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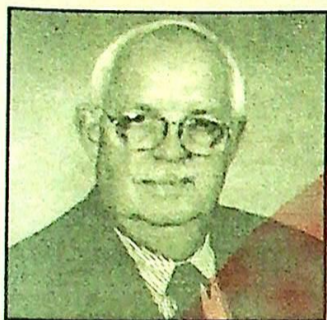
# THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

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## From the President



Jack Kerney

I would like to remind everyone to make sure their department's dues are paid on time the 2002 dues year. Dues are considered late if paid after July 31, 2002. It is very im-

portant that dues are paid on time so benefits are not forfeited or delayed.

I hope everyone has been following what has been happening that will not allow their membership to volunteer as firefighters. The IAFF has told their membership that they can no longer volunteer in the course of serving the communities where they live. So a firefighter in the District of Columbia who lives in suburban Maryland or Virginia is no longer allowed on his own free time to serve the communities where he lives. If he wants to do that, he must give up his union card. If this is allowed to happen in Maryland it will soon be coming to your suburban area.

Again this year I have been selected to review the Fine Act Grants that most fire departments have been applying for. As most of you already know you can only apply in

one category this year. As of April 3 approximately 13,000 fire departments have submitted applications. This only represents about one half of the applications that have been started on line.

I have learned of other grants that are available to fire departments such as: The Department of Interior Rural Assistance Program received \$10 million for rural fire assistance programs. The maximum award is \$20,000, State Fire Assistance (USDA Forest Service), Volunteer Fire Assistance (USDA Forest Service), Economic Action Programs (USDA Forest Services). I suggest you contact these agencies and apply for some of these monies.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) announced that 441 firefighters died while on duty in the United States in 2001. This total, which is more than four and one-

half times the average annual number of firefighter deaths for the last decade, includes 343 firefighters lost at the World Trade Center on September 11. The loss represents the worst total since the USFA began tracking firefighter fatalities in 1977. In 2001, firefighter's fatalities were reported in 86 communities in 33 states. These totals are provisional and may change as additional information about firefighter fatalities is received.

We did well with our Legislative Agenda this session. Our House Bill 1208 passed, and has been signed by the Governor. This includes the new "Blue Light Law", grants immunity from civil liability to certain persons who donate fire control fire rescue equipment to a fire department or political subdivision or to a volunteer fire department. We will be researching why some of our legislation did not pass and see about

submitting them at the next session. I would like to thank our lobbyists for all of their hard work and support. I would also like to thank everyone who contacted their legislator and asked them to support our legislation.

Barb and I have continued to travel, visit departments and attend meetings. If you would like for us to visit your department, give us a call.

## Convention June 12-15, 2002 In Evansville

## IVFA Dues Deadline - July 31, 2002

Dues packets will go into the mail to each department beginning May 1st. Don't miss your dues deadline - it affects your benefits.

Some benefits are based on being a member in good standing with dues paid on time. If your department pays late, you could lose out.

Please check with your department to make sure your dues are postmarked no later than July 31, 2002.

Buz Koehler  
IVFA Vice President

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At the present time we have 167 Gold Card members of record and we are proud of their accomplishment.

The Gold Card program has been in place for many, many years and we are proud to be able to continue to provide this for our members.

It's almost here, June 12, the first day of "Convention 2002" and the committee is working on the final touches to ensure you have a fun time here in Evansville. At the present date we have over 200 registrations, with more coming in each day.

"Convention 2002" starts Wednesday with a golf scramble for all you ball beaters out there. There are more details elsewhere in this paper. Also, on Wednesday evening, District 15 will be hosting a bar-becue dinner with a DJ at the Burdette Park shelter house (transportation provided) sponsored by TMI (Toyota).

On Thursday, we will have the Miss Flame judging, interesting seminars, tours, usual meetings, a hot dog roast and the opening meeting. The opening meeting will be followed by cake and punch to celebrate the women's auxiliary 50th year. A dance with a DJ will be held in the Atrium Room at the hotel. To cap off the evening a moonlight cruise on the Chattanooga Star Riverboat on the mighty Ohio River (see details in this paper).

Friday starts with the 6:30 a.m. Coffee Klutch that will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, two blocks down the street. The memorial service will be held at the same church at 8:00 A.M. The rest of the day will be filled with tours, semi-

nars and vendor displays all leading up to the banquet. Following the banquet, there will be a dance, a time for us all to let down our hair. The final day, Saturday, will be for games and an apparatus muster that will be held in the parking lot next

to the Center.

The committee of "Evansville and You In 2002" cheerfully awaits your arrival.

Chairman  
Harry Logan

## Fire Marshal Investigators Honored

Investigators Fred Supter and Andy Long received "District Fire Investigator of the Year" award at the December Investigation staff meeting. The awards were selected and presented to the investigators by Assistant Chief Bob Dean and Fred Daffer.

The award was the idea of the Assistant Chief's and Chief Investigator Tom Hinkle to recognize an investigator in each district for his work performance. The selection was based on criteria established by the supervisors. This award is going to be an annual presentation to investigators in the division.

Way to go Fred and Andy! SS

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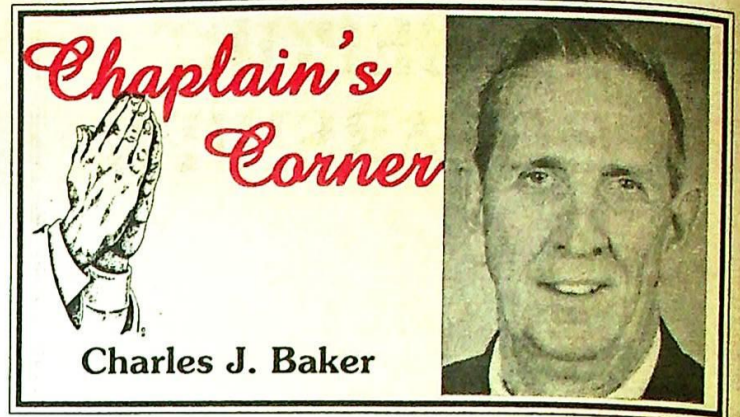
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## Today's Prayer

Our Heavenly Father,

We praise you, Father God, and thank you for all of your magnificent blessings: life, liberty, the good land we live in, family, vacation and avocation. We thank you Lord, for the opportunity to serve in the fire department. We pray for wisdom and guidance as we pursue the noble objective of saving lives and our neighbor's possessions.

In the Name of the risen Savior,  
 Amen

## Minute Message

Chapter Five of the Book of Galatians, Verses 22-23, reads: "But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. Against such things there is no law."

Today we take a brief look at just one of these fruits called Faithfulness. True Christian faith means to be completely persuaded that there is no other truth apart from the Word of God upon which to build one's life. The person of faith is the person who fully trusts that God will do what He said He would do in every situation, every time.

And the person of faith will continually increase as a faithful person, manifesting a faithful life to God and to all people.

Mother Teresa is quoted as saying: "God has not called me to be successful; He has called me to be faithful."

Writer John M. Drescher penned the following in a piece entitled *Faithful In Little Things*:

God's question on the last day will not be, "How much were you noticed?" Or even, "How much did you do?" Rather, His questions will be, "Were you faithful in fulfilling your calling where I placed you?" The question with God is not how obscure or prominent a place we occupy, but how faithful we are.

We must strive to be more faithful one day at a time in taking time for others, in doing deeds of kindness, in performing the small everyday run of things faithfully. We must see such as our primary responsibility. Then, says Jesus, the big things will also be taken care of. By the faithfulness with which we fulfill the common daily duties, we make the character, which we will have to spend in eternity.

These are some good thoughts about how to build a life of excellent repute.

## In Memoriam

The following names have been received by the Chaplain and entered in the record of departed members during the first quarter of 2002:

Bernard F. Atkinson - Morocco VFD - District 9B  
 Joseph (Sam) Bower - New Washington VFD - District 14  
 John F. Burkhardt, Sr. - Fairplay #1 VFD - District 14  
 Cleo F. Burnell - Friendship VFD - District 19  
 Franklin N. Hole - North Patoka Twp. - District 17A  
 Dennis E. Thomas - Lovett Twp. VFD - District 14  
 Kenneth Wertz - Jackson Twp.-Camden VFD - District 9A

These will also be memorialized at our services at the I.V.F.A. convention in Evansville in June.

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

Your Chaplain,  
 Charles J. Baker

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## From the Vice President



**Buz Koehler**

During the past legislative session we were able to get the blue light law changed to make firefighters more visible when enroute to emergencies. The support from our members was paramount to getting this accomplished and my hat is off to each of you for your efforts. Also, that same bill grants immunity from civil liability for certain persons that donate equipment to a volunteer fire department. This will allow us to help many departments that may not have large budgets to work with. Spring is just around the corner, a time when new growth begins and

the weather warms and we emerge from our winter hibernation. Much of our training can move outside where we can throw water, create smoke, and tear up some cars for extrication training.

What a great time of year, we get to renew our training and strengthen our ability to protect our communities. Making our communities safer and our emergency responders safer is one of the goals of our association and we will continue to work towards those means and promote volunteer firefighters throughout the state. With 16,000 plus members we are strong and we can make a difference.

So as you go about doing your duties remember, your community sees you as someone special and YOU ARE.

Be safe and I'll see you at the District meetings.

Buz Koehler  
Vice President

## Fairland VFD To Celebrate Sesquicentennial

Fairland, IN: FVFD celebrating Fairland's Sesquicentennial, Fish Fry/Carnival, June 14 - 15.

June 14 - Food/Rides begin 5:00 p.m.; Live entertainment all evening.

June 15 - 5k run/walk registration 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. food/rides begin; Live entertainment all day, 2:00 p.m. Parade; 9:00 p.m. drawing for large screen TV, gas grill, patio furniture; 9:15 p.m. large fireworks display.

Benefits FVFD.

## St. John Fire Department Responds To Structure Fire

January 20, 2002

ST. JOHN - The St. John fire department responded to a structure fire at 13390 W. 83rd Place, St. John, IN 46373. The dispatch office received the call at 1953 hours. A neighbor reported the fire. The call came in on a 911 line.

Six pieces of rolling stock was dispatched by the St. John fire department. The equipment consisted of three class A pumpers, one equipment truck, one inhalator vehicle, and one chiefs command vehicle. The first engine left quarters at 1958 hours and was on the scene at 2001 hours. The fire was under control at 2032 hours and was declared struck at 2048 hours. The fire vehicles were back at station at 2239 hours.

Assistance was provided by Lake Hills Fire Department who sent one class A engine, an inhalator squad, and support personnel.

Twenty-six firefighters from St. John, plus two crews from Lake Hills, responded to the call. Approximately three thousand gallons of water were used. There were no injuries of fire personnel. There was no one inside the structure at the

time of the call.

Upon arrival of the fire department, the structure was engulfed in flame. The fire had ventilated before the arrival of the fire department.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. The electrical and gas services to the structure have been disconnected by Northern Indiana Public Service Company. The damage to the structure is severe and the structure is not habitable. The State Fire Marshal has been called to assist in the investigation of this fire.

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- SHOW 'EM PROUD**

# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2

**Tom Orrell**  
District 1  
Chairman



Lake Eliza Fire Department  
March 20, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 P.M. Robert Szot led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Guests included: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1 & 2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1 & 2 secretary Diana Orrell, I.V.F.A.A. District 1 chairperson Ann Moss, I.V.F.A.A. correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry, Porter County Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Porter County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Dave Lane, Phil Griffith, Guy Davis of Porter County E.M.A., Greg Ekhardt of Environmental, 5 Alarm representative Dale Hensley, Hoosier Fire representative Jim Daley, and Star Uniform representative Larry Vaughn, and Ted Fitzgerald (son of founder of Lake Eliza Fire Department).

Deputy Chief Henderson introduced the guests and members of Lake Eliza Fire Department, and Ted Fitzgerald gave a brief history of the fire department.

Phil Griffith of Porter County E.M.A. gave a presentation on Storms and Severe Weather.

Roll call was answered by 18 members of eight (8) departments in District 1, with New Chicago as the trophy winner, and 27 members of eight (8) departments in District 2, with Crown Point as the trophy winner.

Robert Szot made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Keith Austin. Passed.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford announced an S.O.G. change reference to the Mr. I.V.F.A. award, advised the 2002 Fire Chief's Orientation meetings will be on March 23, 2002 at Decatur Fire Department, with another meeting on April 6, 2002 at the Attica Fire Department. Jim advised the changes in the Blue Light Law (House Bill 1208) will go in effect once signed by the Governor. Deadline for FEMA grants is April 1, 2002, any questions, call FEMA. Reminder the 2002 I.V.F.A. convention will be in June in Evansville.

Porter County Sheriff Dave Reynolds advised of a meeting on Anti-Terrorism, will be in April at Valparaiso University, encouraging law enforcement and firefighters to attend.

Treasurer's report: Clarence Moss advised a balance of \$1,557.62, patches available for \$2, and asked anyone with T-shirts to donate the burn camp, bring to the next meeting.

No old business to report.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell reported four (4) deaths in District 1 since the last meeting. A moment of silence was observed for Bobby R. James of Lake Ridge, Julius R. Herzog of Ainsworth/Deep River, Edward Ninez of Schererville and Stanley Kesel of New Chicago.

Lake Eliza advised the Command Bus is available for major scenes and incidents, also advised the women's auxiliary is having an Easter celebration on Saturday the 30th at Lake Eliza.

Boone Grove is having a pan-

cake breakfast on Sunday, April 7th.

Next meeting will be held on April 17th at Liberty Township Fire Department.

Mike Hendrickson of Lake Eliza won \$21 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it back. Jacob Earnhardt of New Chicago and Betty Perry of Merrillville won T-shirts donated by Lake Eliza, Jake Thomas and Dave Lane won hats donated by Lake Eliza. Clarence Moss won a T-shirt donated by 5 Alarm. Phil Griffith won a leathersmen donated by Hoosier Fire and Ron Good and Jim Rosenthal, both of Lake Station won seatbelt cutters donated by Hoosier Fire.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:47 P.M. by Bob Szot, seconded by Keith Austin.

Diana L. Orrell, secretary  
Districts 1 & 2



**Paul Watland**  
District 2  
Chairman

## DISTRICT 3

January 17, 2001

Bass Lake - California Twp. VFD Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 23 members representing eight departments present. Chief Phil Banasiak led the pledge. After the pledge, Chairman Sandy showed a video honoring the FDNY and asked for a moment of silence in their remembrance and all of the other firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Buz Koehler, State Vice President; Jim Bradford, PR NW Director; Duane Lantz, Past State Chaplain; Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

The minutes were read and approved with one correction and the Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1412.32.

Communications:

1. Comments from PR Director Jim Bradford --

a. Announced that the State is offering a free terrorism class. If interested, contact Ivan Nevil at the State Fire Marshal's office.

b. Announced that applications for the Ollie Sandberg award and Mr. IVFA award are due by 2/1.

c. Announced that applications for the \$1500 Bridgeport Scholarship are due by 3/1.

d. Announced that the license plate fee has increased by \$5.

e. Gave a brief report on pending legislation.

f. Announced that State Farm Insurance is no longer using ISO to determine their rates. They are strictly using zip codes and it is expected that other companies will be following their lead.

g. Announced that applying for federal grant money will be Internet based starting on 3/1.

h. Announced that FEMA is still offering grant-writing workshops and that some will be held in our area.

2. Comments from Vice President Buz Koehler --

a. Gave a legislation update and stated that all of the IVFA's requests were able to be addressed in two bills. Anyone wanting to keep track of pending legislation can do so by going to the state's website www.in.gov and searching the general assembly for active bills.

b. Announced that SB 268 would allow an income tax deduction of \$2000 after 12/31/02. He

stated that it takes at least seven letters from constituents for Senators and Representatives to take notice. He encouraged all to write or call their Legislators.

c. Announced that the Fire Caucus dinner is 2/4. Cost of the dinner is \$125 per plate. He announced that this is a great opportunity to visit with Legislators, as there were 47 in attendance last year.

d. Announced that the \$3 of the \$5 received on license plate fees goes to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

e. Announced that SB 129 would make it a Class D infraction to operate a vehicle while talking on a hand held mobile phone. An exemption to this pending bill would be an EMT or VFF en route to a call.

f. Announced that SB 176 would allow the Emergency Medical Services Commission to adopt certification fees and allows them to start a fund to collect these fees.

3. Comments from Chairman Tim Sandy --

a. Announced that Midwest award nominations are needed by the first week of February. If no nominations are received, he will pick the recipient.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. A motion was made and passed unanimously to send a memorial donation to Knox-Center Township VFD in memory of veteran firefighter Bob Chapman who passed away earlier that day from an apparent heart attack. A motion was needed due to the fact that Knox is no longer a member of our Association.

2. Chairman Sandy announced that a memorial donation will be sent to Kankakee Township in memory of Tim Hunt.

3. A 25-year pin was presented to Roger Prybel of Bass-Lake California Township. Another 25-year pin was left with Chief Banasiak to be presented at a later date to Rich Albright.

4. Chairman Sandy gave a very touching and informative report on his OSHA work-related trip to Ground Zero.

5. Chairman Sandy presented his commemorative plaque to Chief Banasiak.

6. Chairman Sandy announced that he had applications available for the upcoming grant-writing workshop to be held at Duneland Fire School.

Good of the Order:

1. Tom Thode of Kankakee Township VFD / 5 Alarm donated FDNY memorial helmet stickers to everyone in attendance.

2. Chairman Sandy announced that he had applications available for the 2001 Life Safety Awards and that the applications are due by 7/31/02.

Training: Training Officer Dave Kaufman showed another video in the RIT series training and reviewed the post test.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. with the 50/50 being won by Tom Thode; Jim Decker, Ron Whitaker, and Al Imes each won hats donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; Ken Freeland won an Amkus hat, Duane Lantz won an Amkus T-shirt, Ed Ritter and Roger Prybel won seat belt cutters, all of which were donated by Dan Bowers of Hoosier Fire; Tim Sandy won a 9/11 commemorative teddy bear donated by VP Buz Koehler; and, Ron Whitaker and Dave Kaufman each one a \$25 Outback gift certificate donated by Todd Retlaf of Midwest Fire.

The next meeting will be held March 21, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) at Springfield Township.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer

Springfield Township VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 21 members representing eight departments present. Assistant Chief Dave Stephens led the pledge. After the pledge Chairman Sandy read a roll call of firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting and asked for a moment of silence in their remembrance. All then viewed a Worcester memorial video.

Guests present were: Buz Koehler - state vice president, Jim Bradford - PR NW director, Duane Lantz - past state chaplain and Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1326.16.

Communications:

1. Comments from Vice President Koehler -

a. Announced that articles for the newspaper are due by April 10th.

b. Gave a legislative update and announced that the blue light law passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature. Upon his signing, the law will be in effect.

c. Announced that anyone wishing to be on his e-mail list should let him know.

2. Comments from PR Director Bradford --

a. Announced that the next edition of the newspaper will be out after 5/1.

b. Announced that the Burn Camp is in need of donations such as T-shirts, ball caps, etc. Anyone wishing to donate should contact himself or Buz.

c. Announced that the deadline for the on-line FEMA grant application is 4/1.

d. Gave an in-depth explanation of the new blue light law as read from a copy of the new law that he had taken off the state's website.

e. Announced that there are still a couple of Fire Chief's orientation classes being given by the Fire Marshal's office.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

1. Chairman Sandy announced that he presented a 25-year pin to Terry Smith of Springfield Township at their regular business meeting.

2. Chairman Sandy asked for a motion to buy a case of smoke for the Edith House since there were only empty cans left in the cases. Motion made and carried.

3. Chairman Sandy announced that LaPorte Hospital asked to use the Edith House during one of their functions and that there needs to be a work detail sometime in the spring to make some minor repairs to it. He further stated that the IVFA would be donating large signs for the sides of the house.

4. Our new Miss Flame introduced herself. She is Lynnette Stone, a 15 year old sophomore who attends New Prairie High School in Rolling Prairie. Lynette is very active in her school and is the daughter of Bonnie and Don Stoner of Kankakee Township Fire Department. A motion was made and carried to give Lynette \$200 toward her expenses and she was presented with a check by Treasurer Kaufman. Lynette also had raffle tickets available and was able to sell many of them in her efforts to raise money for the Convention. Good luck, Lynette!!

5. Vice president Koehler announced that there will be a Midwest award winner from every district this year. He further stated that they received 14 letters of nomination for the Ollie Sandberg award. Nominations for Mr. IVFA are due by 5/1 and that next year nomina-

tions for all categories will be due by the February board meeting.

Good of the Order:

1. Lincoln Township will be having a pancake breakfast on 3/24.

2. Springfield Township will be having a pancake breakfast on 5/6.

3. Kingsbury will be having a pancake breakfast on 4/28.

4. Chief Dave Kaufman of Lincoln Township commented about the grant writing class that he attended at Duneland Fire School. He stated that there are 1,084 foundations in Indiana and 30 in LaPorte County itself. Departments need to remember not to give up on grants after FEMA and Build Indiana. Local foundations have grant money available. He also stated that copies of the grant applications produced during his class are available, as well as several other grant applications on www.dragonfly.com. Chairman Sandy advised that the instructor of this seminar has already been hired to do another class sometime this fall. Details will be forthcoming.

4. Don Stoner of Kankakee Township VFD led a discussion about the changes that took effect on 4/1 in regards to refilling gas grill tanks. There was also some discussion about recent thefts in the area of anhydrous tanks and their use with meth labs.

Training:

Training Officer Dave Kaufman showed a very informative video called "CO \* the 1st Responder".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with the 50/50 being won by Jake Bingman; Dale Gilchrist and Jim Hall each won hats donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; Ken Freeland won a 9/11 commemorative beanie bear donated by VP Buz Koehler; Chris Comeno won a pair of 5 Alarm rescue gloves donated by Tom Thode of 5 Alarm; and Bruce Yonkers won a commemorative plaque donated by Chairman Tim Sandy.

After winning the plaque, Bruce Yonkers donated it back to our district to be presented to past state chaplain Duane Lantz in honor of his upcoming 85th birthday. Chairman Sandy made the presentation and Duane was very honored for the gift.

Next meeting: May 16, 2002, 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.), Scipio Township.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer

## DISTRICT 4

**John Ferro**  
District 4  
Chairman



NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 5

January 10, 2002  
Chester Township Fire Department

North Manchester, IN  
Meeting was called to order at 1933 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 16 members representing nine departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, PRNE and Richard Glant, past president.

Minutes were read by district secretary Kissinger and approved as presented.

Mike Mackin advised that Bill Bush is in the hospital and Jack

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**DISTRICT 5**



**Don Kissinger**  
District 5  
Chairman

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Harker is now home.  
All awards nominations need to be turned into district chairman Kissinger before February 1, 2002, and the Bridgeport Scholarship application must be postmarked by March 1, 2002.  
Talked about legislation going through the state. The I.V.F.A. needs everybody's support, so please call your legislators.  
Good of the Order:  
Tippecanoe has purchased a new tanker and also a 4500# cascade system.  
Marshall Co. is still working on the new radio system.  
Bremen has put a new tanker in service.  
North Manchester is building a new equipment van.  
Bourbon is building a new grass truck.  
The next meeting will be held March 14, 2002 at Fulton-Liberty Fire Department, Fulton, IN.  
Meeting was adjourned at 2024 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.  
March 14, 2002  
Fulton-Liberty Fire Department  
Fulton, IN  
Meeting was called to order at 1940 hours with the pledge to the flag following.  
Roll call: nine members representing five departments.  
Guests: Mike Mackin, PRNE and Richard Glant, past president.  
Minutes were read by district secretary Kissinger and approved as presented.  
District chairman Kissinger advised of a proposed SOG change regarding judges for the Mr. IVFA Award. Motion made and carried unanimously.  
Talked about legislation going

through the state.  
Discussed a letter from the National Volunteer Fire Council about death benefits for volunteers over the age of 55 regarding heart problems.  
Mike Mackin advised that the large IVFA decals are in. To receive a decal you must submit a letter to the district chairman and he will send it to the Central Office for verification.  
Fire Chief Orientation will be March 19 at St. Meinrad, March 23 at Decatur and April 6 at Attica.  
The IVFA is still working on a website.  
If any personal clothing is damaged, the district chairman has to see and take the item and sign the proper forms for reimbursement.  
Good of the Order:  
Denver will be hosting a State Certified Extermination Course on May 18-19.  
Bremen will be having a Mini-Stag on April 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
The next meeting will be held May 9, 2002 at Bremen Fire Department, Bremen, IN.  
Meeting was adjourned at 2035 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

**DISTRICT 6**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 7**

**Maurice Sorg**  
District 7  
Chairman



Monroe  
January 21, 2002  
The meeting was hosted by the Monroe Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Mort Sorg called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were Linda Baker and Ashley Ulrich from Midwest Fire & Safety Co.  
The first roll call was answered by 50 members from 17 departments.  
The minutes of the previous

meeting were read and approved after the following addition was entered: Eligibility for the new "Angel Award" shall be any female firefighter who is a current member of the IVFA and has attained five years in the fire service.  
Mort announced that the Lincolnville Volunteer Fire Department has transferred to District 8A. This is in the Wabash area. We now have 21 departments in our district. All departments were reminded of the 25 year service pins with these being awarded by an IVFA official upon request of the concerned fire department. Mort also announced that Decatur would be hosting an upcoming Fire Chief's orientation.  
Mike Mackin announced the following subjects: New bills going before the legislature are important to the fire service. Mike urged everyone to contact their senator or representative to make our wishes known. Specific bills were dealing with bomb threats, SB129 - driving while using a hand held telephone, SB159 relating to the "Build Indiana Fund". Mike also announced the passing of Bill Kinsey's wife in November. He urged departments to report fire and medical runs at District meeting.  
Chairman Sorg related that large IVFA logo decals for use by member fire departments could be submitted for approval at the next quarterly meeting. These could be used on "LEARN NOT TO BURN" trailers, etc. Mort announced that the National Fire & Emergency Services dinner will be held on February 4th in Indianapolis.  
Roger Roth, Chief of Monroe Volunteer Fire Department inquired if a motion was in order to increase the monthly fee charged by host departments for district meetings from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Mort advised that the fee was at the discretion of the host department and a motion therefore was not necessary.  
The second roll call was answered by 50 members from 17 departments.  
Preble announced their Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Saturday, March 9 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Next District #7 meeting will be on March 17 at Monroe. This will have an auxiliary bake sale.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Gary L. Markley  
Secretary

Monroeville  
March 19, 2002

The meeting was hosted by the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Mort Sorg called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. and led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. No guests were initially present however, Mike Mackin, Northeast Public Relations Director arrived a little late due a conflict of another meeting he needed to attend.  
The first roll call was answered by 29 members from 12 departments. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the body. Chairman Sorg reviewed items in the IVFA newspaper and other items of the National Volunteer Fire Council, and reminded all members of Fire Chiefs Orientation at Decatur on Saturday, March 23, 2002.

Mike Mackin advised the meeting of the new clothing replacement procedure for firefighters of the IVFA that had damaged clothing incurred in the line of duty.  
The procedure is as follows: Obtain and fill out damaged clothing report form from the district chairman. The district chairman must keep the damaged article of clothing and submit the damaged clothing report form to the IVFA clothing allowance committee within 60 days. The committee will either approve or disapprove the request for reimbursement. Mike reported that as far as he knew, HB 1208 passed the House of Representatives and the Senate and was awaiting the Governor's signature. This has to do with the revisions to the "Blue Light Law" that were surveyed and requested for changes. It appears that industry and others will be allowed to donate used or unwanted equipment to fire departments without the liability of lawsuits after the equipment has been transferred to the fire departments.  
Mort reported on the National Fire & Emergency Services Banquet held in Indianapolis on February 4th. Mort also advised the body of Ivan Nevil experiencing problems after recent knee surgery and noted that it would be nice for all to send him a card at P.O. Box 69, Geneva, IN 46740.  
Second roll call was answered by 29 firefighters from 12 departments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.  
Members of the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Department eligible for 25 year pins were: Michael Girardot - 30, Richard Girardot - 48, Robert Goetz - 35, Dale House - 47, Stephen R. Howard - 30, Tom Jones - 44, Ralph L. Klinker - 32, Jerry Marquardt - 31, Robert D. Marquardt - 52, Leo Martin - 47, Daniel H. McCoy - 50, Lynn F. Meyer - 41, Paul L. Meyer - 31, Philip A. Meyer - 29, Dean E. Reidenbach - 26, John T. Smith - 32, and Richard A. Wolff - 44. Daniel McCoy received is Gold Card for life membership with attaining 50 years of service.

Gary L. Markley  
Secretary

**DISTRICT 8A**



**E.W. Pape, Jr.**  
District 8A  
Chairman

Hello, District Firefighters,  
Well, it's May and you probably received your dues packets. Please review them very carefully, please check your date on department, phone number and area code.  
Please attend your department meetings and please attend district meetings.

I would like to hear from the departments in my district about upcoming events so I can attend.  
Please remember summer is upon us and trash fires are on the upswing, so please be safe.  
The I.V.F.A. convention is in June. I hope you are planning on attending. If so, I hope to see you there.  
I guess the deadline for the Federal Grants expired as I'm writing this. I hope you all put in your applications. There is no reason that Indiana should not be awarded some of this money.  
Please keep me posted of new things happening and I'll try to keep you posted statewide and nationally.  
Safe summer to all,  
Bill Pape

**DISTRICT 8B**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 9A**



**Jonathon Randle**  
District 9A  
Chairman

The District 9A meeting of January 24, 2002, was called to order at the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department at Russiaville, IN, at 7:30 PM. The pledge to the flag was recited and Rev. Frank Kilcline gave the invocation.  
Guests were Rev. Kilcline, Mitch Parish, Jim Bradford, Bruce Yonkers, Leigh Ann Randle and Tony Richards.  
Sgt. Rich Ferguson of the Howard County Sheriff's Department brought his K-9 partner, Duex, to demonstrate bomb searching strategies with dogs. They also work with crowd control, apprehend fugitives, sweep the tarmac at Grissom airfield before planes land, watch planes while they are there and are next on the list to go to the Olympics for security control.  
The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.  
Communications: Jim Bradford, PRNW, reported on the Homeland Security Bill in effect to provide for the education and training of emergency responders. FEMA has added EMS to the grant program. The fire caucus dinner is February 4th at \$125.00 a plate. Bills for 2002 include Blue Light changes and equipment liability. He said that there is federal money to apply for through grant requests. Free terrorism classes will be provided by PSTI. Build Indiana grants will be included in fire department audits. Take pictures of all equipment purchased and keep receipts. The IVFA is trying to get fire department auditing halted. \$3.00 from each license plate goes to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. Mitch Parish said that the movement to give volunteer firefighters a \$2,000 income tax break is starting to move and contact your legislators about this.  
New Business: Larry Smith, EMA Director for Howard County, will sponsor a meth lab response training in Kokomo on February 26th, 7 PM at the County Building at Mulberry and Main. Democrat Twp. VFD, Cutler, is celebrating 50 years in service. Kenny Wertz, a 32 year IVFA member with that fire department passed away, and the funeral is 1/28/02. Burlington VFD is having a Firefighter 1/11 course starting the first week of February and every Tuesday until completed. Steve Johnson, Assistant Chief of Russiaville, was presented his 25 year service pin by District 9A Miss Flame, Leigh Ann Randle. Scott Sisson, Flora VFD, led a discussion on the opinion of how the World Trade Center firefighter should be

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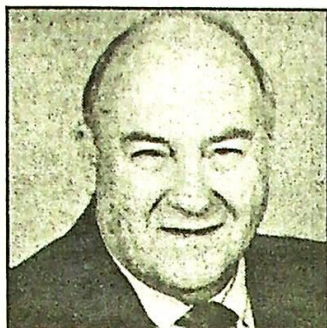
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# From The Treasurer



**Jack Harker**

## DISTRICT 9A

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represented. You can e-mail Firehouse.com. Lt. Dick Hawkins, Delphi VFD, reported that a trailer has been secured to transport their fire prevention equipment. It has a TV and VCR and they will travel to other counties to educate the public.

Scott Sisson won the 50/50. A chili supper was served. The next meeting is March 28, 2002, at Taylor Twp. VFD, Kokomo, IN.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

The District 9A meeting was called to order on March 28th by Chairman Jon Randle at the Taylor Twp. Fire Department, Kokomo, IN. The pledge to the flag was recited and Mark Ancil gave the invocation. Guests were Leighanne Randle, Buzz Koehler, Bruce Yonkers, Jim Bradford and Jeff Harvey. The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and passed.

Roll call: 19 members from nine departments reported 77 fire calls and 142 EMS.

Communications: Past chairman Charlie Cline had been hospitalized and a card will be sent to him. Upcoming classes in the district: April 18-19 "Safety Officer" at Galveston Fire Department, call Ryan Elson at 574-699-6295, April 23-May 4, "Driver Operator Pumper/Aerial, 40 hour state certified Harrison Twp.-Alto call Jason Lemons at 765-453-3755, August 10 "Trench Rescue" and August 31 "Building Collapse Rescue" Harrison Twp.-Alto call Jason Lemons. Buz Koehler had a handout for license plate forms. He talked about donating equipment to fire departments in need. This is everything from gear to a truck door handle and portable generator. They don't have to be IVFA members to receive this. Contact Buz if you have anything you are not using and he will get it on the list. He predicted that the Build Indiana Fund may be gone in the future and we may have to go federal for grants.

Jim Bradford told that the next newspaper comes out on May 10th. Send in news and events to "The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter" newspaper. Keep address changes up to date with the IVFA office. He said that 19,000 agencies have applied so far for the FEMA grants.

The Burn Camp will be the last weekend of May. Department hats and tee shirts are needed. There will be a Chiefs' Orientation at Attica on April 6th. He went over the new regulations on the Blue Light Law regarding how many sets can be on a vehicle, their location and colors. ALL traffic laws must be observed when using the blue lights.

The convention is June 12-14th at Evansville.

New Business: District 9A Miss Flame, Leighanne Randle, spoke on the Miss Flame program. She said that contestants for this scholarship funding event must be girls between the ages of 15 and 18 and be daughters, granddaughters, sisters or other

close relatives of IVFA firefighters. She will be glad to attend district events. Just let her know in advance. Chairman Randle appointed her to be the coordinator for the 2002 contest. She then presented 25 year service pins to Dan Alexander of Young America and Richard Williams from Taylor.

Burlington FD sausage and pancake breakfast April 6.

Assistant Chief Jeff Harvey of the Kokomo Fire Department presented a program on Critical Incident Stress Management. He is a member of the Wildcat Critical Incident Stress Management Team that serves six counties. They help with a critical incident with significant emotional power strong enough to produce unusual or distressing reactions in emergency service personnel. They do debriefing, defusing, demobilization, on scene support and referral. Their function is to provide immediate crisis intervention. The website is www.ICISF.org. or call 765-459-5106.

The 50/50 was won by David Ancil. Mark Ancil won the FDNY beanie baby.

A cold buffet was served. The next meeting is May 23rd with the location to be sent out later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Mauntel,  
Sec./Treasurer

## DISTRICT 9B

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## DISTRICT 10

**David Israel**  
District 10  
Chairman



Hello, District 10, Hope everyone is ready for spring, I am.

The district has been going strong again. We have started the year out with good attendance at the meetings. Would like to thank all those that are participating. What a turnout for January at Greensburg to hear Chief Paul Bailey of the Franklin Fire Department give us an inside look at New York's Ground Zero. We had 110 plus guests that night. Thanks, Paul.

February meeting at Morristown was well attended. The program was on swift water rescue put on by the Shelby Co. team. Jim Schneider and Jerry Nulliner brought us up-to-date on the upcoming State Fire Schools and the Instructor's Association.

By now you've heard the Blue Light bill has passed and been signed. Just be careful when using a blue light on runs. We need to get there safely, not become another accident.

District 10 now has all of the Johnson Co. fire departments that used to be in District 12. I have visited some of those departments and will try and make the rest of them in time to come. There is a lot of information that I get over e-mail. If your department would like to receive it, get your e-mail address to me.

By the time you get the paper it will be time for IVFA dues again. Make sure you check your phone numbers, beneficiary, addresses, and phone numbers, please. If your department contracts with a township trustee and you want to try and get more money, you need to be working on your 2003 budget to show why you need it. Trustees' budget is one in July for 2003.

Don't forget about the IVFA convention in Evansville in June. I know there are going to be some good seminars there from New York's Ground Zero.

Be careful, be safe. See you at the next district meeting.

And get ready, District 10 is going to bid on Convention 2004 at Columbus again.

David Israel  
IVFA District 10 Chairman

## DISTRICT 11-A

**John McFarland**  
District 11A  
Chairman



Our January meeting was held at Posey Twp. Fire Department. Thirty-two members representing seven fire departments and four guests were present.

IVFA 25 year pins were presented to Terry Morris, Larry Tempel, Harry Morman, Eldon Hoggatt, and Connie O'hearn.

In new business, final plans were made for the Miss Flame selection and dance. Jo Ann Hayes will be in charge of the Miss Flame committee.

Gerri Husband, Clay County Emergency Management Director, presented our program. Gerri was very informative. Gerri did an excellent job of describing the Emergency Management role and ways they can be of assistance. We had a very informative and educational meeting complete with a catered meal. Thanks to Chief Tempel and the Posey firefighters for a great meeting.

Our Miss Flame dance was held on January 26th. We had four contestants, Ashely Bose from Prairieton, Heather Eckstein from Posey Twp., Jennifer Ligenfeler from Otter Creek, and Shannon Shidler from Hymera. Congratulations to Jennifer Ligenfeler for being named District 11-A Miss Flame and good luck at the state. Thanks to Quinton Evans for being our DJ. Everyone had a great time at the dance.

I attended a fish fry at Hymera and presented 25-year pins to Harry Carpenter, Carl McAnally, Don Wells and Bob Samm. John Fagg, representing the State Fire Marshal, presented Harry Carpenter with the State Fire Marshal's Award and the Governor's Service Medallion. Congratulations, guys.

Our March meeting was held at Farmersburg with the Thunderbird Fire Territory being the host. Twenty-seven members, 11 departments and eight guests were present. Heather Eckstein was pre-

sented a Red Hats of Courage figurine for her outstanding job as our 21001 Miss Flame. Heather and her family traveled a lot of miles attending district functions, sometimes being put to work when departments found themselves shorthanded. Thanks again, Heather for a job well done.

IVFA president, Jack Kerney, gave a convention report and a report on the new Blue Light Law. Jack Padgett, chief of the Thunderbird Fire Territory gave information on the formation of the fire territory. Jack Kerney, representing WSF, gave our vendor's program. Thanks to Chief Padgett and the rest of the firefighters for hosting the meeting, it was great. Thanks to John Quillian for the great food.

Our next meeting will be held at Lewis Twp. Fire House, in Coalmont, May 19th. Dinner will be at 1:00 p.m. and the meeting will start shortly thereafter. The guest speaker will be Chief Paul Baily. Chief Baily helped in the 911 rescue efforts at ground zero. Everyone is invited to come and hear Chief Baily tell about the rescue efforts.

Until next time, brothers and sisters, be careful out there.

Jack McFarland  
District 11-A Chairman

## DISTRICT 11-B

**Larry Ketchem**  
District 11B  
Chairman



January 13, 2002  
Cayuga

The meeting was called to order by chairman Ketchem with the invocation given by Chaplain Mankin. Pledge to the flag was led by State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush. The introduction of guests present was made by Chairman Ketchem.

Chief Tim Wilson of the Cayuga Fire Dept. introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Cliff Stayton from CSX Railroad. He presented a program called Operation Lifesaver which is a safety concept in a very understandable level. It was well prepared and well presented.

Chairman Ketchem turned the floor over to the IVFA President Jack Kerney, who discussed some of the new bills now in the legislature at this session. A discussion followed his presentation.

Diane Harrison, PRWC, gave some comments. Chairman

# Public Relations Southwest



**Ronald Bell**

It's only about a month now until the 2002 convention. Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

Attended District 18's meeting at Rockport Ohio Twp. Fire Department. Air Evac Lifeteam, Brenda Sobocki, coordinator, presented a program on their services. The chopper was unable to be there due

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Ketchem made several announcements and called on the auxiliary chairman Patty Miller who spoke on the progress of the Miss Flame dance on Feb. 9th. Chairman Ketchem presented Perrysville with the Co-Attendance Award for last year and to the Cayuga fire department, a host certificate for this meeting.

Bill Bush thanked everyone for the cards, letters and phone calls he had received since his surgery.

The meeting was adjourned by the auxiliary district chaplain, Maxine Davies, who gave the benediction.

John Davies  
District Secretary

Perrysville  
March 10, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem followed by the introduction of guests present. The pledge to the flag was led by State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush and the invocation was given by Chaplain Mankin. The district auxiliary presi

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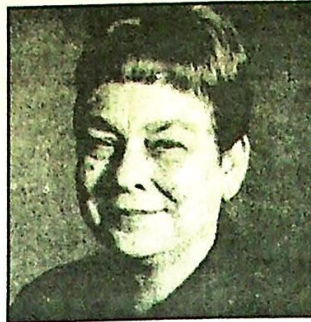
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## IVFAA President



Mary Mackin

### STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

Holiday Inn  
Columbus, Indiana  
Feb. 3, 2002

President Mary Mackin called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. and Chaplain Joann Hayes led us in Prayer. Lou Bartlow led the Pledge to the Flag in the absence of Mariam Schaeckel.

Roll call was given with 20 officers and nine guests present. Not in attendance was Mariam Schaeckel, Phyllis Vargo, Ann Moss, Leona Uryga, Jane Ferro, and Barb Parker. Diana Gray, Recording Sec. stated that we have 53 departments, 59 Ind., 16 Life members and 653 paid by their departments making a total of 729 members. Diana read the minutes and as there were no corrections they stood as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter as:

Balance on hand: Nov. 1, 2001.....	\$8,528.55
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues.....	\$304.50
Interest.....	9.83
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>+ 314.33</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Operating Exp.....	35.16
Mileage.....	1386.52
Phone & Postage.....	49.76
Jewelry.....	426.73
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS...</b>	<b>-1898.17</b>
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 2002.....	\$6,944.71

Correspondence: Martha Thomas has none at this time.

Chaplain's report by Joann was that she gave a memorial service for Jean Kensey in Fort Wayne and also she asked about how the Bibles were doing and if anyone needed any to let her know.

Auditing: Faye Sallee says as usual everything is fine.

Games: No report as Barb Parker was not present.

Financial Study: Again Faye says fine.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller has six contestants as of this meeting and a reminder that she has to have the forms in her hands by March 10th and no later.

Barb Kerney, vice president has the truck/watch and she needs a lot of help with the selling of the tickets so everybody buy, buy and buy.

Bylaws: No report as Phyllis Vargo was not present.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith has her convention's charms so get them from her at any time soon.

Nominating: Tammy Hungate had Susie Stout talk about the slate of officers for the coming year. If anyone would like to run for an office let her know as soon as possible. A discussion was held concerning having an assistant Chaplain for Joann as she has tried to be at all the memorials possible and it is getting to be difficult for her to have to travel so far and she also has to take time off of work. It was stated that some Districts have their own Chaplain in case that she could not make it to the memorials. Maybe we can have a Chaplain in every District. So discuss this at your District meetings and get back to our officers meeting as to the input. If we get one for the north and one for the south we may

Hello Everyone!  
Spring has finally come. The birds and flowers are appearing everywhere. Summer cannot be far off.

Convention will be on us. If you have not registered yet, now is the time. The convention committee has been hard at work, so we will enjoy all the functions planned for our enjoyment.

Come to convention and help us celebrate the 50th year of organization. We were formed in June of 1952 at Hartford City. Many of you will enjoy meeting old friends and hopefully making new ones.

Your Miss Flame has been chosen, now come and support her.

Don't forget to invite her in your department's functions.

I am looking forward to seeing you in June at Convention.

Sincerely yours,  
Mary L. Mackin

## August 10 Deadline Is July 10, 2002

have to raise the dues to defray expenses for these two assistants. Tammy and Susie again wanted to let them know if they would consider holding an office even tho they may have a possible slate at this time.

Historian: No report was Ann Moss was not present.

President's Advisory: Faye says excellent.

Lois Boaz: Toni Sorg met with the committee and they have chosen one even tho they only had four letters for some deserving ladies. Let us take back to the departments and ask for more letters next year and make it worth the committees time to pick a winner. Lou made a motion with a second by Joann to let the committee take care of the plaque and name bar so that they are the only ones who will know who the winner is and motion carried.

Parliamentarian: Lou says everything is okay.

Old business: Joann says that Buz Koehler has a bear that may be able to have IVFAA on it. He will check on this. They will have a cake with 50 years on it and it was decided to serve the cake just after the opening ceremonies on Thursday night and she will need help with the serving. There is a possibility of having 50 year pins for ladies with over 50 years in the IVFAA. Beverly Taylor made a motion with a second by Malinda Bell to have 50 year gold cards and motion carried. This will also include future 50 year members.

New business: There was talk about the prefix phone numbers being changed and it should be corrected in the next paper.

Convention: A motion made by Sharon Bray with a second by Joann to not have the Koffee Klutch if it cannot be done less expensive as in the past this year. It will be left up to this year's committee and to not have one in the future. Motion carried. Tammy asked if there was any vendor that they would like to see at the convention to let her or Barb Kerney know and they will try to get them. Steve Anderson reported on the update for the convention.

He stated about the expense of the Koffee Klutch and the schedule was not up to date at this time. They were trying to get pictures of previous Miss Flames and also past Lois Boaz winners for their convention book. They have approximately 160 registrations at this time. A possible tour is in the making to the LIBS candy factory and others to be announced as they are made. Camping will be available approximately 5 to 20 miles from the Convention Center. Rooms are still available.

Happy March Birthdays to Mary Mackin, Dorothy Reiter, Ann Moss, Tammy Hungate, and Diana Griffin. April Birthday for Beth Caudill and anyone that I missed.

Adjournment: A motion made by Faye and seconded by Lou and carried. After a phone call it seems that Faye is a grandmother for the second time. Congratulations.

A reminder to bring your Chinese auction items to the May meeting so that Barb Parker will know how many tables and containers she may need.

The May 4th & 5th meeting will be in Columbus so make your room

reservations as soon as possible. 11B will have a Miss Flame dance Feb. 9th and 13B will have a soup supper at Centerville F.D. on Feb. 16th.

Joann gave the closing prayer and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Submitted by,  
Corresponding Secretary  
IVFAA  
Martha Thomas

### DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Phyllis Vargo  
District 1  
Chairwoman



Ann Moss  
District 2  
Chairwoman

March 7, 2002  
The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, Chairman of I.V.F.A.A. District #1 at 7:10 p.m. followed by the pledge.

Prayer was given by Martha Thomas of Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

Host department Merrillville served dinner.

Martha Thomas and Bill Thomas gave department history.

Phyllis introduced the guests that were in attendance. Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman of I.V.F.A.A., Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary I.V.F.A.A., Clarence Moss, District 1 & 2 I.V.F.A. treasurer and Kim Perry, District #2 Miss Flame candidate.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 31 members in attendance with three guests representing eight departments and three individuals.

Marge Baumgardner read minutes of the November 1, 2001 meeting. Dee Kennedy made a motion to accept minutes as corrected, seconded by Martha Thomas. Passed as corrected.

Ann Moss gave treasurer's report with a balance for both accounts were \$1,384.46. Motion by Bev VanderVleet, seconded by Bonnie Nicksch. Passed as read subject to audit.

Old Business: Attendance plaques were awarded to Munster District #1 and Lake of Four Season District #2 for having the most attendance at a district meeting three times in a row. Congratulations, departments.

New Business: State raffle tickets are in and available from your district chairmen. Your ticket money is due back to your district chairman by the May district meeting.

Phyllis talked about the Chinese auction: Phyllis explained the State

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# IVFAA Vice President



Barbara Kerney

# IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Hello, my dear friends,  
 Hope you made it okay thru the winter months.  
 Spring finally made it here with a little unexpected snow, but it didn't last long.  
 Hope all of your departments are doing well. I know how hard you all have to work to keep those fire houses open.  
 Well they are getting ready for another convention. It is in Evansville. I know they are ready to show us a good time and they want you to enjoy yourselves.  
 We have a special celebration to celebrate this year at Convention. Our ladies' auxiliary will be celebrating its fifty years.  
 The auxiliary would like for you to help them celebrate by joining them after the opening meeting on Thursday.  
 We invite you to have a piece of their anniversary cake. A special table will be set and we would like for you to stop by and congratulate them for their fifty years in the IVFAA.  
 You know without these ladies, some of your fire departments could not have made it without the auxiliaries help.  
 Once again I invite you to join

## Attention: IVFAA Auxiliary Members

You may purchase IVFAA Shoulder Patches From District 11-B @ \$1.50 each and IVFAA Logo Plates @ \$10.00 each  
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 5 Brookside Street  
 Filmore, IN 46128  
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us at the Memorial Service on Friday morning.  
 Ladies and Gentlemen, remember this is the only time we can unite as a family of the IVFA and IVFAA and guests to pay our final respects to those firefighters and auxiliary members who have gone ahead of us to that huge firehouse in the sky and the angels looking over it.  
 Our lovely Miss Flame contestants will once again be assisting me. Thanks young ladies in case I forget to say thanks. You are always so special.

### An Angel called "Faith"

Here we are with little Faith  
 A giant without measure,  
 It's those who keep little Faith  
 Who always finds life's treasure.

A little Faith will guide us on  
 Through darkness hour of night,  
 While others may not see the dawn  
 We'll see her morning light.

Who knows, with just a little Faith  
 And all her angel's charm,  
 We'll make our mother planet safe,  
 All creatures safe from harm.

From flowers in fertile fields  
 To mountains from snow,  
 Abundance from God's bounty yields  
 The fruits that make Faith grow.  
 So you can see with love and grace

And even joy unbound,  
 It's good to keep about the place  
 A little Faith around.

### Two Angels Called - Peace and Harmony

Here are two that are so close  
 They always stay in tune;  
 How could we have the shining sun  
 Without the silvery moon?

The only way that you'll find Peace  
 Is finding Harmony.  
 And when you find the two of them  
 They both will set you free.

Just sit there still with Harmony  
 And close your eyes with Peace,  
 And soon you'll feel an inner strength,  
 From a source that will not cease.

It's when there's Peace and Harmony  
 That all of us can grow;  
 Beyond those of our wildest dreams,  
 Beyond yet what we know.

Side by side and through time  
 Go Peace and Harmony,  
 And trust me when you find the one  
 There will the other be.

Bless each and every one of you.  
 I pray that the good Lord will get you all home safe and sound.  
 Until we meet again, I just want to say thanks to all of you.

Love and Prayers,  
 Joann Hays  
 IVFAA Chaplain



**NOTICE:**  
 See Page 2 for information on NEW IVFA Central Office

## Ladies' Auxiliary Prayer

The ladies wait, while their men respond, united as one in a common bond.  
 The bond of serving, each in their own way, the needs that arise, be what they may.  
 The reheated meals, the unsipped drink, are a common occurrence, much more than you think.  
 It's mostly routine and one without flair, the men return, their ladies are there.  
 But then comes the call, the tough one to fight, a working fire that may last through the night.  
 The ladies again wait, but this time they know, that sooner or later, they too will go. As they wait for the signal, the time draws near, for that sooner or later to be suddenly here.  
 The men are all weary, some of them spent, the refreshments that arrive are like heaven sent.  
 The auxiliary, in fact, is more than a name, it's a dedicated arm of the volunteer game.  
 So God when we pray, for the firemen's care, include the ladies, who were also there.

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2

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likes to have every department donate something to the Chinese auction which takes place at convention. In the year's past we are allocated \$30-\$35 from District #1 and #2 to buy or make up a gift basket to take to convention. Motion was made by Bonnie Niksch and seconded by Melissa Baumgardner to spend between \$30-\$35 to purchase two baskets for convention. Motion passed.

Phyllis talked about the 2002 I.V.F.A. convention in Evansville this year.

Phyllis announced that 2002 state dues are due.

Phyllis made a request for Ann Moss to purchase an endorsement stamp to use on the back of the check for our account. Motion by Dee Kennedy and seconded by Martha Thomas. Motion passed.

Phyllis advised the situation with District 1 secretary. Phyllis advised membership that Jill has not been at a district meeting yet. Phyllis wanted to know the wishes of the membership. Motion was made by Mary McGragy, seconded by Bonnie Niksch to send a certified registered letter to Hill requesting to give the District 1 case back to membership. Motion passed.

Phyllis stated at the last State Officer's meeting they had a discussion regarding the state chaplain. She is unable to keep up with all memorials, they are too far to travel and she is missing work. They wanted the district chairmen to bring back to district the wishes of the district. Motion was made by Martha Thomas to have district chairmen do the memorial services in their district, seconded by Cecil Christensen. Motion passed. Phyllis was take by to the state meeting.  
 Department announcements were read.  
 Next meeting will be May 2nd at Lowell Fire Department.  
 Attendance awards went to: District 1 Munster and District 2 LOFS.  
 Motion was made by Barb Jelinch, seconded by Melissa Baumgardner to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Marge Baumgardner,  
 Secretary, District 2

## DISTRICT 3



Leona Uryga  
District 3  
Chairman  
IVFAA

January 16, 2002  
 Coolspring Fire Department  
 Third District Chaplain, Rose Stantz offered opening prayer.  
 Seventeen (17) ladies represent-

ing Coolspring, Michiana, Springfield volunteer fire department auxiliaries were present.

Third District chairman Leona Uryga reported the Lois Boaz Award nominations are due Feb. 1st.

- 2002 Miss Flame candidate applications due no later than March 10th;

- Next state officer's meeting Feb. 1st-2nd, Columbus, IN

- 2002 IVFA convention June 12-15th Evansville. Reservations accepted now.

Award winners Diane Morgan, Coolspring and Carolyn McCarty, Noble Twp.

Next meeting March 20th, Michiana Shores, 7:00 p.m. Each attendee to bring a no bake dessert recipe and sample to share.

Submitted by Lucille (Lee) Cohen

## DISTRICT 4

Jane Ferro  
District 4  
Chairwoman  
IVFAA



## DISTRICT 7

Susie Stout  
District 7  
Chairwoman  
IVFAA



## DISTRICT 11A

Beverly Taylor  
District 11A  
Chairwoman  
IVFAA



Hello,  
 Well, spring is here. It always feels better when winter is over and it's springtime.

Our district meeting was held at Farmersburg. They have a beautiful firehouse and we had a delicious lunch.

Our guests were Beverly Harker, Barbara Kerney and Lou Bartlow. Helen Michel and Mildred Finkbinder from our district were there. It is always good to see these ladies.

We discussed Joan taking care of Chinese Auction at convention from our district. She is making a flag. It sounds like a really nice prize.

We discussed our 50th anniversary of IVFAA at convention this year. There will be three or four women honored for 50 years in Auxiliary. There will be a reception with cake on Friday afternoon.

Our next state meeting will be at Columbus, IN Holiday Inn in May.

Our next district meeting will be at Coalmont.

Well, till next time.

See ya,  
 Beverly Taylor  
 District 11A

## DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller  
District 11B  
Chairwoman  
IVFAA

Hi!

Happy Spring - not that our winter was all that bad. Sure am glad to get out in the yard to plant flowers though! Hope everyone is in good health.

District 11-B held its March meeting at Perrysville Vol. Fire and dedicated its new fire house. Sure is nice! I'm sure it took a lot of fish fries, noodle dinners and chili suppers to get it. I know everyone there worked hard to make it happen.

We had a new guest at the meeting, our new Miss Flame, Andrea Neese. Her sponsor is Juga Vol. Fire Department. We all had a great time at our Miss Flame dance held in February.

Everyone should start thinking about paying their 2002-2003 dues. We need everyone. If you aren't a member of the IVFAA, please contact any District Chairman to get information on what it takes to become a member. If you don't know your chairman or how to get in touch with her, give me a call or e-mail. I would be glad to help.

Convention is coming fast, get your registration in. We always have a great time and you'll meet a lot of new people. It's a great time to get new ideas on fund raisers for your department, too. COME JOIN US!!

Well, I must go now, see you in Evansville!

Patty Miller  
 District 11-B Chairman

## DISTRICT 15

Tammy Hungate  
District 15  
Chairwoman  
IVFAA



# Firemen Honored for Years of Service



Pictured with the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department president, Paul Fuller on the left, and the Lowell Fire Chief, Jack Eskridge on the far right, are (left to right) Fire Lieutenant Mark Early with 10 years receiving a watch, a newly retired firefighter Ron Simpson, receiving a 10-year watch and firefighter Rick Laumeyer with a special gift for 30 years of service.  
 (Photo submitted by Lowell VFD)

# NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

## 2002 Important Instructions!

### Please Take Note

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

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

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

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

To obtain your license plate(s) you must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Request Application to the IVFA Central Office NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE THE MONTH YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR PLATES. This form should contain the number of plates you are requesting for the year 2000, along with \$5 for each plate.

#### Renewal months by first letter of your last name

January - Corporations February - A, B, Rental, Bus  
 March - C, D April - E, F, G, Personal May - H, I  
 June - J, K, L July - M, N, O August - P, Q, R  
 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*

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Barbara Kerney

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# Public Relations Northeast



**Michael Mackin**

Hello Northeast Districts: Well, it looks like the legislator session is over and our bill did pass. I want to thank all of you who did support the bill and did call your legislators.

For those of you from District \$6 and did not make the meeting, Tim Jones has resigned as your district chairman. Jim Gilbert from

Thorncreek Twp. who was the co-chairman, has agreed to move up and fill the chairman position. At the time of print I cannot tell you if the district decided to split or not. Due to the snowstorm we had on March 26 the meeting was re-scheduled for April 9.

Just a reminder for those who are planning on going to the convention in June at Evansville, now is the time to get your registration and reservation in.

See you at your district meeting or at the convention.

Mike Mackin  
P.R.N.E.

his department has received from the area fire departments.

District Auxiliary Chairman Miller introduced additional guests attending this meeting. A motion by Brent Bush seconded by Larry Bartlow to suspend with reading of the minutes and also the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

IVFA President, Jack Kerney gave an update on the legislature bills we are interested in he also gave an update on his office problems and the accomplishments of the office. Vice president Buz Koehler stated the supporters of the bills pertaining to the fire departments have done very well by notifying the legislature representatives.

State Treasurer, Jack Harker, State Secretary Larry Bartlow, State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush all made a few comments. Diane Harrison, West Central Public Relations made a few announcements as did Don Fultz, Chairman, District 21.

Chairman Ketchem stated he does not have a host for the next meeting. State President Kerney explained the breakdown of the \$5.00 fee for the IVFA license plate. District Chaplain Mankin announced he had made two memorial services since the last meeting. It was announced that any fire departments with fire equipment to give away to contact the state president.

The host certificate was presented by Chairman Ketchem to John Morphew of Penysville Fire

Dept. and a check was given to the Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned by State Chaplain, Joann Hayes.

John Davies  
District Secretary

## DISTRICT 12



**John Ross**  
District 12  
Chairman

Hello to all my fellow firefighters in District 12. Our last meeting was January 21 and was hosted by the North Salem Fire Department. Seven departments were represented with a total of 21 people in attendance. Honored guests included Buz Koehler, State IVFA Vice President, Charlie Baker, State IVFA Chaplain, State IVFA Secretary Larry Bartlow, Public Relations for West Central Diane Harrison and Jack McFarland from our neighboring district, 11A.

Vice President Buz Koehler discussed various awards given at the state convention. Also discussed were bills up for adoption in our legislature this year, such as Bill 1208, that can have direct affect on our departments. It was emphasized that we can influence these bills by making contact with our State Representatives and Senators, showing our support.

Thank you, North Salem for hosting this meeting with great food and warm reception. I know it is difficult for hosting departments to fit these meetings into their schedules and to try to figure out how many will attend. I will continue to emphasize to all departments in District 12 to send a representative to these meetings. They're fun, informative and we always eat well!!!! Besides, you never know when you're going to need each other to assist with a big fire, disaster or such. Sure nice to look over your shoulder and see a familiar face!

Congratulations to Megan Holman and Jaclyn Joseph as our District 12 Miss Flame representatives. Megan (District 12A) is from Camby, Indiana and represents Decatur Township Fire Department. Jaclyn (District 12B) is from Lizton, Indiana and represents Lizton Fire Department. We wish them both good luck in the State Miss Flame competition at the convention this year.

We also want to let the other gals who competed in this year's District 12 Miss Flame contest know that you're all winners to us. We would like to see all of you compete again next year. You're a wonderful and beautiful group of ladies and you do your parents, your communities and your fire departments proud.

State Convention is right around the corner - June 12, 13, 14 and 15. Hope you've sent in your reservations! Sounds like Evansville has some great things planned for us. If you've never been - you've got to go! Plan your vacation, bring the family and expect to have a lot of fun. You just can't imagine what it's like until you try it. It will definitely renew your sense of strength, power and brotherhood of the many Indiana volunteer firefighters. Make new friends, share your stories, learn new things, see new equipment and renew your faith and spirit of the volunteer firefighter. Have any questions regarding getting reservations or other details of the convention, give me a call.

It's a new year and soon will be time to buy your license plates again. Remember the plate form is in this newspaper, so get it filled out and sent now! Some deadlines for acquiring your license plates have changed, so you might want to check with your local DMV and verify when yours are due. You cannot acquire your special plates without the appropriate paperwork. Central Office is great about getting this taken care of once you have submitted the form and money. Just don't wait until the last minute. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Been making my way around the district, handing out 25-year pins, talking about the importance of IVFA membership and eating lost of pancakes!!!! Looking forward to upcoming fish fries and other fund raising events. Hope I can attend as many as possible and lend a helping hand if I can. The following are dates of events I know about. Mark your calendar and come and enjoy!

June 7-8: Gregg Twp. Fire Department, fish fry and hog roast.

June 6-7-8: Amo Fire Department, fish fry.

June 13-14-15: Cartersburg Fire Department, fish fry and horse pull.

June 27-28-29: Hazelwood Fire Department, fish fry, tractor pull and fireworks.

Hope to see you all at these

events and at the state convention in Evansville.

John Ross  
District 12 Chairman

## DISTRICT 13-A

Our last meeting was February 21st at Green Township VFD (Hancock County). There were 12 departments represented by 23 members. Guests attending were Chief Paul Bailey, IVFA Jerry Nulliner, District 8A chairman Bill Pape and his wife and East Central P.R. Don Cushman.

Communications started with updates on Ivan Nevil and Tracy Boatwright's surgeries. There are 24 inch round IVFA decals available to paid departments for Training/Education trailers with permission from an IVFA officer.

- Jerry Nulliner reported on upcoming fire schools.

- Fire Grant Application is open March 1st through April 1st.

- SOG change on Mr. IVFA annual awards was discussed.

- Don Cushman talked about legislation and HB1208 - the Blue Light bill.

- Articles for May papers are due by April 10th.

- Don Cushman gave information about the upcoming convention in Evansville in June.

- District 13A will pick up two new departments from District 12. They are Castleton VFD and Lawrence VFD.

Having no further business, the meeting was turned over to Green Township and we were served pizza, chips, brownies, and soda pop. After the meal a program was presented by Chief Paul Bailey of Franklin Township VFD, who is a member of FEMA and had the opportunity to help direct some of the rescue efforts at "Ground Zero" of the World Trade Center in New York City. He showed slides of the devastation and explained many of the obstacles that occurred during this difficult time in our country. Thank you, Paul, for your efforts and time that you shared with us and for a program that we will not soon forget!

Our district has one less member due to the passing of Phil Pike who was a member of Sugar Creek Township, Company 1. Our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and department.

Our next meeting will be May 16th at the Jackson-Blue River Township VFD in Charlottesville, IN, Hancock County. The program will be about METH labs by Eric Lawrence of the Indiana State Police. Hope to see you there.

District 13A Chairman  
Tim Martin

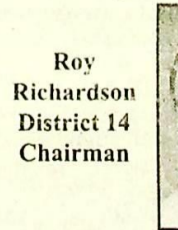
## DISTRICT 13B



**Dennis Spears**  
District 13B  
Chairman

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 14



**Roy Richardson**  
District 14  
Chairman

March 5, 2002

Thanks to all the firemen and friends that attended the memorial service for John Burkhardt, Sr. at Madison, IN. John was the oldest fireman in the state of Indiana and was a member of the oldest fire com

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# IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

## Quarterly Officer's Meeting February 2, 2002

President Jack Kerney called the meeting at 3:10 P.M. and called upon Chaplain Charlie Baker for the Invocation. Vice President Buz Koehler then led us in the pledge to the flag. President Kerney then introduced Ron Melton, the new District 16 chairman.

President Kerney then called for the minutes of the November meeting by Secretary Larry Bartlow. The Secretary mailed all minutes and asked if everyone had a copy. The Chair accepted a motion by Don Cushman, PREC that the minutes be accepted as mailed and the second was presented by Mike Mackin, PRNE. The motion was approved by voice vote.

### OFFICERS REPORTS:

President Kerney reported that on Jan. 10, 2002 JL Systems took the computer system down to upgrade to the new software. At this time not all systems have been run but what have been seem to be working well. He also passed membership lists of all current information. During the last quarter he has driven 3146 miles attending several district meeting, two Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education meeting and three convention meetings.

Vice-president Buz Koehler reported that he had traveled over 4100 miles this past quarter attending 15 district meetings, two memorial services and the trustee conference.

Chaplain Charlie Baker reported that it has been relatively quiet this past quarter.

Secretary Larry Bartlow reported that he has been to six district meetings.

Treasurer Jack Harker had his assistant pass out the financial statement to everyone. They explained the year-end Profit & Loss sheet and a comparison to the actual expense and income to the amount budgeted. Good to have Jack back with us.

Central Office report that membership for 2001 was 17,506 and license plate sales for the year was 3356. These numbers represent a lot of time and effort by all District Chairmen out visiting with the departments to increase our membership.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS:

PRNW Jim Bradford reported he has attended all district meeting and two memorial services. Inquired if our organization was entitled to apply for the Federal Fire Grant monies. Also checking on the location of the one sided IVFA flag that was last used at the Merrillville convention. Jim has driven 1365 miles this quarter.

PREC Mike Mackin reported he has made all of his District meeting and also helped out with two meetings for PREC. He has traveled 1769 miles this quarter.

PRWC Diane Harrison reported that she has attended all district meetings, one memorial service and a county chief's meeting.

PREC Don Cushman thanked Mike Mackin for helping out with the 8B meeting and he has attended all other district meeting in his area. He has driven over 700 miles.

PRSW Ron Bell reported that he has attended all meetings except one, had one memorial service and working with District 18 on the 2003 convention.

PRSE Joe Caudill was not present at this time.

### PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Jack Zeeks - pass, Richard Glant - pass, Mitch Parish - pass, Ivan Nevil - pass, Carl Bruns - pass, Jim Parker - pass.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

District 1: Tom Orrell had last

meeting Lake Ridge Fire Dept. Nov. 21. The program was given by FBI Agent on weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, and anthrax. He had 18 departments and 103 people present. The next meeting is at Independence Hill Fire Dept. on Feb. 20, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. He has passed out 25 years service pins at Porter F.D. and two Gold Cards at Lake Ridge F.D. in addition their 25 year pins.

President Kerney advised us that he was taking a break in District Chairman for Officer's report and Committee report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush reported he had been to two fire house dedications. He wanted to thank everyone for the cards and flowers during surgery and recovery.

He also had information on a new IVFA Flag. The quote for custom made flag one side 43" x 57" applique was \$421.50 with new border and tassel. Referred to Board action.

He also thinks the Mr. IVFA Award needs changed in design for better usage of award - not changing the height or width only change the medallion on the bottom to a clock.

A motion by past president Mitch Parish to change to the clock was seconded by District 11-B chairman Larry Ketchem. The motion passed on voice vote.

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Shokrina Radpour Beering gave us an update on all the bills we are following. She stated the HB 1208 had been amended to remove the car insurance discrimination for volunteers because we need to provide better information than one or two problems. Also the audit language change was taken out with it to be included in another bill. She stated that all vehicle license plate fees are set by statute and are the same.

Those two reports completed, we returned to District Chairman reports.

District 2: Paul Watland held his last meeting on Nov. 21, 2001. His next meeting will be March 20, 2002 at Lake Eliza.

District 3: Tim Sandy held his last meeting at Center Twp., LaPorte on Nov. 13, 2001 with six departments and 10 people present. The program was about ISO Rating. He had his January meeting at Bass Lake Fire Department with eight departments and 23 people present. He has had one death in the District. His next meeting will be March 21 at Springfield Twp.

District 4: John Ferro was unable to be here because of ice storm in the area.

District 5: Don Kissinger held his meeting on Nov. 30, 2001 at Noble Twp. with seven departments and 11 people present. He has meeting in Jan. at Chester Twp. with nine departments and 16 members present. He passed out 25 year pins at this meeting. His next meeting will be March 7, 2002 at Fulton Liberty Fire Department, south of Rochester.

District 6: Tim Jones. Mike Mackin, PRNE, reports that Tim has resigned and that he has briefcase in his possession. Mike will have a district meeting March 26, 2002. The location is unknown at this time.

District 7: Mort Sorg stated that his new area code is 260. Also that Lincolnville Fire Dept. has moved from District 7 to District 8A. His Nov. 19, 2001 meeting had 15 departments and 43 members reporting 163 runs. He also had a meeting Jan. 21, 2002 at Monroe with 17 departments and 50 members. His next meeting will be March 18, 2002 at Monroeville Fire Dept.

District 8A: Bill Pape had a meeting Jan. 11, 2002 at Mill Twp. with 10 departments and 28 members present. His next meeting will be March 13 at Orestes Fire Dept.

District 8B: Larry Petro had a meeting at Portland Fire Dept. on Jan. 11 with six departments and 19 members present. The group reported 32 fires and 132 EMS runs. The next meeting will be March 13, 2002 at Ridgeville Fire Dept.

District 9A: Jon Randle held meeting Nov. 15, 2001 at Laurel Center Fire Dept. He passed out Gold Cards. His next meeting will be March 28, 2002 at Taylor Twp. Fire Dept. Jon requested two large IVFA decals for the Delphi Fire Department's Public Safety House Trailer. A motion by past president Mitch Parish to allow them, to have them was seconded by past president Richard Glant. The motion passed.

President Kerney broke from the District reports to introduce Jeff Stanfield with Jones & Associates Insurance.

Jeff has been looking into perk benefits for our membership without any additional cost to them. He has found some and at this time needs approval from this group to proceed with his package and get more details. A motion was made by Jon Randle that we proceed with the benefit package to our members. A second was offered by Bill Pape. The motion passed on voice vote.

District 9B: Randy Denton had a meeting on Jan. 9, 2002 at Fowler Fire Dept. The program was on Fire Reports. His next meeting will be March 14, 2002 at Francesville Fire Dept.

District 10: David Israel held meeting Nov. 21, 2001 at German Twp. He had 14 departments and 50 members present. The program was on Accountability. His next meeting was at Greensburg Fire Dept. on Jan. 15, 2002 with 20 departments and 88 members present. His next meeting is Feb. 20, 2002 at Morristown Fire Dept.

District 11A: Jack McFarland held his meeting Nov. 18, 2001 at Dugger Fire Dept. with seven departments and 19 members present. The program was presented by the Davies County Medivac. The Jan. 20, 2002 meeting was held at Posey Twp. Fire Dept. with the program by the Clay County Emergency Management Director. They had nine departments and 32 members present. The next meeting will be March 17, 2002 at the Thunderbird Fire District in Farmersburg.

District 11B: Larry Ketchem had his meeting on Nov. 11, 2001 at Reelsville Fire Dept. with five departments and 20 members present. A very impressive tribute to the victims of 9-11 was presented by the Reelsville Fire Dept. Honor Guard. Also had a dedication of a Fire House in New Ross. The next meeting was held Jan. 13, 2002 at Cuyaga Fire Dept. with six departments and 23 members present. The program was put on by CSX railroad about the things that need to be done safely after an accident to protect the Emergency personnel on the scene. The next meeting will be March 9, 2002 at Perrysville Fire Dept. They will dedicate their new Fire House at that time.

District 12: John Ross had his meeting Jan. 21, 2002 at North Salem with six departments and 25 members present. The program on grant application was presented. His next meeting will be May 20, 2002 at Hazelwood Fire Dept.

District 13A: Tim Martin had his meeting on Nov. 15, 2002 at Sugar Creek Twp. The program was put on by Jerry Hebert on IOSHA in the Fire Service. He had six departments and 11 members present. His next meeting will be Feb. 21 at Green Twp. Hancock County.

District 13B: Dennis Spears held his meeting Nov. 29, 2001 at Hagerstown Fire Dept. with six departments and 16 members present.

He passed out 25 Year Pins. His next meeting will be Feb. 24, 2002 at Centerville Fire Dept. This will be their meeting to select the Miss Flame for 2002.

District 14: Roy Richardson had his meeting Jan. 16, 2002 at New Washington Fire Dept. with 10 departments and 21 members present. They had 35 fire runs and 140 EMS runs. They also selected their Miss Flame candidate at this meeting. The next meeting will be April 17, 2002 at Monroe Twp. Fire Dept. in Henryville.

District 15: Steve Anderson has had two meetings this quarter. His first meeting was Nov. 20, 2001 at Boonville Fire Dept. with six departments and 21 members present. The second meeting was Jan. 15, 2002 at Owensville Montgomery Twp. Fire Dept. with 12 departments and 50 members present. This was the District Miss Flame contest. His next meeting is March 19, 2002 in Posey County. This quarter he has had 14 direct contacts and 22 indirect contacts with departments in the district.

District 16: Ron Melton is the new District Chairman and getting district reorganized. He will have a meeting March 14, 2002 at Harrison Twp. Fire Dept.

District 17A: Jim Abrams had meeting Nov. 17, 2001 at Odon Madison Twp. with 14 departments, 29 members and 12 guests. He passed out 25 Year Pins and a Gold Card. His next meeting was at Vincennes Twp. Fire Dept. with 64 departments, 479 members and 30 guests present. Fire Dept. His next meeting will be March 23, 2002 at Union Community Fire Dept.

District 17B: Jim Zeeks had meeting at Pleasant Run Fire Dept. with five departments and 27 members present. He has attended several fund raisers and been working

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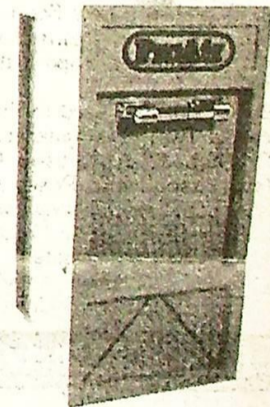
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**DISTRICT 14**

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pany in the state. He spent 71 years in the fire service.

I would like to thank Al Williamson of McCulloch Vol. Fire Dept. for all the work that he has done for the fire service. Al is vice chairman of District 14 in the IVFA.

If your department has not paid their IVFA dues, please send them in.

Jack Kerney, president of the IVFA and his wife; Barbara, are doing a great job. Their department will be the host for the 2002 IVFA convention in Evansville.

Thanks to all the district chairman for a good job in awarding the 25 year pins. I think that this has been a good thing for the IVFA.

The 14th District is planning on bidding on the 2004 IVFA Convention in Clarksville. I hope that we have your support. We had a good time the last time the IVFA Convention was in Clarksville. We have great plans for you in 2004.

Thanks for your support.

Roy E. Richardson  
14th District Chairman

**DISTRICT 15**



Steve Anderson  
District 15  
Chairman

I am happy to report that plans for this year's convention are going great!! We have been able to add a river cruise on Thursday night and a golf outing for Wednesday (see info in this issue). We also have a few surprises, but you'll have to come to find out what they are!! Remember, the pre-registration deadline is June 1. We still have plenty of hotel rooms available.

We have several new deliveries to announce. Wadesville has a new Ferrara engine; Perry Twp. has a new Ferrara engine; German Twp. has a new Dodge command vehicle; Marrs Twp. has a new SVI rescue; Black Twp. has a new Scorpion rescue boat; and Point Twp. bought a used engine to update their fleet.

Before closing I need to thank Vincennes Twp. VFD, Yankeetown VFD, Dist. 17-A, Gibson Co. Chief's Assoc., and Posey Co. Chiefs' Assoc. for inviting me to their events during the last quarter.

Until next time, be safe!

Steve Anderson  
District 15 Chairman

**DISTRICT 16**

District 16 held its first meeting in quite some time. The meeting was held on March 14, 2002 at the Harrison Township Fire House in Corydon.

District officers Ron Melton chairman, Kevin Barrow vice chairman and Morgan Nye secretary were on hand for their first district meeting. Also present were president Jack Kerney and Barbara Kerney. Their support was appreciated. Four departments were present with 15 members.

A small meal was enjoyed before the meeting. District 16 ladies' chairwoman Pam Melton provided the meal.

Discussion was held on the 25 year pins. Ron will get with all the departments to award the pins to those members with 25 years of service. Ron reported that the Elizabeth volunteer fire department had six members awarded their 25-year pins.

Discussion was held on how often to hold a meeting. President Jack Kerney suggested meeting every other month. The next meet-

ing will be held May 9, 2002 at Southeast Fire Department at 7:00 p.m.

House Bill 1208 was explained. New provisions for the Blue Light Law were discussed.

President Jack Kerney discussed the importance of turning in dues on time. Ron will try to sign up departments who have not paid past dues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Thank you,  
Ron Melton  
District 16 Chairman

**DISTRICT 17A**



Jim Abrams  
District 17A  
Chairman

You've missed a truly accurate look at the September 11th disaster! We appreciate Chief Bailey and his wife making the trip to Union Vol. Fire Department to speak.

I attended the April 1st monthly meeting of the Spurgeon Volunteer Fire Department and presented 25 year pins to the following: Joe Q. Blatnic and David R. Williams.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack Harker. Get well soon, Jack!

Jim Abrams  
Chairman  
District 17A

**DISTRICT 17B**



Jim Zeeks  
District 17B  
Chairman

District 17B meeting was held February 19 at Benton Township Fire Station with 16 attending.

Special guests included IVFA President Jack Kerney and wife Barb, and Southwest PR Ron Bell.

District 17B chairman Jim Zeeks gave the pledge and talked about HB 1208, the Blue Light Law, the Fire Chief's meeting, the letter from the fire marshal's office pertaining to recalls.

IVFA president Jack Kerney talked about IC Code 36-12-6-8 on volunteer fire department laws. He also stated FEMA grants come out March 1. He then gave a presentation of IVFA benefits.

The next 17B District meeting will be held May 14 at Van Buren Township.

Years of service awards were recently given to the Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department in Monroe County. Those receiving awards were Larry Hearth (assistant chief) 30 years and Raymond Phillips (lieutenant) 30 years.

A new station was dedicated and a clock presented to the Benton Township Fire Department by chairman 17B Jim Zeeks. Southwest PR Ron Bell also attended the ceremony.

If you are one of the departments who have not paid dues, please do so, you want to remain a member of the IVFA and receive the benefits that this represents.

As always, please give me a call if I can be of any assistance to you and your department. And if you are interested in having a district meeting at your department, please contact me.

**DISTRICT 18**

(NO REPORT)

**DISTRICT 19**



Ed Scheele  
District 19  
Chairman

The District 19 IVFA meeting was held at the Laurel V.F.D. in Anderson Township on March 28, 2002 with 28 firefighters from eight departments reporting 60 runs.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Ed Scheele. Ed led in the pledge to the flag. Chaplain Ed Gerdowski led us in prayer. Minutes from the preceding meeting were approved as read. Guests were Jim Gilmore from Koorsen Fire and Safety; Gary Davis from Midwest Fire and Safety; Mark Baumhardt from Mobil Com; and Keriana Miles, District 19 Miss Flame.

Laurel Chief Keith Combs introduced his firefighters and ladies auxiliary. Ed thanked Laurel VFD for hosting the meeting.

The FEMA grant is extended till April 5th if you have a form started.

Jeff Stanfield of Jones & Associates is looking into possible discounts for home and auto insurance and discount cards for prescriptions for IVFA members.

Ed talked about the fire survey and the new fire certifications.

The IVFA is looking at ways to increase funds. They are looking at selling shirts, hats, etc. Ed talked about the upcoming fire schools. Ed then went over some of the benefits of being an IVFA member, one is a clothing benefit. If you damage personal clothing on a fire run, they will pay up to \$100, and will pay \$50 for damaged eye glasses. As of March 20th there is a new Blue Light law that passed in legislation.

Meeting was adjourned by Laurel and Sunman fire departments.

A program on fire investigation and how to preserve a fire scene was presented. It was a very good program for all firefighters.

Next meeting is May 23rd at Napoleon VFD. Paul Baily of FEMA will have the program on 9-11 incident.

District 19 secretary/treasurer  
Randy Merkel

We are in the tomado and severe weather season now. Everyone needs to be careful when looking for tomados.

Be sure the firefighters have a safe place to get into if a tomado approaches. Also this time of year everyone gets busy and in a hurry. We all need to take time to be safe at incidents and when getting equipment ready for the next incident.

Randy Merkel, District 19 secretary, and I have been to Friendship and Dillsboro volunteer fire departments to present 25 year pins and gold cards for over 50 years of service. It takes a lot of dedication for a firefighter to have that many years of volunteer service to their community. The firefighters have spent many hours training and helping others in need.

The next District 19 meeting will be at Napoleon VFD on May 23rd with a very interesting program on the 9-11 incident.

Ed Scheele  
District 19 chairman

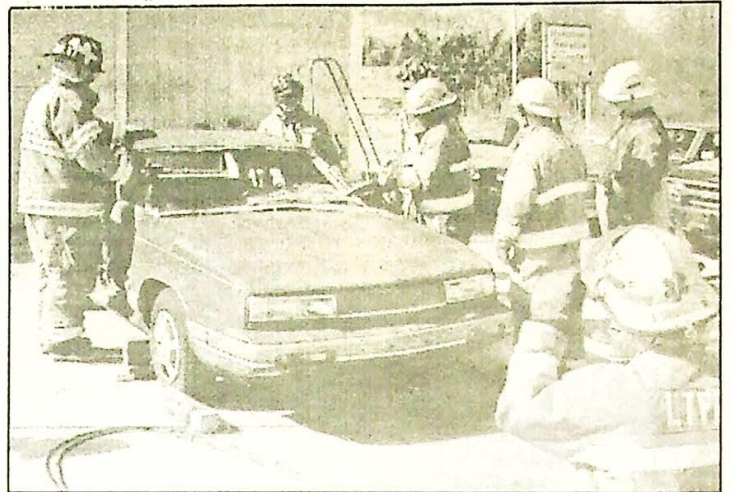
**DISTRICT 21**



Don Fultz  
District 21  
Chairman

(NO REPORT)

*Lincoln Twp. Fire Members  
Certified As Basic  
Extrication Technicians*



On February 23 and 24, 2002, 11 members of the Lincoln Township Fire Department and one member of the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department were certified as Basic Extrication Technicians by the Indiana EMS Commission.

Taught by Tim Sandy, the students were instructed on topics such as vehicle construction, tool limitations and special hazards on Saturday.

Sunday's class involved hands-on training at Hamilton's Service Center in Walkerton. Owner, Roger Hamilton, donated the vehicles that were used during the evolutions.

Hand tools, electric tools and the department's AMKUS tool were used during the training.

(Photo and article by Asst. Chief Jeff Wiatrowski)

**Tim Reed Honored  
For Dedication**

Tim Reed joined the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department in May of 1975 while still in high school. He trained as a cadet firefighter during his senior year in high school. Tim was one of seven students to serve as a cadet. As a cadet he trained with the other members of the department and did respond to emergencies as needed under careful direction of the other department members. They were all trained to fight exterior fires, first aid skills, extrication skills, fund raising, and lots of hose rolling and truck washing skills. Tim served, as a cadet until he reached the age required joining the department as a voting member.

After he had graduated high school he received a certification as an Emergency Medical Technician and began riding to calls in the ambulance to assist the paramedics as needed. That required many hours of skilled training and annual continuing education training.

Tim served as an E.M.T. for many years.

As he was an active member on the department he attended many state sponsored fire schools held all over the state of Indiana.

Tim received certification in Arson investigation as well as Fire Ground Tactics. He was very involved with preplanning effort of all downtown business. The department would use these plans if a fire occurred in any of these buildings. Many details about the building structure, content, and use would be available for firefighters to use.

He also served as an active member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Meetings are held at local fire departments and members share ideas and training. State and national issues were often discussed and action taken to promote the association's goals. He served as a chairman of our district for four years.

Offices that Tim held on the department include Board of Director, Fire Ground Lieutenant and Safety Officer.

Having served his department and community as a firefighter for

more than 26 years, he decided to retire, leaving his brother behind to serve on the department. As his father was before himself served for many years on the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department.

The knowledge and skills that he has learned he will take with him and use them all his life.



Tim Reed was honored for his dedication on the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department for 26 years. He is shown holding his Gold retirement fire axe.

(Photo submitted by Lowell VFD.)

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# From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

## Officer's meeting

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with non-member departments to gain their membership. His next meeting will be Feb. 19, 2002 at Benton Twp.

District 18: Charlie Parker held meeting at Ferdinand Fire Dept. on Nov. 15, 2001 with 19 departments, 83 members and seven guests. His next meeting will be March 21, 2002 at Ireland Fire Dept.

District 19: Ed Scheele had meeting at Milan Fire Dept. Nov. 15, 2001 with 13 departments and 32

members present. This was their Miss Flame judging. His next meeting was Jan. 24, 2002 at Aurora Fire Dept. with 15 departments, 64 members and five guests. The next meeting is March 28, 2002 at Laurel Fire Dept.

District 21: Don Fultz had meeting Jan. 28, 2002 at Stockwell Fire Dept. with six departments and 12 members present. His next meeting will be at Battleground on April 29, 2002.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PSTI - Ivan Nevil reported on the events that are upcoming including two grant writing classes, one at Lafayette and one at Terre Haute. The Fire Chief Orientations will be held March 19 at St. Meinrad, March 23 at Decatur and April 6 at Attica. The Fire Survey is complete with over 50% return. The results are still digested.

New rules for Firefighter Certification went into effect Jan. 7, 2002. Several new areas were added including: 1. Driver/Operator Pumper; 2. Driver Operator Aerial; 3. Water Tender and; 4. ARF Wildland Firefighter. State has dropped Basic Emergency Response Technician, an Indiana program only. The Board adopted NFPA 1006 to cover this program. There are seven or 8 levels of certification. You can certify at each level rather than having to complete the entire program for certification. Also, Meth lab classes and Counter Terrorism classes are still available from Fire Marshal's Office.

President Kerney recessed the

meeting until 8:30 Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2002

The President called the meeting back to order and called on Chaplain Baker for the morning message.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Convention: David Israel - Update Convention Responsibility Book that is to be passed on to each convention committee. Need repayment of startup money and year end convention report.

Executive: Jack Kerney - Talked about ways to increase income without raising dues. Marketing our Log wears through the Association; District 18 IVFA patches and District 11-B IVFA memorial flags are to be grandfathered. Much discussion on this undertaking. Referred to Board action.

Budget: Pass.

Insurance: Pass.

Bridgeport: Carl Bruns - Have to meet Friday, May 3, 2002 not later than 8:00 P.M. to grade scholarship applications. Get dues in on time for death benefits; if dues are late benefits are denied for that year. Must establish separate guide for both the scholarship and death benefit.

Editor Assistant: Buz Koehler - Newspaper will be 40 pages this time. Discussion on need to go to more pages. After some discussion a motion was offered by past president Jim Parker to allow the editor's assistance committee to determine the number of pages needed for the paper. A second was made by

Chaplain Charlie Baker. Motion passed by voice vote.

Ad Taker: Mitch Parish - Two outstanding bills at this time totaling \$600. Thinks they will be paid soon.

Audit: Jack Zeeks - Pass.

Clothing: Jim Bradford - Need to make copies of the front page of the forms as the chemicals are drying out making the other copies very bad. Advise Chiefs that the completed form goes to the District Chairman.

Awards: Buz Koehler - Will meet on Saturday morning, May 4, 2002. Midwest Award names are due today.

Fire School: Pass.

Legislative: Charlie Baker - Nothing unless someone has question about Lobbyist report yesterday.

Mr. IVFA: Mitch Parish - He has a few letters.

By Law & SOG: Jim Parker - 2nd reading of Insurance change by Board. Also the change to the Mr. IVFA Committee.

Membership: Steve Anderson - Needs list of 25 Year Pin recipients by district and department so he can compile a list for tracking.

Public Education: Buz Koehler - Pass.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Mitch Parish - Not much action at this time. NIOSH looking into Tanker rollovers. Trying to find out what happened - not to lay blame on anyone.

PSTI: Buz Koehler - Ivan pretty much said it all. Pass.

Board of Firefighting Standards

& Education: Jack Kerney - Pass. 25 Year Pins: Roy Richardson - 2613 pins given out.

Fire Service Institute: Mitch Parish - Dinner is Feb. 4, 2002 with Rep. Mike Pence as the main speaker.

OLD BUSINESS: Convention 2002 - Steve Anderson - Credit card machine not working at this time. When they start processing registrations if your expiration date has passed since you registered they will need expiration date to process your registration. Schedule about the same as past conventions. Any off site events transportation will be provided. Deadline for Convention Book is April 1, 2002.

NEW BUSINESS: Renewed contract with Bingham McHale as our Lobbyist and also for any legal matters we need.

A letter from Captain Jeff Joslin of the Elkhart Fire Department about a fund raiser for the children of the FDNY victim was read by Secretary Bartlow. This letter was asking for our support of this event. The request requires Board action.

Patty Miller, the Miss Flame chairperson, reminded us the deadline for the Miss Flame was March 10, 2002.

The 14th National Fire and Emergency Dinner and Seminar is April 18, 2002. Referred to Board action.

Being no more new business a motion by past president Jim Parker, we adjourn to the Board meeting was made and the second was by past president Richard Glant. Motion passed by voice vote.

### IVFA BOARD MEETING February 3, 2002

Board Chairman Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Don Kissinger, District 5, offered a motion to approve them as printed. Seconded by Mike Mackin, PRNE, and passed by voice vote.

By-law & SOG change second reading on Article 15 Section 12-13-14 reference to the change of Insurance carrier from T.R. Downey

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## I.V.F. A. Convention 2002 Registration Form

Downtown Evansville at the EXECUTIVE INN June 12 - 15

Pre-registration Fee: \$45.00 per person excluding drink tag. (deadline is June 1, 2002)

Late Registration and On - Site Registration: \$50.00 per person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print as you want it on your badge)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ IVFA District: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department / Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending (age 12 and under): \_\_\_\_\_ (over age 12): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Type	Yours	Spouse / Guest	Title
State Officer	_____	_____	_____
Auxiliary Officer	_____	_____	_____
District Chairperson	_____	_____	_____
IVFA Member	_____	_____	_____
IVFA Aux. Member	_____	_____	_____
Guest	_____	_____	_____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ registrations.  
( Make check payable to Convention 2002 )

To register by credit card, circle type of card Mastercard or Visa Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* For e-mail confirmation of receipt of this form, please list your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND REMITTANCE TO: Convention 2002- Registrations  
1526 Reiter Drive  
Evansville, IN 47712-3929

For Information please call Steve or Tom at (812) 425 - 0727

### CONVENTION 2002 HOTEL INFORMATION

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS: EXECUTIVE INN EVANSVILLE, 600 Walnut St. Evansville, IN 47708

For Reservations Call 1 - 877 - 424 - 0888

Fax: 812 - 426 - 2320

## Woman Dies In Switz City Fire

21 Year Old Found In Living Room of Guttred House

According to the Indiana State Police Bloomington Post, Christina Cook, 21, was pronounced dead after being transported to Greene County General Hospital.

Bruce Porter, Switz City Fire Chief said Cook, her foster father, Gordon Serach and two boys were at home when the fire allegedly started in the kitchen.

The two juveniles, students in the WRV Elementary School system, were taken to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis where they are being treated for smoke inhalation.

Serach was taken to Greene County General Hospital where he was treated and released for smoke inhalation and cuts to his hands and feet.

Porter said that Christina Cook was found in the living room area of the home, located across the highway from WRV High School.

The fire was contained to the kitchen area of the home, Porter added, although the rest of the home sustained severe heat and smoke damage.

The State Fire Marshal Rick Constable had been on the scene early this morning, but did not have a ruling yet on the cause of the fire.

After learning that there may be someone inside of the residence, ISP Trooper Kent Winstead, while assisting the Switz City volunteer fire department, broke the window to Cook's bedroom with his baton in an effort to save her.

After indicating that black smoke

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## Officer's meeting ...

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Agency to Jones and Associates. A motion to accept the change by Don Cushman, PREC and a second by Larry Petro, District 8B. The motion passed by voice vote.

A change to the SOG for the Mr. IVFA Award was to change Committee from the last three recipients to the last five recipients. A motion was made by Jim Zeeks, District 17B and a second by Randy Denton, District 9B to accept the change. Motion passed by voice vote.

Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush has request for 500 envelopes, 500 clothing insurance forms and a case of letterhead paper. A motion by Jim Zeeks, District 17B that we purchase these items and a second by Bill Pape, District 8A. Motion passed.

The purchase of marketable IVFA merchandise with a startup minimum of \$2000 and a maximum of \$5000. The motion was made by Tim Sandy, District 3 and the second was by Jon Randle, District 9A. Motion passed.

A motion by past president Jim Parker to send 10 people to the Congressional Fire Institute Dinner in Washington, D.C. and seconded by Don Cushman, PREC. Motion passed. Those going are Jack Kerney, Ron Bell, Diana Harrison, Tim Sandy, Tim Martin, Ed Scheele, Jack McFarland, Jim Zeeks, Jon Randle, and Bill Pape. Alternates are: Mike Mackin, Mitch Parish and John Ross.

A motion to not purchase a new IVFA was made by Bill Bush, Sgt.-At-Arms, and a second was offered by Jim Bradford, PRNW. The motion passed.

A motion to purchase American flag was made by Ron Bell, PRSW and seconded by Larry Petro, District 8B. Motion passed.

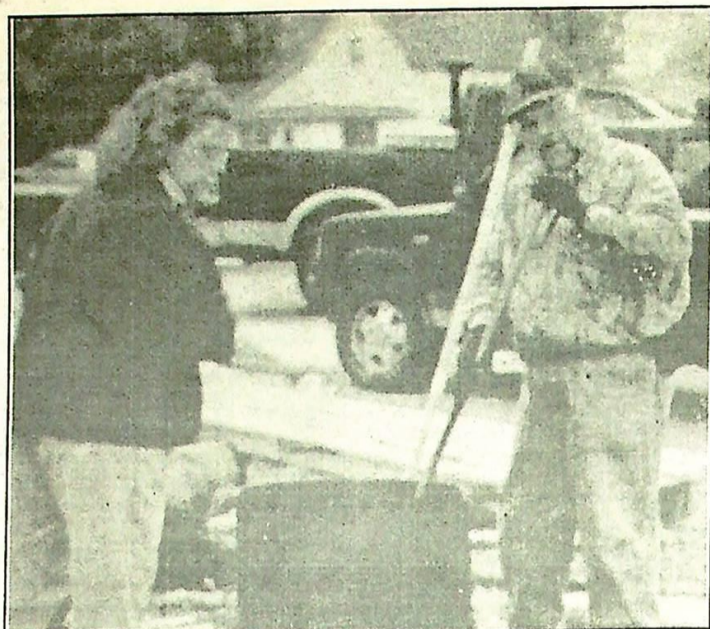
Guidelines for requests for the large size IVFA decals was presented: A member department requesting a large decal for a Safety Trailer or E.D.I.T.H. house must submit a letter to the district chairman who verifies it and sends the request with his approval to the Central Office. Central Office verifies department is a paid member and forwards the information to the Logo Committee for tracking. A copy of all request letters to be kept in the Central Office for record. A motion that we accept this guideline was offered by Jon Randle, District 9A and seconded by John Ross, District 12. Motion passed by show of hands.

A motion was made by Charlie Parker, District 18 that the Sgt.-At-Arms keep the large logo. The second was by Don Fultz, District 21. The motion passed.

Being no more business the Chairman would accept a motion to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Baker. The motion was made by Richard Glant, past president and the second was by Don Kissinger, District 5. Motion passed.

## Indiana Fire & Arson Conference August 2002

# Monroe Fire & Rescue Ladies' Auxiliary Raises Money For NYFD Widow Fund



On October 13, 2001, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Monroe Fire & Rescue held a bake sale and lunch at the fire department in Monroe, Indiana (Adams Co.).

The bake sale/lunch raised \$1,600 and the funds from the sale were sent to the NYFD Widow Fund.

It was a great day. The men prepared brats, hot dogs and sandwiches and the rural department made caramel popcorn over an open fire next to the Station.

God bless all the firemen and their families. We are so lucky to reach over and kiss or hold hands with our firemen.



(Article and photos submitted by Margie Teboe, Monroe Fire & Rescue Ladies Auxiliary)

## PR Ron Bell... Lincoln Township Firefighters Recognized

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to the snowy weather conditions. If any departments have not taken part in this, be sure and contact Brenda and she will make plans to get with you.

I was honored to give firefighter Jerry Beck, Fireman of the Year Award from the Elnora/Elmore Volunteer Fire Department.

Attended District 17A's meeting and sausage supper at Vincennes. Was wonderful to see Jack and Bev in attendance.

District 17A held their 2002 Miss Flame run-off at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department station at Odon and again this year there were three lovely ladies in the running to represent District 17A.

Miss Deanna Chestnut of Richland/Taylor Fire Department was named to represent District 17A at the 2002 IVFA convention in June at Evansville.

Our area firefighters have been taking part in becoming First Responders. There were 15 from Elnora/Elmore Twp., 12 from Odon and Madison Twp., four from Plainville and four from Cannelburg.

Attended Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Department's open house in celebrating the new equipment and building.

Attended District 18's meeting at Ireland Sportsman Club at Ireland.

March 23rd was District 17A's meeting at Union Vol. Fire Department. Guest speaker presented a presentation on Ground Zero.

I also attended Evansville 2002 Convention meeting and 2003 Convention meetings.

I have attended five memorial services since last year's convention in June.

Air Evac Lifeteam was at the Cannelburg pancake breakfast fund raiser. The copter could not land until later after the fog cleared. Also, Air Evac Lifeteam was at Elnora/Elmore Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. at the Daviess County fairgrounds.

Well, take care and be safe. See you all at the convention.

PRSW Ron Bell

The International Fire Services Accreditation Congress recently certified eight members of the Lincoln Township Fire Department.

While this may not seem like a large number, the majority were certified in more than one category.

Every member of the District #3 department with three years or more of service is now certified through IFSAC.

The eight were all certified as Firefighter I/II and some were certified in such areas as Fire Officer, Instructor, Inspector and Investigator.

Chief David Kaufman is proud of his department's commitment to training. It is with determination and dedication to their community that these certifications were achieved.

Submitted by Assistant Chief Jeff Wiatrowski

## ATF Will Offer Prosecutor's Course

ATF Agent Mike Vergnon announced at the Indiana Arson and Crime Association annual meeting held in Indianapolis that he has received word that ATF will be hosting the ATF Prosecutor Course in June 2002. The tentative dates for this three day course are June 17-20, 2002. Encourage your prosecutor to attend this class! Contact Mike Vergnon at 317-226-7464 for more information. SS

## Firefighters

With a flash of light and a sound of sirens, the firefighters are on a call again.

Whether it is 3:00 in the afternoon or 3:00 in the early morning, they are out there without a warning.

Putting out fires and saving lives is how they survive this profession they call their duty.

Next time you see a firefighter, shake their hand and say "thanks", for you never know when your home or your loved one may need saved.

To all of the firefighters around the world - keep doing what you are doing.

We are all proud of you, the job you do and your brave warm hearts.

Written by Andrea Gene Delp on September 15, 2001.

Dedicated to the Danville Fire Department and especially to Unit 12, my Dad, David Allen Cline.

### CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

- Men's Waterball
- Men's Cart Race
- Hose Replacement
- Women's Waterball
- Women's Cart Race

Our Fire Department will have a team(s) to compete in contest(s) as checked above.

Contest to be held Saturday, June 15, 2002, at Evansville, Indiana.

An Entry Fee of \$15.00 is required for each team entered in each contest.

Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

- All Contest Entry Blanks should be postmarked on or before June 1, 2002
- All Departments that plan to enter team(s) should complete entry blanks for each team.
- Please include check or money order made out to: IVFA GAMES.
- Please mail Entry Blanks, along with check or money order, to:

Al Mendel  
6608 East County Road 151 North  
Avon, IN 46123  
(317) 272-7932

Please bring your own raingear for each event. Trophies will be given for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, after the opening meeting.

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

# AUGUST 10, 2002 DEADLINE IS JULY 10, 2002

# Otwell Dedicating Park To Fallen EMT

Wednesday, February 6, 2002  
By AMY ERICKSON  
Herald Staff Writer

OTWELL - The Jefferson Township Fire Department is honoring one of its own by dedicating a park in his name.

Bradley S. Maxwell, 22, of Otwell, a Pike County emergency medical technician and firefighter, was shot to death last April. The fire department along with Maxwell's family and friends are working together to remodel the playground area east of the fire department.

"I thought it would be nice to develop the playground, because Brad loved kids," said Anita Maxwell, Brad's mother. "I approached the guys (at the fire department) with the idea, and they all seemed to think it was a good idea."

The renovations started last May, a month after Maxwell was killed. At the time of his death, a memorial fund in his name was set up to collect money for the park.

"When we started working on it, a lot of members chipped in," Anita said. "A lot of different businesses donated or gave us the equipment."

Flowers were planted around the flag pole, where a memorial donated by Bradley grandparents, Charles Jr. and the late Kathleen Maxwell, sits.

The memorial bears Bradley Maxwell's name and the words, "In honor of his devotion to the community and county and his love and compassion for children. To him it wasn't a job, but a way of life."

Along with erecting the memorial and landscaping the park, firefighters also spent hours repairing the existing playground equipment, including the swingset, merry-go-round and slide.

The existing playground equipment has been in its spot for more than 20 years, since the old school sat there, said Dave Sorgius, assistant fire chief.

"We are going to try and use

what we can from the existing equipment," Sorgius said. "You would be surprised by how much this equipment is used. We would like to put some swings in because the ones that are here aren't much good."

Firefighter Mike Hadley said the firefighters put in a lot of time getting the playground ready for Otwell's Fourth of July celebration, during which the park was dedicated.

"A week before the Fourth of July we were down here practically every night working until dark," Hadley said.

In addition to the memorial and the existing playground equipment, about \$10,000 will be spent to purchase more playground equipment and three benches made of recycled milk jugs, Anita said.

The red, blue and yellow "play system" includes two slides, a bridge and a fireman's pole, and is made of 10,412 recycled milk jugs. The three benches are made of 1,260 milk jugs each.

The Maxwells have collected more than \$6,000 on their own to pay for renovations along with obtaining a \$5,000 grant, Anita said.

The grant comes through the Indiana Department of Commerce's Energy Policy Division in the form of a Recycled Product Purchasing Grant.

Requirements of receiving the grant mandate that a sign describing the recycled playground equipment and the advantages of recycling be erected.

"It's a learning experience for the kids in the county that it is important to recycle," Anita said.

The recycled equipment resists rot, graffiti and fading and comes with a lifetime warranty on the paint. The equipment is made for about 25 to 30 children ages 2 to 6, and is handicapped accessible.

Anita said she thought recycled playground equipment would be

easier to take care of than the wooden or plastic equipment that come in kits and requires assembly.

"I thought it would be really nice for the guys (firefighters), because they don't have much time to keep it up," Anita said. "Something similar was going to cost us as much or more."

The Maxwells hope to keep adding to the park as money is available.

"It's not stopping here," said Eugene Maxwell, Brad's father. "The more equipment we have, the more use it gets."

Anita added that she had already found a fire truck on a spring for kids to ride that she wants to purchase in honor of the fire department.

Sorgius said the department was pleased with the Maxwells' decision to develop the park.

"There is nothing more fitting in my eyes. He (Brad) loved to play with kids," Sorgius said. "He was a big kid, but he was the first one there to fight a fire, and the last one to leave."

The Maxwells and Sorgius said continuing to add to the park won't be a problem because of the support provided by the Otwell community and beyond.

"With this community and the people, we know if we need work done it will be done," Sorgius said.

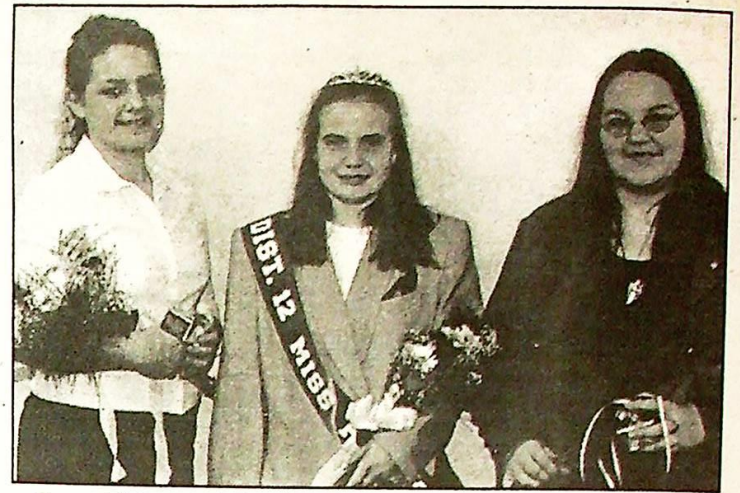
Brianna Smith, Brad's 8-year-old niece, said she can't wait for the park to be completed.

"I think it's going to be cool when we get finished with it," Brianna said. "I think Brad would like it because he liked to play with me."

Anyone interested contributing can send donations to the "Playground Fund" c/o the Jefferson Township Fire Department, P.O. Box 128, Otwell, IN 47564.

(The above article courtesy of The Herald)

# Jaclyn Joseph Miss Flame Contestant



Congratulations to Jaclyn Joseph, representing the Lizton Fire Department (pictured center) on being named as one of two Miss Flames representing District 12 at the state convention this year.

Runner-up, Candie Banks (pictured left) represented A & A Township Fire Department and contestant Samantha Burnett (pictured right) represented Decatur Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by John Ross, District 12 Chairman)

# Fires Destroy Jackson County Homes

The Jackson County Banner Thursday, January 31, 2002

Fires on Sunday, January 27 left one family homeless and destroyed two homes in separate incidences.

Carr Township Fire Department responded at 11:24 a.m. to the Michael and Cody McVay resident at 9086 W Co. Rd. 125 S near Medora. The mobile home was completely destroyed with no dollar estimate available. Dennis Smith with the Carr Twp. FD said that the fire started in the kitchen and was determined to be electrical in nature. No one was home when the fire started.

Owen Township Fire Department, Medora Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, and Jackson County Ambulance assisted Carr Township at the scene.

Pershing Township Fire Department responded at 9:57 p.m. to a residence fire at 11322 N Co. Rd. 400 W.

Pershing Fire Chief Rick Blaker, Sr. said that the single story home, described as a weekend residence, belonged to Maxine Lawson of

Seymour. The house was fully engulfed on their arrival with the roof already collapsed.

Chief Blaker said, "At this time the cause of the fire is unknown and still under investigation." When asked about the report of explosions being heard at the fire, he said that he had not talked to the initial caller yet but there is no evidence of a large explosion in the residence. Blaker said, "The noise the caller heard could have been either the windows blowing out or aerosol cans inside the residence going off." No dollar estimate was known at this time.

The fire took two hours to control and departments were still on the scene until nearly 2 a.m. Owen Township, Hamilton Township, and Southwest (Bartholomew County) Fire Departments, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Jackson County Ambulance and the American Red Cross assisted Pershing at the scene.

(The above article courtesy of The Jackson County Banner, Brownstown, Indiana).

## DISTRICT 9B

District 9B has had a busy winter.

On January 10th, we met at the Fowler Volunteer Fire Department with 34 firefighters and a total of 96 alarms from ten departments. A presentation on fire investigations was given by firefighter Matt Rosenbarger before the meeting. Topics discussed during the meeting were the proposed Blue Light Law changes, FEMA grants, the fire caucus dinner and a permit, which allows burning of vehicles for training.

After the meeting chairman Randy Denton presented four 25 year pins to firefighters of Fowler VFD. Those presented with pins were William Burton (28 years), David Guthridge (29 years), William Leburg (39 years), and William Rosenbarger (38 years).

On March 14th we met at the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department with 34 firefighters and a total of 134 alarms from ten departments. Training on water tower rescue was presented by one of the newest firefighters from the department. We were advised that the person who was to make a presentation had cancelled at the last minute and this firefighter was recruited to make a presentation.

A video was shown and he narrated the tape as to the details of the rescue from a water tower in their town. He gave a great presentation and much was learned by everyone.

Emily Lyons of Rensselaer is our Miss Flame contestant for the convention this year. Chairman Denton presented her with her ribbon and

it was voted to present her with a check for \$100 to help offset expenses at the convention.

Topics discussed at the meeting were that the Blue Light Law passed. The changes were discussed. The quality of the newspaper was also discussed and all members felt that the newspaper is better.

## Switz City Fire ...

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was pouring out of the bedroom window, Winstead said a second window was broken in another attempt to try and locate Cook.

Trooper Winstead was examined and released from Greene County General Hospital for smoke inhalation.

Assisting the Switz City volunteer fire department were members of the Richland/Taylor volunteer fire department, Indiana State Police, Bloomfield volunteer fire department and the Linton fire department.

(Article submitted by Ron Bell)

## Convention Is June 12-13-14-15 In Evansville

After the host department was introduced, the chief gave a brief presentation on the new addition to their firehouse.

Rensselaer VFD advised that they are having a fund raising breakfast on May 5th. Also that Morocco VFD will be host at an open house for their new fire station on May 26 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

# New Truck Delivered To Pershing Firefighters

The Jackson County Banner Thursday, June 28, 2001

Firefighters at Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department have been spending a lot of time at the fire house lately. The attraction is a brand new firefighting rig recently delivered to Freetown.

The truck is a tanker-pumper unit built on an International chassis and armed with a 2,000 gallon tank and 1,000 gallon per minute Waterous pump.

"I can't overestimate the value of this new truck to the safety of our community," said Fire Chief Richard L. Blaker, Sr. "This truck will eventually replace our aging 1977 Chevy tanker. Now it will take the lion's share of the pumping duty on all structure fires. Our primary pumper is a 1978 GMC pump. That truck also rolls on our medical/rescue calls so it has many, many hours on her engine, which is how we count the age of the apparatus."

"We are thrilled," said Fire Department President Joe McDermid. "Denver Edwards and I went to

Danko Emergency Equipment Company in Snyder, Neb. to pick up the truck. We drove it back and were well pleased with the way she handled. This truck will be of immeasurable service for years to come."

The department continues efforts to up grade equipment by actively seeking funding through grant programs both state and federal. "We have engaged a grant writer to help us jump over the hurdles of the grant process," McDermid stated. "We keep in close touch with our state legislators to be aware of any opportunities for funding that may come along."

"The days when fish fries could support the needs of even a small fire department are long gone," Blaker said. "When fire engines cost \$150,000 and up you don't buy them with bake sales. Not only do we have to think about the tankers and engines we also have to upgrade our firefighting equipment like hose, ladders, self contained breathing apparatus, and hand tools. To out-

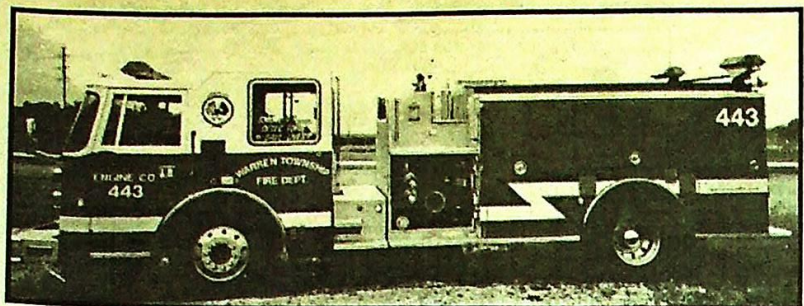
fit a firefighter now with approved protective clothing it will cost us about \$1,500 per person plus \$1,600 for each SCBA unit. Our only hope for the future will be grant moneys."

Funds to purchase the new truck came from a \$50,000 Build Indiana Fund Grant and monies from the Pershing Township Fire Protection District.

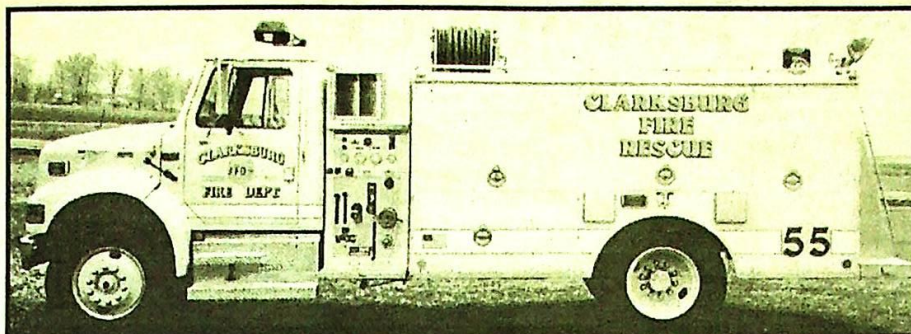
The new truck 92 was on public display during the department's June Jamboree Saturday, June 23.

(The above article courtesy of The Jackson County Banner, Brownstown, Indiana).

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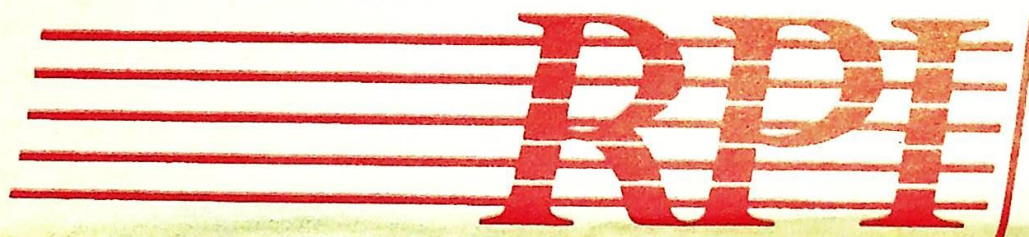
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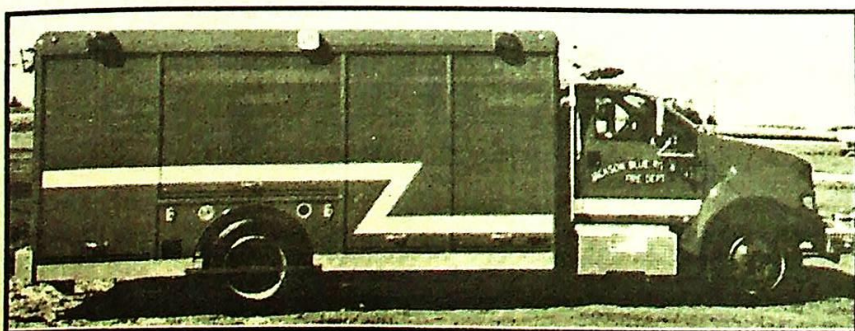
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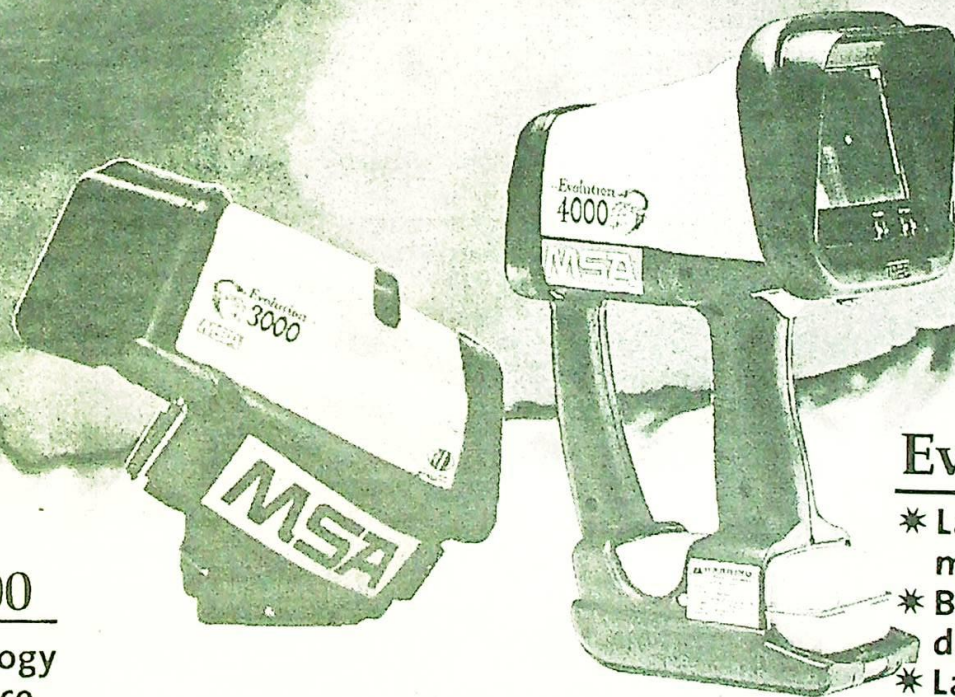
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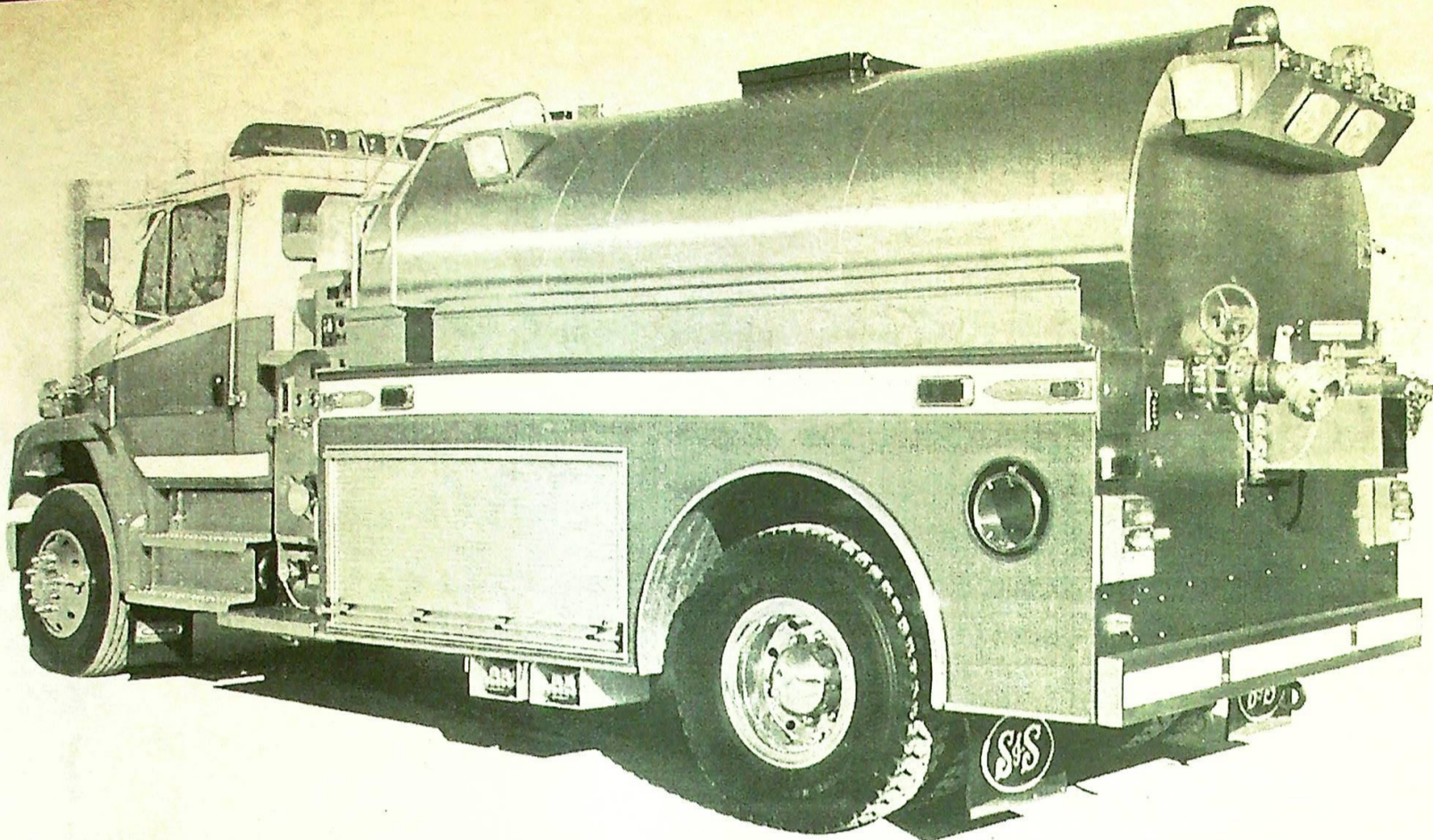
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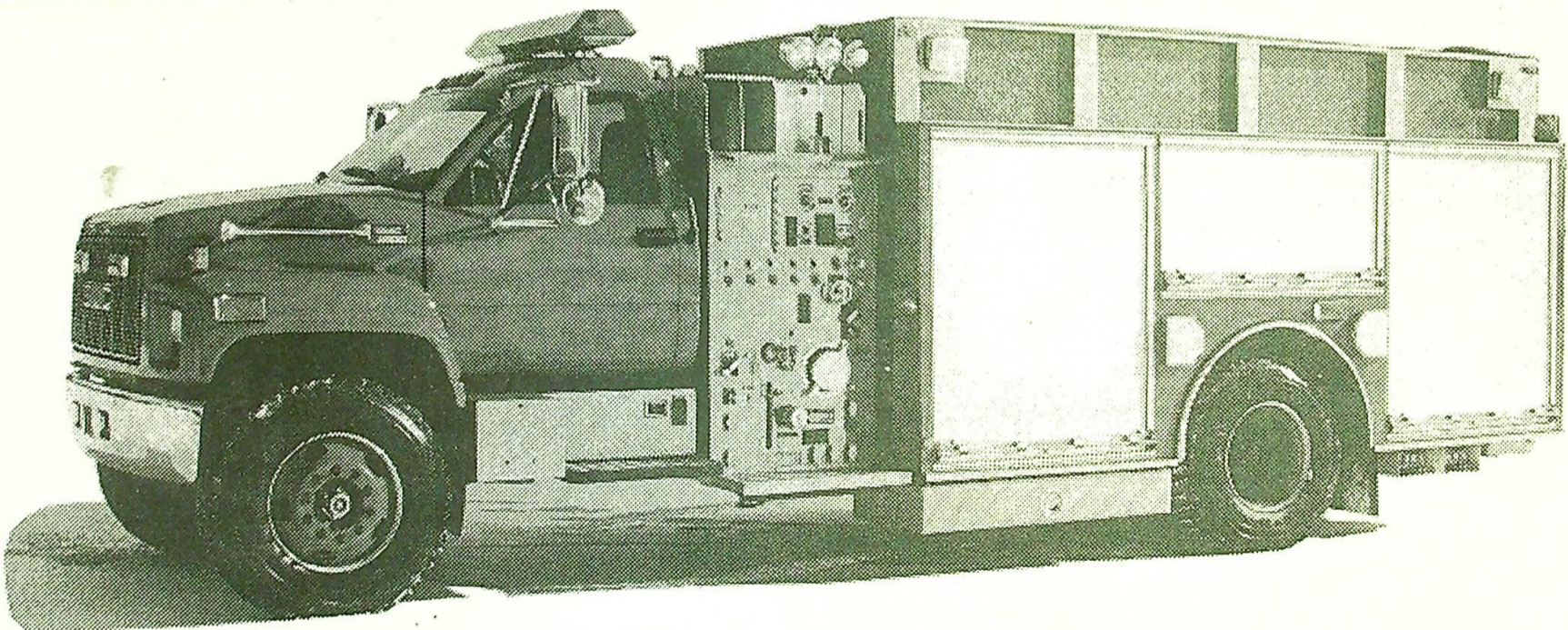
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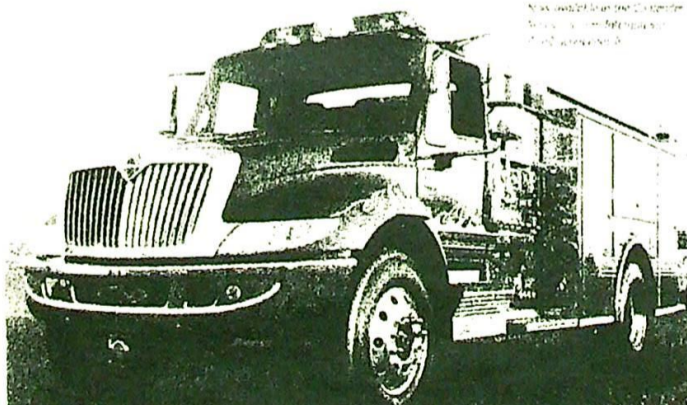
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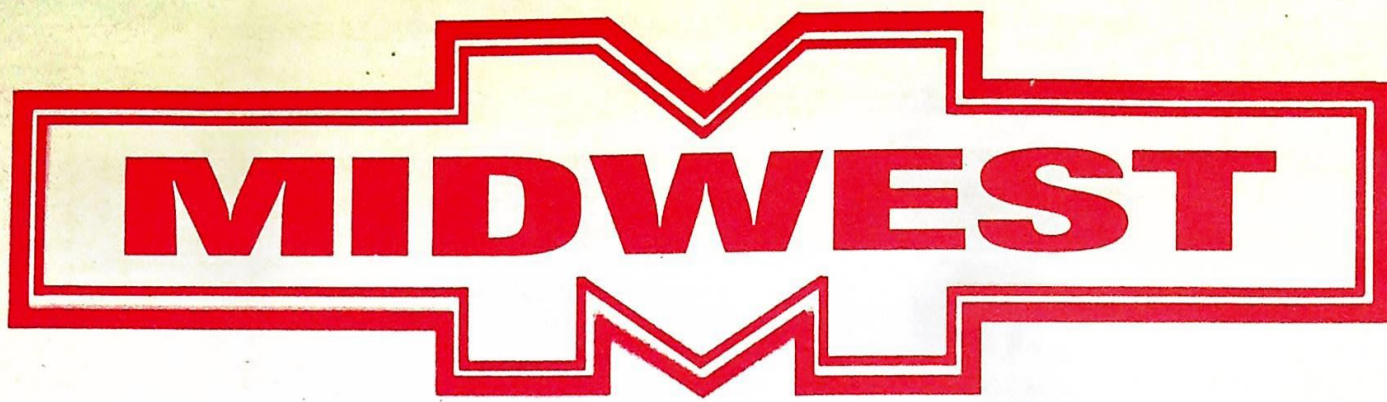


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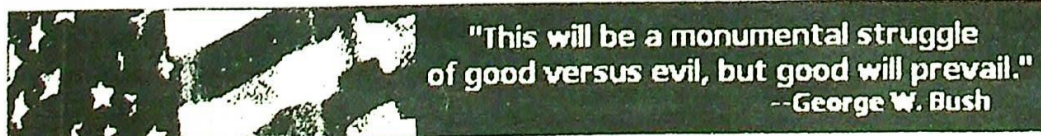
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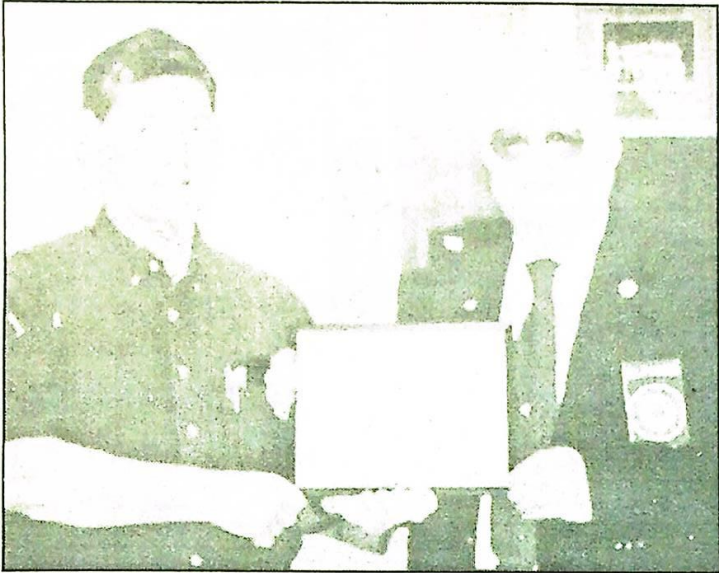
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# Awarded Certificate of Appreciation For Service



Roy E. Richardson (right), District 14 IVFA Chairman, presented Al Williamson (left) with a certificate of appreciation from the IVFA for outstanding service.

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14 chairman)

# Public Relations Northwest



Jim Bradford

I hope every department applied for some of the 360 million dollars that was available through the FEMA grants. Again this year they were swamped with requests for money.

House Bill 1208 was signed by the Governor on March 27. The major part of the bill was a complete re-write of the Blue Light Law. The other part of the bill removes liability from companies that donate fire equipment to departments. The IVFA will introduce bills again this year to help the fire service.

Convention will be here before we know it. Make your reservation now.

Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Please let me know about any fund raisers you have and I will try to attend as many as possible.

Jim Bradford  
PRNW

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Amanda McKenzie (left), District 14 Miss Flame for 2001, pins sash on her sister, Cindy McKenzie, District 14 Miss Flame for 2002.

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14 chairman)

## Fire Departments Buy CPR Training Equipment

CPR instructor Barry Lawhead of Elnora has been a certified instructor since 1979 for the American Heart Association and regularly insiructs fire departments, civic groups, First Responders, day care centers and others who want to learn life-saving techniques.

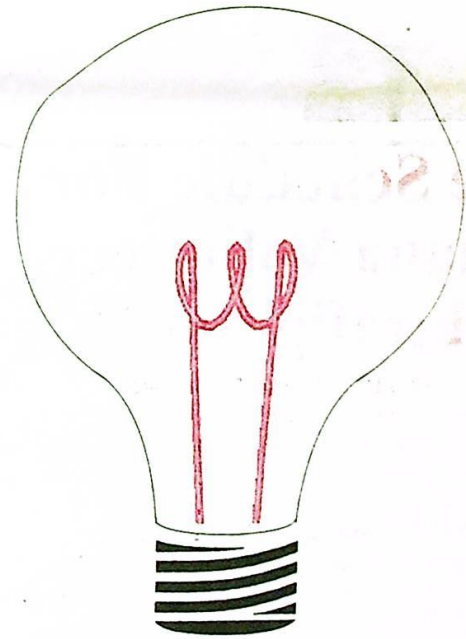
Mr. Lawhead had pointed out the need for specialized equipment and support was received from Madison Township, Odon Fire Department, and the Elnora Fire Department. The three fire departments donated \$150, each to purchase additional CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training equipment.

Barry said the equipment package includes a heart saver CPR tool kit, a video for teaching the lay responders, and a basic life support CPR tool kit for health care providers. Another item of importance

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### Fire Depts. Buy CPR ...

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which was also purchased was a lateral "AED" automated external defibrillator) trainer, a unit which is used in training on how to properly defibrillate (shock) a patient's heart following cardiac arrest. Lawhead has recently become an "AED" instructor and says the new teaching unit is a valuable tool that could save lives of adults, children and even infants.

With this equipment he can continue to help individuals of the North Daviess communities learn to save lives through the use of CPR.

(Article submitted by PRSW Ron Bell)

### Morgan Twp. Members Presented With 25 Year Pins



On January 28, PRNW Jim Bradford presented three charter members of the Morgan Township Volunteer Fire Department (Porter County) with their 25 year pins.

Pictured (left to right) are Bob Nicholson, Carl Schlundt and John Blastick. Charter member James Brown was unable to attend. Chief Carl Brust will present Jim with his pin. (Photo taken and submitted by Jim Bradford)

### Tweedy Selected Fireman of the Year for 2002



Karen Tweedy was selected Fireman of the Year 2002. She is a captain for Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department. She has put many hours in fighting fires, rescues and training.

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14 chairman)

### Who Finally Got His Pizza?



Richland/Taylor firefighter Ross Emery tried his best in June at the convention to order a pizza.

Everyone that Ross called could not take his order. He just had no luck of obtaining one.

So Ross was honored with a turkey pizza at the District 17A meeting and turkey BBQ at Odon/Madison Township volunteer fire department at Odon, IN.

He only had to wait five months.

Ross said actually the pizza was pretty tasty.

(Photo submitted by PR SW, Ron Bell)

### Building, Equipment Destroyed

A machinery storage building on the farm of Jim and Linda Malone, northeast of Odon, was destroyed by fire January 1, 2002.

The fire was noticed by a passing motorist.

Madison Township volunteer firefighters were dispatched along with all available equipment, and Elnora/Elmore with their tanker.

Also lost in the fire was an International 2-ton diesel truck, two farm tractors (one with less than 200 hours operating time), and an assortment of tools, including welders and related items.

The building was insulated and intense heat built up in the structure before the fire was discovered.

(Article submitted by Ron Bell)

### Williamson Presented Department Clock



Earl Gentry (right) of McCulloch Fire Department, presented Al Williamson with the department clock for outstanding service.

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14 chairman)

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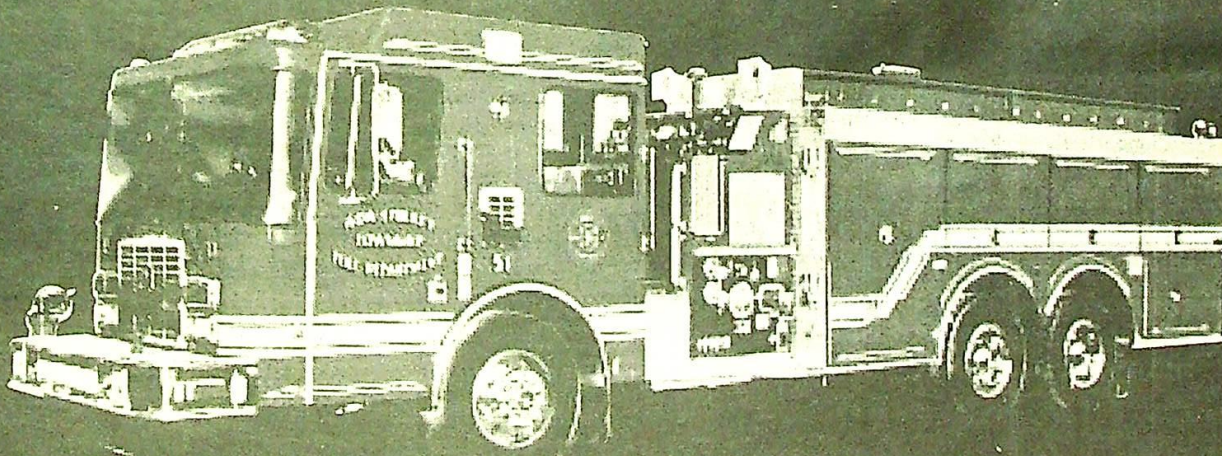
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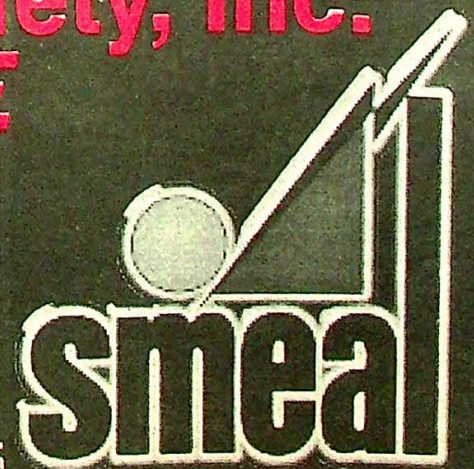


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**Diane Harrison**

Hello, firefighters, I have attended District 12 meeting at North Salem, District 21 at Stockwell, 11-B at Perrysville and 17A sausage supper at Vincennes. I was unable to attend 11-A district meeting due to be at a Grant Writing class at Duneland Fire School. This was an excellent class. As a volunteer fire department, grants can make it easier to get much needed equipment and easier on the fund-raiser end. Every department needs to send a representative to your district meetings. There is alot of information passed out at these meetings that would benefit your departments. The district chairmen are working very hard to bring in speakers and vendors that would interest you. So let's support their efforts. I was able to attend District 11-A Miss Flame dances. Good luck to both of those young ladies at convention. I have attended the Greene County Firefighter's Association meeting. The hard work of Perrysville firefighters and auxiliary paid off as we dedicated their new fire station. It is a very nice station. I have attended several fundraisers. If your department has an event coming up let me know and we will do our best to be there. Be safe out there. Diane Harrison West Central Public Relations

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## Harry Carpenter Presented Awards



John Fagg representing the State Fire Marshal, presented Harry Carpenter with the State Fire Marshal Award and the Governor's Service Medallion. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A Chairman)



## Red Hats of Courage Given To Heather Eckstein

District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland, presented Heather Eckstein a Red Hats of Courage figurine for her outstanding job as 2001 District 11-A Miss Flame. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A Chairman)

## Miss Flame Contestants Honored



District 11-A Miss Flame contestants and their parents, Ashly Bose, Jennifer Lingerfiser, Shannon Shidier and Heather Eckstein. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A Chairman)

## 25 Year Service Pin Awarded To Schuetz



Washington Township volunteer firefighter Wayne Schuetz received his 25 year fire service pin. Wayne also owns and runs the Southwest Medical Ambulance Service in Daviess County. Presenting the 25 year pin to Wayne Schuetz is PRSW Ron Bell. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, PRSW)

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Rolling Prairie, IN  
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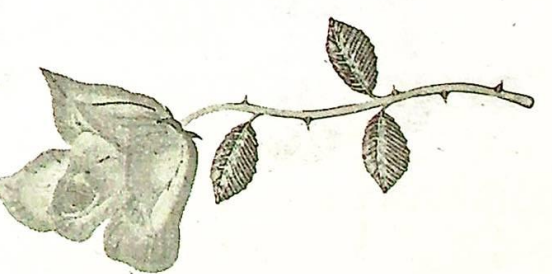
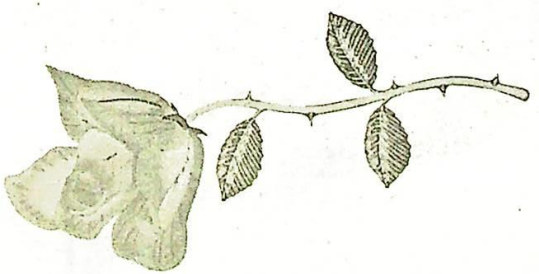
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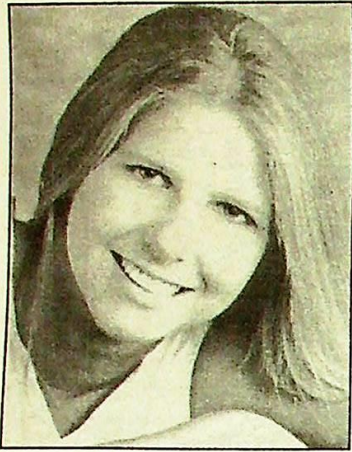


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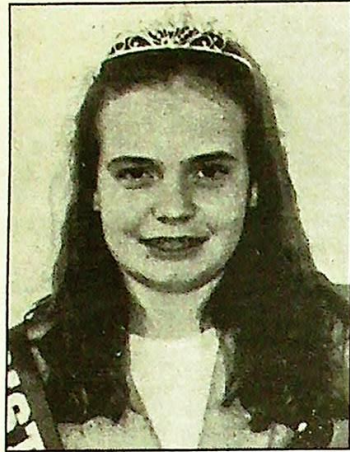


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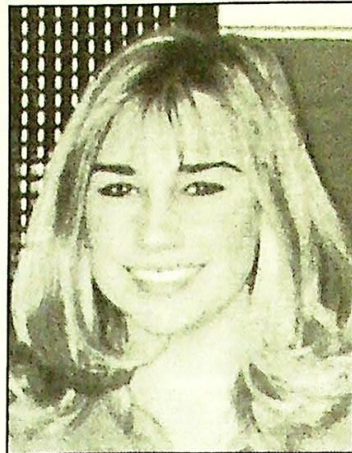
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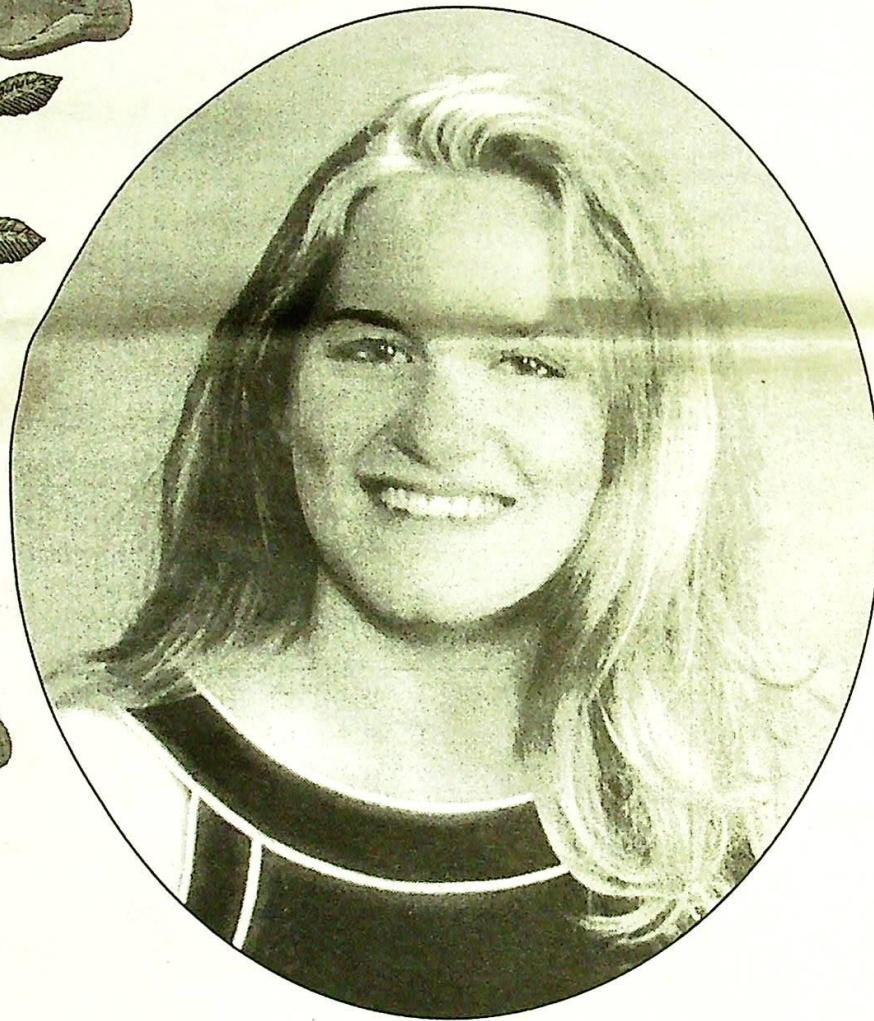
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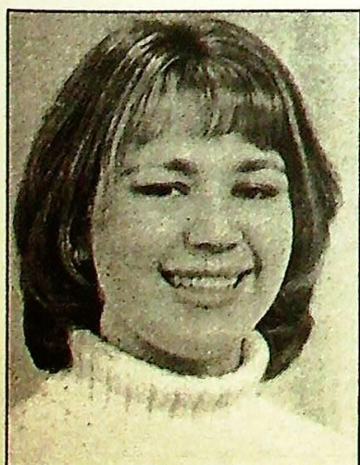


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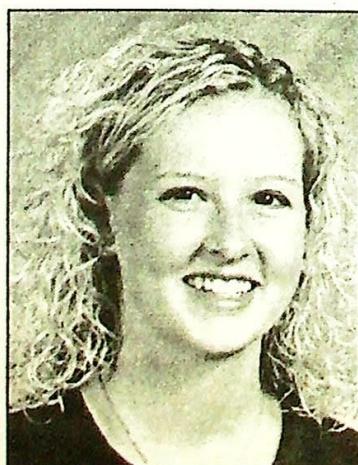


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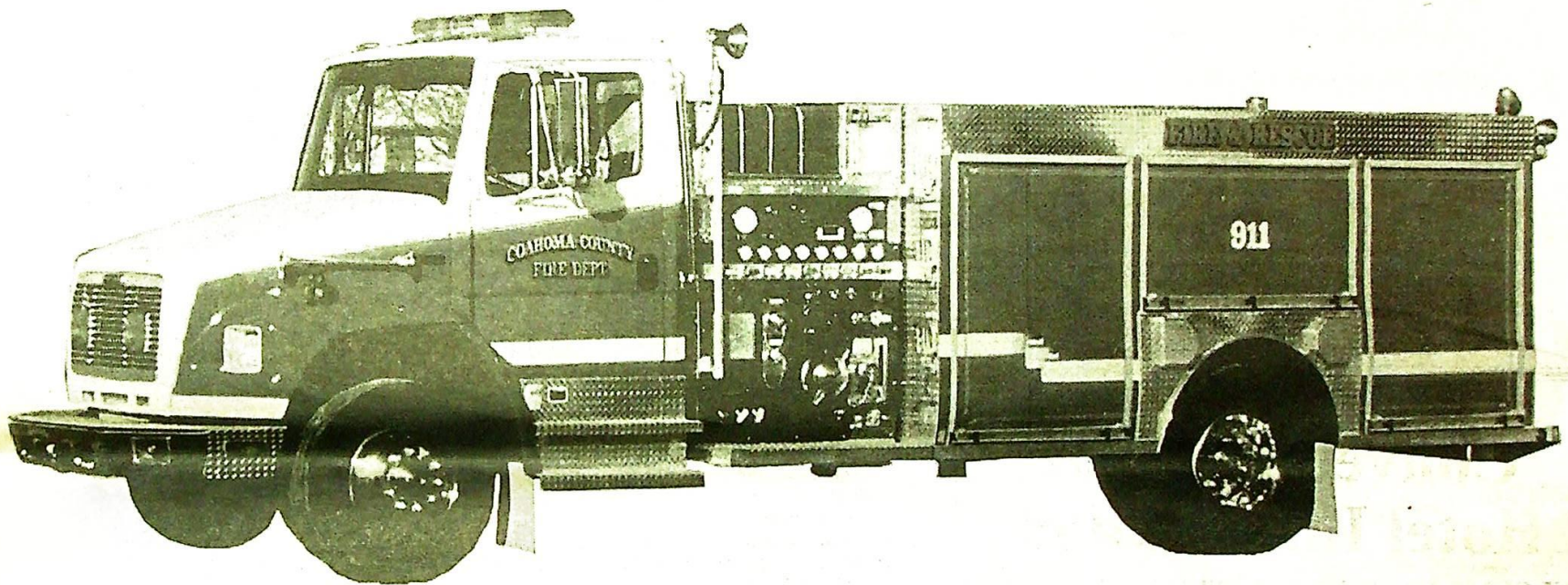
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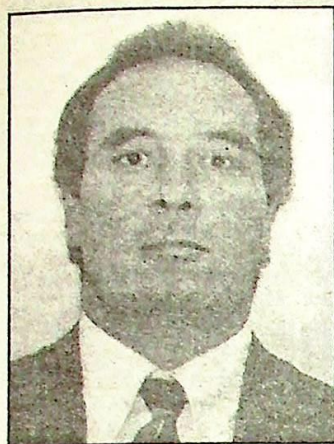
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# Hymera Firemen Earn 25 Year Pins



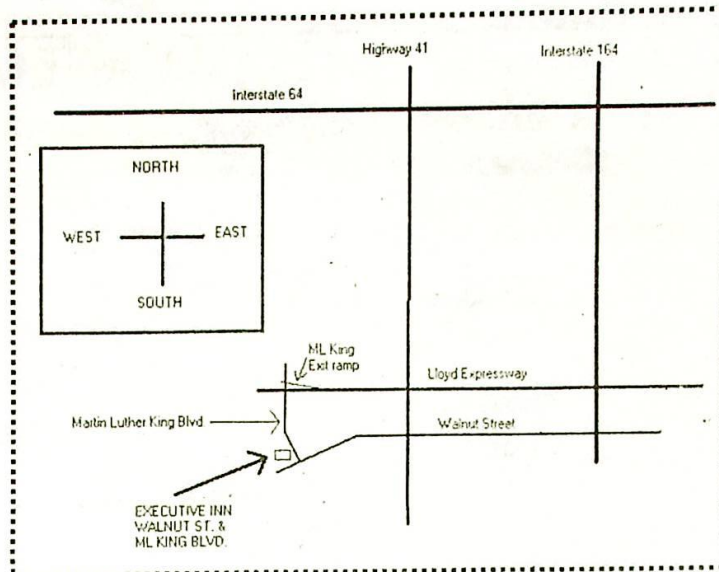
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Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman, presented 25 year pins to Hymera firefighters Don Wells, Carl McAnally, Harry Carpenter and Bob Samm (not pictured).

(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A Chairman)

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## Convention In Evansville

# Lafayette Township VFD Purchases Turnout Gear With Caesars Grant

Lafayette Township Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$10,000.00 Grant Award from Caesars Riverboat Casino Foundation to purchase personal protective gear for Department members.

The generous grant allowed the Department to purchase nine sets of Morning Pride Turnout Gear from Firehouse Safety Products.

Pictured in photo taken by Firefighter Myron Huth are (top row L to R) gear recipient FF/EMT Nicki Schaffer, Captain Cliff Keown, FF/EMT Jay Ising, recipient FF Ryan Alexander, recipient FF/EMT Charles Drescher. (Bottom) Asst. Chief Todd Schindler, gear recipient FF Wayne Hammer, recipient FF/EMT Justin Husband, and recipient FF Earl James. Not pictured are recipients FF Tony Schindler, Deputy Chief Terry Meek, and FF/FR Kari Meek. L.T.V.F.D. is extremely grateful for the support of



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## VFD To Build New Fire Station

Elnora/Elmore Township Volunteer Fire Department at Elnora,

IN are ready to begin construction on a new firehouse.

Plans are for a new 4-bay station have been refined and they have the money, thanks to a recent \$100,000 grant from the Build Indiana Fund.

They had submitted a request for 2.2 acres off the north side of the Elnora School, which will not be needed since the North Daviess Elementary built a new school.

Construction should begin soon as weather permits early this year, 2002.

Fire Chief Brian Wesner, presented the fire station plans to the Elnora Town Council during their meeting. He said plans were developed using other nearby stations as a guide, but noted that their station will be somewhat larger to provide space for a First Responder unit in the future.

(Article submitted by PRSW Ron Bell)

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### Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

# Brownstown Firefighter Faces Crisis

Brownstown volunteer firefighter Andy Lockman is usually in a crisis. He is normally among the first emergency workers to respond to the numerous fires, gas leaks, explosions, traffic accidents, and medical calls which occur in his southern Indiana hometown. He also has spent many hours on the fire line with U.S. Forest Service and Indiana Department of Natural Resources crews fighting wildland fires in Indiana and beyond.

Andy and his wife, Jan have served over 15 years as foster parents helping to rescue children from physical and emotional trauma.

They have adopted 15 children over the years, 10 of whom remain at home.

The crisis that Andy is now facing now may be the biggest of his life. In 2001 he lost his job and all benefits when Kieffer's Paper Mill ceased operations. When the company left town, the Lockmans discovered that the insurance had not paid \$31,000 in medical bills for surgery Jan had undergone. Andy was able to find employment but was diagnosed with a rare and potentially fatal brain tumor before he could qualify for insurance coverage. Andy was soon unable to work

and support his large family. With no insurance and no income the family didn't know where to turn. At the suggestion of physicians, Andy applied for Medicaid assistance to pay for his surgery. The cost of the operation and hospital stay would be insurmountable. Medicaid officials were not certain whether or not benefits would be extended to Lockman. Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and the surgeons agreed to perform the procedure without the assurance of Medicaid payment. Without surgery Andy would die within 18-24 months.

On March 27th Andy underwent a 5 1/2 hour surgery at Methodist. He has amazed his doctors with a rabid will to live and to return to a normal life. He faces many months of rehabilitation. Doctors are hopeful that he will have minimal permanent brain damage from the invasive tumor.

Still the Lockman family had no income and ten school aged children to support. Brownstown firefighter, Robert Stone, determined that something had to be done to help this couple who had done so much for others. He called a meeting of Andy's friends in early March. Thirty people rushed to answer the call for assistance. They represented five Jackson County fire departments, two law enforcement agencies, and many churches and civic groups. Soon a fund was established to obtain funds for utilities and mortgage payments as well as groceries and household needs. A grocery drive began immediately providing the family with food staples. One of the first donations to arrive came from Crothersville Vernon Volunteer Fire Department who sent Terry Gray to the organizational meeting with a check for \$250.00. A check for \$500.00 was pledged by Jackson County Sheriff's Posse representative Jim Byrge.

Several fund raisers have been planned for spring and summer by the group as well as by other groups across the area. "Our mail goal was to get the word out that the need existed," said Stone. "Andy is not one to ask for help so it was a while before we realized how critical this situation was. We hope to raise enough money to support them for a year or so until we can see if Andy will be able to return to work."

Stone and the group are contacting churches and fire departments across the state to ask for financial and moral support for Lockman. "It is important that Andy know his fellow firefighters are with him through this," Stone commented.

Donations, cards, and letters of support may be addressed to:

Brownstown Fire Department Help Fund  
414 S. Poplar St.  
Brownstown, IN 47220

Additional information may be obtained by contacting any Brownstown firefighter or by contacting:

Robert J. Stone  
453 S. Valley Drive  
Brownstown, IN 47220  
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## Indian Creek Members Honored For Service



Indian Creek Vol. Fire Department (Monroe County) members were recently honored for years of service. Pictured (left to right): Larry Hearth, assistant chief - 30 years; Jerry Hooten, chief; Jim Zeeks, IVFA and Raymond Phillips, lieutenant - 30 years.

(Photo submitted by Jim Zeeks)

## Station Clock Presented To Benton Twp. VFD



District 17B chairman, Jim Zeeks, presents a new station clock to Benton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (left to right) are Brian Crouch, Jim Zeeks and Ron Bell.

(Photo submitted by Jim Zeeks)

## Ferguson Named Pershing "Firefighter of the Year"

(Jackson Co. Banner, 116 E. Cross, Brownstown, IN 47220, 812-358-2111)

Captain Jaffrey Ferguson has been named Firefighter of the Year by Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department. The award was given at the department's annual

recognition dinner December 29.

Ferguson joined the all-volunteer department December 23, 1979, following his father, Bob, and brother, Brian, into the fire service. He is certified as a Master Firefighter in tactics and serves as Engineer and Pump Operator. He also serves as

director of the Freetown fireworks display.

"Jaff is a good friend, one of those guys you know you can count on in a tight spot," said Fire Department President Joe McDermid after the presentation.

Rookie firefighter Kaleb McKinney said of Ferguson, "I look up to Jaff's example as I learn to be the firefighter I've always wanted to be."

"This is an important achievement," said fire chief Richard Blaker. "This award is voted by the firefighters themselves as a tribute to a member who has given extra devotion during the year."

President McDermid presented a \$500 check to Pershing Township Trustee Bruce McKinney to be given to the Freetown Community Center building fund. McKinney thanked the group and gave a brief up-date on the grant process for the project.

Also addressing the audience was Jackson County Commissioner Jerry Fish, who expressed his appreciation for the firefighters contribution in the protection of the community.

Guests included firefighters, family members, ladies auxiliary members, friends, and members of the Fire Protection District Board.

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TURN-OUT GEAR DONNING



## Check Presented To Pershing Township VFD

Mike Rudolph, left, representing the Freetown Sesquicentennial Committee, presents a check for over \$2,000 to Joe McDermid, right, president of Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The funds were raised by the committee through the sale of the Freetown History book.

### Convention June 12-15

August 10  
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Practice  
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### Fountain City - New Garden Twp. FD Receive 25 Year Pins

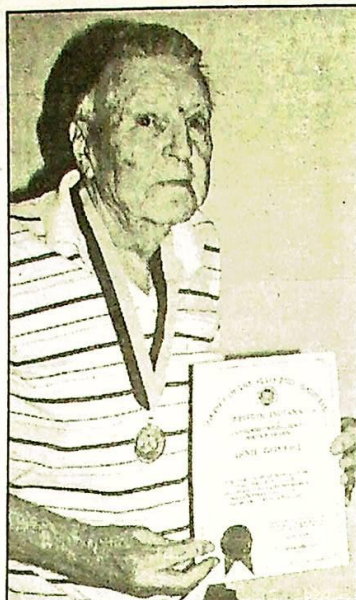


I.V.F.A. district chairman Dennis Spears presents 12 members of the Fountain City - New Garden fire department with 25 year pins.

Firefighters receiving pins were: Richard L. Berry, Ovid D. Brown, Thomas E. Delk, Thomas A. Fulton, Dave L. Himelick, Richard E. Lacey, Charles L. Limbrey, Robert E. McGuire, James L. Miller, Thomas E. Perry, William C. Watson, Francis J. Williams. Not all members were present.

(Photo submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman)

### Shelby Firemen Honored For Years of Service



The Shelby Volunteer Fire Department presented Arnie Govert and Art Morrison with awards for fifty years of service to the fire department. They were presented at a district meeting held at the Shelby Fire Department on May 16, 2001.

### Liberty Fire Dept. Members Receive 25 Year Pins



Five members of the Liberty Fire Department received their 25 year pins from I.V.F.A. District 13B chairman, Dennis Spears.

Firefighters receiving pins were: John D. Bertch, Jerry L. Kahl, Malcolm W. Keasling, Steven T. O'Toole, and Kenneth F. Alcorn.

(Photo submitted by Dennis Spears)

### White River Firemen Awarded 25 Year Pins



White River Volunteer Fire Department, Hamilton County members were recently awarded their 25 year pins for service in the fire service.

Pictured above (left to right) are Kenneth Hodson, Samuel Gibbons, and Phil Achenbach.

(Photo submitted by Bill Pape, District 8A Chairman)

### Practice . . . Practice . . . Practice . . .



Firemen involved in the First Responder training course are giving up evenings and weekends as they prepare for certification.

They recently held a session on use of the Jaws of Life unit, practicing extrication methods and care of injured during the process.

Jerry Beck and Ron Parsons, certified instructors, have been leading the program.

A large class of firefighters in the program are 15 from the Elnora and Elmore Township departments, 12 from Odon and Madison Township, four from the Plainville fire department and four from Cannelburg Vol.

Fire Department. Training for First Responders includes courses on splintering, treatment for fire and chemical burns, heart arrest patients, and similar situations.

Jerry Beck, a local emergency medical technician who is heading up the training classes, said, "It is a comprehensive program. The course is probably more advanced than the EMT courses I took 20 years ago."

Ron Parsons, who is also qualified as an emergency medical technician, is also an instructor.

The group recently participated

in a training session involving a mock helicopter evacuation in cooperation with an airvac lifteam from the Washington Airport. "It was a good experience for them," Beck said of the exercise. "They need the experience of actually preparing a patient and loading a helicopter. Responders learn to protect the victim as well as themselves. If they can't protect themselves when they enter an accident area, the situation becomes more intense."

Jerry said the goal is to establish a First Responder unit in the North Daviess area, with vehicles equipped with Jaws equipment, tools, ropes, ladders, etc. He said the unit will be paged out and may often be the first on the scene. They will be in constant contact with radios, he added, and can assess the situation and alert EMTs in advance of the equipment they will need at the scene.

The Elnora fire department is about to start construction on a new fire station and Chief Brian Wesner said it will be built large enough to house a First Responder unit. He said a First Responder unit would be invaluable in situations where a number of people are injured and EMTs need additional help at the scene. Jerry said the program prepares the men to deal with a variety of farm accidents, entrapment situations and extrications as well as important early treatment for full arrest victims.

The current courses are an important first step to developing a First Responder unit in this area.

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### IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

- District 2 Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001
  - District 6 Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001
  - District 18 Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001
  - District 21 Term - January 2000 to December 31, 2002
  - District 13-A Term - Jan. 2000 to December 31, 2002
- Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information

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# Practice ...

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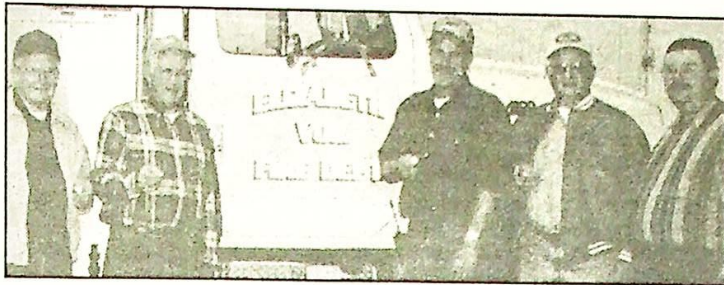
Plans involve a special-equipped truck stationed in the community, equipped with a wide variety of equipment that might be needed.

The men will need much more training and they will be required to recertify on a regular basis. They had their state final test a few weeks ago. It is an intense test, with practical and written segments, but everyone is expected to pass.

(Submitted by PRSW Ron Bell)

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# Firemen Receive 25 Year Pins

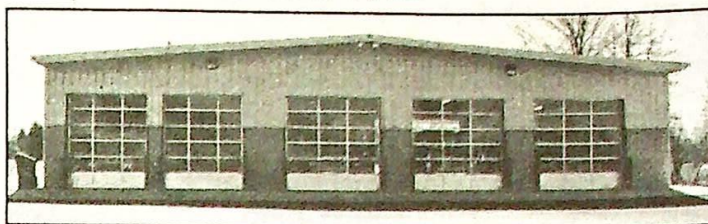


Six members of the Elizabeth Volunteer Fire Department were presented 25 year pins by IVFA District 16 chairman.

Members receiving pins are: Roger Glaze - 42 years, Herman Leffler - 42 years, Paul Mason - 40 years, Walter Miller - 42 years, Thomas Withers - 25 years.

The widow of Charles Liebert received a Bible & Pin for his 42 years of service. (Photo submitted by Ron Melton, District 16 Chairman)

# Open House Held At Station #2



The Ramsey Volunteer Firefighters, Inc. had an open house in October of 2001. The new station measures 80' x 75'. Construction was performed by Koetter Construction. Cost of the project was approximately \$400,000. The structure is state of the art and will provide many years of service. (Photo submitted by Ron Melton, District 16 Chairman)

# VFD Takes Delivery Of Two New Trucks



Harrison Township V.F.D. Harrison County recently took delivery of two trucks.

The first is a 2001 E-One 75' Quint on a Spartan chassis, 6-man cab, 350HP Cummings diesel engine and an Allison automatic transmission, 1500 G.P.M. pump w/500 gal. tank, on board 8KW Onan generator. Funding was provided by the Harrison County Commissioners using monies from the county's riverboat. Price \$450,000.

The second 2001 Dodge 2400 4x4 brush truck. 360 V8 Magnum engine, 250 gal. tank with 150 gal. pump, unit is also equipped with 15 gal. foam tank, warren winch and Code 3 lighting. Funding was provided by the Harrison Township Trustee. Price \$34,000. (Photo submitted by Ron Melton, District 16 Chairman)

# Perrysville Ladies



Members of the Perrysville Volunteer Fire Department ladies auxiliary.

# Bush Earns 25 Year Pin



Larry Ketchem, 11-B chairman, presents Russell Bush of the PVFD his 25 year pin, also present were sergeant-at-arms Bill Bush and assistant chief John Morphy. Russell was also presented one of the old fire buckets from the department. He is a 40 year member and one of the founders of the PVFD.

# Dedication Held For New Addition



The Perrysville Volunteer Fire Department recently dedicated the new addition to their fire station on March 10, 2002. State IVFA officers were in attendance as well as State Representative Dale Grubb, and State Representative Mark Blade.

# District 17A Holds Miss Flame Contest



On February 8, 2002, the Miss Flame contest was held at the Odon/Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department.

There were three lovely ladies again this year vying for the honor to be 2002 Miss Flame representative for District 17A at the convention that will be held in Evansville in June.

Miss Kelly Abrams, representing Elnora/Elmore Fire Department, Deanna Chestnut, Richland/Taylor Fire Department and Angela Cardinal, Washington Township Fire Department from Bruceville.

(Submitted by District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell and District 17A chairman Jim Abrams)

# Appreciation Dinner Held



Perrysville Fire Department held their appreciation dinner at the Beet House January 13, 2002. Larry Ketchem was there to present members for 25 years of service. Pictured are Larry Ketchem, Verne "Salty" Saltgaver. Back row (left to right) Phil Brannin, Richard Lewsader, Russell Jumps, Richard Holycross, John Haga. Verne "Salty" Saltgaver was presented a 40 year pin from PVFD. He was an original founder of the department. He passed away on March 9, 2002.

# Elnora/Elmore Firefighter Receives Award

Elnora/Elmore Township Volunteer Fire Department presented fellow firefighter Jerry Beck with the Fireman of the Year Award.

Jerry is also an emergency medical tech (EMT). Jerry works with Daviess Community Hospital and county ambulance provider Southwest Medical. Jerry volunteers his time training firefighters to be First Responders. He does this just to help the communities and improve medical services.

Jerry believes that trained personnel will be an asset to any department. Presenting the award to Jerry are Elnora/Elmore Fire Chief Brian Wesner and IVFA Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell. (Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)



# Open House Held To Honor Larry Stott

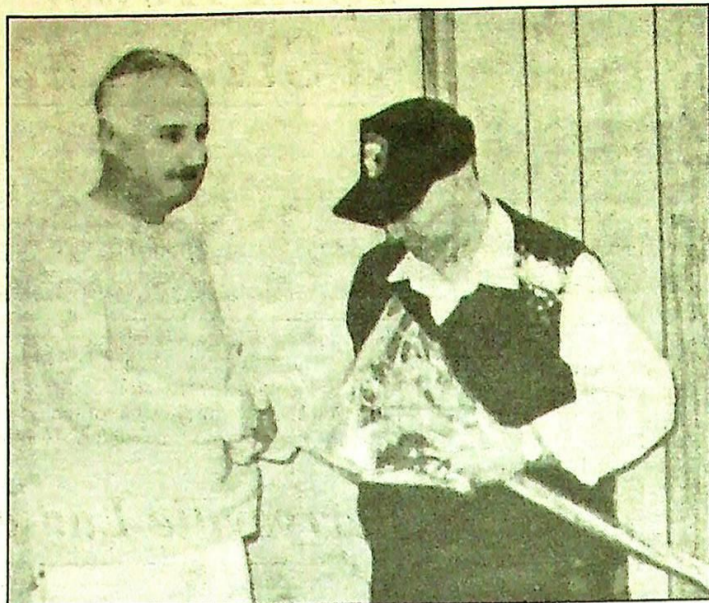
On February 9, 2002 an open house was held at the Crown Point Legion Post to honor Larry Stott, retired firefighter/paramedic of the Crown Point Fire Rescue Department.

Larry is also the past District 2 chairman, a position held for 10 years.

Ivan Nevil, PSTI Director, presented Larry with the Governor's Meritorious Service medal for 36 years service.

Bob Mason, EMS Director for Merrillville, presented Larry with a plaque for service.

Greg DeLor, Chief of the Crown Point Fire & Rescue presented Larry with a gold axe from the members of the department.



Greg DeLor, Chief of the Crown Point Fire & Rescue Department, presents Larry Stott with a gold ax from the members of the department. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman)



Bob Mason, EMS Director for Merrillville presents Larry Stott with a plaque for service. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman)



Ivan Nevil, PSTI Director, presents Larry Stott with the Governor's Meritorious Service Medal. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman)



State Officers in attendance at Larry Stott's open house in Crown Point were: (Back row) Jack Zeeks, past president IVFA; (front row) Mitch Parish, past president IVFA; Jack Kerney, president IVFA; Larry Stott, Ivan Nevil, past president IVFA and PSTI training officer. Absent from picture was Buz Koehler, vice president IVFA. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman)

# Cedar Lake VFD Celebrates 60th Appreciation Night Dinner

The Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department celebrated their 60th Appreciation Night dinner on January 12, 2002 at The Great Oaks After Four Dinner Club.

The 35 members got together for a night of dinner and dancing.

District 2 chairman Paul Watland was kind enough to present 25-year pins for service.

Board President William Missal received his 20-year plaque and a watch for his years of service to our department.

Head Engineer Keith Schillo received his 25-year pin and plaque for the same excellent service.

Bernard Warnhoff, James Casten, Kenneth Blakeman, Frank Sheehy Jr., Doyle Brady, Norbert Shroka, William Flanagan Jr., Robert Eberle, Dennis Wilkening, Ralph Schillo, Robert J. Kralek also received 25 year service pins.

Dean Wilkening, William Blades, timothy White received their belt buckle for 10 years of service to our department. Thomas Sobkowitz was named firefighter of the year for all his hard work and dedication.

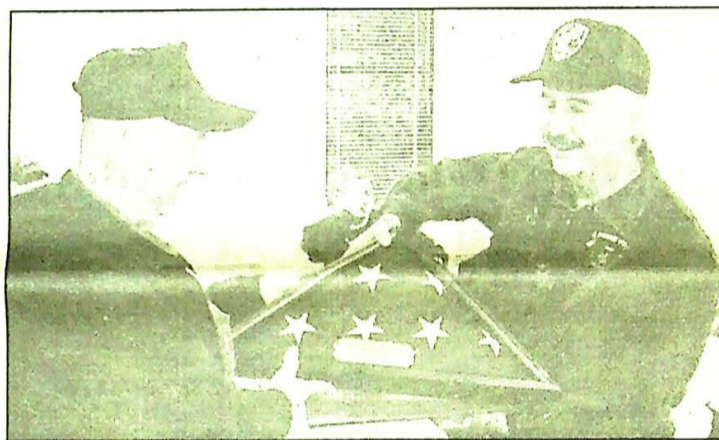
This year there was a new award added at our appreciation dinner and that is the Survivor Award. This last October our Fire Chief was hit



Board President Bill Missal with his 20 year plaque and District 2 chairman Paul F. Watland. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman)

by a car on a 10-50 and was seriously injured. He has undergone three surgeries on his left leg. He

has shown honor, bravery, hard work, leadership through this ordeal. So firefighter Scott Musgrove put together a slide show presentation to honor our survivor of the year Chief Dennis Wilkening who has been on the fire department for 30 years.



Larry Stott, retired paramedic/firefighter from Crown Point Fire Rescue being given a flag from the American Red Cross by Chief Greg DeLor of the Crown Point Fire Rescue Department. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman)

Following the presentation Chief Wilkening accepted the handmade plaque (creatively handmade by Steve Reel, firefighter of the Crown Point Fire Department) with a short but inspiring emotional speech and all enjoyed the evening.



In the photo on the left, Cedar Lake Fire Chief Dennis Wilkening and his wife Barb are shown with the crossed axes presented to him. Pictured above, District 2 chairman Paul F. Watland (left) is shown presenting Keith Schillo with his 25 year IVFA pin. In the middle in the back is assistant fire chief Todd Wilkening.

(Photos submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman)

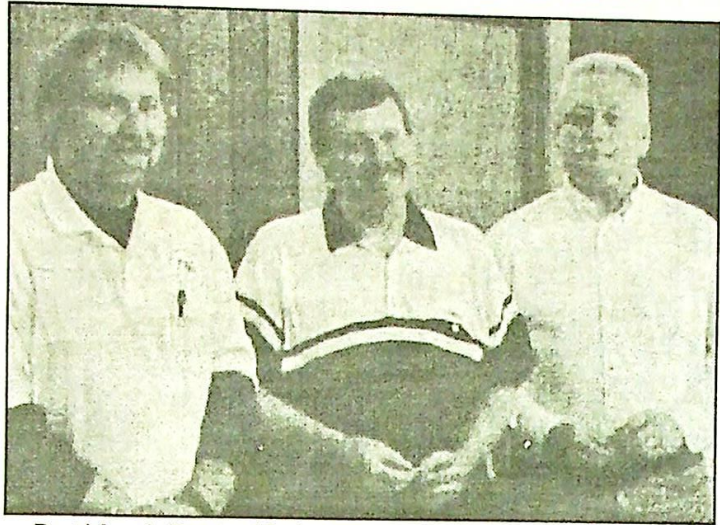
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# Fairland Members Receive 25 Year Pins



David Israel, District 10 chairman, (left) is shown with pin recipients Dennis Deiwert and Robbie Stonebraker.  
(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

# Chestnut To Represent District 17A As Miss Flame Contestant



District 17A Miss Flame 2002 representative for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters convention in June at Evansville will be Miss Deanna Chestnut, representing Richland/Taylor Volunteer Fire Department with fire stations at Bloomfield and Scotland.

Judges for the event that was held February 8th were Odon/Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department's ladies auxiliary secretary Janet Cottrell, vice-president of the auxiliary Bonnie Jones and Indiana Volunteer Firemen's ladies auxiliary vice-president Barb Kerney.

(Photo submitted by District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell and District 17A chairman Jim Abrams)



## Seem To Be Ready For A Fire!

It seems that on February 9, 2002, that two Odon volunteer firefighters, John Sibray and Steve Richardson, were anxious to go on a run, or were they just sneaking up on someone to give them a soaking??

Or maybe they were waiting to see if any of the firefighters that were taking the First Responder course were going to overheat the Jaws of Life tool.

(Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)

# Malone Presented Fireman of the Year Award

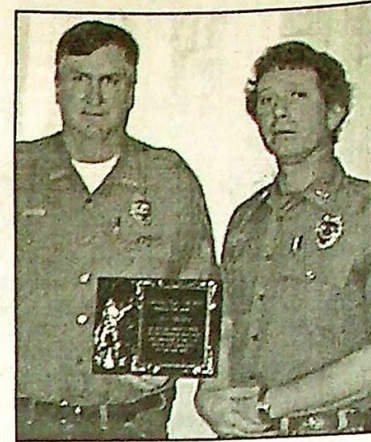
Anderson Township Fire Department held their annual meeting March 4, 2002.

John Malone was presented with an award of Fireman of the Year. John joined the Fire Department in 1978 and he also has been a member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association since 1978.

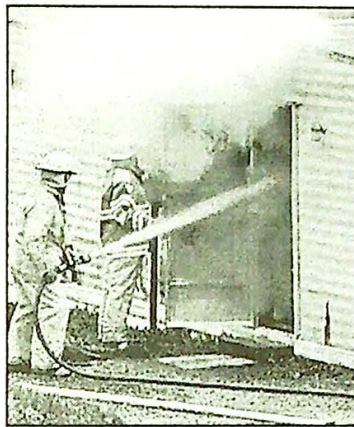
John has served as assistant fire chief, fire chief, served on Board of Directors as a director, vice president and president.

John is also a member of Perry County Rescue and Assistant E.M.A. Director.

(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)



# Woman Found Dead After Fire In Home



TROY - A 40-year-old woman was found dead in her mobile home after fire was reported at Troy Ridge Road home.

She was found just inside the door of her mobile home after a passerby noticed smoke and called the emergency dispatcher.

Troy fire chief reported there were smoke detectors but no batteries. Firefighters were on the scene within three minutes of the call.

Fire marshal and state police point to a malfunction of an electrical device.

(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

# Gold Medals Awarded To Jack and Bev Harker At District 17A Meeting

At the District 17A meeting and sausage supper held at Vincennes, IVFA Treasurer Jack Harker and his lovely wife, Bev, were awarded gold medals.

As all of you know 2001 was a very hard year for Jack and Bev. Jack went in for bypass surgery and had quite a time before he was well enough to come home. Seems he would start making progress and then something would set him back a few steps. Then he would be on the mend, and again it just seemed some force was working against him.

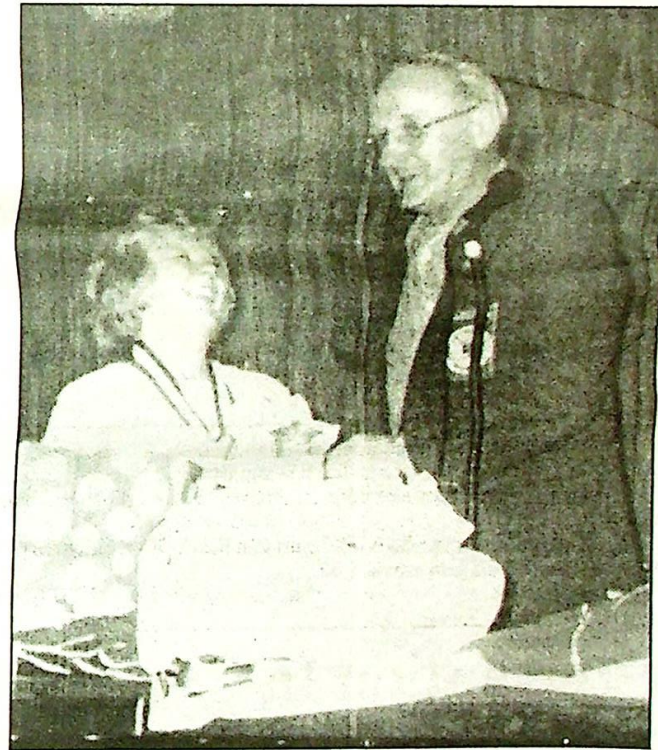
But then Jack battled back and was able to attend the district meeting and supper. Bev was never far from Jack's side during all of these setbacks and trials.

So unbeknownst to Jack and Bev, a call had went out to all IVFA officers to attend this meeting. The officers came from far north, east, west and south, to show their support.

It was a grand sight to see!! Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush stepped to the podium and asked Bev to come up, and he presented her with her gold medal of dedication.

Jack was unable to come up to the podium so Bill brought Jack's gold medal to him. Jack and Bev are well deserving of this honor.

Glad to have Jack and Bev back.  
(Submitted by PRSW Ron Bell and District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell)

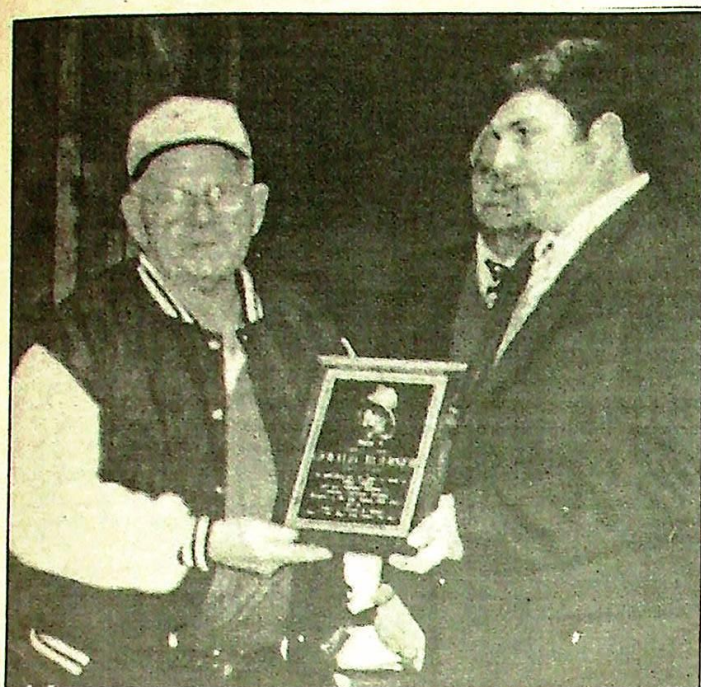


**ATTENTION  
DISTRICT CHAIRMEN**

The Miss Flame Committee is requesting that each District provide their contestant with a sash with the district number on it to wear to the Convention during competition.

**If anyone has questions, please contact  
Eula Bush @ 765-665-3213.**

# Loogootee Firefighter Honored With Awards



Loogootee Volunteer firefighter, Gerald Huebner, was honored with a plaque for 36 years of service to the fire department.

The Loogootee mayor and board members presented Mr. Huebner his award.

Also that same evening IVFA PR Southwest Ron Bell was asked to present Mr. Huebner his 25 year service pin.

(Photos submitted by PRSW Ron Bell)

# Darin Raber Enjoys Air Evac Helicopter

Darin Raber, son of Madison Township volunteer firefighter Nick Raber and wife, Susie, enjoyed getting to sit in the Air Evac helicopter during the First Responders classes that were held at the Odon/Madison Township Volunteer Firestation, Odon.

The helicopter was involved with the mock air lifting of victims.

Of course, he really enjoyed this when flight nurse Kelly Lee-Heaton posed in the picture with him.

(Submitted by District 17A Chairwoman, Malinda Bell)



# Friendship Firemen Honored

Five members of Friendship Vol. Fire Department received gold cards on March 26th, for over 50 years of service to their community.

Jack Corson, Larry Huntington, Jim Hyatt, Jim Lemon, Raymond West all joined the Friendship Vol. Fire Dept. in 1946.

They also received a plaque from the Friendship Vol. Fire Dept. for their service.

All five firefighters and Glen Kamman also received their 25 year pins. The gold cards and 25 year pins were presented by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele.

(Photos submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)



50 Year members of Friendship Volunteer Fire Department - Jim Hyatt, Jim Lemon, Larry Huntington, Raymond West, and District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. Not pictured is Jack Corson.



Members of the Friendship Volunteer Fire Department.



Friendship Volunteer Fire Department members receiving 25 year pins are (left to right) Glen Kamman, Jim Hyatt, Jim Lemon, Larry Huntington, Raymond West, District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. Not pictured is Jack Corson.

# Dillsboro Firemen Receive Awards

Norman Holtegel of Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department received a gold card for over 50 years of service on April 1st.

Ten members also received 25 year pins for over 25 years of service to their community.

The members receiving pins were Walter Benning, Melvin Cleeter, Wilbur Disbro, Vernon Elder, Paul Filter, Bruce Fiscus, Robert Heitmeyer, Norman Holtegel, James Vinup, Thomas Wafford.

The gold card and pins were presented by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

(Photos submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)



Pictured at left are 50 year member of Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department Norman Holtegel and District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

In the above photo are the Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department members who received their 25 year pins. Walter Benning, Melvin Cleeter, Wilbur Disbro, Vernon Elder, Paul Filter, Bruce Fiscus, Robert Heitmeyer, Norman Holtegel, James Vinup and Thomas Wafford.

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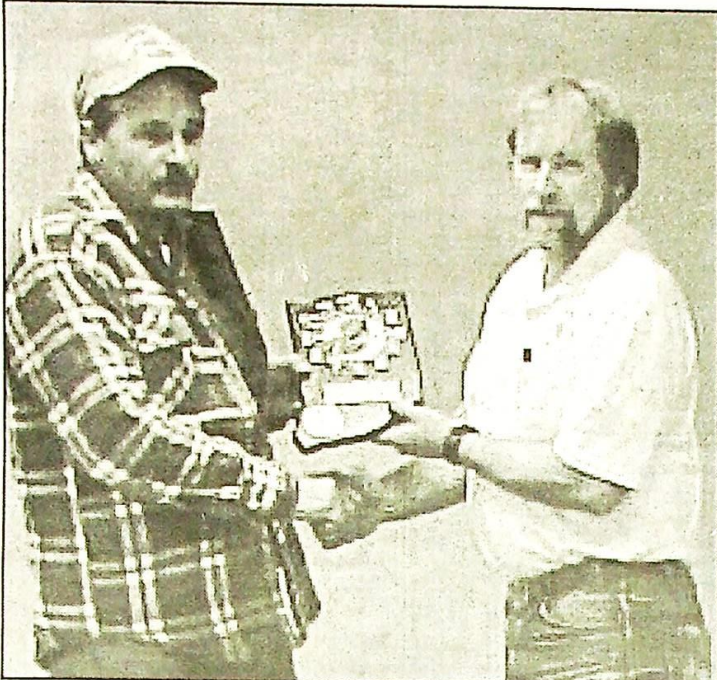
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### Dennis Moore Receives IVFA Station Clock



Elizabethtown Volunteer Fire Chief Dennis Moore receives an IVFA new station clock for their department from District 10 chairman David Israel. (Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel).

### Ray Bentley Award Given To Lavonda Dinn



Lavonda Dinn from the Letts Community Volunteer Fire Department received the Ray Bentley Award from Rand Hooton last year's winner at the Decatur County Fireman's meeting January 30, 2002 at the Burney-Clay Township Fire Department. (Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel).

### Garrett Awarded 25 Year Service Pin

Bill Garrett of the St. Paul Volunteer Fire Department receives his IVFA 25 year pin award from District 10 Chairman, David Israel.

(Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel).

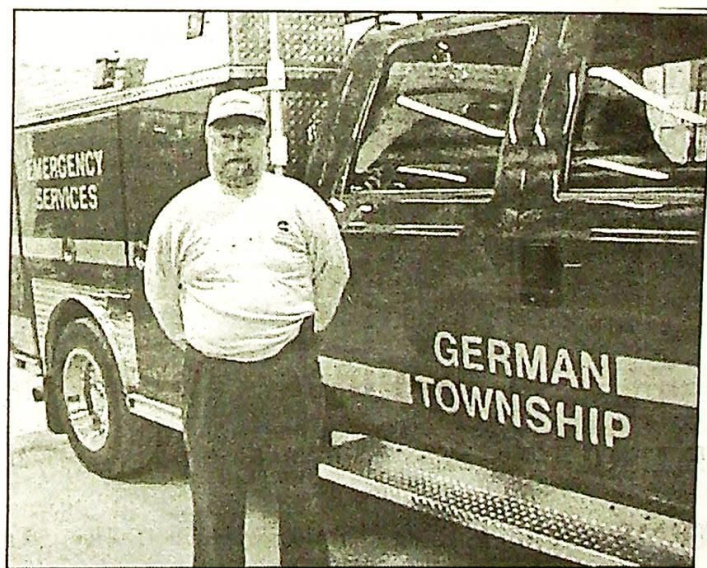


### Shinolt Receives 25 Year Pin



Ivan Shinolt of the Elizabethtown VFD receives his 25 year IVFA pin award from District 10 chairman David Israel. (Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel).

### Chief Doug Mock Receives 25 Year Pin



Chief Doug Mock of the German Township Volunteer Fire Department, received his IVFA 25 year pin award recently.

(Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel).

### Awarded 25 Year Pin



Cliford Shinolt of the Elizabethtown VFD receives his 25 year IVFA pin award from District 10 chairman David Israel. (Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel).

*"Oh, What A Dance!"*

### Jack Harker Receives Lei and Party Hat!

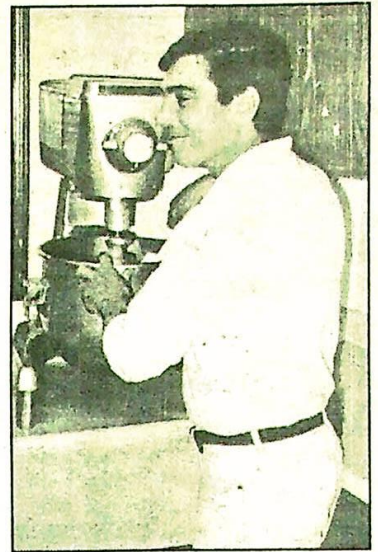


Jack was unable to attend any New Year's Eve parties, so his lei and party hat were presented to him at the District 17A meeting at Vincennes. Jack Zeeks presented the items to Jack. (Photo submitted by PRSW Ron Bell)



IVFA auxiliary chaplain Joan Hayes and corresponding secretary Martha Thomas entertained the ladies with a dance before the February state officer's meeting began on Sunday morning at Columbus, IN. Got ya!!!

**Please submit all articles and photos for the next IVFA issue before July 10, 2002**



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## Porter Twp. Pancake Breakfast Held

On April 7, 2002, Porter Township Volunteer Fire Department in Boone Grove held its annual pancake and sausage breakfast.

Approximately 600 people attended and were fed. A bake sale and raffle were also available.

In the top left photo (left to right) is Paul Palleson and Jason Rippe making pancakes at the breakfast.

Shown in the middle photo are (left to right) Scott Mann, assistant chief, Gary Jorgenson, captain and pancake breakfast chairman and Jim Wallace, fire chief of the Porter Twp. VFD.

In the photo at top right is John Hyatte, mixing pancake batter. (Photos submitted by Paul F. Walland, District 2 chairman)

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# Fire Destroys Old Barn Chestnut Chosen Miss Flame

Five sheep are killed in the blaze blamed on lamp

By Lorell Fleming  
Post-Tribune Staff Writer  
CROWN POINT- Tears welled up in Patty Kvachoff's eyes as she watched firefighters snuff out the smoldering flames of a fire that destroyed a barn at her parent's farm Friday.

No people were hurt in the fire, which started about 11 a.m. at Robert and Wilma Reed's property, 1810 E. 113th St.

But five sheep, two mothers and three lambs, died inside the roughly 50-foot by 30-foot barn at the reeds; sheep-raising business, Reeds Southdown. About 17 sheep were saved.

Kvachoff, 42, cried for the loss of the animals and for the loss of childhood memories.

"We raised our 4-H animals there," the oldest of eight children said as she wiped a tear from her cheek.

Fire investigators do not suspect foul play. A heat lamp used to keep

the sheep warm is most likely the source of the fire, Crown Point Fire Chief Greg DeLor said.

Crown Point firefighters were assisted by the Lakes of Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Department and Hebron Fire Department.

A neighbor informed Kvachoff's mother of the fire, and her mother called 911, Kvachoff added. She said she believes the neighbor also opened the barn door and let the surviving animals out.

Gazing through the white smoke wafting through the bitterly cold air, Kvachoff pointed out her parents' camper.

Parked near the barn, the camper sustained some damage. But most of the fire was contained to the barn.

An estimate of the damage was not available.

(Reporter Lorell Fleming can be reached at 648-3072 or lfleming@post-trib.com)

## Contestant for District 17A



Miss Deanna Chestnut, representing Richland/Taylor Volunteer Fire Department, was given the honor of representing District 17A as the 2002 Miss Flame contestant at the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's convention in June at Evansville.

There were two other lovely ladies vying for the honor, Kelly Abrams, Elnora/Elmore, and Angela Cardinal, Washington Township, Bruceville.

Sadly, only one can be the representative for District 17A at the state level. District 17A chairman, Jim Abrams will be escorting Deanna at the convention.

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association president Jack Kerney was in attendance at the judging for the District 17A 2002 Miss Flame contest.

Pictured with Jack and Deanna, is Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association ladies auxiliary vice-president Barb Kerney.

Barb was also one of the judges for the contest. The contest was held February 8th at the Odon/Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department at Odon.

(Photos submitted by District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell and District 17A chairman Jim Abrams)

## Convention June 12-15, 2002 In Evansville

# Traffic Hazards To Firefighters While Working Along Roadways Has Increased

The number of firefighters struck and killed by motor vehicles has dramatically increased within recent years.

During the five-year period between 1995 and 1999, 17 firefighters were struck and killed by motorists. This represents an 89% increase in the number of line-of-duty

deaths over the previous five-year period (between 1990 and 1994), when nine firefighters were struck and killed by motor vehicles (NFPA 2000).

Under the Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program, NIOSH investigated two separate incidents involving firefighters

who were struck and killed while providing emergency services along roadways during 1999 [NIOSH 1999, 2000]. These incidents and data demonstrate that hazards to the fire service are not limited to structural or wildland fires.

Motorists accustomed to a clear, unobstructed roadway may not recognize and avoid closed lanes or

emergency workers on or near the roadway. In some cases, conditions can reduce a motorist's ability to see and avoid firefighters and apparatus. Some examples include weather, time of day, scene lighting (i.e., area lighting and optical warning devices), traffic speed and volume, and road configuration (i.e., hills, curves, and other obstructions that limit visibility).

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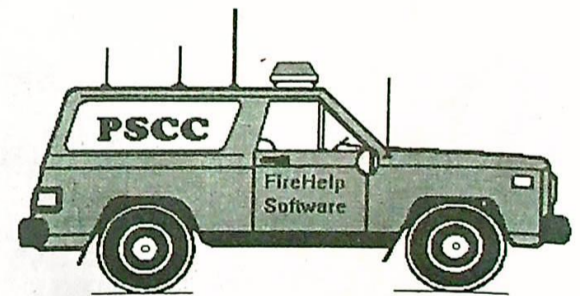
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