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From the President



Buz Koehler

Yes, we have a web-site and a true work of art it is, too. It went live on March 17th. Items on the web-site offer you a 24/7 look into the IVFA. It allows each of us to search information and even visit with other departments on the web, with new items added as we move forward.

As I mentioned before, the computer age has made it possible for the Association to contact more members faster than ever before. If you have an e-mail address, make sure you get on our list or a list with your district chairman.

The Legislative Committee has been very busy. Of the four bills we put forth, two are still alive and moving through the legislature. We will continue to watch closely other bills that effect the fire service as we have had to address several.

I would like to thank all of you who have responded to the call for support of our position, when asking for everyone's support and help, in contacting your legislators. This was a determining factor for legislators as they made their decisions on bills that we wanted changed or ones we opposed. Each of you are to be commended on your work to assist the legislative committee.

I have been informed by the Central Office, that license plate requests have been on the increase. This program has a very special reward as we continue to add to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund, to help with education. Keep up the good work. The IVFA license plate is Red, White & Blue for a good reason. Until we meet at the district meetings, please be safe.

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Throughout the years the IVFA has continued to grow in size, and continues to provide members with quality information on a wide range of various issues. Providing timely and useful benefits has also been one of our goals.

Having been "off-line" for almost a year, the IVFA returns "on-line" with the re-introduction and complete overhaul of the www.ivfa.org website. This site has several new features including:

- **Department Listing** page, which allows departments to post current department information in a directory (i.e. address, contact name, phone, e-mail, web-site address, etc.).
- **IVFA Officers, District Chairman and Public Relations** page which provide you the necessary details to contact them (address, phone, e-mail).
- **Training Events Calendar** that allows you to submit electronically your "open enrollment" training programs and courses to be held, including class description, location, dates, contact person(s), e-mail contacts, etc. This list, would be maintained by date. Users can view what training is available in their area and how to contact the related "host" department to schedule people to attend.
- **Events Calendar** that follows the same structure as the Training Events Calendar. Having a fund-raiser, muster or other "public" event to raise funds? Then post it here so others can see and attend.
- **For Sale** page that provides space for departments to post "sale" items that other departments may be interested in purchasing (fire-fighting related only, not personal items), and sorry, but NO trucks, please.
- **The Department Spotlight** page to provide special recognition to fire

departments around the state. The "Spotlight" information would be provided by the department via e-mail, based on the number received, (along with pictures), would run on a monthly or quarterly cycle. Information is included in the site as to how to "nominate" your department.

- **Forms page**, which contains many of the forms used to submit information for the web-site. As well as the IVFA License Plate and Change of Information forms. Other forms will be targeted to be included soon as well.
- **"Links"** page to many emergency related web-sites, both at the State and Federal levels.
- Finally, a **Benefits Information** page that describes the benefits you receive as an IVFA member.

While this provides a good starting point, there are many other ideas being considered for the site. Such as, being able to post some of the articles found in the newspaper version. Along with, other special recognition pages for award winners, an advertiser/sponsor page that will provide links to many of the same emergency service vendors. Also a guest book, an Indiana Map which pinpoints the locations of the Department who have submitted information, and special pages for Fire Schools and the IVFA convention.

But ... we know that you may have ideas as well as to what you want to see on the site. We want your ideas, they can be e-mailed to the IVFA webmasters at webmaster@ivfa.org. Also, please note that NO information on any department will be posted without their consent, via use of one of the electronic forms or via e-mail.

The IVFA Web site - another benefit to the IVFA and its members.
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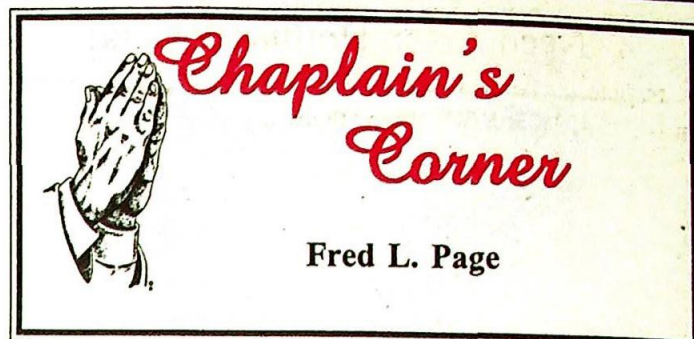
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Prayer For Today:

Gracious God: Throughout the Scriptures you make your promise of salvation to each of us; so you bring the miracle of life to the barrenness of Abraham and Sarah, you bring the miracle of blessing through Israel, you bring the promise of your graciousness and concern for justice through the prophets, you bring the promise of wholeness through your Son. Thank you for the precious gift of yourself to us, with us wherever we are. Thank you for always walking with us, at times even carrying us. Thank you for the promise that there is NOTHING which can separate us from your love and your compassionate care. Amen.

Minute Message:

You may have seen some of the silly commercials produced for Pontiac in the past few years -- like the one about the Pole explorer who didn't wear snowshoes and so disappeared forever in the thirty foot drifts: "Wider is Better." The point, I guess, is that with its wider wheelbase, your Grand Prix is safer around curves at higher speeds than your average sports car.

You might be surprised to find out that God agrees. Okay, not about sports cars, necessarily, but at least with the supposition that wider is better. You may know that the New Testament Greek word most often translated "to save" (or some declension of that) may also be translated "to make whole" or "to heal." In the Hebrew of the Old Testament, the word we translate "to save" (from which, also, comes the name Joshua -- or Jesus in the Greek) first of all means "to be roomy; or "to be wide." To be rescued or saved carries the image of being brought into a more spacious place.

I've never been able to crawl into tight spaces (even before I gained the last 50 pounds!) I do just fine on ladders or cutting a ventilation hole in a roof, but jam me into a confined space or under a house where I don't have lots of wiggle room and you'd better have your insurance paid up, 'cause I'm coming out; over you, under you, or through you. Wider is better.

The image of life itself growing narrower occurred to me several times as my wife, Sally, and I visited her dad before his death. Each time we made the trip to Texas to see Pete, it seemed his world was growing smaller. Finally in need of constant nursing care because of the progression of Parkinson's Disease, it was hard to image Pete, the kid, playing with his buddies at the Jersey shore (lighting the police chief's boat on fire one day to keep warm), Pete the soldier in France in World War II, Pete the highly skilled manager of the explosives plant (unskilled ones don't grow old), Pete the loving husband, Pete the gracious host of wonderful parties for their friends, Pete the lover of football (to the extent that he'd sit in the snow to watch a junior high game when he wasn't related to any of the players!), Pete the vestryman at the Episcopal Church, Pete the proud and doting father of the little girl he called his princess, Pete (whom our girls named 'Poppy') making chocolate milkshakes for breakfast for his two granddaughters and riding them endlessly on his shoulders around the circle through the house (always stopping at the front hall mirror to admire them). Ultimately his world became mostly bed and chair and table and dresser adorned with pictures of the people he loves; adequate, but narrow.

As I write this, we are just days from Holy Week; as you read it, we are several weeks into the Easter season. I invite you to hear again the stories of God's gift of love for you in Jesus' death and resurrection and the promise of God's gift of salvation, wholeness, wideness! Hear again the promise that the narrowing of our world, which most of us will experience as we move through our final years, is not the final chapter of the story. Beyond this life there awaits for each of us a wideness beyond our imagining! In the words of the old hymn, "There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea." I imagine the expansiveness of heaven to be something like the outstretched arms of the Prodigal Father, running with his arms open wide to welcome the wayward child home. You know, wider really is better.

Grace and peace to you!

In Memoriam

Firefighters who answered their last alarm during the first quarter of 2003:

- James Anderson - Cannelton VFD, District 18
- Donald N. Austgen - Dyer VFD, District 1
- Harry M. Bonner - Lake Station VFD, District 1
- Darryl Scott Carpenter - Rockport Ohio Twp. VFD, District 18
- Charles "Charlie" Cline - Russiaville VFD, District 9A
- Greg Clingan - Hudson VFD, District 6
- Thomas L. Cumbey - Roanoke VFD, District 7
- Fred L. Esserman - Liberry Twp. VFD, District 1
- Lester L. Fleener - St. Paul VFD, District 10
- Darwin L. "Pud" Groves - Chrisnev VFD, District 18
- Gilbert Hampson - Drewersburg VFD, District 19
- Norbert A. Held - Dyer VFD, District 1
- James W. "Jack" Higdon - Liberty Twp. VFD, District 8A

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MARCH 1, 2004 DEADLINE

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

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From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

At last we are all on the same time, except the New Albany area.

First of all I would like to say I wish all of you that have loved ones serving in the Armed Forces, my and Barb's support of them and all of our troops. I sincerely hope each and every one of them come home safe to you. We also have a grandson serving

the Army and we pray that he will come home safe to us also.

Barb and I have visited a lot of fire departments and attended many meetings along with seeing everyone at the Duneland Fire School. We have been to Bloomfield, District 18 at Celestine, District 17A at Vincennes, District 11A at Cory, Lewis Twp. District 15 at German Twp., District 11A & 11B Miss Flame dances, Odon, Fire & Emergency Services dinner, Washington Twp., Winslow, Oitic, 11B at Dana, Richland/Taylor Twps., 11A at Prairieton, District 15 at Elberfield, District 18 at Fulda and Holland. We also attended a retirement for Chief Don Tribby at Jasonville.

By the time you receive your copy of the newsletter, all FEMA Grants should have been turned in. There is \$750 million dollars this year with \$680 million being used for the grant process. It is very important that all fire departments apply for these funds. If at some time there is more money than grant applications, we could lose our funding or portions of it. Good luck to every one that have applied.

I hope that everyone is planning on going to French Lick for the annual

meeting and convention on June 18 thru June 20. District 18 chairman Chuck Parker and his committee is working very hard to make your stay an enjoyable one. You may want to look at the schedule of events in this issue of the newsletter and see some of the new things they have planned this year.

Fire Schools are a good way to receive some of your dues back, if not all of it. By attending an IVFA sponsored fire school, you can receive a \$5.00 discount on each class you attend.

If Barb or I can be of any service to your department, please feel free to call the office at 1-877-606-4832.

The Ravaging Beast

The years have gone by, but I'll never forget the eerie sounds of the awful clamor of sirens, blast horns, lights flashing in all manner; makes one nervous, but there is never glamour. Checking our gear and mapping our strategy; must take little time in case of tragedy.

Upon arriving as soon as possible, we had to assess our plan of action to face the terrible condition, and placing all equipment in proper position.

Running inside to look for humanity; hoping like heck there is no calamity. No one is there, and with great relief, we concentrate on the matter at hand of stopping the beast who ravages everything in its path, not caring at all, and doesn't care if everything falls.

We fight long and hard in order to subdue; but once in a while it will ignite anew.

But we never give up, and our efforts are rewarded; nearby enclosures are protected from being boarded.

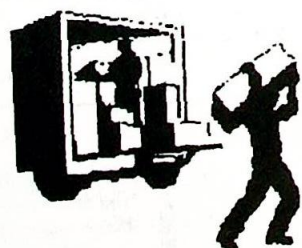
(submitted by Gilbert Vinzani, who was a volunteer firefighter in Merrillville, Indiana)

In Memoriam

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- Harold "Red" Hinman - Roanoke VFD, District 7
 - Nicholas P. "Nick" Jergens - Independence Hill VFD (Merrillville), District 1
 - Basil C. "Butch" Kunkel - Ireland VFD, District 18
 - Keith Ivan Love - Orange Co. Rural FD #1, District 18
 - William E. Loving, Jr. - Lake Station VFD, District 1
 - Roy Nichols - South Milford VFD, District 6
 - Robert C. "Bob" Rademacher - Huntingburg VFD, District 18
 - John Rinehart - St. Joseph Twp. VFD, District 6
 - George Russell - Manilla VFD, District 10
 - James R. Smith (L.O.D.D.) - Troy VFD, District 18
 - Kenneth Sorrell - Knightstown VFD, District 13A
- And two names from the last quarter of 2002 we didn't have for February:
- Jack E. Springer - Merrillville VFD, District 1
 - Floyd A. Carter - Ainsworth-Deep River VFD, District 1

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Tom Orrell
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JANUARY 15, 2003
PORTER FIRE DEPARTMENT
District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. President Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Guests included president Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, Angel Award recipient Mary Wesley, retired fire chief Ray Wesley, Phil Griffith of PC EMA, Bruce Resteau of Bartronics, Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies, Dale Hensley of 5-Alarm and Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire.

Captain "Jay" Craig gave a brief history of the Porter Fire Department and introduced its members.

Phil Griffith of Porter County EMA gave a presentation on Winter Storm Emergencies.

Forty-three members of 11 departments in District 1 answered roll call with New Chicago FD winning the attendance trophy and 17 members of five departments in District 1 with Lake Eliza winning the attendance trophy.

Keith Austin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Kevin Austin. PASSED.

President Buz Koehler advised for firefighters to check the website reference new bills coming out, i.e., advised the State trying to come up with a 5% sales tax on fireworks that would come

back to the fire departments, allowing volunteer firefighters exceed the speed limit when responding to emergencies. Buz also suggested anyone with an e-mail address to notify his or her district chairman so it can be added to the mailing list. Buz also noted that FDIC this year would be March 31 through April 5.

Former president Mitch Parish advised the newspaper is 48 pages this time, one of the best issues yet, advised if you're not receiving your paper to let your district chairman know.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford advised a bill allowing volunteer fire departments getting a loan rate the same as municipalities also going from a loan to a grant program. Jim advised the IVFA is working on getting a group insurance policy for all IVFA members. Also noted, at this time, if you're late for work due to a fire and you're a state employee only, they do not have to pay you for time missed, but they cannot fire you, working on getting it to local and municipality employees, too. Jim advised this year's convention will be held in French Lick on June 18th, 19th, and 20th, with room rates at \$84 a night.

Treasurer Clarence Moss advised if anyone advises you of an (809) number, not to use it, advised it is a scam, number goes overseas and can run your phone bill into the thousands and the phone companies will not get involved, also noted that Ann is okay, didn't feel well tonight, will try to make the next meeting.

Treasurer's report: Clarence advised current balance is \$18,211.62, paid \$40 on the trophies for 2003, and has patches available for \$2 each.

No old business to report.

No new business to report.

Tom Orrell noted three deaths in District 1, Norbert Held of Dyer, Fred Esserman of Liberty and William Loving Jr. of Lake Station. Paul Watland noted two deaths in District 1, Arnold Govert of Shelby and Arnold "Tib" Schultz Jr. of Crown Point. A moment of silence was observed for all.

Good of the order:

Lowell/Crown Point and Four Seasons fire hosting a fundraiser on 01-24-03 for Medic Mike Kowal, tickets \$5 from 6-12 at the American Legion on Main St. in Crown Point.

New Chicago Fire having a pancake breakfast at their station on 01-26-03 from 7-12 p.m.

Porter Fire Department having a spaghetti fundraiser dinner at the Community Building, 500 Ackerman Dr., on 02-15-03 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Basic C.I.S.M. course being held in Valparaiso on March 12th and 13th. Fire Caucus dinner in Indianapolis on February 3rd.

Next meeting will be on February 19, 2003 hosted by Lake Hills FD, being held at the St. John Community Building on U.S. 30.

Russ Ippolito of Lake Eliza FD won \$52.50 from the 50/50 drawing and donated half of it back to the I.V.F.A.

Keith Austin made a motion to dismiss at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Kevin Austin. PASSED.

Diana L. Orrell, Secretary
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FEBRUARY 19, 2003
LAKE HILLS FIRE DEPT.

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m. Ron Vale of Lake Hills Fire Department 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, District 1 IVFAA chairperson Phyllis Vargo, District 1 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, former District 1 Miss Flame/Miss Congeniality Kim Perry, District 1 Miss Flame Heather Schmidt, District 2 Miss Flame Melissa Sobkowicz, Dale Smith of Southwestern Fire/Safety, Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire, Tim Tully of ESG, and Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Ron Vale of Lake Hills Fire Department introduced its members and gave a brief history of the department, also advised the speaker for the evening was unable to attend.

Thirty-eight members of 12 departments in District 1 answered roll call with New Chicago Fire Department as the trophy winner, and 43 members of eight departments in District 2, with Lake Eliza as the trophy winner.

Keith Austin made a motion to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes, seconded by Ike Rench. Passed.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford reminded everyone that this year's convention will be held in French Lick on June 18th, 19th, and 20th. Room rates are \$84 a night; next year's convention will be in Clarksville. Jim spoke on pending legislation, advised grant requests are due in between March 3rd and April 4th. Anyone interested in a four hour meth lab class contact Ivan Nevil. Jim also advised all IVFA members will be receiving insurance packets soon, and reminded everyone that FDIC this year will be March 31st through April 5th.

District 2 chairman Paul Watland advised of a letter received from District 9B with a proposal for a by-law change regarding the terms for the President and Vice President seats (two years and out). Bill Howe of Schererville made a motion, seconded by former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey for the by-law change. Unanimously passed.

District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss advised the Miss Flames would be selling their raffle tickets soon.

Treasurer Clarence Moss advised current balance of \$1,822.72.

No old business to report. PR Northwest Jim Bradford and District 2 chairman Paul Watland issued 25-year pins to Clarence Moss and Ron Vale.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell advised received two thank you letters from the families of Norbert Held and Harry Bonner.

District 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell announced an interest in the districts hosting the convention in 2005. A motion made by Dennis Schavey, seconded by Jason Krampton of Four Seasons, passed.

A moment of silence was observed for Harry Bonner and Bill Loving, both of Lake Station Fire Department in their passing.

Good of the order: Lake Eliza announced a boot drive to offset the cost of new equipment on February 22nd and 23rd.

New Chicago announced a chili supper from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 22nd. Lake of Four Seasons announced their annual Supper/Dance on March 8th at St. Elijah's. \$35 a person, all-u-can-eat/drink and a silent auction.

The next meeting will be held on March 19th at Beverly Shores Fire Department.

Jacob Erhardt of New Chicago won \$83 in the 50/50 raffle. Robert Gaskill of Schererville won a marionette puppet donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies. Kevin Austin of Union won an organizer; Phil Scheeringa of Schererville and Ed Jones of Lake Ridge won a seatbelt cutter/key chain, all donated by Hoosier Fire. Terry Schriber of Cedar Lake won a nomax, Heather Wilson and Dave Weisz both of Lake Eliza won hats, all donated by Southwest Fire/Safety, and Bob Kralek of Cedar Lake won a flag donated by District 2 chairman Paul Watland.

Bob Wise made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Kevin Austin. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell, Secretary
Districts 1-2

MARCH 19, 2003
BEVERLY SHORES FIRE DEPT.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. President Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

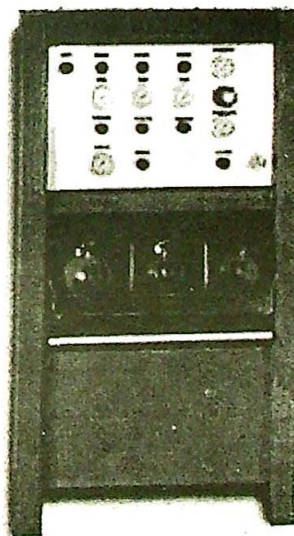
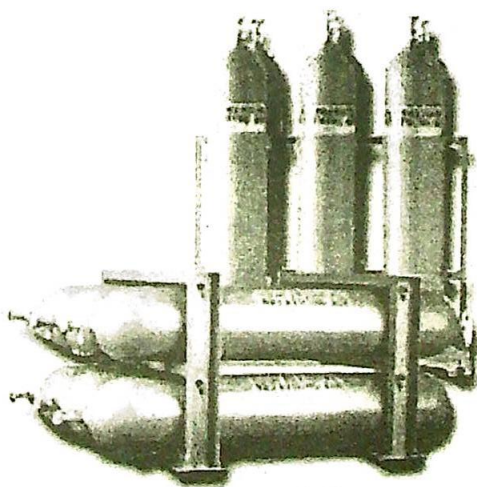
Guests included president Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, retired PR Northwest Bill Howe Sr., District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, Districts 1 & 2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1 & 2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA corresponding secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Heather Schmitt, former District 1 Miss Flame/Miss Congeniality Kim Perry, Jim Branham of Porter County Fire Association, Dale Hensley of 5 Alarm Fire and Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell gave a brief history of the Beverly Shores Fire Department and introduced its members.

Forty-one members of 12 departments in District 1 answered roll call with New Chicago Fire as the trophy winner, and 13 members of five departments in District 2 with Lake Eliza and St. John tying as the trophy winner. Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Kevin Austin to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Passed.

President Buz Koehler spoke on pending legislation, also made note of

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DISTRICT 1 & 2

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HB 1605 regarding the blue light for EMS personnel. Buz also advised the website is now up and running and advised to e-mail the Webmaster to have events posted (requires at least two week's notice). Web page address is www.ivfa.org.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford advised the deadline for the next paper is April 10th, and that Printco has a new e-mail address of printco@nwiis.com. Jim reminded everyone that this year's convention will be held in French Lick on June 18th, 19th and 20th. Room rates are \$84 a night, several rooms left. Jim also advised that the 2004 convention will be held in Clarksville, and that Districts 1-2 are looking to hosting convention in 2005. FEMA grant requests from March 10th through April 11th with \$680 million available after \$70 million for administrative fees. Jim also advised anyone interested in the Meth Lab Class to contact Ivan at PSTI, four hour class available for free.

Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss advised a balance of \$1,906.72 in the account. Patches are still available for \$2 each, and is looking for donations of hats and T-shirts for burn camp coming up the last week of May.

Bruce Yonkers read a poem he found and dedicated it to Father Lince.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell advised of one death in District 1. A moment of silence was observed for Donald N. Austgen of Dyer FD, also took a moment of silence for the men and women over in Iraq.

President Buz Koehler and PR Northwest Jim Bradford presented District 1 chairman Tom Orrell with his 25-year pin.

Good of the order: Lake Eliza is holding a "linen" bingo on Thursday, March 27th from 6-10 p.m.

New Chicago FD is having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 30, 2003, from 7-12.

Merrillville Station #1 is having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 30, 2003 from 8-12.

Boone Grove FD is having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 6th.

Porter County Fire team is putting on a NFPA certified Fire Investigator I Class starting on Sunday, April 6th, and going every Saturday and Sunday until June 15th.

IVFAA corresponding secretary Martha Thomas advised the tickets are available for the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 16th in Keener/DeMotte.

Tommy Carlson of Beverly Shores FD won \$34.50 in the 50/50 drawing. Steve Meyer of Beverly Shores FD won a T-shirt donated by 5-Alarm Fire, and Mike Schillings of St. John won a shirt donated by Hoosier Fire.

Keith Austin made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Bill Howe. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell, Secretary
Districts 1 & 2

DISTRICT 3

Tim Sandy
District 3
Chairman



January 16, 2003
Cass - Clinton VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. There were 16 members representing six departments present. Chief Larry Rust led the pledge. After the pledge, Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 102 firefighters that gave their lives in the line of duty last year.

Guests present were: President Buz Koehler, PR NW Director Jim Bradford, Bruce Yonkers, District 1, Past President Mitch Parish.

Chairman Sandy dispensed with the order of business and permitted the guest speaker to give his presentation. Patrick D. Graham, Chief Inspector and Law Enforcement Representative from the Safety Enforcement Division of the Federal Railroad Administration gave a very interesting and informative training on railroad safety.

After the presentation, the minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$527.83.

Communications:

Comments from President Koehler - 1. Gave an update on legislation that the Association is supporting;

2. Announced that the inoperability of the Association's web page is being addressed and attempts to get it up and running are being made.

Comments from Mitch Parish --

1. Announced that the next edition of the paper should be the biggest yet;

2. Announced that the next meeting of the NVFC is in Salt Lake City on March 26th.

Comments from Jim Bradford --

1. Advised there has been some talk about giving tax incentives in an attempt to lure persons to become firefighters;

2. Reminded everyone that the Convention is June 18-20 at French Lick. Also reminded everyone that the award nominations are due by February 1st and the Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due by April 1st.

3. Announced that there will be more information available on the group insurance policies after the next officer's meeting in February.

4. Gave some additional information on pending legislation.

Comments from Chairman Sandy -

1. Announced that the Indiana Fire Institute Dinner is February 2nd at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. Tickets are \$125 per person and are still available. The Master of Ceremony will be Hal Bruno. Monies raised from a 50/50 will be donated to the Burn Camp.

Old Business: None

New Business: It was announced that Chairman Randy Denton of District 9B will be presenting an amendment to Article 5 Section 6 of the by-laws in regards to term limits of the President of the Association at the next Board of Director's meeting. More information will be available at our next meeting.

Good of the Order: 1. Jim Bradford announced that there will be a benefit for Mike Kowal on January 24th at the Crown Point American Legion. Mike is a member of the Lowell FD and an employee of LaPorte Co EMS. Chairman Sandy announced that they were able to raise over \$10,000 for him at the benefit held for him at Springfield Twp VFD.

2. Dave Kaufman announced that there is a FFI/II class being held at Lincoln Twp and Springfield Township VFDs on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Interested parties should contact him or Chairman Sandy.

Training: Railroad Safety done prior to business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. Chris Comeno won the 50/50; Ray Charlesworth won one hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire and Brad Kitchell won the other hat; and, Tim Sandy, Buz Koehler and Bruce Yonkers each won Res-Q-Wrenches donated by Task Force Tips.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING: March 20, 2003
7-7:30 pm. (Refreshments at 7:00 pm),
Coolspring VFD.

DISTRICT 7

Maurice Sorg
District 7
Chairman



PONETO
JANUARY 20, 2003

Guests were Gary Robison, State Fire Marshal Office, and Mike Mackin, Public Relations Director - Northeast.

The meeting was called to order by District # 7 Chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:00 p.m. Mort led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the body.

The first roll call was answered by 37 members from 12 departments.

Mort advised the body of numerous routine happenings around the state and nation.

Mike Mackin reported the Indiana Fire Caucus & Emergency Services Banquet will be held February 2, 2003 in Indianapolis. Mike stated he nothing else to report except the organization is watching the progress of the legislature on several fire related bills.

Gary Robison reported that grant requests will be on line in the future and grant classes conducted by FEMA will be available throughout the state. Gary also told of Fire Chief Orientations upcoming at three sites throughout the state with the first being at Pipe Creek on February 17, 2003.

The second roll call was answered by 37 members from 12 departments. The next meeting will be at Preble on March 17, 2003. There will be a BAKE SALE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

PREBLE

MARCH 17, 2003

Guests were: LeMoyné "Buz" Koehler, IVFA President, Ivan Nevil of the Indiana State Fire Marshal Office, Mike Mackin, Public Relations Northeast Director, and Corvin Bultemeir, Auctioneer.

The meeting was called to order by District 7 chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:00 p.m. Mort led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The first roll call was answered by 44 members from 13 departments.

Mort announced information on the IVFA convention at French Lick.

Buz announced Bill # 355 to up the amount firefighters can make from 10,000 to 20,000 dollars to maintain volunteer status.

Buz told of a one hour driver training session to be added to the basic training of new firefighters, and announced that HB 1605 is up to allow EMTs to run with blue lights. This is now in committee and the IVFA opposes this bill.

Buz announced that the IVFA web site address is: WWW.IVFA.org

Mike Mackin told of attending a firefighter's retirement dinner in Barlow Twp.

Ivan Nevil announced a grant writing class will be held in Bluffton on March 27, at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse annex building. Ivan also related that HAZ-MAT awareness and operations courses are available from the State Fire Marshal Office.

Mort brought before the body the motion of District 9-B to limit the terms of IVFA President. Dale Gray made a motion with a second by Len Smith to leave Article V, Section 6 of the IVFA by-laws as they are at present. Motion was passed.

Second roll call was answered by 44 members from 13 departments. Next meeting will be at Roanoke, May 19, 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.
Gary L. Markley
District # 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 9A



Jonathon
Randle
District 9A
Chairman

Following a buffet supper, the meeting was called to order on January 23, 2003, at 7:40 PM by chairman Jon Randle at the Burlington VFD. Chief Mark Miller led the pledge to the flag and Charlie Baker gave the invocation.

Guests: Buz Koehler, Mitch Parish, Jim Bradford, Bruce Yonkers, Ashleigh Randle, Charlie and Linda Baker and Helen Hollingsworth.

Roll call: 35 members and nine fire departments reported 101 fire and 55 EMS responses.

The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: The Fire Caucus dinner will be February 3rd. Joyce Ancil moved that Dee Mauntel represent the district and Bill Shock seconded. Passed.

New Business: Chairman Randle had order forms for IVFA logo clothing and registration forms and schedules for the 2003 convention at French Lick. Renewal license plate forms are in the IVFA newspaper. There will be a vendor weekend at Laporte on March 15th and 16th and an Extrication competition on March 23rd and 24th.

IVFA President Buz Koehler reported on legislation and other issues. An insurance program, including health, for IVFA members is available. Call 1-800-450-3048 for quotes. FEMA will be conducting Grant writing classes in Indiana. There are many bills proposed this year that would affect the fire service including volunteer fire departments could secure loans the same as municipal bonds, a statewide mutual aid program, income tax deduction for volunteers, volunteers could not be disciplined for absences from work because of responding to alarms, paid firefighters want a license plate, funds from township

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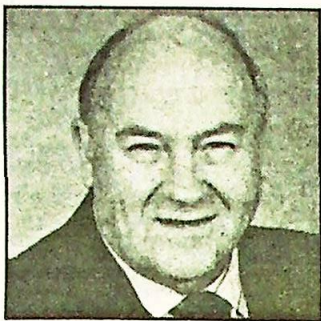
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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

Looks like we finally made it through the cold winter, and spring is here. Every year winter gets a little longer and a little colder. I think it has something to do with my age.

I thank God every day for giving me another day in this great country and I pray for a safe return of the brave men and women that are away fighting the war.

I am looking forward to attending the convention at French Lick in June. I understand they have some great things planned. It should be fun for everyone. Hope to see you there.

Jack Harker

DISTRICT 9A

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accum funds could be transferred from building funds to equipment funds. Log on to AccessIndiana.gov for more information. Buz would like to see IVFA membership increase but not the dues.

Mitch Parish told us that the newspaper coming out will contain much information on products and training. He explained how explosive meth lab scenes can be. Jon Randle mentioned that your fire departments can receive training on responding to these incidents from your law enforcement agency.

Jim Bradford, PRNW, asked that we write or e-mail our legislators for backing on legislation for us. The convention is June 18, 19, 20 at French Lick. Nominees for awards need to be in by February 1st. Bridgeport Scholarship applications must be post-marked by March 1st.

Robert Canfield of the Miami Twp. New Waverly FD was presented his

50 year pin for 52 years of service by Buz Koehler.

Ashleigh Randle received the 9A sash to wear at the convention. She thanked the members for their support.

The passing of Past Chairman Charlie Cline was noted. Ike Hollingsworth, Chief at Russiaville FD, described the HazMat incident with gasoline that they are still dealing with in town. He said that Charlie's preplans on the facility pinpointed the possible spot for a spill, and he was right.

Charlie Baker gave us a summary of his activities since retiring as Chaplain. He is with Midwest Fire and Safety in Indianapolis. They are expanding and will come out and do your ISO tests for hose, pumps and ground ladders.

Trooper Stephan Buckley and Sgt. Roger Dickison from the Lafayette State Police Post gave a program on "Crime Scene Preservation". Be aware that any or all of your personnel may be called to testify at a trial. Document everything, call the State Fire Marshal and State Patrol, don't move evidence, report anything suspicious, don't walk over everything, keep water away from unburned areas, investigate, assume every incident as a crime scene until proved differently. This will show a jury that you are professional. Conduct training on this and help convict. Sgt. Dickison can be reached at 765-397-3368 or 800-382-7537.

Chief Miller advised us that Burlington VFD will host an EMT course beginning Feb. 4th for \$350.00 plus the book.

Don Lutz won the 50/50 and donated it to Ashleigh. Bill Shock won a hat given by Linda Baker.

The next meeting is March 27th at Camden.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel
Sec./Treas.

March 27, 2003

Ron Wertz of the Jackson Twp. VFD, at Camden, IN, welcomed those present and introduced the speaker. Fire Chief Bill Barton of the Grissom ARB 434 Air Refueling Wing addressed the crowd on strategy and tactics of rescue and fire suppression involving military aircraft. There are many hazardous materials in their makeup plus the ordinance. Use AFFF on fuel fires and lots of dry chemical on the aircraft. A K-12 saw can be used on the cockpit and there are places marked on the fuselage where to cut

through and not hit hose lines, etc. There will be an Air Show at Grissom on July 26-27.

After supper the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Randle. He led the Pledge to the Flag and Rev. Frank Kilcline gave the invocation asking blessings on our troops as well as ourselves.

Guests: Rev. Kilcline, Buz Koehler, Bill Howell, Bruce Yonker, Helen Hollingsworth, Charlene Davis, Paul Mauntel, and Jim Bradford.

Roll Call: 36 members from 12 fire departments reported 105 fire runs and 49 EMS.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: Regarding the meth labs problem we discussed at the last meeting, Chairman Randle noted that the Carroll County Arson Task Force may be called to testify at a trial.

Buz Koehler reported that two bills, HB 1808 regarding raising nominal compensation from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for volunteers and SB 355 adding fire departments to borrow from the bond base are still active.

New Business: Buz said that the IVFA website is running with access to all the forms you may need.

Jim Bradford, PRNW, said that HB 1605 letting EMS use blue lights is no longer in the running mainly because of letters against it from him and other firefighters. He reminded us about the convention at French Lick. Next year it will be held at Clarksville and it will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 2005 may be at District 1-2. He said that last year FEMA gave \$750,000,000 nationwide in grants to fire departments. Indiana received \$8,739,068 of that. PSTI will give free training to your departments on meth labs. The FDIC is March 21st - April 5th. He told us that 73% of all firefighters in the U.S. are volunteers. In Indiana it is 80%. Volunteers save \$85,000,000,000 in property a year. The IVFA has health and dental insurance for \$180.00 per month for a family of four.

Bruce Yonker read a story to us reminiscent of the late Duane Lantz.

Hooters Bar and Grill has a fire engine now that they will bring to your events. Their crew of ladies will participate in waterball contests. Call Max King at Young America for info.

Dee Mauntel gave a report on the Fire Institute dinner. The Lt. Governor was the keynote speaker. The Burn Camp had a presentation. A seminar was presented that day on Strategy and Tactics on surviving terrorism.

Besides giving the history of terrorism, the instructor, Kevin Mellott, gave many suggestions on securing your fire stations and your personnel enroute to scenes and on the scene in the event of a chemical, biological, or nuclear attack.

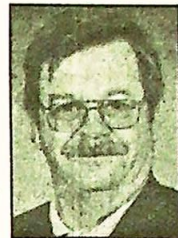
Ashleigh Randle, 9A Miss Flame candidate, will be sending a letter to all fire departments in the district requesting financial aid for the convention.

Isadore Davis let us know that Royal Center will have a pancake and sausage breakfast on May 3rd, 6-10 a.m.

Frank Kilcline won the 50/50. The next meeting is May 22nd, and Clinton Twp. VFD, Clymers, IN.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 8A



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

Hello, fellow firefighters.

It's getting into spring and then summer. I wish all my district firefighters a safe summer.

By the time you read this FEMA grants submissions will be over. I hope all my district fire departments submitted their requests.

We have a convention coming up in June in French Lick. Please attend.

Dues statements will be out soon. Chiefs, please make sure that the phone numbers and addresses are correct!

I would remind my fellow firefighters that the district meetings are for your information, please attend.

Bye for now.
Bill Pape
District 8A chairman

DISTRICT 10

**David Israel
District 10
Chairman**



What a start to a new year of IVFA District 10 meetings!

Thanks to all the fire department members that are showing up to the meetings. I'm going to make this short.

We had a great turnout for the February meeting at Flat Rock VFD in Shelby Co. and a real good program. Thanks Scott G. for setting it up. I can say one thing about the members attending the meetings in District 10, they don't hold anything back from the program presenter if they have something to say or questions there on it.

A good friend of District 10 and the fire service passed away. George Russell of the Manila Fire Department. George will be missed but remembered by many.

At the March meeting at the Adams VFD in Adams in Decatur Co., the attendance was still good. The IVFA presented the Adams VFD with a station clock for addition to their fire station. Good job.

For those departments not logged into the IVFA website DO IT NOW. Just type in www.ivfa.org and get your department list on the web page. The site has a lot of good info on it and you can list your coming events like fish fries and other fundraisers for your department. At last count District 10 had the most departments listed. GOOD JOB.

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Public Relations Southwest



Ronald Bell

Hello, Everyone,

The Convention 2003 is only weeks away. Everything seems to be coming together for it. Hope every one has gotten their hotel reservations in and have registered for the convention.

District 17A held their Miss Flame run-off at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.'s station at Odon, in February. We had three lovely ladies in the contest, sadly but only one can represent District 17A at the convention.

Our 2003 District 17A Miss Flame is Angela Cardinal of Washington Twp. Fire Dept., at Bruceville.

Her sister, Anna was the IVFA Miss Flame in 1998, and did a wonderful job of representing the organization.

Congratulations to Edgar and Lovella Nigg of the Haysville Fire Dept.

Edgar received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award and Lovella received the Distinguished Hoosier Award.

Grant Fairplay, Switz City Volunteer Fire Dept., honored two of their fellow firefighters. Jerrell Holtsclaw has 45 years and Bruce Porter for 26 years of service.

Attended Winslow Volunteer Fire Department's open house for their new station. Attended the IVFA insurance meeting at Vincennes. I was invited to attend the West Baden Springs Fire and EMS banquet and was asked to be their guest speaker. Had a wonderful time, a great bunch of firefighters and EMS personnel. Thanks for inviting my wife and I.

Attended the supper for First Responders that was held at our fire station in Odon. Air Evac crew dropped in for the supper and meeting. Plainville firefighter Harold (Gene) Shafer was honored with the Governor's Meritorious Award from the State Fire Marshal's office and his wife, Milli, received the Firefighter's Wife Poem.

Mike Bigler and his lovely wife, Victoria, attended the dinner that was held at the Knepps' Restaurant. Also, Mike Heshelman, Plainville Vol. firefighter's son received his dad's fire service pin. Mike is over at Kuwait in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Let's keep all our servicemen and women in our prayers and that they will have a safe return home.

Elnora/Elmore Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., have been working on getting their new fire station completed. Weather conditions slowed things down for awhile.

Elnora/Elmore Twp. Vol. Fire Department was host to the District 17A meeting in March.

I have attended several memorial services in District 18. Thanks to the fire departments that have invited me to their dinners, awards and open houses.

Anytime anyone has something going on and would like for me to attend, just give me a call or e-mail me and I will attend.

See you at the convention.

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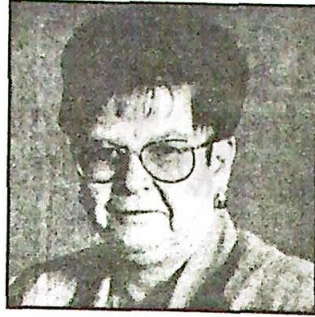
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Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary was formed at Hartford City, Indiana in June, 1952. Mrs. Ridgeway of Hartford City acted as Chairman.

IVFAA President



Barbara Kerney

My clocks have been set forward, Easter Lilies are in bloom, and temperatures are on the upswing. I know summer is not far behind.

Hopefully the new beginnings of the season and the freshness will carry over into fresh new ideas for our group. We have a good solid beginning as we tackled some old problems this past year and have tried very hard to bring our Association up to the new century.

Thanks to all of you who have offered ideas, worked in your own areas, and have lent your support to me as your President. We have only scratched the surface. There is lots of work still ahead. We are counting on you to continue your support as have in the past. It is never easy when there is change.

Make plans to attend our annual meeting and convention in French Lick. District 18 is working hard to give us a good time.

Remember our troops and our leaders in your prayers. See you in French Lick.



STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

February 2, 2003
Columbus, Indiana
President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Chaplain Leslie Spears gave the opening Prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Miriam Schackel, Sgt-at-Arms.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray with 26 members and seven guests present. She stated that we have 61 Depts., 74 Individuals, 16 Life, 781 paid by departments, with a total of 855 members.

Diana read the previous minutes and they stood as read.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter as:

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 2002\$ 3590.18

INCOME:
Dues349.00
Interest.....1.61
V.P. Project.....26.00
Unrelated Inc.....115.81
Total Income: + 492.42

DISBURSEMENTS:
Operating Exp.26.98
Mileage.....1076.02
Phone & Postage..13.83
Total expenses: - 1116.83
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 2003\$ 2965.77

Treasurer's report subject to audit. Martha Thomas read correspondence of thank you for the cards and prayers of sympathy on the death of Carolyn Wedgewood.

Leslie gave an update of her Chaplain's report. Our sympathy goes to Pam Melton on the death of her mother, Patty Miller for her brother, Leona Uryga for her mother-in-law, Carolyn Wedgewood and the passing of our Past-Chaplain of the IVFA Duane Lantz. Our get well wishes go to Barb Surber and her husband, Janet Goodwin, Leslie's mother-in-law, Dorothy Reiter as she goes in for surgery and a Happy Anniversary as well. Our thoughts and prayers to all and to Susie Stout as she was unable to attend the officer's meeting.

Marilyn Dever had nothing to report on the games at this time.

Barb Parker says that she is ready for the installation.

Lou Bartlow updated us as far as the raising of the dues. She called on all districts to give her what they had decided at their meetings. It was decided to raise the dues to \$5.00 as of the 2003-2004 year. It is to be taken back to the districts so they may send their dues according. It was passed with all votes for and one no, and one abstain.

Patty Miller again wanted all to make sure the applications for the Miss Flames are in to her by March 10th.

Joann Hays gave a report of her V.P. Project and she still needs all the help that we can give her. She received some money but she wants more, more, and more. Let's help her ladies.

Leona passed out copies of amended by-laws.

E. J. Smith said that she had a problem with the charms for this year's convention. They wanted to do the items in one-inch and she said that they were too big and that she made them do them in 3/4 inch as before.

Ann Moss as historian stated that she had received some pictures and items for her book but she could use more.

Mary Mackin as president's advisory says everything is okay.

Marilyn Dever stated the committee met Sat. evening and have picked a Lois Boaz winner. Keep those letters coming.

Parliamentarian Toni Sorg says okay.

Phyllis Vargo has received \$532.00 for the sale of the 2-year planners and she said that the class she had about the duties of a District Chairman and the Memorial process had good attendance. Thanks for attending, Mitch Parish had some papers and pictures that had been in the newspaper and left them with us. And Jim Bradford gave out newspapers to those who do not receive them.

Chuck Parker, convention chairman

for the 2003, convention passed out what was happening at the convention.

Toni presented 50 year cards to Marjorie Brames, Hoagland, Velma DeKoninck and Mary Methany of Poe at their District 7 meeting.

District 6 had Sparkey for a Miss Flame fund-raiser and Phyllis Vargo won him. Barb Kerney brought a beautiful Angel for a door prize which was won by Faye Sallee.

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

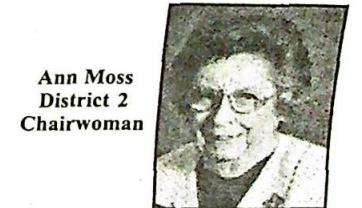
Leslie gave the closing prayer and we wish all a safe trip home and see you May 3rd & 4th in Columbus.

Submitted by,
Martha Thomas
Corresponding Sec.
IVFAA

DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Phyllis Vargo
District 1
Chairwoman



Ann Moss
District 2
Chairwoman

March 6, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, chairman of the I.V.F.A.A. District 2 at 7:15 p.m. followed by the pledge. Melissa Baumgardner of Crown Point Auxiliary gave prayer.

Ann introduced the guests for the evening. They included Jim Bradford, P.R. Northwest, Tom Odell, District 1 men's chairman, Paul Watland, and District 2 men's chairman, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary for the state, Jake Thomas, Merrillville Station #1, Jim Vargo, Schererville Fire Department, Heather Schmidt, Miss Flame District #1 and mother of District #1 Miss Flame, Sue Howe.

Julie Bodamer, president of Crown Point ladies' auxiliary gave history of the department.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 33 members in attendance and two guests representing eight departments. Marge Baumgardner read minutes of the November 7, 2002 meeting. Passed as read.

Ann Moss gave treasurer's report, passed as read for audit.

OLD BUSINESS: Ann informed the districts that state dues are going up to \$5.00 each starting the year 2003 - 2004. So, remember when you are sending in your dues for the coming year, make sure it is the new rate.

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COMMITTEES FOR 2002 - 2003

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Mary Mackin - Chm.
Jane Ferro
Diana Griffin
Faye Sallee

BUDGET & FINANCE
Lou Bartlow - Chm.
Dorothy Reiter
Beth Caudill
Mary Mackin
Phyllis Vargo

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E.J. Smith

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Ann Moss
Brandy Miller

JEWELRY
E.J. Smith - Chm.
Marilyn Dever
Pam Melton
Jane Ferro

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

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NEW BUSINESS: Ann advised that our May meeting we would be holding election of new officers.

Next meeting will be at Lake Dale on May 1st. (Remember there'll just be serving coffee and desserts).

Department Announcement.

Attendance Trophies: Merrillville District #1, Lake Dalecarria #2.

Motion to adjourn made by Julie Bodamer, seconded by Viola Rose.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Baumgardner,
District 1 & 2 Secretary

DISTRICT 3

The January meeting of the I.V.F.A.A District 3 took place at the LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department station.

Roll call was answered by 11 members from four departments: Springfield Twp., Coolspring Twp.; Michiana Shores and LaCrosse.

Auxiliaries are collecting items to be donated to the Indiana Hoosier Burn Camp for Children. Articles such as white socks, playing cards, candy bars, beach balls, sunglasses, wash clothes etc. are to be brought to the next District 3 meeting.

Also, the State Convention raffle tickets should be turned in and the funds from the selling of the 2-year pocket calendars are also due at the next District 3 meeting.

Awards were won by Joan Steinke, Coolspring Twp. and Linda Jaske, Springfield Twp.

A luncheon was enjoyed by all. Each attendee received a scented candle.

The next I.V.F.A.A. meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday March 19, 2003 at the Springfield Twp. V.F.D. station.

Submitted By:
Mary Nowatzke
Secretary/Treasurer

District. 3
Michigan City, IN 46360

The I.V.F.A.A. District 3 meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 by District 3 chairperson Leona Uryga. Hosted by Springfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairperson Uryga and followed by a prayer.

Roll call was answered by 15 members and one Individual from three departments. Springfield 6; Michiana Shores 2; Coolspring Twp. 7 and Individual, Lee Para. Honored guest was Miss Jenna Schultz, District 3 Miss Flame candidate. Ms. Schultz will represent District 3 at the State Convention to be held June 18 thru 20, 2003 at French Lick, In.

Secretary/Treasurer Mary Nowatzke read the minutes of January 15, 2003 meeting and approved. Treasurer report given and filed for audit.

Numerous items and monetary gift donated by District. 3 for the benefit of the Indiana Hoosier Burn Camp for Children and will be delivered by Leona Uryga at the State Officer's meeting.

Refreshments served by Springfield Twp. and each attendee received an Easter related gift.

The next I.V.F.A.A. District 3 meeting will be May 21, 2003 at Lincoln Twp. at 7 p.m. All Miss Flame raffle tickets and State Convention Raffle tickets should be turned in at this time.

Submitted by:
Mary Nowatzke
District 3
Secretary/Treasurer
Michigan City, IN

**August
Deadline:
July 10, 2003**

**IVFAA
Vice
President****Joann Hays**

April 6, 2003

Hello, Everyone,

Hope your spring weather is better than mine. Br-r-r!!! It's still cold. Those poor little pretty flowers, hoping for sunshine. They are so brave!

It's almost that time again to think about convention. Hope you are planning to attend. It's in French Lick this year. I'm sure you will have a good time.

Please pray for our troops that they are safe and will return home soon and safe.

Remember what the red, white and blue stands for and wear it proudly. We are a great country and should be proud of it. God Bless America!

Don't forget to purchase those raffle tickets from your district chairman.

We have great prizes. If you don't buy, you can't win. The IVFAA needs your help. So, buy! buy! buy!

Thank you.

Hope everything is going on okay in your auxiliary. If you ever need any help let Barbara or I know and we'll do our best to help you.

Looking forward to seeing you at Convention.

Have a great spring and summer.

Bless all of your departments and auxiliaries.

Love and prayers,
IVFAA Vice President
Joann Hays

DISTRICT 6

I hope that everyone had a great winter and is ready for summer.

Convention is right around the corner, French Lick is all ready to welcome us.

Remember to get your State dues paid by July 1, they are going up to \$5.00 per person.

Our next district meeting will be held on May 27 at Howe Fire Department in LaGrange County.

Come to keep up-to-date on the goings-on in the State.

Marilyn Dever
6th District IVFAA
Chairwoman

DISTRICT 7

**Susie Stout
District 7
Chairwoman
IVFAA**

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met on November 18, 2002 at the Poe Volunteer Fire Station. The meeting was opened by chairperson Suzi Stout with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was answered by 23 ladies from seven departments and four guests.

We hit on only the highlights of the officer's meeting. Trying to cut costs at the state level. Cut out the mileage and replace it with an allowance for officers whose spouse is not reimbursed at the quarterly meetings. Quit laminating cards. The possibility of rais-

**IVFAA
Chaplain**

Leslie Spears

Greetings! I hope everyone had a pleasant Easter. Spring is finally here! Our Lord is risen!

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during the illness of Dennis' mother. She is currently in a rehabilitation facility receiving therapy. She has a long way to go. The doctors say the recovery can be slow, six to eight months. Please continue praying for her. Also, our daughter, Tammy, got married February 25th to John Davis. He is also a volunteer firefighter. They have known each other for a few years, but started seeing each other "in a different light" as they took a firefighting class together. We're very happy to

have him in the family. They are expecting a baby the end of October.

I was talking to a friend of mine, who was complaining about all the things wrong in her life. Her life really isn't that bad, you know? Anyway, I tried to explain to her that she needs to focus on the positive more than the negative. She needs to put her hope and trust in Heavenly things, not earthly things. Earthly things will always disappoint. Our Heavenly Father will never disappoint.

I have all these images of the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan going through my mind. Our daughter has a dear friend in Doha, Qatar. Plus, thinking about that young Jessica Lynch, only 19 years old. Younger than our daughter. A lot of mixed feelings. One thing stands clear. We must win this war, and we must pray daily for the safety of those serving our country, and for those serving the coalition. Also, pray for President Bush, that he stay in close con-

tact with God throughout these hard times and that he lets God lead him in all his decisions. Additionally, and this one is harder, pray for Saddam Hussein and his regime, and also Osama Bin Laden and his followers. Jesus says, in Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you..." (New American Standard). Let us ask God to fill our hearts with Christian love, not only for those we choose to like, but for everyone. That doesn't mean we need to love evil itself, but we should love all people that God created.

As I write this I'm thinking about the upcoming convention. If you haven't yet made your reservations, please do so soon. A great time is promised. You cannot get a group of firefighters and auxiliary members together and not have a good time!

Your Chaplain,
Leslie Spears

ing dues to \$5.00 were some of the suggestions. An assessment fee of \$25.00 for each Miss Flame entrant was established. This fee may be paid for by the contestant herself, her department, her district or a donation from the area. We voted to pay this fee for any Miss Flame that represents the 7th District.

We have two year planners for sale for \$2.00.

We had our Miss Flame contest. We had four girls running for the title. They were Brittani Evans of Berne, Sarah Bultemeier of Hoagland, Bobbie Johnson of Geneva and Crystal Rudny of Poe. We had three judges. A paid female firefighter, a retired Air Force Sergeant who works with the local ROTC program and a childcare provider. They did private interviews and followed it with an impromptu question in front of the group. Brittani Evans was selected District 7 Miss Flame with Sarah Bultemeier as runner-up.

The evening was closed out with a recognition of three ladies from our district who have been state members for 50 years. They were Marjorie Brames of Hoagland, Velma DeKoninck of Poe and Mary (Fryback) Metheny of Poe. Each lady was presented her lifetime membership card and a rose trimmed with gold. The flowers for Miss Flame and the ladies were donated by Deb Gallmeyer of Deb's Floral Haven.

Antoinette L. Sorg,
Secretary

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met on January 20, 2003 at the Poneto Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by chairperson Suzi Stout with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was answered by five ladies from three departments and two guests. The minutes of the November officer's meeting were read and briefly discussed. Motion made by Alice Sanders to pay the National Volunteer Fire Council dues of \$50.00 for the District. Seconded by Dorothy Reiter. Motion carried. Motion was made to raise lunch fee to \$2.00 by Dorothy Reiter, seconded by Suzi Stout. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be at the Preble Pavilion on U.S. Hwy. 224, hosted by Preble Fire Department. It will be on March 17, 2003. This will also be our annual Bake Auction.

Antoinette Sorg,
Secretary

The 7th District of the IVFA Auxiliary met on March 17, 2003 at the Preble Firemen's Park. The meeting was opened by chairperson Suzi Stout with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 18 ladies from six departments.

The state officer's minutes from the February meeting were read and discussed. The dues will be raised to \$5.00 per person effective 2003 - 2004.

Miss Flame Brittani Evans won the

door prize.

We adjourned the meeting and joined the men for our annual Bake Auction. The auction was a huge success.

Antoinette L. Sorg,
Secretary

DISTRICT 11A

Beverly
Taylor
District 11A
Chairwoman
IVFAA



Hello again,

Winter is finally over and spring is here. It won't be long till we will be hunting for mushrooms and planting flowers. Sounds good!

Our last district meeting was held at Prairieton. We had a delicious lunch which was served by the Prairieton firefighters, all wearing green hats in observance of St. Patrick's Day. Very cute!

We had 19 ladies present. A good crowd, hope to keep up the attendance. We welcomed our guest and discussed money-making projects and played a game.

We adjourned to the men's meeting to watch a film on hybrid cars and their safety features and techniques on doing extrication on this type of vehicle.

Till next time, stay safe and pray for our military troops, they need it.

District 11A chairman
Beverly Taylor

DISTRICT 11B

**Patty Miller
District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA**

Finally --- No more snow!! Hope this finds everyone in good health. I am writing this as I listen to the news of the war in Iraq. Pray for a swift end and bring our troops home safe.

We have a new District 11B Miss Flame - Omeika Dowers. Good luck to her at the state contest. Thanks for a fine job by Amanda Neese this past year.

Thanks to Dana VFD for hosting our March meeting. We had a very good meal and a nice turnout. Our guests included our new Miss Flame, Barbara Kerney and Beverly Harker (Jack's driver).

District 11B is hosting the annual 11A-11B picnic on September 14. Everyone is invited, so mark your calendars!

I'll stop rambling on for now, hope to see everyone at French Lick! Have a

safe and healthy summer!

Patty Miller
IVFAA
District 11B

DISTRICT 19

Sunman Fire Auxiliary held the February 11th meeting of the District 19 IVFAA at their new firehouse.

Marilyn Smith opened the meeting with prayer. The ladies served a great meal before we continued with the meeting.

Pledge to the flag was said and the roll call was taken. Fourteen members and one guest were present.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given and approved. The treasurer has a balance of \$92.89. We had a guest - the new Miss Flame - Kim Narvold.

The meeting was adjourned by a prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Merkel

Attention: Miss Flame contestants and parents

March 10th has come and gone, and this year 18 contestants have entered the Miss Flame contest. You will find names and pictures of the girls in this edition.

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

Contestants and parents, if you have not made your room reservations, please do so right away. The rooms will not be held much longer. The number to call is 1-800-457-4042.

Be sure to tell the reservation clerk that you are a Miss Flame contestant with the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. One double room has been set aside for each contestant, but you have to call and reserve it.

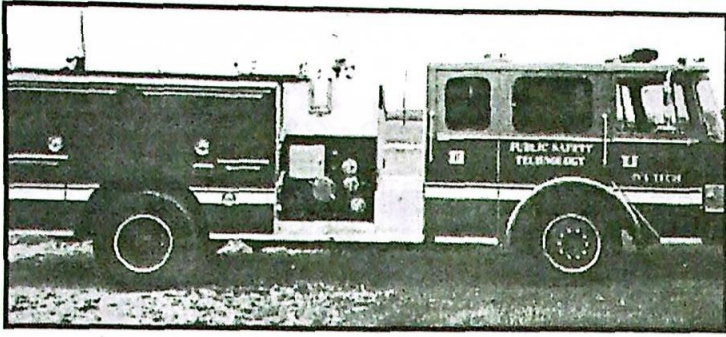
Also, parents do not forget to send in your registration and money before June 1.

Information letters have been sent to the girls/parents and district chairmen.

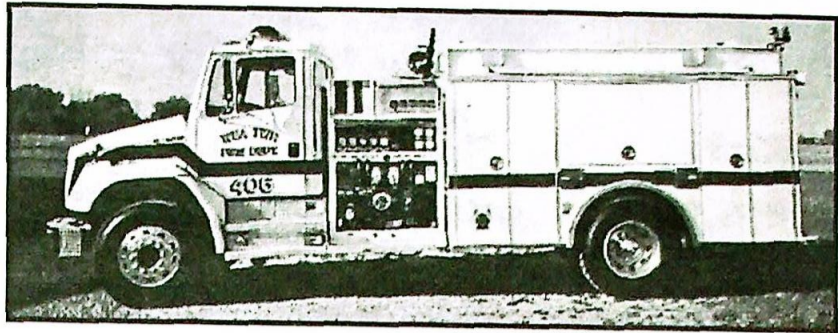
Another letter will be mailed to the contestants in May with additional information.

If anyone has any questions concerning the contest, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. 765-832-6931 - e-mail: plmm73@aol.com

Patty Miller
Miss Flame chairman



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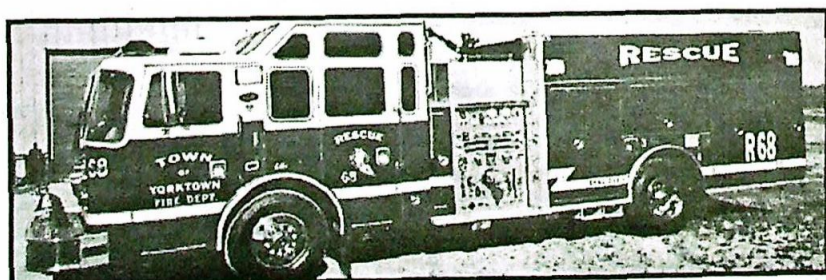
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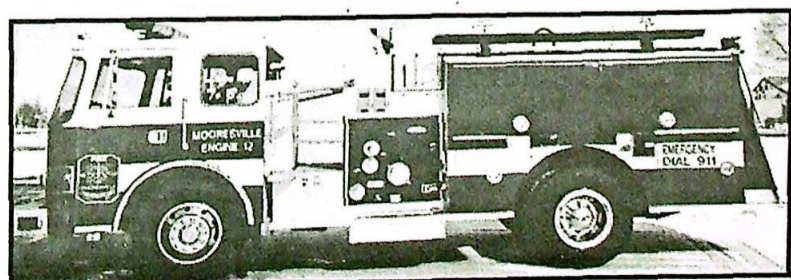
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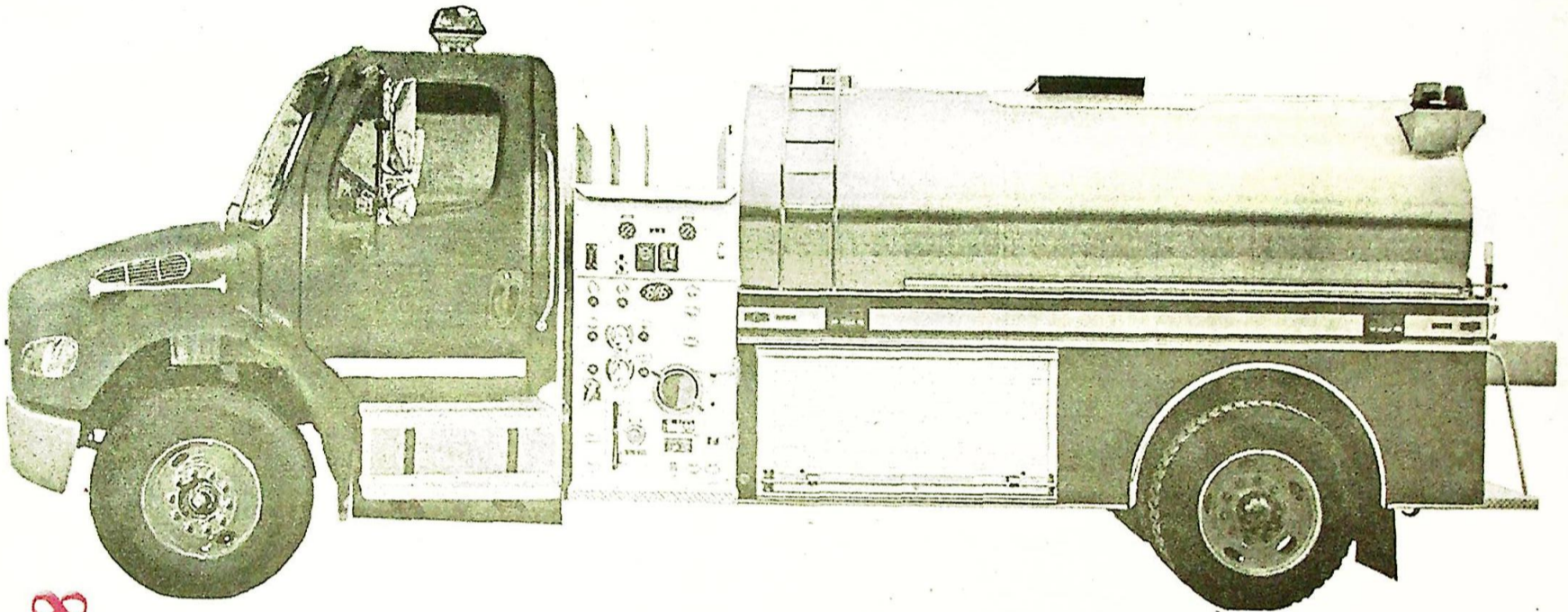
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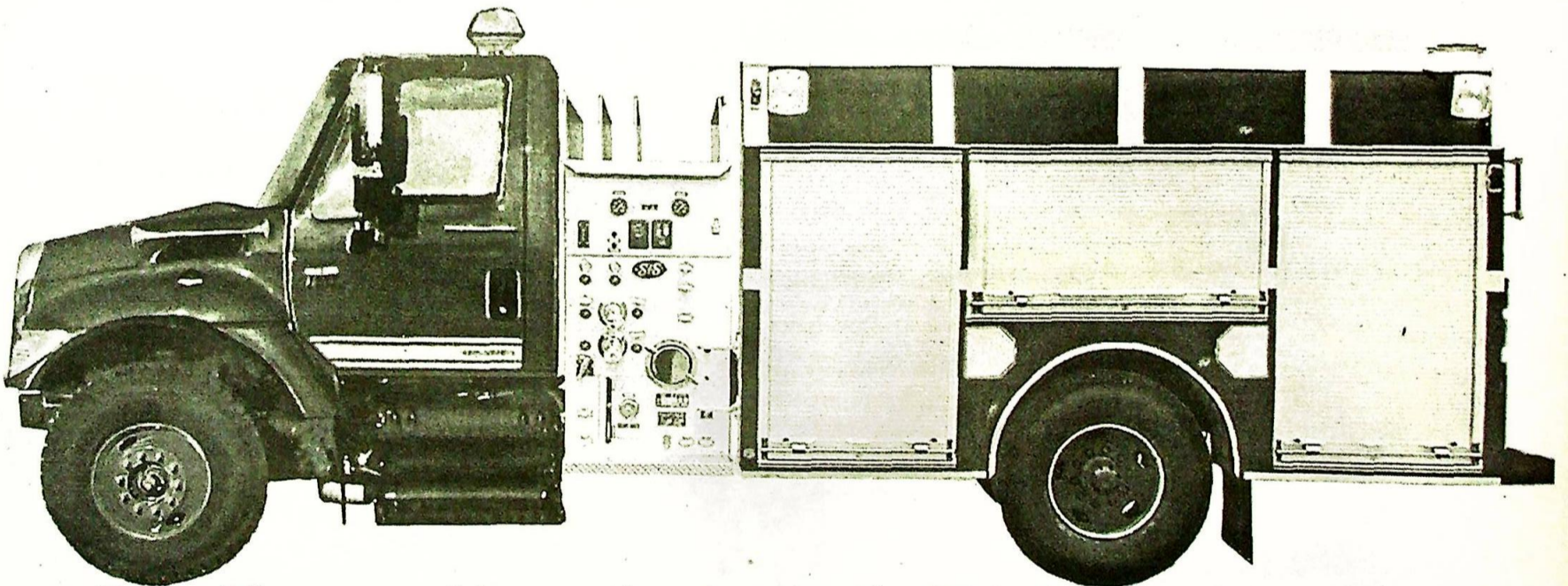
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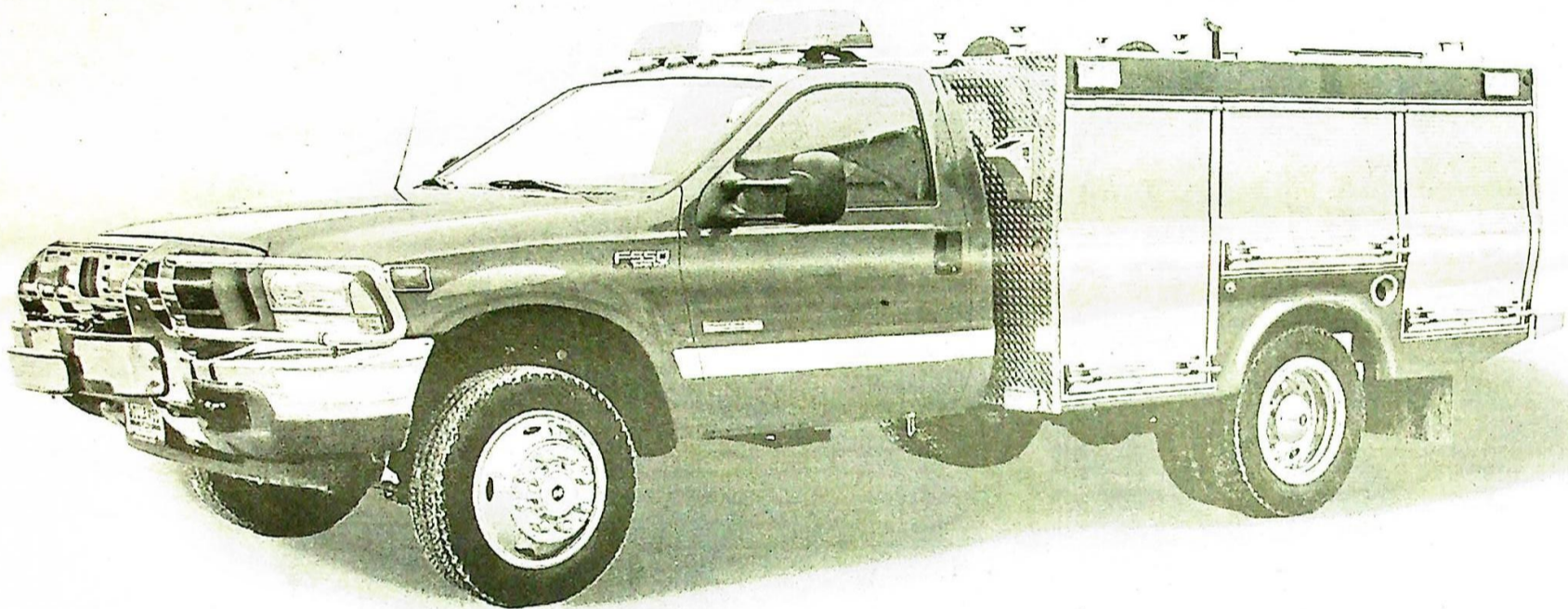
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DISTRICT 10

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Don't forget about IVFA convention in French Lick June 18-21, 2003. I would like to congratulate our District 10 Miss Flame contestant Shelly Hargett. Her parents are Robin and Roger Hargett. They are both on the Hartsville Comm. VFD.

The next District 10 meetings are Hartsville Comm. VFD in Barth. Co. May 21, 2003. Take June and July off and start again August 20, 2003 at the Moral Twp. VFD in Shelby Co.

Be watching the mail in May for IVFA dues packets. They are due back in by July 31, 2003. Make sure you check your info listed by your name to make sure it is correct.

Have a safe summer.

David Israel
IVFA District 10 chairman

Fire and Safety gave a very informative program on Firefighter Accountability.

Our Miss Flame dance and contest was held on January 25. There were five contestants, Jennifer Lengenfelder, Mackenzie Watson, Andree Maxwell, Brittany Harrison and Taryn Russell. Mackenzie Watson was first runner-up and Jennifer Lengenfelder was crowned Miss Flame. Good luck at the state contest, Jennifer.

District 11-A suffered the loss of three firefighters during the last quarter. They will certainly be missed. Rickie Byron Thrasher passed away on February 20th. Rickie was past fire chief of Shelburn, Curry Twp. and Farmersburg. He was a Master Firefighter, past president of the Sullivan County Fire Chief's Association. Our sympathy goes out to the Thrasher family.

On February 27th, Harvey Lynn passed away. Harvey was a retired member of the Dugger Volunteer Fire Department. Our sympathy goes out to the Lynn family.

On Sunday, March 9th, Gilbert Buskirk, a 17 year member of the Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department passed away. Our sympathy goes out to the Buskirk family.

After having three services in three weeks it has become clear that a lot of firefighters haven't talked to their family or their fire department about what they want to take place at their funeral. This is something that is very important and if there has not been any preplanning, sometimes it is very difficult for the fire department to put the kind of service together that is requested. I urge every firefighter to talk to your department and family about what you want at your service. Some of the things to think about: flag for casket and flag case, fire trucks in procession, casket on fire truck, special music, Honor Guard, bell and bell

ringer, last radio call, siren, bagpipes. These are just a few of the things that the family and fire department need to know.

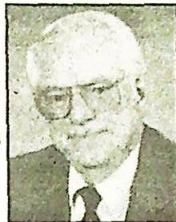
District 11-A meeting was held at the Prairieton Fire Department, Vigo County, March 16th. Thanks to Dave Phelps and all of the folks for a great dinner and the great hospitality. Thanks to Kim Maxwell for a very informational program on Hybrid Cars. Firefighters, there are a lot of Hybrid cars out there and they are very dangerous for rescuers.

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

Jack McFarland

DISTRICT 11-B

Larry Ketchem
District 11B
Chairman



CAYUGA
JANUARY 12, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem with the Invocation given by the District Chaplain, Con Mankin. The pledge to the flag was led by district Sgt.-at-Arms David Miller. Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests present and turned the meeting over to Mike Morgan of the Cayuga Vol. Fire Dept. who explained the newest addition to their inventory, a new Eagle Imager Two to assist with locating hot spots in structure fires. They were able to purchase this Imager through a grant from FEMA. Roger Lewis spoke on the new ambulance now being housed in Cayuga since the

first of the year. He commented on how the process works to get these units ready to put into service for Vermillion County. A question and answer session followed these presentations.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The discussion of the current state laws and how they assist the fire service were covered in part as they pertain to current levels or certain situations. Chairman Ketchem reminded those present to call their local legislative people and tell them what their needs are on a local basis.

State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush mentioned the various awards upcoming to be awarded at the next state convention. He asked that names of local fire personnel who deserve these awards be submitted to the appropriate committees. He then commented that he felt that the men's organization of District 11-B should pick up the tab for the band at the Miss Flame dance. Chairman Ketchem spoke about the discrepancies in the date of entry into the fire service. A lot of firefighters are being overlooked in this area and he gave an example of one firefighter living in the district whose date of entry was incorrect. Chairman Ketchem presented 25 year fire service pins to Rick Lewis, Tim Wilson and Ed Pearman of the Cayuga Vol. Fire Department. The name of Ken Miller was also read but he was not present to receive his pin.

The host department certificate was presented to Chief Tim Wilson of the Cayuga Vol. Fire Department.

Auxiliary chairman Patty Miller presented 25 year certificate to Helen Brannin. She then announced the time and place for the 2003 Miss Flame dance.

A motion was made by Roger Lewis, seconded by Con Mankin that the men's organization of the district pick up the cost of the band for the dance in the amount of \$300.00. The motion carried.

The benediction was given by District Auxiliary Chaplain Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Secretary

DANA
MARCH 9, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem with the invocation given by District Chaplain Con Mankin. The pledge to the flag was led by district Sgt.-at-Arms Dave Miller.

Chairman Ketchem turned the meeting over to Chief Bill Newgent of the Greencastle Fire Department who gave a picture presentation of the DePauw University fire in April of 2002 resulting in an eight million dollar loss to the building and contents. There were no serious injuries or deaths from this fire. Twelve departments fought this fire and the news coverage from all over the country was tremendous. Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests present and called on the Auxiliary District chairman to introduce her guests. Dana Chief Brent Bush presented a 25 year pin to Phil Hess of the Dana Fire Department.

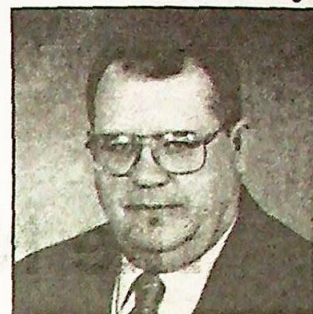
Roll call was taken with 21 members from six departments answering the roll. IVFA president Buz Koehler remarked about the current bills now in the legislature. VP Jack Kerney spoke on the upswing of interest concerning the IVFA license plate.

WCPR Diane Harrison spoke about grants, and webpage availability. Guest Enrique Garcia spoke on his Haz-Mat activities in this area.

Chairman Ketchem announced that the next two dates had been set, May 14, 2003 in Hillsdale at 7:00 p.m. and July 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Perrysville. He then spoke about a new insurance coverage now available to members of the IVFA and passed out literature on this subject.

Chairman Ketchem then addressed a proposal to the By-Laws to Article 5, Section 6 that has been submitted by a district chairman within the state

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

to the effect that a president or vice president after serving two terms, cannot serve in these capacities again.

A roll call was taken with all members present voting nay to the proposal as submitted. Auxiliary chairman Patty Miller thanked all those responsible for making the Miss Flame dance recently held in Clinton a huge success. The new District 11-B Miss Flame, Omeina Dowers spoke to those in attendance.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, secretary

DISTRICT 13-A

Tim Martin

District 13-A Chairman

Our last meeting was held at Fortville Volunteer Fire Department on February 20, 2003. There were 13 members present representing five departments. Three guests were present.

Topics of discussion were: proposed by-law change, FEMA Grants, Grant classes, other Grants that are available, legislation, Indianapolis fire school, FDIC, IVFA newspaper, IVFA awards and due dates, IVFA convention.

Being no further business, the meeting was turned over to Fortville V.F.D. That night's program was W.A.R.N. (water awareness in residential neighborhoods).

Our next meeting will be May 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., location TBA.

District 13A chairman
Tim Martin

DISTRICT 14



Al Williamson
District 14
Chairman

April 2, 2003

Well, it's nice to see the weather getting warmer. Along with the nicer weather there have already been several brush or field fires in the area with at least one field fire communicating to a structure. So far all have been controlled and extinguished in a relatively short time.

I attended a chili dinner at New Washington and had an excellent meal. The weather which turned bad causing some freezing roads most likely kept some people from coming out, however, there was a good crowd while I was attending.

I thought I might pass on some info to those that are not familiar with the current situation with the McCulloch V.F.D. Assoc., as some get confused due to different names on the two McCulloch stations.

Approximately eight or nine years

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DISTRICT 11-A



Jack McFarland
District 11A
Chairman

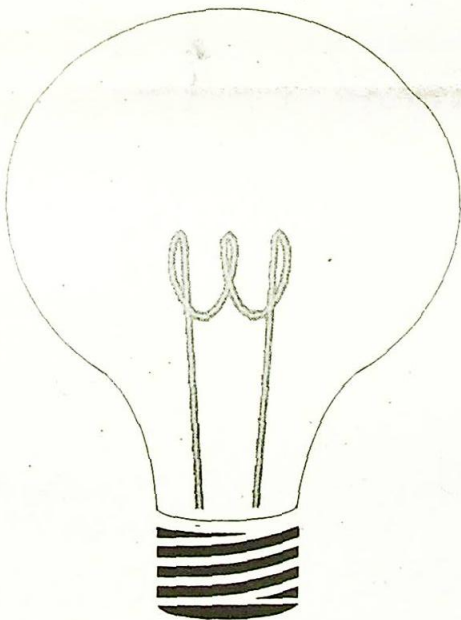
Winter is finally over and I for one can't wait for the warm weather to begin.

District 11-A meeting for January was held at Cory Fire Department, Clay County. Thanks to Chief Dave Watson and his wife, Shelly, for being great hosts. Joann Hays said everything was ready for the Miss Flame contest. There will be five contestants.

Darren Sluder from Southwestern

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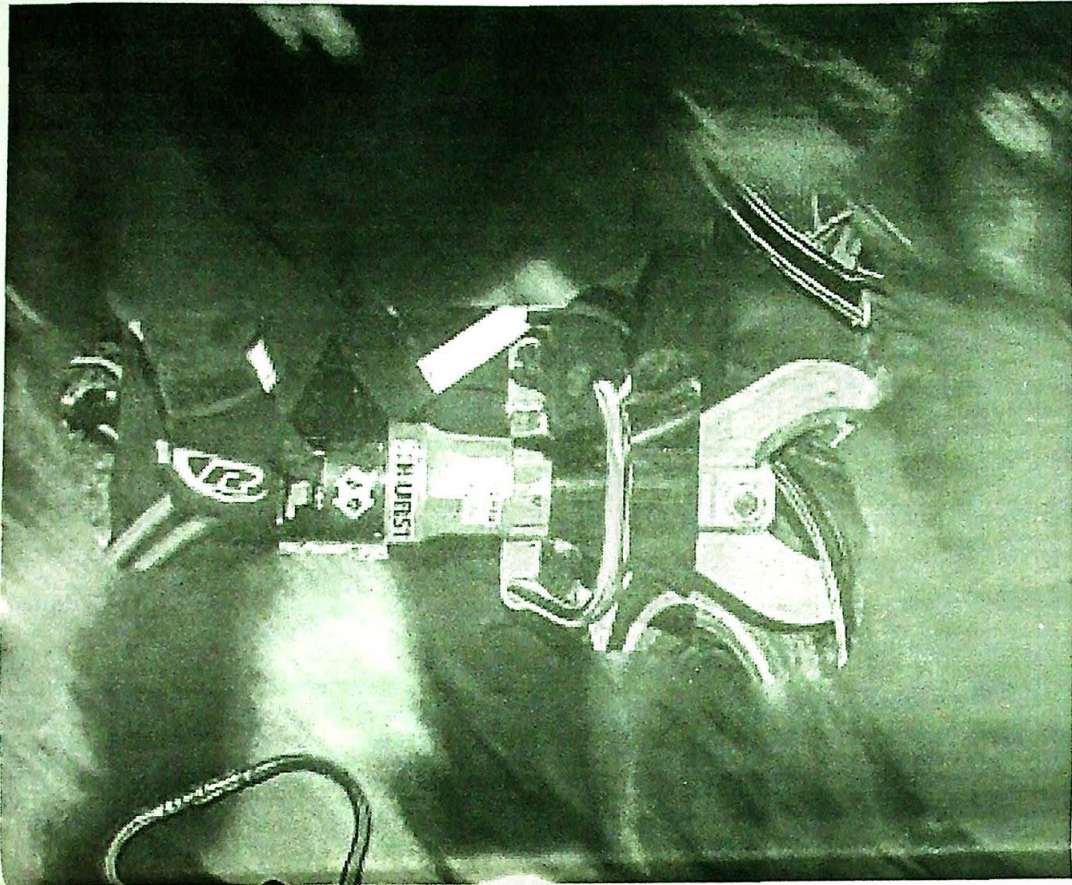
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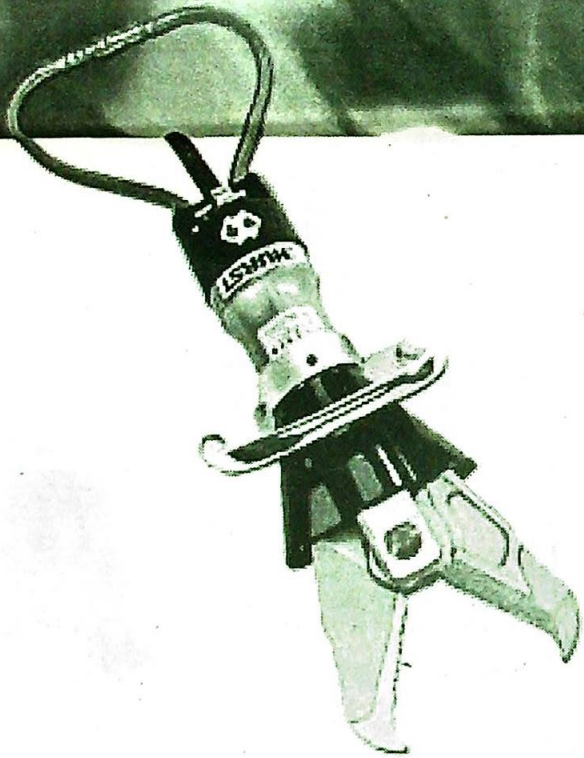


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DISTRICT 14

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ago the town of Clarksville annexed nearly all of the area that our Hale Rd. station covered. As a result the Hale Rd. station now contracts with the town of Clarksville and is identified in Clarksville as the Clarksville V.F.D. Station 3.

The Allison Ln. station contracts with the Jeffersonville Twp. Trustee. Thus the two stations make up the McCulloch Vol. Firefighters Assoc. The McCulloch V.F.D. Assoc. owns the station and property on Hale Rd. in Clarksville with the Clarksville F.D. owning all apparatus. On Allison Ln. in Jeffersonville, the township owns the property and apparatus.

I have also been attending the Clark Co. Fire Chief's Assoc. meetings at the request of their president, Roy Richardson and try and keep them informed of legislation or other business of interest in the I.V.F.A.

I have passed out 25-30 membership forms lately, so maybe our membership will increase some more.

I look forward to seeing everyone at French Lick.

District 14 Chairman
Al Williamson

Daunhauer in their prayers. He has been diagnosed with cancer and is taking chemo at this time.

Our Miss Flame contest was held during the evening. Rachel Killion, representing Yanketown Fire Dept. and Nicole Payne, representing German Township were our two contestants. Judges were Carol Young, Jenny Buck and Charlotte Walts. Our candidate for District 15 will be Nicole Payne. Gifts were presented by the district to the judges and the girls. Barb Kerney thanked the judges for their efforts and time in selecting our Miss Flame.

Reports from departments represented were given.

Thanks were given to German Township for the meal that was served and for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting will be held on March 18, 2003 at Elberfield Fire Department.

Barb Kerney of the Central Office reminded all of license plates that are available. Also if you have an address change, please contact the office. They want to make sure you are receiving your mail.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned. Drawing of door prizes was held.

Barb Kerney,
Secretary

DISTRICT 18

Charles Parker
District 18
Chairman



District 18 meeting was called to order by district chairman, Chuck Parker at 8:07.

The meeting was held March 20 at Fulda Sportsmen's Club, Fulda, IN hosted by the New Boston VFD.

Sixty-two members answered roll. Eighteen departments represented. 214 calls answered.

A moment of silence was observed for those firefighters who passed away since our last meeting.

Five deaths in district since January (this figure includes one past member) as of 3-20. Four deaths since March 20 meeting, including one line of duty death.

Fire Prevention Week Parade will be held at Troy, IN on Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. EST.

Next district meeting will be hosted by Luce Township VFD at their new Richmond Firehouse on Hwy. 161 on May 15 at 7:30 p.m. EST.

Chuck Parker
District 18 chairman

many members take the time to attend the district meetings and share information about their department with the other departments.

Our next meeting will be at Bright V.F.D., Station 1 on Salt Fork Road on May 22 at 7:00 E.S.T.

Summer is fast approaching. This is the time of year that everyone gets busier. We need to take time and be safe.

The State Convention is fast approaching, and it would be good to see a good attendance from District 19 to support our Miss Flame candidate, Kim Narwold.

Any department wanting Kim to attend or help with festivals or other fundraisers can contact Kim or myself.

Thanks to all members in the district for your support.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

The District 19 IVFA meeting was held at Blooming Grove VFD on March 27, 2003 with 34 firefighters from 10 departments reporting 151 fires and EMS runs.

The meeting was called to order by Ed Scheele, president. The pledge to the flag was led by Steve Russell, chief. Carl Bruns led us in prayer. Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

The guests were: Jim Gilmore, Koorsen, and Steve Battles, Midwest Fire & Safety.

OLD BUSINESS: Ed talked about insurance plan for IVFA members. All departments PLEASE check the information on your embers when you turn in your dues.

NEW BUSINESS: It is too late to turn in names for the awards for this year, but it is NOT too late to start thinking about next year's candidates. The new state chaplain is Fred Page. Ed talked about the by-law changes. Ed talked about the Bills in Congress.

The next meeting is May 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. (EST) at Bright VFD Station 1 on Salt Ford RD.

Respectfully submitted:
Randy Merkel

Nominating committee meets

The nominating committee held a meeting April 6, 2003 for the purpose of selecting a slate of I.V.F.A. officers for 2004.

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14-16-19 - P.R.S.E.I. - Open
15-17A-17B-18 - P.R.S.W.I - Ron Bell

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This is the recommendation of the committee.

Jim Bradford
Ron Bell
Don Kissinger
Mitch Parish - Chairman

DISTRICT 15



Steve Anderson
District 15
Chairman

I.V.F.A. District met on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at German Township Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by chairman Steve Anderson at 19:05 p.m.

The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt.-At-Arms Harry Logan followed by a reading by Chaplain Andrea Seib.

Guests were introduced: Jack & Bev Harker, I.V.F.A. treasurer, Ron Bell, PR SW and Jack Kerney, I.V.F.A. Vice President.

Roll call was answered by nine departments, 18 members and six guests.

Minutes were distributed by the Secretary. A motion was made by John Buckman to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded by C.L. Mitchell. Motion carried.

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

Steve reminded all to make their reservations for French Lick. Number for hotel is 1-800-457-4042.

Chairman Anderson told of awards coming due. He asked for nominations for the Midwest Award for District 15. C. L. Mitchell from Patoka Township will be given the award from District 15.

Alex Smith asked to speak to the group on the United Way and how its donations affect our local fire departments.

OLD BUSINESS: Harry Logan asked about if the district still was interested in having a fire school locally. Discussion was held on feasibility. It was tabled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Barb Kerney asked that the group for \$25.00 fee for Miss Flame to be paid to the state I.V.F.A.A. She explained why the fee is being asked for. A motion was made by Jack Kerney for a check to be written to accompany application for Miss Flame seconded by Sherry Snodgrass. Motion carried.

Bills that are being brought forth in this legislative session were brought before the group by Jack and Steve. All were encouraged to call their legislators about what they want and how our interest lies.

Jack Kerney asked the group to keep former district chairman Frank

DISTRICT 17A

Jim Abrams
District 17A
Chairman



Spring is finally here, I know we're all glad to see the sun shine again! It's been a long winter.

I attended dedication of new fire station at Winslow and presented a clock. They have a great new fire station.

I gave 25 year pins to Bruce Porter and Harrel Holsclaw at ceremony at Switz City Fire Dept.

District 17A meeting was held at Elnora Park Community Building, hosted by Elnora Fire Department. After a great meal, Alan Scarpellini gave a talk on how fire departments have changed over the years, now having to deal with terrorists. We appreciate his speech.

It was good to see Brian Wesner, fire chief of Elnora, doing so well after surgery. Thanks to our Miss Flame Angela Cardinal for coming to the meeting.

District 17A's Miss Flame contest was held at Odon/Madison Fire Dept. hosted by Malinda Bell. We had three contestants - Angela Cardinal, Megan Stahl and Lisa Burch. After interviews and questions, Angela Cardinal was crowned Miss Flame of 17A.

In March the volunteer fire service lost a good man. Don Tribby, fire chief of Jasonville retired. Don has been in the fire department for 50 years and had received his Gold Card from Jack McFarland. Don will really be missed!

We also want to send out a get well to Bridget Blanton who was struck by a tree while fighting a brush fire. She has eleven staples in her head, a broken collar bone, ribs and a black eye. Get well soon, Bridget!

I'll see you all at convention in French Lick in June!

District 17A chairman
Jim Abrams

DISTRICT 19

Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman



District 19 held its last meeting at Blooming Grove V.F.D.

The attendance is very good at the district meetings. It is good to see so

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4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
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From the IVFA Office

Barb Kerney

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable winter.

The office will be sending out 2003 dues notices the first week of May. In the packets will be a roster listing all of the members on your department you paid dues for in 2002. It is very important that each department reads these very carefully, and makes the necessary changes so we have correct information in the office. Please return the corrected membership roster, along with the BLUE cover sheet to the office before the July 31 deadline. Any dues received after July 31 is considered late. Late payment will affect some of the benefits you receive.

The information on the BLUE cover sheet is very important. Please take the time to fill it out. Please be careful and follow the directions on this cover sheet. Any mistakes can delay your dues being processed. All dues renewals must be accompanied by payment with a check, credit card or purchase order to be considered paid on time.

IVFA Special Recognition License Plates are going well, due to the ugly Indiana license plate. The \$5.00 license plate fee is used to keep the Bridgeport Benefit Fund solvent, \$3.00 goes into the fund for line-of-duty death benefits, and the two \$1,500.00 scholarship awarded each year at convention. The remainder is

used to defray the cost of the license plate program. Remember the colors of the IVFA plates are red, white and blue, and these colors do not run. Show your colors as Indiana Volunteer Firefighters and display this IVFA license plate proudly.

The IVFA Clothing is now available and can be ordered from the office. Pictures of the clothing are available on our web site and in this issue of the paper. We can now accept Visa and Mastercard credit cards for these purchases.

I hope we were able to fulfill everyone's needs this past year and look forward to fulfilling your needs in the future. We try to answer the phone day and night, no matter where we may be. We transfer the office phone to the cell phone when we are away. If we do not answer, we may be on the phone helping another firefighter or the cell is out of range. Please leave us a message and the phone number so we can return your call and help with your problem. It has been a pleasure serving the most dedicated and wonderful people in the State of Indiana.

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IVFA ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
56th Annual Convention
Executive Inn
Evansville, Indiana
June 14, 2002

This is the digest of the minutes of the 56th annual meeting compiled by President Jack Kerney, Vice-President LeMoyné 'Buz' Koehler, Secretary Larry Bartlow, and Treasurer Jack Harker.

PRES. KERNEY: Called the annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association at 9:50 a.m.

PRES. KERNEY: Called on Chaplain Baker for the invocation.

PRES. KERNEY: Asked vice-president to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

PRES. KERNEY: "Let's have a reading of the minutes of the 2001 annual meeting from Fort Wayne."

PRNE MIKE MACKIN: "Mr. President, I would like to make a motion we accept the minutes as distributed."

PRES. KERNEY: "Mike Mackin makes motion we accept minutes as distributed."

MR. DENTON: Randy Denton District 9-B seconds the motion.

PRES. KERNEY: "Randy Denton, District 9-B, seconds the motion. All in favor, aye? Opposed same sign? Motion passed."

PRES. KERNEY: "At this time I would like to introduce Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Bigler. He wants to discuss anti-terrorism bills."

MR. BIGLER: Presented a power point program to give an idea as to what is coming in the anti-terrorism training. He defined how the training would be present, the personnel that would be involved and the monies that would be used to fund these programs. He discussed the need for a better communication throughout the State. This would put everyone on the same system so that all agencies could communicate with each other. He also talked about the Haz-mat equipment that would be placed in the different areas of the State; including the training that would be required to maintain the equipment. "As firefighters we have two choices when a problem comes up; we can ignore it and hope it goes away or we can respond. And when we respond it only makes sense to respond with people who are trained and protected to deal with the situation. We're sworn to protect our community. Let's don't let them down."

"As this equipment and training becomes available you need to be encouraging the people in your departments to take this training and get this equipment and start to be prepared."

"Any questions?"

THE MEMBERSHIP: (No questions)

MR. BIGLER: "Thank you."

PRES. KERNEY: "Thanks, Mike. Okay, we need the mileage and credentials and roll call committees. Mileage and credentials is Harker, Zeeks, Bell, Cushman, and Bradford. Roll call is Koehler, Bruns, Bartlow, Glant and Parish."

PRES. KERNEY: "I welcome the chairman of the Miss Flame committee, Patti Miller."

PATTI MILLER: "Good morning. I would like to introduce the 2002 Miss Flame candidates at this time."

First we have our 2002 Miss Flame, Toni Lenkensdof, Union City Volunteer fire department. Her parents are Mark and Beverly Lenkensdof.

Then we have our runner-up Nicole Payne, Evansville, IN, German Township volunteer fire department. Her parents are Tim and Susan Wargel.

Then we have our 2001 Miss Flame, Andrea Seib. Andrea's done a great job representing the IVFA, IVFAA and we'd like to thank her for that.

District 1, Kimberly Perry, Crown Point, IN, Merrillville Volunteer fire department, Station 2. Her mother is Elizabeth Perry.

District 2, Julie Gettler, Crown Point, IN, Crown Point Volunteer Fire Dept. Her parents are John and Roberta Gettler.

District 3, Lynnette Stoner, Rolling Prairie, Kankakee Township volunteer fire department. Her parents are Donald and Bonnie Stoner.

District 6, Amanda Conley, South Milford, IN, South Milford Volunteer fire department. Her parents are Danny and Sherry Conley.

District 7, Brittani Evans, Berne, IN, Berne Volunteer fire department. Her parents are Mark and Tammy Evans.

District 8A, Nicole Phillips, Marion, IN, Center Township Volunteer fire department. Her parents are Brian and Cynthia Logan.

District 9B, Victoria Leighanne Randle, Delphi, IN, Delphi Volunteer Fire Department. Jean and Jonathan Randle are her parents.

District 9B, Emily Lyons, Rensselaer, IN, Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department. Her parents are Jerry and Carol Lockridge.

District 10, Rebecca Cole, Greenfield, IN, Burney-Clay Township Fire Volunteer Department. Her mother is Wanda Cole.

District 11-A, Jennifer Lingenfelter, Terre Haute, IN., Otter Creek Fire Department No. 1. Her parents are Gary and Jane Lingenfelter.

District 11-B, Amanda Neese, Rockville, IN, JUCA Volunteer Fire Department. Her parents are Stan and Arlene Sandusky.

District 12-A, Megan Holman, Camby, IN, Decatur Township Volunteer Fire Department. Her parents are Adam Holman and Tonya Jester.

District 12-B, Jaclyn Joseph, Lizton, IN, Lizton Volunteer Fire Department. Her parents are Jon and Nancy Joseph.

District 13-A, Jessica Cox, Centerville, IN, Centerville Fire and Rescue. Her parents are Jack and Becky Cox.

District 14, Cindy McKenzie, Hanover, IN, Hanover Volunteer Fire Department. Her parents are Robert and Deborah McKenzie.

District 17-A, Deanna Chestnut, Bloomfield, IN, Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department. Her parents are Brian and Darla Chestnut.

District 18, Bridget Gelhausen, Jasper, IN, Ireland Volunteer Fire Department. Her parents are Brian and Joyce Gelhausen.

District 19, Kerrianna Miles, Moores Hill, IN, Moores Hill Volunteer Fire Department. David and Janice Miles are her parents.

This has been a wonderful group of young ladies to work with, and I can't thank the district chairmen for working so hard to bring us 20 young ladies to run for Miss Flame. Please invite these young ladies to your activities."

PRES. KERNEY: "Thank you very much. The men have gifts for you here, ladies."

PRES. KERNEY: "Again, I thank these gentlemen sitting here. Everything that I have asked you to do, you have come through. We asked for increase on membership, you came through. We asked you to go out and find Miss Flame candidates and you came through. So, district chairmen, thank you."

We need these delegate sheets turned in. Remember only one delegate for each department will receive mileage to Evansville and back home.

District chairmen, poll your delegates, get them recorded on the roll call sheets.

Mileage and credentials committee is to come forward and report to trea-

surer Jack Harker. The roll call committee report to Buz Koehler."

PRES. KERNEY: "Ivan Nevil, would you come forward and address the membership."

MR. IVAN NEVIL: "Good morning. First, I'm here representing PSTI. First off I would like to thank everybody that attended the Board of Firefighters Standards and Education meeting yesterday. With the attendance and input from you as the firefighters as the end receiver on what we do, we don't know if we're doing it right or not."

We are going to have Indiana Weekend and it will happen on August 24th and 25th. We will be co-hosting the weekend this year with the State of Mississippi. The fee is the same as it's been: \$90 if you drive; \$120 if you ride the bus. NFA classes, fortunately I have a grant again this year to provide free instructions to you in your department with National Fire Academy adjunct instructors.

Also, Mike spoke of some terrorism classes. We have several terrorism classes that we can offer you. Again, no cost. Also, Haz-Mat classes that are coming we will be needing instructors. We're going to give you a canned program. We are going to provide you with the student manuals or whatever it takes to go along with the program.

Does anybody have any questions on the training, certification, or any other material I've covered?"

MEMBERSHIP: No response.

MR. NEVIL: "Jack, that was easy. Thank you."

PRES. KERNEY: "Thanks, Ivan. Gary Robinson, NIFIRS coordinator, do you have anything?"

MR. ROBINSON: "Does anyone have any problem with their NIFIRS software? If you think you are having problems, stop by the booth and see me. We're still doing classes on this and we will still try to help you. Three years ago only 237 departments were filing fire reports. Now we are at the 700 mark. So we're doing real good. Thank you."

PRES. KERNEY: "Thanks, Gary. Larry Cruel, would you like to address the body."

LARRY CRUEL: "I bring you greetings from the Indiana Fire Services Institute. We meet on a quarterly basis to discuss the issues concerning the whereabouts of the fire service in the State of Indiana. In November we called together for the first time, this fire service institute and invited some 100 people to attend. We got 68 to 70 to attend the meeting. We discussed some five issues that are of great concern to the fire service. Communication was the number one issue discussed. The Institute is trying to work hard for your best interest. We've got some good representation there. And we thank you for the time to visit with you."

PRES. KERNEY: "Thanks, Larry. Now the officer's report."

President's report: Jack Kerney - "For my report I would say that I have driven about 16,000 miles this year. Barb and I have spent very little time at home. We try to make as many meetings as possible and still run the office as you've seen it. I want to thank the district chairmen again for your response to my needs. You've done everything that I've asked you to do. Two years ago I mentioned that I thought 18,000 members was a good number. We had dropped to about 15,000 members and we couldn't that way. And I said I thought 17,000 was an obtainable goal before I left office."

I believe in this organization and you guys have 17,100 members. That is phenomenal. Just 2001 license plates was 3226 requests.

I still think 18,000 is obtainable. We have quite a few departments out

there that don't belong.

We have made tremendous strides just the last two years. We've made some very hard business decisions and you guys have supported me for those and I appreciate that. All the committees that we assigned have worked very hard. We've had a very good legislative session. We tackled the "Blue Light" law and several light combination were made legal. We want to thank our lobbyists for doing that.

I did serve on the Fire Grant Committee again this year. I spent one week in Emmitsburg, MD reviewing grants. 19,200 grants were received. The computer automatically dismissed 10,000 of them. The week I was out there we reviewed 3,500.

I want to thank all of you for supporting and giving me your support."

PRES. KERNEY: "Buz Koehler, do you have a Vice-President report?"

VICE PRESIDENT BUZ KOEHLER: "Thank you, Mr. President. It's been an absolute pleasure for me to be your Vice-President for the last two years. I've traveled in the neighborhood of 16,000 miles. I tried to make as many things as I could. I have met a lot of you. I know most of you by face, not necessarily by name, but I appreciate your support and your hard work. The district chairmen, you guys have worked very hard this past year. I appreciate you coming to the classes that we've had. It's all for the good of the Association, and that's what all of this is all about and I thank you."

PRES. KERNEY: "I personally want to thank Buz for his report. I've said many times Buz and I think a lot alike. He has supported me and I hope I've supported him in anything he wanted to do."

PRES. KERNEY: "Chaplain report Chaplain Baker."

CHAPLAIN BAKER: "Well, I hope you enjoyed the memorial service this morning. I hope you found it to your liking and took away something that perhaps you didn't have before. I want to thank those who helped with it. Without your support there would have been something lacking in this Memorial service. It's been a pleasure to serve you as your Chaplain. But next year, I'm marking my 50th year in the fire service, and I'm getting on. So I've made the decision not to stand for re-election today. It's a painful decision, but it has to be made."

"You folks represent what's good and what's right in our country, our state, and our community. You are all leaders. You serve. You fought the good fight. I'm very pleased to have been connected with you the last nine years as your chaplain. Remember, you're here for a reason. The good Lord put you here for a reason, the good Lord needs helpers like you. Continue to lead. Talk with each other. Try not to squabble too much, but encourage one another, and keep up the communications that was mentioned a while ago. God bless you."

PRES. KERNEY: "It was hard to go to a memorial service a few years back and not see Father Lantz. And now it's going to be hard to go to a memorial service and not see Chaplain Baker."

"I respect your decision, Charlie, and we're going to miss you."

PRES. KERNEY: "Sergeant-at-Arms report. Bill Bush."

SGT.-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH: "Setting up the memorial cross yesterday, I want to thank the guys that did it, thank you. We do have a small item that we will be replacing for the memorial cross. We will have new light bulbs in the cross next year. Also, on supplies, if your district chairman or PR person doesn't have what you need, have them call me and order whatever you need. When I come to a quarterly

meeting I bring what is ordered and some items that I think someone might need. I can't bring everything, but if you tell me ahead of time that you need something, I will try to get it to you.

That's all I've got. If I can help you in any way, let me know."

PRES. KERNEY: "Secretary Larry Bartlow."

MR. BARTLOW: "I'll pass at this time."

PRES. KERNEY: "Treasurer Jack Harker."

MR. HARKER: "No, I'll pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "PR reports. PRNW Jim Bradford."

MR. BRADFORD: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "PRNE Mike Mackin."

MR. MACKIN: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "PRWC Diana Harrison."

MS. HARRISON: "I'd just like to say one thing. As you have heard, we have a chairman in West Central who is not going to run again. I thank him again for his years of service, John Ross."

PRES. KERNEY: "PREC Don Cushman."

MR. CUSHMAN: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "PRSW Ron Bell."

MR. BELL: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "PRSE Joe Caudill."

MR. CAUDILL: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District chairman reports. District 1, Tom Orrell."

MR. ORRELL: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 2, Paul Watland."

MR. WATLAND: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 3, Tim Sandy."

MR. SANDY: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 4, John Ferro."

MR. FERRO: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 5, Don Kissinger."

MR. KISSINGER: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 6."

DISTRICT 6: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 7, Mort Sorg."

MR. SORG: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 8A, Bill Pape."

MR. PAPE: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 8B, Larry Petro."

MR. PETRO: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 9A, Jon Randle."

MR. RANDLE: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 10, David Israel."

MR. ISRAEL: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "Congratulations, David on Mr. IVFA Award."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 11A, Jack McFarland."

MR. MCFARLAND: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 11B, Larry Ketchem."

MR. KETCHEM: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 12, John Ross."

MR. ROSS: "I'm going to pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 13A, Tim Martin."

MR. MARTIN: "I'm going to pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 13B, Dennis Spears."

MR. SPEARS: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 14, Roy Richardson."

MR. RICHARDSON: Pass.

PRES. KERNEY: "District 15, Steve Anderson."

MR. ANDERSON: "I want to welcome everybody here to Evansville. I want to thank everybody for coming early. This was one of the largest crowds we've had on a Wednesday

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night function. Jack mentioned the crowd at the Memorial service. The best estimation was that about 350 people attended the service. If anybody has a question, see me, Harry, Jack or anyone at the Registration area. We've still got some things going on. Make sure you can get over to the games. Please get over to the vendors. And make sure you try to thank the people that have worked on our staffs. We had about 45 people behind the scenes making things happen. And with that, I have nothing else for my report."

PRES. KERNEY: "Thanks, Steve. District 16, Ron Melton."

MR. MELTON: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 17A, Jim Abrams."

MR. ABRAMS: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 17B, Jim Zeeks."

MR. ZEEKS: Pass.

PRES. KERNEY: "District 18, Charlie Parker."

MR. PARKER: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 19, Ed Scheele."

MR. SCHEELE: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "District 12, Don Fultz."

MR. FULTZ: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "Past president's report. Jim Parker."

MR. PARKER: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "Carl Bruns."

MR. BRUNS: "Pass."

MR. KERNEY: "Ivan Nevil."

MR. NEVIL: "We need to let the vendors know that we appreciate them being here. You've got to go see them and thank them for being here. You know, when I look out here, I keep seeing the same faces. The fire service changes, and I think that we as an Association is going to have to change. I would challenge the new President coming in to do a survey through the district chairmen to see if what we could do the same thing we're doing on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday as what we are doing on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. What you're going to get, I think, is more young people back into it. They may be able to come on Friday night and spend the night and do business with us on Saturday. So, I think that it's time that we take a look at it. So that's what I challenge you to do. We need to change. Thank you."

PRES. KERNEY: "Mitch Parish. Mr. Parish not here? Richard Glant."

MR. GLANT: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "Jack Cox. We're glad to see you back with us. Thank you. Going to committee reports. Convention committee, David Israel."

MR. ISRAEL: Pass.

PRES. KERNEY: "Bridgeport Committee, Carl Bruns."

MR. BRUNS: "We had 30 applicants. We need to stress the need to follow the guidelines as we had to turn six applications down for not following the guidelines. We've got two winners at this time. And that's all I've got."

PRES. KERNEY: "Editor's Assistant, Buz Koehler."

MR. KOEHLER: "I just want to tell everybody that the newspaper looks good because you make it look good. The editors send their regards. They were not able to come to the meeting, but they love doing the newspaper. They appreciate all the articles and letters you folks send in. So keep up the good work."

PRES. KERNEY: "Buz, do you want to go ahead with your awards committee report?"

MR. KOEHLER: "I would like to say that any Midwest Award winners that are here this evening, we will ask them to come forward for their plaque. The district chairmen can pick up the plaque for those that are not present. And I want to thank everyone for sending in letters. We had quite a few this year. So it was kind of exciting to actu-

ally make the committee work for a change. So thank you."

PRES. KERNEY: "Clothing committee, Jim Bradford."

MR. BRADFORD: "Just one thing, it might take up to three months to get your money because we go over those at the quarterly meeting. You know, if you fill one out, say August 15, we won't go through them until November."

PRES. KERNEY: "Legislative committee, Charlie Baker."

MR. BAKER: "I think Shokrina Beerling gave a very good report last night. I thought she might be here today but she isn't. So I see no sense in replotting that ground, unless you have questions that you would like to ask of the Legislative committee, Jim Parker and I and Jack Kerney, we've been privileged to serve you. We hope we've done a good job. We never know. So if you have any questions now, keep that hand up in the air and ask it. Otherwise, Jim, do you have anything? Examine the new 'Blue Light' law. It's got a lot in it, distribute it to your people, and it'll be published in the newspaper. The law is effective now. Thank you."

PRES. KERNEY: "We need to recognize the Ollie Sandberg Award winner, Anthony Mosser and our Angel Award winner, Mary Wesley. Congratulations."

"By-laws committee, Jim Parker."

MR. PARKER: "Nothing to report."

PRES. KERNEY: "Logo committee, Charlie Parker."

MR. PARKER: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "Membership committee, Steve Anderson."

MR. ANDERSON: "None."

PRES. KERNEY: "Public education, Buz Koehler."

MR. KOEHLER: "I pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "Parliamentarian, Jim Parker."

MR. PARKER: "Pass."

PRES. KERNEY: "Games committee, Al Mendel."

MR. MENDEL: "The drawings were held last night and the results are here on the wall. The games will be held on the parking lot just the other side of the Convention Center. Waterball will start promptly at eight o'clock in the morning. I think that's all I have at this time, unless anybody's got a question for me. Thank you."

PRES. KERNEY: "2002 convention, Harry Logan."

MR. LOGAN: "Steve COVERED IT."

PRES. KERNEY: "2003 Convention committee, Charlie Parker."

MR. PARKER: "Like to see everybody down there next year. We're taking registration later today."

PRES. KERNEY: "Thank you, Charlie. Looking forward to going to French Lick. Election committee, Richard Glant."

MR. GLANT: "Okay. The election committee places in the hands of the body, for President, Buz Koehler. Are there any further nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move nominations to be closed. I need the secretary."

MR. BARTLOW: "As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Buz Koehler as your next president."

MR. KOEHLER: "Thank you. It'd be my pleasure to serve as your president for the year 2003. I hope I can live up to your expectations. Thank you."

MR. GLANT: "For vice-president we have three candidates: Jim Zeeks, Mike Mackin and Jack Kerney. Are there any further nominations from the floor?"

MR. BILL PAPE: "District 8A brings to the floor Don Cushman for vice president."

MR. GLANT: "Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Move nominations be closed. Mr. Chairmen poll your districts."

MR. GLANT: "We need to bar the doors."

MR. BUSH: "Bar the doors."

MR. GLANT: "We want everyone to say something. Everybody come up front. Jim Zeeks, you're first on the list."

MR. ZEEKS: "Jim Zeeks, 17B. If you see fit to vote for me and elect me, I'll do the best I can. I'll come see everybody that I can. Thank you."

MR. MACKIN: "Mike Mackin. P.R. Northeast. I've been around for a while. I've got my job where I can travel. I'll travel as much as I can. Just let me know, I'll be there. Thank you."

MR. KERNEY: "I think most of you know me, Jack Kerney. I've served as your president. I'm not ready to roll over and be a has-been. I still want to serve this Association, and I would like to do it as vice-president."

MR. CUSHMAN: "Don Cushman. A lot of you know me. I've been around quite a few years. Some of the guys in my area keep telling me I ought to do this. So I said well, if you nominate me, I won't turn it down. We'll see what everybody else thinks. I'll travel as much as possible and see everybody that I can. Thanks."

MR. GLANT: "Larry Bartlow, Charlie Baker, Jim Parker, Ivan Nevil and Buz Koehler. So we can count these ballots, over in the right-hand corner."

MR. ZEEKS: "Can Mr. Kerney serve as chairman of the Board of Directors if he is elected vice-president for one year. In the By-Laws it states that the past president will serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors for one year after his term."

MR. GLANT: "It will be up to the rest of the Board of Directors to vote someone else chairman. So it would be up to the Board of Directors to elect one."

(Off the record discussion).

MR. GLANT: "While they're counting the ballots for vice-president, we're going to go ahead and move onto secretary. The nominating places in the hands of the body: Larry Bartlow. Are there any other nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move the nominations be closed, Mr. President."

PRES. KERNEY: "I cast one unanimous ballot for secretary, Larry Bartlow."

MR. GLANT: "For the office of treasurer, nominating committee has Jack Harker. Are there any further nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary."

MR. BARTLOW: "As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jack Harker as treasurer."

MR. GLANT: "For the office of Chaplain, the nominating committee places in the hands of the body, Fred Page. Unknown speaker wants to know who he is. Charlie Baker can you speak on that, please?"

MR. BAKER: "There are a lot of good people out there who might have been interested in this job, and I had to look long and hard to find what I felt was the most qualified individual. Fred Page is a guy that worked for you, for about six years now. You may or may not have met him. He's a volunteer firefighter at Blountsville. He's a Presbyterian minister. Fred is leaving his church pulpit to take an administrative job with the church, and that will free him up for weekends and the other work that needs to be done by your Chaplain. So his work as a volunteer firefighter and as a minister, I felt Fred to be highly qualified individual for this job, and is the one whom I have recommended. Thank you."

MR. GLANT: "Any further nominations from the floor? David Miller, District 11B. I nominate Con Mankin for 11B for Chaplain."

MR. MANKIN: "I've been in the volunteer fire service for a little over 40 years, and a Chaplain for many of those years in my own department and our district. I've done about eight memorials this year."

MR. GLANT: "Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Move the nominations be closed. District chairmen, poll your districts. Bar the doors. The names are Fred Page and Con Mankin."

"May I have your attention, please. Results of the vice-president election is Jack Kerney."

MR. KERNEY: "I want to thank you. Like I said, I'm not ready to be a has-been yet. I've still got some direction for this Association, and I have no problem working under Buz. Buz and I worked as a team, and I'm sure we can work again as a team and move this Association forward as Ivan suggested."

MR. GLANT: "For the office of Sergeant-at-Arms. Nominating committee places in the hands of the body Bill Bush. Are there any further nominations from the floor?"

MR. BILL PAPE: "Bill Pape, District 8A nominates John Ross."

MR. GLANT: "Any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Move nominations be closed. District chairmen, poll your districts. Nominees are Bill Bush and John Ross. While they're counting those ballots for Sergeant-at-Arms, we're going to go on to the PR areas. PR Northwest, nominating committee has Jim Bradford. PR Northwest is District 1, 2, 3, 9A, 9B. Those districts only. Any further nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move the nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary."

MR. BARTLOW: "I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Bradford, P.R. Northwest."

MR. GLANT: "PR Northeast/Nominating committee has placed in the hands of the body, Mike Mackin. PR Northeast is Districts 4, 5, 6, and 7. Any further nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary."

MR. BARTLOW: "I cast one unanimous vote for Mike Mackin, P.R. Northeast."

MR. GLANT: "PR West Central. Nominating committee has Diana Harrison. This is District 11A, 11B, 12, and 21. Any further nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary."

MR. BARTLOW: "I cast one unanimous vote for Diana Harrison, P.R. West Central."

MR. GLANT: "PR East Central. Nominating committee has Don Cushman. This is District 8A, 8B, 13A, 13B and 10. Any further nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary."

MR. BARTLOW: "I cast one unanimous vote for Don Cushman, P.R. East Central."

MR. GLANT: "PR Southwest. Nominating committee has Ron Bell. PR Southwest is District 15, 17A, 17B and 18. Any further nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary."

MR. BARTLOW: "I cast one unanimous vote for Ron Bell, P.R. Southwest."

MR. GLANT: "PR Southeast. Nominating committee has Joe Caudill. Districts 14, 16, and 18. Any further nominations from the floor?" (Asked three times). "Move nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary."

MR. BARTLOW: "I cast one unanimous vote for Joe Caudill, P.R. Southeast."

MR. GLANT: "The ballots are all in. You can open the doors. Results of the election for Chaplain would be Fred Page."

PRES. KERNEY: "To carry on while we're waiting for the other election results. Do we have any site wishing to have the 2004 Convention?"

MR. CUSHMAN: "Don Cushman, PR East Central, Districts 8A and 8B would like to put in for the year 2004 at Anderson, IN."

PRES. KERNEY: "Any details?"

MR. CUSHMAN: "Someone from

the hotel is to be here with the details." PRES. KERNEY: "Is there anyone else who'd like to bid on the 2004 Convention?"

MR. RICHARDSON: "Roy Richardson, District 14, I have with us the Executive Director for the Holiday Inn in Clarksville and he is also the Executive Director for the Convention Bureau."

MR. CASEY: "I'm Jim Casey, Executive Director of the Clarksville Tourism Bureau. And it is an honor and privilege to be here. We were sitting with you through your meeting today and I congratulate the Associate for its commitment, the foresight, the growth opportunity that you have, and it makes us all proud to be Americans and Hoosiers. You do a wonderful job." (Mr. Casey presented the attributes of his location to the membership, along with his associates, to support the choice for the 2004 Convention site.)

PRES. KERNEY: "While they are setting up the rest of their presentation, the results of the election for Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Bush."

MR. BUSH: "Thanks, guys."

PRES. KERNEY: "At this time I'd like to dismiss all committees. Thanks for serving." (Thereupon Ms. Evans and Ms. Abbott gave their presentation to the membership for the 2004 Convention at their hotel).

PRES. KERNEY: "How many rooms do we have at the hotel?"

MS. EVANS: "Three hundred fifty-six rooms."

MR. CASEY: "2500 in the community."

PRES. KERNEY: "Are the room rates guaranteed \$69.00?"

MS. EVANS: "Yes. At this point we'll guarantee \$69.00."

PRES. KERNEY: "Any other questions for Clarksville?"

MS. EVANS: "It was brought up that you would like to get registration in early. The hotel will offer a comp package, three or four night stay, as a giveaway for those that pre-registers early. One package."

PRES. KERNEY: "Thank you very much. Mr. Cushman, can you answer any questions about Anderson? Do you know what the room rates are going to be?"

MR. CUSHMAN: "The rooms at the Holiday Inn would be \$74 a night. There are 157 rooms at the Holiday. Behind the Holiday Inn are two more hotels. Across the street there's three more."

PRES. KERNEY: "Any other questions for Anderson? Okay. Bar the doors. District chairmen, poll your district. Anderson or Clarksville?"

MR. BILL HOWE: "Mr. President, I've been around a couple years. And in running around here the last couple days, I've talked to several people that had a lot to do with the 9-11 in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. I think they ought to stand up and be recognized."

PRES. KERNEY: "If you had anything to do with 9-11, please stand up. Thank you. Okay. The results of the vote for 2004 Convention host will be Clarksville. We had a question about the Clarksville pre-registration. Are we talking registration for the Convention or are we walking about room reservations?"

MS. EVANS: "Registration for the Convention."

MR. ZEEKS: "Do you want your Audit?"

PRES. KERNEY: "Go ahead and do the Audit."

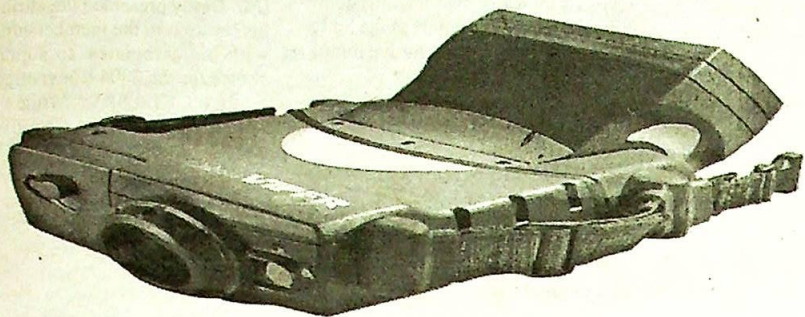
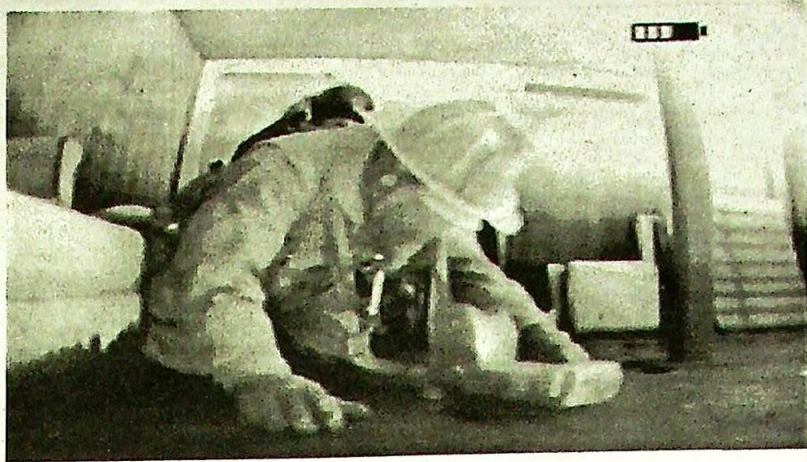
MR. ZEEKS: "The Audit committee met yesterday afternoon. Let's go over the audit. We gave Mr. Harker some slack for his audit. So, here's your audit."

PRES. KERNEY: "I need a motion to accept the Audit report."

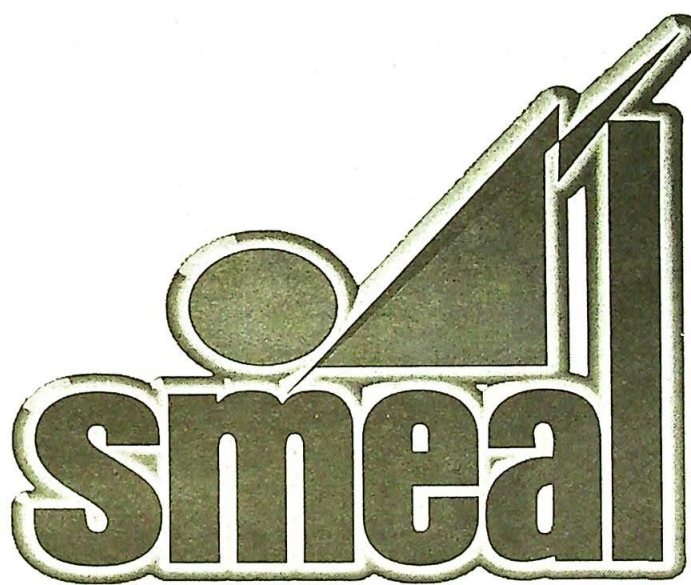
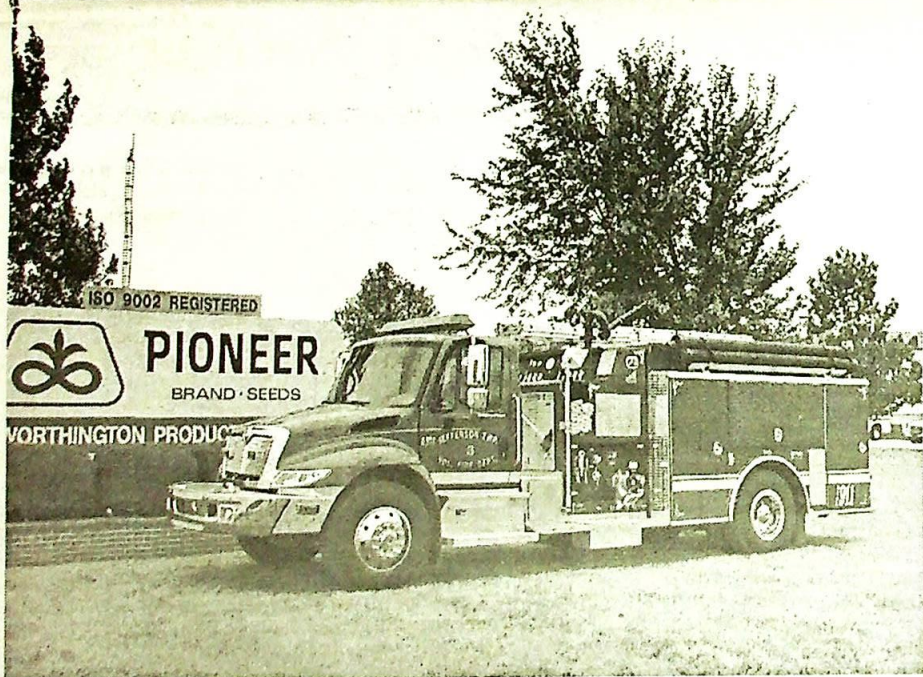
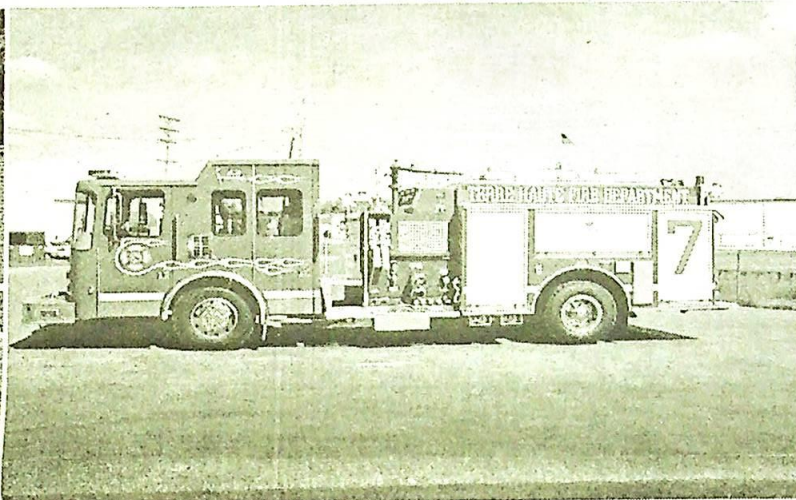
MR. HOWE: "Bill Howe, District 1. I move that this Association accepts the report of the Audit committee."

PRES. KERNEY: "I need a second. M. Glant."

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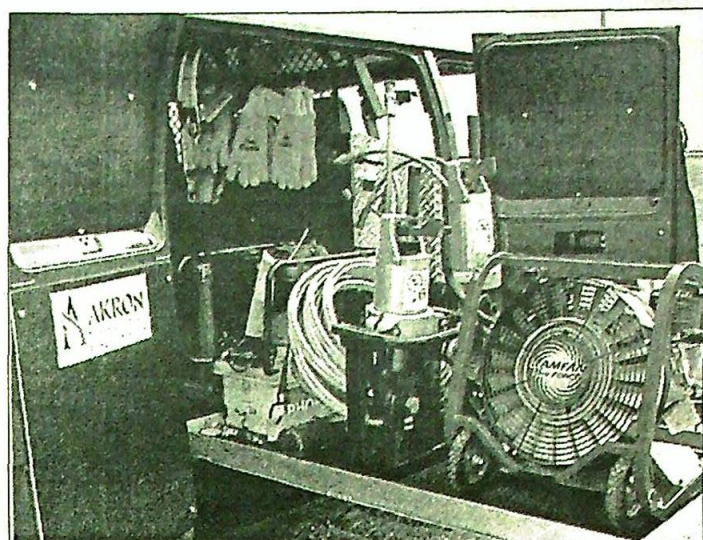
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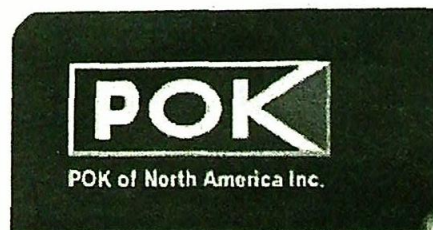
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Convention report

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MR. GLANT: "Second it."
 PRES. KERNEY: "All in favor of accepting the audit report as printed."
 MEMBERSHIP: "Aye."
 PRES. KERNEY: "Opposed same sign."
 MEMBERSHIP: "Aye."
 PRES. KERNEY: "Now we'll have a motion to adjourn."
 MR. KISSINGER: "I move we adjourn."
 PRES. KERNEY: "Don Kissinger, District 5 makes a motion to adjourn after Chaplain Baker's benediction. Tim Sandy has a question."
 MR. SANDY: "In my district I think we're progressive. As I look through the audience here. For years and years this meeting's been called the men's meeting and there's females through the meeting. It should be called the members' meeting."
 MR. CHARLIE PARKER: "It's already been taken care of."
 PRES. KERNEY: "Do we have any old business?" (Hearing nothing). "Do we have any new business? Tim Smith."
 MR. SMITH: "Mr. President, Tim Smith, District 17A. I'd like to make a motion that president-elect Koehler follow Mr. Nevil's suggestion about establishing a committee or doing some research about changing the convention to being held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday whenever that can be arranged into the location schedule."
 MR. PARKER: "Jim Parker, past president, seconds."
 PRES. KERNEY: "I have a motion and a second. All in favor, aye."
 MEMBERSHIP: "Aye."
 PRES. KERNEY: "Opposed, same sign."
 MEMBERSHIP: "Aye."
 PRES. KERNEY: "Motion passed. Anything else. Okay. We have a motion by Don Kissinger and a second by Don Cushman to adjourn."
 MEMBERSHIP: "Aye."
 PRES. KERNEY: "Opposed, same sign."
 MEMBERSHIP:

CHAPLAIN BAKER: Our Father God, we thank you for this day. We thank you for the inspiration that you have given to each and every one of us, the assistance to conduct the business of this Association. We pray for each and every one of us, the assistance to conduct the business of this Association. We pray for each and every one who's here today. We pray for all the represent. Be with them as they depart this premise. Bring them back at the next annual meeting safe and sound. Watch over, guide, and direct them in your Son's precious name. Amen."
 (Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at 12:25 p.m.)

Angela Cardinal crowned District 17A Miss Flame

Angela Dawn Cardinal was crowned District 17A Miss Flame on Sunday, January 26, 2003 at Odon-Madison fire department in Odon, Indiana. Judging is based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas.

Angela is the daughter of Don and Debbie Cardinal. She represents District 17A along with her hometown department, Washington Fire Department in Bruceville.

Her first duty as District 17A Miss Flame was Sunday, February 2, 2003 as she stood proudly among the crowd at Bruceville fire department sending off our troops.

Her year will consist of many meetings to different fire departments in District 17A and will also be attending The Hoosier Burn Camp.

In June she will compete in the state Miss Flame competition at French Lick.

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Michael Mackin
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making these calls, and other ones.

On the Bill status, that I know at the time of print: HB 1605 (green light law) did pass the House, but when it got to the Senate the law was changed to read that in July 2008, the green light would not exist. All medical staff would be permitted to use the blue light, that we have now. I did call Senator Wyss to try and get this stopped. With your help at calling the other members of the committee and Senator Wyss, we did get it stopped for now. This is something that we will have to keep a watchful eye on in the future.

HB 1808 was one of our bills, which will increase the "nomil compensation" for volunteer firefighters from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This was moving good, and had passed the House and from what I've been told it is looking good in the Senate.

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By Jennifer Archibald
 Staff Writer

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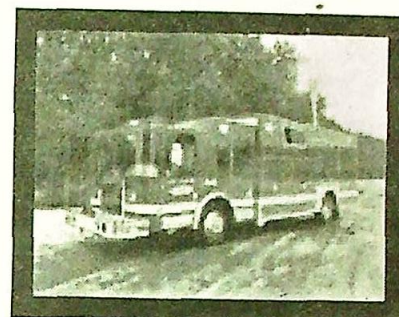
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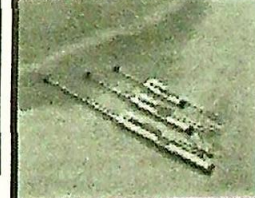
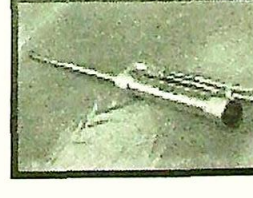
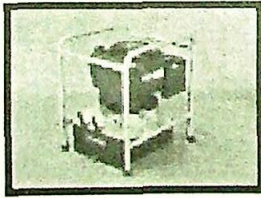
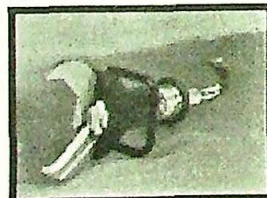
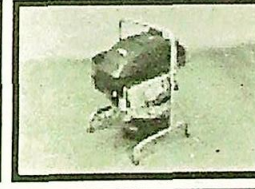
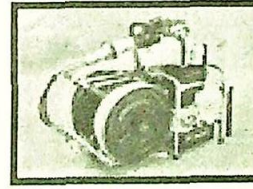
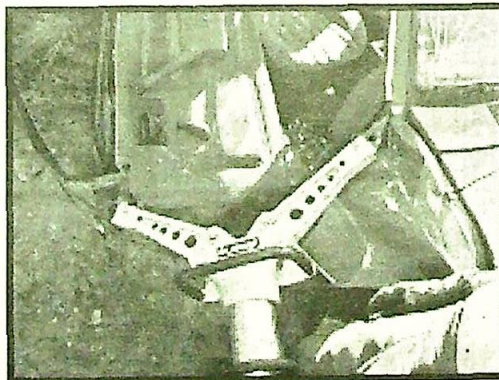
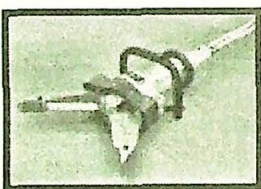
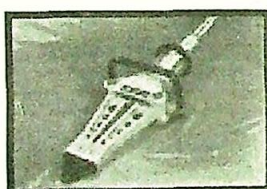


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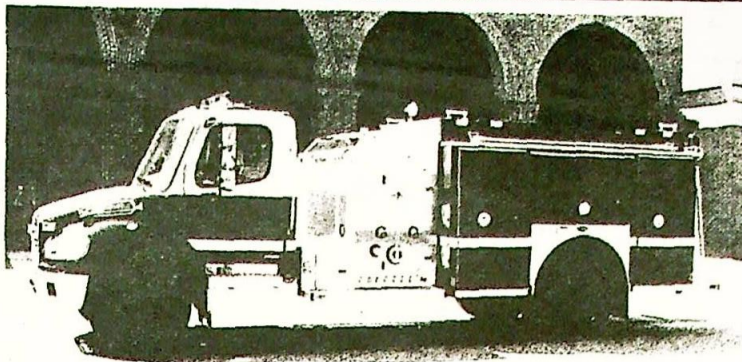
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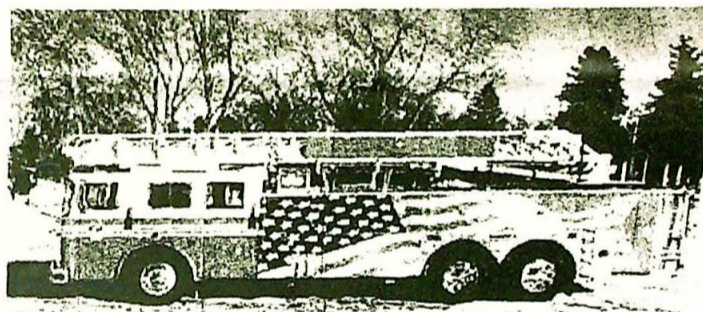
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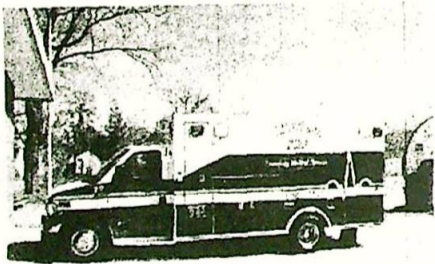
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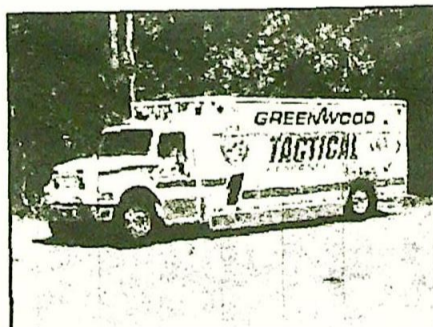
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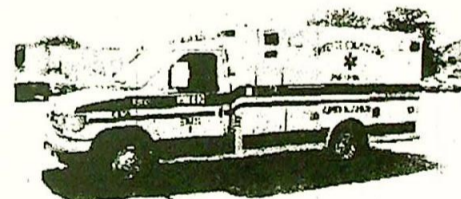
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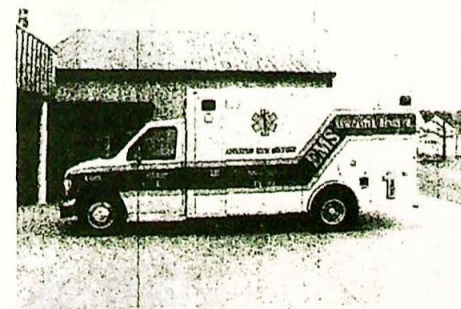
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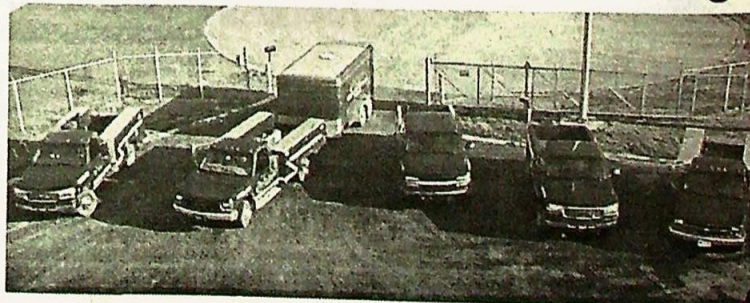
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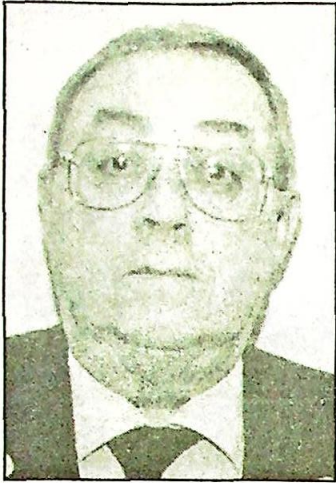
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The convention will be here before you know it. Be sure to make your reservations now. The convention will be held in Clarksville next year and will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Here's some information from a U.S. Fire Administration pamphlet you might find interesting. Volunteers comprise 73% of firefighters in the United States. Of the total estimated 1,064,150 volunteer and paid firefighters across the country, 777,350 are volunteer. Of the total 26,354 fire departments in the country, 19,224 are all volunteer; 1,845 are mostly volunteer; 1,407 are mostly career; and 1,878 are all career. Services contributed by volunteer firefighters save localities across the country an estimated \$36.8 billion per year.

Fire chief steps down ...

(continued from page 23)

"Once there was a barn fire during church, and I went in my suit," he said. Since those early days, the department has built up to 21 firemen and three junior firemen. The last four purchases of equipment have been during Enoch's term as chief.

The biggest purchase and the most recent was a new 1200-gallon-a-minute pumper. It was made possible with a \$129,000 grant.

"It all came about because Katie Wolf came to one of our ham and bean suppers," Enoch said.

The department has the annual supper to raise funds to buy small pieces of equipment. When then State Senator Wolf learned that they needed a new truck, she said she would get them the paperwork to fill out and then she'd submit it for the Build Indiana Funds. They got the grant in 2000.

Jon Cable, who's been on the department since 1989, said Enoch has been a capable and quiet leader who has gotten along well with the other firemen in Democrat Township and with other chiefs and departments in the county.

"Under Ted's leadership, we've increased the roll call, gotten new equipment, improved our insurance rating, and upgraded our building," Cable said.

Fifteen years ago the department bought a Jaws of Life.

"It's one of those things . . . You buy a big expensive piece of equipment and hope you never have to use it," Enoch said.

It was used for the first time last fall, at an accident scene, and the person extricated survived.

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Enoch serves with two other members of his family - his son Jim and son-in-law Curtis McGrew. Other multiple family members also are on the department. There are three Bordners, three Wickershams, three Wagoners, two Reefs, two Cables, Two Robersons, and two Ayreses.

Enoch says the department doesn't officially have an auxiliary, but the wives unofficially function as such.

Enoch has been married almost as long as he's been a fireman. This year, in November, he and his wife Nancy will celebrate their 50th anniversary. They have two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren. One grandson will turn 14 in May and will then be eligible to be a junior fireman.

The new fire chief is Jay Bordner. He's been on the department 11 years and been assistant chief the last five years. His father, Carol Bordner, has been a fireman 38 years, and his grandfather, Ralph Overholser, and great-uncle, Bob Bordner, were charter members of the department.

There have been only three other chiefs preceding him - Reef, Clayton Hutson, and Enoch.

Bordner said Enoch was a good chief and it will be hard to fill his shoes.

"If I'm half the chief he was, I'll be doing good," Bordner said.

Enoch said he's enjoyed being a firefighter and enjoyed the people he's served with.

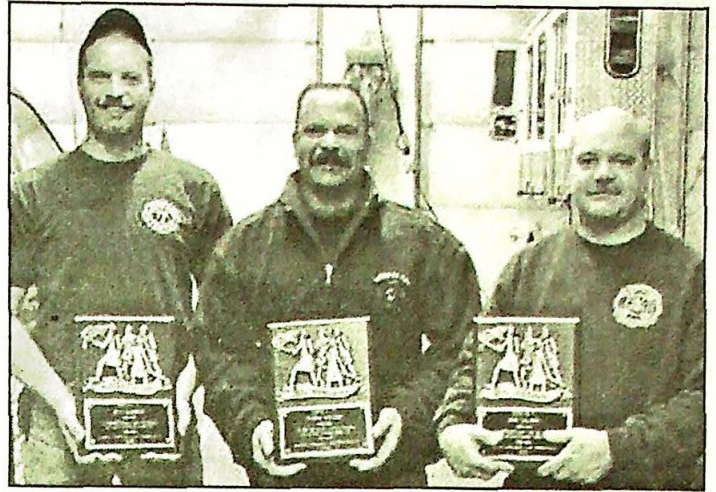
"We've always had a good bunch of guys," he said.

He'll still be on call for daytime fires and will serve as an advisor when needed. Right now he can't imagine not being a fireman.

"I'll always be there," he said, "as long as I'm able."

(Submitted on behalf of the Democrat Volunteer Fire Dept. in Cutler, IN, by Jon W. Cable, Secretary, 1246 W 400 S, Cutler, IN 46920)

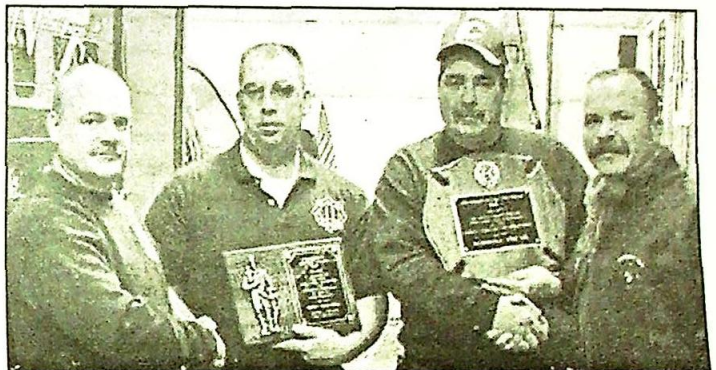
Ten year service awards presented to German Twp. Fire Department firefighters



(South Bend, Indiana) -- 10 year service awards were presented at the December 2002 meeting to three German Twp. firefighters. (From left to right): FF Jim Lamson, Chief Joe Talbot, Assistant Chief Mark Young.

*(Photo taken by Capt. Dave Annable, GTFD)
(Submitted by Capt. Ron Melsler, Jr., German Twp. Fire Dept.)*

Awards presented to German Twp. Fire Dept. firefighters



(South Bend, Indiana) -- Service awards were presented at the December 2002 meeting to two German Twp. firefighters. (From left to right) Chief Joe Talbot, Capt. Ron Melsler, Jr., Community Service Award, Lt. Darryl Young, Firefighter of the Year, Assistant Chief Mark Young.

*(Photo taken by Capt. Dave Annable, GTFD)
(Submitted by Capt. Ron Melsler, Jr., German Twp. Fire Dept.)*

Oakland City Fire Station dedicated

January 25, 2003
By Andrea Howe
Daily Clarion

OAKLAND CITY, December 14, 2002 -- A new fire station rose from the ashes of a devastating blaze that nearly left the Oakland City Fire Department homeless a year ago.

Saturday, city and state officials welcomed the public to the new two-story fire base, which features training space and a community room. The fire station was built with an emergency grant awarded in October, 2001 -- only the second in the state to be awarded through the Community Focus Fund program -- and was completed this October.

Fire Chief James Deffendall thanked everyone for their support and encouraged the community to use the meeting quarters following Saturday's dedication and reception.

Station #2 was destroyed by fire on July 7, 2001. The members are very excited to be in the new building.

Honored at the dedication were past firefighters who were on the department for 15 years or more, Scot Poe and Chris Duncan were presented with

the Indiana Fire Marshal's Medal of Valor for rescuing the apparatuses from the burning station, and the department also honored Fire Chief Percy Slack who died in the line of duty back in

1965.
(Submitted by Sgt. Cindy Walker, Secretary/Treasurer, Oakland City Fire Department)

Five year service award presented to German Twp. Department firefighters

(South Bend, Indiana) -- 5 year service awards were presented at the December 2002 meeting to eight German Twp. firefighters.

(From left to right) -- FF Bernard Packard I, Lt. Chris Chapin, Lt. Chris Overpeck, FF Bernard Packard II. Bottom row: Capt. Dave Annable, FF Tom Kucharski, Capt. Ken Miller, Capt. Ron Melsler, Jr.

*(Photo taken by Capt. Dave Annable, GTFD)
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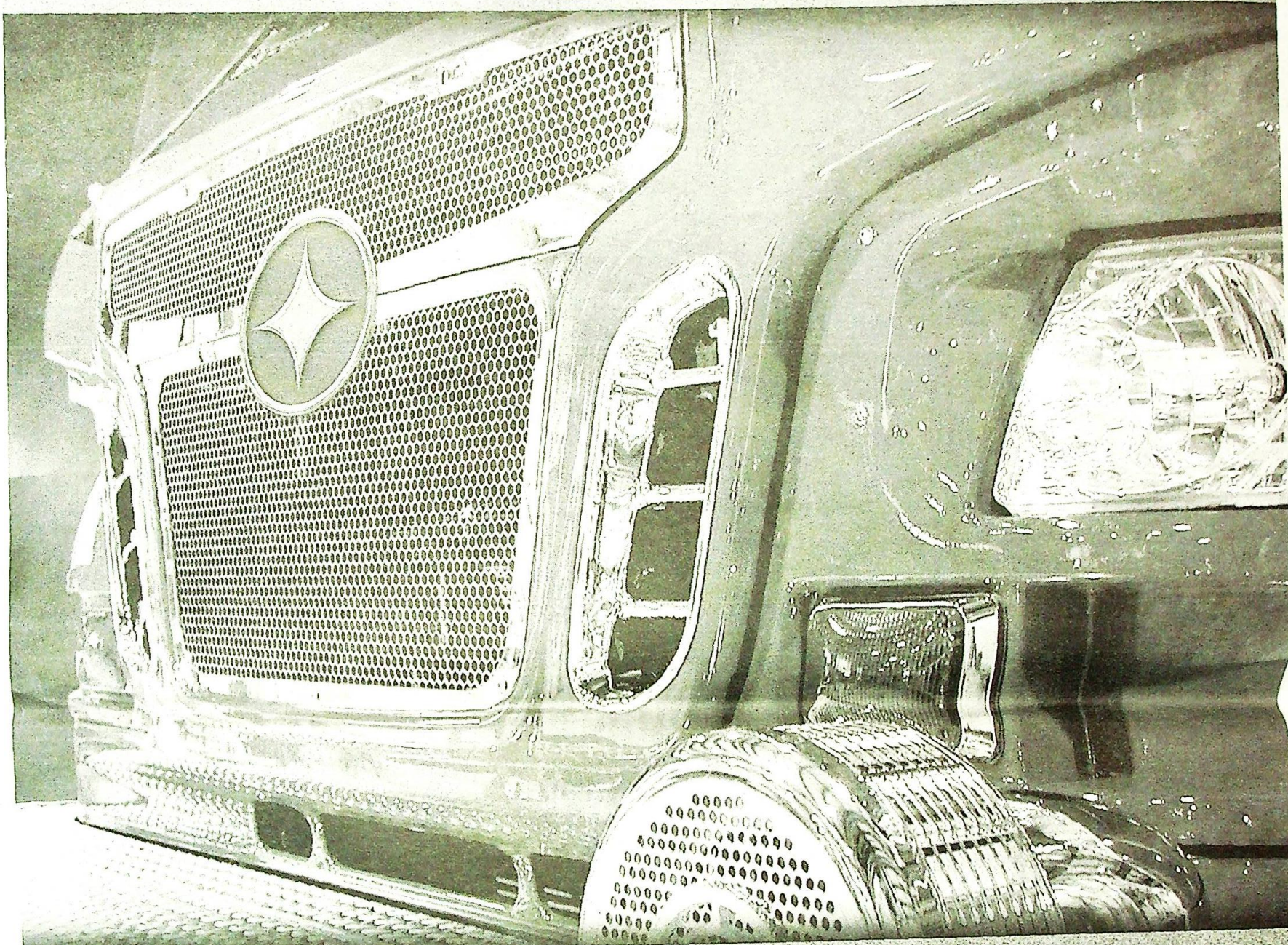
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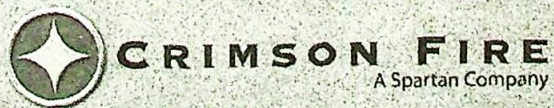
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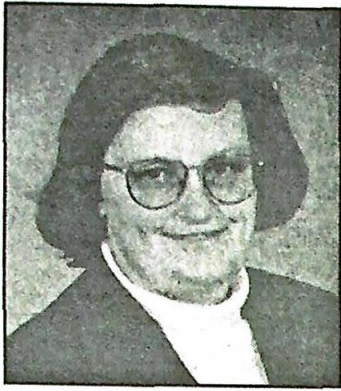
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With my work schedule we've had trouble making as many fundraisers as we would like, but hopefully things will get better.

I was able to attend the 17-A sausage supper, District 11-A meeting at Cory and Prairieton, 11-A Miss Flame dance, 17-A Miss Flame contest, District 21 meeting at Wea and West Lebanon. I was also fortunate to attend the Congressional Dinner at Indianapolis, Greene County firefighter's meeting at Bloomfield, Lewis Twp., Richland Taylor, and 11-B meeting at Dana. I sincerely apologize to District 11-B for missing their January district meeting at Covington and their Miss Flame dance ... we were fighting fire!

My thoughts and prayers are with the families and departments who lost members this quarter. Harvey Lynn from Dugger Fire Department, Gib Buskirk from Jasonville Fire Department and Rick Thrasher of Thunderbird Fire Department. Rick would have been so proud of each and every one of you for going the extra mile.

Thanks to Lewis Twp. Fire Department for hosting a grant writing class from FEMA taught by Gary Robinson. It was a very informative class.

I attended a retirement party for Jasonville Fire Chief Don Tribby. Fifty-one plus years of dedicated service with 35 of those were as Chief. He will truly be missed by those he worked with and was offered "life membership". Good luck to their new Chief Harold "Pude" Keller.

I was pleased to be able to attend a retirement party for Hymera firefighter Bob Samms. After 27 years of dedicated service to his department and community. He will be missed.

If you missed FDIC this year, you missed a very good show. There are very many products out there to make our job easier and safer. You need to plan to attend next year!

Our prayers are with Bridget Blanton and her family and department.

Bridget was injured April 1st fighting a brush fire. It was dark, the fire was out when they heard crackling, everyone started running but the tree branches hit Bridget and shoved her to the ground. She was lifelined from Sullivan County Hospital to Methodist. She suffered a broken shoulder, collar bone, black eye and swelling and bleeding in the brain. She is doing very well and after a six day stay at the hospital she is resting at home.

This is just a reminder for us all to be careful out there, we all want to come home safe at the end of the emergency!!!

Darrin Sluder from Southwestern Fire and Safety spoke at District 11-A meeting on the accountability systems that are out there and we need to know what each firefighter's health needs are.

Prairieton had a very interesting speaker on the new hybrid cars. When approaching a car fire or accident we need to take an extra second and see if the car is a hybrid. If so, we need to know how to deal with it. It is very different from the other vehicles that we are now dealing with.

Chief Bill Nugent from Greencastle Fire Department gave a very good presentation on their fire at DePauw University at District 11-B meeting.

Please let me know of anything that your department has coming up and we will try and support your department.

Be Safe Out There,
Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations

EEVFD . . . it's a father and son thing!



It's a good thing when father and son belong to the same department, but the situation at EEVFD is rare. Bob Peelman, a member since 1965, and the 2000 Midwest Award winner for District 19, has as fellow members his three sons, Jeff, Greg and Nick.

Bob is a Firefighter I, and is currently assistant chief. Oldest son, Jeff, is Firefighter II. Son Greg, is a Firefighter I and is captain of the department. Youngest son, Nick, while a full time student at Purdue, is a basic firefighter.

All are very active in the department.

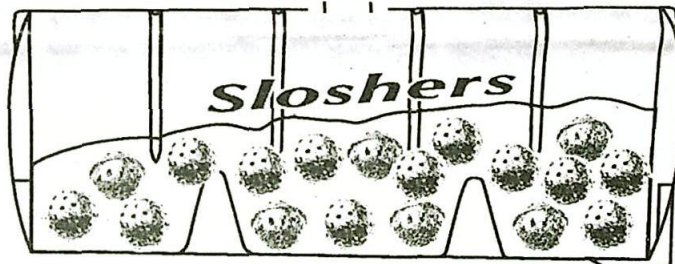
To keep it in the family, mom Sharon is currently treasurer of the East Enterprise Station and nephew Jeremy is a Firefighter I.
(Submitted by Jeff Darling, Chief, East Enterprise VFD, Inc.)



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During the days of the convention, we have put together plenty of various activities to be done. The following are some of the activities.

Wednesday, we will have a golf outing starting at 12:00 noon. At 5:00 P.M., we will begin the entertainment, which will include dinner sponsored

by M&S Fire and Safety, Inc., karaoke, and an auction. Assorted items will be auctioned off.

Thursday, there will be a free breakfast from 6:00 to 8:00 AM. We will have three Seminars, Seminar A will be over meth-labs. Seminar B will be over grant writings. From 12:00 until 6:00 P.M., we will have plenty of vendors to visit inside the exhibit hall. A hot dog and beer bust will start at 5:00 P.M., sponsored by Southwest Fire and Safety. The entertainment will include a hat contest.

Anyone, who has a hat, bring it and enter the contest. It will begin at 9:30 P.M.

Friday, the coffee clutch will start. Vendors will be from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. A kid's party will begin at 5:30 P.M., which will include meals, games, and entertainment for them

while the adults are at the banquet which will start at 6:00 P.M. Following the banquet, the entertainment will begin.

Saturday, games will begin at 8:00 A.M. and will wrap up the 2003 Convention.

The full schedule of the convention can be found in this issue of the paper.

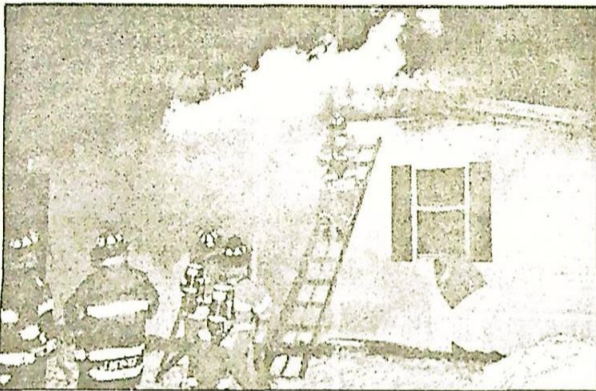
We hope to see every one there. We plan on having a great time!

Chuck Parker,
Chairman of the 2003 Convention
For information contact
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August 10, 2003 Deadline Is July 10, 2003

Firemen respond to modular home fire



FEBRUARY 4, 2003 - On December 26, 2002, the Southwest

Allen County Fire District, Indiana responded to a modular home fire. The first arriving crew found heavy fire in the rear of the structure and the small attic area above.

As the crew tried to advance the hose line they fell through the floor several times. Crews were withdrawn from the structure.

While crews opened the gable end for ventilation, they were met by heavy smoke and a sudden buildup of fire.

The fire caused heavy fire damage and three pets perished in the blaze. It was determined that the fire originated under the trailer from a failure of heat tape affixed to exposed water pipes.

(Photo by Larry Winget, department photographer).

(Article submitted by Donald L. Patnoudé, Chief, Southwest Allen County Fire District)

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2003 Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2003

GOLF/ BOWLING OUTING - 12:00 to 4:00

REGISTRATION - 12:00 to 5:00

AUCTION - 5:00 to 6:00

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT - 5:00 to 10:00

DINNER (sponsored by M&S Fire and Safety, Inc.) - 5:00

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2003

BREAKFAST (sponsored by Grandy's Air Evac and Lifeflight) - 6:00 to 8:00

REGISTRATION - 8:00 to 4:00

MISS FLAME JUDGING - 8:00 to 12:00

SEMINAR A: Grant Writing - 8:00 to 9:00

SEMINAR B: Meth Labs - 8:00 to 9:00

SEMINAR C: Terrorism - 9:00 to 10:00

MEN'S OFFICERS MEETING - 10:00 to 12:00

VENDORS - 12:00 to 6:00

MISS FLAME LUNCHEON - 12:00 to 1:00

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL STANDARDS EDUCATION -

1:30 to 3:30

MISS FLAME JUDGING - 1:30 to end

IVFAA OFFICERS MEETING - 3:00 to 4:30

HOT DOG & BEER BUST (sponsored by Southwest Fire & Safety) - 4:30 to

6:00

JOINT OPENING MEETING - 6:30 to 8:30

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT - 8:30 to 12:00

HAT CONTEST - 9:00

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2003

KOFFEE KLUTCH - 6:30 to 8:00

REGISTRATION - 7:00 to 3:00

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 7:30 to 8:30

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING - 9:00 to 12:00

WOMEN'S MEETING - 9:00 to 12:00

VENDORS - 10:00 to 4:00

MISS FLAME OUTING - 12:00 to 3:00

LUNCH - 12:00 to 1:30

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING (IF NEEDED) - 1:30 to ?

WOMEN'S MEETING (IF NEEDED) - 1:30 to ?

CHILDREN'S PARTY - 5:30 to ?

BANQUET - 6:00 to 12:00

ENTERTAINMENT - 6:00 to 12:00

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2003

GAME REGISTRATION - 7:00 to 8:00

GAMES - 8:00 to End

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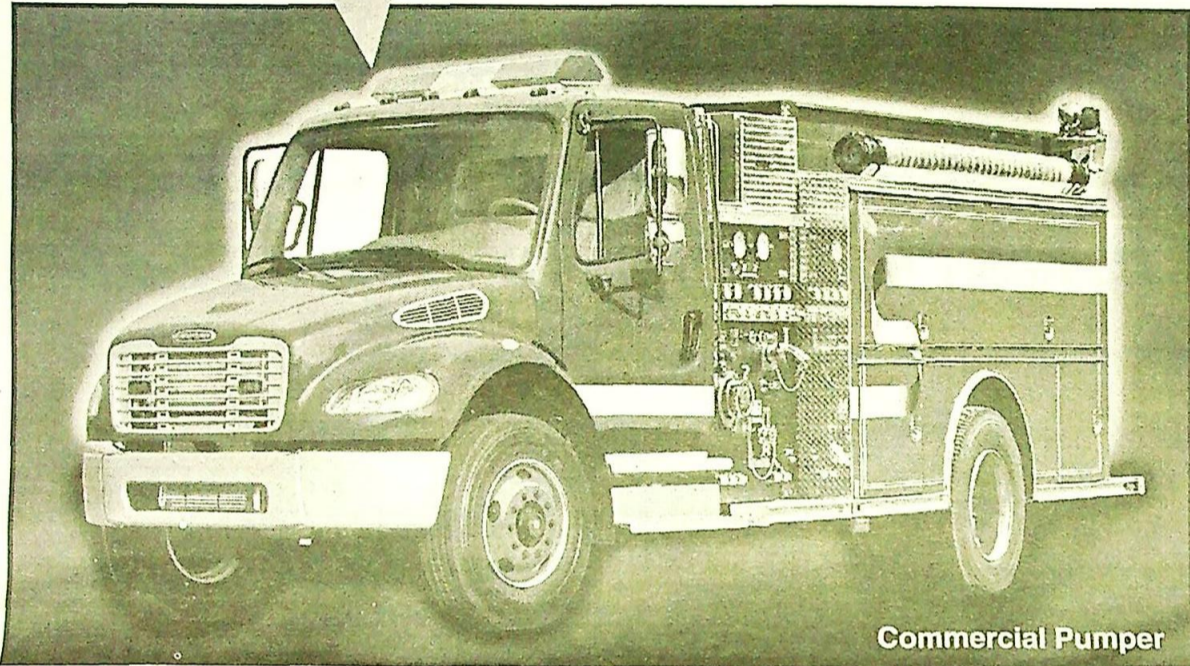
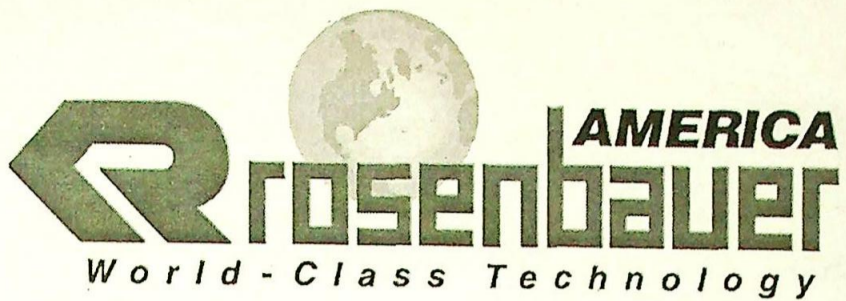
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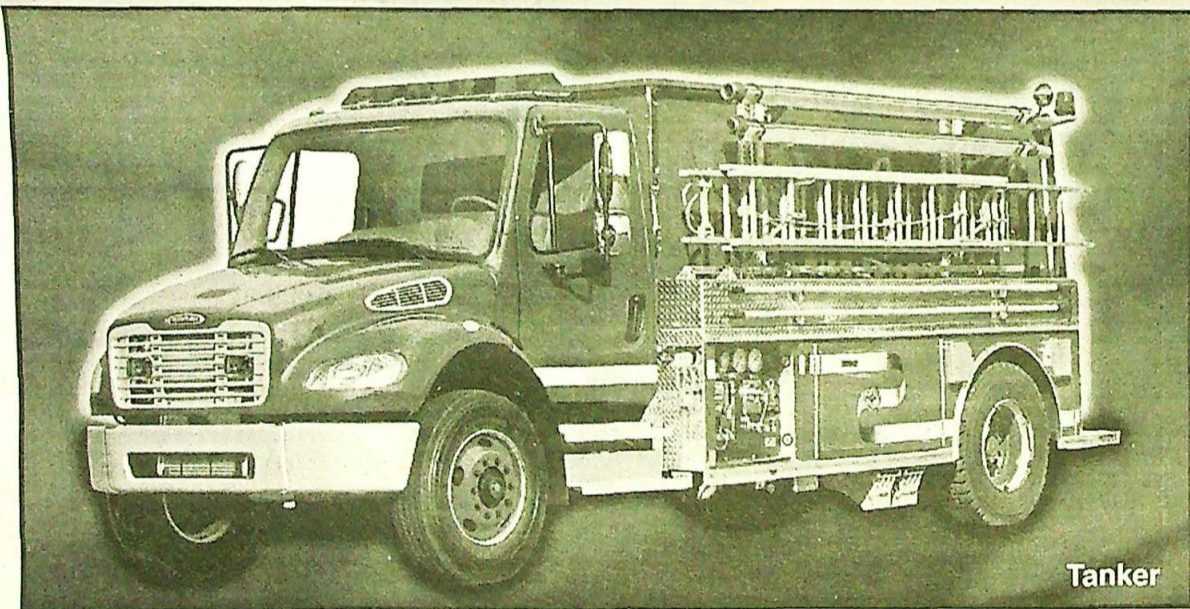
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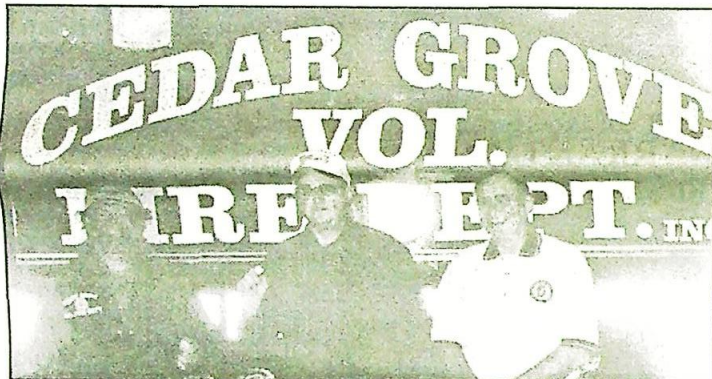
Members of the Delaware V.F.D. recently received 25 year service pins. Pictured (left to right) Delmar Bushhorn, Bruce Knowlton, Guy Craig, Gerald Huffman and Earl Phillippe. Not pictured is Bill Hosmer. (Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Manchester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. members receive pins



Members of Manchester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. received 25 year pins. (From left to right) Willis Chalk, Glen Brandt, Steven Noel. Not pictured - William Kyle. (Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Cedar Grove V.F.D. members receive 25 year pins



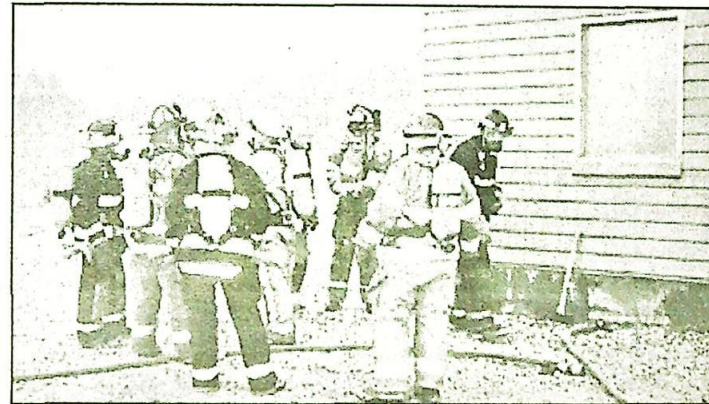
Members of Cedar Grove V.F.D. received their 25 year pins. (Left to right) Dennis Brown, Gary Fohl, District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. Not pictured: Daniel Fohl. (Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Jefferies earns 25 year pin



Paul Jefferies, Friendship Volunteer Fire Department, receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele. (Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Versailles Regional Fire Training Facility recently opened



This past year after receiving support from the Versailles and surrounding communities, Versailles Fire & Rescue opened the Versailles Regional Fire Training Facility. The facility includes areas for vehicle extrication training,

Rope Rescue training, confined space, and many other possible scenarios. This facility also includes a four-story training tower with a burn room area. The tower may be configured for different scenarios. The roof area has an area for vertical ventilation training and secure rings for rope rescue and rappelling. The fourth floor has a lower ceiling area for simulating attic areas. The department is currently adding removable walls on the second and third stories for air pack and search and rescue training.

The burn room area is equipped with temperature monitoring equipment to monitor the floor, mid-level, and ceiling temperatures. Firefighters can experience the heat and smoke of a fire and participate in live fire scenarios in a controlled environment for training.

Currently the department plans to host classes in fall and spring to allow firefighters from other departments to gain experience at the facility. The spring class is a Residential Firefighting class which is a two day course. Day one involves an overview of Residential Firefighting tactics/operations and group activities. The second day consists of live burns at the tower in compliance with NFPA 1403. The fall session's topic for 2003 will be Search & Rescue and Rapid Intervention Teams. Neighboring departments may also rent the facility for their own training exercises with their equipment and instructors. Starting in late October 2003 the department plans to host a Firefighter I/II course with the Ripley County Fire Chief's Association utilizing the facility.

If you would like information about using the facility or participating in one of the training activities, please call: Chief Richard Purvis or Training Officer Ben Sieverding at 689-5222.

(Photos submitted by Ben Sieverding, Training Officer, Versailles Fire & Rescue)

Members receive 25 year pins



Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department members receiving their 25 year pins are (from left to right) Newburgh firefighter Randy Loving, District 15 president Steve Anderson and Newburgh firefighter Mark Grimm.

(Photo submitted by Scott Watson, District 15)

Letter to the Editor . . .

February 14, 2003
Dear Sir,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and as a concerned volunteer firefighter. The concern is for victims and responding emergency personnel.

We have a growing problem in the area, and I'm sure in other areas as well. It seems younger drivers are installing lights of various colors, including red, blue and green, on the front of their vehicles. People are going to become so accustomed to seeing red and blue lights on the streets they will begin to ignore them thus hampering police, ambulance and fire units enroute to emergency situations. This will, indeed, jeopardize all those involved.

I have researched all the vehicular lighting laws available on the State's website and can find no law specifically prohibiting colored lighting. However, every code I've encountered relating to lights mounted on the front of the vehicle states that they must be white or amber. I believe this would preclude anyone from legally using these lights. In addition, the firemen's "bluelight law" states that "only volunteer firemen will be permitted to display blue lights on the front of their vehicle".

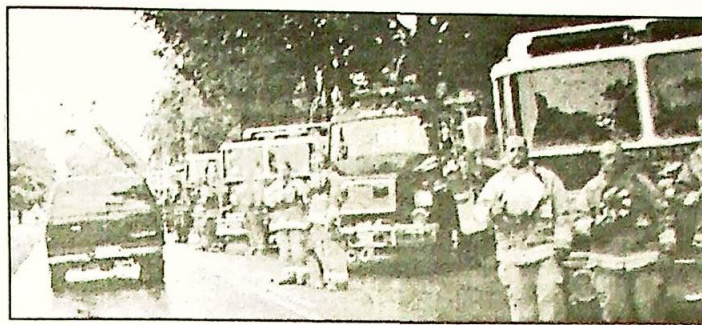
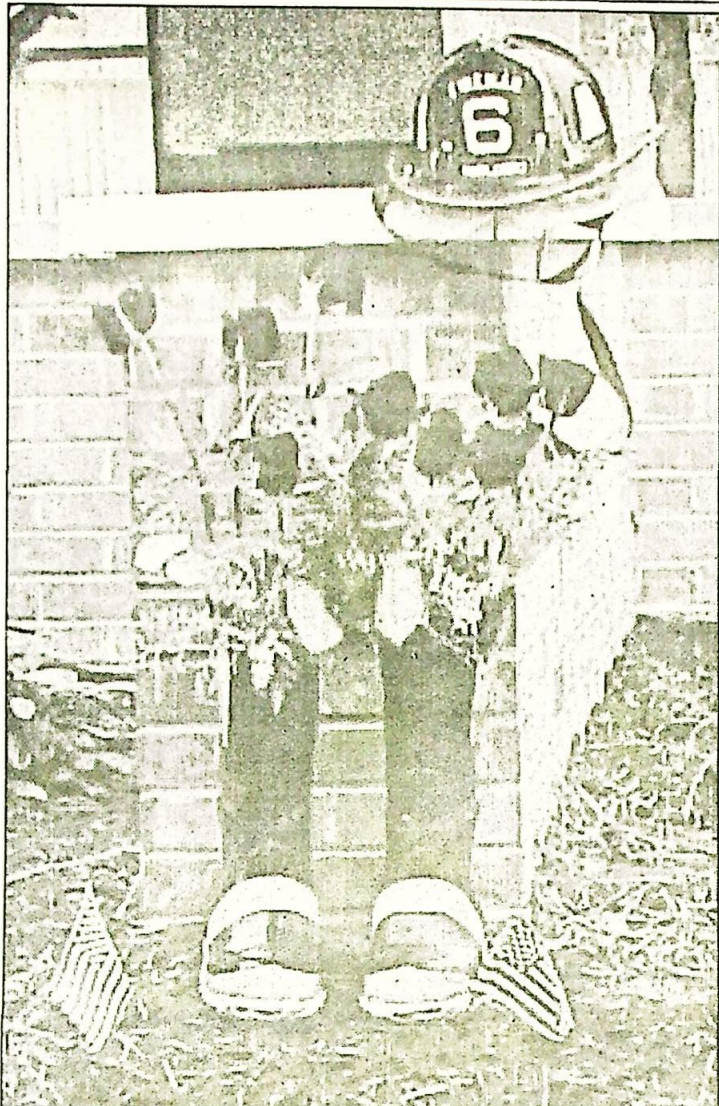
Another concern of mine is the complaints received by our department about firemen driving around with their bluelights on and there's no fire, or firemen driving with reckless abandon, when in fact, the perpetrator is not a firefighter at all. Enough of these unfounded complaints could certainly endanger the privilege of volunteers having these lights, whether they are blue for firefighters or green for EMS personnel.

I wish to thank you for your time and would appreciate any response.

Sincerely,
Captain Dennis A. Harlow
Secretary, Board of Directors
Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.
Thayer, Indiana

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“A fallen hero saluted . . .”

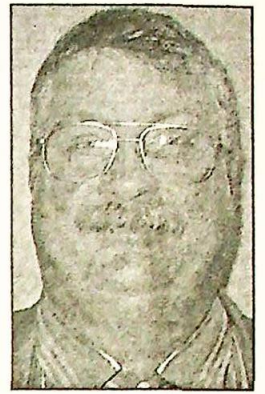


Members of four different fire departments in the Middlebury area gathered to salute a fallen hero, Dennis W. Cripe, 58, 821 S. Main St., a 37 year veteran of the Middlebury Fire Department.

He passed away September 17, 2002. Firemen from area departments lined the streets awaiting the entourage, passing under the United States flag that was hung from a ladder truck over the street. A memorial of flowers and firefighting equipment were also set at the front of the Middlebury Fire Station. (The helmet has the number of Cripe across the front). We were very surprised to see all they did for us in this time of grieving. Surviving him are his wife Joyce, a daughter, Amy (Chris) Yowell, Fayetteville, N.C., two sons Rodney (Miranda) Cripe and Joe (Kelly) Cripe, both of Middlebury. Four grandchildren, Shaunte Yowell, Jenna Cripe, Ben Cripe and Brooke Cripe, two step-grandchildren, Zack and Dakota McQuire. His father, two sisters and four brothers.

(Photos submitted by Joyce Cripe, Middlebury, IN)

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Tanker truck explodes, destroying home

ECKERTY, IN, MARCH 10 - Tense moments for folks in Indiana after a tanker carrying propane gas overturned exploding in the Hoosier National Forest Monday morning. Authorities say the driver lost control on a sharp curve while traveling on State Road 64 near Eckerty. His truck crossed the road -- flipped into a deep embankment and burst into flames. The driver managed to escape and get help, but had to be airlifted from the scene to a Louisville hospital with burns on 80-percent of his body, where later he died. A house and some trees near the accident scene caught fire, and although firemen were able to extinguish the

fierce blaze, the home was destroyed. Indiana State Police Sergeant Todd Ringle said, "The explosion was so powerful that it actually propelled both the truck and the tractor up over the roadway. The trailer came to rest on State Road 62, the truck came to a final resting about 100 south of the roadway." Emergency workers allowed the tanker fire to burn itself out. Investigators are trying to determine whether speed was a factor in the accident. The road will remain closed until the cleanup is complete. (Article and photo submitted by Chuck Parker, District 18 chairman)

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Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department 'pedals' a fund-raiser

Proceeds from pedal car raffle to be donated to Hoosier Burn Camp

By AMBER L. TOMLINSON
Staff Writer
Rensselaer Republican
RENSELAER - District 9B Miss Flame and the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department are sponsoring a fund-raiser for the Hoosier Burn Camp until May 8.

The fund-raiser is a pedal car raffle, and the proceeds will be donated to the Hoosier Burn Camp Inc., which offers children who are burn victims a chance to attend a camp that is fitted for their needs.

Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc. is a non-for-profit camp that offers juvenile burn victims the opportunity to attend camp free of charge. The camp will be celebrating its fifth summer this year and the hopes are to give more burn victims the chance to "just be kids."

"It would normally cost each camper \$1,000 to attend camp, but through donations we are able to make sure the children can attend the camp with no cost to them" said Mark

Koopman, executive director of Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc. "We started with 10 campers, and last year we had 40. We hope to have 55 or more campers this year. That's a big jump when you don't charge the campers."

At the Hoosier Burn Camp, children are able to swim, canoe, paddle boat, climb a rock wall and learn a new skill like basket-making or photography. They learn leadership, teamwork and trust.

"The camp offers children the opportunity to be kids," Koopman said. "There have been children who don't take their clothes off to take a bath at home, but they let their guard down and go swimming here, because they are around other burn victims. The parents are brought to tears at times."

Because the camp offers such a great opportunity for burn victims, Miss Flame or Emily Lyons, a Rensselaer Central High School senior, thought helping the Hoosier Burn Camp seemed like a good idea.

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Rensselaer VFD pedals ...

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"The camp allows kids who have been burnt to attend a special camp," she said. "I thought it would be a great product and I wanted to help."

The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department has made donations to the camp in the past. Last year, the fire department made a special donation for one of Rensselaer's area youth.

"We have donated money in the past for Sammy Chapman so when he is old enough to attend camp, he can," said Carol Lockridge, Emily's mom and a Rensselaer Volunteer firefighter. "We've donated money so kids can attend camp, and this year we are hoping to donate more."

Lyons, along with the Rensselaer Volunteer firefighters, are hoping to be able to donate more than \$700 this year.

Lyons said people have already been donating and she hopes many more will participate in the raffle.

The grand prize of the raffle is a pedal car. The car is a red fire truck with a hose and has an estimated retail price of \$200. The second prize is a Nova AM/FM cassette/CD stereo system estimated at \$100.

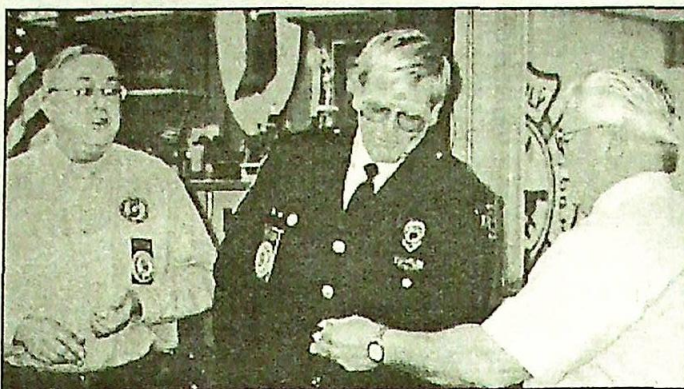
The third prize, which was donated by Fase-Kaluf, is a Radio Shack Radio Control Fire Engine, is estimated at \$50.

The prizes are currently on display at Anders Water Conditioning of Rensselaer and will also visit Heritage Office Products of Rensselaer.

Tickets are \$1 and available at Anders Water Conditioning, Heritage Office Products, or from any firefighter. They will also be available at the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department spring pancake breakfast.

The drawing will be May 8 and winners do not have to be present to win.

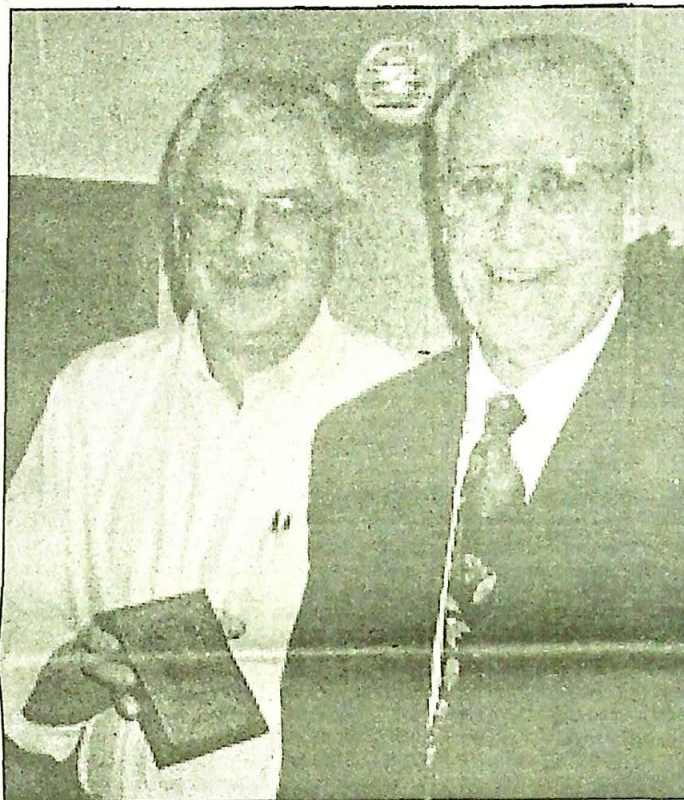
Orrell presented with 25 year service pin



President Buz Koehler and PR Northwest presenting District 1 chairman Tom Orrell with his 25-year pin at the Beverly Shores Fire Department meeting on March 19, 2003.

(Photo submitted by Diana Orrell, District 1 & 2)

Thomas awarded "Firefighter of the Year" award for 2002



Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Company in Columbus, IN proudly presented Mr. Larry Thomas its "Firefighter of the Year" award for 2002.

Thomas, who has been on the department for three years, completed his Firefighter I and II certifications, and was one of Harrison's most consistent responders throughout the year.

Larry, owner of Thomas Construction, has also been named Building & Grounds Captain for 2003. In addition to his volunteer firefighting activities, Thomas and his wife, Ruth, are heavily involved with numerous adult and youth volunteer service organizations.

Pictured are Harrison Twp. Volunteer Fire Co., Chief Wally Dietz (on the left) and Thomas (on the right).

(Photo submitted by M. Maureen McNulty, Harrison Vol. Fire Co., Inc. - Columbus, Indiana)

Answering the call

Vincennes Township firefighter recognized

By JOSH SAYLOR
Staff Writer
Vincennes

Charles Teising's 26 years of service to the Vincennes Township Fire Department have been rewarded. Teising has been presented a Hadi Shrine Temple leadership award for his work as a firefighter.

"I'm proud of the accomplishment for the department," Teising said. "You can't do this by yourself. You need the help of all the other men on the department."

Teising started with the VTFD in 1977, and worked his way up to chief in 1982. He is currently the assistant chief. Teising credits current VTFD Chief Tim Smith for the success of the volunteer department over the years, and Smith said his assistant chief was an easy choice for the leadership nomination.

"It's a well deserved award for Dick and the fire department," Smith said. "He got his 25-year service award last year and when I got the nomination information, I couldn't think of anyone more deserving."

Teising said getting awards such as the Hadi Shrine award are a signal that a firefighter is reaching the end of his career. But he said he still likes to go to fires because of how a firefighter's outlook changes over time.

"When you're younger, you sit around waiting for fires to happen," Teising said. "But as you get older, you see how they damage lives, and you start to not want fires to happen, but you want to help people. You pull up at a fire and a man and his wife and kids are standing on the lawn, watching their house burn, and you want to help them. Our whole department is that way, they really want to help save lives and property."

The award was the second annual leadership award presented by the Hadi Shrine, who gives the awards in three different categories: heroism, leadership and burn prevention education. The awards were conceived as a response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

(Submitted by Jack Harker, IVFA treasurer)

Station clock presented to Adams Twp. VFD



This station clock was presented to Adams Twp. VFD in Adams in Decatur County. In the picture is Maurice Ketchum and David Israel.

(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

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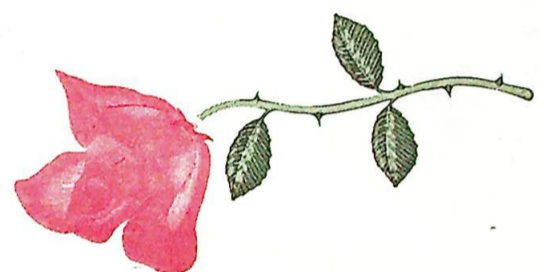
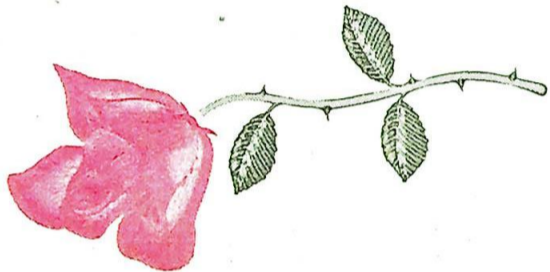
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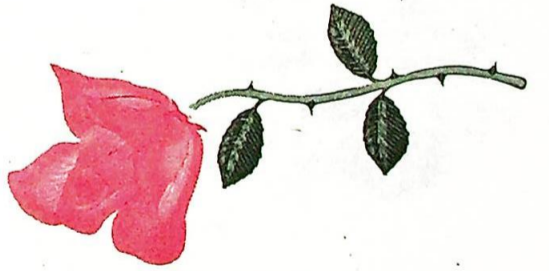
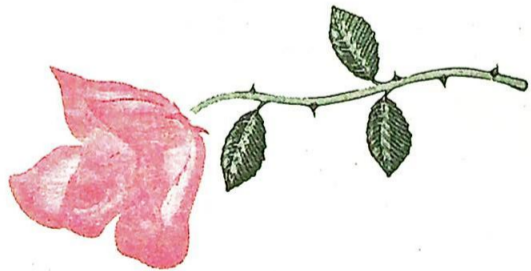
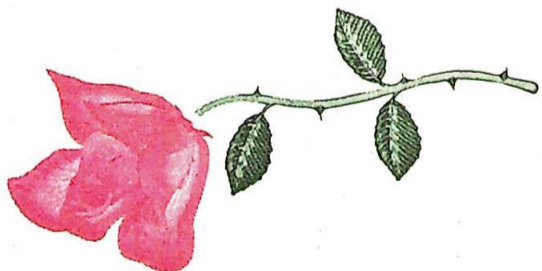
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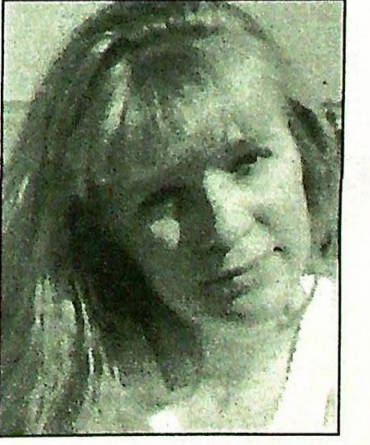
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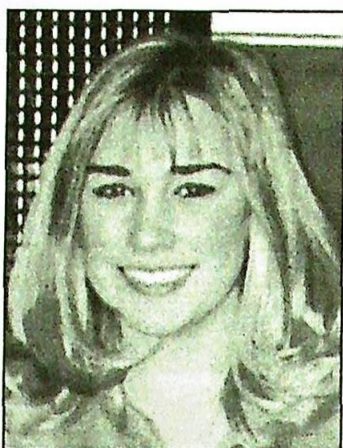


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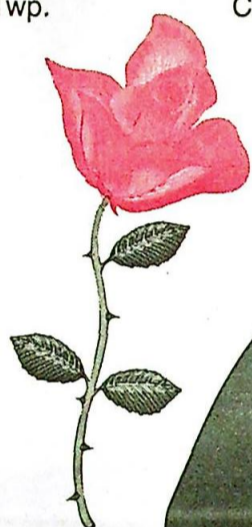
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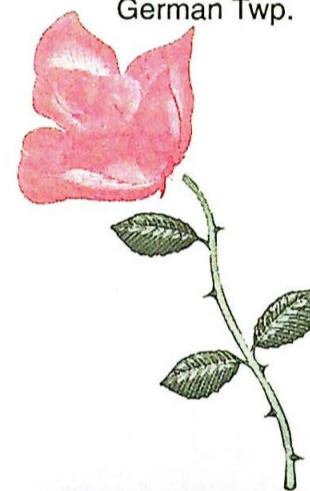
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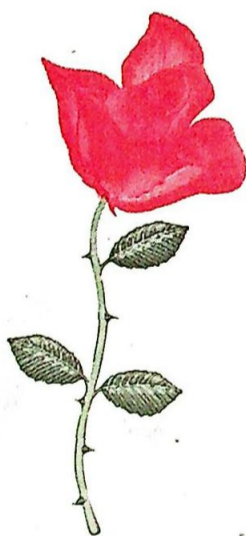
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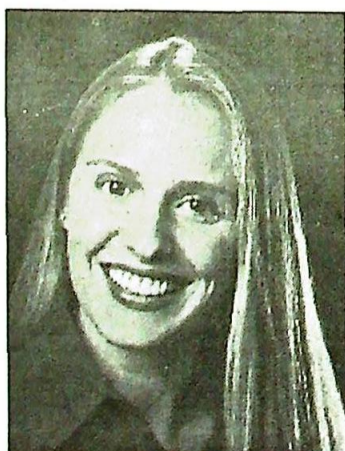
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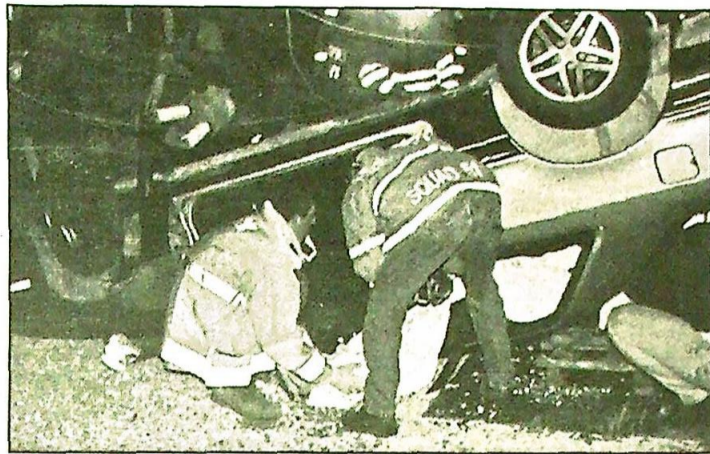
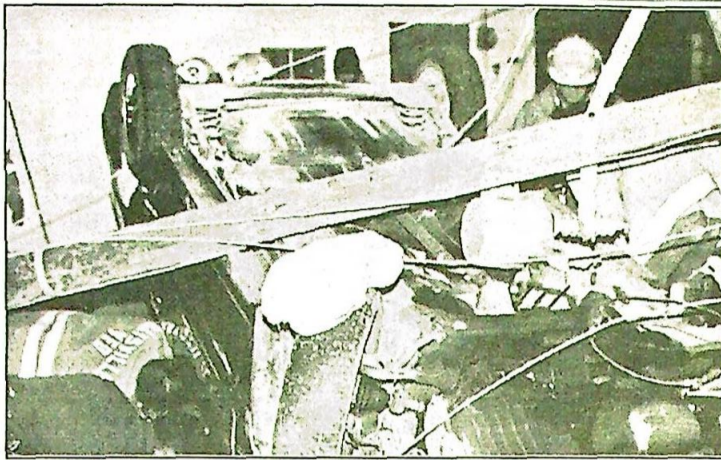
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Haysville Fire Department hosts extrication training session



Haysville Fire Department hosted an extrication training session on March 31, 2003 at their fire house at Haysville.

There were five (5) departments that participated in the training session. They were: St. Henry, Dubois, Jefferson Twp., Jasper and the host fire department, Haysville.

This was held to educate the First Responder class.

Pictures and information were provided by Haysville Public Relations firefighter Ed Dicus and submitted by PR SW Ron Bell.



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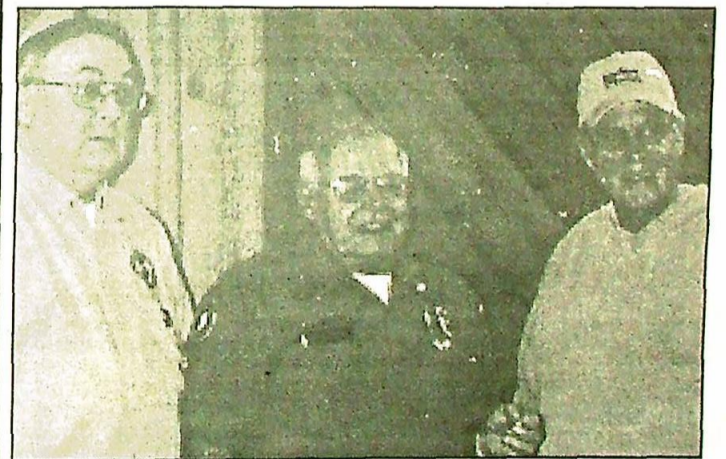
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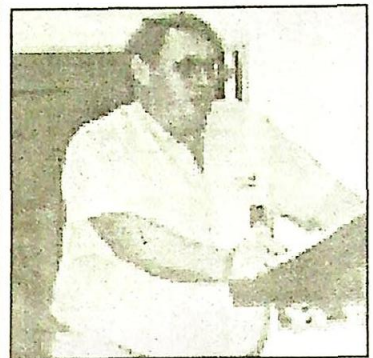
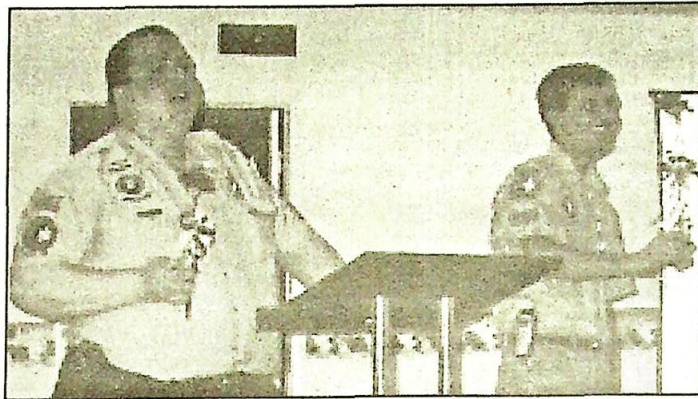
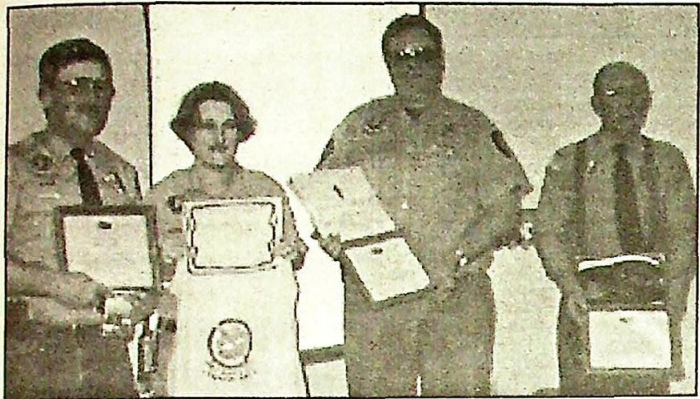
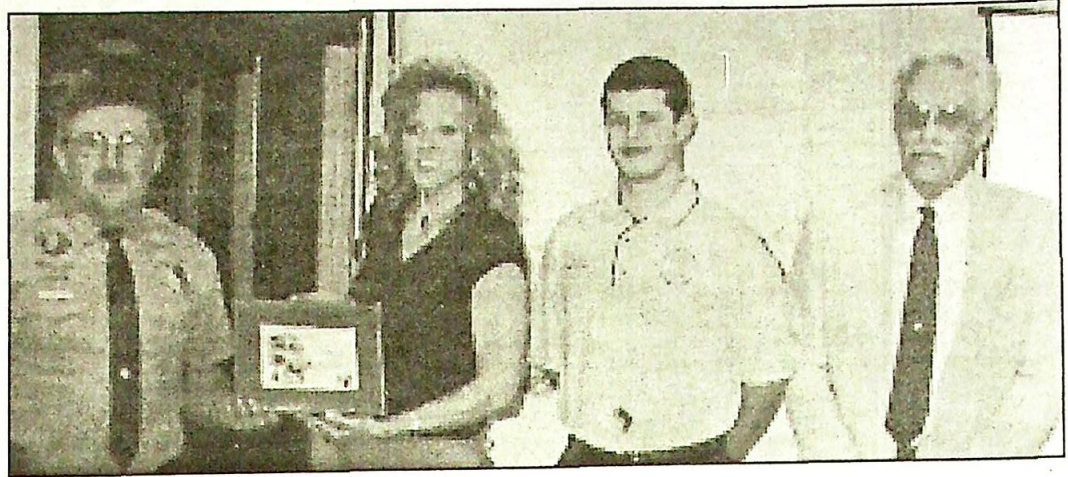
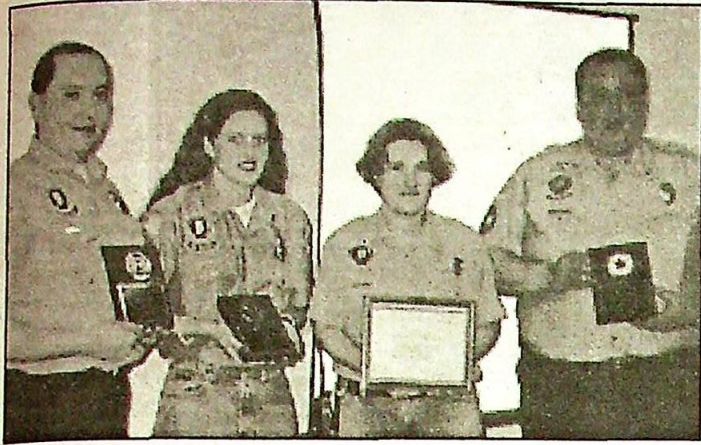
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February 19, 2003 -- Clarence Moss of the Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force (Lake/Porter County) receives his 25 year pin from District 2 chairman Paul Watland and P.R. Northwest, Jim Bradford. Captain Moss is also the treasurer of Districts 1 & 2.

**August Deadline
July 10, 2003**

West Baden Spring Fire & EMS annual appreciation banquet held



MARCH 15, 2003 - Tara Lynch and Tim Farris were named West Baden Springs Fire Department-EMS Volunteers of the Year during the annual dinner on Saturday, March 25, 2003 in the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall, West Baden, Springs, IN.

Lynch was recognized as Firefighter of the Year and Farris as EMS Volunteer.

Joe Lynch made the most of the department's 74 runs during 2002 and Stephanie Kendall received her five year award.

Miya Elizabeth Emmons was presented a stuffed dalmation puppy as the department's Baby of the Year.

The firefighters recognized the Orange County Sheriff's Department dispatch for its personnel's professionalism. Accepting the award were Orange County sheriff Doyle Cornwell, Garland Shanks and Jo Weiss.

"You're looking at one man that appreciates what you do," stated Cornwell. "You're a great bunch of people and we appreciate it."

Fire Chief Mike Allen was presented a clock for his dedication to the department. He told fellow firefighters, "You guys make my work a lot easier. Everyone does their part and I

appreciate it."

One of the highlights of the annual dinner is the announcement of the "Oops"! Awards, and this year the department presented four awards. Stephanie Kendall was awarded a certificate and T-shirt for "putting foot in mouth" by announcing Santa as someone else during the department Christmas party. Jim Kellams received a certificate for the most speedy response without tripping over his shoelaces. He was presented with a pair of Velcro shoes so he would not have to take time tying laces. A certificate for the need to relearn basic math was presented to Marvin Malone who has put down the wrong department number. He also received a book depicting which vehicles go with different departments to eliminate any confusion. Allen received a certificate for exceeding the speed limit on foot while responding to an emergency, as well as a sewing kit to help mend uniforms torn during responses.

Guest speaker for the event was Ron Bell, Southwest Public Relations Director of the IVFA. He encouraged members to take advantage of IVFA training, clothing reimbursement and scholarships. He also discussed new and pending legislation pertaining to volunteer firefighters. He was accompanied by wife Malinda, who is District 17A auxiliary chair. Carnations provided by King's Florist, were given to all guests attending the annual dinner and Farris read the poem, "Firefighters Are Family". A power point slide show of department events and runs was also shown and Kellams led the blessing before the meal.

EMS director Jason Kendall read, "A Firefighter's Life", and Farris noted that the department has 17 members averaging 37.1 years of age, with an average of eight years of service. The average response time was five minutes and West Baden Springs firefighters put in a total of 180.5 service hours per person during the year. Personnel gifts were presented to all department members: Allen - 18 years with WBS Fire Dept., 28 total years of firefighter; assistant chief Randy Emmons - 8 years, Marvin Malone - 19 years, Jim Kellams - 33 years, Mark Emmons - 11 years, Trevor Emmons - seven years,

Stephanie Kendall, five and a half years, Chad Melton - three and a half years, Farris - four and a half years, Tara Lynch - three and half years, Joe Lynch - 2.7 years, Jason Kendall - two and half years, Ben Stidham - two and a half years, Marlene Malone - six months, Mike Owen - one month, Sherrie Farris - one month, and Mitzi Gromer - three years, associate member.

A memorial service was held for the late Keith Ivan Love of Orange

County District 1 Fire Department, who helped provide support to many other departments during emergency situations.
(Reprinted and submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)

2003 Convention
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Schavey, Ehrhardt guest speakers at 50th anniversary New Chicago VFD party

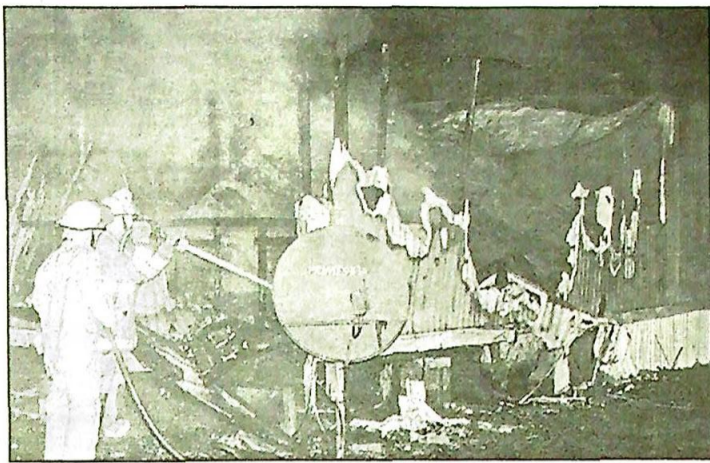
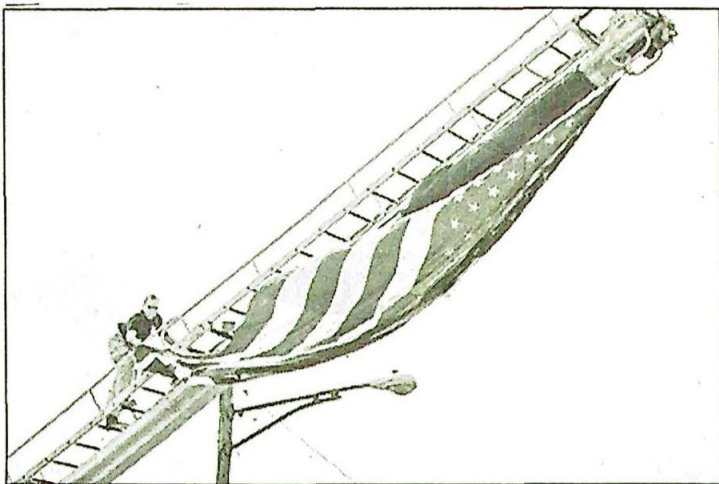


October 19, 2002 -- Chief Dennis Schavey and Jacob Ehrhardt of the New Chicago (Lake County) Fire Department, speak to guests at the 50th anniversary party for the New Chicago Fire Department.

August Deadline is July 10, 2003



A Fireman's Final Call



Every firefighter knows the next alarm may be his or her last. Troy volunteer fireman, Jim Smith, answered his Saturday, laying down his life in service to his department and community while battling an early morning blaze. Both mourned his death this week.

Smith, 62, collapsed at the scene of the 3:27 a.m. fire and was rushed to Perry County Memorial Hospital by paramedics, who automatically respond to fires. He was

pronounced dead at the hospital, Perry County Coroner Darrel Riley said.

An autopsy conducted Sunday showed Smith died of a heart attack caused by a blood clot in one of his coronary arteries, Riley explained.

The cause of the blaze, which was contained to the front of a mobile home located at 630 Harrison St., was attributed to careless smoking, said Pam Bright, a spokeswoman for the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office. The home's sole occupant, Larry Risse Jr., escaped with minor burns to his face, witnesses said.

Troy Fire Chief Pudder Linne said the department was stunned and saddened by Smith's sudden passing, but united in honoring his memory.

"It was a shock to all of us," said Linne. "Everyone will be remembering Jim." Linne said Smith had been a member of the department approximately seven years, ever since he moved back to Troy. He frequently visited the utility office where Linne and others worked.

"If he was around, he'd come to see you sometime during the day," Linne said.

Troy firefighters joined dozens of other firefighters who attended a memorial service Monday evening at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home in Tell City and Tuesday's funeral service at Troy United Methodist Church.

Firefighters also set up a memorial at the intersection of Indiana 66 and Indiana 545 in Troy. It included fireman's coat, boots, helmet and axe.

One of the department's trucks was draped in black. Troy firetrucks also escorted the funeral procession from Tell City to Troy.

Other departments joined in honoring the fallen firefighter. Smith's funeral procession passed under a large American flag hoisted over Indiana 66 by Tell City volunteer firemen who joined police officers in saluting the hearse carrying his body as it passed by.

Perhaps the most poignant reminders of Smith's commitment to the firefighting came during Monday's Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association memorial service at the funeral home. With the sound of bagpipes filling the parlor where family and friends had gathered, State Chaplain Fred Page and IVFA District 18 chaplain Brother Giles Mahieu OSB led the delegation of over 30 local volunteer firefighters - all with black bands across their badges.

"We're going to miss him and Troy is going to miss him" he said. "Jim died serving his community. He died with his boots on."

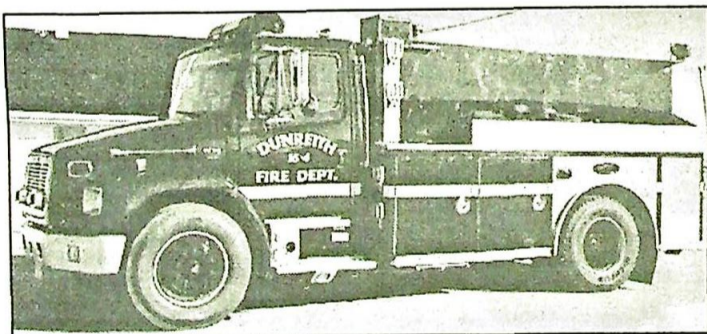
Near the end of the service, firemen rang a bell eight times, symbolizing the "10-8" signal firemen radio in when they return to the firehouse after fighting a fire. He will be honored during an IVFA state service later this year.

Linne said Smith is the second firefighter from Troy to die of a heart attack while battling a blaze. He said Jim Davis died in 1967.

(Article and photos submitted by Chuck Parker, District 18 chairman)



Dunreith V.F.D. receives new 2003 Freightliner tanker



Dunreith Volunteer Fire Department is located in East Central Indiana in Henry County and one of two departments in Spiceland Township.

Chief is Jerry Hartgrove, the assistant chief is Tim Martin, IVFA district chairman 13A.

There are a total of 16 volunteers,

two being lady firefighters.

In December we just received our new tanker, a 2003 Freightliner, 2000 gallon, specially built to fit into our fire station in Dunreith along "The National Road" U.S. Highway 40.

The tanker was paid for through donations, local tax money, and fund raisers.

If you are in our area or attend District 13A or 13B meetings, stop by our department or contact Tim Martin or Jerry Hartgrove to show you how this can be accomplished for under \$125,000. Way under!

(Photo submitted by Jerry A. Hartgrove, Chief, Dunreith V.F.D.)

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Ron Vale receives pin for 25 years of fire service

February 19, 2003 -- Ron Vale, Chief of the Lake Hills (Lake County) Fire Department, receives his 25 year pin from District 2 chairman Paul Watland and P.R. Northwest Jim Bradford.

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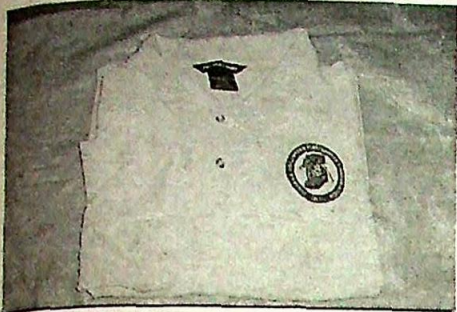
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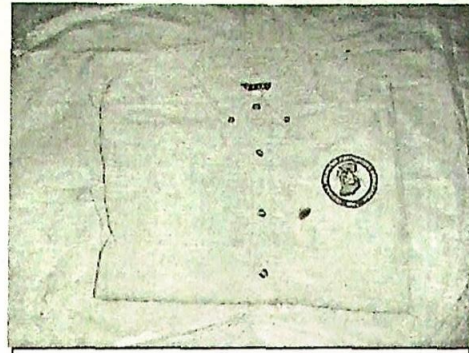
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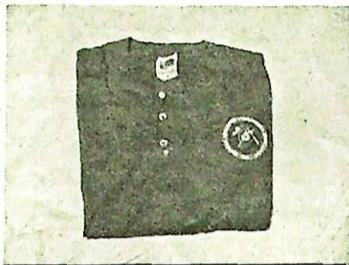
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	Tee Shirt - Blue - \$10.00			
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Daviess County Firefighters First Responders review program with Air Evac crew



MARCH 17, 2003 - Dropping in for the meeting were Pilot Norman, David Simpson - Flight Paramedic, Jim Spiller, M.D., and Kelly Lloyd, flight nurse.

Daviess County firefighters who have been involved in training for a First Responder program met with Airevac crew and Dr. Jim Spiller on March 17, 2003 at the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department to review the area training program.

Dr. Spiller, who serves as medical director of emergency services at Daviess Community Hospital is responsible for a number of First Responder programs including the Evansville Fire Department and the Airevac Helicopter Service.

Local firefighters involved in the program say a medical director is required to oversee a First Responder program such as the local organi-

zation. A medical director evaluates the training program and dictates equipment and procedures to be used. Many of those involved in the start-up program are members of Odon, Madison Twp., Elnora/Elmore and Plainville Fire Departments but the group in training includes personnel from Washington and Cannelburg Units.

(Photos submitted by PRSW Ron Bell)

Rules for safe residential burning

- Only clean wood products may be burned. Wood products coated with stain, paint, glue or other coatings are not safe to burn.
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- Burning must comply with all other federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances.

Recall of electrical paintings

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), UL United Inc., of Houston, Texas, is voluntarily recalling about 150 electrical paintings. The electrical paintings can short circuit, posing a shock or fire hazard.

CPSC and UL United have not received any reports of injuries. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

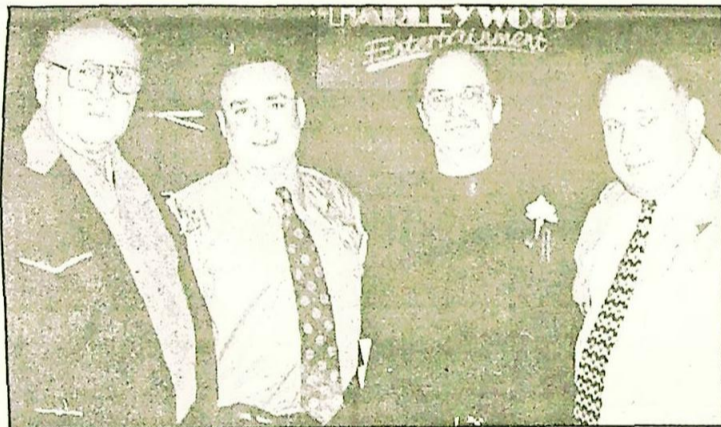
The recalled paintings show 13 scenes of waterfalls and other bodies of water, sold as "The Motion Picture" series. The images are painted on glass and are illuminated by a light bulb. The paintings give the impression of water spilling over a waterfall and have the sound of running water, birds and music. "MADE IN CHINA" appears on the packaging of the paintings.

Flea markets sold the paintings in Texas and Arkansas from December 2001 through April 2002 for between \$18 and \$50.

Consumers should immediately unplug and stop using these paintings and contact UL United for a full refund including shipping costs.

Contact UL United at (866) 332-6643 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

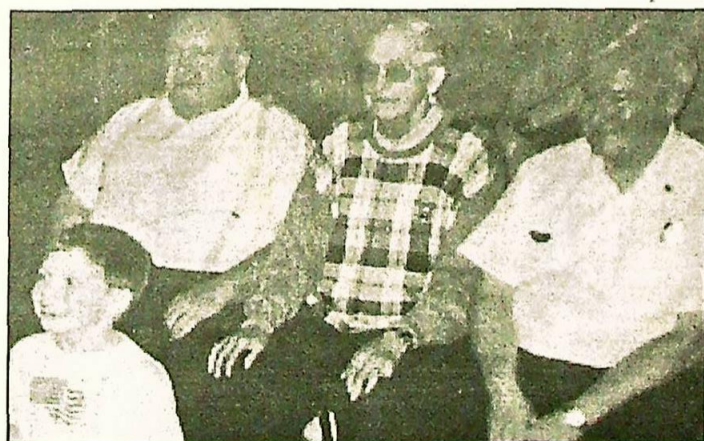
Local firefighters awarded service pins



Saturday's LOFS Fire Force "Spring Break VII" fundraiser was the setting for service pin awards. Tony Waitkus, left, was honored for 10 years of service and Ed Kulesa, second from right, received his five-year pin. Presenting the awards were Dave Semplinski, right, assistant chief, and Mike Parks, fire chief.

(Photo and article submitted by Joshua E. Wyant)

Plainville volunteer firefighters awarded pins for years of fire service



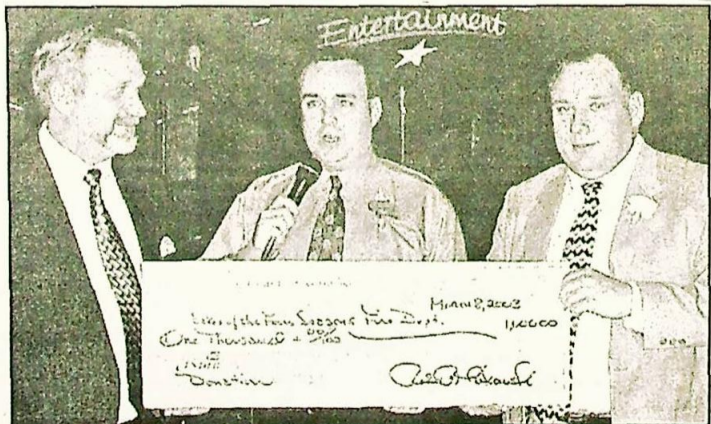
Plainville volunteer firefighters Garland Killon received his pin for 35 years of fire service, Gordan Strange, 45 years, and Bernard (Bud) Mallett, 45 years.

Steven (Mike) Heshelman's son received his dad's pin for eight years of fire service. Mike is a National Guardsman, who is in Kuwait during this time of "Operation Iraqi Freedom".

Mike's son was very proud to receive his dad's pin. Let's keep Mike and the other servicemen and women in our prayers and that they return home safe.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, PRSW)

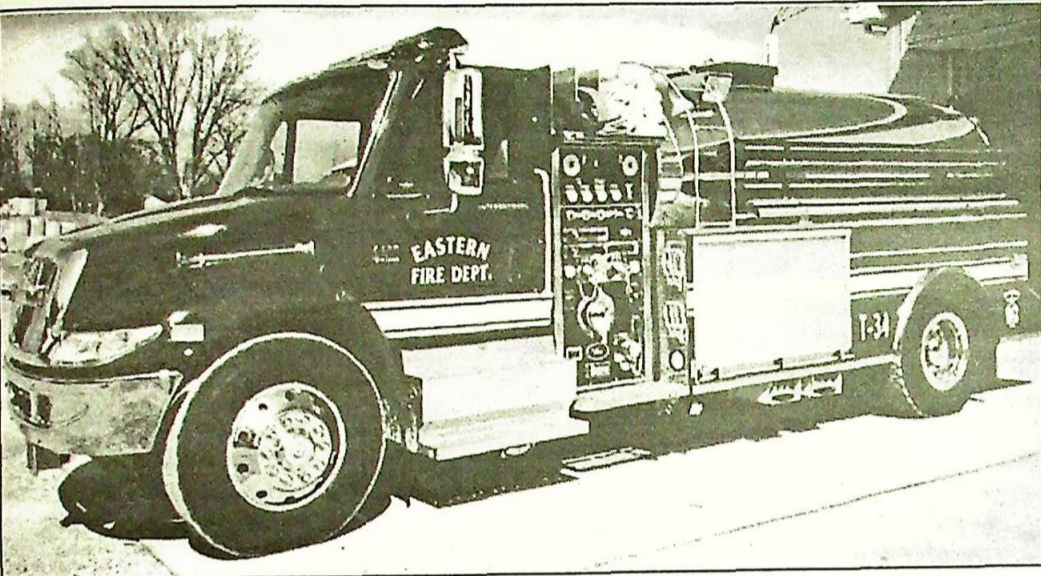
Donation Made To Fire Force



Bob Malkowski, Best Rate Home Loans president, presented a \$1,000 check Saturday to the local fire department. Malkowski had pledged to donate \$50 from each loan closed by Winfield/LOFS residents between Sept. 11 and the end of the year. Accepting the donation were Fire Chief Mike Parks, center, and Dave Semplinski, Assistant chief. Last week Malkowski presented \$900 to the Crown Point Fire Department.

(Photo and article submitted by Joshua E. Wyant)

Eastern Volunteer Fire Department marks 40th anniversary in fire service



The Eastern Volunteer Fire Department was formed on Wednesday, April 17, 1963 by the residents of the community at the Old Dutch Cafe in Solsberry. The first building that would house the equipment was the old Solsberry High School Vocational Building Aquiculture and wood working shop classroom and was on lease from Beech Creek Township for 99 years, until May of 1990 when the building was demolished to make way for the current fire station.

The first engine was purchased on May 25, 1963 and was a 1937 Dodge with a front mount

pump with a 315-gallon tank.

June of 1964 saw the purchase of the second engine, a 1947 Mack fire engine purchased through a sealed bid from the Linton Fire Department for \$1,500.00.

In September of 1964 we purchased our first tanker, a 1947 Dodge with a 1500 gallon tank from a local Newark farmer.

With only six incomplete sets of turnout gear for 14 firefighters answering 14 alarms the first year, the local men and women paved the way and grown for the present 40 members to proudly serve their community.

The 1947 Mack engine was replaced in September of 1971 by a 1971 Ford, our first class A pumper and remained as our primary engine until May 10, 1995 when it was replaced by a 1995 International Class A engine funded by the Southern Indiana Rural Development Grant.

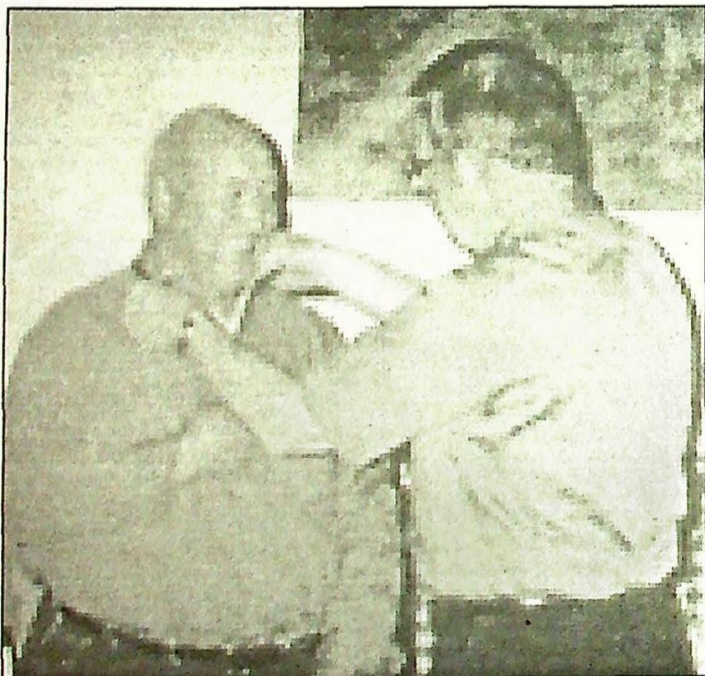
The 1971 Ford was then used as our primary tanker until November 2002, replaced by a 2003 International 2000 gallon Pumper/Tanker purchased through Hoosier Fire and Equipment, manufactured by US Tanker, funded through the 2002 FEMA Fire Grant.

January of 2003 saw another addition to our fleet, with the purchase of a 1995 International Ambulance. With 14 Emergency Medical Technicians and five First Responders, the members of the Eastern Fire Department responds back up service to the Greene County Ambulance Service.

Now marking our 40th anniversary in the fire service, the members of this organization are dedicated to serving and protecting the residents of Beech Creek Township and strive to carry on the goals and the mission that was founded by the original founding members of this department.

(Pictures and information submitted by Louise Deckard).

Plainville Firefighter receives Governor's Meritorious Service Award



Plainville volunteer firefighters held their dinner at Knepp's Restaurant, Montgomery, IN on March 20, 2003.

Harold (Gene) Shafer had no idea that he was going to receive an award.

Gene was awarded from the office of the State Fire Marshal the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his 32 years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Plainville Volunteer Fire Department, the citizens of Daviess County and the great State of Indiana.

Also, Gene's wife was given the Firefighter's Wife Poem.

Gene and Millie shared a kiss.

Mike Bigler from the State Fire Marshal's Office at Indianapolis presented the awards.

(Photos submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)

Announce recall of gas grills

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Flat Rock Grill Co., of Powhatan, VA, is voluntarily recalling about 1,800 gas grills. The glass casing of the thermometer displays attached to these grills can break or shatter, posing a risk of cuts or other serious injuries to consumers.

Flat Rock Grill Co. has received six reports of the glass casing of the thermometers on these grills breaking. No injuries have been reported;

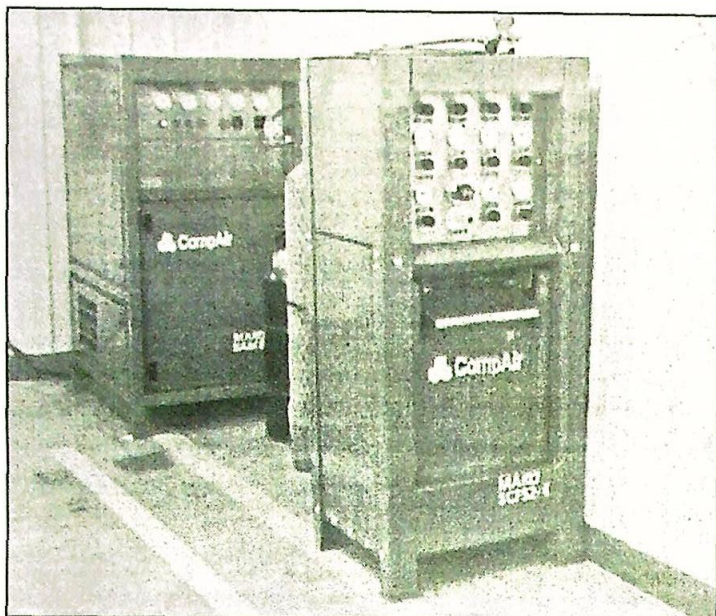
These heavy-duty, stainless steel grills are Flat Rock Grill Shoreline Series Models 2000 and 3000. The model number is written on a label on the front of the grill. "FRG" is on the front of the grill. The grill has a thermometer display on the grill hood that measures 3-inches in diameter, and has a temperature range from 50 to 550 degrees. The thermometer display has "BBQ-1" or "BBQ Pit Thermometer" written within the glass casing.

Independent retailers in the southeastern and south central U.S. and the firm's web site sold these gas grills from July 1999 through July 2002 for about \$1,200.

Consumers should remove the thermometers on these grills immediately. To get a free replacement thermometer, call Flat Rock Grill Co. toll-free at (888) 308-7399 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers also can go to the firm's web site at www.flatrockgrill.com.

Thermometers with the word "Trend" written within the casing are not included in the recall.

F.I.R.E. Act is a breath of fresh air to Lizton-Union Twp.



"Time consuming," "Exhaustive." "Well worth it!" These are just a few of the words being spoken by Lizton-Union Township firefighters in Hendricks County. After almost a year, their efforts have paid off big. Under the Federal Emergency

Management Agency/United States Fire Administration "F.I.R.E. Act Grant," the Lizton-Union Twp. V.F.D. was awarded \$113,903.00 for the purpose of updating their self-contained breathing apparatus. They coupled this grant with their matching 10% ...

\$12,655.00, (required under the Act), for a total of \$126,558.00 to be used toward this endeavor.

They replaced 14 MSA, 30 minute SCBA's with belt mounted regulators for 22 MSA, MMR Firehawk 45 minute SCBA's with 22 spare composite bottles in December of 2002. "Our new packs came with the ICM 2000 plus which has a built-in P.A.S.S. device and thermal alarm," says trustee Mike Scott, lead member of the project. "We were also able to get R.I.T. hoses, voice amplifiers, and have secured flow testing for all these packs for four years." The new SCBA's were purchased from Five Alarm Fire & Safety through Mr. Jerry Johnson.

But it doesn't stop there. The L.U.T.V.D. was also able to purchase a new 6000 p.s.i. air compressor from Maco Compressed Air. It has a four 6000 p.s.i. bottle cascade system with a two position fill station. This was purchased through Mr. Matt Carter of Pro Air, Inc. This system replaces the old standard cascade system still used by several departments nationwide.

With good fortune, comes the ability to share. The L.U.T.V.F.D. was able to donate all of their pre-existing SCBA's to others, less fortunate departments. Their cascade system was donated to a department that had never owned one.

A HUGE "thank you" goes out to Ms. Tina Henderson of Mendenhall & Associates who oversaw the grant process for Lizton-Union Twp. Also, many heartfelt thanks to our community, Township Trustees and their boards and our town for their support of the department. And, finally, to our members for their assistance in obtaining or compiling required information, especially Trustee Mike Scott for leading the way to better protect the firefighters ... and citizens ... of Lizton-Union Twp.

Robert F. Crouch
Assistant Chief, L.U.T.V.F.D.

We would also like to wish Jaelyn Joseph, of Lizton-Union Twp. Fire Department, good luck at the Miss Flame contest and a great job for representing our department for two years in a row.

(Article and photos submitted by Brian Witham, District 12 chairman)

Floyd Naillieux receives Gold Card for fifty years of fire service



December 8, 2002 -- Floyd Naillieux of the Union Fire Department (Porter County) receives his "Gold Card" for 50 years of service from I.V.F.A. President 'Buz' Koehler at Union's annual awards banquet.

Angela Cardinal, 2003 Miss Flame for District 17A



Lisa Burch, Megan Stahl, Jim Abrams and Angela Cardinal. (Photo submitted by Malinda Bell, District 17A)

Each year a young lady is chosen to represent District 17A at the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Convention held in June.

Angela Cardinal was chosen 2003 Miss Flame for District 17A.

There were three lovely ladies running for this position - Lisa Burch, Highland Twp., daughter of Scott and Carol Byers of Bloomfield; Megan Stahl, Worthington Jefferson Twp., daughter of Jeffery and Debra Stahl of Worthington; and Angela Cardinal, Washington Twp. Bruceville, daughter of Don and Ann Cardinal of Bicknell.

The Miss Flame contest has been held at the Odon/Madison Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Odon for the past five years.

District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell has been in charge of getting the judges and making sure that everything is ready for this event.

Judges for this year were: Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., ladies' auxiliary vice-president Bonnie Jones, secretary Janet Cottrell and Judy Stedman, wife of Elnora/Elmore firefighter Chuck Stedman.

Runner up is Megan Stahl, Worthington Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Departments.

Deanna Chestnut, 2001 and 2002 District 17A Miss Flame and IVFA runner-up in 2001, representing Richland/Taylor Fire Dept., crowned the new 2003 Miss Flame.

Recall to repair cordless drill/drivers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., of Towson, Md., is voluntarily recalling about 950,000 cordless drill/drivers. The drill's switch can malfunction and overheat, posing the possibility of a fire hazard to consumers.

Black & Decker has received 45 reports of drill switches overheating, causing two minor burns.

The recalled cordless drill/drivers are orange and bear the word "Firestorm" or jade and bear the words "Quantum Pro." The drill/drivers have the following model numbers and date codes:

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The model numbers are located on the name plate on the side of the drill and the dates codes are located on the bottom of the handle where the battery is inserted (remove battery to locate date code). These drill/drivers were manufactured in China.

Home centers and hardware stores throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada sold the drill/drivers from March 1999 through December 2001 for between \$50 and \$200. The drill/drivers were sold separately and as part of various tool kits.

Consumers should stop using their drill/drivers immediately, remove the battery, and call Black & Decker at (866) 821-5444 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to arrange for a free repair. For additional information, consumers can log on to the company's website at www.blackanddecker.com.

Recall of mosquito traps

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), The Coleman Company Inc., of Wichita, Kan., is voluntarily recalling about 136,000 Mosquito Deleto™ Traps. The mosquito trap's propane regulator can leak propane or allow an overflow of propane gas, both of which pose a fire hazard to consumers. In addition, the fuel hose attachment sold with the Back Home™ System can become damaged and leak propane,

which poses a fire hazard to consumers.

Coleman has received 28 reports of traps melting or catching on fire as a result of propane leaking, and 7 reports of damage to the propane fuel hoses. No injuries have been reported.

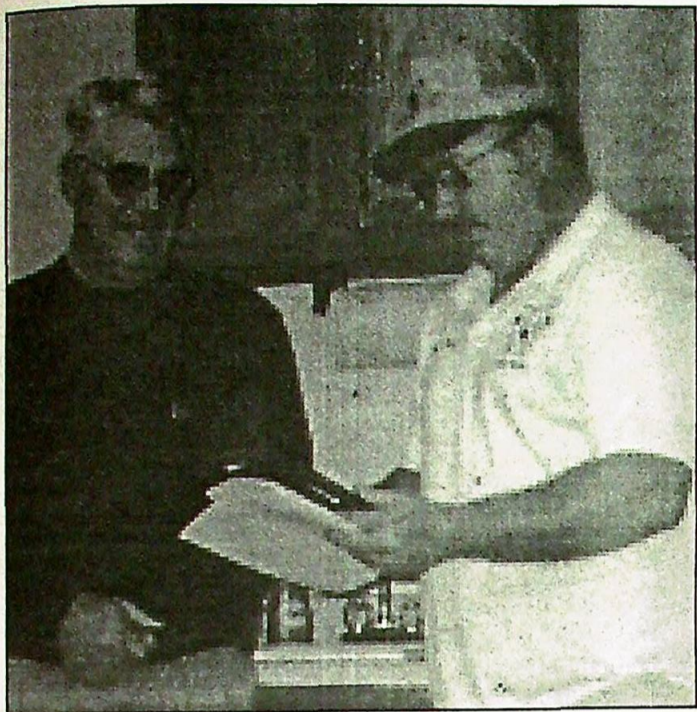
The recalled Mosquito Deleto™ Traps were sold as a part of the Portable System and the Back Home™ System. The traps are about 24 inches high, have a green or gray base and top, a black center, and attach to either a 1

lb. propane cylinder or a 20 lb. propane cylinder with a hose. The traps have two sets of model numbers: 2950-800 and 2950-801, which can be found on a label on the front of the trap above the words, "WARNING: For outdoor use only". The recalled Back Home™ System traps include a 5-foot rubber hose that connects to 20 lbs. propane cylinders. The Portable System and Back Home System™ mosquito traps were manufactured in the U.S.

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Jerrell Holtsclaw recently honored for 45 years of service



Fire chief Bruce Porter presented Jerrell Holtsclaw a plaque honoring him for 45 years of fire service.

February 11, 2003 was a special evening for veteran firefighter Jerrell Holtsclaw.

Jerrell spoke of his years as a fireman. He served as assistant chief, as chief and then again as assistant chief.

"I stepped down when I thought younger people should take over," Holtsclaw said. "There had been many changes during the 45 years, but they were all good." He explained that the old building which was in very poor condition was replaced with a new building ten years ago and the equipment was gradually upgraded. The department presently has a tanker, a pumper, a brush truck and a mini tanker.

Also honored for his years of service to Grant-Fairplay Volunteer Fire Department was Fire Chief Bruce Porter for his 26 years of fire service. Assistant chief David Headley presented Porter with his plaque.

Porter began his career as a fireman in 1977. As a young fireman, Porter said, "Holtsclaw put him under his wing." "He taught me a lot. When I first became chief, he taught me how to do the paperwork and the "do's and don't's of my job. At my first fire af-

ter becoming chief, I grabbed a hose. He patted me on the shoulder and said, "You stay back here and give orders," and then he took the hose. That's the kind of guy he is."

As for his 26 years of service, Porter says he enjoys being a fireman and wouldn't change a thing and added that he is amazed at how much support the town gives the fire department.

Porter also praised the rest of the firemen, 19 in all, and said they were a great bunch of men and he wouldn't trade one of them. He also said he couldn't say enough about the Advisory Board from both townships, Grand and Fairplay and noted, "When we need something they see that we get it." However, Porter also said that there are sad times as well. "Last year we had our first fatality. We put the fire out in five minutes, but there was so much smoke and heat. It bothered all of us," explaining what it was like as rookie fireman, assistant chief David Headley, who has been on the department 23 years, said in the early years the only equipment they had was military surface trucks.

"You did what you could do to get by, but we have come a long way due

to Porter and Holtsclaw."

Over 25 friends, family and fellow firemen looked on as Holtsclaw and Porter were honored.

"Tonight is a little example of how firemen are and how they appreciate one another," said Jerrell, as he described his feeling about the surprise party given Tuesday evening honoring him and fire chief Bruce Porter at the Switz City fire station.

Porter and his wife, Carla, and Holtsclaw and his wife, Rita, are lifelong Switz City residents and all four are Switz City high school graduates.

Both men thanked their wives for the support they gave them throughout the years and said they couldn't have worked the extra hours as volunteer firemen without their help.

Also District 17A chairman Jim Abrams presented Porter and Holtsclaw with their 25 year fire service pins.

Also in attendance was IVFA Public Relations Director Ron Bell and his wife, Malinda.

(Article written by Jo Chiparo, Linton Daily Citizen newspaper, staff writer, and rewritten and submitted by: PR SW Ron Bell)

Two of Haysville's leading citizens honored



Edgar and Lovella Nigg were honored at a celebration held in the Community Room of the new Haysville Fire Station.

Edgar was presented with a Sagamore of the Wabash Award and Lovella received a Distinguished Hoosier Award.

State Senator Lindel Hume made the presentations as 70 or so friends and neighbors looked on.

Edgar became the first fire chief of the newly-established Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department in 1961. He was appointed by the president of the Haysville Ruritan Club, of which Edgar was an active member.

In 1965 he helped establish the IVFA 18th district, breaking off from Vincennes District 17, and was elected its first chairman.

At the time, District 18 was made up of 59 members from nine fire departments -- eight from DuBois County and one from Martin County. With 35 member departments, District 18 is now the state's largest.

After serving as District 18 chairman for two years, he served as District Chaplain for four years in 1967. He was appointed IVFA PR director for all of southwest Indiana, a position he held for four years.

On June 12, 1970, Edgar earned the state's highest award given to a firefighter, "Mr. IVFA", Fireman of the Year. One would think Edgar's contri-

butions as a volunteer firefighter would be enough to earn his acclaim; however, the list of community contributions goes on and on.

Edgar was instrumental in bringing a bank (former DuBois County Bank), a post office and a water department to Haysville. His affiliations are numerous.

Edgar and Lovella continue to be active members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They have also helped with every Ruritan and volunteer fire department fundraiser, donating their time, the use of their store and equipment, from planning to clean up.

The Niggs opened Nigg's Supermarket in Haysville in 1961. At that time the only grocery in a ten mile radius, the store was a success.

Bobby Kennedy once stopped in at the grocery during a campaign tour. No one knows if it was to visit a good fellow Democrat or to sample Nigg's famous fried chicken.

The couple have given back tenfold to the community.

It's a good thing the fire marshal was unable to attend, he probably would have said the place was packed passed capacity. Edgar showed up carrying a scrapbook.

Having been told his input was needed for a history of Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA) District 18.

"Uh-oh, this is no convention meet-

ing," muttered Edgar as he and Lovella were ushered into the Community Room to the sight of flowers, candles and the scent of cake and freshly brewed coffee. "Edgar is the reason we're here today," said IVFA District 18 secretary, Kenny Lau, "not to write history, but to make history."

With tears in his eyes, former Haysville fire chief Dick Schmitt grinned and poked a finger at Edgar. "I only have one thing to say, I gotcha, Nigg!"

Edgar was nominated for this special award by Lau and Schmitt. State Senator Lindel Hume made the presentation. State representative Dave Crooks, past state representatives Denny Heeke, and Donald Hume, past county Democrat party chairman Dan Mundy and past District 18 chairman Eldo Reinhart were also among the 70 or so well-wishers.

Lovella was in on the secret, sneakily helping plan the reception. But the joke was on her. After Edgar was presented with his Sagamore of the Wabash, Lovella herself was presented with the Distinguished Hoosier Award. The Niggs' after all have worked as a team for more than half a century.

In August they will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of two sons, Levi of Lewisville, TX and David Nigg of Jasper. The Niggs also have four grandchildren, Jenny, Jonathan, Matthew and Zach. Grandson Zach was on hand for the celebration which was halted briefly so Zach could kiss goodbye before returning to Camp Atterbury with the Indiana National Guard 1st Battalion, 152nd Infantry.

Lovella's personal community contributions are also extensive. She organized the Haysville CVFD Ladies' Auxiliary in 1968, serving as its president for three and half years. During that time the Haysville Auxiliary also helped organize fire department auxiliaries in Jasper, Huntingburg, Ferdinand and French Lick.

"We were just happy helping people," smiled Edgar with a shrug. "We enjoyed every minute of it," added Lovella, with a smile of her own.

"We just like people."

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Fire Force cadet recently receives Eagle Scout award



Kevin LaDuke, 20, is pictured with the Eagle Scout certificate and proud parents, Glenn and Mary Ellen at the LOFS Fire Force fundraiser Saturday.

The EMT was a member of the cadet scouting program at the department. Joe McBride, Troop 420 Scoutmaster, presented the award.

(Photo and article submitted by Joshua Wyatt)

Recall of mosquito traps ... (continued from page 46)

Home centers, mass merchandisers, and hardware stores sold these products from March 2002 to July 2002 for between \$170 and \$200. The products were sold nationwide, except for California.

Consumers should stop using the mosquito traps and propane hoses immediately. Consumers should contact Coleman at (800) 257-5299 anytime, so that a representative can help determine whether their trap needs to be replaced, repaired, or can continue to

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