman Anderson thanked Yankeetown for the great meal and for allowing us to meet at their station.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Barb Kerney
Secretary, Dist. 15

DISTRICT 17-A

District 17A lost two firefighters since our last report. Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of William Gene Potts of Petersburg Fire Dept., and Gary Bell of Cannelburg Fire Dept., brother of Ron Bell, Public Relations Southwest. Their loss will be missed.

District 17A meeting was held at Bicknell at Knox Co. Fairgrounds, hosted by Vigo Twp. Fire Dept. The hog roast was delicious! The speaker was Al Scarpellini.

I attended Petersburg Fire Dept. and presented 25 year pins to: Ray Wayne, William Traylor, Bill Thomas, Richard O'Neil, Zowry Cooper. I attended Plainville Fire Dept., and presented 25 year pins to: Gordon Strange and Garland Killon. I attended Oaktown Fire Dept. and presented 25 year pins to: Richard Dillon and Michael Kennedy.

I attended Eastern Fire Dept.'s fundraising breakfast which was delicious.

The next District 17A meeting will be held in Wheatland, IN hosted by Steen Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. on May 9th.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jim Abrams

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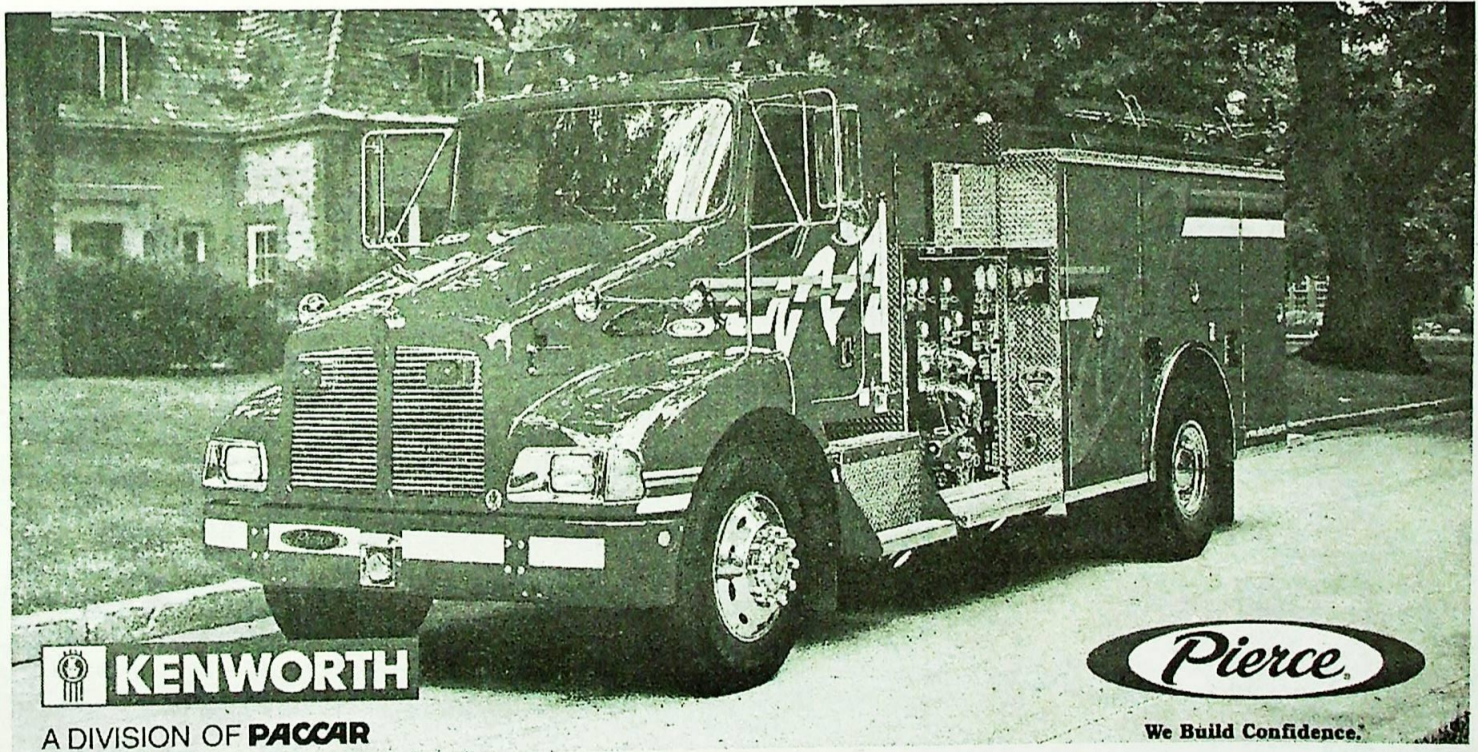
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State officers meeting continued ...

to take the convention pictures, maybe in exchange for ad space in the convention book or the newspaper.

Games: the question came up that maybe we could save some monies by our looking at the number of trophies we buy for some events. It was pointed out the number of teams has been down the last couple of years. It was left in the hands of the committee.

Parliamentarian: Bill Bush and Jim Parker will be doing this job.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Mitch Parish reported not much has been going on since the last meeting. The spring meeting will be out in the State of Washington. He is re-appointed to the NFPA committee on clothing and they will have a meeting in May.

Fire Services Institute: the last meeting was January 15th. Lee Bainbridge and Curt Weldon are to be at the Institute Dinner. Marshal Boatwright had attorney. The members will be available from the Central Office.

The rest of the officer meetings will be at the Marten House and we will not be going to Fort Wayne in May.

We were advised the sale of the IVFA license plate is on the decline.

We need to actively sell the plate in the District meetings.

We were also advised the computer in the Central Office is down, we got a virus. Unknown from where, but we all need to be careful as to what we open at home, also.

New Business: The Fire Act Bill passed and was funded but few particulars are known. We will have an article in the paper by Chief Buckman. Jack will try to get information out to us as he learns more. The new FEMA Director is Joe Allbaugh, from Texas. The last issue of the paper had 323 bad addresses, which cost us \$161.50 to get new addresses from the post office. We have only 37 now which are needing updated and are in our packets. The President presented Randy Denton and Steve Anderson with

a certificate of appreciation and had one for Curt Reifon. We were warned that it appears some of the troopers in our State are cracking down on the use of blue lights, especially those that are illegal. Inform the members in your meetings.

The Chair entertained a motion by Mort Sorg to adjourn the officers' meeting and go into the board meeting. Larry Petro gave a second before Jack used the power of the Chair and declared the meeting adjourned and called on Mr. Zeeks to conduct the Board meeting.

IVFA BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2001

Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Don Kissinger offered a motion to have them approved as printed. Seconded by Mike Mackin and passed without a dissenting vote.

Business: The proposed amendment to the by-laws which would give the past-president a vote in the Board meeting was discussed. Jon Randle did make a motion to accept it and take it back to the Districts for their input as to how to vote. Tim Jones offered the second and the motion passed.

A proposal to change Article 12 in the SOG's was read. The change would put the SOG's in line with what we are actually doing. We are now sending all dues paying members a paper and dues card. The change would put those words in the SOG's. Dennis Schavey moved and Jim Bradford seconded we accept the proposal for presentation at our District meetings. The motion carried.

Mr. Richardson is in need of another order of pins. Nelson Ehlers made a motion we buy 1500 more pins. Ron Bell had the second and the motion carried without dissent.

We have been asked to help sponsor the Volunteer night at the FDIC. The cost will be \$500.00. Mike Mackin moved and Don Cushman sec-

onded to expend the monies and help sponsor Volunteer night. There were no dissenting votes heard.

The games trailer is in need of four (4) gates Y's. Tim Sandy moved to purchase them if we can't get them donated. Nelson Ehlers gave the second and the motion carried.

The question of donating to help the Burn Camp was the next item put on the floor. Mort Sorg moved to match whatever we give to the Burn Camp and give to MDA. Roy Richardson seconded the motion and it was defeated. Bill Bush moved to match our previous gift of \$1000.00 again this year. Tim Sandy gave the second and the motion passed.

The next item was the Institute Dinner. We discovered we didn't need any additional funding.

Next on the agenda was the Washington National Fire Caucus Dinner. Are we going to send any delegates? Charlie Baker made a motion we send our President and nine (9) additional people. Jim Brad

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Public Relations Southeast



Nelson Ehlers

Some time ago I wrote an article on Clifty 6 Fire Co. Cadet program. Well, it's up and running great.

The Cadet Program is to prepare young men and women 14-18 for a career in the fire service as either a paid or volunteer firefighter.

Cadets receive the same training, using the same equipment as their adult counterparts. The Cadet Program now has a website online, the address is: <http://members.tripod.com/cliftysixcadets/> or E-Mail at cliftysixcadets@firehousemail.com.

They need some more gear and equipment donations. If you can help, E-mail them or call Firehouse at 812-273-4510 or Michael Johnston at 812-265-1821.

Nelson Ehlers
Public Relations Director
Southeast

DISTRICT 17B

District 17B held their February meeting at the Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department in Mitchell on the 13th. We had four departments in attendance and a total of 24 members present.

A representative of the CSX Railroad, Cliff Stayton, gave a presentation on railroad safety. He also reported vital information regarding the reporting of accidents and various parts on the train where rescuers may have to search.

I would like to thank special guests, IVFA president Jack Kerney and wife Barb, IVFA treasurer Jack Harker and PR Southwest Ron Bell for attending this meeting.

On March 24th, I had the pleasure of presenting a 25 year IVFA pin to Vernon McGaha, member of the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department. At this meeting I also presented a Bible and grave marker to the family of deceased firefighter John McGauley.

The Marion Township Rural Fire Department Auxiliary held its annual ham and bean supper benefit on Saturday, April 7 at the Marion Township Fire Station. I had the pleasure, along with my three-month-old granddaughter Eliza, of taking money from everyone as they cam in the door.

The demands of my job have been great lately. I have been putting in many hours, sometimes as many as 16 a day. I hope to be able soon to distribute the rest of the 25 year pins and to visit some more departments. If your department is having a special occasion I would be glad to attend - just give me advance notice.

Our next district meeting will be held May 15 at the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department in Ninevah. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at 6:00 and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

I am looking forward to my upcoming trip to Washington D.C. the last week of April. This being my first year as district chairman is my first trip.

I wish you all a happy spring. If I can help any department in any way, please feel free to call.

Jim Zeeks
District Chairman 17B

2000-2001 Legislative Update

by Shokrina Radpour Beering, Attorney
BINGHAM SUMMERS WELSH & SPILMAN

2700 Market Tower, 10 Wst Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2982/(317) 635-8900

I am very pleased to be serving as the IVFA's main registered lobbyist this legislative session. Tory Castor and Toby McClamroch are assisting me on your behalf. The IVFA has been very active on a number of issues. As you are probably aware, this is a long session, focusing on the budget and on redistricting. Therefore, bills which have a fiscal impact are not being moved. I am pleased to report, however, that the IVFA has made significant progress on two of its major initiatives. Representative Bob Bischoff worked with the IVFA to introduce legislation regarding prohibiting insurance companies from denying personal vehicle coverage to volunteers, including volunteer firefighters, and regarding the open burning of vehicles for firefighter training purposes. Let me fill you in on what is happening in regard to these two pieces of legislation, as well as with legislation involving donations to fire departments.

House Bill 1217, authored by Representative Bischoff, proposed prohibiting an insurer that issues a personal automobile policy from including a provision that excludes coverage when the automobile is used for volunteer purposes, or from interpreting an exclusionary provision of the policy in such a way as to exclude coverage when an automobile is used for volunteer purposes. The IVFA worked very hard with the members of the House Committee on Insurance, Corporations, and Small Business to recommend that the bill be amended to apply only to volunteer firefighters and to study this issue during a Summer Study Committee. The Insurance Committee has made that recommendation, and a resolution is being placed in front of the Senate to vote to have the issue assigned to the Local Government Summer Study Committee. The IVFA is hopeful that this resolution will be signed and we will have more news to report to you during the June convention. If the committee is not created, the IVFA will re-introduce legislation next session to deal with these issues. Please let Jack Kerney,

or Legislative Liaisons Charlie Baker and Jim Parker know of any instances where someone in your department has been denied coverage by the insurance company as a result of an exclusionary provision.

Representative Bischoff also authored House Bill 2051, dealing with the open burning of motor vehicles for volunteer firefighting training purposes. This legislation proposed that vehicles be burned without having to remove any of the parts if the vehicle is being burned for the purpose of training fire department personnel and volunteers. As expected, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM"), strongly opposed the bill. IDEM told the House Committee that no department had ever requested a waiver of the rules. I am happy to report that we have worked with IDEM to develop a non-rule policy which provides for a waiver of rules regarding the open burning of motor vehicles if the burning is for fire training purposes. This policy, which is scheduled to be discussed at the Air Pollution Control Board meeting on April 12, allows fire departments to apply for a variance of the rules so that vehicles will not have to be stripped for open burnings for training purposes, with the possible exception of removal of mercury, when such removal is "practicable". IDEM has stated that they will consider requests under this non-rule policy at any time, so please take advantage of this new circumstance and request a variance from IDEM's policy regarding opening burning. IDEM will favor variance requests from fire schools or combined departments, but has said that they will consider all requests. Please inform the IVFA office of all requests for variances or waivers, and the response by IDEM, so that we can monitor IDEM's approvals and re-introduce legislation next session if IDEM is not cooperative.

Both the insurance issue and open burning issue require input from your departments so that we can be armed with facts and statistics to introduce appropriate legis-

lation next session. Your assistance and cooperation is very much appreciated.

Lastly, I testified on behalf of IVFA for House Bill 1977, regarding civil immunity for donations to fire departments. HB 1977 was sponsored by Tiny Adams and supported by the State Fire Marshal's Office. This legislation grants immunity from civil liability to a political subdivision, a volunteer fire department, an employee of a political subdivision or volunteer fire department, or a volunteer firefighter who donates fire control or fire rescue equipment to a fire department of a political subdivision or to a volunteer fire department. I testified both before the Judiciary Committee in the House and the Corrections and Criminal and Civil Procedures Committee of the Senate. The bill passed out of both houses and has returned to the House of Representatives for signature by the Speaker before being forwarded to the Governor's office. I anticipate that this legislation will be signed into law and hope that all of your departments will be the beneficiaries of donations of equipment and supplies.

I will have a complete legislative update for you at the convention in Fort Wayne in June. If you have questions regarding a specific piece of legislation, please contact me at 317-635-8900.

State officers meeting

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ford gave the second. The motion carried. Those going will be: President Kerney, Mike Mackin, Don Foltz, Tim Jones, Jon Randle, Jim Zeeks, Jack Harker, Buzz Koehler, John Ross and Mort Sorg. The alternate will be Diane Harrison.

There being no more business to come before the body, Larry Petro made the motion to adjourn following the Benediction. Bill Bush gave the second and the motion carried.

Chaplain Baker pronounced the Benediction.

Poland Girl, 4, Burned In House Fire

By Jamie Davidhizar
Banner-Graphic Staff Writer

A four-year-old girl is in stable but critical condition after suffering second-degree burns over 32 percent of her body in a house fire in Owen County Sunday morning.

The child, whose name as not being released for privacy reasons, was rescued by Poland Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Schoolcraft, who is employed at Wal-Mart Distribution in Greencastle. He was assisted by Poland volunteer firefighters Lanny Armour and Jerry Nees.

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New Haven, Township Seek Upgrade From EMTs

By Carey Checca
The Journal Gazette

NEW HAVEN - New Haven-Adams Township officials are exploring upgrading their ambulance service from emergency medical technicians to full-fledged paramedics.

The change will increase the costs of ambulance runs and taxes but eliminate the area's reliance on the neighboring Three Rivers Ambulance Authority, said Ed Lytal, chief of the New Haven-Adams Township rescue squad.

Currently, some residents who call an ambulance and who need medications administered or the care of paramedics get two ambulance bills.

One comes from the New Haven-Adams Township EMS for answering the call and providing basic life support, which includes defibrillating a patient, clearing an airway or caring for burns and lacerations.

The other bill comes from the Fort Wayne-based Three Rivers Ambulance Authority for providing advanced life support, which includes administering an IV or injecting medication into the patient.

Thirty percent of New Haven-Adams Township's 1,100 annual ambulance calls are advanced life support calls, Lytal said. The rescue squad serves about 30,000 people in New Haven, Adams

Township and part of Jefferson Township.

Upgrading to advanced life support means residents will get paramedic care more quickly.

"Right now, we have to wait on a paramedic ambulance to get here from Fort Wayne or we have to meet them on route," Lytal said.

To meet the state's requirements for advanced life support ambulances, Lytal said he will have to hire at least three full-time paramedics to supplement his staff of three full-time, three part-time and volunteer emergency medical technicians.

Emergency medical technicians also will have to be trained as paramedics and more equipment will be to be purchased. Lytal doesn't have an estimate for the expansion yet.

"Our responsibility is to provide you and Adams Township the best medical care we can," Lytal told the New Haven City Council Tuesday.

(This article courtesy of The Journal Gazette)
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Wednesday, June 13th

1200 - 1900	Registration	Hilton Lobby
1600 - 2000	Germanfest	Headwaters Park
2000 - 2100	Miss Flame Mixer	

Thursday, June 14th

0800 - 1800	Registration	Hilton Lobby
0800 - 1200	Miss Flame Judging	
0800 - 1200	Tours TBA	
0800 - 1200	Color Guard Competition	
TBA	Men's Officer's Meeting	
1100 - 1800	Tours - Firefighters Museum	
1200 - 1700	Vendors (inside)	
1200 - 1300	Miss Flame Luncheon	
1300 - 1600	B.F.F.P.S. & E. Meeting	
1330 - Close	Miss Flame Judging	
To Follow	Woman's Officers Meeting	
1600 - 1800	Hot Dog Bust	Firefighters Museum
1900 - 2100	Joint Opening Meeting	
2100 - 2400	Entertainment - DJ	
2100 - 2400	Beer Wagon	

Friday, June 15th

0630 - 0800	Koffee Klutch	
0700 - 1500	Registration	Hilton Lobby
0730 - 1030	Men's Business Meeting	
0800 - 1030	Women's Business Meeting	
1000 - 1600	Vendors (inside & outside)	
1100 - 1200	Memorial Service	Cathedral Church
1200 - 1400	Lunch Buffet	
1200 - 1600	Beer Wagon	
1330 - Close	Men's Business Meeting (if needed)	
1330 - Close	Women's Business Meeting (if needed)	
1730 - 2130	Children's Party	
1800 - 2100	Banquet	
2100 - 2400	Entertainment (Spike and the Bull Dogs)	
2100 - 2400	Beer Wagon	

Saturday, June 16th

0700 - 0730	Game Registration	
0800 - Close	Games	
0900 - 1400	Muster	
1100	Hotel Check-out	

Locations will be provided in future schedules. Some items may change as needed.

F.I.R.E. Act Grant Applications Are Now Available

by John M. Buckman
Fire Chief

German Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.,
Vice-President International
Assn. of Fire Chiefs

For the first time in the history of the fire service and the federal government fire departments are eligible to apply for direct grants from the United States Fire Administration. Ken Burris, United States Fire Administrator in support of the fire service has worked very hard at developing the grant application and review process. FEMA Director Joe Allbaugh and Administrator Burris have committed to seeing that this program is a success. FEMA and USFA staff have made significant contributions in time and energy to assist local fire departments in this grant process.

If you have questions about the grant process you can email me at jmbuckman@aol.com and I will try to supply you with answers that I know are correct. I was part of a group of fire service practitioners who assisted the USFA in January of this year to develop the grant process and the scoring system to be used to evaluate the grant applications.

Some general guidelines:

- Read the application and the guidelines carefully.
- Complete all requested information.
- Failure to complete required information will make your application ineligible for consideration.
- Spend some time completing the narrative portion of the application.
- Make sure that you have completely answered the question of why you need the money and why your local community can't supply you with the needed funds.
- Have someone read the application before you send it in. That someone could be a person not in the fire service. If it makes sense to them then it might make sense to the reviewers.
- Make sure that the amount of your grant request is realistic and meets the basic general criteria for all grants -- improve the health and safety of firefighters.
- Be able to prove that you have your matching fund requirements documented. Example: council resolution passed that shows they will fund your matching fund requirements.
- Make sure that your application arrives before the deadline of May 2, 2001.
- Complete all requested information. (Yes, that is written twice).

Matching Fund Requirements

If you have a population less than 50,000 you must provide 10% hard money. You can use; other non-federal grant money; state grants; tax money; private donations. It must be money not in-kind services. If you have a population more than 50,000 you must provide 30% hard money. You can use; other non-federal grant money; state grants; tax money; private donations. It must be money not in-kind services.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Grants will be awarded directly to Fire Departments by Sept. 30, 2001. If you receive a grant you will receive full funding for the category in which you requested funds. You can request grants in up to two categories but you will more than likely receive only one grant in one category.

All grants are awarded on a Competitive Basis Based on Demonstrated Financial Need For, and Maximum Benefit to Be Derived From, the Grant Funds.

The FEMA Director and the USFA determined the need to limit the number of eligible categories to six for this fiscal year. The six selected categories will provide the grant program with the greatest degree of benefit for the program dollars spent.

The following are the grant categories in which you can ask for funds and the amount of money in the fund:

Training \$6,500,000
Fitness Program \$6,500,000
Vehicles \$15,000,000
Firefighting Equipment \$15,000,000
Personal Protective Equipment \$35,000,000
Fire Prevention Programs \$12,000,000

A fire department may apply for assistance in only two of the categories listed above. Each Application for Assistance will be judged independently based on established eligibility criteria, the financial needs of the applicant, and an analysis of the benefits that would result from the grant award.

The law requires USFA to serve a share of the grant funds for volunteer/combo departments. Target distribution funds is 43 percent of the US population for career departments and 57 percent of the population for volunteer/combo departments.

The recipient (grantee) must agree to:

- Maintain operating expenditures in the funded grant category at a level equal to or greater than the average of their operating expenditures in the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which assistance is awarded.
 - Retain grant files and supporting documentation for three years after the conclusion of the grant.
 - Make their grant files, books and records available for an audit to ensure compliance with any requirement of the grant program.
 - Provide information to the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for the period covered by the assistance.
 - We will ensure that grants are made to fire departments located in urban, suburban, and rural communities.
 - We will ensure that fire departments with volunteer staff, or staff comprised of a combination of career firefighters and volunteers, receive a proportion of the total grant funding that is not less than the proportion of the United States population that those firefighting departments protect.
- Applicants should complete and submit their applications (original

application plus two copies of the original) to us at USFA Grant Program Technical Assistance Center, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-8998.

In addition to the project narrative, the applicant must provide an itemized budget detailing the use of the grant funds. If an applicant is seeking funds in more than one category (eligible applicants may apply for up to two categories), the applicant must provide a narrative and an itemized budget for each category. The budget should be entered onto the form (FEMA Form 20-20) provided in the application package.

Evaluation Criteria: Applicants may seek assistance in formulating their cost-benefit statement or any other justification required by the application by contacting our grant program technical assistance center at 866-274-0960 or by Email at Usfagrants@fema.gov. We will also place useful information on the FEMA/USFA Websites.

The USFA anticipates awarding 1,500 to 2,000 grants.

Grantees have up to 12 months, from the date of the notice of award to incur obligations to fulfill their responsibilities under this grant program. Grantees may request funds from FEMA as reimbursement for expenditures made under the grant program or for immediate cash needs per FEMA Regulations (44 CFR 13.21, more commonly referred to as the common rule).

The recipients of funding under program must report to us on how the grant funding was used. This will be accomplished via submission on a final report. Additionally, fire departments that receive funding under this program must agree to provide information to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for the period covered by the assistance.

Larry Servies Receives Dedication Clock



Larry Ketchem, District 11-B chairman, presents a clock to Larry Servies, President of the Waveland Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. board of directors during the dedication ceremony for the new Waveland Fire Station.

(Photo submitted by Mike Cook, Capt. - Waveland VFD)

Shuey Rensselaer Firefighter of the Year

By BREIAN Ma'AYTEH
Rensselaer Republican Intern
RENSELAER - In recognition of his dedication and hard work, the Rensselaer Fire Department has named former chief Marty Shuey as its "Firefighter of the Year."

Marty Shuey has been serving the RFD since 1980, holding various positions during those 21 years. In addition to being an officer, he was captain for four years and deputy chief for four years, resigning from the latter in 2000.

"I had received a promotion at work, and it was tough to keep up with the paperwork," he said. "I had no time at home. I could've kept doing it, but then I would've had no family life."

And family life is important to Shuey. He has been married to his wife, Sue, for 30 years, and they have two children together.

They also have three grandchildren.

According to RFD Chief L.E. "Buz" Koehler, Marty Shuey is "a hardworking, dedicated firefighter, well-liked by (the RFD) members."

The winner of the award was determined by the members of the department, and Shuey was recognized at the Feb. 10 annual banquet. He received a plaque for his efforts.

"The whole department deserves

awards," he said. "We've got a good team."

Shuey is originally from Rochester, where he was employed in the plastics industry.

He eventually ended up in Rensselaer to go into a different field of plastics. He is currently assistant plant manager at Rensselaer Plastics, where he has been working for 22 years.

"I'm not leaving!" he said.

With his time largely taken up by volunteering at the RFD, work and his family, Shuey admits he doesn't have much time for anything else.

"I used to bowl a long time ago, but there's no time for it now," he said.

One thing he is excited about is the training building the RFD is working on, a project that was started when Shuey was chief.

"It's a cross-over course for new firefighters," he said.

The building will be open to the public, and the community will be able to learn proper procedures when a fire does occur. It is close to being completed.

Marty Shuey likes being a part of the RFD and loves Rensselaer.

"I'm just glad to be here," he said. (This article is courtesy of the Rensselaer Republican.)

Poland girl ...

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Schoolcraft said the Poland Volunteer Fire Department got the dispatch at 10:29 Sunday morning.

"We didn't lose much time (getting to the fire)," Schoolcraft said. "We had a firehouse full of firefighters because they were there for hazardous materials training."

The fire was in a frame house on Ind. 42, just west of Cunot. Schoolcraft said smoke was already pouring from the building when the fire department arrived.

"The smoke was unreal, so you couldn't see anything," he said. "(The mother) was yelling and screaming that the little girl was still in the house."

The child's mother, Donna Smith, and her fiancé had been helped through a bedroom window by a neighbor, but were unable to rescue the child because the fire had blocked the hallway from the bedroom to the living room, where the child had been watching television, Schoolcraft said. Schoolcraft, Armour and Nees entered the building and brought the child out. Schoolcraft said she had been burned on her face, chest and upper extremities, including internal burns. She was LifeLined to the Wishard Burn Unit and later transferred to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Armour's leg was injured when

Schoolcraft fell over him while taking the child out of the building. He was taken to Putnam County Hospital. Smith and her fiancé were also taken to PCH and treated for smoke inhalation and cuts from climbing out the broken window.

The cause of the fire is not yet known, Schoolcraft said.

"We were on the scene until about 7:30 that night," he said. "We basically tore the house down to find a cause."

Schoolcraft said most, if not all, of the home had been destroyed by the flames and heat.

Assisting Poland with the fire was the Cloverdale Volunteer Fire Department, Indiana State Police, Operation Life, Owen Co. Sheriff's Dept., and the Red Cross from both Owen County and Terre Haute.

Schoolcraft said most, if not all, of the home had been destroyed by the flames and heat.

Assisting Poland with the fire was the Cloverdale Vol. Fire Dept., Indiana State Police, Operation Life, Owen Co. Sheriff's Dept., and the Red Cross from both Owen County and Terre Haute.

Schoolcraft was especially thankful for the help from Cloverdale.

"We really appreciated them being there," he said. "Once we got everyone out, we were able to get at the fire from two vantage points. It helped a lot."

Color Guard Competition Registration

June 14, 2001

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Contact Name: _____
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Shelby Firefighter Receives Award

The Shelby Volunteer Fire Department recognizes one of their fireman.

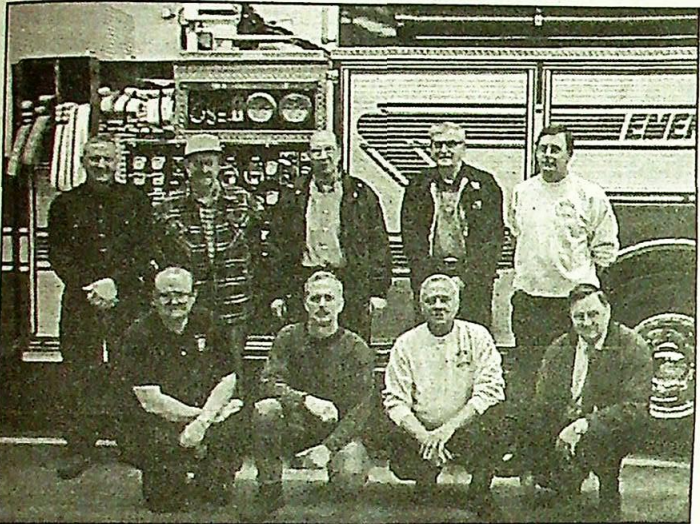
On January 18, 2001, Assistant Chief Travis Cross was awarded a certificate and a plaque with his picture for the life saving efforts given to Micki Correy.

On December 13, 2000 Travis and Micki were involved in a snowmobile accident and with quick thinking he performed CPR and first aid to save the life of his friend.

Chief Rodney (Zip) Cross awarded Travis at a meeting witnessed by firemen, cadets, and auxiliary from the fire department.

Story by Michael Cornell

Awards Given to Chesterton VFD Members



On Feb. 7, 2001, PRNW Dennis Schavey and District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford presented 25 Year pins to members of the Chesterton VFD.

Pictured are (back row) with years of service: (left to right) - Ray Lawson 28, life member Ralph Brooks 60, life member Bill Cunningham 56, Carrol Gustafson 46, Kurt Keiser 26.

Front row: Dave Shepard 28, Scott Wynder 26, Fire Chief Warren "Skip" Highwood 39, Harold McCorkel 31.

The following were unable to attend: James Bendt 29, life member Tom Polisk 62, life member Walter Pliske 62.

These 12 firefighters have a total of 493 years of service.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman)

Liberty Twp. VFD Members Awarded For Service



On Jan. 31, 2001, PRNW Dennis Schavey and District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford presented 25 year pins to members of the Liberty Twp. VFD.

Pictured are with years of service: (left to right) Lloyd Woodrick 31, Les Esserman 46, Bob Esserman 46, Vern Hyatt 28, Harwood Wiener 46, Ray Wesley 33.

The following were unable to attend: Richard Anderson 46, Fred Esserman 46, Robert Frye 28, John Miller 39, Terry Nelson 28, Charles Stewart 28 and George Tanner 39.

Richard Anderson, Fred Esserman, Less Esserman, Bob Esserman and Harwood Wiener are charter members of the department.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman)

Third Family Member To Be Awarded "Firefighter of the Year"



Twenty-year-old Briana Kestler became the third member of her family to be awarded "Firefighter of the Year" - for 2000 - from the Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

In previous years her father, Carl and brother, Josh, had received this distinction.

Briana is an Accounting/Business Administration major at Ivy Tech State College in Columbus, IN, and may pursue a career in firefighting. In the meantime, her colleagues and community are proud and grateful to have her volunteering. (Photo submitted by M. Maureen McNulty, Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Co., Inc.)

Pictured are Assist. Chief Phil Pugsley, Firefighter of the Year 2000 Briana Kestler and Chief, Wally Dietz.

Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

Morgan Awarded 25 Year Pin



Carl Morgan, Assistant Chief of the Waveland Community Volunteer Fire Department receives his 25 year pin from Larry Ketchen, District 11-B Chairman.

Morgan has 38 years in the fire service.

(Photo submitted by Mike Cook, Capt. - Waveland Community VFD)

McCulloch VFD Members Presented 25 Year Pins



Roy E. Richardson, 14th District Chairman, IVFA presented 25 year pins to members of the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) Roy Richardson, Tom Sellmer Sr., Stan Kaskie - secretary and David Pulliam - president. (Photo submitted by Roy Richardson)

Pershing Twp. VFD Members Earn 25 Yr. Pins



Pictured (left to right): M. Rudolph, D. Lyon, L. Ault, R. Blaker - Chief, and Roy E. Richardson, 14th District Chairman, IVFA, presenting 25 year pins to members of the Pershing Twp. Volunteer Fire Department - Freetown. (Photo submitted by Roy Richardson)

Fire Destroys Sawmill/Pallet Plant

Owner Hospitalized With Severe Burns

The fire was reported to the Madison Twp. Department at around 3:43 p.m. on January 11, 2001 and three units were dispatched. Two trucks responded from Cannelburg and fire units from Plainville and Elnora also answered the call for more help.

The entire structure, located east of the Cannelburg Road on CR600 was engulfed in flames when they arrived. One of the owner's sons said his father was welding near the two diesel engines used to power the plant when sparks ignited nearby sawdust.

Flames apparently burned through a nearby air line and escaping air fanned the small blaze. A fire extinguisher in the building did not work and his father became disoriented when the building filled with smoke. A 275 gallon fuel tank caught fire and firemen were unable to close in on the fire because of intense heat.

The L-shaped pole structure was (continued on page 39)

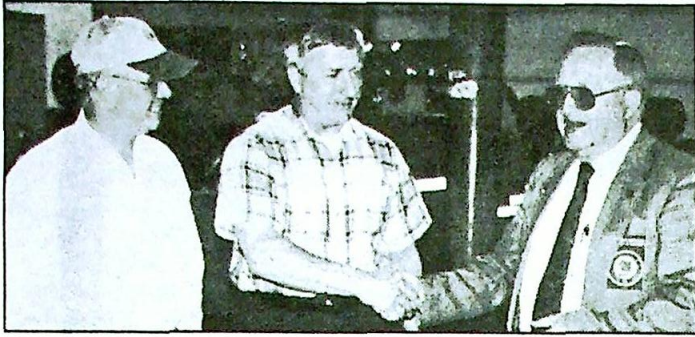
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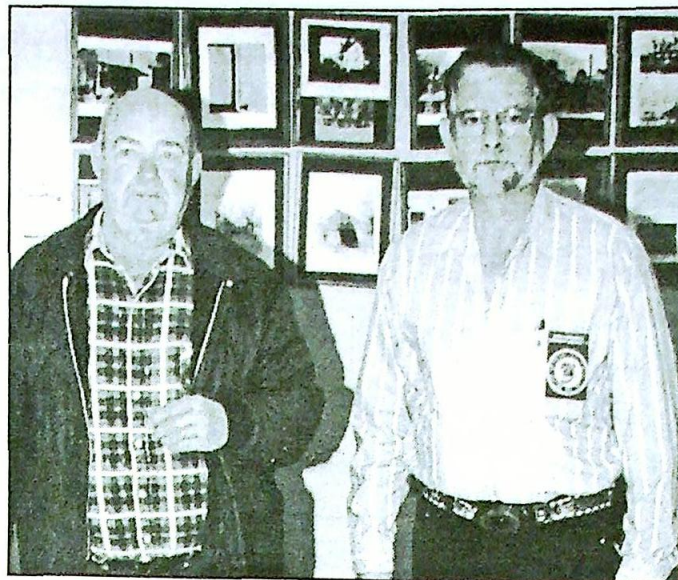
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25 Yr. Pins Awarded To Brownstown VFD Members



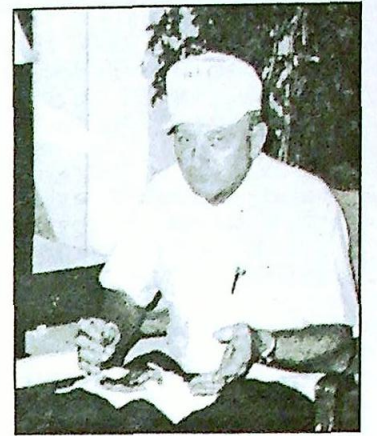
Roy E. Richardson, 14th District Chairman, IVFA, presented 25 year pins to members of the Brownstown Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (left to right): Chief James Renaker, Secretary Richard "Dick" Burrell and Roy E. Richardson. (Photo submitted by Roy Richardson)



Dale Blackford Receives 25 Year Pin

Dale Blackford of the Tippecanoe Twp. Fire Department receives his 25 year pin from chairman Don Kissinger. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger)

Enjoying The Food.



IVFA Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Bush is shown on November 3, 2000, enjoying the BBQ turkey, homemade Amish bread and peanut butter spread that was bought on Friday night of the weekend of State Officer's meetings by Ronald Bell.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Burriss Receives 25 Year Service Pin



Washington Twp. volunteer firefighter Russell Burriss received his 25 year service pin during the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department's annual BBQ turkey dinner and District 17A meeting held November 18, 2000 at Odon.

Helping with the presentation were IVFA President Jack Kerney, IVFA Vice-president Buz Koehler and Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell. (Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Vincennes Volunteer Firefighters Receive 25 Year Service Pins



At the District 17A meeting and BBQ turkey supper held at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department on November 18, 2000, Vincennes firefighter Pete Carter and fellow firefighter IVFA treasurer Jack Harker were presented their 25 year Fire Service Pin. Helping with the presentation were IVFA president Jack Kerney, vice-president Buz Koehler and Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

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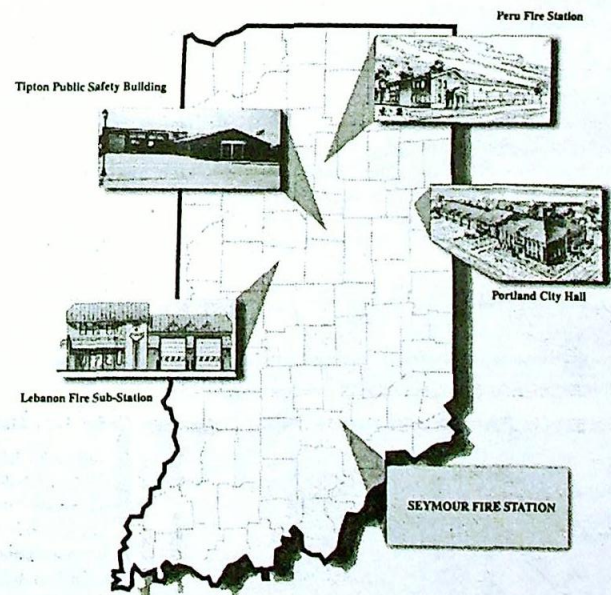
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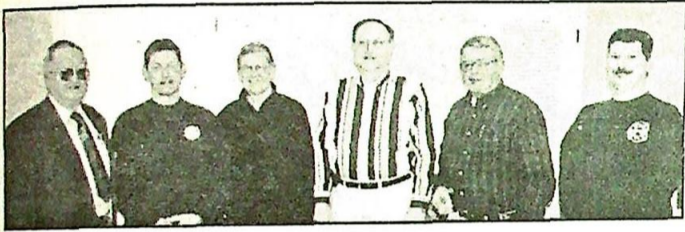
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Hanover Twp. Firemen Receive 25 Year Pins



Pictured above are members of the Hanover Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. who received their 25 year pins from Public Relations Director Nelson Ehlers. From left to right: Bill Bruther, Robert McKenzie, Duane Miller, Dan Kreeger, Bill Jackson. Not pictured is Phillip Meredith.
(Photo submitted by Nelson Ehlers, P.R.S.E.)

Eight M.V.F.A. Members Earn 25 Year Pins



At a recent meeting of the McCulloch Vol. Firefighters Assoc., at Clarksville Station 2, 14th District Chairman Roy Richardson presented 25 Year Pins to eight members of the M.V.F.A. Left to right is: Roy Richardson, Station Commander Al Williamson, Bob Kraft, Dennis Blake, Don Tetley and Tom Sellmer Jr.
(Photo submitted by Roy Richardson)

2000 Midwest Award Given To Al Williamson



Presenting Al Williamson with the 2000 District 14 Midwest Award is District 14 Chairman Roy Richardson.
(Photo submitted by Roy Richardson)



Williamson Named Firefighter Of The Year

Presenting Station Commander (Asst. Chief) Al Williamson the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award is Clarksville Fire Chief Bob Hansford.

The award was created by the Clarksville Fire and Police Commissioners to recognize a volunteer firefighter, a career firefighter and a police officer for outstanding service to their community and respective departments.

(Photo submitted by Roy Richardson)

Jack Harker Hard At Work!



As you can see IVFA Treasurer Jack Harker is very hard at work with his wife, Bev helping with Union Vol. Fire Department's bean supper. Really, Jack did help with the supper!

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

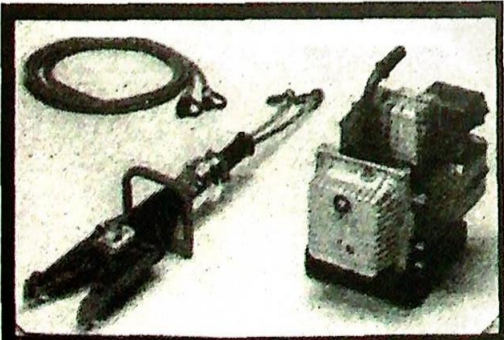
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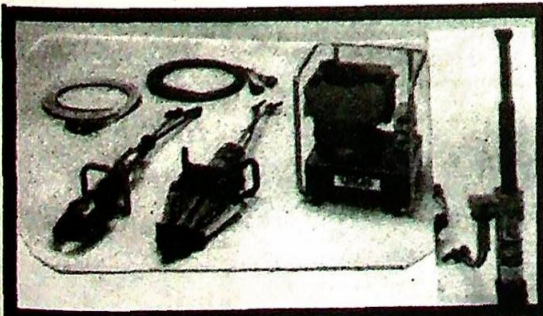


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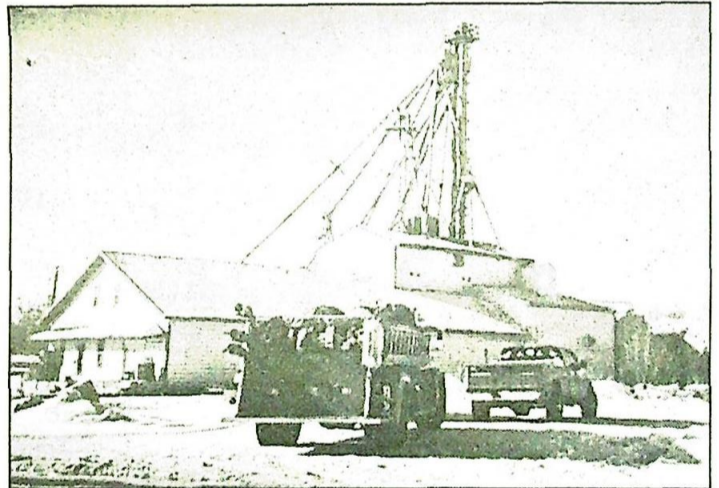
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Firemen Battle Bin Blaze At Odon



(Photo submitted by Ron Bell P.R. Southwest)

Firemen received a report of a possible grain fire at Odon Feed and Grain early Friday around 7:00 a.m. January 5, 2001 after employees arriving to work detected smoke around a large bin as they prepared to open for business.

Firemen scrambled to control the situation after a 3,000 bushel corn bin caught on fire. Firefighters were

hoping evacuation of nearby homes wouldn't be necessary.

The fire in this grain bin was located at the rear of the office building and was contained in that area, thanks to the efforts of the firefighters.

Fire units responding were Odon, Madison Twp., Elnora with Loogootee on standby. Grain Processing Corporation of Washington was called in for consultation about the best method to fight the fire. It appeared that dust was ignited when heat was applied to free a frozen distributor.

It smoldered for some time and they were fortunate that it did not occur on a weekend or overnight. There was minimal damage thanks to the firemen and others who assisted throughout the day.

John Sibray, Odon Fire Department Captain said there would have been an explosion if too much water had gotten in the bin and caused a steam rupture. He noted that an explosion had happened in Odon once before at another grain silo. The corn was being removed and putting it into wagons to let it cool down. Corn burns very easily.

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Highland Annual Hog Roast Held October 21



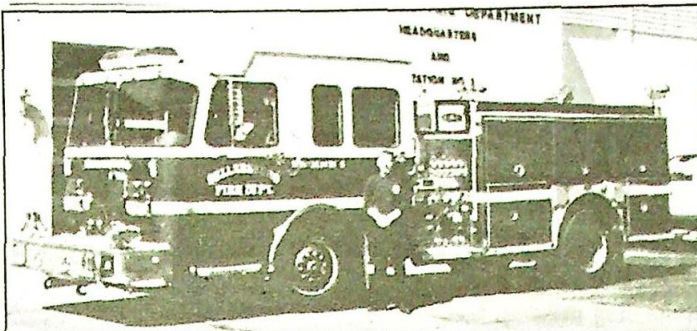
Highland Twp. Volunteer Fire Department held their annual hog roast fundraiser on October 21, 2000. Enjoying the meal and good fellowship are IVFA President Jack Kerney and wife Barb, IVFA Central Office manager from Evansville; IVFA Treasurer Jack Harker from Vincennes and Richland/Taylor firefighter Ross Emery. (Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Minich Receives Award of Valor



Patrolman Matthew Minich received an Award of Valor from the Clark County Fire Chief's Association at the March 2001 meeting of the Chief's Association. On February 13, 2001 Patrolman Minich, without regard for his own safety, pulled an impaired person from a burning vehicle in Sellersburg. Pictured from left to right: Deputy Chief Greg Dietz of the Sellersburg Fire Department, Patrolman Minich of the Sellersburg Police Department, Chief Mike Stricker of the Sellersburg Police Department and Roy Richardson, President of the Clark's County Fire Chief's Association. (Photo submitted by Roy Richardson)

New Pumper Delivered To Sellersburg



Deputy Chief Greg Dietz is shown with one of the two new Emergency One Pumpers delivered to the Sellersburg Fire Department on March 1, 2001. The Pumpers have 1,250 gpm pumps and 1,000 gallon tanks. (Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson)

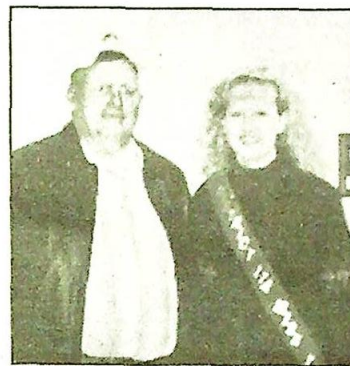
Chestnut To Represent District 17A In Miss Flame Contest

Deanna Chestnut has been chosen to represent District 17A as their Miss Flame 2001 contestant at the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association convention in June at Fort Wayne, IN.

She will be competing against other district Miss Flames. District 17A Chairman Jim Abrams had three lovely girls that were wanting to represent District 17A.

Chairman Abrams' judges for the decision of who would be the District 17A Miss Flame 2001 were: IVFA Auxiliary Vice-President Barb Kerney, Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department's Ladies' Auxiliary Vice-President Bonnie Jones, and 2000 District 17A Miss Flame Heather Porter.

Chairman Abrams held the run



Pictured above are Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association District 17A Chairman Jim Abrams and District 17A "Miss Flame 2001" Deanna Chestnut. (Submitted by District 17A Chairwoman Malinda Bell and District 17A Chairman Jim Abrams)

off February 5, 2001 at Odon/Madison Twp. Volunteer Fire Department station, hosted by the Odon/Madison Twp. Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary.

Station Dedication Honors Servies



The new fire station was dedicated Sunday, March 18th, in honor of 50 year firefighter Larry Servies.

After 30 years as Chief he has stepped down this past January. He still serves as a Captain and President of the Fire Board.

Members and former members of the Waveland Fire Dept. and their wives and families, along with Charles Baker, Chaplain for IVFA, his wife, Linda, Larry Ketchem, District 11-B Chairman and Bill Bush, IVFA Sergeant-At-Arms and his wife Eulah, gathered for the surprise appreciation dinner.

Servies accepted an IVFA clock for the department, presented by Larry Ketchem, a 25 year pin presented by Bill Bush, a 50 year gold card presented by Larry Ketchem, a plaque dedicating the building to him (Larry Servies) from Chief Steve Patterson and a plaque from the members of the department for Larry's dedicated service to the department was presented by Assistant Chief Carl Morgan.

(Photo submitted by Mike Cook, Capt. - Waveland Community VFD)

Judges For District 17A Miss Flame Contest



District 17A Miss Flame contestant run-off was held February 18, 2001 at the Odon/Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department's Station at Odon, IN.

Judges were: District 17A Miss Flame 2000 Heather Porter, IVFA Vice-President Barb Kerney, and Odon/Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary Vice-President Bonnie Jones.

The judges had a very difficult time of selecting Miss Flame 2001 that would be representing the District 17A at the Convention in June.

Finally after much debating a decision was made. Miss Deanna Hardesty will be representing District 17A as their Miss Flame 2001.

(Submitted by Dist. 17A Chairman Jim Abrams and Dist. 17A Chairwoman Malinda Bell)

Deanna Chestnut Chosen As District 17A Miss Flame 2001



DISTRICT 17A'S 2001 MISS FLAME CONTESTANTS: Kelly Abrams, Deanna Chestnut, Angela Cardinal.

(Photo submitted by Dist. 17A Chairwoman Malinda Bell and Dist. 17A Chairman Jim Abrams)

District 17A Chairman Jim Abrams held the run off in his district of who would represent District 17A as the 2001 Miss Flame at the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and Auxiliary Convention held in June at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Chairman Abrams had three lovely girls vying for the position. Kelly Abrams, Elnora/Elmore Vol. Fire Dept., Elnora, IN; Deanna Chestnut, Richland/Taylor Vol. Fire Dept., Bloomfield; and Angela Cardinal, Washington Twp., Bruceville. Miss Deanna Chestnut, Richland/Taylor, Bloomfield, was chosen February 5, 2001 to be Miss Flame 2001 for District 17A.

The contest was held at Odon/Madison Fire Dept., Odon, IN.

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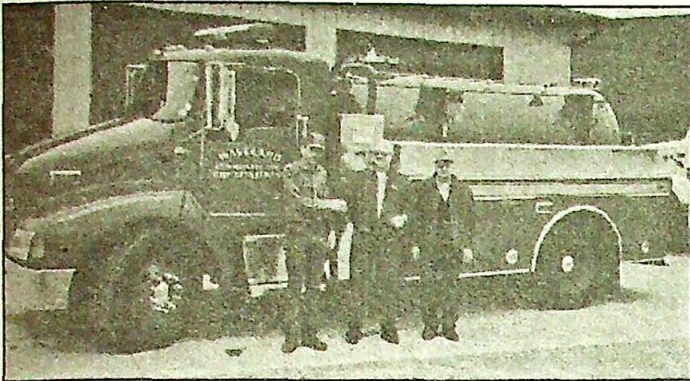
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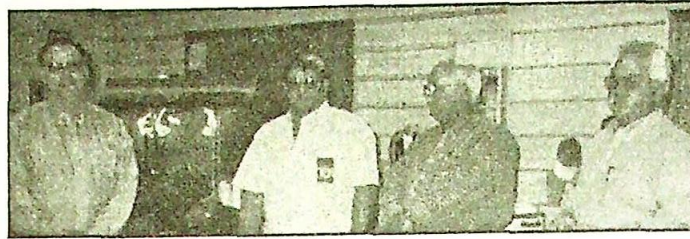
Waveland Community VFD Owners Of New Tanker



Steve Patterson Chief of the Waveland Community Volunteer Fire Department Inc. accepts keys to a new tanker from Larry Rebec of Firovac Co. while Larry Servies, President of the Waveland Fire Board looks on. The 1800 gallon tanker is mounted on a Kenworth chassis, carries two 2500 gallon dump tanks, a 300 gpm portable pump, and is able to load or unload itself in approximately one minute and twenty seconds.

(Photo submitted by Mike Cook, Captain)

Loogootee Firefighter Receives 25 Year Fire Service Pin

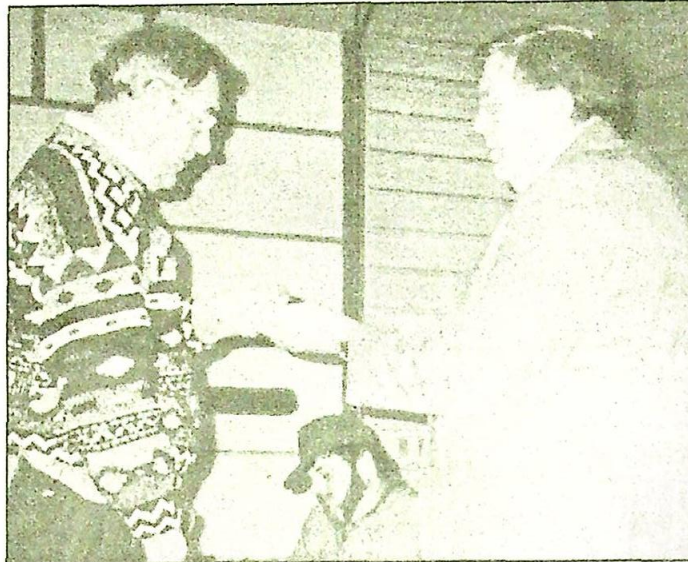


Firefighter Cameron Wolf, member of the Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department, was presented his 25 year Fire Service Pin November 18, 2000 at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Departments' annual BBQ turkey dinner and District 17A meeting held at Odon.

Presenting the 25 year pin were IVFA Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell, IVFA president Jack Kerney and IVFA Vice-President Buz Koehler.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Washington Twp. Vol. Firefighter Honored



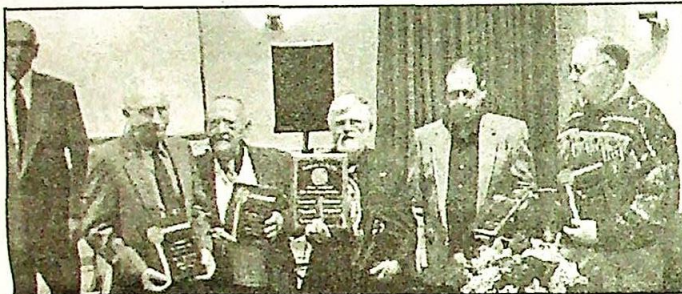
Firefighter Russell Burris was honored at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department's annual BBQ turkey dinner and District 17A meeting held at Odon on November 18, 2000.

Ivan Nevil from the office of the State Fire Marshal, Indianapolis, presented Burris with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for 27 years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Department, the citizens of Daviess County and the State of Indiana.

Burris was greatly surprised. He had no idea he was to receive this award. He said he usually knows about everything that goes on, but this was completely kept from him.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Firemen Receive Service Honors



Following the annual Ladies' Night dinner at the Honeywell Center Feb. 24, 2001, the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department received service honors, with the ladies getting well-earned flowers for their Auxiliary help. After Chief Mike Mark reported on the year's activities, President C.K. Riffil recognized five members for 30 years of service. Each received a plaque and were honored with lifetime membership to the department. Also Mark Herron from the State Fire Marshal's office presented service medallions from the State of Indiana to the five firemen.

Pictured from left to right: C.K. Riffil, Merle Tinkle, Emmor Smith, Ron Achor, Tim Slaughter, Melvin Hamilton.

Plainville Volunteer Firefighter Honored With Governor's Award



Firefighter Bernard (Bud) Mallett, was honored at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department's annual BBQ turkey dinner and District 17A meeting held at Odon on November 18, 2000.

Ivan Nevil from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Indianapolis, presented Bud with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for 42 years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Plainville Vol. Fire Department, the citizens of Daviess County, and the State of Indiana.

This came as quite a surprise to Bud. He couldn't figure out why all his fellow firefighters on the Plainville Vol. Fire Department were attending the district meeting. He had no idea they came to see him receive this well-deserved award.

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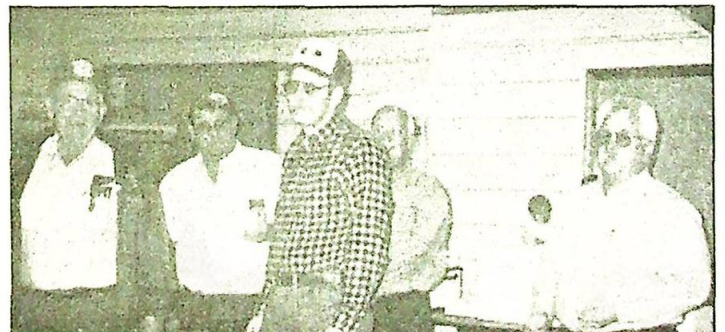
Busy With The Dishes . . .




Union Vol. Fire Department held a bean supper on October 28, 2000. Chris Peak and fellow firefighter are very busy washing up trays and other utensils during the supper.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Firefighters Receive 25 Year Fire Service Pins

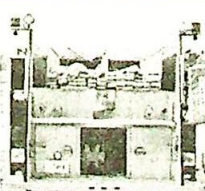




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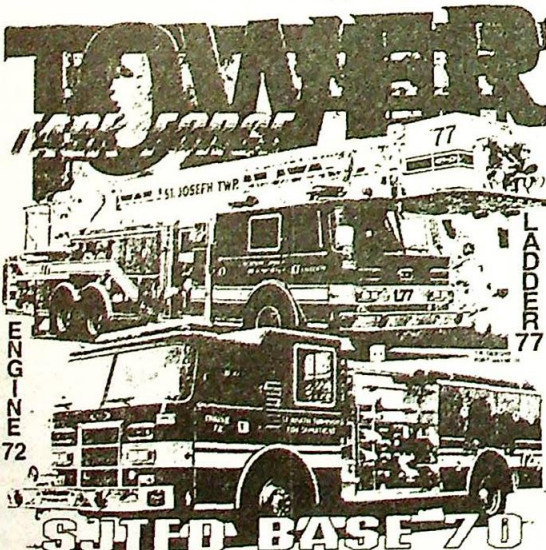



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At the annual BBQ turkey dinner and District 17A meeting held November 18, 2000 at the Odon/Madison Twp. Volunteer Fire Departments at Odon, Richland/Taylor Vol. firefighters Johnnie Johnson and John Hardesty were presented their 25 year fire service pins.

Making the presentation were IVFA President Jack Kerney, IVFA Vice-President Buz Koehler and Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell. (Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

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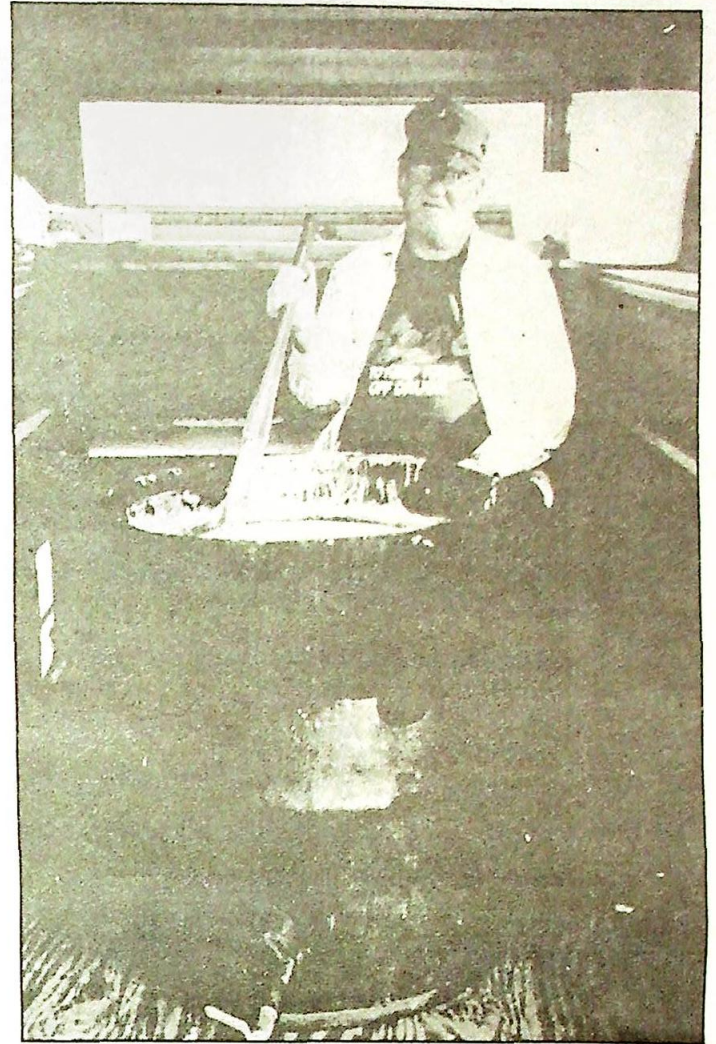
35th Year Of Hosting BBQ Turkey Supper

On November 18, 2000, Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department hosted their annual BBQ turkey supper and District 17A meeting. This is the 35th year of hosting this supper.

IVFA secretary Red Morris and wife Carolyn, and Elnora firefighter John Abrams and wife Anita and others deciding on kind of dessert they want.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Bean Supper Fundraiser Held



On October 28, 2000, Union Volunteer Fire Department held a bean supper fundraiser. As you can see the beans were cooked in old iron kettle being stirred by hand by this gentleman. The supper was well attended. The beans, cornbread and desserts were all mouth-watering good eating.

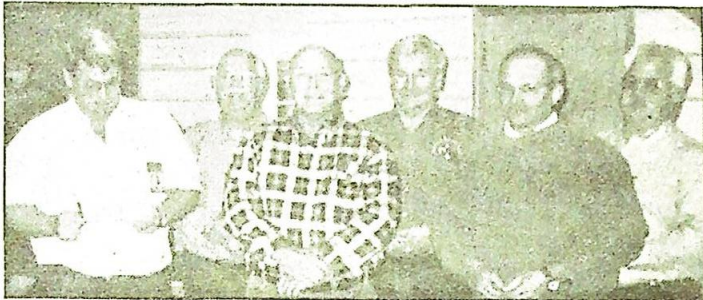
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Plainville Volunteer Firefighters Receive 25 Year Fire Service Pins

Plainville firefighters received 25 year service pins at the annual BBQ turkey dinner and District 17A meeting November 18, 2000 held at Odon and hosted by Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Departments.

Firefighters Gene Shafer, Bud Mallett, and Dennis Eaton were presented their 25 year fire service pins.

Making the presentation were IVFA President Jack Kerney, IVFA Vice-President Buz Koehler and IVFA Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell.



(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, Public Relations Southwest)

Elnora/Elmore Fireman Of The Year Award Presented To Two



Elnora/Elmore Volunteer Fire Department honored two of their fellow firefighters with the Fireman of the Year Award.

The awards were presented during their Christmas supper held December 27, 2000 to Lt. Charles Stedman and Captain Robert Dove.

Fire Chief Brian Wesner presented the awards with Ronald Bell, IVFA Public Relations Southwest assisting.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Santa Claus Arrives In Town On Fire Truck

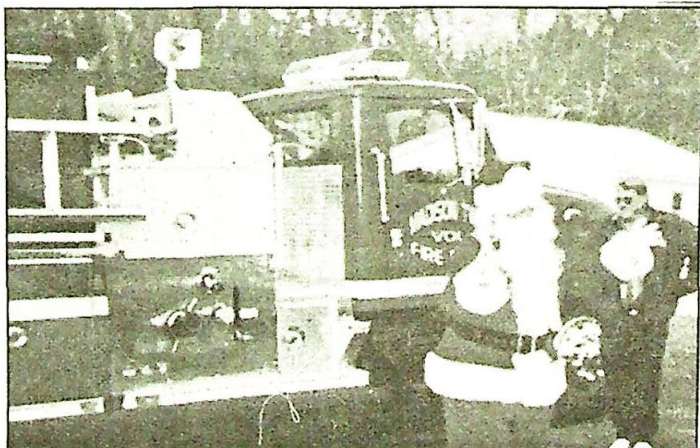
On December 23, 2000 at about 11:45 a.m., Santa lands his sleigh at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department station where he is then transported up though Main Street with lights flashing and sirens blaring and bells a-ringing.

Children are waiting at the Odon VFW for Santa to arrive. They know that soon he will be there. They rush to the door and what do they see but Santa alighting from a red fire truck.

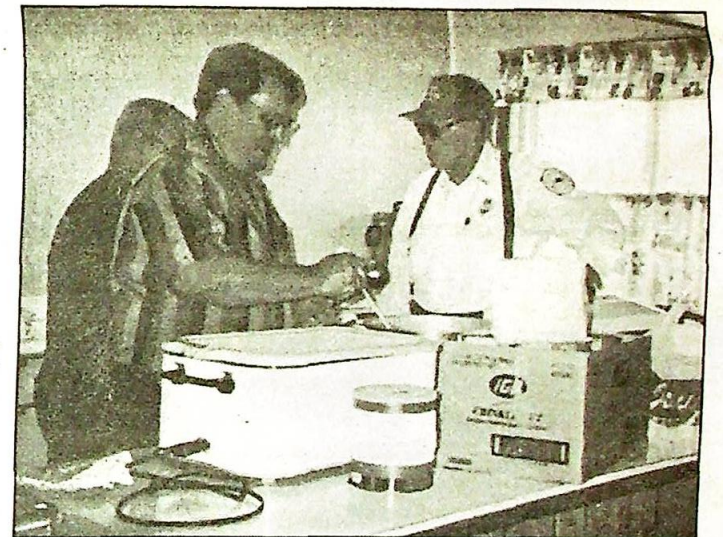
He welcomes them with open arms and Ho-Ho's and Merry Christmas.

This has been a tradition for several years.

Transporting Santa was Ronald Bell.



(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)



Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell helping Fire Chief Archie Sapp, serving beans during the bean supper fundraiser Union Vol. Fire Department held on October 28, 2000. Ron assisted in the serving of the supper.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

August Deadline Is July 10, 2001

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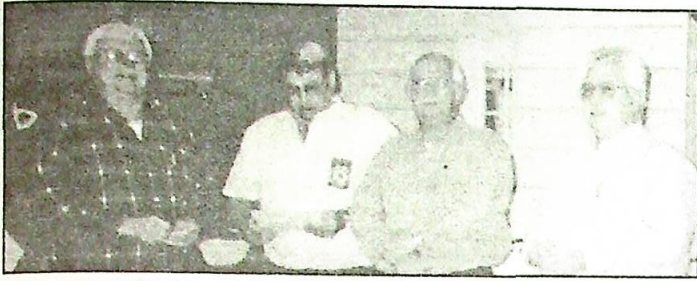
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Local Firefighters Receive 25 Year Fire Service Pin



On November 18, 2000, Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Departments held their annual BBQ turkey dinner and District 17A meeting. This dinner has been a tradition for over 30 years. Two firefighters received their 25 Year Fire Service Pins. Odon Vol. firefighter Richard Cottrell and Madison Twp. Vol. firefighter Ronald Hell. Helping with the presentations were IVFA President Jack Kerney, IVFA Vice-President Buz Koehler and IVFA Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell)

Mentone Firemen Earn 25 Year Pins



Twenty-five year pins were presented to the members of the Mentone Fire Dept. by District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 Chairman)

August Deadline is July 10, 2001

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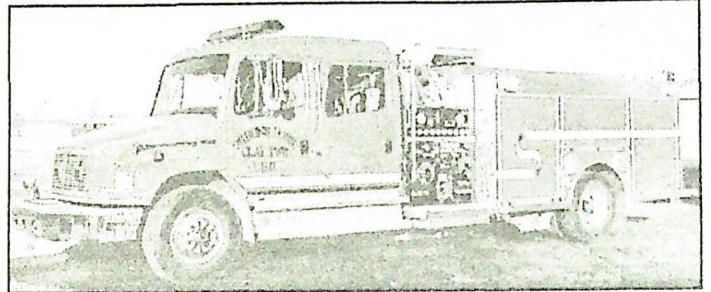
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Each participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming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

New Pumper Delivered To Clay Township VFD

On January 9, 2001, the Clay Township Volunteer Fire Department of Greens Fork, IN took delivery of a new Freightliner 2001 Pumper from Central States Fire Apparatus of Lyons, SD. The new truck was made possible through a Department of Commerce Grant and many donations from local residents. Members of the department, as well as the entire community, are very thankful and proud of this new truck!



(Photo submitted by Dave Ramsey, Assistant Chief, Clay Co. Twp. VFD)

Joint Training Held



Joint training between departments is always a good idea. This not only saves time and allows many to be trained uniformly on any given aspect of firefighting or rescue, but it also promotes good working relationships between departments that must often assist each other during actual fires or rescues. Pictured is a joint training venture between Danville, Amo, Stilesville, Liberty Twp., and cadets from Castleton,

Anderson, Kokomo and South Bend. The house was located in Amo's territory and was to be razed. Amo was kind enough to invite other departments and cadets to train on ladders, search and rescue, flash over and ventilation before and during the razing of the structure. Opportunities of this sort are rare and the training and experience invaluable. I would hope all departments would consider this type of joint training venture and invite your neighboring departments when many could benefit instead of just a few. -- John Ross, District 12 Chairman

relationships between departments that must often assist each other during actual fires or rescues. Pictured is a joint training venture between Danville, Amo, Stilesville, Liberty Twp., and cadets from Castleton,

Griffith Firemen Honored



On Feb. 12, 2001, PRNW Dennis Schavey and District 1 Chairman presented six members of the Griffith VFD with 25 year pins. Pictured (with number of years) are: Ron Cassoday - 28, Steve Kovesci - 25, Don Wilcox - 25, Walter Eaton - 27, George Thiel - 48 and Earl Alger - 54.

Mele Receives 25 Yr. Pin



At the IVFA District 1 & 2 meeting held at Ross Twp. District 4 on Feb. 21, 2001, Bob Mele of the department received his 25 year pin.

Bob has 28 years of service. Unable to attend were Chuck Capoyanes and Bill Sneiderwine. Both men also had 28 years of service.

Pictured are (left to right) Assistant Chief Mike Sneiderwine and Bob Mele.

Danville Dedicates Station

Danville proudly dedicated their new Station 92 on February 24th.

The open house and dedication was well attended and included such celebrities as Jack Kerney, President of I.V.F.A., who presented the traditional I.V.F.A. clock. Also Larry Bartlow, West Central Public Relations Director and Buz Koehler, Vice-President of the I.V.F.A. were there along with Senator Connie Lawson and Representative Jeff Thompson.

Township trustees, town council and town board members were also present for the official ribbon cutting.

Danville's new station was dedicated in the memory of John F. Roberts, former Fire Chief who passed away last year.

New Ambulance Placed In Service



The New Haven/Adams Twp. EMS division recently took possession and placed in service a 2001 Navistar/Braun ambulance. The new unit replaced a 1992 Ford type one.

The new unit was built by Braun manufacturing in Van Wert, Ohio. The truck is powered by a Navistar 230 h.p. diesel with an Allison world transmission.

(Photo submitted by New Haven Emergency Services)

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"Blue Light" Survey For IVFA Study Committee

The IVFA will be addressing in the next Legislature the complete "Blue Light Law". We need your help in surveying your District on what they would like to see changed or added. We will be working on this during the summer months, so we will be prepared for the 2002 Legislature. Please bring your findings to the May officer's meeting.

Keep in mind that the current "Blue Light Law" only allows for "Blue Lights" to be displayed on top of the vehicle and at bumper level. No more than (4) "Blue Lights" can be installed on (1) vehicle, and each "Blue Light" must be flashing or revolving, and must be visible (360) degrees, except for the lights placed on the bumper. A "Blue Light" cannot be part of the regular headlamps displayed on the vehicle.

A copy of the current "Blue Light Law" as it now reads (IC 36-8-12-11) follows.

1. Do you use a "Blue Light" responding to emergency calls? YES ___ NO ___
2. If you do NOT why? _____

3. What changes would you like to see in the present "Blue Light Law"? List the 3 changes in the order of importance.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. Would you like to see the "Blue Light" classified as a light to be used for obtaining the "right-of-way"? Understanding that your vehicle could be classified as an "emergency vehicle", and you may have to pay higher insurance premiums, or have to buy special insurance. YES ___ No ___

5. Special comments: _____

Thanks for your help in this survey.
Sincerely,
Jack Kerney, President

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IC 36-8-12-10

Sec. 10. (a) A:

(1) volunteer firefighter or an emergency medical technician working in a volunteer capacity for a volunteer fire department or ambulance company is covered; and

(2) volunteer working for a hazardous materials response team may be covered; by the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the worker's compensation law (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6) and the worker's occupational diseases law (IC 22-3-7).

(b) If compensability of the injury is an issue, the administrative procedures of IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 and IC 22-3-7 shall be used to determine the issue.

(c) This subsection applies to all units, including counties. All expenses incurred for premiums of the insurance allowed under this section may be paid from the unit's general fund in the same manner as other expenses in the unit are paid.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L. 309, SEC.64, Amended by P.L.198-1988, SEC.1; P.L.3-1989, SEC.230; P.L.172-1990, SEC.2; P.L.72-1992, SEC. 5; P.L.1-1999, SEC. 5.

IC 36-8-12-11

Sec. 11. (a) Members of volunteer fire departments may display blue lights on their privately owned vehicles while en route to scenes of fires or other emergencies in the line of duty, subject to the following conditions:

(1) A light must have a light source of at least fifty (50) candlepower.

(2) All lights must be placed on the top of the vehicle. In addition, lights may be placed on the front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at bumper level.

(3) No more than four (4) blue lights may be displayed on one (1) vehicle, and each blue light must be of the flashing or revolving type and visible for three hundred sixty (360) degrees, except for lights that are placed on the front of the vehicle.

(4) A blue light must consist of a lamp with a blue lens, not of an uncolored lens with a blue bulb. However, a revolving light may contain multiple bulbs.

(5) A blue light may not be a part of the regular head lamps displayed on the vehicles.

(b) In order for a volunteer firefighter to display a blue light on his vehicle, he must secure a written permit from the chief of the volunteer fire department to use the blue light and must carry the permit at all times when the blue light is displayed.

(c) A person who is not a member of a volunteer fire department may not display a blue light of any size or shape on a motor vehicle, except a school bus used to transport children to or from a public or private school.

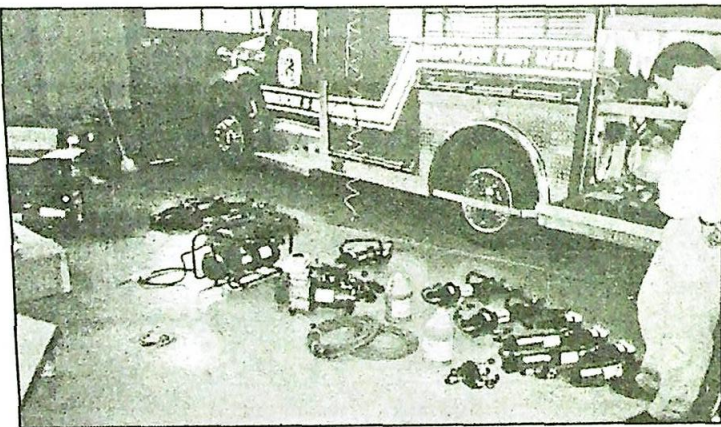
(d) A permittee of the owner of a vehicle lawfully equipped with a blue light may operate the vehicle only if the blue light is not illuminated.

(e) A person who violates subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) commits a Class C infraction. If the violator is a member of a volunteer fire department, the chief of the department shall dismiss him from membership in the department.

(f) This section does not grant a vehicle displaying blue lights the right-of-way under IC 9-21-8-35 or exemption from traffic rules under IC 9-21-1-8. A driver of a vehicle displaying a blue light shall obey all traffic rules.

As added by Acts 19881, P.L. 309, SEC. 64. Amended by P.L.88-1990, SEC.4; P.L.2-1991, SEC. 108; P.L.00-1991, SEC. 4; P.L. 1-1999, SEC. 96.

Fire Dept. Re-Equips Rescue Truck



Hanover Twp. Volunteer Fire Department has just re-equipped its rescue truck with all new TNT rescue equipment from Firehouse Resources Inc. J.J. Alles is Mideast Regional Manager.

Bill Pettitt, Rescue Officer is shown looking over the new equipment before loading the truck.

The list of equipment is as follows: 1 Simo pump, 1 pump 2.5 hp Honda tool hookup, 1 heavy rescue cutter, 1 combination tool; primary cutter, 2 spreader 32", 1 20" RAM, 1 30" push-pull RAM, 1 40" push-pull RAM, all new hose, chains, shackles, dual control manifold too.

Hanover Rescue has provided rope and auto extrication in Jefferson County since 1972.

(Photos submitted by Nelson E. Ehlers, I.V.F.A. Public Relations Director Southeastern Indiana)

Amby VFD Members Receive Pins



Twenty-five year pins were presented to Amby Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. members Erhardt Ballschmidt and Jack E. Hunt by Fire Chief Mark Horner. John H. Rose was absent from the presentation.

South Haven Members Receive Pins

District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford (on left) is shown with South Haven VFD members Jim Branham (center) and Lester Swanson (right).

Both members received their 25 year pins on March 7, 2001.

Jim has 32 years of service and Lester 28 years.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman)



Washington Twp. Members Receive 25 Year Pins

On March 26, 2001, PRNW Dennis Schavey and District One Chairman Jim Bradford presented three members of the Washington Twp. VFD their 25 year pins.

Shown (left to right) with their years of service are Richard Stevens - 25, Chief George Schmidt - 25 and Stewart McMillan - 33.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman)



Two Earn Pins



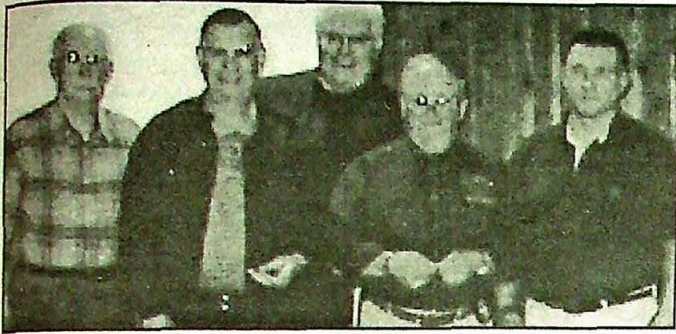
Titlle of the Ogden Dunes VFD with their 25 year pins.

Chuck has 27 years of service and Tom has 47 years.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman)

On March 15, 2001, District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford presented Charles Litzkow and Thomas

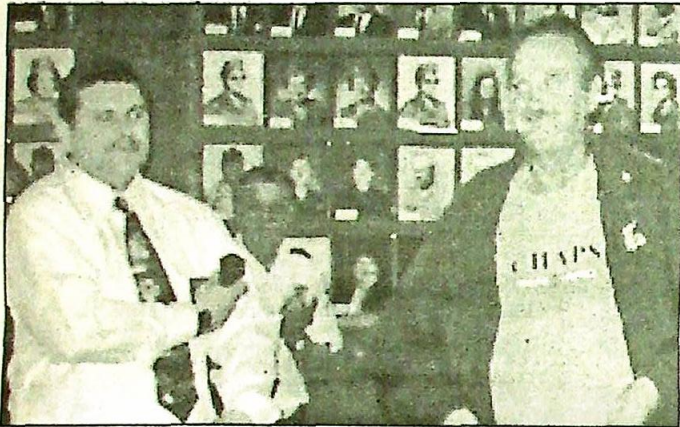
Independence Hill Members Receive Pins



At the IVFA District 1 & 2 meeting held March 21, 2001, District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford presented five Independence Hill FD members with their 25 year pins.

(Left to right with their years of service are: Lowell Pinkston - 44, Don Yaros - 46, Bob Blimm - 45, John Kierzkowski - 26 and Gerald Phillips - 29. Unable to attend was John Wallace - 40. (Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman)

Norton Earns Pin



District 2 Chairman Curt Reifon is shown presenting Lake Eliza firefighter Rod Norton with his 25 year at the District 1 & 2 meeting held March 21, 2001 at St. John. Rod has 46 years of service. (Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman).

Ellettsville Firefighters Receive 25 Year Pins



Left to right: PR SW Ron Bell, Roy Wever, Richard Landgrebe, Chairman 17B Jim Zeeks, Jack Baxter, Fire Chief Jim Davis.

Firefighters Receive State Certification

Several Ellettsville firefighters recently received their state certification in Hazardous Materials Operations.

The department hosted the 30-hour course taught by department instructor Mike Cornman.

Firefighters learned what to do defensively in case of a hazardous material situation.

They were instructed on how to interact with a HAZ-MAT team and how to conduct decontamination of personnel.

Receiving their certificates were Kenny Parrish, Dale Nicholson, Trent Beckman and Jeremy Luther.

Not present were Rob Allen, Chris Clouse, Margie Fox, Rachel Haeffner and Clint Moore.

Francesville Firemen Receive 25 Year Pins



Buzz Koehler, Vice President of IVFA, and Randy Denton, District 9-B Chairman, presented the pins on March 26 at the department's monthly meeting. (L-R) Ray Cooley - 29 years, Don Markin - 38 years, Charles Weaver - 46 years, Fred Litke - 38 years, Joe Tiede - 29 years, Mitch Parish - 33 years. Unable to attend: Virgil R. Myers with 63 years and Donald D. Tiede with 29 years. (Photo submitted by Mitch Parish).

Clifty Six Cadets In Training



CLIFTY SIX CADETS - Back row from left: Ben Flint, Kamden Mahoney, Lindsey Cook, Jenny Lee, Logan Hoffman, and Chad Pritchard. Front row from left: Kody Macon, Josh Watterson and Patrick Schafer.

Chasteen Earns 25 Year Pin



Jonesville VFD 25 year pin: District 10 Miss Flame Rebecca Cole, District 10 Chairman, Earl Chasteen. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel).

Flat Rock 25 Year Pins



Flat Rock Citizens Comm. VFD 25 year pins: District 10 Miss Flame Rebecca Cole, District 10 Chairman Dvid Israel, William Clark, Ronnie Tennell.

Barkes Earns 25 Year Pin



East Columbus FD 25 year pin: Fred Barkes, District 10 Chairman David Israel. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Waldron Members Earn Pins

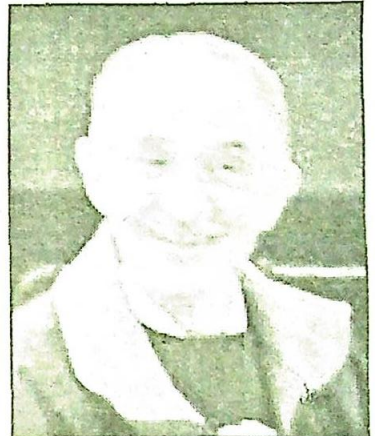


Waldron VFD 25 year pin: District 10 Chairman, Bruce Kuhn, Ron Fuchs, Willy McVey, Paul Stafford, Jack Knoll. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel).

Hope VFD 25 Year Awards



Hope VFD 25 Year pin: John Summers, Melvin Rich, Edwin Stone, District 10 Miss Flame Rebecca Cole, District 10 Chairman, Bruce Neal. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel).



Hooton Earns Service Award

Rand Hooton was awarded the Ray Bentley Service Award.

This award is in memory of Ray Bentley and is presented to ones who have done for the good of the fire service.

It is presented at Burney Fire Station in January at the Decatur County Firemen's Association meeting the last Wednesday of the month. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel).

Lee Earns 25 Year Pin



Posey Twp. VFD 25 Year Pin: District Chairman, Karen Lee. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

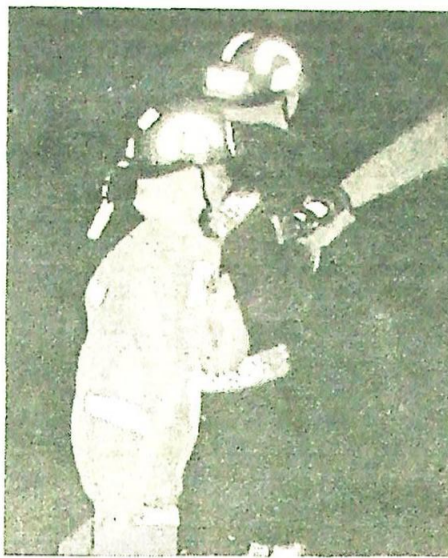
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Clifty Six Cadets Training (continued)



Ben Flint using Quint 4's roof saw on the roof simulator.



Cadets Kody Macon (tan gear) and Josh Watterson operating a hose line.

Poseyville Gets Brush Truck

The Poseyville Fire Department is happy to announce the addition of our brush truck.

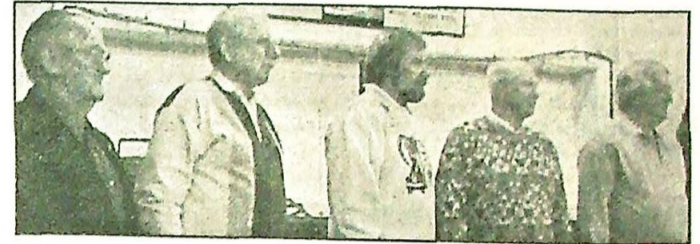
The one-ton rescue truck that we had for years has now been refurbished and fitted with a flatbed in addition to a skid unit donated by the McCutchanville Fire Department.

The unit contains a tank, a water pump, and a hose reel which is designed for brush and field fires.

We are very excited to have this new piece of equipment. It should be great asset to the town of Poseyville and Robb Township.

-- submitted by Bud Fehribach, Chief, Poseyville VFD

Hartsville Comm. VFD Members Earn 25 Year Pins



Left to right: Noble Purvise, Leon Workman, District 10 Chairman, John Ray, Edward Johnson. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel, District 10)

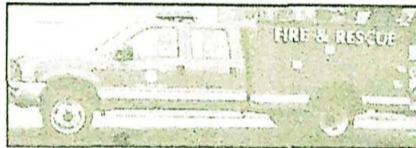
District 15 Announces Its Millennium Deliveries!

The new millennium has brought many new "faces" to the District 15 family. Here is a listing of our new arrivals:

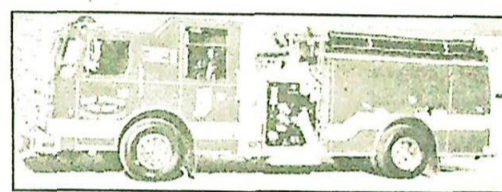
(Photos submitted by Steven T. Anderson, District 15 Chairman)



Brush Truck "Little 25"
Born: November 1999
To: Chandler VFD
Yamaha ATV w/40 Gallons



Squad #54
Born: Spring 2000
To: Elberfeld VFD
Ford 4-door utility bed



3 Engine 1
Born: December 2000
To: Fort Branch-Union Twp. VFD
Pierce Contender 1500 GPM



11 Tanker 50
Born: May 2000
To: Griffin-Bethel VFD
Ferrara Freightliner 2000 Gallons



8 Engine 7
Born: August 1999
To: German Twp. VFD
Pierce 2300 Gallon Pumper-Tanker



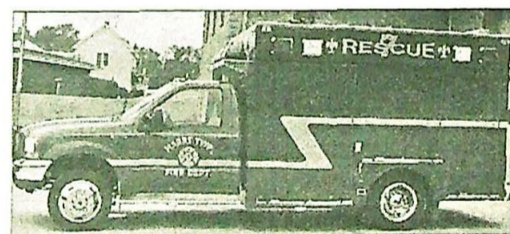
5 Rescue 1
Born: March 2001
To: Haubstadt VFD
Ford Danko Mini-Pumper



6 Adam 60
Born: June 2000
To: Knight Twp. VFD
Chevy Tahoe 4x4 Command/EMS



5 Engine 3
Born: September 2000
To: Haubstadt VFD
E-One International 1250 GPM



9 Rescue 7
Born: April 2000
To: Marrs Twp. VFD
Ford SVI 12' Medium Rescue



9 Rescue 7
Born: September 2000
To: McCutchanville VFD
Spartan SVI Heavy Rescue



12 Adam 1
Born: March 2000
To: Black Twp. VFD
Ford Expedition Command Vehicle



11 Rescue 2
Adopted: June 2000
By: Patoka Twp. FD
1987 Chevy Mini-Pumper



7 Rescue 6
Adopted: June 2000
By: Perry Twp. VFD
1992 Ford Van Ambulance



7 Rescue 2
Adopted: May 2000
By: Poseyville VFD
1986 Saulsbury Heavy Rescue



7 Brush 4
Adopted: February 2001
By: Poseyville VFD
1980 Chevy own built 300 Gallons



5 Engine 3
Born: September 2000
To: Smith Twp. VFD
Ferrara Freightliner 1250 GPM



Tanker #38
Born: Spring 2000
To: Yankeetown VFD
KME 3000 Gallon Pumper-Tanker

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10 Brush 6
Adopted: August 2000
By: Point VFD
1981 Chevy 250 Gallons

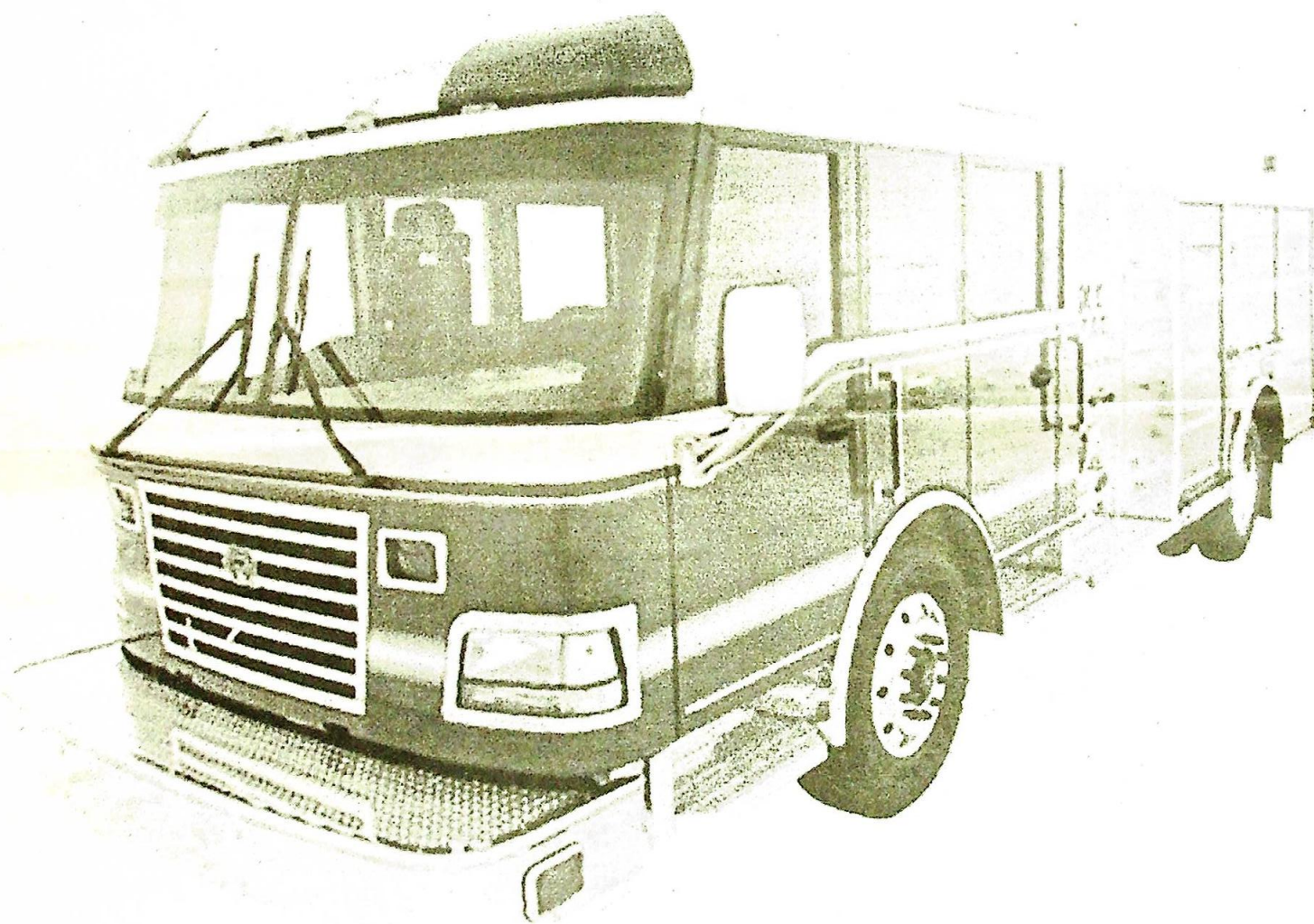
No Picture Yet!
5 Adam 1
Born: January 2000
To: McCutchanville VFD
Jeep Cherokee Command Vehicle

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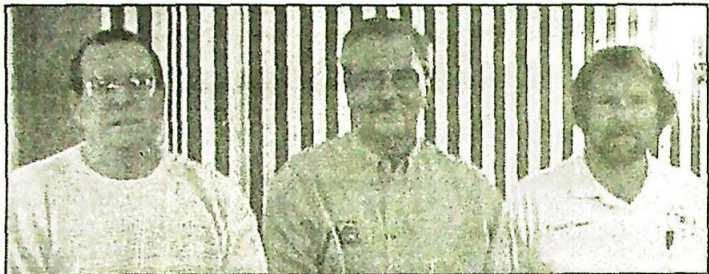
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Marion Twp. 25 Year Pins



Marion Twp. VFD 25 year pins: District 10 Chairman, Chief Dave Fry, Steve Stone, Ken Stone, Carl Morman. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Burney VFD 25 Year Pins



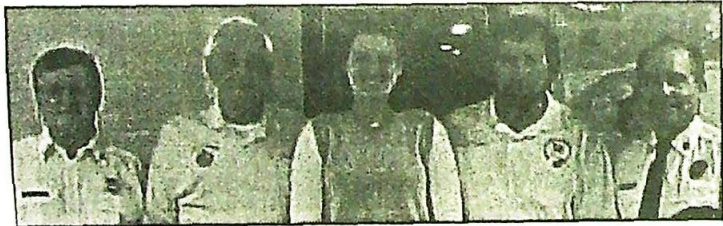
Burney VFD 25 year pins: Max Israel, Frank Hoban, District 10 Chairman. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Clarksburg 25 Year Pins



Clarksburg Comm. VFD 25 year pins: Jeffery Speer, District Chairman David Israel, William (Bud) Cooper. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Clifford Fire Members Earn 25 Year Pins



Clifford VFD 25 year pins: Charlie Deweese, Harold Capper, District 10 Miss Flame Rebecca Cole, District 10 Chairman, Edward Stone. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Clarksburg 25 Year Pins



Clarksburg Comm. VFD 25 year pins: Gene Emsweller, Bill Smith, District 10 Chairman. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Southwest VFD Members Earn 25 Year Pins



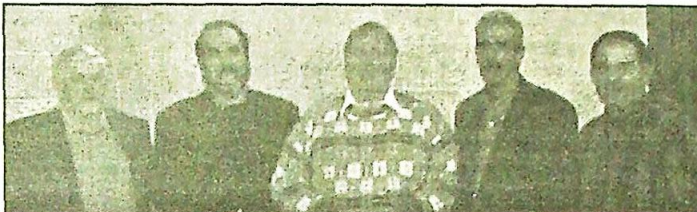
Southwest VFD 25 year pin: District 10 Miss Flame Rebecca Cole, District 10 Chairman, Carlos Strasser, Danny Strasser. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)



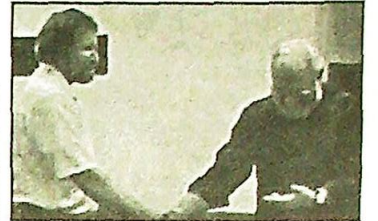
Manilla Members Earn 25 Year Pins

Manilla VFD 25 year pins: Gary Wissing, Bob Robinson, District 10 Miss Flame REbecca Cole, Neal Kuhn, Mike Wissing, District 10 Chairman, Wally Hadley, George Russell, Darwen Brewer, Lloyd Wissing. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Fairland FD Members Receive 25 Year Pins



Fairland FD 25 year pins: Mearl May, Garnett Dennison, Carl Huffman, Steve Howard, Bill Johnson. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)



Parker Earns 25 Year Pin

Franklin Twp. Fire Department 25 Year Pin: District Chairman, Jim Parker, past Acton Fire Chief and past IVFA President. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Greensburg 25 Year Pins



Greensburg FD 25 year pins: Ken Ramer, District 10 Chairman, Greensburg Chief Dan Manus, John Timilty, Don Minning. Not pictured Dave Bean, Chic Bostic. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

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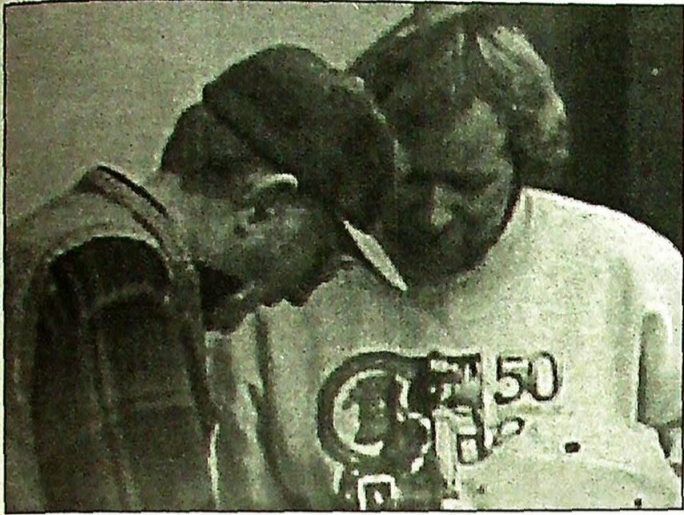
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Clyde Winton Receives 50 Year Gold Award



Manilla VFD 50 Year Gold Card recipient is Clyde Winton shown with District 10 Chairman, David Israel.

(Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Kosanke Earns 25 Year Pin



District 2 Chairman Curtis R. Reifon presenting Jim Kosanke a 25 year pin. Jack Kerney, IVFA President looks on.

(Photo submitted by Curtis R. Reifon, District 2 Chairman)

Jim Kosanke Earns 50 Year Gold Card



District 2 Chairman Curtis R. Reifon presenting Jim Kosanke with IVFA Gold Card. IVFA President Jack Kerney looks on.

(Photo submitted by Curtis R. Reifon, District 2 Chairman)

Kosanke Presented Book



PR Northwest Dennis Schavey presenting Jim Kosanke with 50 Year Year-book. IVFA President Jack Kerney looks on.

(Photo submitted by Curtis R. Reifon, District 2 Chairman)



Vern Pahl Receives Plaque

Lake of Four Season Chief Mike Parks presenting Vern Pahl with a plaque for all he's done for the fire department.

(Photo submitted by Curtis R. Reifon, District 2 Chairman)

Vern Pahl Receives Award



Lake of Four Seasons Chief Mike Parks presenting Vern Pahl with a plaque for years of service.

(Photo submitted by Curtis R. Reifon, District 2 Chairman)

Vern Pahl Receives Award



District 2 Chairman Curtis R. Reifon presenting Vern Pahl with a 25 year pin.

(Photo submitted by Curtis R. Reifon, District 2 Chairman)

Bill Casbon Earns 25 Year Pin



District 2 Chairman Curtis R. Reifon presenting Bill Casbon with a 25 year pin.

(Photo submitted by Curtis R. Reifon, District 2 Chairman)

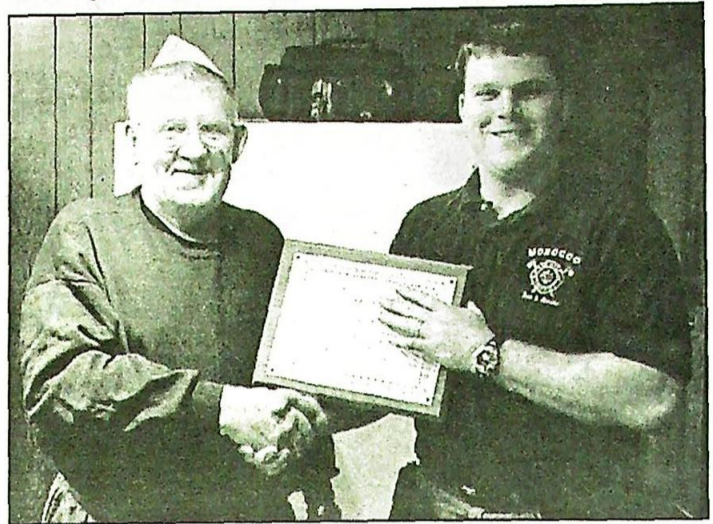
Miss Flame Receives Donation



District 11-A Miss Flame Heather Eckstein received \$50.00 donation from Greene County Firefighters Association to help towards expenses.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Doty Earns President's Award



Morocco Volunteer Fire Department president Matt Gibson presented Robert Doty with the President's Award for the year 2000. This award is for outstanding service to the Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by Larry Bartley)

Morocco VFD Members Receive Awards For Service



District 9B Chairman, Randy Denton, presented 50 Year and 25 Year Awards to four members of the Morocco Volunteer Fire Department. From left - Harold LaCosse having over 30 years of service, Bernard Atkinson with over 50 years of service, Chairman Randy Denton, Andy Anderson and Francis Smart with over 25 years of service.

All awards were presented at the Christmas party which was held for the Morocco Volunteer Fire Department on January 13, 2001.

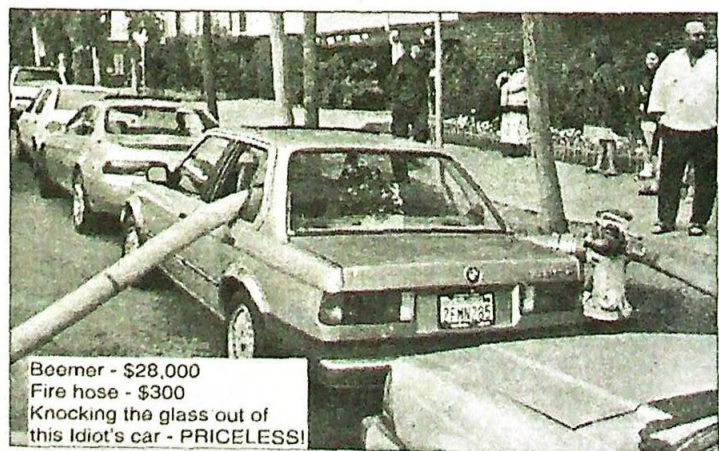
(Photo submitted by Larry Bartley).

Boswell Members Earn 25 Yr. Awards



25 Year Awards were presented to Poland Eberhardt, Joseph B. Kult and Denzil G. Smith of the Boswell Volunteer Fire Department. Also pictured is Randy Denton on far right.

(Photo submitted by Larry Bartley)



Boomer - \$28,000
Fire hose - \$300
Knocking the glass out of this Idiot's car - PRICELESS!

MARSHAL'S MEMO

March Marshal's Memo

Well, if I don't get this memo done they're going to send it out without me, so I had better get busy or I'll be on Ivan's list, and you know which list I mean.

A couple of things I need for you to answer for me. We need information on how many deaths you've had from child set fires. We are trying to come up with a number on this statewide. And speaking of fire deaths, please remember there is a requirement to report all fire deaths to our office, please help us with this as it is very important for us to keep our statistics as current as possible.

Also, there have been a number of fires lately where people have put alternative fuels in kerosene heaters, please try to remind folks any chance you get about how hazardous this is, and what a dangerous practice this can be.

And some good news, the next edition of our Hoosier Safety license plates will be coming out April 1,

2001. It is the FS series for fire service, we're doing some great things with the monies that we get off this plate. Please consider helping us help the fire service by purchasing one of these plates.

Let me tell you a little bit about what all is in this month's memo, first of all a memo about how to request a bomb squad from the Indiana State Police. Good information to have on hand!

Also, another reminder about Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy coming up in September, be there or be square! Seriously we have a great time and it's very educational.

I don't want to forget to remind you about Wayne Township's upcoming "Symposium on Fire Safety Education," this looks to be a great program with some really excellent speakers, so be sure to check it out!

On June 5th and 6th the Indiana Hazardous Materials & Environmental Safety Conference is going

to be held at the Valle Vista Conference in Greenwood.

And the information about the unveiling of the new Law Enforcement and Firefighter Memorial is also included in this mailing, it's also on June 5th and 6th and should be a really neat function, please try to make this.

I've also included a few CPSC recalls, and information on a recall round-up for 2001 from CPSC.

And lastly, we have included a new contact list for our office. We had someone mention at one of the Fire Chief's Orientations that their list was very old, so Cindy created a new list for you.

Well, I need to close this for now, please be careful out there. And remember there's no such thing as a "routine" house fire!

Until next time,
Brothers and Sisters
M. Tracy Boatwright

Cataract Firefighters Assist In Rescue



Cataract Firefighters were called to assist Poland On Feb. 11. Chief Barnett stated when they arrived she had been rescued and his department just hauled water and helped out the fire. On March 17th the Cataract Fire Department hosted a chili supper for a fund-raiser for the family. (Left to right) Don Farris, Bruce Barnett, Rob Paris presented \$1,624.76 to Angela's mother, Donna Smith.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

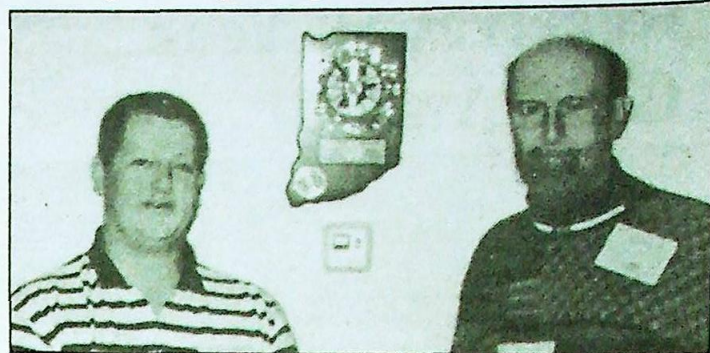
Meyers Presented Governor's Award



Fire Marshal Boatwright presented Bob Meyers with the Governor's Award for 39 years of service to Otter Creek #1.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Clay City Open House Held



President Ream and Chief Travis with IVFA clock.
(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)



Clay City Fire Department holds Open House for new firestation.
(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Jasonville Firefighters Receive 25 Year Pins



Jasonville firefighters receive their 25 year pins from the IVFA at the City Council meeting, as an extra surprise they received awards from the Fire Marshal's office. Left to right: Diane Harrison, District Chairman, Russel Keller 25 year pin, Fire Marshal Medal for 27 years of service, Harold "Pude" Keller, 25 year pin, Fire Marshal Medal for 28 years of service, Chief Don Tribby, 25 year pin, and the Governor's Award for 48 years of service, Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Biggler.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

NOTICE

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Fire School ... (continued from page 1)

with a break for lunch. You will want to be in your seat by 8:30, so you don't miss a minute of Andy's expertise, and Fire House humor. The fee for this full day of training is only \$30 dollars. This class will fill up fast so make your check

or money order payable to Harrison Township Fire Dept. and send it to: Fire School, Harrison Twp. Fire Dept., 4102 South Dixon Road, Kokomo, IN 46902. Receipts will be passed out at the registration table the day of the class.

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Servies Receives 25 Year Pin

Larry Servies, retired chief of the Waveland Community Volunteer Fire Dept. was presented his 25 year pin by Bill Bush, IVFA Sergeant-At-Arms.

(Photo submitted by Mike Cook, Capt. - Waveland VFD)

Three Receive Governor's Medal of Valor For Rescue



(Left to right) Lanny Amour, David Schoolcraft and Jerry Nees received Governor's Medal of Valor for the rescue of Angela Smith-Evans. (Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A chairman)

August Deadline Is July 10, 2001

Sawmill Fire

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covered with metal and lined with styrofoam insulation, both of which hampered firefighting efforts. The building also included a 40x70 foot area where pallets were produced and a 35x55 wing where logs were sawed.

Loaders and other vehicles were pulled out of the burning building, but saws, engines, and other specialized equipment were lost.

Eli Knepp the owner is recovering from severe burns. Knepp, who was trapped in the burning building, was transferred to Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis where he was treated for severe burns to his hands and face.

(Submitted by Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell)

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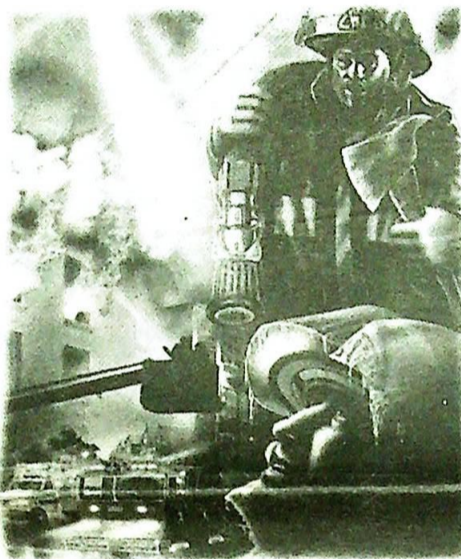
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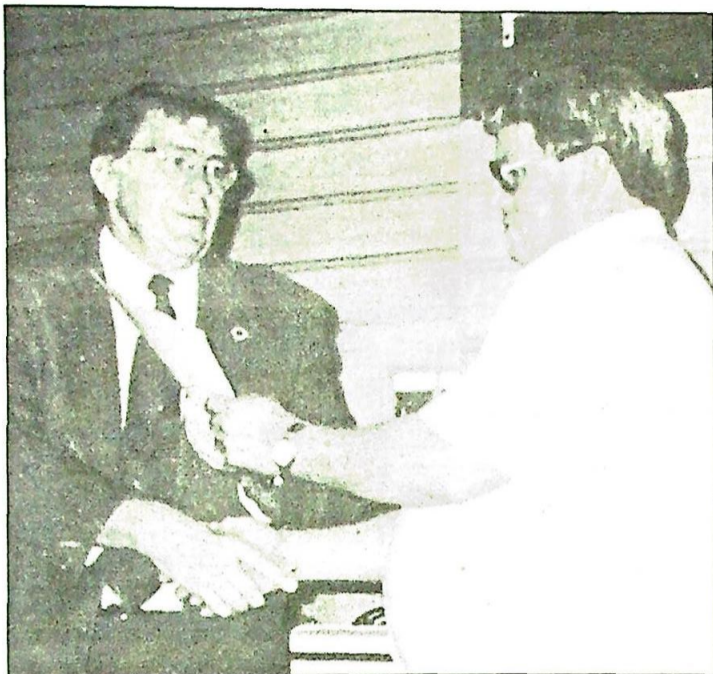


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Madison Township Volunteer Firefighter Honored With Award



Firefighter Ronald Bell was honored at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department's annual BBQ turkey dinner and District 17A meeting on November 18, 2000 held at Odon.

Ivan Nevil from the office of the State Fire Marshal, Indianapolis presented Ron with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for 29 years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department, the citizens of Daviess County and the State of Indiana.

Ron had no idea he was to receive an award. He thought that Ivan was just to give awards to other fellow firefighters. Quite a surprise!

(Photo submitted by Malinda Bell)

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TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

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

Please contact the District Chairman at least **ONE MONTH** in advance of the day you need it presented. Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213. He will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

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