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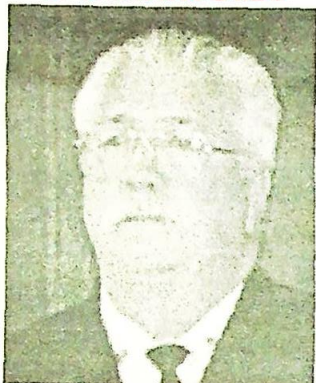
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From the President



Buz Koehler

April 10, 2004

By this time in the new year we look towards spring, watching another new beginning with blooming flowers and sunny skies. The thought that summer fun will be here soon, pancake breakfasts and fish fries on the weekends. I hope to see many of you as I travel around the state. As always, I enjoy meeting with all of you at your stations.

We completed this year's legislative session with one of our bills being passed and signed by the governor. House Bill 1257 was signed by the governor on March 16, 2004. This bill will prevent volunteer firefighters that

are employed by a political subdivision from being penalized for being late to work. It also allows them to leave work with permission of their supervisor.

Be sure that you thank your legislators when they attend your fundraisers for their support during the last session. Change can take place and we will continue to work towards getting all volunteers covered under a similar bill.

We have many important issues to work on this year and we will keep all of you informed as we progress.

The web site continues to change and we are continually improving to fit the needs of the members. Most recently we have added maps of the districts and we will add a History page and a Memorial page very soon. Please continue to send your suggestions to the webmaster of any changes you would like to see and don't forget to let him know your opinion of our website.

I want to thank all the departments that have donated equipment to other departments. Your generosity helps in closing the gap in many budgets by keeping our brothers and sisters a little more prepared to serve their communities.

Convention is just around the corner and District 14 is working diligently to make sure we have a good time. Please try to attend as it has been scheduled for a Friday, Saturday and Sunday to allow more members to attend. Remember "There's fun in store for

2004."

Many of you have e-mailed questions to me. I appreciate the opportunity

to assist you and encourage you to continue to send your questions and comments.

Please be safe and I'll see you at the district meetings.

President

Lakin honored in two ways



ROBERT LAKIN (center), longtime Rensselaer firefighter, was presented the Sagamore of the Wabash award by State Rep. Eric Gutwein (left), on behalf of State Sen. Brandt Hershman and Gov. Joseph Kernan, at the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Also pictured is Rensselaer Fire Chief L.E. 'Buz' Koehler (right). (Photo by Luke Dunscombe, Staff Writer, Rensselaer Republican).

By LUKE DUNSCOMBE
Rensselaer Republican
Staff Writer

RENSELAER - A longtime Rensselaer firefighter was not only honored by the community and department he served for many years, but by the state of Indiana as well.

Robert Lakin, who had served on the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department as firefighter, captain and deputy chief, was presented with the department's Firefighter of the Year award and the state's Sagamore of the Wabash Award at the RVFD Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Lakin had joined the fire department in June 1949. He is a life member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. He is a lifetime resident of Rensselaer, born on August 4, 1916. He lives in the city with his wife, Margaret. The couple's children include Lowell, Meta, Drenda, Sheryl and Kelly. They also have six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Lakin's service does not end with the fire department. He served in the Indiana National Guard for three years, from 1938 to 1941. He also served in the U.S. Air Force from June 1942 to December 1945 as an airplane mechanic.

He also served on the Rensselaer City Council for 16 years, holding a seat from 1968 to 1972 and from 1976 to 1992.

He received his private pilot's license in 1943. He also became a licensed A & E mechanic (small planes) in 1941. Receiving his aircraft inspector license for small planes in 1955, he presently sits on the Jasper County Aviation Board.

Lakin was presented the Sagamore of the Wabash Award by State Rep. Eric Gutwein, who appeared on behalf of Sen. Brandt Hershman and Gov. Joseph Kernan.

The Sagamore is not the first recognition he has gotten from the state either. On Sept. 13, 1998, Lakin received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

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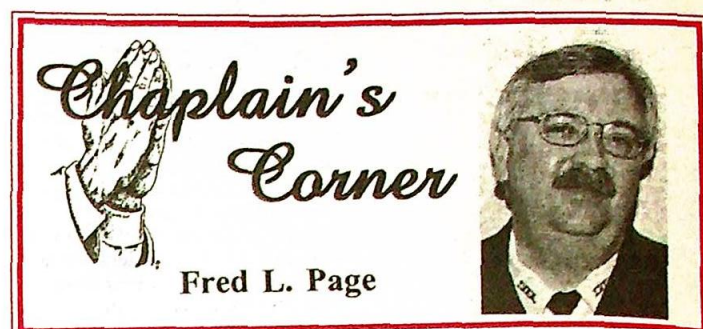
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Attention: Miss Flame contestants and parents

March 10th has come and gone, and this year's 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 1-812-283-4411. 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 chairman. 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.

Patty Miller
Miss Flame chairman

Fire Chief Tim Smith becomes a chief a second time

March 23, 2004 -- Vincennes Township fire chief Tim Smith has recently added another chief title to his name. The Commission of Chief Fire Office Designation awarded Smith the title of Chief Fire Officer. Smith is one of only 372 Chief Fire Officers worldwide. The award recognizes firefighters' excellence in several categories -- including experience, education, and community involvement. A Board of Review recommended Smith's designation to the Commission as a successful candidate; he was then approved by the full Commission.

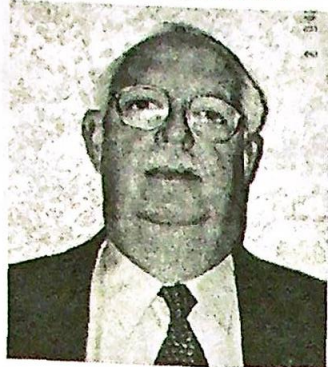
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From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

Most of us are now on the same time zone, except those that are in the south eastern part around Louisville.

Barb and I have attended some of the Clarksville convention meetings and Al Williamson and his committee are working very hard to show everyone a good time. Don't forget the outing on the Belle of Louisville, you will have a great time.

Since our last article we have visited several departments and outings. We have been to Reelsville Fire Dept., Wright Twp. Fire Dept., Prairie Creek Fire Dept., Folsomville Fire Dept., Bicknell Fire Dept., West Baden Fire Dept., Marion Rural Fire Dept., Cayuga Fire Dept., Bloomfield Fire Dept., Birdseye Fire Dept., Vincennes sausage supper, Worthington Fire Dept., District 11 A Miss Flame dance and Charlestown Fire Dept.

I would like to thank all the district chairmen for submitting a name for the Midwest Awards. At the April officer's meeting, the Awards Committee will

be selecting an Ollie Sandberg winner and an Angel Award winner from the letters of nomination that were sent in before the February deadline. All of these awards will be presented at the convention in Clarksville.

Barb Kerney, the IVFA officer manager, has informed me that she has started running membership lists, and the 2004 dues notices will be mailed before May 1. Don't forget dues are considered delinquent if postmarked after July 31. If your dues are delinquent you will forfeit your Bridgeport Benefits for one year. Be sure you keep in contact with the person on your department that has the responsibility of forwarding the dues payments to the IVFA office.

Barb also informed me that we had a record year for the IVFA members requesting IVFA license plates. Due to this response, the IVFA will be awarding (3) three Bridgeport Scholarships for \$1,500 each at this year's convention.

Again, I have served the last two years as your vice president, and will be seeking your support, as I will be a candidate for president of the IVFA. I would appreciate your support at the Clarksville convention.

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Obituary

Byron F. "JR" Bales, Jr. Blue River Twp. VFD loses a most valuable member

Byron F. "JR" Bales, Jr. was born March 14, 1940 and died October 28, 2003.

A lifelong farmer of the community, he grew up and lived his entire life at Mooreland. He married his high school sweetheart, Janet, and together they raised four daughters.

He joined the local volunteer fire department in 1961. He trained, practiced, served, and was active on the department until his death. He would ably serve in any capacity that he was needed. The position of chief he filled during the '80's.

Many of the nearby departments who worked with him in mutual aid circumstances recognized his firefighting skills and knew him to be one you could call on to work shoulder to shoulder.

JR held to the same philosophy with regards to maintaining the best department equipment as he did in his own business. At the families' recent auction of his farm equipment, the fact that his machinery was particularly well maintained was very evident. JR could well have expected that the pumper would be clean and in great condition when it led his funeral procession to the local cemetery.

Just a couple weeks prior to his death, though his strength was lessened due to cancer and the treatments, he drove to a fire scene and operated the pumper. He reportedly returned home happily sharing that he had once more been a contributing volunteer fireman.

He is missed by many, and the Blue River Twp. Volunteer Fire Department will carry on with his suggestions and encouragement still at work in their midst.

(submitted by Todd Brown, Mooreland, Indiana)

rush

two am tones go off
fast asleep
woke by a siren
on your feet

sirens blaring
you're enroute
this is what
fire fighting
is all about

rush out to your truck
flip on your light
wife inside watching
as you slip into the night.

Christina M. Lovell
Firefighter's wife for 13 years and
A Firefighter's daughter
for his 31 years.
(retired because found cancer
Aug. 25, 2003, passed away
Nov. 13, 2003)

Bluffton, IN 46714
Bluffton Volunteer Fire Dept.
Husband - Captain/Training
Officer

Residents to be given free smoke detectors

February 6, 2004 -- Chief Vernon (Bernie) McGaha announced today that effective March 1, 2004, the Cordry-Sweetwater Fire Department will give "FREE SMOKE DETECTORS" to residents of the Cordry-Sweetwater Lakes area.

Chief McGaha stated: "The new program allows firefighters and the community, to meet and work together while keeping our community, to meet and work together while keeping our community safe." He further stated: "In the event of a fire, a smoke alarm can save your life and those of your loved ones. They are the single most important means of preventing serious injury or death in a home fire."

Through a private/public partnership of donations from our local business community, this new life safety program uses No Tax Dollars.

Smoke Detectors will be available on March 1st at the Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy Office.

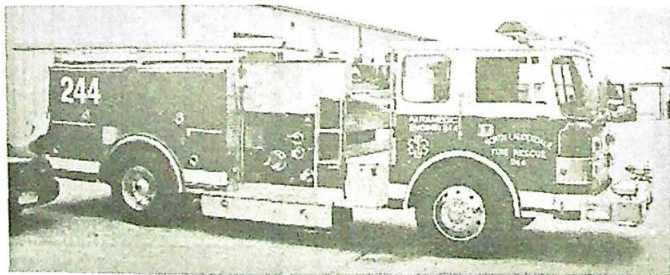
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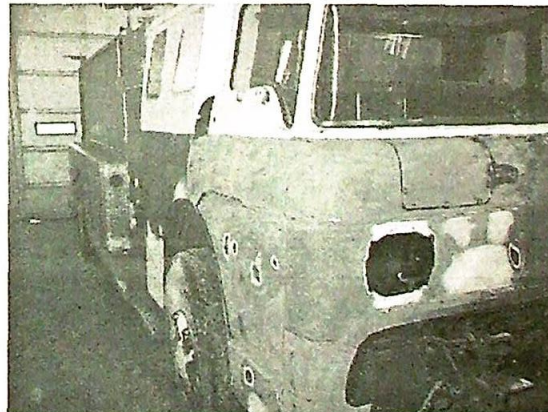
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Lake Dalecarlia
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District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag".

Roll call was answered by 27 members of 11 departments in District 1 with Merrillville as the trophy winner, and by 52 guests of eight departments in District 2 with Cedar Lake as the trophy winner.

Guests included PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, past president Mitch Parrish, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell,

District 2 chairman Paul Watland, former District 2 chairman Larry Stott, District 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA District 1/2 chairperson Ann Moss (treasurer Clarence Moss unable to attend due to recent back surgery), IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Lindsey Degard; District 2 Miss Flame Char Stoval, Phil Griffith of Porter County EMA, Greg Eckhardt of Porter County Hazmat, Paul Weeks of Lake County Aquatics, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire, Rick Gosser and Shaun Junke of Fire Service, Inc.

Chief Bob Carr of Lake Dalecarlia gave a brief history of the department and introduced its members.

Paul Weeks of Lake County Aquatics spoke on Ice Rescue.

Bob Carr made a motion, seconded by Kevin Austin to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Passed.

PR Northwest Bradford spoke on the laws for volunteer fire departments, advised you can see entire listing on www.in.gov by searching IC code 36-8-12. Three Bridgeport Scholarships available this year, due in by March

1st can be downloaded from the IVFA website, www.IVFA.org. Jim also announced there is up to 18 million in FEMA grants. The new rules go into effect this year for the 24 hr. mandatory training with a written and practical test (will be like other tests). As of July 2005, dispatchers will be required to have medical dispatch training. The feasibility study for the use of Grissom Air Force base is coming soon. Convention this year will be on June 10th, 11th and 12th in Clarksville. February 1st is the deadline for Mr. IVF A, Ollie Sandberg, and Midwest Award nominees. March 6th at Merrillville Station #1 at 0830 hours, Fire Chiefs' Orientation, \$10 person. On 01-27-04 (Tuesday), hosted by the Lake Co. Fire Chiefs' Association will be an FF grant workshop at the old Crown Point High School. Bradford also advised of 111 firefighter deaths in 2003, 50 percent were volunteers with 47% being heart attacks, also noted that heart attacks are now being covered by the Federal Government if occurred in the line of duty. Also noted was HB 1155, trying to get rid of Township Trustees and SB 187 would allow county commis-

sioners to vote to eliminate all township offices. SB738 is for local fire-works ordinances, trying to get passed. FDIC will be April 26th through May 1st and the IVFA will have booth #100 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Past president Mitch Parrish announced that President Koehler was unable to attend, in southern Indiana making a presentation to a citizen that pulled someone from a house fire.

Treasurer's report: \$1,852.47.

Old business: spoke on two tickets for the Indiana Fire Caucus Dinner on February 2nd in Indianapolis at the Indiana Ballroom, money for tickets to come from the treasurer's fund.

No new business to report. A moment of silence was observed for the death of past president Jack Ford and Richard Massey of Lincoln Township.

Good of the order: Biscuit/Gravy, pancake/sausage breakfast at Lake Dale on Saturday, January 24th from 8-11.

New Chicago hosting a pancake breakfast from 7-11 on Sunday, January 25th, also announced hosting a Fire Officer 1 class at New Chicago Fire Department, registration deadline is

February 6th cost in book fee only. Lake Station raffling off a homemade 911 quilt and pillowcases on February 28th, Lowell Ladies' Auxiliary is hosting a "Gourmet Fundraiser Night" on January 27th at 7 p.m., RSVP to Carrie at 696-0687.

Bill Missal of Cedar Lake announced he owns an environmental business, likes to hire firefighters, left business cards for anyone interested in a position within his business (looking to expand).

The next meeting will be February 18th at Union Station #2.

Dale Morgan of 4 Seasons won \$145 in the 50/50 drawing. Diana Orrell won a T-shirt donated by Hoosier Fire.

Brian Quale of Lowell won a T-shirt, Matt Vandrunen of Lowell and Like Brenan of Ogden Dunes won a stream light, and Bill Missal of Cedar Lake won a T-shirt, all donated by Fire Service, Inc., and Eric Kurtz of Ogden Dunes won an IVFA book.

Bob Sztot made a motion, seconded by Dennis Schavey to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary IVFA
Districts 1/2

Union Fire Department
18 February 2004

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. President Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag".

Roll call was answered by 44 members of 13 departments in District 1 with Lake Ridge as the trophy winner and by 24 members of eight departments in District 2 with Lake Eliza as the trophy winner.

Guests included President Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parrish, 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, Districts 1/2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA chaplain Phyllis Vargo, District 1 Miss Flame Lindsey Degard, PCFA President Jim Branham, Greg Eckhardt of Porter Co. Hazmat, Rod Norton of Porter Co. EMA, Lifetime Union fire member/ Hoosier Fire employee Ken Hughes, 29 year Union Fire member/board president Jack Runion, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire and Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts and Supplies.

Chief Mike Bucy gave a brief history of the Union Fire Department and introduced its members, also spoke on the improvements to their "Smoke House".

Red Cross Volunteer Ed Seykowski spoke on Red Cross Disaster Services.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last month's meeting. Passed.

PR Northwest Bradford advised on Saturday, March 6th, the Fire Chiefs' Orientation at Merrillville Station #1, cost is \$10 includes your meal, call 219-769-0004. Reminder of three (3) Bridgeport Scholarship funds available, deadline is March 1st. Advised the IVFA will have booth #100 at FDIC this year and will be there on Thursday/Friday/Saturday, \$5 discount on classes at Duneland Fire School if you give them your IVFA member number. New Hazmat books will be out in April and all laws concerning volunteer fire departments can be found at www.in.gov and look up IC# 36-8-12.

President Koehler spoke on several items of legislation, specifically H.B. 1257, S.B. 316, S.B 225 and S.B. 223, advised the web site has an area to check on all departments and district information (if they've provided it to the IVF A to post).

Treasurer's report: \$1,747.47. Patches available at \$2 each.

Old business: Tom Raber attended

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 1-2



Paul Watland
District 2
Chairman

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the caucus dinner this year, advised it was interesting to attend, and advised next year's meeting will be on the 1st weekend in February.

Two (2) deaths in District 1, Arnold "Arnie" Peifer of Schererville and William White of Griffith, no deaths in District 2. A moment of silence was observed.

Good of the order: Duneland Fire School books available to anyone that doesn't have one.

Portage Fireman's Ball on Saturday, February 21st starts at 7:00 at the Nativity Church on Willowcreek Rd. in Portage.

Lake Dalecarlia hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday the 28th from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

New Chicago hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday the 29th from 7 to 11, also holding a Firefighter I/II class, starting the 1st Sunday in March.

Four Seasons fire having their yearly dance on March 6th, tickets are \$70 a couple, all you can eat/drink with door prizes, dance and a silent auction.

The next meeting will be on March 17th in Schneider.

Mike Willard of Union Fire won \$75 in the 50/50 drawing and donated \$40 back to the IVFA. Rick Gideon of Hebron Fire won a sweat shirt donated by Union Fire, Chad Franzman of Hebron won an extinguisher donated by Northern Fire Equipment, Diana Orrell won a knife and Jamie Garcia of Union won a picture, both donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies and Kim Perry won a T-shirt donated by Hoosier Fire.

Bob Sztot made a motion, seconded by Keith Austin at 8:58 p.m. to adjourn. Passed.

Diana L Orrell, IVFA Secretary
Districts 1/2

Schneider Fire Department
17 March 2004

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. Treasurer Clarence Moss led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 20 members of seven departments in District 1 with Lake Ridge as the trophy winner, and by 60 members of 11 departments in District 2 with Shelby as the trophy winner.

Guests included: President Buz Kochler, past president Mitch Parish, 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, District 1/2 Secretary Diana Orrell, Associate Chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1/2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Lindsey Degard, District 2 Miss Flame Charla Stovall, Schneider FD Pastor Nelson, Rick Gosser of Fire Service, Inc., and Dan Anderson of POK Nozzles.

Chief David Hamm gave a brief history of the Schneider Fire Department and introduced its members.

Dan Anderson of POK Nozzles spoke on a wide variety of nozzles their company has to offer.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Sandy Heston to dispense with the reading of last month's min-

utes. Passed.

President Kochler advised HB 1257 was signed by the governor on 03-16-04. Advised you do not have to be registered for the convention to go to the business meeting, also announced meeting with both governors, one meeting already went well. President Kochler also requested any department with used gear to contact an officer of the IVFA to possibly donate the gear to other fire departments in Indiana.

Past President Parish advised approximately 1,108,250 firefighters in the U.S. (2.8% increase, does not include career firefighters that works for the government or private brigades). 26% career, 74% volunteer.

PR Northwest Bradford reminded everyone that the IFVA will have a booth (#100) at FDIC from April 26th through May 1st. Bradford also discussed FEMA grants, advised the deadline for the Grants will be April 2nd at 5 p.m. (Washington DC time). Jim also advised that the new certification rules go into effect this year, video on driving should be out to all departments by May 1st. New Hazmat books will be issued to County EMA offices, should be in April or May. The Federal Death Benefit is \$262,500 now covers heart attacks, and recommends any type of function or activity your department does (i.e. training, parades) to document and make a report to send in (heart attack coverage for up to 24 hrs. after the function). Newspaper deadline is April 10th to Printco. Convention is June 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th in Clarksville. Forms for new chiefs on table, advised can mail or fax to the Fire Marshal's office, and firefighter survey forms can be sent to board of training.

IVFAA corresponding secretary Thomas advised the Miss Flames still have tickets for sale through May 1st prize is an axe, 2nd prize is \$200, 3rd prize is a 19" TV. Both district chairman spoke on Duneland Fire School, will be March 27th, 28th and April 3rd and 4th, books and registration forms available (\$5 off for IVFA members). District 2 chairman Paul Watland noted meeting location changes for the May 19th and October 20th District 2 meetings.

Treasurers report: \$1,861.47.
No old business to report.

President Kochler and District 2 chairman presented Chief Hamm of Schneider with a "Station Dedication" plaque.

Good of the order:

Shelby FD hosting a chili supper on March 20th from 4-8 p.m.

Schneider FD hosting a chili supper on March 27th from 4-8 p.m.

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

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New Chicago FD hosting a pancake breakfast on March 28th from 7-11 a.m. Lincoln Township FD having a Spring Auction on April 3rd at 5 p.m. Lake Station FD hosting a pancake breakfast on April 4th at station #1 from 7-12.

Lake Station having their annual dance on May 1st from 7-12 p.m., \$2 at door, cash bar at the VFW on Central Avenue.

Lowell FD having a benefit dinner for "Charlie Scott" on May 15th from 6:30 p.m. at Niemeyer's Auction building (dinner, drink, band, silent auction) \$15 person.

Lake Dale Auxiliary hosting a pork chop dinner on May 22nd from 4-7 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Ogden Dunes FD on April 21st.

Rick Gosser of Fire Service, Inc. won \$118 in the 50/50 drawing, kept \$60, donated the rest back to Schneider FD.

Several items were donated for raffle by Fire Service, Inc. Thanks again to the host department.

Dale Morgan made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary IVFA
Districts 1/2

DISTRICT 3

Tim Sandy
District 3
Chairman



January 15, 2004
Kankakee Township VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 16 members representing six departments present. Lt. Chip Winters led the pledge. After the pledge, Bruce Yonkers led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: President Buz Kochler, Jim Bradford, PR NW, past president Mitch Parish, Bruce

Yonkers, District 1, Ron Miller, WE-FM, James Hambrock, LaPorte Herald-Argus.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$324.14.

Communications:

Comments from President Kochler - 1. Gave a legislative update which included talking about HB77 and SB153; 2. Gave an update on the Association's web site including the enhancements; 3. Announced that there will be three Bridgeport scholarships this year. Any firefighter, spouse or child is eligible to apply. Applications must be postmarked by March 1st and the applications are available on the web site or from the district chairperson; 4. Announced that 4300 license plates were sold last year; 5. Announced that the Fire Institute dinner is February 2nd at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. There will be a grant writing class that afternoon, too; 6. Reminded everyone that the Convention is June 11-13 at Clarksville and there will be an election of officers; 7. Reminded everyone that nominations for Convention awards are due by February 1st; 8. Announced that the IVFA will have a booth at FDIC and their booth is #100.

Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Gave a report on the status of FEMA grants in Indiana; 2. Announced that there should be a preliminary report by the end of the month in reference to Grissom being used as a site for a State Fire Academy; 3. Announced that there are plans in the making for a combined firefighter association's convention with the goal of all firefighters becoming one voice in the state; 4. Announced that there is a grant writing class in Crown Point on January 27th.

Comments from Past President Parish - 1. Gave a report on the National Volunteer Fire Council; 2. Announced that the February newspaper will be 44 pages and articles for the next issue are due by April 10th.

Comments from Chairman Sandy - 1. Announced that there were 110 firefighter deaths last year involving

36 states and Guam; 80 of the 110 were volunteers; 2. Announced that the 14th Annual Duneland Fire School will be held March 27th, 28th and April 3rd and 4th at Chesterton High School. Task Force Tips will be sponsoring a free lunch on the 1st Saturday and there will be a guest speaker. Also, due to the vendor show outgrowing the Chesterton Fire Department, it will be moved to the High School.

Registration for the school is available on-line at: www.dunelandfire.com

3. Announced that the Indiana/Mississippi is July 17th and 18th at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Cost is \$120 if you ride the bus from Indianapolis and \$90 if you provide your own transportation. Contact PSTI for further information and/or to register; 4. Announced that SB377 dealing with adult and pediatric trauma patients, if passed, will become law on July 1st, 2004; 5. Announced that the 2004 Fire Chief's Orientation will be held at Ross Township, Merrillville Station in Lake County on March 6th. All new fire chiefs and new officers are urged to attend; 6. Read an article about a Philadelphia suburb fire chief being asked to resign due to the death of a firefighter.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ron Miller of WE-FM asked if there were any comments from the Association in reference to Center Township Fire Department. Chairman Sandy advised him that our stance was to remain neutral at this time. President Kochler reminded everyone that there is a state-wide mutual aid agreement.

Good of the Order: 1. Dave Kaufman announced that the LaPorte County Fire Chief's proposal for the county wide communications upgrade was presented to the Community Alliance Committee and the Committee has agreed to purchase three interface units for the state's system. The units were paid for by a FEMA grant thru the County EMA; 2. Pam Kaufman announced that the South Bend Metropolitan Bag Pipe Band has organized

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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

Since the last state meeting of February, I attended the Indiana Fire Caucus Dinner in Indianapolis, three district meetings, one memorial service and two fundraisers.

I'm glad to see nicer weather has arrived and am looking forward to the State Convention in June. I hope lots of you try to attend.

Your treasurer,
Jack Harker

DISTRICT 3

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and is available for various functions. Contact Pam for further information or e-mail the Band at: thebagpipeplace@comcast.net; 3. Chairman Sandy distributed IVFA stickers to all members who wanted one.

Training: Training Officer Dave Kaufman presented a video on the Augustus Fire Tool.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Mike Kellems has an IVFA Anniversary Book donated by the State Association; Marc Christiano won a hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; Tom Thode of 5-Alarm Fire had Hurst T-shirts and posters for all who wanted them; and Dave Kazmierzak won the 50/50.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2004, 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.), LaPorte County Haz Mat, FOP #54 Lodge, 3240 Monroe Street, LaPorte.

DISTRICT 9B



Randy Denton
District 9B
Chairman

In January, district members gathered at the Star City Volunteer Fire Department. The Indiana Fire Dinner was discussed. It was decided that the district would send two for the dinner. Also the national pension as well as proposed state pension were reviewed. President Buz spoke about the IVFA web page. There were 16 members present with 147 alarms.

In March, district members met at the Winamac Volunteer Fire Department. Fourteen members answered roll call with 146 alarms. After dinner, the meeting started with discussion on the survey that has been sent out. Everyone needs to fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Discussion was held on training requirements and the State Fire Marshal's video on safe driving. Also, that the State Fire Marshal gives out grants and departments should take advantage of them for equipment. Also reports need to be sent downstate each month. Any time the trucks go out, an incident report should be made.

DISTRICT 10

David Israel
District 10 Chairman

You can sure tell spring is here. Just listen to the fire radio field fires, grass fires along the interstate, controlled burns heading for the buildings. You get it.

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable winter. I would like to thank everyone that has been showing up at to the district meetings. The attendance has been great, I think, hope it has been enjoyable for those attending. Let's keep it up. The Legislation Session is over and the IVFA had a good year as there is probably an article in the paper about it.

I hope you watch and listen for the Twp. Trustee out come on the study committee. I don't think we as fire departments that contract with township trustees want to lose that relationship with local government and have to deal with the county or who knows who.

I know that there are township trustees out there that don't get along with the fire departments, but is that their fault or the fire departments? Maybe we're not educating them and giving them enough information on what and how much it takes to run a fire department. In some cases the township doesn't have a big enough assessed evaluation and with frozen tax levies that's all they have to give. Enough of that.

The district has had three deaths to

report in January. Ray Baldwin, a member of the Hartsville Fire Department, February, Don Fleener, a member of the St. Paul Fire Department, April, Charles Barnsfather, a member of the German Twp. Fire Department have passed away.

Just think, in a year from now District 10 will be putting the final touches on the 2005 IVFA Convention at Columbus. ARE WE READY? YES, WE ARE. Most of the same committee we had in 1999 are on the 2005 committee and most of it is already taken care of.

Don't forget 2004 Convention at Clarksville in June.

The District 10 meeting schedule is on line at ivfa.org and list those fund raisers and get your department listed on the department member list.

The last think I have is a reminder that dues packets will be coming out soon. Make sure that you look over your information and make the necessary changes.

Be safe out there and have a great summer. See you at the meetings.

David Israel
IVFA District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A



Jack McFarland
District 11A
Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A, Our January meeting was held at Wright Township Fire Department. Thanks to Chief Jack Wilson and his firefighters for hosting the meeting and serving a delicious meal. Vice president Jack Kerney and PR Diane Harrison presented a lot of information for everyone to absorb.

Our Miss Flame dance was held January 24th. We had a large turnout for the pre-dance meal. And a good crowd for the dance and Miss Flame contest. Katherine "Katie" Meyers was named Miss Flame. Katie's family has been involved in the fire service for many years with her grandfather, Bob Meyers serving 36 years and her dad John Meyers, 27 years with the last 18 as chief. Good luck Katie at the state contest. Also thanks to our other contestants Makenzie Watson and Amy Merrill.

I want to thank Joann Hays and her committee for doing a great job with

the contest. Thanks to Dave Phelps for getting the band for the dance. Dave was also surprised when State Fire Marshal Mike Bigler presented him with a life saving award. Dave was on his morning walk in December when he saw a house on fire. Dave entered the house and got all of the occupants out. Good job, Dave. The 2005 dance will be held at the Kriestenstein American Legion Post 104 on January 22.

Our March meeting was held at Otter Creek Station 2 in Sandcut. This is a new station and it is very nice, good job guys. Thanks to Gary Sturm and Bob Salmon and the rest of the firefighters and ladies' auxiliary for a great meal. During the meeting a discussion was held on mandatory training. Most people felt that even though we were promised that we would not lose any of our Masters certifications it appears that for most of the firefighters who took the time to get that training those categories will not be counted for anything. Bob Salmon and Gary Sturm gave a great presentation on a train wreck that their department was involved in. Kallie Rehmel told us about the new fire-training house they had just received. It even simulates Tornadoes. Kallie said anyone in the area wanting to use it should contact Wright Township Fire Department.

We were very happy to present Richard Seaton of the Prairie Creek Fire Department with a 25-year pin.

We have attended several fish fry's and one steak fry, all were very good and well attended

It was our pleasure to present Sam Ruddock of the Nevins Township Fire Department with a Gold card.

Our sympathy goes out to Edna Mattern family and the Prairieton Auxiliary for their loss. Edna will be missed by all. Thanks to everyone who attended the IVFAA memorial service.

Remember no fire is routine. Until next time brothers and sisters be careful out there.

Jack McFarland,
District 11-A

DISTRICT 11-B

Larry Ketchem
District 11B
Chairman



Cayuga
Jan 11, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Ketchem, the invocation was given by district chaplain Con Mankin and the Pledge to the Flag was led by vice chairman Brent Bush.

Chairman Ketchem introduced the guest speaker, State Rep. Dale Grubb, the local representative who spoke to the group on the services the local departments were doing and he gave his thanks to all of them for the job well done. Chairman Ketchem presented Rep. Grubb with an honorary membership certificate in the IVFA from District 11-B. At this time, the chairman introduced all the guests present and turned the meeting over to IVFA President Koehler who spoke on the financial support from the state and the bills to be presented to the legislature hoping for passage.

IVFA vice president Kerney spoke on the bills that the Association would like to see become law, he also remarked that the sale of the IVFA license plates is the best in the history of the plate. Websites were discussed by president Koehler. He mentioned the upcoming convention to be held in Clarksville and the deadline for awards is Feb 1.

State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush spoke on the new fire stations being constructed within the district. Chairman Ketchem asked for the roll, 26 members, six guests from eight departments responded. He then presented a 25 year pin to Richard Lewsader from the Perrysville VFD.

Auxiliary district chairperson Patty Miller spoke about the upcoming Miss Flame dance on Feb. 7th at Half Century Club in Clinton. She received two donations, one from the Vermillion Co. Ambulance Service and the other from the Dana VFD to help with the cost of this dance.

Department activities in the upcoming months were announced at this time.

Chairman Ketchem presented the host certificate to Chief Wilson of the Cayuga VFD and the auxiliary was presented a check to cover the cost of the meal that was prepared and served for this meeting.

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

Greencastle
March 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem, the invocation was given by District Chaplain Mankin and the Pledge to the Flag was led by State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush.

Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests present, representative Andrew Thomas and Enrique Garcia from the Fire Marshal's office and the guest speaker Dr. Al Page from the Greencastle Fire Department. Eula Bush, past chairperson of the district IVFAA introduced her guests, IVFAA president, Barbara Kerney, past presidents Lou Bartlow and Maxine Davies and past chairperson Barbara Ketchem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The roll call was taken with 27 members from seven departments and four guests replying. The meeting was turned over to vice president Jack Kerney who spoke on the benefits of the organization to its members. He also spoke on the past legislature activities on the bill that past. He reported the membership is growing and the license plate program continues to improve. Chairman Ketchem introduced the IVFA president Buz Koehler who stated that there was out of the four bills the association tried to get passed only one made it during this legislative term. He named the legislators who assisted the Association with the bills. He also spoke on the IVFA web page now up and running.

Greencastle Fire Chief Bill Newgent introduced the speaker, Dr. Alfred Page who talked on his early years in the fire service. He had received his 50 year gold card earlier in the year. His presentation was very interesting to all in attendance. He did compare the previous experience he had to what the standards are today, a span of 53 years. Chief Newgent presented awards to Dave Roberts, Ph.D. chemist from DePauw University for his work as a Hazmat Team coordinator and also he presented an award to Enrique Garcia from the Fire Marshal's office for his assistance with the HazMat program. Chairman Ketchem presented Rep. Thomas with an IVFA logo. Chairman Ketchem presented.

Twenty-five year pins to Howard Hedge, Jackie Jones and Larry Kersey of the Roachdale VFD and Richard Wood of the Fillmore VFD. District secretary John Davies presented Dr. Page a Distinguished Service Award for his service to Putnam County and the IVFA.

State Sgt.-at-Arms commented on a previous training exercise held in Putnam County many years ago and told what had happened during the program for the benefit of those who were not around at that time. Chairman Ketchem introduced the IVFAA district chairperson, Patty Miller, who spoke on the recent district Miss Flame Dance. Chairman Ketchem then presented Chief Newgent of the Greencastle Fire Department with the host certificate and a District Distinguished Service Award.

Having no further business to transact
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1904 Westbrook Drive, Evansville 47220	(812) 468-4608	
District #16	Pam Melton	
101 Kirkham Ave., Corydon, IN 47112	(812) 738-2914	
District #17	June Cahill	
Rt 5 Box 223, Bloomfield, IN 47424	(812) 384-3442	
District #18		
District #19	Beth Caudill	
15120 Lucas Road, Brookville 47012	(765) 647-3483	
PAST PRESIDENTS		
Mary Mackin.....	2000-2002	
831 Chamberlin Court, New Haven 46774	(260) 749-2866	
Faye Sallee.....	1998-2000	
P.O. Box 374, Galveston 46932	(574) 699-6545	
Lou Bartlow.....	1996-2000	
Box 12, Montezuma 47862	(765) 245-2125	
Phyllis Vargo.....	1994-1996	
7756 Durbin Street, Schererville 46375	(219) 322-4286	
Maxine Davies.....	1992-1994	
5 Brookside Street, Fillmore 46128	(765) 246-6220	
Nancy Neal.....	1990-1992	
749 Walnut Street, Hope 47246	(219) 546-5391	
Toni Sorg.....	1988-1990	
14430 Comer Road, Fort Wayne 46819	(260) 639-3969	
Loretta Nulliner.....	1986-1988	
14366 Evermor St., Brooksville, FL 34614	(352) 596-5213	
Nickie Sunday.....	1984-1986	
R.R. #1, Box 109, Farmland 47340	(765) 468-6412	
Barbara Parker.....	1982-1984	
403 N. 11th Ave., Beech Grove 46107	(317) 783-9293	
Barbara Surber.....	1980-1982	
283 Painted Hills, Martinsville 46151	(765) 349-6256	
Lucy Stofer.....	1978-1980	
718 So. Ingomar Street, Indianapolis 46241	(317) 241-1946	
Vica McGill (Deceased).....	1976-1978	
Mary Boyd.....	1975-1978	
92 Golfview Circle, Umatilla, Florida 32784	cell phone: (352) 223-2972	
Joan (Shanabarger) Keller.....	1973-1975	
108 Windsor, Churubusco 46723	(260) 693-3645	
Carolyn McCarty.....	1971-1973	
P.O. Box 57, Union Mills 46382	(219) 767-2549	
Rosella Bousman.....	1969-1971	
5732 N. 200 E., Winchester 47394	(317) 584-6883	
Mary Stafford.....	1967-1969	
P.O. Box 222, Waldron 46182	(765) 525-9757	
Ruth Fairfield (Deceased).....	1965-1967	
Inez Jeffries (Deceased).....	1963-1965	
Catherine Mason (Deceased).....	1961-1963	
Ruth Ford (Deceased).....	1959-1961	
Ruby Probst (Deceased).....	1958-1959	
Pauline Glaub (Deceased).....	1956-1958	
Loretta Kustron (Deceased).....	1955-1956	
Vida Bare (Deceased).....	1953-1955	
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

This will be the last article I will be contributing to our newspaper as your President.

I had written my article and was

ready to turn it in when I realized that there were things I needed to say that I hadn't included in my article -- so here goes.

Being a leader in a volunteer group can be a number of things: exciting, exhausting, exhilarating, frustrating, demanding, but very rewarding. You need to demonstrate and be able to wear many hats. You often serve as a teacher, coach, supporter and a motivator. I hope as your leader, I have been able to fill some of these positions when I needed to.

It has been a great two years. There was a need to bring our organization into the next century. We were falling short in many areas. Change is not always easy. It is often times easier to take the stand it has always worked before, so why change? I planted some new ideas; your great group of officers "dug" in and together as a team effort we have succeeded in doing some of the things I feel for us to survive.

There is still work to be done. It

will take all of us to step up to the plate, accept responsibility and be willing to do whatever necessary to keep our work ongoing. The only way to reach your long-range goals is being able to survive your short-range objectives.

Helen Keller once said "the best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." This is how I feel about the friendships that Jack and I have found in the fire service. Thanks to those of you who have made us feel welcomed, included us in your activities and most importantly, your love and friendship. Thanks to those of you who were always there when I needed help with a project, body to bounce ideas and thoughts off of, let off steam or just needed a friend. You're the greatest!

Best wishes for continued success. Remember, volunteers make a difference. It is in giving that we all receive. It's been special for me.

Barb Kerney

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



STATE OFFICER'S MEETING
COLUMBUS, IN
FEBRUARY 1, 2004

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to A.M. with opening Prayer led by our new Chaplain, Phyllis Vargo. Mariam Schackel, Sgt-at-arms led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray. The minutes were read by Diana and with no corrections they stand as read.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on hand	
Nov. 1, 2003 =	\$9804.83
Income =	
Dues:	593.00
Interest:	1.14
V.P. Project:	22.00
Total Income:	+616.14
Disbursements:	
Operating Expenses:	124.00
Phone & Postage:	14.80
Total Disbursements:	-138.80
Balance on hand Jan. 31, 2004.....	\$ 10,282.17

Martha Thomas read Thank you notes from Lou Bartlow and Eula Bush for the calls and get well cards after their surgeries and Thank You's from the family of our past president Mary Mackin for all the prayers and flowers, and cards on her death.

Diana Gray gave her membership report as 22 members and nine guests present at our officer's meeting and we have 66 paid Depts., 67 Ind., 15 Life,

772 paid by Dept. with a total of 839 total members.

Chaplain Phyllis Vargo gave her report of the deaths of Mary Mackin and Jack Ford, illness of Clarence and Anne Moss, Roy Richardson, Helen Michl, Jean Randle's daughter, and surgery for Barb Kerney's daughter. Get well wishes and prayers go to all and to others that we so know at this time.

Auditing: Faye Sallee says everything is just fine at this time.

Games: Marilyn Dever nothing to report at this meeting. Installation: Barbara Parker says wait and see.

Financial Study: Lou Bartlow passed out what she sees as future expenses in the future and we will try and help keep them down as much as possible.

V.P. Project: Joann Hays showed the items that she has had donated for the state money making project. The 1st prize has been changed to a Fire Axe with a place to have it engraved, 2nd place is \$200.00 and 3rd place is a 19 inch T.V. She also was given a Firemen's Chess set and it was decided to have a raffle at the convention for this item besides the Chinese Auction. We need to bring extra money for all the wonderful items we will have for the 2004 convention. Donations are by Jones & Associates and Troy Fornoff. We thank them greatly.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller gave an update on the expenses of holding the contest. She needs all the forms, pictures, and \$25.00 donations in by March 10th.

By-laws: Leona Uryga was not present.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith stated that the jewelry was ordered but not received at this time.

Nominating: Susie Stout says nothing at this time.

COMMITTEES FOR 2003 - 2004

AUDITING Mary Mackin - Chm. Jane Ferro Beth Caudill Faye Sallee	V. PRES. PROJECT Joann Hays - Chm. Beverly Taylor Ann Moss Pat Fultz Diana Griffith	MEMBERSHIP Phyllis Vargo - Chm. Diana Gray Beth Caudill Jean Randle Beverly Taylor
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GAMES Marilyn Dever - Chm. Susie Stout E.J. Smith	LOIS BOAZ Barbara Kerney - Chmn. E. J. Smith Rosie Weisenbach	MISS FLAME Patty Miller - Chm. Miriam Schackel E.J. Smith Brandy Miller Jean Randle
CHINESE AUCTION Barbara Parker - Chm. Martha Thomas Leona Uryga Jane Ferro	NOMINATING Susie Stout - Chm. Tammy Hungate Diana Gray	JEWELRY E.J. Smith - Chm. Marilyn Dever Pam Melton Sharon Bray
PARLIAMENTARIAN Toni Sorg	HISTORIAN Ann Moss	INSTALLATION Barbara Parker Faye Sallee

Convention
2004
June 10-13
Clarksville
August 10
deadline is
July 10

IVFAA Vice President



Joann Hays

April 5, 2004

Hello, again!
Well spring has sprang, and it's a beautiful morning. The daffodils are blooming and the trees are budding. Gee! isn't it great that winter has passed by.
As I think of passing by, I'm thinking it's getting close to the 2004 Convention in Clarksville and you need to get your reservations and registrations in.
I'm sure you will find it a fun time in the sun in Clarksville. We have always had a great time, when they have

hosted it.
The ladies of the Auxiliary have been busy getting recipes from all of the districts from all over the state, so a cookbook can be put together. It has been very successful and the cookbook will be on sale at Convention time.

We would like to say a big thank you to Toni Sorg for all of the typing of the recipes. And also to District 11-A and 11-B putting the book together.

I once again am in charge of the raffles, and I am so very pleased with the prizes, and a big thank you to Barb Kerney for helping me get them donated.

Our prizes are the following: 1st prize is a beautiful fireman's axe, which will have your name engraved on it worth \$700.00; 2nd prize is \$200.00 cash; 3rd prize is 19" color TV/VCR.

So be sure and get those tickets from your district chairmen or Miss Flame and if you're at Convention. Price is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

And I also have an extra prize this year. It's a beautiful Fireman's Cheese set.

These tickets will be sold only at Convention. Those tickets will sell for \$1.00 each or 7 for \$1.00.

Looking forward to seeing you at Convention and have a safe trip to Clarksville.

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays
IVFAA Vice President

IVFAA Chaplain



Phyllis Vargo

Hello, fellow firefighters,
Spring is here! The days are getting longer and the temperature is rising, which gives us all a fresh new beginning.

With the state convention just a few months away, please help me prepare for this year's memorial service by returning the form I sent to you a few weeks ago. We want to remember every one because they are very important to all of us.

All of you have a blessed Easter, until we meet again.

God bless,
Phyllis

DISTRICT 3



Leona Uryga
District 3
Chairman
IVFAA

The I.V.F.A.A. District 3 meeting was called to order Wednesday, November 19, 2003 by chairperson Leona Uryga at LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by chairperson Leona Uryga, followed by prayer led by Jody Brinckman, District 3 chaplain.

Roll call was answered by the following departments: LaCrosse - four, Michiana Shores - four, Springfield Twp. - six, and one individual Carolyn McCarty.

Secretary/treasurer Kimberly Krueger read the minutes of the September 17, 2003 meeting and reported the action of the treasury.

Chairperson Leona Uryga made several announcements: 1. on changing our Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary to Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary; 2. getting a District 3 Miss Flame contestant; 3. as of date, I.V.F.A.A. membership has 59 members with a total of 773 members; 4. ask for an Historian for District 3 and Kim Krueger volunteered; 5. Mary Mackin passed away, she was past president; 6. asked for recipes; 7. I.V.F.A.A. tickets: first place - a Franklin Mint Firetruck, second place - \$200.00 cash and third place - 19 inch color TV/VCR.

Tickets for the I.V.F.A.A. were passed out to each department. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00 donation.

Chairperson Leona Uryga read a letter from I.V.F.A.A. president Barbara Kerney on the vote for District 3 chairperson and the vote was as follows: "I was notified that you held your annual election for District 3 chairperson. The result was a tie vote for Lucille Cohen and Leona Uryga. In accordance with your by-laws, the tie vote would be decided by the State President. Both of these ladies are very dedicated and have served your district well over the years. As State President, I, Barbara Kerney, cast one unanimous ballot for Leona Uryga as chairperson of the I.V.F.A.A. District 3."

The 50/50 raffle was won by Jody Brinckman and Bonnie Smith, both of Springfield Twp.

The months of November and December Honesty Bag fundraiser were enjoyed by all with all members being assessed 5-cents for each brother and sister and 10-cents for a husband and December was 2-cents for each year up to the age of 35 and a half a cent each year after that.

There is no meeting in January because of weather.

The next meeting will be at Springfield Township Fire Department.

A nice buffet was served by the host department, LaCrosse, with each member receiving a gift.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shirley Hall of LaCrosse and seconded by Chris Stephens of Springfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11-A



Beverly Taylor

District 11-A
Chairman
IVFAA

Time to get reservations in if you haven't already for a great convention in Clarksville, IN at the Holiday Inn on June 10-13, 2004.

Our new District 11A Miss Flame, Katie Myers from Otter Creek I will be representing us. Please invite and welcome her to your fish fries, dinners and parades.

We wish to thank our outgoing Miss Flame, Jennifer Lingenfelter of Otter Creek for a job well done. Good luck to you in school.

Our March meeting was held at Otter Creek II in Sandcut. We want to thank them for their hospitality. It was a beautiful day and we had a delicious lunch. Their new firehouse is lovely. They deserve everything they have. Congratulations!

Our next meeting will be at Cory in Perry Twp. on May 16, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

Please try to attend.
Till next time.

Beverly Taylor
District 11A
Chairman

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller

District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a safe and healthy winter. I am sure glad to see the daffodils and magnolia trees blooming. Don't get too bogged down with spring cleaning to take time to notice all the spring glory.

Convention is soon coming. Don't forget to register and get those reservations made.

Our district had our Miss Flame dance in February and crowned Ashley Doan of Dana, our new Miss Flame. Congrats to her and her parents. Special thanks to all those who contributed to make our dance a success. Also, to the decorating committee for a great job as usual!

Our district meeting took place at Greencastle. We had a great meal and that of course was the most important event of the day! Watch for those cards in the mail for our next meeting. It will be held on May 12 at a TBA location.

Well, I will go for now. Got to get started on that spring cleaning. (That does include a trip to the golf course, doesn't it?)

District 11B Chairman
Patty Miller

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DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Ann Moss

District 1 & 2
Chairwoman

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 pledge and prayer.

Ann introduced the District 2 Miss Flame, Miss Charla Stovall, Regina Stovall, mother of Miss Flame, and other guests in attendance were Jim Bradford, P.R. Northwest, Tom Orrell, District 1 men's chairman, Paul Watland, District 2 men's chairman, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary for the state, Jake Thomas,

Merrillville Station #1.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 16 members in attendance and two guests representing seven departments.

Marge Baumgardner read minutes of the November 6, 2003 meeting. Passed as read.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Ann passed out the raffle tickets for the state raffle, they are due back at the May meeting.

Phyllis talked about contacting her if there has been a death in your department since the last convention. She wants to make sure she has all of District 1 and District 2 death's names for convention.

Martha Thomas made motion, seconded by Phyllis Vargo to transfer \$110.00 out of the General Fund and deposit into the Miss Flame account. Motion was passed.

Martha Thomas talked about the

raffle prize for the state raffle.

Tom Orrell talked about the upcoming Duneland Fire School, there were some classes that were being present to wives of emergency personnel, and classes for children to attend.

Marge Baumgardner talked about the Charlie Scott Benefit. Charlie is a Paramedic in Lowell who is dealing with cancer. They are doing this benefit on May 15th. Marge has information if your department is interested in attending.

Department announcement.

Next meeting should be at Lake Eliza, but watch your cards for location on May 6, 2004.

Attendance trophies: Schererville District #1, Lake Dalecarlia #2. Lake Dale requested a plaque for winning attendance three times in a row.

Motion to adjourn made by Martha Thomas, seconded by Dee Kennedy.

Convention June 10-13, 2004

CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

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

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

Contest to be held Sunday, June 13, 2004 at Clarksville, Indiana.

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

Department Name _____

Team Captain: _____ Tele. No.: () _____

- All contest entry blanks should be postmarked on or before June 1, 2004.
- All departments that plan to enter team(s) should complete entry blanks for each team.
- Please include check or money order made out to: IVFA GAMES
- Please mail Entry Blanks, along with check or money order to:

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

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

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

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IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

The State of Indiana provides Special License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association. You will not be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Requests to the IVFA Office - P.O. Box 4797 - Evansville, IN 47724 no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the number of plates you are requesting, and the year of the plate; along with **\$5.00 for each license plate requested.**

Renewal Months By First Letter Of Your Last Name

January 31 - Corporations & Fleet Vehicles	May 31 - Ho-I	Sept. 30 - So-T
Feb. 15 - A-Be	June 15 - J-Km	Oct. 15 - U-Wk
Feb. 28 - Bf-Bz	June 30 - Kn-L	Oct. 31 - Wl-Z
March 15 - C	July 15 - Ma-Me	
March 31 - D	July 31 - Mf-O	
April 15 - E-F	Aug. 15 - P-Q	
April 30 - G	Aug. 31 - R	
May 15 - Ha-Hn	Sept. 15 - Sa-Sn	

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
4. You only need to send **\$5.00 per each license plate requested.**
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. **This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!**
7. See additional instructions for BMV procedures.

BMV PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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

From the IVFA Office

Thanks! This past year was the best the I.V.F.A. office has experienced in a number of years.

Over three years ago the organization felt that we needed to cut expenses and make our I.V.F.A. office more accessible to our members. Bids were let and without realizing what it would entail, I thought this was something I felt I could do and would be able to help our organization.

When the files, printed matter and

stationery arrived in cardboard boxes, I thought of the challenge that was before me. I enlisted the help of Hack as he has been involved in the fire service and the IVFA for many years and I knew together we could put the office together in an orderly manner and we would attempt to make the central office just what the name implies. We have come a long way since the days of cardboard. We have organized files by districts and departments, we have made important materials and paperwork available to the officers so they can do their job that you have elected them to do. Since the office is located in our home, we have tried to answer the phone anytime during the day, evening or on weekends. Even when we are away at meetings or etc. we transfer to our cell so that we can assist our members. This is something that has not been offered in the past. Questions that arise we have tried to make an effort to see that you have an answer to in an appropriate time.

License plates and clothing are issued and sold from the office. Thanks to all of you who have supported the organization by purchasing our specialized plate. Last year was the best we have experienced as far as sales go. Not only do they help identify you as a volunteer, but also our organization has been able to add another scholarship to be given away each year to some deserving student. We now give three a year.

Jack and I are constantly trying to update programs, make more options available to our membership and work with the officers of our organization to make our office one that is membership friendly. Be willing to share your ideas with us if you have those that will help you, our members.

Thanks to those of you have called or sent notes of encouragement and have told us you are pleased with the way the office has been made more beneficial to our members.

REMEMBER: 2004 DUES NOTICE WILL SOON BE IN THE MAIL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FILL THEM OUT AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Also, if you have an address change, please notify the office or your district chairman. This is a costly item when we have to depend on the post office to get us the new address.

Again, thanks for your support. Use your office, it is there for you.

Barb Kerney, Office Adm.

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IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application

(Year of Plate Renewal)

Name of IVFA Member _____ IVFA Membership# _____

Department Name _____ Department # _____

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City/State/Zip _____ Date Your Plates Renew _____

Home Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____ # Plates Requested _____

County of Residence _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

(\$5.00 Per License Plate Request)

PLEASE NOTE!

The form above should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:
IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE - BARBARA KERNEY

P.O. BOX 4797 EVANSVILLE, IN 47724

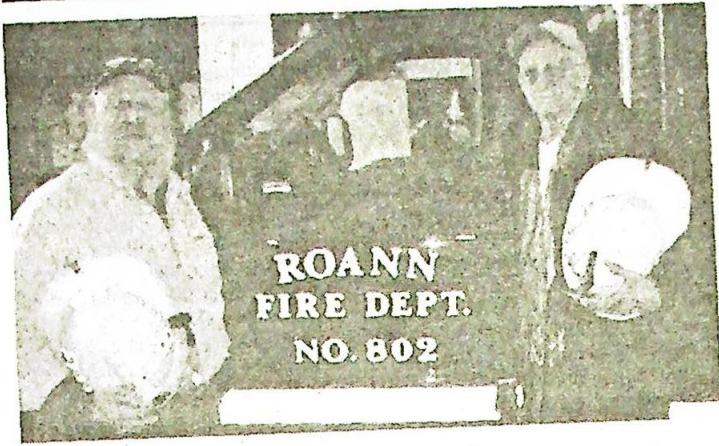
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Please do not send the application to this newspaper.

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

\$3.00 of this \$5.00 fee goes towards the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your cooperation.



First father/son chiefs in Roann department

PICTURED ARE the first father and son chiefs for the Roann Volunteer Fire Department. Bruce Shaw was elected Chief for 2004; his father, Ron Shaw was Chief from 1973-1975. I have served under both Chiefs and both are very good at what they do. If either one were at the pump controls, you had nothing to worry about.
 -- Timothy A. Kersey, Sec./Treasurer, Roann Volunteer Fire Department.

A poem for a husband and father

My husband, Ed Rathbun, is the captain of Noble Township Fire Dept. in Wabash, IN. I am very proud of him for what he does. However, when calls arise I get very fearful and worried for what awaits him. On one particular call at 4:00 in the morning I decided to put my emotions into words by writing this poem. I want my husband to know how proud I and our son are of him, and how thankful we all are to the countless number of volunteer firemen who act as role models, and heroes every day. You are appreciated more than words could say.

one of his saved lives.

He says, "People depend on me, and they know I'll be there. There waits a child without a mother, or simply her teddy bear."

I know that I am needed, and I'll come back home to you. But in the meantime, I've got a job to do."

And when the blaze is battled, and the victory is won. And when his job on earth is done... He'll be working in the firehouse in Heaven.

He will kiss his wife when the pager chimes. She prays not to let it be the last time.

Knowing she's being selfish, as he races out the door. She begs him not to go, she knows she needs him more.

As the sirens sound she gets on her knees And silently with God she pleads.

To keep him safe and bring him back home

As his pager sounds off and his boots go on. His adrenaline pumps at the break of dawn.

Not knowing what is waiting for him beyond his destination Yet, responding to the call without any hesitation.

He's seen more through his eyes than we could ever know. How can we thank him, what to him do we owe?

If you ask him he'd say nothing, his thanks is in his eyes where he carries each and every

She can't bear life without him alone.

And he says, "People depend on him, and they know that he'll be there. There waits a child without a mother, or simply her teddy bear."

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And when the blaze is battled, and the victory is won. And when his job on earth is done...He'll be working in my firehouse in Heaven."

We Love You, Heather and Kaden

Nominating committee meets

The nominating committee held a meeting March 21, 2004 for the purpose of selecting a slate of IVFA officers for 2005.

- President - Buz Koehler
- Vice President - Larry Ketchem
- Secretary - Larry Bartlow
- Treasurer - Jack Harker
- Chaplain - Fred Page
- Sergeant-At-Arms - Bill Bush
- Public Relations Directors:
 - 1-2-3-9A-9B: PRNW - Jim Bradford
 - 4-5-6-7: PRNE -Mike Mackin
 - 11A-11B-12-21: PRWC - Diane Harrison
 - 8A-8B-10-13A-13B: PREC - Don Cushman
 - 14-16-19: PRSE - Open
 - 15-17A-17B-18: PRSW - Jim Abrams.

All of the above offices will be open for nomination from the floor at the time of the election.

This is the recommendation of the committee.

Mitch Parish
 Don Kissinger
 Don Cushman
 Jim Bradford - Chairman

Fire dept. achieves great strides

Fire Chief John Bennett and EMS Chief Ed Lytal have much to be proud of these days. Due to the diligent work and dedication of the 100 plus members during the month of December 2003, the New Haven Adams Twp Fire and EMS achieved great strides in one month.

As well as logging over 600 man hours selling 450 Christmas trees, personnel logged an additional 569 hours of training putting into service a new Mako 20 cfm CompAir compressor, 40 Scott 50's SCBA, with 92 4500 psi 30 minute stealth bottles!

Not to mention the addition of a new 2003 Pierce 75' Enforcer Pumper/Ladder!

Chiefs Lytal's EMS crew was busy upgrading from BLS to Paramedic which includes two ambulances, and a Chevrolet Tahoe chase vehicle. All three Paramedic units passed state inspection and were officially placed in service on December 22, 2003.

In summary, over 1,695 man hours were given to "extra" projects and training, not including the 80 plus emergency responses called to.

A belated "Merry Christmas" to the citizens served by New Haven Adams Twp. Fire & EMS! -- submitted by Charles, Public Information Officer, New Haven Adams Twp. FD



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IVFA Legislative Session

2003/2004 Legislative Wrap-up

By

Shokrina Radpour Beering, Esq.
IVFA Lobbyist and Counsel

Public Relations Southwest



Jim Abrams

It looks like spring is finally here!

I attended District 18's meeting on January 15, 2004 at Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department. District chairman Chuck Parker opened the meeting. After a delicious meal, Dennis Oxley spoke about Build Indiana Fund. Jillian DeKemper, District 18's Miss Flame attended.

I attended the sausage supper at Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department on January 17th. A large crowd attended. Beverly Harker, chairman, announced Miss Flame contest at Worthington Volunteer Fire Department the next day.

The Miss Flame contest was hosted by Worthington Volunteer Fire Department. Tiffany Evans from Washington Volunteer Fire Department won, Meagan Stahl was first runner-up. The judges were Tom McClanahan, TV 2 News, Carla Smith, Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department, and Ed Michael, Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended District 15's meeting hosted by Fort Branch Volunteer Fire Department. Their Miss Flame contest was held. Emily Lueken from Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department won.

Roy Schmitzer of Black Volunteer Fire Department passed away. Rev. M. Camp officiated. Our thoughts go out to his family.

March 16, 2004, I attended District 15's meeting at Mars Township Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Steve Anderson opened the meeting after supper. Jack Kerney spoke about Trustee Law changes, about changes in first class and second class firefighters.

Our thoughts go out to deceased firefighter Leo Shriner's family.

I attended District 18's meeting on March 18, 2004 at Leopold Volunteer Fire Department. A 50 year Gold Card was presented to Robert (Bob) Adams of Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department. He also received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award. A wonderful meal ended the evening.

District 17A's meeting was March 24, hosted by Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department. Beverly Harker opened the meeting after dinner. The speakers for the evening were Mike Gregg, a Greene County Conservation Officer and Jack Kerney and Tim Smith spoke on Firefighter 1 & Firefighter 2.

I attended IVFA service for Sam Archer, Sanborn Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

District 15's next meeting will be May 18, 2004 at McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department. District 18's next meeting will be May 20, 2004 at Saint Mark's School basement at 7:30.

See you all there.

Sincerely,
Jim Abrams
PRSW

This session of the Indiana General Assembly was a very interesting one. Even though we knew before the session started that not much would be accomplished legislatively due to the State's dire budget deficit, property tax reassessment, and it being an election year, relatively few pieces of legislation were introduced. It is customary for over 1,000 bills to be introduced, but not make it to a hearing, or to "die" in committee. This year, less than half of the number of bills introduced in a standard "short" session, which this was, were introduced.

The IVFA was successful in having several bills introduced: the income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters, introduced by Senator Allie Craycraft as Senate Bill 77; the loan to grant fund, introduced by Senator Craycraft as Senate Bill 153; a prohibition regarding reprimands against employee absence for volunteer firefighters if they are late to work because of volunteer firefighting activities, introduced by Representative Paul Robertson in the House, and similar legislation introduced by Senator Jim Lewis in the Senate. I am pleased to report that the IVFA was successful in having Repre-

sentative Robertson and Senator Lewis work out the differences between the two proposed bills during conference committee, and House Bill 1257 was signed by the Governor into law. This law will go into effect July 1, 2004, and applies only to employees of political subdivisions (local governmental entities including school systems). In order for the absence to be excused, the volunteer's employer must be notified in writing prior to the absence that the employee is a volunteer firefighter. I recommend all volunteers employed by political subdivisions provide written notice prior to July 1 and reference the new statute in the notice. This new law will be added to the Indiana Code as IC 36-8-12-10.5.

Your association worked very hard to get this legislation passed. This was the first year that this legislation was proposed. Usually, a piece of legislation containing a new idea is proposed one year, and it is discussed by lobbyists and association members with the members of the legislature for two or three years before the proposed legislation actually is heard. I'd like to thank each and every association member who was active in contacting his or her legislator and the committee members of

the two committees hearing these bills. This helped insure that not only was this legislation discussed this year, but was actually heard in two committees and moved to both the House and the Senate chambers and ultimately passed into law. This would have been a huge accomplishment in any session, but was particularly significant in this one where little legislation dealing with substantive, non-monetary issues was even proposed.

The IVFA made several new friends in the legislature this year by way of attracting additional co-authors and sponsors for legislation. In addition to the members of the fire caucus, who are always supportive of our efforts, Senators Landske and Mike Young, and Representatives Bob Bischoff and Bill Ruppel, the following Representatives or Senators signed onto our proposed legislation: Craycraft, Lewis, Lytle, Robertson, Lutz, Long, and Richard Young.

A study committee has been authorized to meet over the summer and in early fall to study the issue of consolidation of township government. The study committee will issue a report and possibly propose legislation for the 2005 legislative session which could transfer township government functions to county governments. From a practical standpoint, firefighting and emergency services will have to be provided regardless of local government structure, but obviously

the contracts entered into between the departments could end up being made with county governments in the future rather than local township trustees or boards.

The IVFA legislative committee will work on its 2005 agenda after the convention is held in June. Even though the next session will not begin until January, 2005, there is much work to be done over the summer and during the fall to educate legislators on issues of importance to the IVFA, and to draft language for bills we would like to see introduced. If you have concerns or comments regarding legislative matters, please contact your IVFA legislative committee prior to the beginning of August so that your concerns can be taken into consideration when the legislative agenda is finalized.

For copies of the weekly letter and Bill Status Reports I provided to the Association throughout the session, please contact the IVFA Central Office. Those letters and reports discuss the legislation we actually supported or approved, and what we monitored, in addition to the legislation we initiated. I enjoyed representing the IVFA this past session and look forward to continuing to represent you in 2005.

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From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

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President Buz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and called on assistant chaplain Ed Gerdowski for the Invocation. Vice-president Jack Kerney led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Koehler called on Brent Lank, our Webmaster, for some comments. He is glad to meet everyone and put names with the faces. The Web Page will be one year old in March. Some additions to the Web page include a District Meeting page and link to other departments. In the future hopefully will be district maps with each department listed, history of the IVFA, a Memorial page, and an Auxiliary page. Any ideas or suggestions for improvement in the Web page just e-mail the Webmaster.

President Koehler called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Tim Sandy, District 3, made a motion to approve the minutes as published. Dave Elick, District 6, made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT KOEHLER: Has traveled 5152 miles this quarter attending 30 meetings, one Gold Card presentation, two Award Banquets, three county meetings, 12 district meetings, four memorials, two fund-raisers and two station dedications.

VICE-PRESIDENT KERNEY: Has traveled 2700 miles this quarter attending nine district meetings, two county meetings, one Board of Firefighting Standards and Education meeting, three award presentations, one memorial, and one district Miss Flame dance.

SECRETARY BARTLOW: Has attended two memorial services, one district meeting and one Miss Flame dance.

TREASURER HARKER: Absent. He did send copies of the Profit and Loss Statement for the year so that everyone could review them. Any questions or concerns will be addressed at the next meeting.

CHAPLAIN PAGE: Reported that he did seven Memorial services this quarter. We need accurate count of all Bibles and Grave markers.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ZEEKS: Has attended some county meetings in his area trying to get more departments involved.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BUSH: Has attended two memorial services.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

P.R. NORTHWEST JIM BRADFORD: Has driven 1721 miles this quarter attending seven district meetings, two Memorials, three fund-raisers, one benefit breakfast, and one IVFAA district meeting.

P.R. NORTHEAST MIKE MACKIN: Attended two district, two memorial services, and one station dedication.

P.R. WEST CENTRAL DIANE HARRISON: Attended all district meetings and two Miss Flame selection events.

P.R. EAST CENTRAL DON CUSHMAN: Attended two district meetings.

P.R. SOUTHWEST JIM ABRAMS: Attended six District meetings and one station dedication.

P.R. SOUTHEAST ROY RICHARDSON: Attended one district meeting, one convention meeting, and a Miss Flame selection.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL: The November and January meetings for District 1 and District 2 were held in District 2. The next meeting for the District 1 and 2 will be at the Union Community Fire Department (Porter Co.) on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. There were no Volunteer firefighter deaths reported in District 1 this quarter.

DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND: Held meeting on November 19, 2003, at Kouts Volunteer Fire Dept. with District 1 having 27 members present representing 12 departments and District 2 having 45 members representing 11 departments. Phil Griffith of EMA spoke on the Citizen Corps. There was one death in the district. The next meeting was held January 21, 2004, at Lake Dale Volunteer Department. District 1 had 27 members representing 11 departments and District 2 had 52 members representing eight departments present. Paul Weeks of Lake County Aquatics spoke on Ice Rescue. Their next meeting will be February 18, 2004 at Union Community Fire Department.

DISTRICT 3 TIM SANDY: Held

meeting January 15, 2004, at Kankakee Twp. Fire Department. They had 16 members representing six departments. The next meeting will be March 18, 2004, at LaPorte County Haz-Mat.

DISTRICT 4 JOHN FERRO: Absent.

DISTRICT 5 DON KISSINGER: Presented two "Gold Cards" and one station dedication. They had one death in the district. The next meeting will be March 11, 2004, at Fulton-Liberty Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6 DAVE ELICK: Has attended three Memorial services this past quarter. The January meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The next meeting will be March 23, 2004, at Concord Twp. Fire Dept. in St. Joseph County.

DISTRICT 7 MORT SORG: The last meeting had 39 members representing 12 departments. Had four deaths in the district this quarter. He has attended several fund-raisers in the area. The next meeting will be March 15, 2004 at Berne Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A BILL PAPE: Held meeting January 14, 2004, at Adams Twp. Fire Dept. with 23 members representing eight Departments. The next meeting will be March 10, 2004, at Amboy Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B LARRY PETRO: Had meeting January 14, 2004 at Eads Volunteer Fire Dept. Selected their Midwest Award recipient for 2004, also selected the District Miss Flame for this year. Presented one "Gold Card". The next meeting will be March 10, 2004 at Farmland Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A JON RANDLE: Held meeting January 22, 2004 at Galveston Fire Dept. with 29 members representing eight Departments. The program was Meth-Labs and their hazards to First Responders and the new techniques being used. The next meeting will be March 25, 2004, at Georgetown Vol. Fire Dept. They had one death in the district this past quarter.

DISTRICT 9D RANDY DENTON: Held meeting January 8, 2004, at Star City Fire Dept. They had 35 members representing seven departments present. The next meeting will be March 11, 2004, at Wmamac Fire Department.

DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL: Held meeting November 10, 2004 at Marietta Fire Dept. with 28 members representing 10 Departments. They held their Miss Flame contest. The next meeting was January 21, 2004 at Edinburg Fire Dept. with 50 members representing 14 departments present. The next meeting will be February 18, 2004, at Clifford Fire Dept. Other meetings for the year 2004 are: March 17 at Clarksburg Fire Dept, April 21 at Clay Twp. Fire Dept., May 19 at East Columbus Fire Dept. and August 18 at Waldron Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A JACK McFARLAND: Had meeting November 16, 2003, at Prairie Creek Fire Dept. with 25 members representing 12 departments present. The next meeting was held January 18, 2004 at Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with 25 members representing nine departments. The next meeting will be March 21 at Otter Creek Station #2 in Sandcut.

DISTRICT 11B LARRY KETCHEM: Held meeting January 11, 2004, at Cayuga Vol. Fire Dept. with 26 members representing eight departments. The guest speaker was State Representative Dale Grubb who spoke on the issues facing the State Legislature this session. Two deaths were reported in the district this quarter. The next meeting will be March 14, 2004, hosted by the Greencastle Fire Dept. at the Walden Inn.

DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER: Held meeting in November at Lizton Fire Dept. with 24 members representing 10 departments. The next meeting

was January 19, 2004, at Hazelwood Fire Dept. with 28 members representing six departments. The next meeting is March 15, 2004, Decatur Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13A TIM MARTIN: Had meeting November 20, 2003, at the Shirley Fire Dept. with seven members present. The program was a general round table discussion. Presented 25-Year Pins and Gold Cards. There were two deaths in the district. The next meeting will be March 19, 2004.

DISTRICT 13B DENNIS SPEARS: Last meeting cancelled due to the weather. The next meeting will be February 29, 2004 at Centerville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 14 AL WILLIAMSON: Held meeting January 21, 2004, at Charlestown Fire Dept. with 24 members representing eight departments. They presented the "Governor's Heroism Award to Melissa DuVall. Also selected the Miss Flame candidate for this year. The next meeting will be April 21, 2004 at a site to be announced.

DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON: Held meeting November 19, 2003, at Owen Twp. Fire Dept. with 19 members representing nine departments present. The next meeting was January 20, 2004, at Fort Branch Fire Dept. with 50 members representing 10 departments present. This was the Miss Flame contest. There was one death in the district. The next meeting will be March 16, 2004 at Marris Fire Department Station #1.

DISTRICT 16 RON MELTON: Absent

DISTRICT 17 A BEV HARKER: Held meeting November 19, 2003, at Bicknell Fire Dept. with 38 members representing 11 departments present. The Vincennes Township Fire Prevention Clowns put on a skit. The next meeting was January 17, 2004, at Vincennes Twp. Fire Dept. This was the annual sausage supper. District 17 A had 305 members representing 38 departments present. The total attendance for the meeting was 531 people. The next meeting will be March 24, 2004, at Highland Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17B JIM ZEEKS: Absent.

DISTRICT 18 CHARLES PARKER: Absent.

DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE: Held meeting on November 20, 2003, at Eagle Vol. Fire Dept. in Oldenburg. They had 46 members representing 13 Departments present. This was their Miss Flame selection meeting. State Representative Cleo Duncan attended the meeting. The next meeting was January 22, 2004, at Hogan Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with 31 members representing nine departments present. The program was on Forcible Entry. The next meeting will be March 25, 2004, at Cedar Grove Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ: Didn't have a meeting this quarter. The next meeting will be March 29, 2004 at Williamsport.

PAST-PRESIDENT REPORTS
JACK KERNEY: Pass
RICHARD GLANT: Thanked everyone for the cards.

MITCH PARISH: Attended fund-raisers

IVAN NEVIL: Pass
CARL BRUNS: Pass
JIM PARKER: Pass
JACK ZEEKS: Pass

COMMITTEE REPORTS
CONVENTION 2002: Steve Anderson - The report is done and copies have been sent to Central Office and President. They are putting together a list of people that the information needs to go to.

CONVENTION 2004: Al Williamson - Things are moving along at this time. Only problem so far has

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Quarterly report ...

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been with transportation and it is being worked out.

CONVENTION 2005: David Israel - Will have first meeting at hotel on February 5, 2004.

BUDGET: Did not meet.

EXECUTIVE: Did not meet.

INSURANCE: Have had no report from insurance company

BRIDGEPORT: Carl Bruns - The deadline for the Scholarship is post-marked before March 1, 2004. We will be awarding three Scholarships this year. The Bridgeport Committee will meet April 23, 2004 at 8:00 p.m.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: Jim Bradford - Mailed 17,344 papers this quarter. Officers: check newspaper for correct address, phone number and e-mail address. The committee met this morning and decided to start accepting business card sized ads for the paper. The cost will be \$60.00 per issue.

AD-TAKER: Mitch Parish - We have four outstanding accounts. One is in question and the others are coming in.

AUDIT: Did not meet.

CLOTHING CLAIMS: Jim Bradford - Had three claims.

AWARDS: Jack Kerney - Need Midwest Award nominations this meeting. The Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg and Angel award winners will be selected at the Committee meetings in April.

FIRE SCHOOL: Jack Kerney - Nothing.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES DIGEST: Larry Bartlow - Will have digest done by April meeting.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Parker - At this time we are watching the three bills that do away with the Township Trustee type of local government. Everyone presented much discussion on the pros and cons of this Legislation. A motion by Jack Kerney that we oppose the removal of the Township Trustee form of government. The second was by Bill Pape. Motion passed by voice vote. There was one nay vote. Bills we are actively supporting are: SB 77 - Volunteer firefighter income tax deduction; SB 153 - Firefighting equipment and grants; SB 316 - Employment absence for volunteer firefighters; HB 1257- Employment absence for volunteer firefighting. Bills we are supporting if need to: SB 81- Disability benefits for public safety officers; SB 131- Use of mobile phone while driving (except in an emergency situation); SB 206 - Lighting and equipment on vehicles; SB 215 - Charity gaming prize limits; SB 217 - Electronic devices and traffic signals; SB 223 -

Local government efficiency study commission; SB 238 - Local fireworks ordinances and resolutions; SB 326- Indoor pyrotechnics and fireworks; SB 341- Right-of-way for stationary emergency vehicles; HB 1037 - Civil immunity for volunteers; HB 1039- Pension base for police officers and firefighters; HB 1093 - Fee for public safety protection; HB 1160- Paramedic service levies; HB 1169- Build Indiana Fund; HB 1174- Firefighters in annexed or merged areas; HB 1220- Insurance for volunteer EMT's; HB 1225- Automated traffic law enforcement systems; HB 1334-Public safety survivor insurance; HB 1335 - Police and firefighter pensions; HB 1417- Police and firefighter merit system. Bills we are watching that could affect us: SB 29- Health information for counterterrorism; SB 35-Open burning; SB 127- Funeral procession vehicles; HB 377- Statewide trauma protocol; HB 412- Emergency management; HB 439- Public safety communication systems district. Bills that we oppose are: SB - Merger of townships; SB 225- Reorganization of municipal corporations; HB 1083- Fire special service district; HB 1155- Elimination of township government.

The Legislative committee and the Lobbyists are very busy at this time.

A poll of all districts for the number of government employees that are also volunteer firefighters. The total count was 452 members.

CHAPLAIN PAGE: Introduced the new assistant Chaplains and had a short swearing-in ceremony. They are: PR Northwest: Jerry Cohen; PR Northeast: The Rev. David Sickelka; PR West Central: The Rev. Melvin D. Camp; PR East Central: Rev. Kenton M. Lord; PR Southwest: Bro. Giles Mahieu; PR Southeast: Ed Gerdowsky. **MR IVFA:** Mitch Parish - Has several letters for this year's award. Also passed the revisions to the Mr. IVF A Guidelines. Please destroy all old copies.

BY LAWS AND SOG: Jim Parker - Explained the error in the vote count for the By-Law amendment changes to Article XV. A motion was made by Tim Sandy, District 3, to correct the vote at the November meeting to reflect the members present rather than the entire Board is needed to conduct business. The second by Tom Orrell, District 1.

Motion passed by voice passed. The By-Law Article XV did pass.

The Committee is in the process of clarification of terms in the By-Laws.

The changes will be read at the next meeting.

LOGO: Charles Parker - Absent.

MEMBERSHIP: Steve Anderson - Working on Associate membership. The 25-year members are now listed in the computer.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Jack Kerney - Pass.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jim Parker - Pass.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Don Kissinger - Anyone needing a picture taken be ready tomorrow morning.

GAMES: Al Mendel - Nothing at this time.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Mitch Parish - Not meet recently. The next meeting will be in Washington D.C. in May.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING INSTITUTE: Buz Kochler - Was unable to attend the last meeting.

FIRE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION: Jack Kerney - Pass.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: Jack Kerney - Still working on Driver Training program. Also some discussion on making Firefighter I and II mandatory training for all firefighters instead of 24-Hour.

EMS: Tim Sandy - Has attended three meetings. Spoke on several programs that the EMS commission is looking at.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M. Meeting reconvened.

Chaplain Fred Page delivered the Minute Message. The title of the message was "Nothing you do for children is ever wasted".

MISS FLAME CHAIRMAN: Patty Miller - Make sure each District Miss Flame application is turned in by the deadline which is March 10. Checking if anyone has any questions about the contest.

President Koehler introduced Mr. John Buckman. Chief Buckman and Randy Brown from Angola are on a committee to see if the proposal of making Firefighter 1&2 mandatory training for the State of Indiana is feasible. He is asking for our feelings as to how this will effect firefighting in the State of Indiana. The PSTI board thinks Firefighter 1&2 needed to improve Firefighter safety. Another suggestion is making Fire Officer 1 mandatory before becoming an Officer. Also no mandate without funding. Several other suggestions were made. Training levels are established now by OSHA and we are accountable to them. Before the rules are written they need as much

input from firefighters as they can get.

ANTI-TERRORISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Fred Page - Attended one meeting.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: Mitch Parish- The dinner is tomorrow night at the Embassy Suites. A seminar on Grant Writing will be presented at 1:00 P.M.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Jack Kerney - Sending Legislative reports by e-mail when possible. Membership at this time is 17,514. Application for 2003 license plates is 4129.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jim Bradford - The committee will meet sometime in March to select a slate of officers. The nominees will be listed in the May issue of the newspaper.

FDIC CONFERENCE: Jack Kerney - The times we need help for our booth at the Conference are: Thursday, April 29 from 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon and 2:30 PM -7:30 PM; Friday, April 30 from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM- 5:30 PM; Saturday, May 1 from 8:00 AM-12:00 and 12:00 - 5:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS HISTORY BOOKS: Mitch Parish- The history books are all gone.

NEW BUSINESS Donation to the Burn Camp. Board action required.

Webmaster wants to include IVF A history contest on web page.

A combined Convention with other Fire Organization. Committee to pursue this is David Israel, Jack Kerney and Mitch Parish.

Thoughts on how mandatory training should be handled in the State.

PSTI: Ivan Nevil - Stated that Pat Ralston resigned effective Feb. 29, 2004.

They have held six FEMA Grant workshops and have six more to do. The Fire Chiefs Orientations will be held Feb. 21, 2004 at New Castle, Feb. 28, 2004 at Marion Twp. Lawrence County, and March 6, 2004 at Ross Twp. in Lake County. The Emergency Response Guidebooks are due out in mid April. The books will be available from the County EMA directors only.

Our preference for a new SEMA director. Jack Zeeks made a motion to support Marshal Tracy Boatwright for the SEMA Director. Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed. President Koehler will write the letter of support to the Governor.

In the event that Marshal Boatwright moves up to SEMA Director a motion by Jack Kerney that we support Ivan Nevil for the Office of Fire Marshal. Bill Pape made the

second. Motion passed.

Larry Ketchem presented a proposal for an Historian for the Organization to President Koehler. This will be presented at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn and proceed with the Board of Directors meeting was made by Jim Parker. Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Chairman Jack Zeeks opened the meeting and called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting. Don Cushman made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. The second by Bill Pape. Motion passed. Nomination for Chairman of the Board. Richard Glant nominated Jack Zeeks for Chairman. Bill Bush made the second. Call for other nominations were repeated three times. Hearing none the nominations were closed. Jack Zeeks is the Chairman of the Board for 2004.

A request was made for a Stamp Seal for the Central Office. A motion by Richard Glant that we purchase one. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

A recommendation was made that we pay the mileage for the Webmaster to attend this meeting. A motion to pay this was made by Tim Sandy. Mike Mackin made the second. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Larry Petro that we donate \$1000 to the Burn Camp this year. Larry Bruner made the second. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dave Elick that we send ten people to the National Fire Caucus Dinner in Washington D.C. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed. The ten selected are: President Koehler, Dave Elick, Tim Sandy, Mort Sorg, Jack Harker, Mitch Parish, Bev Harker, Jack Kerney, and Bill Pape.

A motion to set mileage expense for this year at \$0.35 was made by Jim Parker. Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

Larry Ketchem presented the cost for new decals for Associate membership. The price is for 250 at \$0.42 plus a one time set up fee of \$55.00 President Koehler made a motion that we purchase 250 at that price. Randy Denton made the second. Motion passed.

Being no other new business a motion was made by Don Kissinger to adjourn. Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

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(submitted by M. Maureen McNulty, Harrison Board of Directors/Firefighter/EMT)



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DISTRICT 11-B

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act, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by Dist. Aux. Chaplain, Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Secretary

DISTRICT 12

Larry Bruner
District 12
Chairman



The District 12 meeting was held at Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department on January 19, 2004 with 22 members from six department present. Guests included Sharon Bray, District 12 IVFAA chairperson, Gary Robison, NFIRS program manager from the State Fire Marshal's office, Diane Harrison, Public Relations West Central and Ron Myers, Liberty Township trustee.

Sharon Bray talked about the importance of an auxiliary to a volunteer fire department and encouraged spouses to visit the scenes to witness the appreciation for what and how an auxiliary can support its department. She will assist any department wanting to start an IVFAA charter. She also discussed the upcoming Miss Flame contest on February 15th.

Gary Robison talked about grants, laws and reporting. He discussed the upcoming new chief's orientation telling us that the State Fire Marshal's office needs to know about changes in chiefs and fire officers in all departments and that all fire officers should attend an orientation class. He discussed ongoing legislation, arson and

haz mat investigations and reporting, EMS issues, both legal and training and the 2004 FEMA grants.

Diane Harrison talked about State Bill 0077, a \$2000.00 income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters and other legislation being tracked by the IVFA. She discussed awards, the fire camp in Lafayette and grants up to \$5000.00 that can be accessed on the website or see her for applications. She talked about eliminating township trustees and how funding would be at district level not company or department level.

Ron Myers spoke to us about the affect on the individual fire department if the township trustee were eliminated. If eliminated, divisions or districts would be put in place for funding firefighting and emergency medical services.

The District 12 meeting was held at Station 1 in Decatur Township on March 15, 2004 with 20 members from five departments present. Guests included Dale Henson, president of the Indiana Fire Chief's Association, Tracy Bryant of Vectron Gas and Wayne Williams and Howard Jackson of Citizens Gas.

Dale Henson talked about the importance of the Indiana Fire Chief's Association and what they are trying to accomplish. He invited all chief officers to join the IFCA.

Tracy Bryant showed a film on gas products, fighting a gas fire and construction accidents. A pop quiz and discussion followed.

Joe Griffith was awarded his 25 year pin by IVFA president, Buz Koehler. Joe has 33 years with Decatur Township Fire Department and operates his own business in fire service training classes.

New equipment in District 12: Mill Creek Volunteer Fire Department has two new pieces of equipment; District 5 at Amo has a new 3500 gallon tanker and District 6 at Coatesville has a new

tactical rescue unit. Decatur Twp. received a new Pierce 100 ft. aerial #771.

DISTRICT 14



Al
Williamson
District 14
Chairman

The 2004 convention committee is rapidly getting ready for your visit to Clarksville. We have planned a pretty full schedule and are hoping the shift to more of a weekend will allow you to attend the IVFA's annual convention and have some fun as well as learn a few things during your time here.

Other events in District 14 have had several departments hosting chili dinners and BBQ's preparing for the annual WHAS Crusade for Children. The proceeds go to support handicapped children in Kentucky and southern Indiana. I have attended some of these events and as always the food is great.

The next meeting of District 14 will be at Kent VFD on April 21, 2004 @ 6 PM slow, 7PM fast time.

Hope to see every one in Clarksville.
Submitted by Al Williamson

DISTRICT 15

January 20, 2004

District 15 IVFA met on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at the Ft. Branch Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by district chairman Steve Anderson at 19:30.

A prayer was offered by Chaplain Andrea Seib followed by a moment of silence offered for fallen firefighters.

Pledge was led by Sgt.-At-Arms Harry Logan.

Roll call was answered by 34 members, nine departments and 15 guests.

Minutes from last meeting were distributed by Secretary Kerney. A motion was made by Charlie Marx to accept minutes as written, seconded by C. L. Mitchell.

Treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made by Mike Crawford to accept as presented, seconded by Greg Lueken.

An update on the upcoming convention was given by Barb Kerney. All were urged to attend.

Old Business: The IVFA Web Site was discussed. Valuable information about upcoming events, department information, and state reports, officers and current information.

Barb Kerney reminded members if they or their families are interested in applying for Bridgeport Scholarship, they must have their entry in by March 1st. They should be sent to the Central Office. This year due to increased sales of our IVFA license plates, three scholarships will be offered.

Indiana weekend will again team up with Mississippi this year. For more details, contact Ivan Nevil at PSTI.

Chairman Anderson and Barb Kerney gave legislative report.

New Business: Susan Wargel from German Township was selected to receive the Midwest Award from district 15. It will be presented at convention.

During our business meeting, a panel of judges was busy making the selection of our 2004 Miss Flame candidate to represent district 15. This year we had three girls in our contest: Brittney Eickhoff representing German Township, Emily Lueken representing Newburgh Fire Department and Jamie Hulsey representing Marrs Township. After personal interviews and an open question period before members, the judges selected Emily Lueken from Newburgh as our candidate. Judges for this year's event were Cheryl Seib, Carol Young and Ashley Porter. Thanks also to Nicole Payne and Andrea Seib for their assistance. Both are state Miss Flames from district 15.

Department reports were given. A big thank you was given to Ft. Branch Fire Department for being our host for the evening. A great meal was served by John Spears and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Our next meeting will be March 16, 2004 at Marrs Township.

A copy of meetings for the next three years were distributed by Secretary Kerney.

PRSW Jim Abrams gave PR news of the area.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Charlie Marx to adjourn, seconded by Greg Lueken.

Barb Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 17A

Beverly Harker
District 17A
Chairman



My last District 17A meeting was held at Highland Township Fire Department. There were five departments represented by 18 members and 10 guests present, giving a total of 28 people in attendance.

Mike Gregg, a conservation officer spoke on fighting wild fires. It was very interesting. A long discussion was held on anticipated training issues.

There has been one death in the district since February. Sam Archer, a 45-year-old firefighter from Sandborn Volunteer Fire Department. He will be missed by all who knew him.

I also attended two fundraisers in the district. Both had very good attendance.

I hope to see many of you at the next District 17A meeting.

District 17A Chairman
Beverly Harker

DISTRICT 18

Charles
Parker
District 18
Chairman



The meeting of January 15, 2004 was hosted by the Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department at the Birdseye Fire Station. Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Chuck Parker. Prayer was given by Bro. Benjamin Brown of St. Meinrad Fire Department.

Mike Brames, Jasper Fire Department, and Keith Thompson of Vincennes Fire Department answered their "Last Alarms" since the November 2003 meeting. They were remembered in a prayer and playing of the bagpipes.

District meeting report for 2003 given by Secretary Kenny Lau. Six meetings held as scheduled, 390 members attended for an average of 65 per meeting; 106 departments attended for an average of 18 per meeting and 1,246 calls were reported answered by attending departments.

Vice-President Jack Kerney gave a report on upcoming legislation and spoke of the potential problems of the PERF Laws and volunteering. A poll was taken as to how many members it might effect and the result was 41 members.

Families of firefighters in Indiana that die in the line of duty can now be presented with the State Flag under a new Indiana Law.

State Representative Dennie Oxley gave a legislative report and the Build Indiana Fund.

87 members answered roll call
21 departments represented
222 calls answered

The meeting of March 18, 2004 was hosted by the Central Perry Volunteer Fire Department at the Leopold Conservation Club in Leopold, Perry County. Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Chuck Parker. Prayer was given by Bro. Giles Mahieu, District 18 and Associate State Chaplain from St. Meinrad Fire Department.

Jack Ford, former IVFA President and State Secretary, and Leo Schraner of Spencer County answered their "Last Alarm" since the January 2004 Meeting and were remembered in a prayer and playing of the bagpipes.

The 2004 District 18 Fire Prevention Parade host will be St. Anthony Volunteer Fire Department. They reported all is going well and informa-

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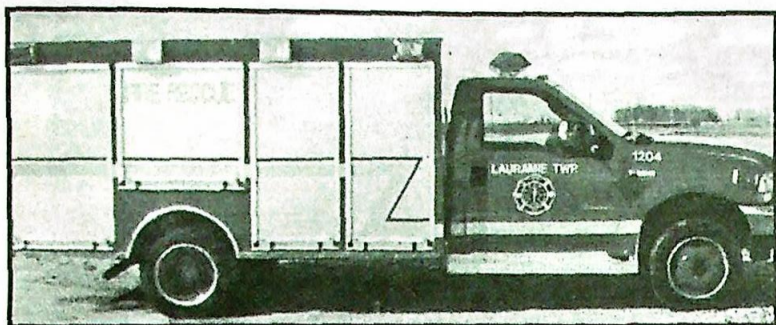
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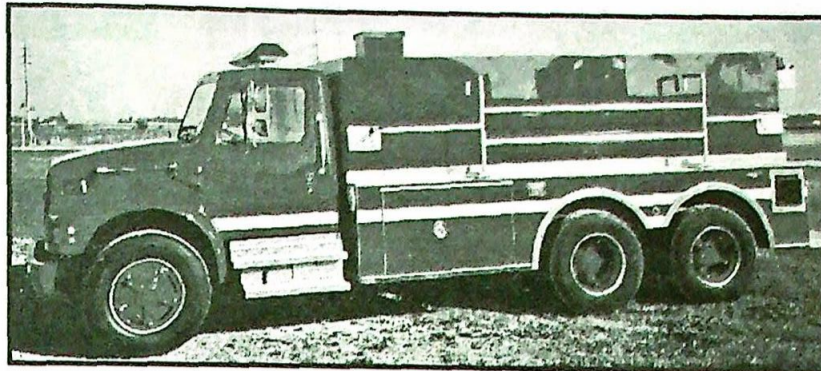
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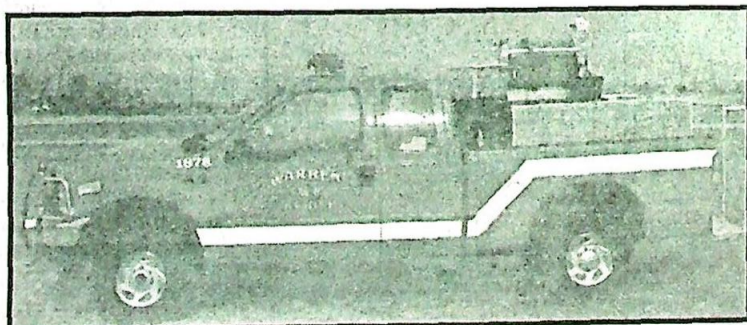
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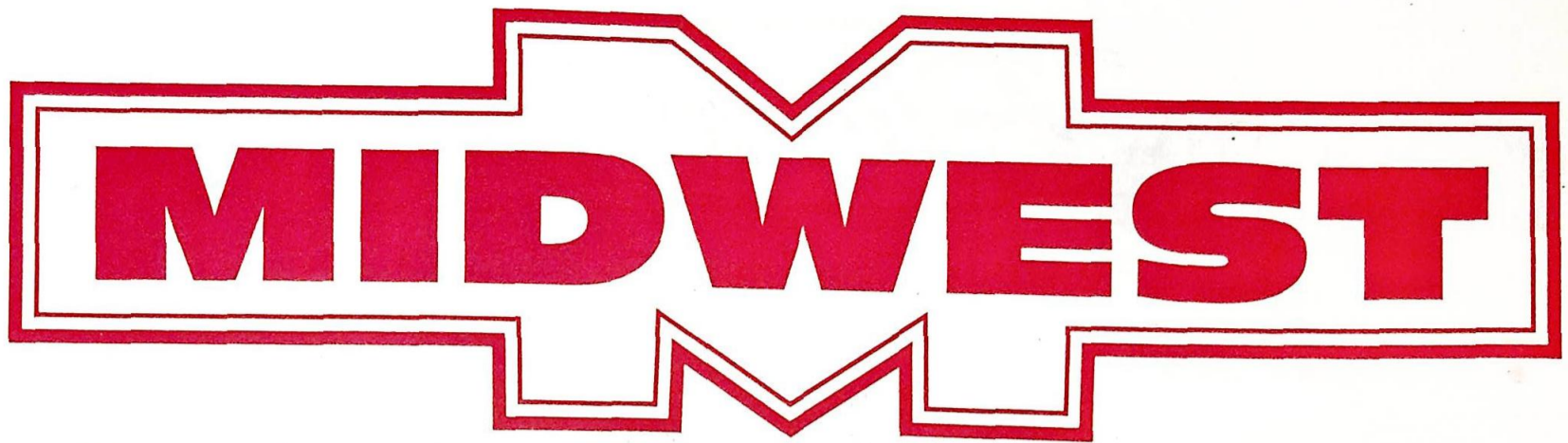
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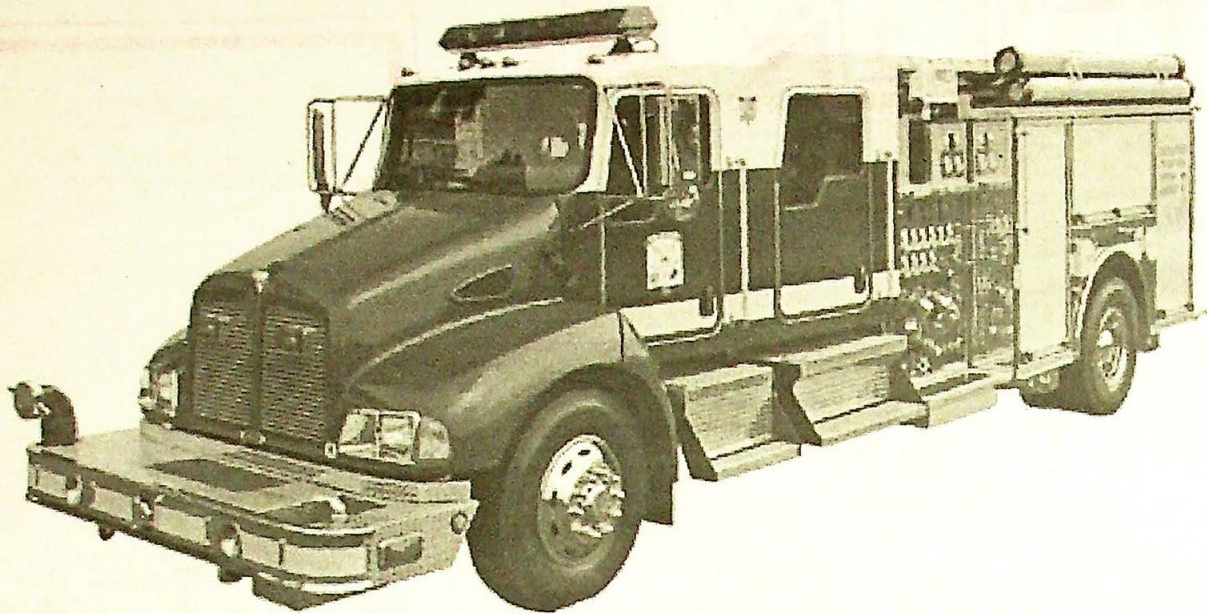
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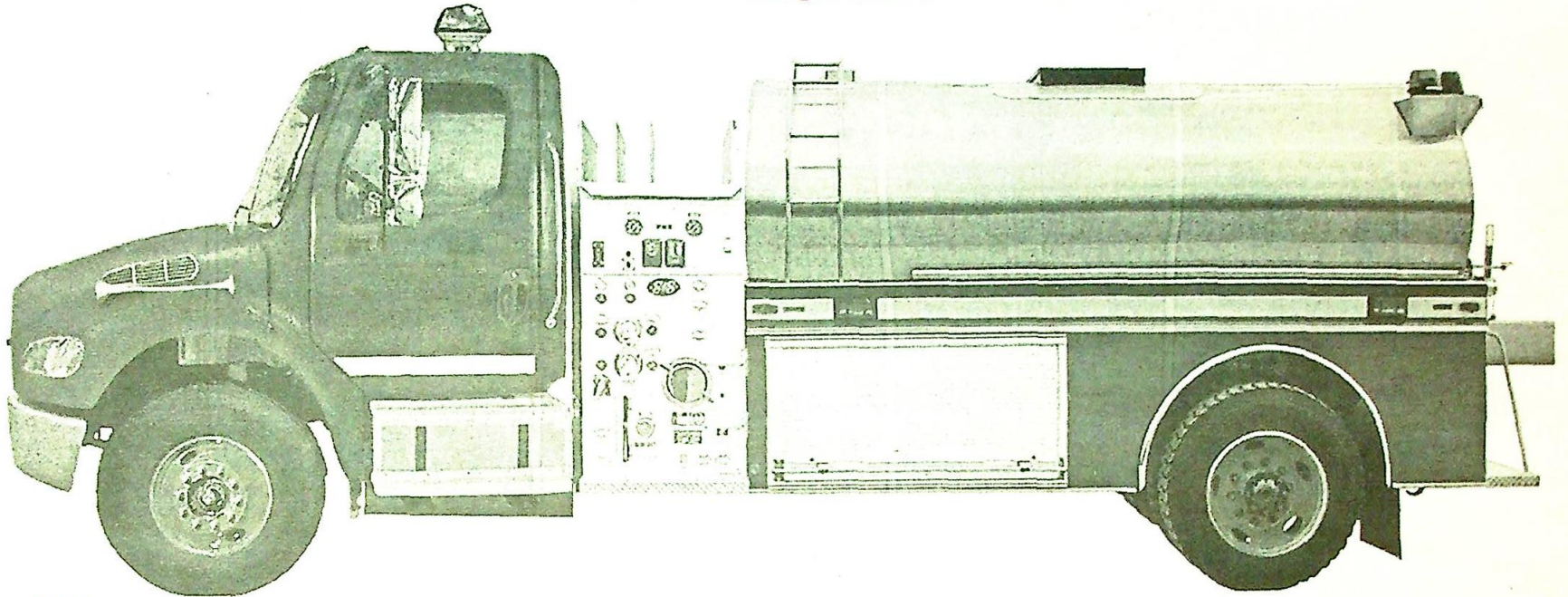
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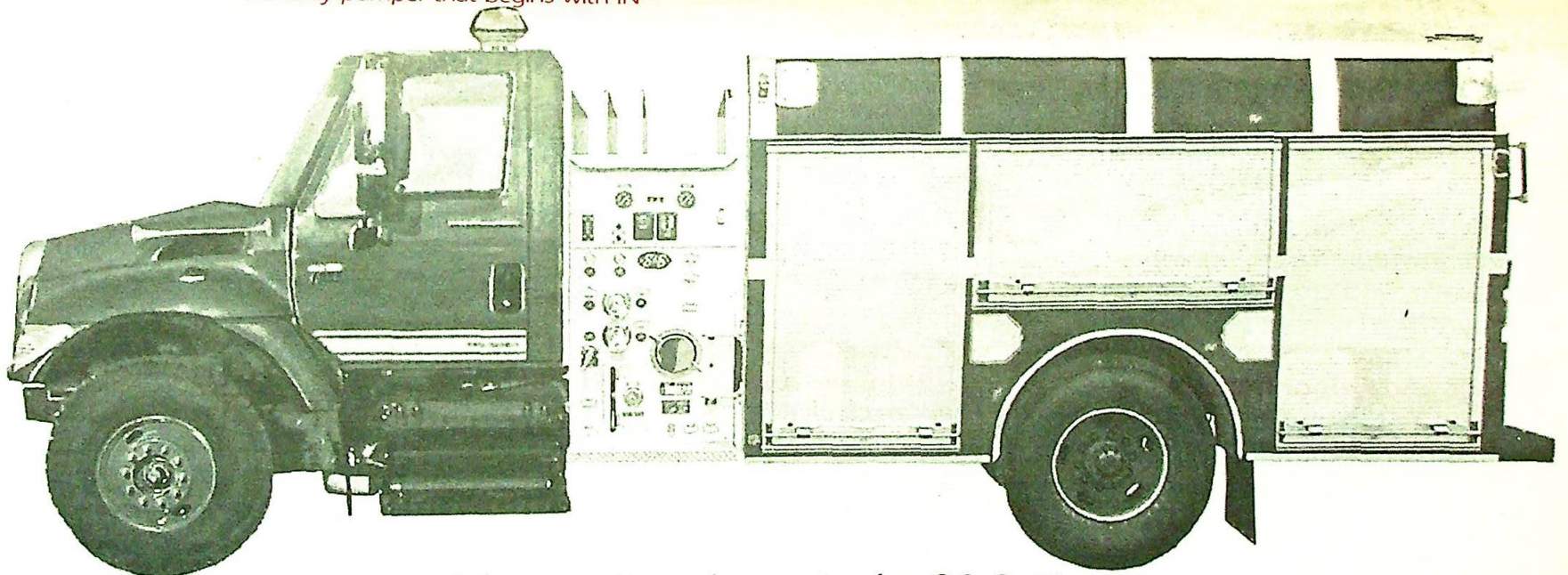
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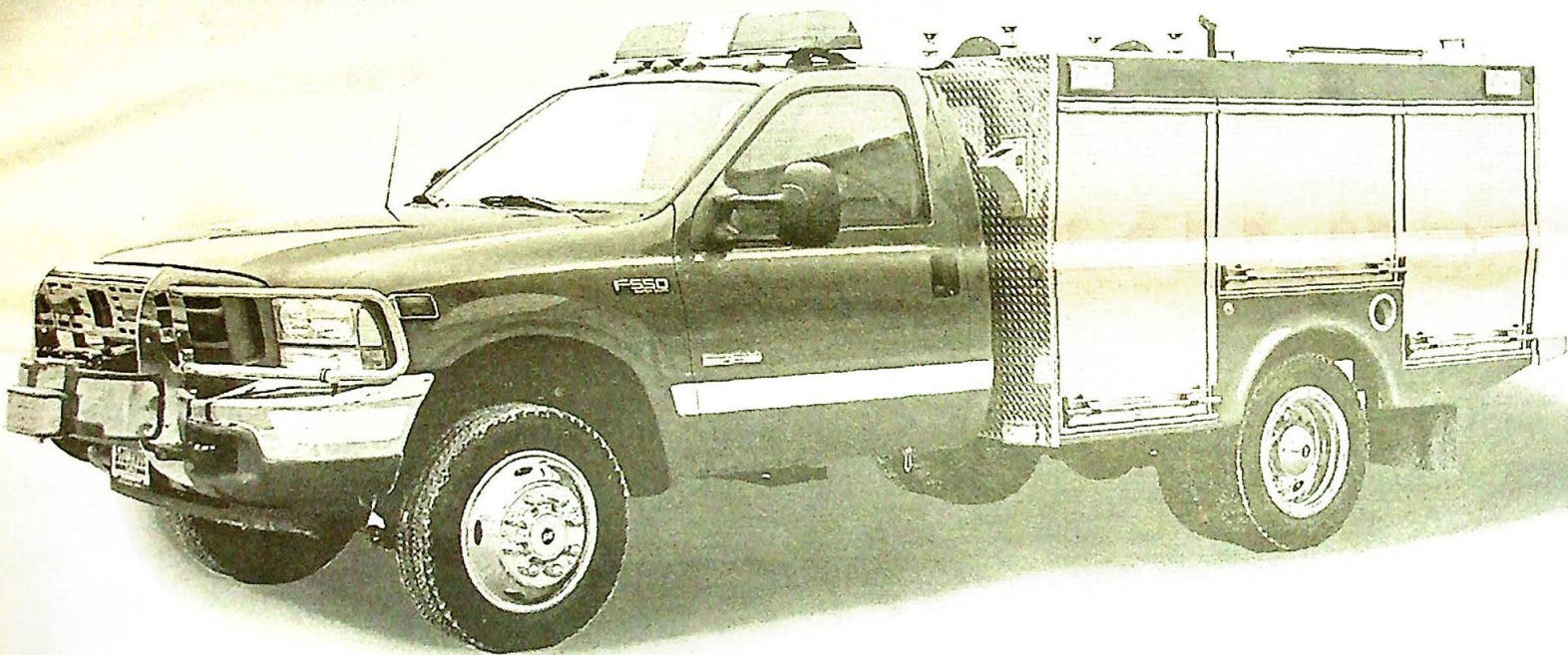
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JUNE 20, 2003

President Buz Koehler called the 57th annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association to order at 9:20 A.M.

Chaplain Fred Page gave the invocation.

PRES. KOEHLER: Introduced State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright.

MARSHAL BOATWRIGHT: "Good morning. Just a couple of quick things. We're going to have a link to your organization on our web page. Also, you know that we quit mailing the monthly mailers as it got too time-consuming and costly. We are now doing them electronically. Anyone can receive the mailer by going to the website and enter an e-mail address. Have a great conference and I'll see you all later. Thank-you."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Thank you, Marshal Boatwright. At this time I would ask Patty Miller to come forward and bring Miss Flame and her court."

PATTY MILLER: "I present to you the 2003 Miss Flame and her court. The 2003 Miss Flame is Nicole Payne from District 15. Her parents are Susan and Tim Wargel. And our first runner-up is Jennifer Lingenfelter from District 11-A. Her parents are Gary and Jane Lingenfelter. We also

have our 2002 Miss Flame, Toni Lenkendofer. Please include these girls in your district activities and let them know what's going on. Thank-you."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Thank-you, Patty. At this time I would like to ask Larry Curl to come forward."

LARRY CURL: "Good morning. Buz asked me to be here today to talk to you about the Indiana Fire Services Institute. We're actually beginning our 13th year as an organization, serving you, the Hoosier Domestic Defenders. The IVFA has been with us since day one. We actually formed to be able to provide services to you, to our legislators and our communities about fire service issues and concerns.

Every year we go to Washington, D.C. to meet with our Congressional members and try to promote our agenda for the fire service. This year was no different as we met with the Director of the Office Management and Budget. We were able to express many of our concerns to him. The Indiana Fire Service Institute is alive and well and working for you. Thank-you for your time."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Thank you, Larry. At this time Mike Bigler, Deputy State Fire Marshal, has some comments."

MIKE BIGLER: "I want to talk about a couple of things this morning on our Regional Response. What we've done for Indiana to help you in the smaller communities was split Indiana into 11 regional areas. Each of these regions will have a response team. A team made up of Haz-mat, law enforcement, bombtech, and EMS to respond to the small communities. We've started with our major Hazmat teams that are already in place in larger cities.

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PRES. KOEHLER: "Thank you Mike. Ivan Nevil."

IVAN NEVIL: "Good morning. Congratulations, Mort on being Mr. IVFA."

Many changes in training certification are coming next year. House Bill 1106 is broken down into two different aspects. One is driving; the other is the change in the mandatory training. We're going to go to the Rules and Regulations and update the standards to meet the IFSAC regulations because we're due for the IFSAC review in January of 2004.

The second part of it that we're going to be working on is the combination of the NFPAA 1660 and NFPAA

1006 standards. These are the standards that we look at for vehicle and machinery, extrication, confined space and structure collapse issues. The Board of Firefighting will be doing the Certification for Auto Extrication. On each level of the Confined Space, Structure Collapse and Water Rescue that are addressed under the NFPAA 1006 and NFPAA 1670 standard there will be an Awareness level certification and there will be an Operations level certification and the Technician level certification.

If you are interested in doing any free training in Haz-mat awareness or operation, give us a call. You've got to be trained before you respond to a hazardous incident. That's an OSHA regulation. Does anybody have any questions? If not, thank you."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Thanks, Ivan. We'll move into the actual business meeting at this time. We'll start by asking vice-president Jack Kerney to lead the group in the pledge."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
PRES. KOEHLER: "We'll have the reading of the minutes from the last annual meeting."

BOB ESSERMAN: "Mr. President, I move that we delete the reading of the minutes of the meeting."

DAVE ELICK: "Second."

PRES. KOEHLER: "We have a motion and a second to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in favor signify by saying 'aye'."

PRES. KOEHLER: "All opposed same sign. Motion carried."

PRES. KOEHLER: "At this time we'll have the Officer's reports."

President Buz Koehler: "As your President it has been an absolute pleasure to work for you and serve you and serve the members of this Association in the first six months of my tenure as your President.

Since we met last year I have traveled 19,400 miles. I've attended over a hundred meetings throughout the state of Indiana. There are no finer folks than you. Everywhere I go I'm received with friendship and smiles and I hope I bring some information to you folks that you can use in your areas. Each year it seems we work harder and harder and it does pay off."

Presidents report: Our membership is at 17,688 as of April 1, 2003. We can reach 18,000 and we win. That's a commitment we've made. We will get there. With your assistance and continued support and the hard work of the officers and the district chairman, it will happen. I want to thank each of those district chairmen for supporting me in my endeavor as your president. We have a fine group of officers and they represent their members well. Thank-you."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Jack Kerney do you have a vice president's report?"

Vice-president Jack Kerney: "I didn't add up all my mileage, but we did go quite extensively last year. It's been a pleasure to serve as your vice-president again.

On the office side we appreciate your using our license plate. Our sales have really increased. I hope that we have been able to get all of your license plate requests to you. When the form says that we need 30 to 60 days notice, that's to jog your memory and make sure you get the form in time. We want you to use that plate and we'll do everything we can to get that form to you. At this time we are running about seven days behind on processing your dues. Also, when we leave the office we transfer the phone to my cell phone and we encourage you to leave a message. We will get back to you. We appreciate your assistance in helping us get good information. We've done a tremendous job in getting our bad address report corrected.

Barb thanks you and I thank you and thanks for your support as vice-president."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Thanks, Jack. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush."

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush: "I would like to thank my crew that helped set up the Memorial cross.

On clocks for new or remodeled firehouse; when you call me, please leave your name and phone number and I will try my best to get them to you. Thanks."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Thanks, Bill. Secretary Larry Bartlow."

Secretary Larry Bartlow: "It's been my pleasure to serve you this past year. If you need any help, call me."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Thanks, Larry. Treasurer Jack Harker."

Treasurer Jack Harker: "I don't have much to say. The Audit Committee met yesterday and we went over the audit report. We are very sound financially and business wise. Glad to get that report back from them."

Member Bill Howe: "I make a motion that we accept the audit report as will be printed in the paper very shortly."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Do we have a second?"

District 8A Bill Pape: "I second."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Motion on the floor to accept the audit, as it will be printed in the newspaper. Is there any discussion? (None). All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye."

Delegates: "Aye."
PRES. KOEHLER: "All opposed, same sign. Motion carried."

PRES. KOEHLER: "At this time district chairman see that your delegates have their vouchers filled out properly and that only one delegate from each department will receive mileage from home to French Lick and return."

PRES. KOEHLER: "At this time we'll call for the Public Relations Directors reports, P.R. Northwest Jim Bradford."

Jim Bradford: "Pass."
PRES. KOEHLER: "Mike Mackin P.R. Northeast."

Mike Mackin: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "P.R. West Central, Diane Harrison."

Diane Harrison: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "P.R. East Central, Don Cushman."

Don Cushman: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "P.R. Southwest, Ron Bell."

Ron Bell: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "P.R. Southeast, Joe Caudill."

Joe Caudill: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "District Chairman reports. District 1 Tom Orrell."

Tom Orrell: "Pass."

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

Paul Watland: "Pass."

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

Pam Kaufman: Pam Kaufman for Tim Sandy, "Pass."

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

John Ferro: "Pass."

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

Don Kissinger: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "District 6, Dave Elick."

Dave Elick: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "District 7, Mort Sorg and Mr. IVFA."

Mort Sorg: "Pass. I thank everyone for his or her support."

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

Bill Pape: "Pass."

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

Larry Petro: "Pass."

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

Jon Randle: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "District 9B, Randy Denton."

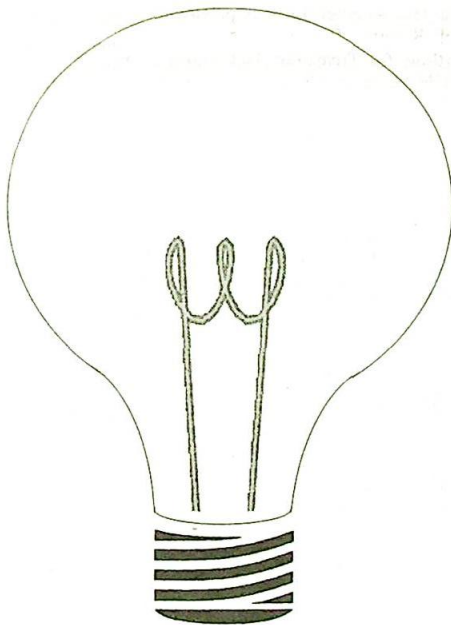
Randy Denton: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "District 10,

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David Israel: "Pass."
 David Israel: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 11A, Jack McFarland."
 Jack McFarland: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 11B, Larry Ketchem."
 Larry Ketchem: "District 11B has our memorial flags, the doubled sided ones, \$5.00, and single sided ones \$3.00."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 12, Larry Bruner."
 Larry Bruner: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 13A, Tim Martin."
 Tim Martin: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 13B, Dennis Spears."
 Dennis Spears: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 14, Al Williamson."
 Al Williamson: "We're getting ready for you all next year."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 15, Steve Anderson."
 Steve Anderson: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 16, Ron Melton, absent."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 17A, Jim Abrams."
 Jim Abrams: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 17B, Jim Zeeks, absent."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 18, Charles Parker."
 Charles Parker: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 19, Ed Scheele."
 Ed Scheele: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "District 21, Don Fultz."
 Don Fultz: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Is there any district chairmen that I missed?"
 We'll continue with past-presidents report."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Bill Goodwin."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Jim Parker."
 Jim Parker: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Carl Bruns."
 Carl Bruns: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Lawrence Swartz."
 Lawrence Swartz: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Ivan Nevil."
 Ivan Nevil: "Pass."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Mitch Parish."
 Mitch Parish: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Richard Glant."
 Richard Glant: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Chairman of the Board, Jack Zeeks."
 Jack Zeeks: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Jack Cox."
 Jack Cox: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Jack Kerney."
 Jack Kerney: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Is there any officers that I've missed? Will the sistrict chairmen turn your delegate sheets in. Also on the mileage vouchers only one delegate from each department will receive mileage."
 "Committee reports: Convention Committee 2003, Chuck Parker."
 Chuck Parker: "Everything is going good. And everyone's having a good time. All my committee guys sitting there in the back, I want to thank all of them for helping."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "The Executive Committee will pass and the Insurance Committee will pass. Bridgeport Scholarship Committee. Do you have any report? Editor's Assistant, Jim Bradford."
 Jim Bradford: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Ad taker, Mitch Parish."
 Mitch Parish: "Pass."
 PRES. KOEHLER: Called on the following committees: Audit, Clothing Claims, Awards, Fire School Training, Annual Minutes Digest and all passed. "Membership Committee, Steve Anderson."
 Steve Anderson: "Just want to let everybody know that we've put together a new overhead and PowerPoint program on the benefits. All sistrict chairmen have them."
 PRES. KOEHLER: Called on the Public Education committee, the Parliamentarian, and Photographer. All passed. "Games Committee, Al Mendel."
 Al Mendel: "The drawings for the games were completed last night. The games will start at 8:00 o'clock in the morning. If anyone has any questions concerning the games, see me after the

meeting."
 PRES. KOEHLER: Called on the following committees: Public Safety Training Institute, Indiana Fire Instructors Association, Board of Firefighters Standards and Education, and the Historical committee. All committees passed.
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Call for any old business to come before the body. Being no old business, I'll call for any new business."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Called on Dale Henson."
 Dale Henson: "Fire Chief Decatur Township Fire Department and First Vice-President of the Indiana Fire Chief Association. Stated his goal is to get more Volunteer Fire Chiefs involved in their organization to promote better unity among the fire services in Indiana. Thank you."
 PRES. KOEHLER: Called for any other new business? "Jim Parker."
 Jim Parker: Asked for a show of hands of those people that contacted their legislator in the last legislative session. "Raise your hands if you would." (Many did.) "This contacting of legislator's help us on several bills this year that weren't to our liking. This shows how important it was for you to contact your legislator."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Anything else for the Good of the Order? Ivan Nevil."
 Ivan Nevil: "I would like to encourage everyone to visit the vendors and thank them for their support."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Being no further business, I will call upon the Election Committee to come forward and place the names in nomination."
 JIM BRADFORD: "The Nominating Committee this year consists of myself, Ron Bell, P.R. Southwest, Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman and Mitch Parish, past-president was the chairman of the committee. We met April 6, 2003 in Lebanon and this is the slate of officers for 2004. For president: Buz Koehler, for vice president: Jack Kerney, for Secretary: Larry Bartlow, for Treasurer: Jack Harker, for Chaplain: Fred Page, for Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill Bush, for P.R. Northwest: myself, for P.R. Northeast: Mike Mackin, for P.R. East Central: Don

Cushman, for P.R. West Central: Diana Harrison, for P.R. Southeast is open, and P.R. Southwest: Ron Bell.
 The nominating committee submits the name of LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler to the delegates for the office of President of the IVFA for the year 2004. Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "The nominations are closed, Mr. Secretary."
 Secretary Larry Bartlow: "As secretary I cast one unanimous vote for LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler as president of the IVFA."
 Pres. Koehler: "Thank you. I pledge my hard work to helping you folks and all your members."
 JIM BRADFORD: "The nominating committee submits the name of Jack Kerney to the delegates for the office of vice-president of the IVFA for the year 2004. Are there any other nominations?"
 Dave Elick: "Chairman, District 6. I nominate Mike Mackin for the office of vice-president."
 JIM BRADFORD: "Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times.) "Mike do you accept the nomination?"
 Mike Mackin: "Yes, sir."
 JIM BRADFORD: "Would you care to address the body?"
 Jack Kerney: "I would like to continue as being your vice-president. I did it two years in the past. I will continue to do the job that I have done in the past and thank you very much for so much support."
 Mike Mackin: "I've been a member of the Association for 25 years. I've been District 6 chairman for two years and P.R. director for four years. I would like to continue with the Association."
 JIM BRADFORD: "District chairman polls your delegates." (COMPLIES).
 JIM BRADFORD: "The Election Committee needs to report to the back table. They are Carl Bruns, Mike Mackin, Fred Page, and Tim Sandy. Dave Elick will replace Mike Mackin. Jon Randle will fill in for Tim Sandy."
 JIM BRADFORD: "We can do the P.R. Directors while this vote is counted. For P.R. Northwest, Districts

1, 2, 3, 9A, and 9B, the Committee submits the name of Jim Bradford for the year 2004. Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "Mr. Secretary."
 Larry Bartlow: "As Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for P.R. Northwest, Jim Bradford for 2004."
 JIM BRADFORD: "For P.R. West Central, Districts 11A, 11B, 12 and 21, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Diane Harrison for the year 2004. Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."
 Larry Bartlow: "As Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Diane Harrison, P.R. West Central, for the year 2004."
 JIM BRADFORD: "P.R. East Central, Districts 8A, 8B, 10, 13A and 13B. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Don Cushman for the office. Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."
 Larry Bartlow: "As Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Don Cushman, P.R. East Central, for the year 2004."
 JIM BRADFORD: "For P.R. Southwest, Districts 15, 17A, 17B and 18, The nominating committee submits the name of Ron Bell for the office for the year 2004. Are there any other nominations?"
 Ross Emery: "District 17A, I'd like to nominate Jim Abrams."
 JIM BRADFORD: "Any other nominations? Hearing none the nominations are closed. Districts 15, 17A, 17B and 18 will vote on the two nominees for P.R. Director. Would both of you like to address the delegates?"
 Ron Bell: "I hope I can win again."
 Jim Abrams: "I'll do the best I can for the P.R. area."
 JIM BRADFORD: "District 15, 17A, 17B and 18 poll your delegates."
 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH: "Absolutely no one is to enter or leave this room during any vote. Thank you."
 JIM BRADFORD: "For P.R. Southeast, Districts 14, 16 and 19, the nominating committee has no one to

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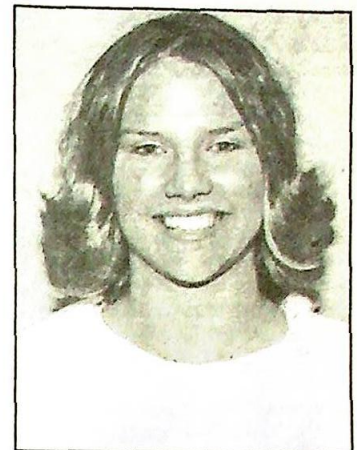
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Holly Farrer
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DISTRICT 6
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Ashley Bohannon
Rensselaer VFD
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Hartsville, IN 47244



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Katie Meyers
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Terre Haute, IN 47805



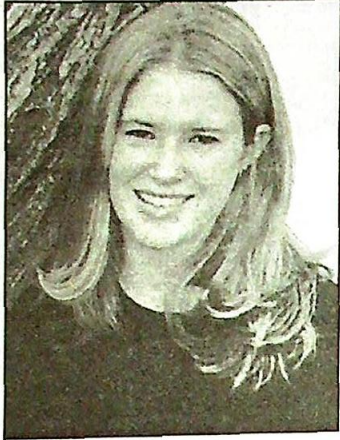
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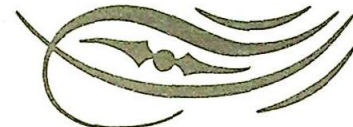
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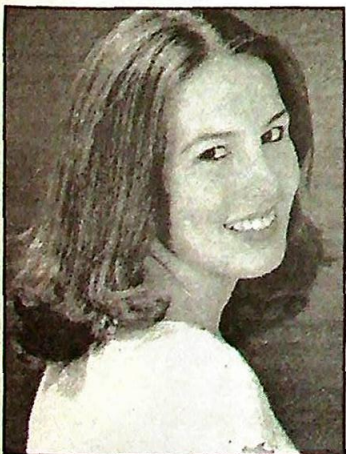
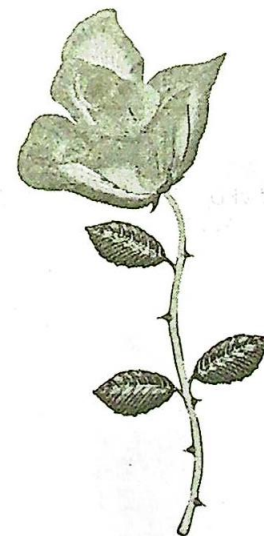
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Tiffany Evans
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Washington, IN 47501



DISTRICT 18
Jillian DeKemper
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Dubois, IN 47527



DISTRICT 19
Kim Narwold
Batesville VFD
Evansville, IN 47720

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submit. Are there any nominations from the floor?"
 Al Williamson: "District 14, I nominate Roy Richardson."
 JIM BRADFORD: "Are there any other nominations?" (Called three

times). "Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."
 Larry Bartlow: "As Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Roy Richardson for P.R. Southeast."
 JIM BRADFORD: "The results

for the office of vice-president are in and Jack Kerney is elected vice-president for the year 2004."
 "The Nominating Committee submits the name of Larry Bartlow for the office of Secretary for the year 2004.

Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "Nominations are closed. Mr. President."
 Buz Koehler: "As President, I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow for Secretary for the year 2004."

vention 2005."
 Diane Orrell: Introduced District 1 bid for Convention 2005. She introduced Deann Patina from the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville and Tammy Johnson from the Lake County Visitor's Bureau for their presentation.

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JIM BRADFORD: "For the office of treasurer the nominating committee submits the name of Jack Harker for the year 2004. Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary."

Larry Bartlow: "As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jack Harker for treasurer for the year 2004."

JIM BRADFORD: "For the office of Chaplain the Nominating Committee submits the name of Fred Page. Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Larry Bartlow: "As Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Fred Page, Chaplain for the year 2004."

JIM BRADFORD: "The Nominating Committee submits the name of Bill Bush for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms. Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Larry Bartlow: "As Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush, Sergeant-at-arms for the year 2004."

JIM BRADFORD: "For P.R. Northeast, District 4, 5, 6 and 7, the nominating committee submits the name of Mike Mackin for the year 2004. Are there any other nominations?" (Called three times). "Nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Larry Bartlow: "As Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Mike Mackin, P.R. Northeast for the year 2004."

JIM BRADFORD: "The result of the vote for P.R. Southwest is in and Jim Abrams is elected P.R. for the year 2004. That ends the election of officers for this year."

PRES. KOEHLER: "Credentials Committee. Do you have a delegate count for me?"

Larry Bartlow: "There are 177 voting delegates present today."

PRES. KOEHLER: "At this time we'll have the presentations for Con-

District 8A: Introduced Jennifer McMillian from the Kokomo Visitor's Bureau to speak on Kokomo for the site of Convention 2005.

David Israel: District 10 would like to host the 2005 Convention at the Holiday Inn in Columbus. He introduced Lori Blandford from the Holiday Inn to give her presentation.

PRES. KOEHLER: "The choices for Convention 2005 are Merrillville, Kokomo and Columbus. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush please bar the doors. This is a ballot vote. Chairmen, please poll your delegates."

The vote count was Merrillville 40, Kokomo 51 and Columbus 59. Not having a majority vote we will revote Kokomo and Columbus.

PRES. KOEHLER: "You can register for Convention 2004 upstairs. The change in days next year is for 2004 only. The 2005 committee will have the option for what dates they start and stop on."

"The results of the vote for 2005 are in. We're going to Columbus in 2005."

"Being no further business to come before this body, I will release all the committees. At this entertain a motion to adjourn."

Dave Elick: "I make a motion we adjourn."

Mike Mackin: "P.R. Northeast, I second that motion."

PRES. KOEHLER: "We have a motion and second to adjourn. After we've been released by the Chaplain. All in favor signify by saying 'aye.'"

Delegates: "Aye."
 PRES. KOEHLER: "Opposed same sign."

CHAPLAIN PAGE: "All stand for the Benediction."

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Convention Digest Committee
 Larry Bartlow, Secretary
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS I.V.F.A. CONVENTION 2004 Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville, Indiana

THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH:

- 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Registration + Chinese Auction (Churchill Room)
- 12:00 p.m. - ? - Golf Scramble (Wooded View Golf Course, Lapping Park) Sponsor WSF
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Miss Flame Mixer (Location T.B.A.)
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - BBQ + Beer Bust (Dist. 14 Hospitality Room A-011)
- 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Caesars Outing
- 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Entertainment / D.J.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH:

- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Registration + Chinese Auction (Churchill Room)
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Seminars
 - A: 8:00am - 9:30am Meth Labs - ISP (Byron Room);
 - B: 8:00am - 9:00am Back Yard Burning (Elliott Room);
 - C: 9:00am - 10:00am Grant Writing (Elliott Room)
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Miss Flame judging (Dickens [Judging], Tack + Wordsworth [Holding])
- 10:00 a.m. - Close - Men's officer's meeting (Ballroom)
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch @ location of your choosing
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Vendors displays (Shakespeare + Elliott + Pool Area)
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Miss Flame luncheon (Sponsor Wells Fargo), (Location T.B.A.)
- 1:30 p.m. - Close - Miss Flame judging
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - BFFPS&E (Tack)
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Southwest Fire) (Outside Pool Area)
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Opening meeting (Ballroom)
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. - Belle of Louisville Cruise w/Firehouse Rhythm Band & D.J.
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Entertainment - Ballroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH:

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. - Coffee Klatch (Morton Memorial Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Registration + Chinese Auction (Churchill Rm)
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Memorial Service (Morton Memorial Church)
- 10:00 a.m. - Close - Women's business meeting (Byron + Elliott)
- 10:00 a.m. - Close - Men's business meeting (Ballroom)
- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Vendors' displays (Shakespeare + Elliott + Pool Area)
- 12:00 p.m. - ? - Lunch @ location of your choosing
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Men's meeting (if needed) (Ballroom)
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Women's meeting (if needed) (Byron + Elliott)
- 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Kid's party (Pool Area)
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Banquet (Ball Roomn)
- 9:00 p.m. - ? - Dance, live band, and Firehouse Rythm Band (Ballroom)

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH:

- 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. - Games check-in
- 8:00 a.m. - ? - Games

Members complete Firefighter 1-2 course



DISTRICT 9A members who completed the Firefighter 1-2 course at Harrison Twp.-Alto are (front row) William Franklin, Jason Lemons (Evaluator), Shane Westerman. (Back row) Rob Roler (Lead Evaluator), Dee Mauntel (Lead Instructor), Josh Jenkins - Burlington FD, Richard Harlow, and Rod Jewell - Burlington FD. (photo submitted by Dee Mauntel)

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The Duneland Fire School was a great success this year with over 700 participants. The IVFA was represented by District 3 chairman Tim Sandy, who is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Fire School. Chaplain Fred Page and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell presented a class for Department Chaplains.

Convention will be here before we know it. Don't forget the convention will start on Thursday, June 10 and end Sunday, June 13.

It's been a busy quarter. I've already attended five district meetings, five pancake breakfasts, three chili dinners, one steak fry, one benefit dinner and two memorial services. All this as of April 4.

Don't forget to enter your department information on the web site. If you have any fundraisers or special training, the web site is the place to put the information.

Jim Bradford PRNW

New Goshen Fire & Rescue holds dedication and open house Nov. 9



Photo submitted by Rex Schoffstall, Fire Chief, New Goshen Fire & Rescue.

New Goshen Fire & Rescue held its dedication and open house on Sunday, November the 9th at the new station. The new Station 11 was officially opened to the fire service and to the public. The new 8400 square foot building consists of four drive-thru bays that will exit on either U.S. Highway 150 or Durkees Ferry Road. The building also houses a maintenance garage, fire equipment service area and several storage areas.

The opening dedication was given by Chief Rex Schoffstall, Pledge of Allegiance by IVFA Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush and a prayer by Nancy Jenkins. Chief Schoffstall then thanked several people who helped make this feat possible, including everyone who assisted in the design, construction, and moving into the new station. Chief Schoffstall also thanked State Representatives Dale Grubb who was in attendance at the dedication, John Gregg

and Mark Blade for their contributions thru the "Build Indiana Fund". Also a special thanks was made to Senator Birch Bayh for his participation in the project.

At this time the service was handed over to IVFA District 11B President Larry Ketchem and Mr. Bill Bush. Mr. Ketchem and Mr. Bush presented Chief Schoffstall with a new IVFA clock to be placed in the new station. The two men then presented 11 members of the fire department with 25-year pins for the dedication to the fire service. State Representative Dale Grubb then spoke to the audience of near 100 people. He stated that he was really proud of the department and of the New Goshen area for this great accomplishment.

Refreshments were then served and the tours of the facility were started. The open house continued for several hours with nearly 125 guests.

Thank you, Chief Rex Schoffstall New Goshen Fire & Rescue

IVFA State Cart Race Rules

GENERAL:

1) The playing field shall be 100 feet in length space permitting (see attachment).

2) A team shall consist of (6) people, men and women's teams competing separately.

3) There will be (4) runners and (2) riders.

4) All participants must wear protective head gear at all times during the race.

JUDGING:

1) There will be (3) judges present during each run. They will be positioned as follows; Judges (1) and (2) will be located at each end of the (80) foot central zone, judge (3) will be located at or near the beverage stand. The judge located at the lead/finish end of the (80) foot central zone will signal the start and finish of the run and will serve as the reporting time for that run. The remaining judges will serve as back up timers and note any penalties accrued during the run.

2) State Games Committee whenever possible, will preside as judges.

CONTEST:

1) All (6) participants will start from a pre-determined location away from the cart.

2) Upon the signal to start, all contestants proceed to the cart and the positions assigned to them by the team captain. Runners pull the cart and riders the length of the playing field to a beverage stand. The stand shall hold (6) cups of water containing no less than (8) ounces.

3) Each participant shall consume (1) cup of beverage and then place the empty cup in the beverage stand holder.

4) Participants return to their position on the cart after drinking and proceed back down the field.

5) The front rider must ring the bell and activate the siren and signal light the entire time the cart is in motion, when said equipment is provided.

NOTE: ALL PARTICIPANTS & MUST REMAIN ON/PULLING THE CART WITH-IN THE (80) CENTRAL ZONE.

6) Upon exiting the (80) foot central zone, the rear rider pulls (50) feet of 1 1/2" fire hose from the reel on the back of the cart and connects one end to a predetermined water supply (pressure of which shall be consistent throughout the contests and be no greater than 70 PSI).

7) The front rider removes a straight bore nozzle (gated or non-gated but to be the same for all contests) from the storage box on the cart and connects it to the other end of the 1 1/2" hose previously laid. The front rider calls for the line to be charged and attempts to knock a target ball off a (3) foot stand (25) feet from the tip of the nozzle (with the hose stretched to its full length).

8) The lead end judge signals the end of the run when the ball hits the ground after being knocked off the stand with water pressure.

PENALTIES:

1) A (5) second penalty will be added to the run time if the front rider fails to ring the bell or activate the siren and signal light in either direction (possible 10 second penalty).

2) A (5) second penalty will be added for each beverage cup not completely drunk.

3) A (5) second penalty will be added for each beverage cup not returned to the beverage stand. NOTE: IF THE BEVERAGE STAND IS KNOCKED OVER DURING THE RUN, A (30) SECOND PENALTY WILL BE ADDED. IF THE STAND IS NOT PICKED UP AND THE CUPS RETURNED TO THE STAND, AN ADDITIONAL (30) SECOND PENALTY WILL BE ADDED.

4) A (5) second penalty will be added for each dropped helmet.

5) A (5) second penalty will be added each time a rider is off the cart within the (80) foot central zone.

6) A (5) second penalty will be added each time a runner is not in contact with the cart within the (80) foot central zone.

A blanket injury waiver must be signed prior to competing in any IVFA CONVENTION GAMES EVENT (as stated in the IVFA SOG's FOR CONVENTION GAMES).

Adopted by the State Games Committee September 1989

IVFA FIRELINE ~ www.ivfa.org ~

Welcome to this Quarter's Edition of the IVFA FireLine. This column will provide you information on current happenings with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org.

Whew, that first year certainly flew by fast. It's still hard to believe that the "new" web site celebrated its first anniversary on March 1st. We want to thank everyone for those nice gifts you sent us. The Lexus SL400 is sweet!!! Ok... just kidding. But seriously, we have been receiving some very nice e-mails complimenting us on the web site. And we thank you for those. It's extremely gratifying to know that the site is being used, and the members appreciate the work we do.

As of April 1st we have approximately 275 of the 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in our State listed on the site. New department listings continue to come in and if your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted.

Now for the good stuff! We have completed one of the larger projects that we have been telling you about in the past couple issues of the newsletter. The State of Indiana Map defining the IVFA District boundaries is now "live". This also includes the unique pages for each District, accessible by "clicking on" the District numbers on the map. Each District page is set up in the same format. At the top is the District Chairmen and Public Relations Representative's information. Next is the Fire Department/Company Listing area (which only lists those departments who have submitted their information).

Next in line is a place to list the upcoming District Meeting information, and finally, a place to list any important news, happening, etc.

Some of the District Chairmen are taking full advantage of the meeting calendar area to get their meetings listed. Other Chairmen may need a little encouragement to do so. It's easy, and best of all, no one should be able to use the excuse "that they didn't know what time the meeting was, or where it was located." We try to provide map links as well to help out even further.

The second planned project involves the electronic e-mail version of the FireLine. The first issue has been sent, but only to the IVFA Officers, District Chairmen, and P.R. Reps. We have run into some issues being able to send e-mail to 262 email addresses at one time. With the various computer virus issues cropping up day after day, most Internet providers limit the amount of e-mail addresses that can be placed in one e-mail address field. There are mechanisms that will allow "bulk" e-mailing and we are checking into those. Hopefully we will have the issue resolved in the next few weeks so that every department can also receive these notifications.

In the meantime we have started on our next big project, which is the IVFA History section. Pages will include detailed history of the IVFA from its inception in 1948 to the present, listings of past IVFA Presidents, award & scholarship winners, and convention sites. We are currently gathering information for this section of the web site, and have solicited assistance from

President Koehler and his IVFA network to help get some of this information. Most of the information from 1948 - 1996 is coming directly from the IVFA Historical Book, but it's the information from 1996 to present which is needed.

When I met with the IVFA Officers and District Chairmen at the end of January I mentioned that we have a Memorial Section "in the telescope", meaning it's planned, but not for awhile yet. As with the History Section we are gathering information for this area of the web site as well. I have received a couple of e-mails inquiring about it, and trying to locate it on the web site. I think that some of the District Chairmen may have mentioned about the Memorial pages, and maybe it was interrupted that they were already complete. I just wanted to let everyone know that the Memorial Section is not completed yet, but it is planned, right after the History Section is done. If I had to pick a time-frame for the Memorial Section I would say probably early summer. I should be able to give you a better estimate in the next newsletter.

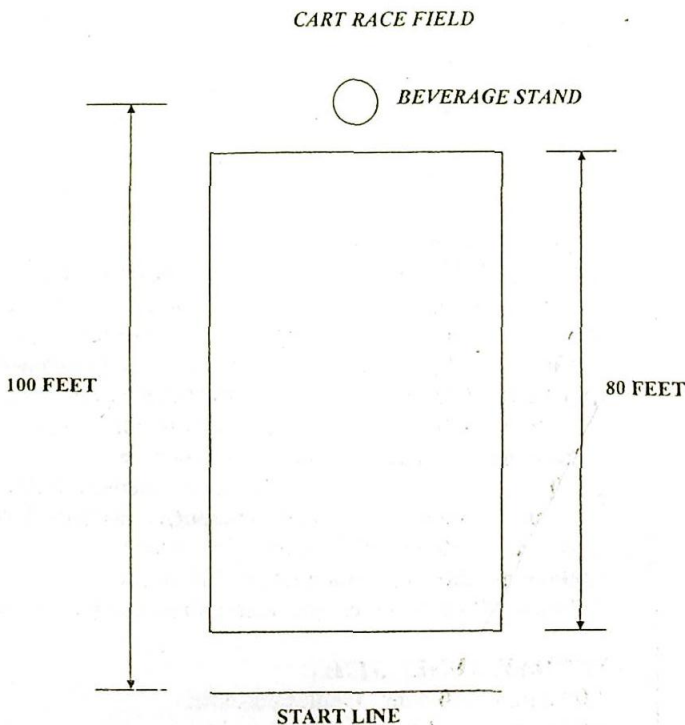
IVFA Convention 2004 coming in June! Please check out the Conference 2004 pages on the web site, and get those registrations in! It's going to be a great time for sure!!!

As a reminder that license plate forms are available via the web site as well.

In closing, this is your site and is intended to promote the IVFA and provide you the member with the information you need and want. Have an

idea, suggestion, other item, gripe, whatever... e-mail us at webmasters@ivfa.org and let us know what it is. Be safe.

See you "on-line"! Smoke Eater and Buckshot IVFA Web Master

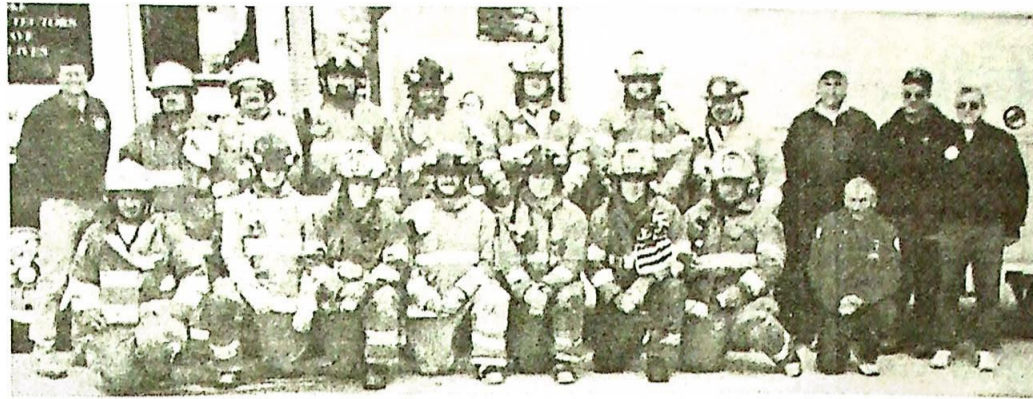


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Firefighters complete training course



Fourteen Firefighters from four different Ripley County fire departments recently completed their Firefighter I/II

training course. This course began on Wednesday, October 8, 2003 with a Firefighter Orientation course. The firefighters then continued to meet every Wednesday night and two Sundays a month to complete their training. Months later firefighters met on March 31, 2004 to complete the State of Indiana written Firefighter I/II test. They then met again on Sunday, April 4, 2004 to complete the state administered Practical Skills Examination. Firefighters completed over 160 hours of training during their course of study.

Firefighters completing the course were: Martin Bush, Alan Lewis, John Lewis from the Delaware Vol. Fire Department; Doug Laws, Mark Marsee, Mike Knowlton, Brian Franklin from the Milan Vol. Fire Department; Eric Sparks, Anthony Smith from the Osgood Vol. Fire Department; Adam Hunger, Steve Kennedy, Chuck Gunter, Tracy Moore, Brian Evans from the Versailles Vol. Fire Department. During their course of study the firefighters had the opportunity to receive multiple levels of State Certification. The certifications available were: 24 - Hour State Mandated Certification, Basic Firefighter, Haz - Mat Awareness, Haz - Mat Operations, NFPA Firefighter I, and NFPA Firefighter II.

The Course was sponsored by the Versailles Vol. Fire Department utilizing the Versailles Regional Training Facility in cooperation with the Ripley County Fire Chief's Assoc. Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association. Instructors for the course were: Lead Instructor Ben Sieverding, IFIA Versailles Vol. Fire Department; assist-

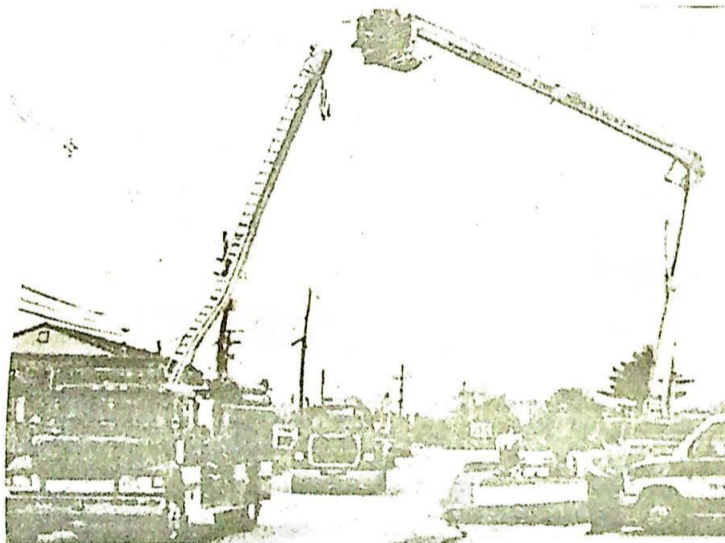
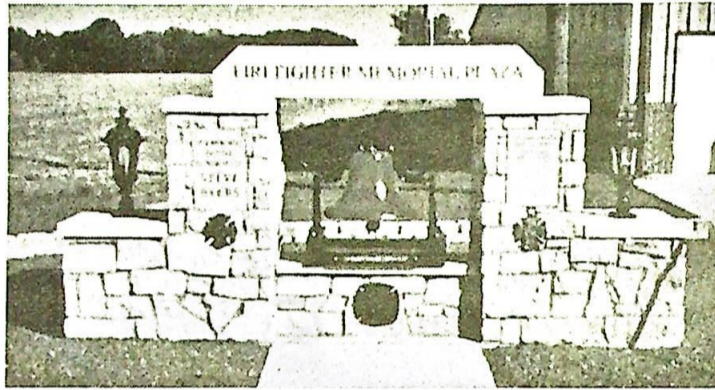
ing instructors Norman Kappes, Osgood Vol. Fire Dept.; Cliff Copeland, Greendale Fire Department; Mike Sieverding, City of Columbus FD; Roger Johnson, Akron Nozzles; and Scott Huffman, Milan Vol. Fire Department. The test proctors and evaluators assigned by the Public Safety Training Institute through the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office were: Lead Evaluator Ed Scheele, Morris Vol. Fire Dept.; Assisting Evaluators Randy Merkel, Ryan Moody, Morris Vol. Fire Dept. and Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky, Batesville Vol Fire Department.

The firefighters and instructors would like to thank the departments that provided equipment for the training course, they were: Osgood VFD, Delaware VFD, Versailles VFD, Milan

VFD, Rescue 69. They would also like to thank McDonald's of Versailles for providing food on several occasions during the course.

The Versailles Vol. Fire Department plans to host future classes through the Versailles Regional Training Facility. At this time on June 12, 2004 there will be an Elevator Rescue and Fire Service Operation course offered. The instructor will be Clyde T. Pfisterer, a Battalion Chief with the Indianapolis Fire Department. Future courses will be Residential Firefighting, Haz-Mat Awareness, Haz-Mat Operations, Firefighter I/II, and in the fall of 2004 an advanced Structural Firefighting Course. These courses will utilize the new additions to the Training Facility provided by the Rising Sun Regional Foundation, Inc. These new additions include movable partitions for two floors of the multiple - story training tower. This will allow for multiple scenarios to be possible during the training evolutions. There will also be additional burn areas added to the tower. Currently there is only one burn room on the first floor of the facility, with these additions burn areas will be added to the second and third floors.

Fire Departments or Firefighters that have an interest in using the Training Facility or attending any of the upcoming courses please contact the Versailles Vol. Fire Department at 689-5222.



Harrison Twp. Fire Co., Inc. holds Community Appreciation Day

Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., Columbus, Indiana, held a Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Opening remarks were given by Kathy Dayhoff-Dyer. A dedication of Engine 251 was held with the 2003 engine now officially in service.

Fire chief is Wally Dietz. David Dwyer and Phil Pugsley are assistant chiefs. Captains are Mark McNulty, Gary Totten and Larry Thomas. Pat Smith serves as secretary.

Other members are Robert Baldwin, Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Michael Dwyer, Doug Kamman, Carl Kestler, Ronnie McIntyre, Doug Memminger, Al Betz, Matthew Dwyer, Ron Hendershot, Jim Klamo, John Kestler, Maureen McNulty and Jim Olmstead.

The Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. would like to thank all the contributors for their support for the 2003 Community Appreciation Day. (submitted by M. Maureen McNulty)

Carter Fire District dedication held for firefighter

Carter Fire District unveiled and dedicated a Firefighters Memorial in front of the Fire/EMS station October 9, 2003.

The memorial was dedicated in honor and memory of firefighter Captain Steve Byers, who lost his battle with cancer.

Steve was a volunteer fireman for 15 years.

The monument was constructed by Albert Gogel (mason) and fellow fireman from the community.

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Deceased firefighters from across the county were recognized in a special tribute.

(Submitted by Tom Terwiski, Dale, IN)

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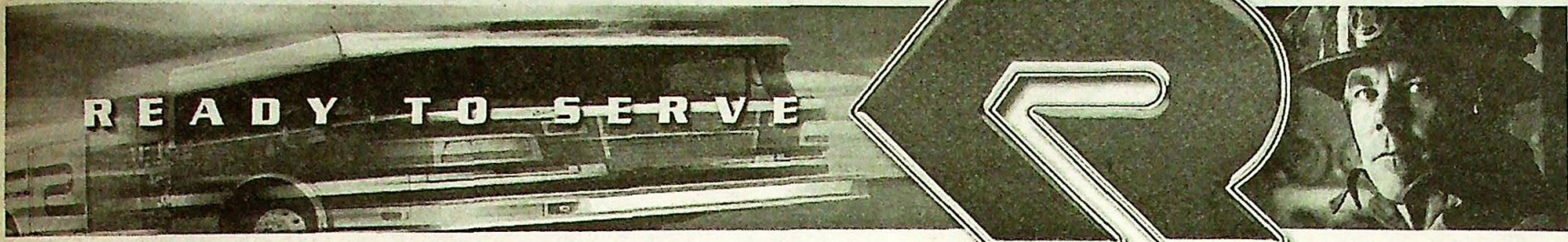
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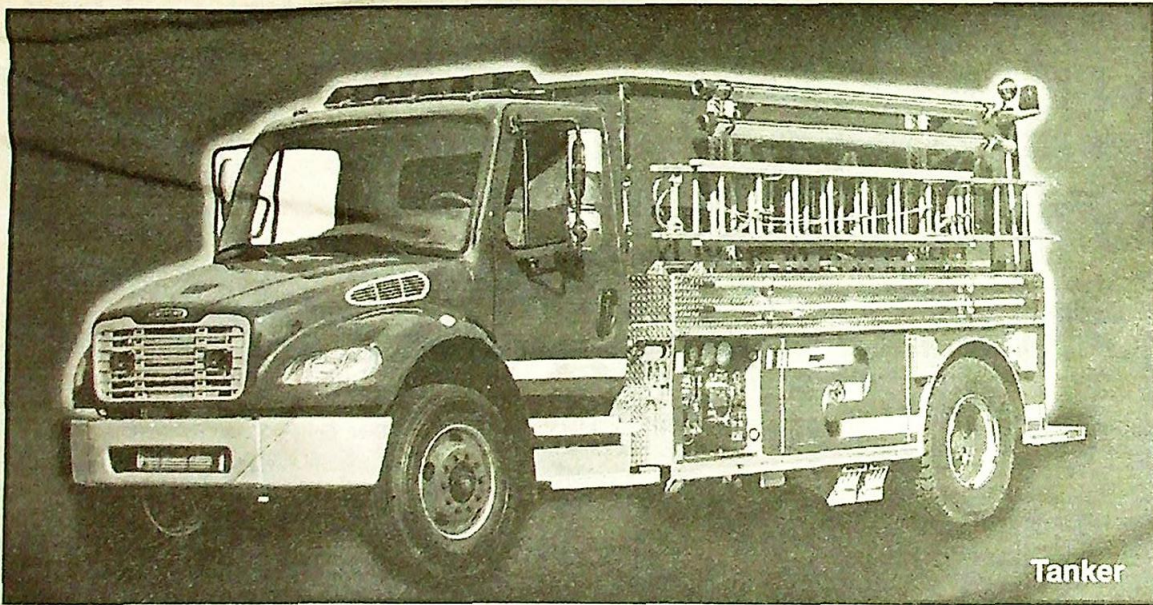
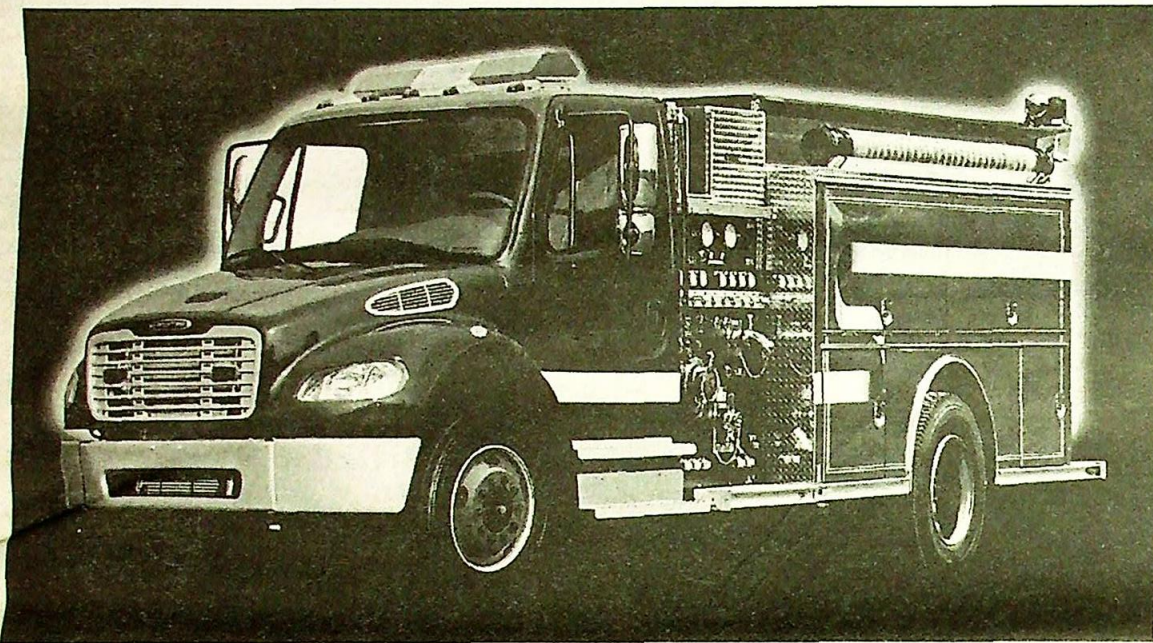
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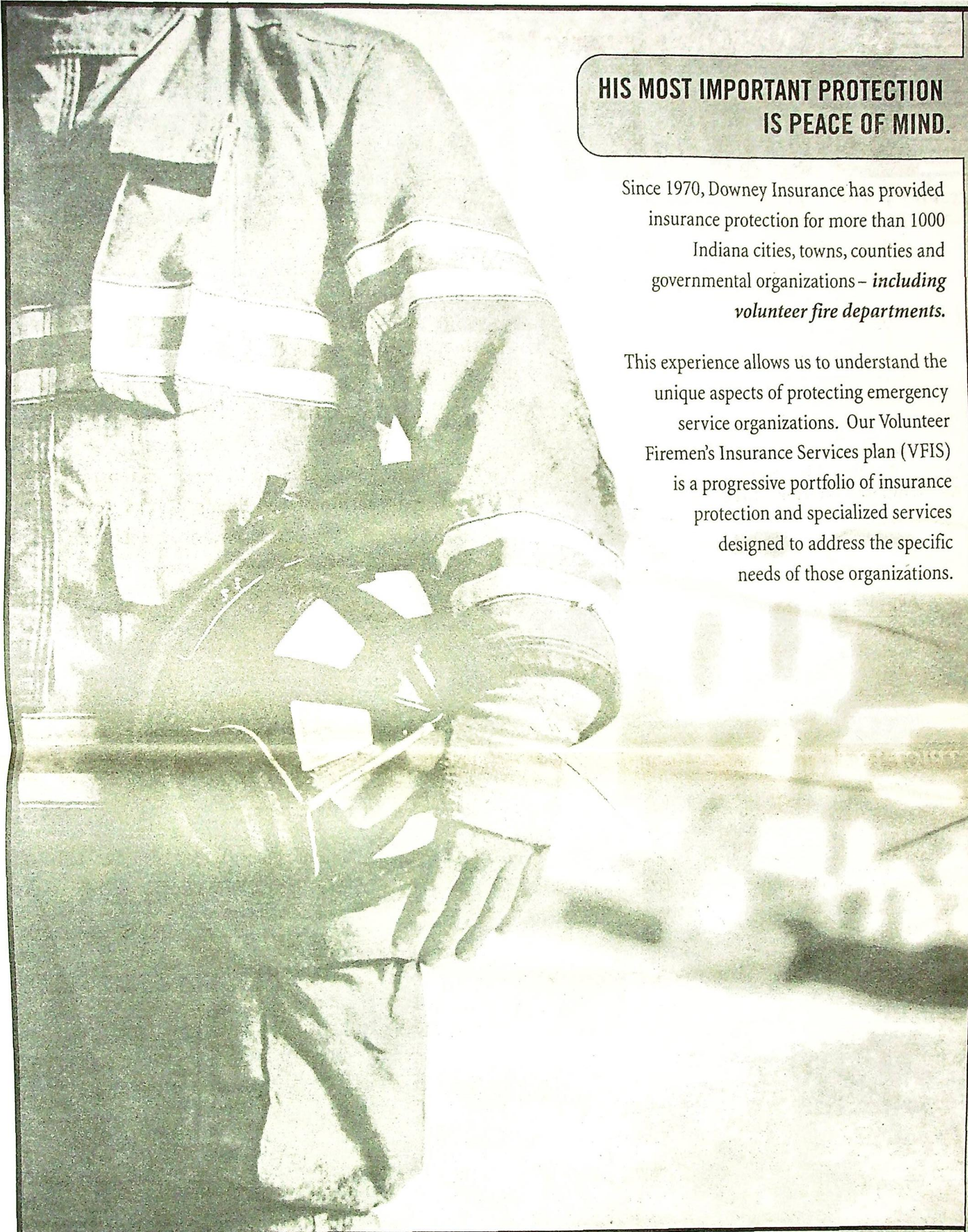
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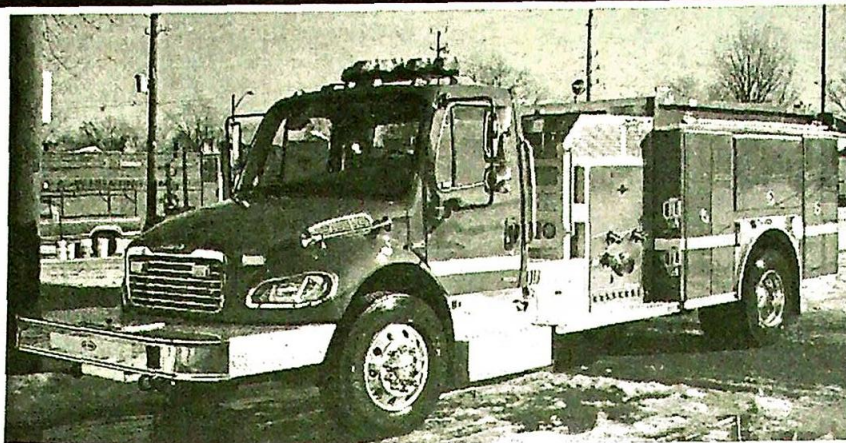


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DISTRICT 18

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tion packets will be distributed in May. Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department asked for the 2005 Fire Prevention Parade. A vote was taken and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Firefighter Certification Surveys and issues were discussed at length. A letter from Senator Richard D. Young received by Luce Township was read by Secretary Kenny Lau addressing the problems of training. Senate Concurrent Resolution 24 in the legislature is to study the problems of firefighter training in Indiana.

A member of the Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department was given two awards in a special presentation. Robert L. "Bob" Adams was presented the IVFA's Gold Lifetime Membership Card for his 50 years by Chairman Chuck Parker. On behalf of the Indiana State Fire Marshal Office, District 18 Secretary Kenny Lau presented Bob with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his years of Service and dedication to the Chrisney Fire Department and Spencer County.

82 members answered roll call
 19 departments represented
 269 calls answered

DISTRICT 19



Ed Scheele
 District 19
 Chairman

I hope everyone had a joyous Easter season. The summer months will soon be here. We all need to be extra careful so firefighters and EMT's don't

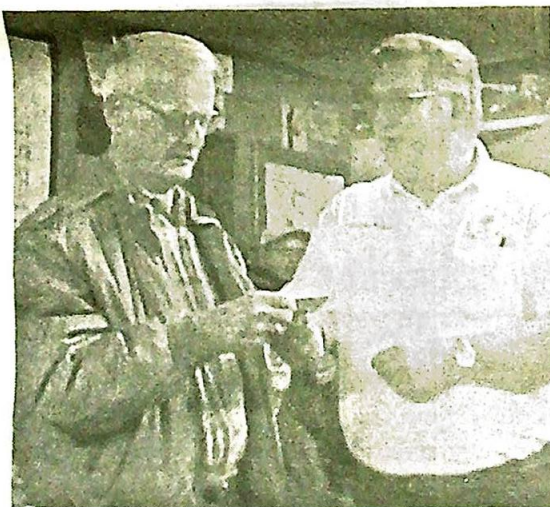
get overheated.

The state convention is also approaching very quickly. Anyone planning on attending should get their reservation in soon. Kim Narwold of Batesville Fire and Rescue will be representing District 19 in the Miss Flame contest.

Attendance at the district meeting has been very good. It is good to see many firefighters and EMT's at the meetings. All the meetings for District 19 for the year are on the IVFA web page. There is a lot of information on the web page. A representative of Baron Hill's office will be at the meeting in May.

Hope to see everyone at the state convention.

Sincerely,
 Ed Scheele
 District 19 chairman



IVFA recognizes long time Pennville Volunteer Firefighter

RETIRED FIREFIGHTER James Crosbie receives a 50 year award from the IVFA given by Larry Petro District 8-B Chairman. Jim began as a firefighter in 1947 and had many interesting stories to tell of his days on the department. Jim was very appreciative of his 50-year card.

(submitted by Ralph Frazee, Chief)

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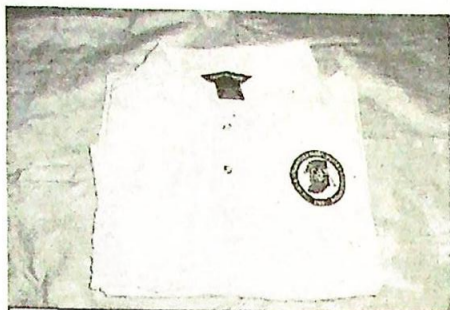
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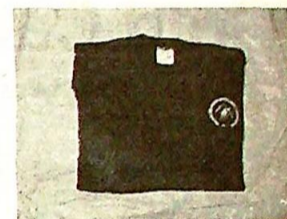
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Congratulations, Chief Taylor

SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE - Congratulations to South Bend Fire Chief Luther Taylor on his appointment by Gov. Joe Kernan to head the State Emergency Management Agency.

Taylor's leadership and administrative abilities have contributed enormously to the growth and professionalism of the South Bend Fire Department. He has served as chief for 18 years of his nearly 32-year firefighting career. Under his direction, the South Bend department has developed several specialty areas, including the Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Confined Space Rescue Team.

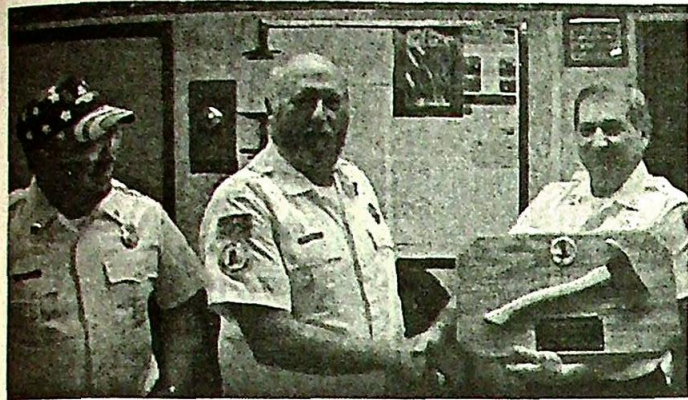
South Bend has a top-notch, well-housed, -equipped and -trained department of 248 firefighters, much to Taylor's credit.

Wearing his new heat, the fire chief will see to the safety of all Hoosiers, not just those in South Bend. His duties will involve working closely with numerous agencies of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He will oversee several state departments, including the State Fire Marshal's office, the Public Safety Training Institute, Emergency Medical Services and the State Building Commissioner.

Taylor will continue to regard South Bend as his home. He is assuming his new duties under a sabbatical agreement with Mayor Stephen Luecke and could someday return to the helm of the city fire department. For now, especially in these troubling times, it is good to know that a man of Taylor's abilities will oversee emergency preparedness in Indiana.

(Article submitted by Tom Frederick, Mishawaka, Indiana)

Pennville VFD changes chiefs



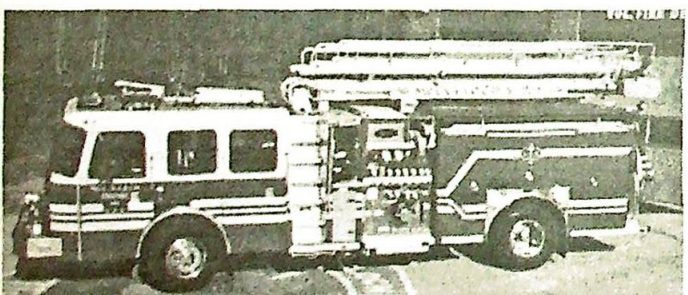
JOHN CORWIN (center) receiving a plaque recognizing his dedication to the department for serving as fire chief from Jan. 1, 1980 to Jan. 21, 2004. New fire chief Ralph Frazee is holding the plaque and Captain Rich Imel is standing to John's left. John wants to start getting his fire gear dirty again as he rejoins the ranks as firefighter for the department. (submitted by Ralph Frazee, Chief)

Morgan presented Gold Card



DISTRICT 14 chairman Al Williamson, on right, presented Carl Morgan of Madison's Fair Play Fire Co. #1 with a Gold Card at their monthly meeting in March. (Photo submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)

McCulloch FD receives new Teleboom



McCulloch Fire Department recently received and put into service a new 2003 E-One 50' Teleboom. This unit replaced a 20-year-old pumper that was included as a trade-in in the deal for the new truck.

The truck has a 6 man cab, 1,250gpm Hale pump, 750 gal. tank, and 50' ladder and pre-piped master stream.

The truck was purchased by the Jeffersonville township Trustee from WSF (emergency vehicle sales division).

This unit will run as "first due" on all types of alarms. It carries a full complement of engine company tools and equipment as well as rescue and medical gear.

(Article by Steve Skola, Chief - McCulloch Volunteer Firefighters Association)

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2004 Convention committee



THE 2004 CONVENTION COMMITTEE - from left to right: back row - Stan Kaskie, Linda Johnson, Bill Caldwell, Terry Conway, Al Williamson, Les Williamson, Bob McKenzie, Steve Skola. Front row - Deanna Kaskie, Laura Williamson, Donna Brumleve, David Beaufait, Sharon Angel, Debbie McKenzie, 14th District Miss Flame, Cindy McKenzie, and Roy Richardson. Not shown - Ed Flynn, John Sellmer, Jamie Hudgins.

(Photo submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)

50-year member receives highest awards



PICTURED ARE Bob Adams (left) and Kenny Lau (right). (Photo submitted by Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary)

owner. Bob also served an enlistment in the United States Navy. Bob has served his town, county, state, and country faithfully.

In observance of his 50-year anniversary in the fire service, Bob was presented with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Governor Meritorious Service Award. The presentation was held at the District 18 meeting on March 18, 2004 at the Leopold Conservation Club in Leopold (Perry County). The meeting was hosted by the Central Perry Volunteer Fire Department. The presentation was made by Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary, on behalf of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Before receiving the Governor's Award, District 18 chairman Chuck Parker presented Bob Adams with the IVFA 50-Year Gold Lifetime Membership Card for his faithful and continued membership.

CONGRATULATIONS BOB!!!!

Refueling safety guidelines

With summer fast approaching, and more travelers will be on the road, following are some safety tips when refueling your vehicle on those long trips

- Turn off your vehicle engine while refueling. Put your vehicle in park and/or set the emergency brake.
- Do not smoke, light matches or lighters while refueling.
- Use only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle - never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle open.
- Do not over fill or top-off your vehicle tank, which can cause gasoline spillage.
- In the unlikely event a static-caused fire occurs when refueling, leave the nozzle in the fill pipe and back away from the vehicle. Notify the station attendant immediately so that all dispensing devices and pumps can be shut off with emergency controls. If the facility is unattended, use the emergency shutdown button to shut off the pump and use the emergency intercom to summon help.



DISTRICT 18 chairman Chuck Parker, (left), Bob Adams (center), and Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary (right). (Photo submitted by Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary)

Robert L. "Bob" Adams is a true gentleman in every sense of the word. In the past 50 years or more, Bob has been very active, not only in the Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department, but also in the community and community affairs.

Besides joining the fire service in 1954, Bob also joined the Chrisney Lions Club as a charter member in 1954. He served as District Governor for the Lions and also served on State Commission for the Eye Bank. Bob is also currently serving his third term on the Chrisney Town Council Board.

In 1978, Bob became a state certified fire instructor, not only teaching in his own department, but wherever his services were requested. Bob also served as the department's secretary and treasurer.

As a town official, he was appointed as a representative to the Full Board of the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in 1996 and faithfully serves today. He was elected to their Executive Board in 1997 as Vice

Chairman and Chairman in 1998 and was re-elected as Vice Chairman for 2004.

Bob and his wife, Kay, raised three children, have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They have a son-in-law and two grandsons involved in the fire service and a daughter in the Emergency Medical Services.

Over the years, Bob was a school teacher and a refrigeration design engineer, an insurance agent and business



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Diane Harrison

I was able to attend the sausage supper at Vincennes Twp. District 12 meeting at Hazelwood, District 11-A meetings at Wright Twp. and Prairieon, 11-B meeting at Cayuga, and District 21 at Williamsport. I apologize for not being able to attend the meeting of 11-B at Greencastle and District 12 at Decatur Twp.

I was able to attend Miss Flame dances and contest of District 11-A,

District 11-B, District 17-A and District 12. I wish all the Miss Flame contestants the best of luck at state. We are very proud of these young ladies. (And from experience make these ladies a part of your fundraisers and other activities that you might have and make them feel welcomed.)

We were able to attend fundraisers at Jasonville, Clay County Search and Rescue, Hymera and Prairieon. I will have to say there was some mighty good food. Please let me know if your department has any upcoming fundraisers or functions and we will do our best to attend.

By the time you read this, you should have sent in your surveys for the FF I FF II training proposal that has been stirring a lot of "interest". You need to voice your opinions. If you don't TAKE ACTION then you cannot make your opinions known!!

There was a study committee appointed to look at doing away with the township trustees. If your trustee is appreciated as much as mine is, you will want to stay on top of this issue.

Hope to see you at convention!

*Stay safe,
Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations*

St. Joseph Twp. fire chief graduates from N.F.A.E.F.O.P.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) National Fire Academy announced recently that Fire Chief James Berger, from the St. Joseph Township Fire Department in Allen County successfully completed the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP).

"The intensive EFOP is designed to provide senior fire officers with a broad perspective on various facets of fire administration," according to U.S. Fire Administrator R. David Paulison. "This program provides fire service officers with expertise they need to succeed in today's challenging environment."

Each of the four courses required a written Applied Research Project (ARP) to demonstrate application of course theory and concept to real life situations within the student's own organization. Each of these projects was evaluated through a formal process, and progression through the program was contingent on achieving each of these milestones.

Paulison also stated, "It is important that these fire executives apply what they have learned in the classroom to existing situations in their own communities. This makes completion of the EFOP and the Applied Research Projects particularly valuable to these fire service leaders."

Six months after completion of each of these courses, the EFOP participants were required to complete an ARP in their own organization. The required executive-level courses are:

Executive Development, the entry-level course, emphasizes team development and consensus decision making to enhance organizational effectiveness.

The next course in the sequence, Strategic Management of Change, provides a change management model to assist senior fire executives who must adapt to rapid technological and functional changes related to the delivery of fire and emergency services.

The third year's class was Strategic Analysis of Community Risk Reduction which looked at the entire community to develop ways to reduce injuries and fire in the entire community.

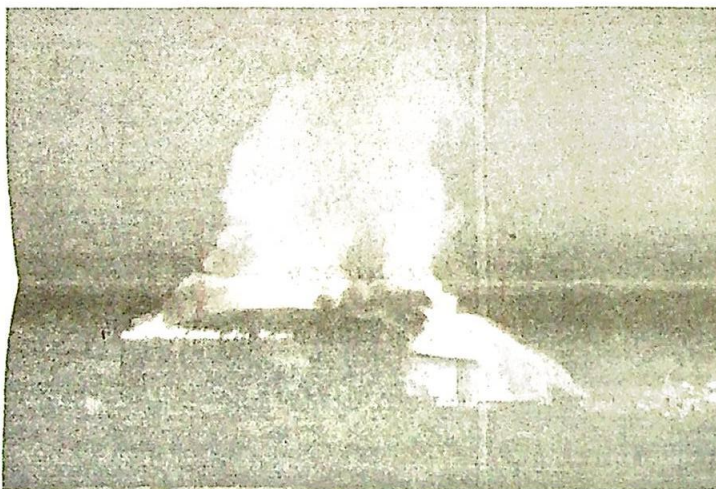
The final course, Executive Leadership, examines all aspects of executive-level leadership and ties together the educational experience of the three previous years.

Richard Uhrick, Trustee of St. Joseph Township states, "I was happy to allow Chief Berger the opportunity to participate in this very worthwhile program and I believe this will be beneficial to our Fire Department."



DR. DENIS ONIEL, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy presents the Executive Fire Officer Program diploma to St. Joseph Township Fire Chief, James Berger.

One million dollar fire at 84 Lumber Co.



On Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 04:14 hours, Centerville Fire/Rescue responded to a report of a fire at the 84 Lumber Company at 7138 U.S. 40 W., Centerville, IN.

The fire department arrived to find the main building heavily involved in fire.

Many CF/R firefighters could see to flames as they responded to the station. While responding to the scene, CF/R requested assistance from several surrounding fire departments. Abington Twp., Cambridge City, Greens Fork, Milton, Webster, and Williamsburg fire departments responded with tankers and firefighters.

Approximately 330,000 gallons of water was trucked to the scene. Cambridge City also responded with their ladder truck. Approximately 40 firefighters were on the scene until the late afternoon to extinguish the fire as the metal of the building was removed by Brett Downing of Downing and Son excavating of Centerville.

The State Fire Marshal's office was contacted to assist CF/R investigators with determining the cause of the fire. CF/R investigators along with personnel from the Marshal's Office and A.T.F. searched the debris Tuesday and Wednesday but were unable to determine the cause do to the intense fire.

The employees and management staff of 84 Lumber Company were very helpful during and after the fire.

Centerville Fire/Rescue was assisted by many agencies during this incident. CF/R would like to thank all of the fire departments that responded and those that offered their assistance.

CF/R would also like to thank the following agencies: Centerville Police, Centerville Utilities, Wayne County Sheriff Dept., Wayne County Highway, Wayne County Emergency Dispatch Center, Wayne County EMA, Indiana State Highway Dept., and Centerville Church of the Nazarene for the use of their building.

We would like to thank 84 Lumber Company for the donation to Centerville Fire/Rescue of \$10,000.00, and \$5,000.00 to each of the other fire departments and the church.

(Submitted by Dennis Spears, Fire Chief CF/R, District 13B)

District 12, 2004 Miss Flame crowned

Jaclyn Joseph was crowned district 12 Miss Flame, February 15, 2004 at Hazelwood VFD.

She is the daughter of Jon and Nancy Joseph of Lizton, Union Twp. VFD.

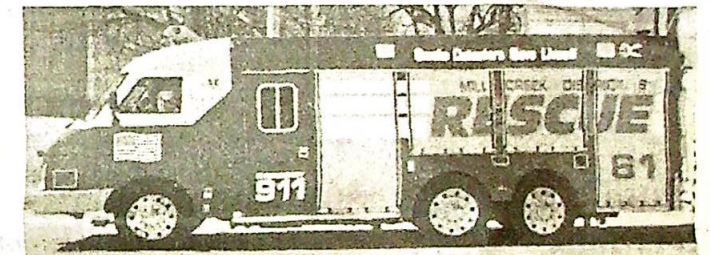
She will be representing the District 12 in the Miss Flame contest at this year's State Convention.

Pictured are: left, Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman, center Jaclyn Joseph, District 12 Miss Flame, and at right, Sharon Bray, District 12 IVFAA chairperson.



(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Coatesville FD receives tactical rescue unit



MILL CREEK Vol. Fire Department, District 6, Coatesville, purchased this unit from Wayne Twp. With many manhours and much hard work, the membership re-worked this unit to the department's needs.

This unit responds on all accidents, when manpower is needed, and most fire runs. It seats seven, six with SCBA, has its own 20KW generator with extended lighting for night operations.

This unit is set up with holmatro extricating equipment with retractable lines for electrical, compressed air or hydraulic. It has air bag system and a wench to work vehicle accidents. It has bottled compressed air system to refill SCBA and room for a mini command center to assist in any incident they respond to.

(Submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Decatur Township receives new aerial



ON AUGUST 1, Decatur Twp. FD took delivery of a 2003 Pierce, 100 ft. aerial.

Aerial 771 at Station 71 carries 300 gallons of water and has a 2000 GPM pump. This is an outstanding piece of equipment with many extras.

Members of Decatur takes pride in knowing this unit was provided by the community they protect and serve.

(Submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Griffith receives 25 year pin

JOE GRIFFITH (left) is a 33 year veteran of Decatur Township F.D.

He received his 25 year pin from IVFA president, Buz Koehler, March 15 at Station One in Decatur Twp.

(Submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)



Public Relations Southeast



Roy Richardson

Well, the weather is getting warm now and summer is just round the corner, also the I.V.F.A. convention will be here before you know it. So I hope that you have got your hotel registration in. We in the 14 District I.V.F.A. have planned a good convention for you. Al Williamson, District 14 chairman is doing a good job and the committee.

I also went to the 19 District meeting at Center Grove. The fireman at Center Grove put on a good meal, chicken, potatoes and slaw and drink. There were about 60 people there. Joachim Fischnesses of Cinergy put on a good gas safety program.

I would like to thank all the firemen and ladies for their support over the years that I have been in I.V.F.A. I will still support the I.V.F.A. 100% and be a member. This will be my last year as officer of the I.V.F.A. My health is not too good. So I'll see you at the 2004 convention in Clarksville.

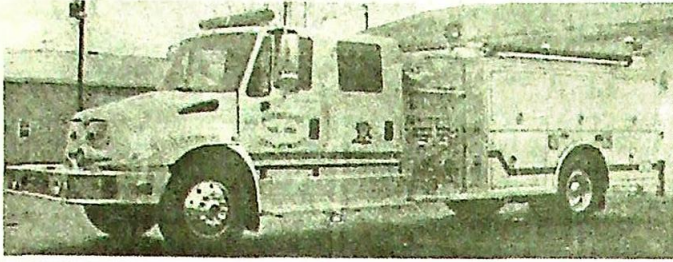
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Farmland takes delivery of pumper



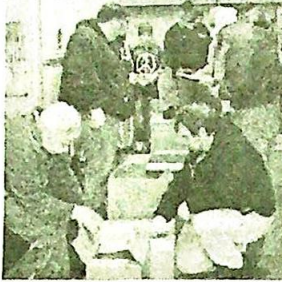
FARMLAND has recently taken delivery on a 2004 KME pumper. Farmland's engine 32 is a DT-530 International 4400 Diesel engine with an Allison Automatic Transmission. It has a 1250 gpm pump and carries 1000 gallons of water. Engine 32 carries five firefighters and rotates with Farmland's Engine 31 which is also a KME pumper. (Photo submitted by Bill Sunday)

Inventory taken for new truck

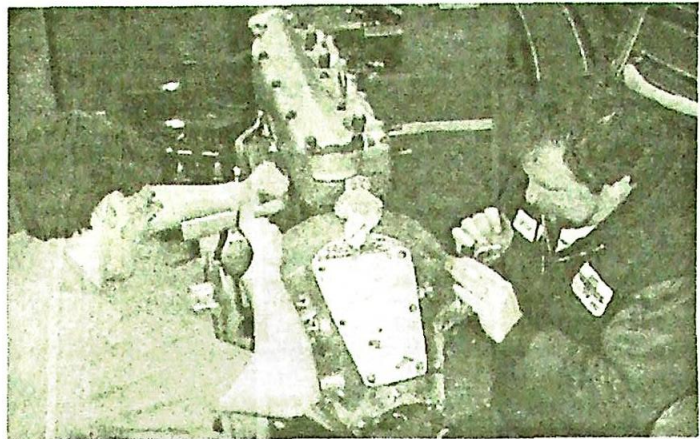
ALONG WITH the new truck comes new equipment, just like Christmas all over again!

Farmland firemen check and inventory all equipment before loading the new truck.

(Photo submitted by Bill Sunday)



Farmland's Model T gets new parts



FARMLAND'S 1922 Model T has been a lot of miles without a good tune-up. Mike Osgood and Joe Bertram of the Farmland Fire Department take the Model T engine apart, repair, rebuild and replace with new parts to make the motor purr like a kitten and, by the way, the motor is back in and running perfectly. See you at the parades this summer.

(Photo submitted by Bill Sunday)

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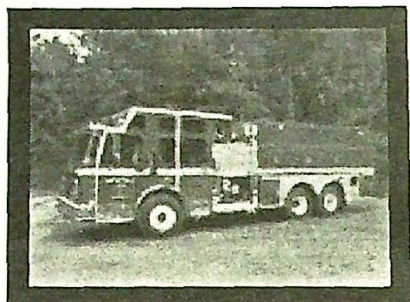
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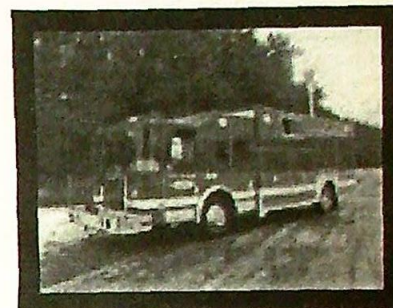
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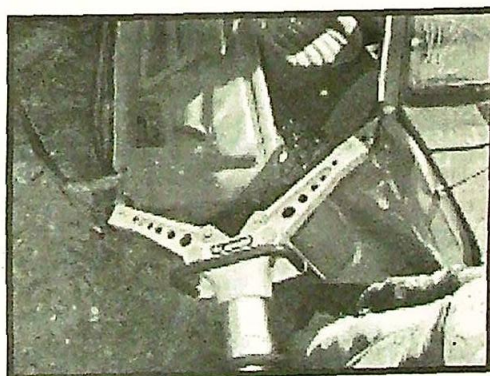
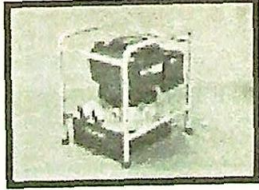
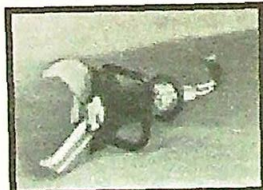
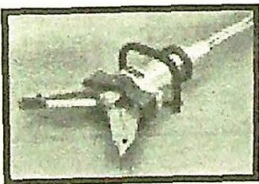
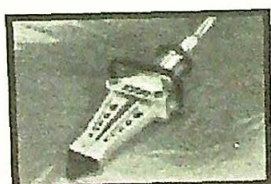


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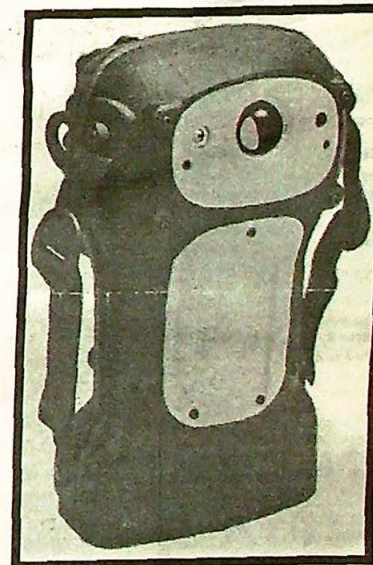
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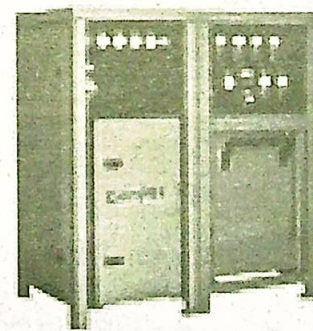
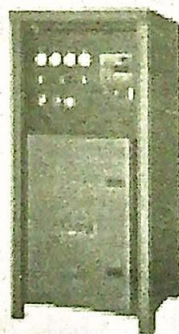
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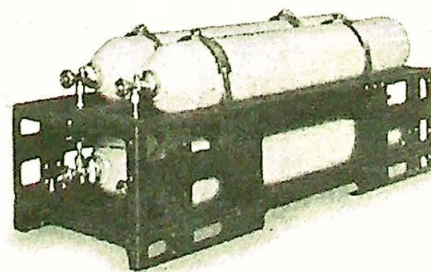
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1. Equipment for hose replacement is 4-50' lengths of 2 1/2" hose, play pipe 2 1/2- to 1" tip, locking hydrant wrench. Target 12" by 12" by 36" high, fold down type
2. Team shall consist of four men, one coach allowed.
3. The hydrant man for each team will have the opportunity to open and close the hydrant before competition begins.
4. All four sections of hose to be used shall be thoroughly soaked before the contest begins.
5. At the start of each contest one judge shall be stationed at the beginning line to signal the start of time and the other judge shall be at the target end of the court to whistle the official end of the contest.
6. Three 50' lengths of hose shall be laid out on court, play pipe on one end, hooked to hydrant on other end.
7. One 50' roll of 2 1/2" hose shall be rolled in donut to teams liking and placed in between first and second coupling.
8. Target to be 20' from end of play pipe or 170' from hydrant.
9. All lengths of hose will be held hip high to drain.
10. Team will set up own court for their run.
11. After court is set up, two judges will check couplings, couplings should be 1/2 turn less than hand tight.
12. Object of game, water must knock down target, center section replaced with donut, target knocked down second time.
13. Time will start at whistle, when target is down second time, team will leave court and not talk to judges checking coupling until time has been announced. Doing so will disqualify team.
14. Penalty shall be 3 seconds for any part of turn after one full turn.
15. If nozzle man lets nozzle loose and it whips, the team is disqualified.
16. Protest must be filed before the completion of the run following the run in question.
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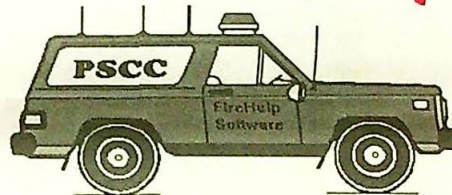
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