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From the President



Jack Kerney

Our new State Fire Marshal, Roger Johnson, held a Firefighter Summit on February 16 & 17. The purpose of the summit was to bring together fire service leaders from across the State of Indiana, and determine a broad range of issues and develop priorities on those issues. Vice President Larry Ketchem, and myself represented the IVFA. I was asked to make a presentation on behalf of the IVFA. There were 162 members of the fire service that participated in the summit. Below are the issues that were determined at the summit.

Firefighter Training Requirements Technical Advisory Group

·Keep Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education intact

·*Funding and Delivery*

·Develop a funding source for the delivery of basic and advanced firefighter and fire officer training

·Examine the delivery of firefighter and fire officer training to determine validity and quality issues.

·*Bringing mandatory/entry level and basic in compliance with OSHA and NFPA*

·Develop a system of practical learning tools to allow local firefighters to train to the standards

·*Easier for volunteer to complete*

Training Academy Technical Advisory Group

·*Central training location with regional training*

·Cooperative agreements with existing facilities

·Stand Alone

·*Training issues*

Hazardous Materials/WMD/ Terrorism Technical Advisory Group

·*Define the mission and protocol of the regional response/WMD teams?*

·How are the teams activated?

·Develop a system.

·What is the scope of responses?

·What are the responsibilities of the team when they do respond?

·What are the funding sources for reimbursement of personnel costs and replacement of supplies/equipment.

·Development of an all-hazards plan to include competencies, functions of the players.

·Statewide WMD training for all public safety personnel/NIMS.

Communications Technical Advisory Group

·*Web Base Reporting*

·NFIRS reporting should be easier (dependant of Homeland Security Federal Data Collection requirements)

·System should be able to provide reliable and current statics as well as "just in time" reporting according to NIMS requirements

·Utilizing "Push/Pull Programs" for emergency bulletins such as Amber Alerts or other emergency information to the fire service.

·Change content outline of Fire Marshal E-mail to alert persons of active information on Web Site

·*Marshal Web Page needs current* events displayed, email system should only reflect that a notice is on the Web Site.

·Develop a regular electronic newsletter.

Emergency Medical Services Technical Advisory Group

·Communication/Data Collection

·Easier

·Reliable and useful data

·Recertify and Training Online

·Develop a system utilizing existing programs

·Standardization of Training

·Consistency

·Examine proctor system for reliability

·Legislation and Funding is very vague

·State Mass Casualty Response needs to be continued

·Development of a system for mass casualty response

·Statewide triage tag system

·*Spirit of cooperation between services*

Code Issues Technical Advisory Group

·*Relationships and partnering*

·Enhance relationship between SFM staff and local fire inspectors

·Provide training to develop better inspection compliance

·Certifications and qualifications/ education

·Utilize existing certifications and qualification systems

·Encourage their use

·Demonstrate value

·Code adoption process

·Become involved in the State adoption of fire and building codes

·Street people need to recommend code changes

·Development of proactive public education program

·Development of Standards

·Utilize existing systems

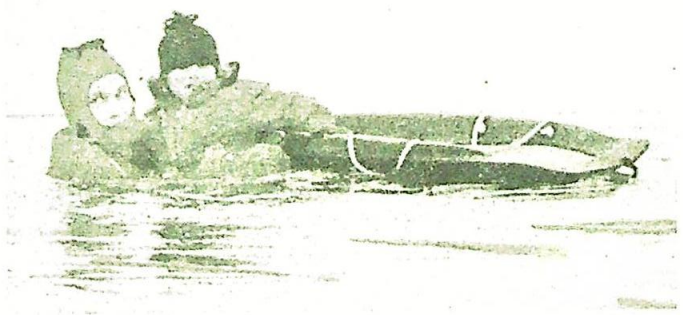
·Expand and enhance existing standards for personnel and structures

The next stage of the process will be to create Technical Advisory Groups that will determine strategy, goals and an action plan on the identified priorities.

The IVFA decided to take these issues to the Volunteer Fire Service for your response on these issues. We will be holding Firefighter Summits in your Public Relation Districts in the coming weeks. Notification will be sent to each Fire Department. Marshal Johnson was very much in favor of such a summit and gave the IVFA his total support for this project. Marshal Johnson assign Chief John Buckman from the Marshal's Office to help facilitate the meetings and he will stated he will attend as many summits as possible.

The IVFA has come under attack by the Task Force on Training for not supporting the Minimum Training Requirement of Firefighter I – II. The IVFA is not against training. The issue is how we get it and how are we going to pay for it. It is lot easier to hire a person as a firefighter, start his pay and send him to school. It's a lot harder to recruit a volunteer, and convince him that for approximately the next 6 months to a year he will be in training before he can put the wet stuff on the red stuff. We understand the reason for training. We understand that higher national standards have created a higher expectation of a department's ability to respond to all types of emergencies. We understand that there are more hazardous materials that pose a danger to our firefighters. We understand the fire service is killing to many firefighters. The science and practice of firefighting are changing on a much rapid basis today than 30 years ago. Our services have expanded such as EMS and HazMat Teams. The days of joining a volunteer fire department and immediately start making runs are gone. The training requirements have started to hamper retention and recruiting in several ways. Many volunteers are "free spirits," especially in rural areas. They resent any government telling them they have to do anything. Training also impacts the time commitment required. The time when a volunteer can start to go on runs and do the other exciting things is delayed, and their initial enthusiasm may be lost. Some individuals are not good at taking written test, and may quit rather than take one, and risk failing, then have to leave. I feel that there are some ways to reduce the training burden. One is to break the training into modules that better fit volunteer time requirements. Like the old 1st class 2nd class. When the volunteer finished all of the modules they could apply for their certification. The larger the block of time required for training, the more of a barrier it is. The work schedules of volunteers more than likely will not fit the times allotted for department training. The volunteer may work swing shifts, split shifts, rotating shifts, or a combination of all of the above. The mandatory training has been traumatic for old timers who have no certification and have made runs for years, and are now no longer allowed to make certain runs are make entry on burning structures. We need to some how give credit to old certifications received. Another approach is to let volunteers obtain, in the shortest period of time, the minimum amount of training needed to start going to fire scenes and provide some minimal assistance. They start to participate more quickly, get caught up in the excitement of the job, and are more willing to continue there training. We have part of this in place today, we just need to fine tune it and make it more acceptable to the fire service. Lets face it, the communities that the volunteer fire service provide service, can not afford to replace the volunteers with paid firefighters. We need a solution to retain the current firefighters that are going to be caught up in obtaining new certification. We need a solution to recruit new volunteers to make the training more acceptable to their time schedule. Danger does not make distinctions about whether a firefighter is paid or volunteer.

Girl rescued from ice



CAPTAIN TIM TULLY of the Crown Point, Ind. Fire Department looks toward the shore after reaching Shannon McCloskey, 4, during an ice rescue at Fancher Lake in Crown Point, Friday, January 7, 2005.

McCloskey had been sledding with her father on the hills near the lake when she slid onto the thin ice and broke through about 40 feet from the bank.

She was able to stay afloat by clinging to her sled.

(AP Photo/The Crown Point Star via the Post-Tribune, Gene Milkowski and submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

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Please plan to attend the convention and have some fun!

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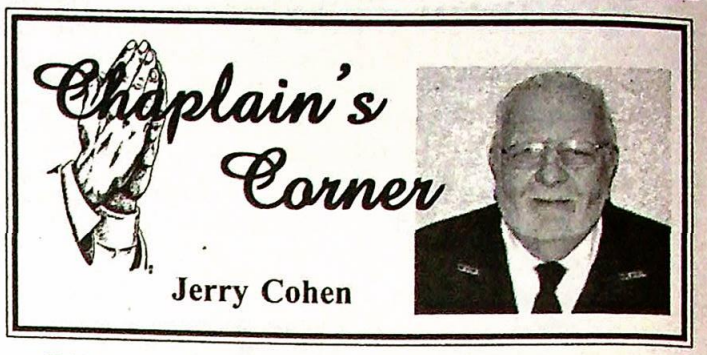
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From the Vice President



Larry Ketchem

I cannot believe that three months have passed since the last issue of this paper. Lawn mowers, landscaping, fish fries and pork chop dinners have all started. Let's enjoy it while we can.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the Indiana State Fire Marshal - Emergency Service Summit along with president Kerney. This two-day summit was very inspiring. The first day had a number of key note speakers, covering various topics on "Protecting the Hoosier Home Land", with Chief John Buckman as the moderator. The second day of the summit, those in attendance were broken down into seven groups discussing different topics of interest. President Kerney and I asked to be placed on the training group. Fortunately, for us, that request was granted. After the group had met, many options were discussed. The group submitted a list of topics for consideration. I'll keep you posted on the outcome of some of these upcoming meetings.

As I mentioned earlier, along with the warmer weather, comes fish fries, spaghetti suppers and various other fund raisers. Please let me know about these and any meetings or other upcoming events.

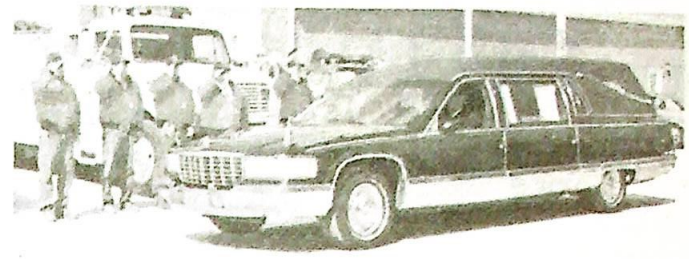
Don't forget to make your reservations and registrations of Convention 2005. Jim Parker, David Israel and the entire convention committee are ready four our arrivals. Let's "Cross to the Future" and "Step Alive in 2005".

Larry D. Ketchem
Vice President
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Services held for William M. "Bub" Cooper

Clarksburg VFD member (1965)





William M "Bub" Cooper, 90, of Lake Santee, died Friday at 9:10 p.m. in Morning Breeze Nursing Home.

Bub was born November 15, 1912 in Indianapolis, the son of the late Bert J. and Ossie Belle (Kimberly) Cooper.

He graduated from Clarksburg High School in 1933. He also attended Michigan State University. He was a factory worker for Philco/Ford Aeronautics, in Connersville for 35 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of Clarksburg Christian Church, Greensburg Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Order of Eastern Star and an original member of the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Department.

On June 18, 1938, in Clarksburg, he and M. Evelyn "Mickey" Smith were married.

She survives, with daughter Rodella (Jeffery) Speer and Roberta Speer of Clarksburg; a sister, "Anna Lee" (William) Smith of Clarksburg; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was also predeceased by a daughter, Rhea Louise Cooper, a son-in-law, John Speer and by a sister, Mary Ellen Stevens.

The Reverend Jerren D. Jackson officiated at the services at Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home, Greensburg. Burial was at the Clarksburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Clarksburg Christian Church.

Attention: Miss Flame contestants and parents . . .

March 10th has come and gone, and this year 15 contestants have entered the Miss Flame contest. You will find names and pictures of the girls in this edition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

If anyone has any questions concerning the contest, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me: 812-894-2145 /e-mail: plmrn73@aol.com

Patty Miller
Miss Flame chairman

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

. . . seemed to be the phrase of the day as firefighters from throughout Indiana from multiple Associations met at the Indianapolis Firefighters Museum after the Governor Mitch Daniels' inauguration ceremonies on January 10th.

The open house festivities were held in honor of newly appointed Indiana State Fire Marshal, Roger Johnson.

The theme across the board was, it is time to unify the agencies and work together to make Indiana safe. That is the Daniels' administration theme.

Pictured at right is Thomas Miller, Officer International Association of Firefighters; Thomas Hanify, President, Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana; Roger Johnson, Indiana State Fire Marshal; Bill Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association; and Larry Ketchem, Vice-President, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association.

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Todd Wilkening (left), co-ordinator of the Lake County Fire Chief's Association looks on as the presentation is made.

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Tom Orrell
District 1
Chairman

January 19, 2005
Merrillville FD Station # 1

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

Roll call was answered by 54 members of 13 departments in District 1 with New Chicago FD as the trophy winner, and by 25 members of six departments in District 2 with DeMotte as the trophy winner.

Guests included past president/chairman of the board Buz Koehler, 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, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 2 Miss Flame Megan Lambert, John Kierkowski of the State Fire Marshal's office, Dale Hensley of 5 Alarm, Dale Smith of Southwestern and Andy Plotkin of MSA, 25 year recipients Don Baron and Tim Bledsoe of Merrillville FD.

Chief Degard introduced the members of the Merrillville FD and gave a brief history.

Andy Plotkin of MSA spoke on different MSA products.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Kevin Austin to dispense with the reading of November's minutes. Passed.

Chairman Kochler spoke on five different pieces of legislation. Announced that the Fire Caucus dinner will be on February 7th in Indianapolis, also advised of a grant writing class hosted by Rensselaer VFD on February 9th sponsored by the State Fire Marshal's office, and announced that Roger Johnson is the new fire marshal.

Mitch Parish reminded everyone that the next paper would be out in the 1st half of February.

Jim Bradford announced a recall on an A.E.D made by Access Cardio Systems, advised there is still monies available through the Fire Marshal grants. Driver videos are still not out, unknown date as to when they will be. April 10th is the next newspaper deadline. The 2005 Convention will be in Columbus, 2006 in Kokomo. Reminded everyone that departments have to be NIMS certified by 2006 (course online from FEMA). Award nominations are due by February 1st (except for Bridgeport Scholarship).

Paul Watland introduced District 2 Miss Flame Megan Lambert.

John Kierkowski announced that Debbie Fry will be the new Chief Inspector for the fire marshal's office. 1-800-423-0765.

Treasurer's report: $1,668.57

Old Business: Tom Raber, Billy Howe, and Kim Perry of District 1, and Dennis Wilkening of District 2 were the recipients of the fire caucus tickets purchased by the IVFA. (Voted in November to purchase two for each district, amended to allow for three in District 1 and one from District 2, by a motion made by Glen White, seconded by Kevin Austin). Passed.

New Business: A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Chief Robert Nowacyk of Munster FD, former Chief Carl "Chuck" Randler of Porter FD and Carrell Ross Clapp, 35 year member formerly of Shelbyville and Liberty FD's.

25 year pins were presented by Jim Bradford to the following members: Dennis Schavey of New Chicago FD, Don Baron and Tim Bledsoe of Merrillville FD, Perry Herzog of Ainsworth/Deep River FD, and Mike Orsbert of Keener/DeMotte.

Not present were John Cordova, David Dzunda, Joseph Plukas, John Tylicki and Mike Wachler of Merrillville Station #1, Jesus Gutierrez, Robeli Kaluff, Frank Stanzione and John Wallace of Merrillville Station #2, and Israel Toledo of Ross Township, district four.

The next meeting will be on February 16th at Lake Township FD.

Betty Perry won $76.50 in the 50/50 drawing, Kevin Austin won a Nomax hood donated by Southwestern and Megan Lambert won a sweatshirt donated by Five Alarm.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Kevin Austin to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell,
Secretary IVFA
Districts 1-2

Lake Township Fire Department
16 February 2005

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Former president Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 17 members of eight departments in District 1 with Lake Ridge as the trophy winner, and by 45 members of nine departments in District 2 with Lincoln as the trophy winner.

Guests included: chairman of the board Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish. PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell. District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, Jack Eskridge, president of Lake County Fire Association, Shawn Junker, Tom Steindler and Brad Idlewine of Fire Service.

Chief Matt Rigby gave a brief history of the Lake Township FD, and introduced his speaker, Russ Schanlaub, who spoke on "Meth Labs".

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

Buz Koehler advised all legislative issues are now on the IVFA website. Two bills are going to the conference committee, then one to the floor. HB 1538 is moving forward. Jim Bradford advised new hazmat books have been delivered, paper deadline is April 10th. Convention is June 15th through 18th in Columbus, next year will be held in Wayne Township instead of Kokomo. IVFA will have a booth at FDIC (# 100), several pamphlets for Duneland Fire School, advised new changes downstate, that P.S.T.I. is gone, will now be training directors for each area.

Treasurer's report: $1,245.07 (with two checks to be deposited totally $250).

No old business to report.

No new business to report. A moment of silence was observed for the deaths of Charles Nixon Sr. of Lake Station and Elmer Kender (former Chief) of Lowell.

Lake of the 4 Seasons is having an all-you-can-eat dinner and dance on March 5th, $80/couple.

Francesville FD having a fish fry on March 5th from 4-8 p.m.

Merrillville Station #2 having a dance at the Slovak Club on March 25th from 7-12 p.m. tickets $5 each.

The next meeting will be on March 15th, 2005 at Burns Harbor Fire Department.

Billy Howe of Schererville FD won $79 in the 50/50 drawing.

Gerard Abraham of Crown Point and Ron Good of Lake Station won T-shirts, Laurie Postma, R.N. and Jeff Symons both of Lake Township won hats, all donated by the Fire Service.

Diana Orrell made a motion, seconded by Johnny O. to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell,
Secretary IVFA
Districts 1-2

Burns Harbor Fire Department
16 March 2005

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. chairman of the board, Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 48 members of 12 departments in District 1 with New Chicago FD as the trophy winner, and by 14 members of six departments in District 2 with Lowell as the trophy winner.

Guests included: past president Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, Greg Eckhart of Porter County Environmental, Jim Kierkowski of the State Fire Marshal's office, Ken Nemes and Ron Bishop of Air Angels, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire and Dale Hensley of Five Alarm.

Chief Ray Poparad gave a brief history of the Burns Harbor FD and then introduced Ken Nemes and Ron Bishop of Air Angels for their presentation on Trauma and Air Angels.

Keith Austin made a motion seconded by Bob Szot to dispense with the reading of February's minutes. Passed.

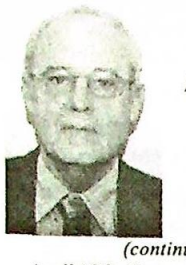
Jim Bradford spoke on a study on FD response times by USF Administration, advised of a fire summit on April 23rd in Rensselaer by the State Fire Marshal's office, announced bids are just now going out on the Mandatory Drivers video. Paper deadline is

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 1-2



Paul Watland
District 2
Chairman

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April 10th. Convention will be June 15th through the 18th in Columbus, next year in Indianapolis (Kokomo backed out).

Requesting donations of hats and T-shirts to be given to Clarence Moss by the next meeting to be taken to the Burn Camp. Announced the IVFA will have booth 100 at FDIC this year. The state will no longer accept the 24 hr. training forms, before training starts, need to get a book from the Fire Marshal's office. Also announced that if SCBA's were purchased with a FEMA grant, will guarantee OSHA will be visiting your department to see your respiratory program.

Buz Koehler spoke on HB1537, HB1580 and SB94.

Clarence Moss requested T-shirts and hats for the burn camp.

Martha Thomas advised the IVFAA vice president Joan Hayes has cancer and is not doing well.

Treasurer's report: $1,564.07

No old business to report.

No deaths in either district.

Chairman Koehler and PR Northwest Jim Bradford presented 25 yr. pin to Jim Rosenthal of Lake Station FD.

Good of order: Lake Station hosting pancake breakfast on March 20th from 7-1; Merrillville Station #2 having a fundraiser on Friday, March 25th from 7-12; Free Hazmat re-cert at Liberty FD on Saturday, April 2nd from 8-12; Washington Township hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 24th from 7-1.

Next meeting on Wednesday, April 20th in Shelby.

Billy Howe of Schererville won $90.50 in the 50/50 drawing. Jim Bradford of Lake Station won a hat donated by Air Angels. Jane Jordan, BH town clerk, won a T-shirt donated by Hoosier Fire. Bob Szafranski won a sweatshirt donated by Five Alarm, and Buz Koehler won a bag donated by Air Angels.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Mitch Parish to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell,
Secretary IVFA
Districts 1-2

DISTRICT 3

Pam Kaufman
District 3 Chairman

District 3 Meeting
November 18, 2004
Hanna Township VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 14 members representing five departments present. Chief Tony Wallace led the pledge. After the pledge, state chaplain Jerry Cohen led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: state chaplain Jerry Cohen, Lucille Cohen, IVFAA District 3 chair.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of $343.64.

Communications: Comments from Chaplain Cohen - 1. Announced the death of the Munster Fire Chief; 2. Announced that he is a member of the 1st Responder Grants Advisory Committee and gave a report on a meeting he recently attended; 3. Announced that he and the Associate Chaplains have attended a critical incident stress management course; 4. Reminded all departments to contact their EMA with needs from the FEMA money.

Comments from chairwoman Lee Cohen - 1. Announced that many IVFAA cookbooks had been sold and she still had a few available if anyone is interested in purchasing one.

Comments from Chairman Sandy - 1. Announced that the EMS Commission has approved pediatric defibrillation and auto injectors for 1st Responders.

Old Business: None.

New Business: 1. Chairwoman Cohen announced that District 3 has a candidate for Miss Flame. She is Kayla Wallace, daughter of Chief Tony Wallace of Hanna Township VFD. Kayla is 16 years old and is a sophomore at South Central High School in LaPorte County. Any other departments with girls interested in competing for Miss Flame are asked to contact Lucille.

Good of the Order: 1. Center Township thanked everyone for their support throughout their difficulties; 2. Hanna Chief Tony Wallace reminded everyone the importance of having control of their vehicles at all times; 3. Chairman Sandy reminded everyone about safety when working calls on the roadways.

Training: Training Officer Dave Kaufman gave an ISO PowerPoint presentation on alternate credible water sources.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm after a prayer by Chaplain Jerry Cohen. Brandon Davie won the 50/50; Jim Hall and Matt Koontz won hats donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: January 20, 2005 - 7:30 pm (local time). (Refreshments at 7:00), Michiana Shores VFD

January 20, 2005
Michiana Shores Fire Department

Meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance because of inclement weather.

Next meeting: March 17, 2005, 7:30 p.m. (local time). (Refreshments at 7:00), Westville VFD.

March 17, 2005
Westville VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 15 members representing eight departments present. Chief Ed Forney led the pledge. After the pledge, state chaplain Jerry Cohen led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: past president Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, state chaplain Jerry Cohen, PRNW Jim Bradford, Lucille Cohen, IVFAA District 3 chair, District 3 Miss Flame Kayla Wallace, Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

Chairman Sandy dispensed with the usual order of business and announced that effective after tonight's meeting he will be resigning as chairman. He has taken on a new job that requires him to travel a lot and he would not be able to handle the responsibilities required of him to be chairman. He thanked everyone for his or her cooperation and support during his years as chairman and stated it has been a pleasure working with everyone. He advised he had spoken to the Board of Directors and Pam Kaufman will be assuming the chair position until the elections in July. She will also continue with her duties as secretary/treasurer until that time.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of $253.64.

Communications: Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Reminded everyone that the deadline for the Fire Grants is approaching; 2. Announced that the driver training video has not been produced yet and may be completed sometime next year; 3. Announced that Kokomo has backed out as the site of next year's Convention and it will now be held at Warren Township; 4. Announced that the Burn Camp needs caps and T-shirts. Any department wishing to donate needs to do so ASAP. This year's camp will be June 1st; 5. Announced that the IVFA will again be at FDIC in booth 100; 6. Discussed the new training package and the differences from previous training; 7. Announced that the IVFA will be hosting a Fire Summit at the Rensselaer Fire Department on April 23rd at 9 am. There will be many issues discussed and at least one member from each department is requested to attend. RSVP to Buz; 8. Announced that the new haz mat books are out and should have been dispensed by EMA; 9. Led a discussion on the pending emergency medical dispatch law and NIMS training.

Comments from Past President Koehler - 1. Gave a legislative update; 2. Announced that the IVFA website has received up to 2200 hits in a day; 3. Talked some more about the Fire Summit at his department in Rensselaer. Anyone attending can RSVP to him at his office at (219) 866-5206; 4. Thanked Chairman Sandy for his years of service to the IVFA and wished him luck with his new job. The audience gave Tim a round of applause.

Comments from Chairwoman Lee Cohen - 1. Introduced our new Miss Flame, Kayla Wallace. Kayla is the daughter of Hanna Township Fire Chief Tony Wallace. She spoke and told the audience that she is a sophomore at South Central High School. She is active in softball and pompom. Her father reminded everyone that she is available to assist with department functions. Please give her enough notice so she is able to arrange her schedule accordingly. Chairman Sandy then presented Kayla with a $200 check from the district to help toward her expenses at the convention.

Comments from Chaplain Cohen - 1. Stated that he is happy that our district has a Miss Flame this year. He wishes that all departments would support her endeavors and assist with transporting her to various functions in the district.

Comments from Chairman Sandy 1. Announced that there were three deaths in the district since the last meeting. He instructed secretary/treasurer to send memorials of $50 to Bass Lake, LaCrosse and Springfield Twp; 2. Due to the Treasury now being depleted, chairman Sandy donated $100 to help cover expenses until a fundraiser can be held.

Old Business: None.

New Business: 1. There was some discussion about the need for a fundraiser to replenish our Treasury; 2. Chaplain Cohen suggested that the elections be held that evening and after some discussion it was decided that per our by-laws elections should be held in July as usual.

Good of the Order: 1. Lincoln Twp will be having a pancake breakfast on April 3rd; 2. Kankakee will also be having a pancake breakfast on April 3rd; 3. Kingsbury will be having a pancake breakfast on April 24th; 4. Michiana Shores will be having a pancake breakfast on April 24th; 5. Hanna Twp will be having a dance at the Fire Department on May 7th; 6. Westville Chief Ed Forney donated $20 to the Treasury; 7. Next meeting will be May 19th at Coolspring VFD.

Training: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. John Homan won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the Treasury; Jim Hall and Heather Magley won hats donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; and, Lee Cohen won a cooler with cups donated by Westville FD.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: May 19, 2005, 7:30 pm (local time), (Refreshments at 7:00), Coolspring Twp VFD

DISTRICT 5



Don Kissinger
District 5
Chairman

November 11, 2004
Lagro Fire Department
Lagro, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1934 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 20 members representing eight departments.

Guests: Dave Seckelka, IVFA assistant chaplain, Holly Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame candidate and Olivia Eyrich, District 5 Miss Flame candidate.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary-treasurer Kissinger and approved as read.

Chairman Kissinger discussed the possibility of legislation being introduced to change the training of our new firefighters from 24 hour to Firefighter 1 before they can respond to any incidents. Also, to be an officer, you need to be certified as a Fire Officer 1.

Chairman Kissinger talked about HB 1347.

Judging was held for Miss Flame, and Holly Farrer will represent District 5 at the 2005 Convention.

The IVFA will be awarding three Bridgeport Scholarships again, so have your applications postmarked by March 1st. Also, make sure all nominations for all awards are in by February 1st.

The 2005 convention will be in Columbus June 13th-15th.

Good of the Order: Denver will be having a Bluegrass concert on 11/14/04 from 2-5 PM.

Dave Seckelka would like to have a

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IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

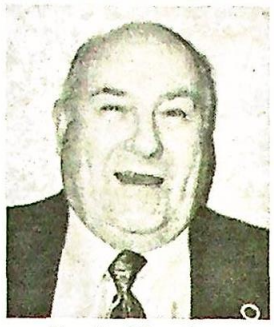
The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

From the Treasurer:

Winter seems to have gone by very fast and it seems as if spring is here. I am loving it.

Since the last state meeting in February I have traveled to Indianapolis to attend the IN Fire Institute Dinner, to five district meetings around southern Indiana, to the IVFA Fire Summit held in Jasper and to three fundraisers. I have enjoyed seeing and spending time with many of you along the way.

I have taken the treasurer's books in for the yearly audit with the accountant. The audit is always reviewed and approved at the annual meeting in June.

I hope to see many of you at the convention in Columbus. I hear it should be a very good convention and we should all have a good time.

Your treasurer,
Jack Harker

DISTRICT 5

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list of all department chaplains.

The next meeting will be held January 13, 2005 at the Henry Twp. Fire Department, Akron, IN.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Steve Johnson of Roann Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2014 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

January 13, 2005
Henry Township Fire Department
Akron, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1934 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 29 members representing 12 departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, PRNE, Dave Seckelka, IVFA assistant chaplain, Holly Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame candidate.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary-treasurer Kissinger and approved as read.

Roger Johnson from East Columbus will be the new state fire marshal. As of this meeting, there is no SEMA Director.

Held a lengthy discussion on the new mandatory training.

The question was asked as to how to get information on newly introduced legislature. Chairman Kissinger advised the members to give him their e-mail addresses and he will forward information when he receives it.

Discussed contacting your local representatives about new legislation.

There will be a whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast for Larry and Beverly Kimble on March 5th at the Kewanna Fire Hall from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help cover insurance premiums and medical bills while Beverly has been battling cancer. Larry is the fire chief of the Kewanna Fire Department. Please come out and support Larry and Beverly in their time of need.

Good of the order: Lenny Berkey is the new fire chief of the Bourbon Fire Department. Duneland Fire School will be having a chaplain class on March 19th.

The next meeting will be held March 10, 2005 at the Claypool Lions Club, Claypool, IN.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Paul Martin of the Bourbon Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2024 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

March 10, 2005
Claypool Lions Club
Claypool, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1941 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 23 members representing nine department.

Guests: Richard Glant, past president, Dave Seckelka, IVFA assistant chaplain, Holly Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame candidate, William "Bill" Ruppel, District 22 state representative.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district chairman Kissinger and approved as read.

The IVFA will be having a telemarketing firm ask for donations for the Association to raise funds without having to raise dues.

Chairman Kissinger turned the floor over to Representative Ruppel.

Rep. Ruppel discussed: Public Safety and Homeland Security; Legislation – Long-term disability for volunteers, will be looking into pension funds for volunteers next year, Fire prevention and inspection laws concerning tents and festivals, Emergency Medical Dispatch, Signing up on the Indiana Alert Network, Creation of the Indiana Homeland Security Director, State training center for terrorism at Muscatatuck, GIS bill, $4000 grants available through the sale of Safety First license plates from Emergency Management. There is no SEMA director. If any state official does not treat you with respect, let Rep. Ruppel know.

Good of the order: Bremen will be having a mini stag on 4/28/05. Tickets are $20 for a chance to win $1500; North Manchester and Chester Township's annual tenderloin dinner will be on 6/11/05.

The next meeting will be held May 12, 2005 at the Bremen Fire Department, Bremen, IN.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Paul Martin of the Bourbon Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2036 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

DISTRICT 7



Maurice Sorg
District 7
Chairman

March 21, 2005
Liberty Center

Guests: Mr. Mike Mackin, Public Relations Northeast

The meeting was called to order by chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited by the membership.

The first roll call was answered by 51 members from 13 departments.

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

Chairman Sorg announced the IVFA convention was relocated from Kokomo to the Indianapolis area.

Chairman Sorg related to the membership the IVFA will have a booth at FDIC.

Chairman Sorg announced an anhydrous ammonia awareness class will be held at Woodburn on March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Sorg told of plans to raise the IVFA license plate fee from $5.00 to $10.00, and it was requested that this be voted on by each district. A vote was held and the fee increase was approved by District 7.

Mike Mackin told of a planned meeting with the new State fire Marshal in mid-April concerning any potential changes in the direction of the Fire Service in Indiana.

The next District 7 meeting will be May 16, 2005 at Markle.

The second roll call was answered by 51 members from 13 departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Following the meeting the auxiliary held a bake sale to defray expenses for the District 7 Miss Flame, Sarah Bultemeir in state competition.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

DISTRICT 9A



Jonathon Randle
District 9A
Chairman

The meeting was called to order by chairman Jon Randle on January 27, 2005 at Miami Township, New Waverly.

The pledge was recited and Jerry Cohen, state chaplain, gave the invocation. Roll call: 25 members, 60 fire runs and 58 EMS runs. Guests were Buz Koehler, Brad Idlewine, Jerry Cohen, Jim Bradford, Bruce Yonkers and Mitch Parish.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A paper was circulated to list new e-mail addresses for members.

There were two firefighters sent to the hospital but not firefighting related.

Carroll County is offering a basic Fire Investigator class.

Harrison Twp. Alto is offering a FF I/II class beginning in February. There are still some open spots.

Russiaville has a FF I/II class going on now.

We need nominations from our district for the Midwest, Mr. IVFA, Angel and Ollie Sandburg Awards. These must be submitted by February 1.

The state convention of the IVFA will be June 15-18, 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Columbus. Pre-registration is $40 with cost being $50 at the door.

Several Fire Marshal grants went to fire departments in Lake County. FEMA grants are still available.

Fire Service Institute Dinner is February 7 in Indianapolis.

The website is up and running and has current information on bills and activities in the legislature. Priority One bills are: HB1511 - Income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters; HB1538 - disability bill for those who contract hepatitis, meningitis, and TB from emergency calls; HB1580 - employee absence or tardiness due to fire activity; SB152 - employee absence due to fire activity; SB561 - employee absence due to fire activity.

Georgetown is giving a FF I/II class beginning February 13 at 5 p.m.

Delphi's new smokehouse has arrived and will be available for use in April or May. Delphi has a new quint that was purchased by FEMA grant.

Alvin Beckman, head of Cass County Emergency Management spoke about grants available through FEMA, Homeland Security. He spoke about Mutual Aid Agreements and how EMA can help volunteer departments.

50/50 winner was Alvin Beckman, hat won by Bob Keating and sweatshirt by Richard Garner.

Next meeting will be March 24 at Onward Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Ancil, Secretary

DISTRICT 9B



Randy Denton
District 9B
Chairman

April 7, 2005

Fall and winter has been busy for District 9B, in September the district meeting was held at Remington Volunteer Fire Department with 24 firefighters in attendance and 72 alarms. We then traveled to Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department in November with 39 firefighters in attendance and 155 alarms, which was the largest amount of alarms for the year of 2004.

In 2005, we went to Brookston Volunteer Fire Department in January with 37 firefighters in attendance and 128 alarms. Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department came next in March with 27 firefighters in attendance and 97 alarms answered. The main topic at all the meetings was new laws being introduced and actions on them. The new training requirements were also a main issue with all the departments. We were pleased with the several departments on the amount of grant money awarded.

Fine meals were prepared and quality training provided by each department. In May we will travel to Burnettsville Volunteer Fire Department for our next meeting. We hope to see everyone there.

DISTRICT 10



David Israel
District 10
Chairman

Can you believe it writing under District 10. Finally spring is here time for fish fry's breakfasts and doing things outside. I would like to thank the District departments for their support so far this year. We had a packed house for January and February meetings. The District has had three deaths so far this year Bill Caffee from the Adams Fire Dept. and Bill was also on the Whiteland Fire Dept., Wallace Hadley from the Manilla Fire Dept. and William Cooper from the Clarksburg Fire Dept.

I have given out several 25 year pins and a couple of 50 year gold cards in the District. The District meetings are posted on the ivfa.org web site. Will talking about the web site, the contest will be going on by the time you read this in the paper. All you have to do is find the answer to the questions found in the web site and submit them and a winner will be drawn and they will receive a one night's stay at the 2005 IVFA Convention June 15-18, 2005 in Columbus, Indiana at the Holiday Inn. And don't forget to post your coming events on the web site, too.

Let's talk Convention 2005 at Columbus. We have fun time planned for those attending. A golf outing on Wed., June 15, 2005 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Harrison Lakes Country Club. But you need to let Steve Pumphrey know that you want to play golf so that he knows how many is going to be there. You can find the info on the IVFA web site. Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. there will be a hog roast for your enjoyment and a DJ to play your favorite songs and he will even let you sing because he has a karaoke machine.

Thursday all kinds of stuff to do. There will be a shopping or tour that morning to Little Nashville, Indiana, transportation furnished. Send the boss and you stay and get educated by Gary Robinson on the latest NIFRS changes.

(I hope all departments in District 10 are reporting, if not call Gary and he will help you start, it's easy and could even be fun) - after Gary the Board of Standards and Education Seminar is next.

After lunch two tours are planned - you can only pick one or the other 1. Toyota where they make forklifts, 2. Cummins Plant where they make the Dodge Cummins Motor or if you don't like any of that, take the city of Columbus tour, see architectural buildings and see the old fire trucks on the tour. But be back for Southwest Fire Equipment's hotdog and beer bust.

Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. is the opening meeting, see the Miss Flames and see who gets the awards.

Friday morning is the annual meeting, this is your time to come listen and speak your peace if you have something to say (did you know that if you are a delegate from your department you get paid mileage to and from your house, but only one delegate per department) vote on the issues, it's your right if you're an IVFA member.

The Memorial Service is at 11:00 a.m. at the Hotel for your convenience. Friday afternoon a trip to the mall is planned. Friday evening is the Banquet and a dance after that.

Saturday morning LET GAMES BEGIN at 8:00 a.m. waterball, hose

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DISTRICT 10

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replacement and starting at 10:00 a.m. the ANTIQUE FIRE MUSTER starts 1970 and older. Bruce Neal has this task, there will be drafting, and other games to play. I will have our old 1958 Ford punmper there to take your challenge of who can get first water. Hey, maybe we will do midnight alarm.

SATURDAY MORNING IS OUR BIG VENDOR SHOW STARTING AT 8:00 AM. So if you can't make all the convention try and make the vendor show to see what's new or just visit and watch the games. Guaranteed fun at convention for those who want to enjoy themselves.

See you at the meetings.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.

District 10 chairman,
David Israel

DISTRICT 11-A



Jack McFarland
District 11A Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A,

Our January meeting was held at Prairie Creek Fire Department. Thanks to Chief Tom Eversole and his wife Beth and the rest of the firefighters for a delicious meal. President Kerney spoke about upcoming legislation. Discussion was held about the upcoming Miss Flame dance with final arrangements made.

The Miss Flame dance was held on January 22. We had three contestants. Mackenzie Watson from the Cory Fire Department, Brittany Jones from the Center Point Fire Department and Amy Bose from the Prairieton Fire Department. Mackenzie was named Miss Flame with Brittany as the runner-up. Please contact these young ladies with the date for your fundraisers or parades and etc. They will be glad to come and participate with your department. There was a very good turnout considering the weather. Thanks to IVFA Sergeant at Arms Bill Bush for being our guest auctioneer. Thanks to IVFA president Jack Kerney and IVFAA president Barb Kerney for making the trip in such bad weather. Other guests were state treasurer Jack Harker, West Central PR Diane Harrison, Southwest PR Jim Abrams, District 17A chairperson Bev Harker. Next year's dance is set for January 27, 2006.

Our March meeting was held at the Jackson Twp. Clay County Fire Department. Thanks to Chief Lester Fagg and his firefighters for hosting the meeting and for the meal. Stan Frank, Clay County LEPC chairman gave us a demonstration on the think map system that Clay County uses. The information was very impressive and informative.

An IVFA Fire Summit was held for Districts 11-A and 11-B on Saturday, March 26, at the Otter Creek Fire Department Station #2. The first Fire Marshal's summit was on February 16th and 17th. This was during the week when most volunteers could not attend. Thanks to president Kerney and VP Ketchem and the cooperation of the State Fire Marshal's office these are being presented all over the state so the volunteer fire service can have input on upcoming changes for Individual Firefighting Training Requirements, EMS, State Training Academy, Code Enforcement Issues, Hazardous Materials-Counter Terrorism/WMD, Regional Response Concept, Information Sharing/Management. Approximately 60 volunteers attend this summit. The discussions were lively and meaningful. I'm sure Mr. Buckman had plenty of notes to take back to the Gold dome. If you did not come and be a part of history in the making you may not like the results.

Until next time Brothers and Sisters be careful out there.

DISTRICT 11-B



Wm. Brent Bush
District 11B Chairman

KINGMAN VOL FIRE DEPT
MARCH 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush, the Invocation was given by chaplain Mankin and the pledge to the flag was led by district Sgt-at-Arms Jack Giles. Chairman Bush asked Auxiliary chairperson Patty Miller to introduce her guests then chairman Bush introduced his guests present including the association president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Chairman Bush introduced the afternoon's speaker, Jack Rossman of Air Cleaning Specialists. He explained the function of his product and showed a video of just how it worked. A question and answer session followed.

Chairman Bush asked for the roll call to be taken resulting with 24 members from nine departments present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Chairman Bush called on president Jack Kerney for his remarks. He stated that March 19th would be the first regional training program held in Jasper. He also gave some issues to be addressed during the year and spoke on the legislative bills to be resubmitted again. Vice president Ketchem spoke on the training issues facing the Association.

He announced that April 11 - 16 the FDIC will be held in Indianapolis Convention Center.

Chairman Bush announced that one memorial service had been held since our last meeting, it was for Chet Stiles of the New Goshen VFD and another memorial service was being planned for Donald Gosset, a 50 year member of the Kingman VFD, who died on March 12th. He then read the SOG proposed changes.

District Auxiliary chairperson Patty Miller gave an updated report on the recent Miss Flame dance. She also spoke on a scholarship fund being established in the memory of Mary Mackin, former Auxiliary president. Announcements of the dates for local fund raisers were given. Chairman Bush presented the host certificate to Chief Allen Brown and a check to a Auxiliary member for the delicious meal that was served.

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

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Secretary

DISTRICT 12



Larry Bruner
District 12 Chairman

Greetings from District 12

Since my last article in February's newspaper I see we have a lot of catching up to do. District 12 meeting of September 27, 2004 was held at Eel River Township VFD with 18 members present from eight departments. Guests were IVFA former chaplain Charlie Baker, 2004 Mr. IVFA Al Mendel and District 12 PR Diane Harrison. Discussion was held on the status of House Bills and legislation issues for 2005.

District 12 meeting November 15, 2004 was held at Danville Fire Department Station 92 with 17 members present from eight departments. Michael Lynch from Avon Fire Department gave a presentation on fire scene investigation.

District 12 meeting January 17, 2005 was held at Gregg Township VFD with 22 members present from nine departments. Joe Griffith of Decatur Twp. gave a presentation and discussion on the changes of the mandatory training requirements and the requirements for instructors to be certified. There was a discussion on the Bridgeport Scholarship applications and the 2005 award programs.

The District 12 Miss Flame contest was held at Hazelwood VFD on February 20, 2005 with two contestants, Danielle Marie Dixon from Hazelwood and Jeanan Joseph from Lizton. Jeanan was selected the winner and will be representing District 12 at this year's convention.

On March 21, 2005 District 12 and District 21 had a joint meeting at Advance VFD to discuss the six issues of the State Fire Marshal's summit. There were 28 members present from 12 departments, five state IVFA officers and the guest speaker John M. Buckman III from the State Fire Marshal's office. Discussion covered present requirements and proposed requirements to go into effect by the end of 2006. What the departments need to implement these requirements and what changes we would like to see.

"Taxation without representation" – in years past our forefathers fought a war over this. Don't be left out in the cold. Your IVFA is your representation. Speak up and let your district chairman and state officers know your desires and needs.

Last, but definitely not least, District 12 and the fire service in general lost a very valuable asset in the loss of our District 12 chaplain, James R. Bruner of Mooresville who succumbed to cancer on February 14, 2005.

DISTRICT 14



Al Williamson
District 14 Chairman

Greetings from District 14,

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we are having.

I attended the recent fire summit at the Hanover F.D. with several District 14 and 19 firefighters. We had an interesting and informative meeting with the state fire marshal. A lot of good information and ideas were presented at the meeting. If you have a chance to attend one in your P.R. area, I would encourage you to do so.

I also attended a retirement party at the Charlestown F.D. for a 41 year veteran of the department. Ironically, just before the party the fire department responded to a fire. Just had to get in one more for the road I guess.

The 2005 convention is rapidly approaching and I look forward to seeing everyone there. I know the committee has been working hard and will show everyone a great time.

I still have people ask me about Roy Richardson from time to time and he is doing fine and still getting into trouble. I can't imagine why. Be safe.

Submitted by
Al Williamson

DISTRICT 17A



Beverly Harker
District 17A Chairman

My last meeting was held at Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department in Monroe City on March 23rd. There were 18 members present representing eight departments. There were also eight guests present.

A 25 year pin was given to Michael Jones of Harrison Township, who joined the department in August of 1976. He talked about some of the equipment they had at that time and what a long way their department has come since then.

President Jack Kerney talked about the Fire Marshal's Fire Summit and about the IVFA Fire Summit's being held in the different PR areas. There had already been three of them held and some good things had been talked abnout.

I would like to thank Harrison Township for hosting the meeting. They also provided us with a very nice meal. Thanks again.

My next meeting will be in May. Notices will be sent out as to the location.

I hope to see a lot of you at the convention in June.

Beverly Harker
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B

Tim Deckard



District 17B Chairman

Greetings IVFA members,

Spring has finally sprung, and a busy summer is right around the corner. Thanks to Chief Jim Zeeks and the members of the Marion Twp Rural Fire Department for hosting the last meeting, great turnout from Lawrence County. The next district meeting will be in May in Brown County, place and time to be determined. There will be no representative from District 17B in the Miss Flame contest this year; maybe we will have one interested next year.

District 17B sends our sympathy to the family of Harold Hembree and the members of the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. Harold a 31 year member died suddenly of a heart attack on Sunday March 27. Please keep both the family and firefighters in your prayers during this difficult time, Harold will be greatly missed by his family, firefighter family and community.

District 17B applauds Bloomington Township Fire Department in recently receiving a FEMA Fire Prevention Grant. Good luck to all departments who have applied for this year's fire act grant.

There are several dates to be marking your calendars for upcoming events. Don't miss the IVFA Convention June 15-18 in Columbus. Pre-registration is June 1. Come and enjoy your convention. Hoosier Burn Camp visitor's day Wednesday June 1. If you have not been to visitors' day please come and show your support to the kids of the camp, it is a great opportunity. If you have not had a chance to attend any of the fire schools in the state, make plans to attend the school in New Albany August 20, 21 and 27 and 28. There are a lot of good classes to take advantage of.

Don't forget membership time is just around the corner, please make sure you all get your dues into the central office in time. Any questions or problems feel free to contact me. See you in May in Brown County. Be safe.

Tim Deckard
District 17B Chairman

DISTRICT 19



Ed Scheele
District 19 Chairman

The busy summer months are fast approaching.

Take time to be safe and enjoy some time with your families.

The state IVFA convention is at Columbus this year.

Ashley Hountz of Sunman Rural Fire Department will be representing District 19 at the Miss Flame contest.

The district meetings for the year are on the web page.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

Lowell VFD/ Rescue Special Ops certifies 20

The Lowell Volunteer Fire/Rescue Special Operations Unit has certified 20 firefighters as Technicians and nine members in the operations level of Trench Rescue.

They have a specialized operations trailer ready for any needed emergency.

The department is working with the Crown Point Fire/Rescue which is also certified.

They will also be working to certify both departments in Confined Space Rescue.

- submitted by Paul Watland,
District 2 chairman

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NS25C31	25	2	114 #	15"	$2,549.00	$2,166.65

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2005
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Past-President Carl Bruns gave the Invocation. Vice-President Larry Ketchem was called on to led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Kerney thanked president Koehler for his hard work for the IVFA the past two years.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Bill Pape, District 8A, to accept the minutes as printed and mailed. Paul Watland, District 1 made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT KERNEY: Driven 3598 miles this past quarter. Attended two Board of Firefighters Standards and Education meetings, one Miss Flame dance, Memorial service, two speaking engagements, two department visits and nine district meetings. VICE PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Attended five district meetings, two county meetings, one retirement dinner, and the Inauguration of the Governor. He also asked for all district chairmen to submit the name of the district Midwest *Award recipient. CHAPLAIN* COHEN: Held three Memorial services this quarter. SECRETARY BARTLOW: Pass. TREASURER HARKER: Attended seven district meetings, two Miss Flame contests, one retirement party, and one Memorial service. Also a review of the 2004 Budget was presented and a report on the 2005 budget. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH: Attended the Inauguration of the Governor, one Miss Flame dance and one district meeting. PAST PRESIDENT BUZ KOEHLER: Attended nine district meetings, one Indiana Fire Services Institute meeting, one Memorial service and one county meeting. Driving a total of 2208 miles.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

PRNW JIM BRADFORD: Attended six district one fundraiser and two newspaper meetings for a total of 1661 miles this quarter. PRNE MIKE MACKIN: Returned home for family emergency. PRWC DIANE HARRISON: Attended all district meetings, two fundraisers, one Memorial service and one Miss Flame contest. PREC DON CUSHMAN: Attended all district meetings and convention meetings in Kokomo. PRSW JIM ABRAMS: Attended eight district meetings, one retirement party, one Memorial service and three Miss Flame contests. PRSE BOB McKINZIE: Attended two district meetings, two Memorial services, two firehouse dedications and three chief's meetings.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

JACK COX: Back home after short stay in hospital. JACK ZEEKS: Attended two district meetings. President Kerney thanked Jack for his eight years as chairman of the board. RICHARD GLANT: Pass. *MITCH PARISH*: Pass. IVAN NEVIL: Thanked everyone for their support the past 13 years that he has served in the Fire Marshal's Office. CARL BRUNS: Thanked the IVFA officers that attended the retirement party in Sunman. JIM PARKER: Pass.

***DISTRICT CHAIRMAN* REPORTS**

DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL: Held meeting January 19, 2005 at Merrillville Fire Station #1. The program was presented by Andy Plotkin of MSA on various MSA products. District 1 had 54 members from 13 departments and District 2 had 25 members from six departments. Presented 18 "25-Year Pins' to members of the district. There were three deaths in the district this quarter. The next meeting is March 16, 2005 at Burns Harbor Fire Department. The DUNELAND SCHOOL OF EMERGENCY is March 12 & 13, and 19 & 20 in Chesterton. *DISTRICT 2* PAUL WATLAND: The next meeting is February 16, 2005 at Lake Twp Volunteer Fire Department (Lake Village). One death in the district. DISTRICT 3 TIM SANDY: The meeting January 20, 2005 meeting was cancelled due to *weather. The next meeting will* be March 17, 2005 at Westville Fire Dept. At this meeting chairman Tim Sandy will resign as chairman due to job conflict. Vice-President Larry Ketchem addressed the officers that in the past if the district chairman could not make the state officer's *quarterly meeting* then either the vice-chairman or secretary of the district should attend the meeting. Their expenses to be paid just as the district chairman's expenses are paid. With that in place all information would be getting back to the districts in a timely manner. Larry Petro, District 8B made a motion to accept this procedure. Dave Elick, District 6 made the second. Motion passed. DISTRICT 4 GREG FREED: Held meeting January 26, 2005 at German Twp with nine members representing five departments. The next meeting will be April 27, 2005 at Jefferson Twp. Fire Department. DISTRICT 5 DON KISSINGER: Held meeting January 13, 2005 at Henry Twp. Fire Department with 29 members representing 12 departments. The next meeting will be March 10, 2005 at Claypool Fire Department. DISTRICT 6 DAVE ELICK: Held meeting January 25, 2005 at North East Allen County Fire & EMS with 23 members representing seven departments. Program by Randy Brown - Training Task Force. The next meeting is March 22, 2005 at Coronna Volunteer Fire Dept. DISTRICT 7 MORT SORG: Held meeting January 17, 2005 at Hoagland Volunteer Fire Department with 28 members representing 12 departments. Program by Richard Sorg and Andy Louckwood on Meth lab clean up. The next meeting is March 21, 2005 at Liberty Center Fire Department. DISTRICT 8A ERNEST W. PAPE JR.: Held meeting January 12, 2005 at Mill Twp. Fire Department with 12 members representing four departments. Next meeting is March 9, 2006 at Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department. DISTRICT 8 B LARRY PETRO: Held last meeting January 18, 2005 at Lynn Fire Department with 14 members representing six departments. It was the Miss Flame Contest. Also discussed Legislative agenda. The next meeting is March 9, 2005 at Liberty Twp. Fire Department. DISTRICT 9A JON RANDLE: Next meeting is March 24, 2005 at Onward Fire Department. DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON: Absent. DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL: Held last meeting January 19, 2005 at Morristown Volunteer Fire Department with 55 members representing 18 departments. The program was about Mandatory Training by Jim Schneider and NIFERS by Gary Robertson. Presented one Gold Card and four "25-Year Pins". The next meeting is February 16, 2005 at Amity Community Volunteer Fire Department. DISTRICT 11A JACK McFARLAND: Held last meeting January 16, 2005 at Prairie Creek Fire Department with 14 members representing six departments. Miss Flame dance was January 22, 2005. The next meeting is March 20, 2005. DISTRICT 11B BRENT BUSH: Last meeting was held January 9, 2005 at Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department with 35 members representing 10 departments. Representative Dale Grubb spoke on the issues of the Legislative session. The Miss Flame dance is February 12, 2005. The next meeting is March 13, 2005 at Kingman Volunteer Fire Department. DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER: Held last meeting January 17, 2005 at Gregg Twp. Volunteer Fire Department with 28 members representing eight departments. Program was about Mandatory Training. The next meeting will be March 21, 2005 at Advance Volunteer Fire Department. *DISTRICT 13A* DENNIS SPEARS: January was cancelled due to bad weather. The next meeting will be March 23, 2005 at Centerville Fire/Rescue. DISTRICT 13B TIM MARTIN: Absent. DISTRICT 14 AL WILLIAMSON: Held meeting January 11, 2005 at Crothersville-Vernon Twp. Fire Department with 19 members representing 10 departments. The program was on vehicle exhaust removal systems. The next meeting will be April 14, 2005 at Charlestown Fire Department (Station #1). DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON: Held last meeting January 18, 2005 at Scott Twp. Fire Department with 27 members representing nine departments. The program was presented by Air Cleaning Specialists - Firehouse Ventilation Systems. The Miss Flame contest was held. The next meeting will be March 15, 2005 at Lynnville Volunteer Fire Department. DISTRICT 16: Vacant. DISTRICT 17A BEVERLY HARKER: Held meeting at Vincennes Twp. January 17, 2005. This was the annual sausage supper with 306 members representing 39 departments from the district. A total of 505 people were in attendance. The Miss Flame contest was held that afternoon. The next meeting will be March 16, 2005 with site to be announced. *DISTRICT 17B* TIM DECKARD: Held last meeting at Van Buren Twp. Fire Department with 13 members representing five departments. The program was presented by John Rossman from Air Cleaning Specialist. The next meeting will be March 15, 2005 at Oolitic Fire Department. *DISTRICT 18* CHARLES PARKER: Held meeting January 20, 2005 at Jasper Fire Department with 97 members representing 29 department. The next meeting is March 17, 2005 at Tell City Fire Department. DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE: Held meeting January 27, 2005 at St. Leon Volunteer Fire Department with 36 members representing 11 departments. The program was presented by Air Cleaning Specialists on removing exhaust. The next meeting will be March 24, 2005 at Lawrenceburg Volunteer Fire Department. DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ: Held meeting at Thorntown Fire Department on November 29, 2004 with 17 members representing six departments. The next meeting is March 29, 2005 at Attica Volunteer Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION GUIDELINE - DAVID ISRAEL: The committee met with the Convention 2006 committee about problems they are having with the host area. The committee is getting no information or help from the Kokomo area. The Convention 2006 Committee would like to move the Convention to Indianapolis to the Marriott at 21st and Shadeland. The dates for 2006 Convention would be June 28, 29 30& July! This is Board action. Also the Convention would like to recommend that in the future any site that wants bid on a Convention submit their name to the Committee by April 1 of the year they want to submit bid at the convention. This will give the Committee time to check out the area to see if it meets the criteria to host a Convention. EXECUTIVE - JACK KERNEY: The Committee met Friday evening the following concerns: (1) District 18 concern about District 1 &2 selling IVFA patches and where they were purchasing the patch from, as District 18 has the sole right to sell *the IVFA patch. (2) Problems with* Convention 2006 site. (3) Fundraising opportunity.BUDGET - JACK HARKER: No meeting. INSURANCE - JACK KERNEY: Discussed the need to pursue another insurance program for the members. The other program *was dropped. The Committee will* look at another provider. BRIDGEPORT - CARL BRUNS: Need to keep everyone of the Scholarship deadline. Also to promote this program at all district meetings. A Fundraising program was presented by CIVIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP. They explained the program as to what they will do for use and the manner in which they collect the funds. They explained how they could block out area if the area has a local fundraiser. The number of people that will contact in any given area. All district chairman have full informational packets for your inspection. This program will be looked at by the Executive Committee. RECESSED AT 6:00 P.M RECONVENE AT 8:30 A.M.

Morning Message given by Chaplain Cohen.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD: *Printed 16,840 papers this last issue. Last year it cost us $350 for bad address last year. AD-TAKER-MITCH PARISH: Need policy statement* on what ads we will allow in the paper. Last year sold $35,824 in advertisement. AUDIT: No meeting. CLOTHING - JIM BRADFORD: Had six claims this quarter for a total of $280. AWARDS - LARRY *KETCHEM: Awards Committee meet Saturday morning* and made the selection for Ollie Sandberg Award and the Angel Award. All Midwest Award letters are due today. FIRE SCHOOLS - LARRY KETCHEM: Duneland Fire School March 12, 13 and March 19, 20. The Jasper Fire School is March 12 & 13. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES DIGEST - LARRY BARTLOW: Convention minutes digest is complete and passed out to officers. LEGISLATIVE - JIM PARKER: Explained the actions taken on Bill that the IVFA sponsored. (1) HB 1511 - Tax Break for Volunteer Firefighters - Assigned to Ways & Means Committee - not been heard. (2) HB 1538 - $500 Tax Break - *not* heard. (3) 1538 - Infectious Diseases - heard by Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee - passed committee and is moving. (4) 1580 - Disciplinary Action for Volunteer Firefighters late for work. Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee- will be heard Feb. 8, 2005. LEGISLATIVE: continued. (5) SB 84 - $2000 Tax Break for Volunteer Firefighters. No action (6) SB 94 Disciplinary Action Bill - Amended in Committee, private employer amended out, trying to get language reinserted in bill to include *all employers.* (7) SB 152- Disciplinary action, not heard. (8) SB 561 - Disciplinary Action, not heard. Keeping an eye on other Bills that could effect the Volunteer Fire Service. SB41 Food handlers Certification - Would exempt Volunteer Fire Department from program. We need to actively *support this* Bill. All information about Legislation is on the IVFA Web site IVFA .ORG MISS FLAME - PATTI MILLER: Deadline for Miss Flame applications to be in is March 15. MR. IVFA - MITCH PARISH: Have several letters. BY-LAWS AND SOG - JIM

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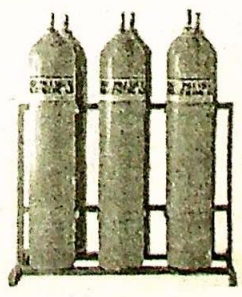
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Quarterly report ...

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PARKER: Presented the proposed language changes and updates to the SOG's for acceptance. Section III - He shall render a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors and General Officers Meeting to all officers and Board of Directors members with fifteen (15) days after said Board of Directors, general, or special meetings. THE CHANGES ARE: *He shall* to *The Secretary and fifteen* (15) *days to twenty (20) days.* Section VII - The immediate Past President will preside over the Board of Directors meetings, as stated in Article V, section 5 of the Bylaws. THE CHANGE IS: *shall serve as Chairman of the Board as provided by the Bylaws.* Section X Item 6 Industrial fire department member dues shall be thirteen dollars ($13.00) per year, THE CHANGE IS: *member dues shall be dollars ($15.00) per member,.* Section XI Item 12 Mileage shall be reimbursed, at the rate prescribed by the IRS code, CHANGED TO: Mileage shall be reimbursed, *by the rate prescribed in the SOG's,.* Item 13 - The annual Miss Flame shall have an annual expense allowance of $500.00 maximum to travel the state to attend functions. THE CHANGE: Valid *receipts must be provided to the IVFA Treasurer for reimbursement.* Item 15- Expenses for overnight sleeping accommodations for officers, district chairman and those authorized, attending the quarterly officer's meeting, shall be paid directly by the Association Treasurer. THE CHANGE: shall be reimbursed by the Association Treasurer. Section XV FIRE SCHOOL PROCEDURES. The Vice President will supervise all I.V.F.A. Fire Schools in the State. CHANGE TO: The Vice President, *or his designee,* will supervise Item 6 changed to read: *The names and numbers of participants will be turned in along with a financial report to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled quarterly meeting.* Item 7 changed to read: *The job of the Public Relations officer is to assist the District Chairman in all previously mentioned responsibilities. He is to make sure all of these are carried out.* Item 16 changed to read: All dates, courses, and location of each District Fire School must be in the hands of the Vice President *60 days prior to* the fire school. Duties of district chairman at annual meeting: Reads- Determine the eligibility of those people from your district. In order to vote, each of these delegates must be paid up, active members of a paid-up, active fire department. CHANGED TO READ: Determine the eligibility of those people from your district. In order to vote, each of these delegates must be *a member in good standing with the IVFA.* XVI COMMITTEES 1 Bridgeport Committee: This committee is fixed by the Bylaws and consists of the current president, vice president, treasurer, chaplain, board chairman, senior public relations director and two (2) active past presidents. CHANGED TO READ: *This committee is fixed by the Bylaws.* Committee Duties, Rules, Regulations: All applications must be in the hands of the IVFA state secretary no later than March 1st of each year with the following exceptions: those applications sent by registered or certified mail with a postal date prior to March 1st will be honored. CHANGED TO READ: *All applications must be sent to the IVFA Office and postmarked by March* 1. Committee shall not award a scholarship to any applicant more than one time. Scholarships are not renewable. CHANGED TO READ: *The Bridgeport Committee shall not award a scholarship to any applicant more than one time.* Recipients of the scholarship will be officially announced at the annual meeting of the IVFA each year. CHANGED TO READ: Recipients of the scholarship will be announced at the Annual *Convention.* IVFA Secretary Duties CHANGED TO: IVFA *Office* Duties Research IVFA records to verify the applicant's status as being a volunteer firefighter, son or daughter of a volunteer firefighter who is a member of the IVFA. CHANGED TO READ: Research IVFA records to verify the applicant's status as being a volunteer firefighter, son or daughter of a volunteer firefighter who is a member *in good standing of the IVFA.*

IVFA Secretary Shall Further CHANGED TO READ: IVFA *Office* Shall. Separate page one of the application from the rest of the application. This will be the sheet with all names and addresses. CHANGED TO READ: Separate page one of the application from the rest of the applica

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Named Firefighter of the Year for 2004



DALE STRUEWING was named Firefighter of the Year 2004.

Dale is a member of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)



Joe Schneider, Morris VFD, receives 25 year pin

JOE SCHNEIDER, (left) Morris Volunteer Fire Department is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Case receives pin



JON CASE, Morris Volunteer Fire Department, receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc.

A place to be "just one of the kids."

• 2005 Visitors' Day Schedule •

Time	Event	Location
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	**Kids/Guests Activities** (see bottom for list)	Various
11:30	Parade	Circle drive around camp
12 Noon	Lunch	*Creative Arts Center*
12:15 p.m.	Check Presentations	Creative Arts Center
12:30 - 1:30	**Kids/Guests Activities** (see bottom for list)	Various
1:30	**Say Goodbye to Burn Camp Kids** They must get back to work on "just being one of the kids."	

• Activities •

60 Yard Long Zip Line (main field) • Domestic Petting Zoo
Black Hole (Past the Trading Post) - 100 FOOT LONG SELF-ENCLOSED FLUME
Interpretive Nature Center • 50 Foot Climbing Tower
Helicopter - COURTESY OF PHI • Volleyball, Soccer, Tetherball, etc.
Model Airplane Flights - COURTESY OF HOBBY TIME • Clowns
Motorcycles - MULTIPLE CHAPTERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF INDIANA

If you plan to attend, or bring a fire truck, please email timbatta652@msn.com by May 13, 2005.

Thank you for all of your support!

Support Hoosier Burn Camp

A place to be "Just One of the Kids" TM

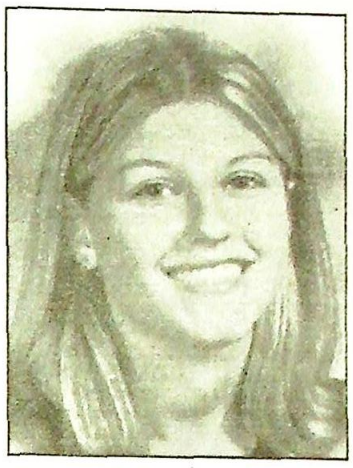
Meet The 2005 Miss Flame Candidates



2004 MISS FLAME
Aarika L. Murphy
Parents: Rob & Shannon Leavett



DISTRICT 2
Megan Lambert
Crown Point Fire & Rescue



DISTRICT 3
Kayla Wallace
Hanna Township Fire Dept.



DISTRICT 5
Holly Farrer
Bremen Vol. Fir Dept.



DISTRICT 6
"Ty" Mary Pierce
Johnson Township Fire Dept.



DISTRICT 7
Sarah E. Bultemeier
Hoagland Vol. Fire Dept.



DISTRICT 8B
Lee Ann Blumenhorst
Dunkirk Vol. Fire Dept.



DISTRICT 10
Michelle Hargett
Hartsville Vol. Fire Dept.



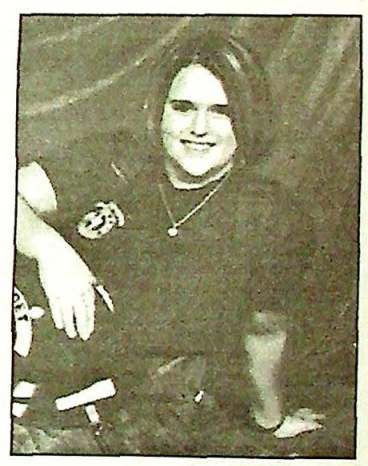
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Mackenzie Watson
Cory Vol. Fire Dept.



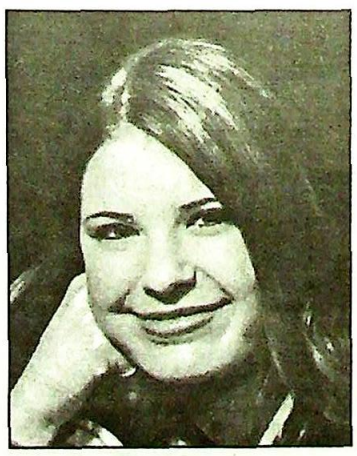
DISTRICT 11-B
Ashley Doan
Dana Vol. Fire Dept.



DISTRICT 12
Jeanan Joseph
Lizton Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



DISTRICT 14
Courtney Miller
Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept.



DISTRICT 15
Ashley Blagg
Newburgh Vol. Fire Dept.



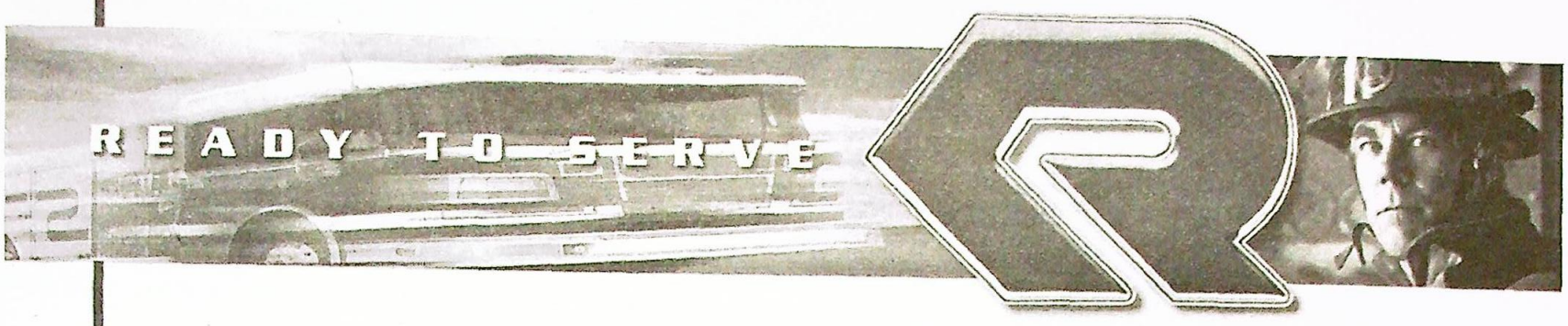
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Kelsie Murphy
Montgomery Vol. Fire Dept.

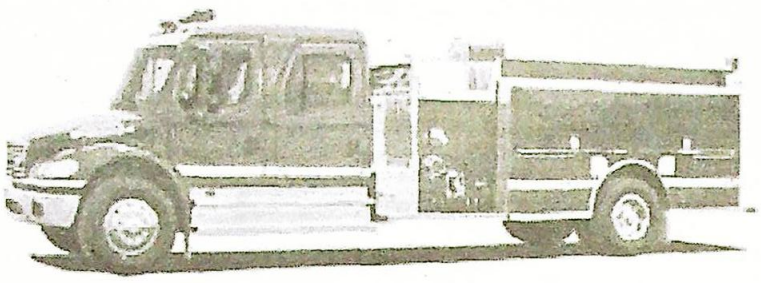


DISTRICT 18
Amanda S. Gulgsell
Schnellville Vol. Fire Dept.



DISTRICT 19
Ashley Hountz
Sunman Rural Vol. Fire Dept.

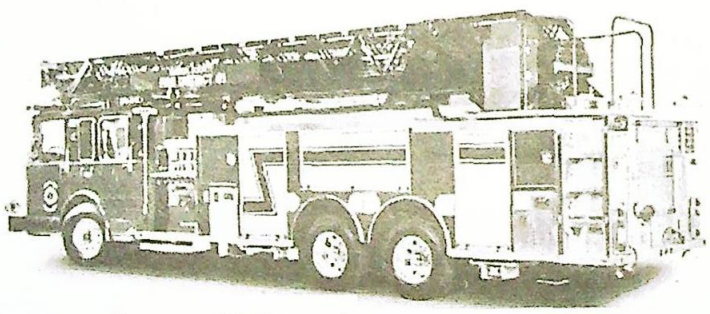




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IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

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.

ATTENTION: IVFAA AUXILIARY MEMBERS

YOU MAY PURCHASE IVFAA SHOULDER PATCHES FROM DISTRICT 11-B
PATCHES $1.50 / PLATES $10.00
CONTACT: MAXINE DAVIES
5 BROOKSIDE STREET, FILMORE, IN 46128
(765) 246-6220

STAPLE CHECK HERE

_____ IVFA INDIVIDUAL LICENSE PLATE REQUEST FORM APPLICATION
(Year of Plate Renewal)

Name of IVFA Member _____ IVFA Membership # _____

Department Name _____ Department # _____

Home Address _____

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)

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FAX 219-866-5000
E-MAIL:
printco@nwiis.com
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PHOTO COPIES AND FAXES OF PICTURES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS THEY WILL NOT REPRODUCE

***DO NOT* ADDRESS YOUR CORRESPONDENCE TO THE IVFA PAPER OR THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AS IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SENDER BY THE POST OFFICE**

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

INDICATE ON THE ENVELOPE YOUR PLATE RENEWAL DATE

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.

www.ivfa.org

Quarterly news continued . . .

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tion. *This will become the applicant's* identification sheet. PAGE ONE - sheet with names and addresses on- will remain with Secretary until requested by the chairperson. CHANGED TO READ: Page 1 will remain with the *IVFA Office* until requested by the chairperson. Forward applications to the chairperson. CHANGED TO READ: Forward *all numbered* applications to the chairperson. 6. Annual meeting Committees: Mileage, Credentials, Election, and Audit. CHANGED TO READ: Mileage, Credentials, Election, Audit, *Roll Call, Security.* The members of these committees will be appointed by the president prior to the annual meeting. They will serve at the pleasure of the secretary or treasurer. District chairman appointed to these committees may have a delegate from their district serve in their place except for the Audit Committee. CHANGED TO READ: The members of these committees will be appointed by the President prior to the Annual Meeting. District Chairman appointed to these committees may have a delegate from their District serve in their place, *as a proxy,* except for the Audit Committee. Past - President Richard Glant made the motion to accept the changes to the SOG's. District 5 Don Kissinger made the second. Motion passed. LOGO: CHARLES PARKER - wanted to know if we had a certificate with the Logo on it. We do and the office prints it. MEMBERSHIP: STEVE ANDERSON - Wanted district chairman to be sure and check on all departments in District to see if they are members. NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: JACK KERNEY - No meeting. Next meeting is April 26-30 in Reno NY. PSTI: BUZ KOEHLER- Nothing BOARD OF FIREFIGHTERS STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: JACK KERNEY - *Meet Dec. 6, 2004 with eight members present. Mandatory Training in effect January 1, 2005. Driver training video should be out* sometime in. February. FIRE INSTITUTE: MITCH PARISH - the Dinner is February 7, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency. FDIC: JACK KERNEY - The conference is April 11-16, 2005. We have Booth 100 this year. EMS: TIM SANDY - Re-Certification papers now available on EMS Web site. Next EMS board meeting is Marching 18, 2005.

OLD BUSINESS

CONVENTION 2005: DAVID ISRAEL- Convention schedule is printed in the paper. Some time changes in schedule. Everything ready to go. The information is on our Web site.

CONVENTION 2006: BILL PAPE - Nothing more to say. SGT-AT-ARMS: BILL BUSH - Requested that everyone start sending him a list of supplies that are needed. He will not continue to bring everything to each meeting. He will only bring what is ordered.

Discussion on when the deadline for names to be included in Memorial Service at Convention. The list to be submitted to the district chairman at the February officers' meeting for review and updates and returned at the May officers' meeting with all updates and corrections. The list to be submitted to the publisher at that time. This was done at the July 2004 officers' meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The next officers' meeting will be April 30-May 1, 2005. Room reservations must be in by April 8, 2005.

National Fire Caucus Dinner April 6, 7& 8, 2005. Requires Board of Directors action on sending 10 people.

Clarence Moss - Requested that anyone having fire department hats or T-shirts that would like to donate to the Burn Camp to bring them to the May meeting and he will see that they get them.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Parker. Larry Petro made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2005

Called to Order at 10:55 by Chairman Jack Zeeks.

Chairman Zeeks called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Kissinger, District 5, made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed.

Chairman Zeeks called for a motion to install Buz Koehler as Chairman of the Board. Dave Elick made the motion, District 6 for the appointment. Larry Petro, District 8B made the second. Motion passed.

Chairman Koehler agenda included: Clocks to be given away at FDIC. Jim Bradford, PRNW, made motion to give two clocks with the cost of both not to exceed $200.00. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed.

Donation to the Hoosier Burn Camp. A motion to donate $1000.00 was made by Larry Bruner, District 12. The second was by Larry Petro, District 8B. Motion passed

National Fire Caucus Dinner - April 6, 7& 8, 2005 in Washington D.C. Dave Elick, District 6 made motion to send up to 10 officers to the dinner. Jack Zeeks, past president, made the second. Motion passed. The 10 officers are: Tim Deckard, Charlie Parker, Jack Kerney, Ed Scheele, Larry Ketchem, Mort Sorg, Jerry Cohen, Mitch Parish, Jon Randle and Bill Pape.

CIVIL DEVELOPMENT GROUP fund raiser. Much discussion on this topic. Dave Elick, District 6, made a motion to look at this program through the Executive Committee and with their approval of CDG to enter into a one-year contract with them. The second was made be Chaplain Jerry Cohen. A roll call vote was taken. YES: District 1,2,4,5,6,7,8B, 9A, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13B, 14, 15, 17A, 17B, 18,21, PRNW, PRWC, PREC, PRSE, PRSE, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, chaplain, chairman of board, past president Zeeks, past-president Glant, past-president Parish, past-president Nevil, past-president Parker. NO: District 8A, 19, past president Bruns. Motion carried 35 yes, 3 no.

CHANGE SITE CONVENTION 2006. David Israel Convention Guideline Committee Chairman recommends that the 2006 Convention be allowed to move from Kokomo to Indianapolis with the dates being June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, 2006. Past president Jim Parker made a motion that we accept the Guideline Committees recommendation to move the Convention 2006. Past-President Mitch Parish made the second. A roll call vote was taken. YES: District 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13B, 14, 15, 17A, 17B, 18, 19,21, PRNE, PRWC, PREC, PRSW, PRSE, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, Sgt-at-Arms, chaplain, chairman of board, past-president Parish, past-president Nevil, past-president Bruns, and past president Parker. NO: Past-president Zeeks and past-President Glant. Motion passed 36 yes, 2 no.

Past president requested that we keep a journal of where and when we present the Fire House clocks.

Ivan Nevil spoke on the upcoming changes in the Fire Marshal's Office.

Past-president Jack Zeeks a motion to adjourn. The second was made by PRSE Bob McKinzie. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

Eskridge elected president



JACK ESKRIDGE, Chief of the Lowell VFD, was recently elected president of the Lake County Fire Chief's Association.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

The Lake County Fire Chief's Association is comprised of 23 voting fire departments. We are under contract with the Lake County Commissioners and the Lake County EMA.

We are responsible for all major incidents involving hazardous materials. The hazmat team is comprised of 22 hazmat technicians from various county members.

Our full time hazmat co-ordinator is available to assist any fire department in our county having incidents. We also work with the hazmat teams from the Gary Fire Department, Hammond Fire Department, East Chicago Fire Department, and the Ross Twp. Fire Department. Our coordinator and our association are responsible for fire and hazmat training. They also sponsor other classes.

Our organization and hazmat team have been named the Render Safe Team for the five county area of District 1 in the state.

We are working on a web site at this time.

For information, phone our secretary at (219) 924-7660.

Twenty five year pins awarded to several from Morris VFD



CARL BRUNS, past IVFA president, presented 25 year pins to Bob Hartman, Jim Kirschner, Louis Scheele, and Ed Scheele of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (left to right) Louis Scheele, Jim Kirschner, Carl Bruns, Ed Scheele and Bob Hartman.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

2005 CONVENTION JUNE 15-18, 2005

BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE — DIST. 19 — 2005 — COLUMBUS — STEP ALIVE IN 2005

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: $40.00 PER PERSON, DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2005
LATE AND ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE: $50.00 PER PERSON

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: ____

FIRE DEPARTMENT: _____ IVFA DIST: _____

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	MEMBER	SPOUSE	TITLE
STATE OFFICER	_____	_____	_____
AUX. MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
DIST. CHAIRMAN	_____	_____	_____
DELEGATE	_____	_____	_____
IVFA MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
GUEST	_____	_____	_____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED $ _____

(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. MAKE PAYABLE TO 2005 IVFA CONVENTION) CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED FOR VISA OR MASTER CARD

TYPE OF CARD _____

ACCOUNT # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF CARDHOLDER: _____

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

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION TO:

BARBARA PARKER
2005 IVFA CONVENTION REGISTRATION
403 N. 11TH AVE.
BEECH GROVE, IN 46107
PHONE: (317) 783-9293

2005 IVFA convention highlights

2005 IVFA Convention, Columbus …
Have you registered for the convention yet?
Have you reserved your room at the Holiday yet?
We have some great things in store for you.

1. A round of golf for the golfers.
2. A trip to Nashville for the nostalgic shoppers.
3. A trip to the Outlet Mall for the serious shoppers.
4. Seminars for those wanting to be informed.
5. Tours to the Toyota and Cummins plants.
6. Lots of vendors of fire dept. regalia ??? stuff.
7. A pizza party for the youngsters.
8. A banquet to satisfy the healthiest appetite.
9. A fire truck muster.
10. ****** A liquid refreshment wagon open for most of the convention.

All of this, and you get to meet old friends and a lot of new friends.
Come join us for a grand time in mid-southern Indiana – (I-65 and Ind. 46).
Hope to see you there *** June 15, 16, 17, 18.

Your hosts,
Dave Israel
Jim Parker

August 10th deadline - July 10, 2005

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Pauline Glaub (Deceased) 1956-1958
Loretta Kustron (Deceased) 1955-1956
Vida Bare (Deceased) 1953-1955

IVFAA President



Barbara Kerney

If you are like me you are just about ready to catch spring fever. Spring is always a sign of freshness and new beginnings. Hopefully we all are thinking of new ideas to "freshen" up our auxiliaries, create new interest and are willing to share with new members our goals and ideas. Some of you are working toward forming new auxiliaries while others are revamping and bringing back old auxiliaries. That is great news for our group! Please continue to work on these new beginnings, as they are vital to our organization.

Please continue to remember our vice president Joann Hays and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Joann and her husband, Bob, both have been very ill over the past few months. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Make plans to attend our annual convention, which will be held at Columbus this year. I can almost guarantee that it will be a good time to renew friendships, gather beneficial information and have a good time participating in the activities the committee has planned for us. A great deal of time and effort goes into planning and hosting a convention. Show your fellow volunteers you appreciate their efforts by your attendance. This is your chance to have a say in the workings of your organization.

I want to give a personal thank you to all officers, committee members and those of you who took tasks that I have asked you to do during the past year. You have done a terrific job! It makes my job as your leader easier and with team efforts we have been able to accomplish a lot. I am indeed proud of our organization and the strides it has made toward its future.

Remember to support the various projects that the state association is promoting to help us in our financial goals; cookbooks, raffle, Mary Mackin Scholarship fund, and our Chinese Auction. With contributions towards these various projects we are able to operate our association in a better-balanced budget.

Our thought for the quarter is: If you don't scale the mountain, you can't see the view.

Barb

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING
COLUMBUS, IN
FEBRUARY 6, 2005

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with the opening prayer given by Chaplain Beth Caudill. Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaekel led us in the pledge to the flag.

Diana Gray called for roll call with 23 members and eight guests present.

Diana Gray read the minutes from previous meeting with no corrections and they stood as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter as follows:

Balance on hand Nov. 6, 2004 ..... $14,893.58
Income:
Dues $920.00
Interest 1.90
V.P. Project 3280.00
Unrelated Inc. 110.00
(Mary Mackin Fund)
Total Income ..... + $4,311.90
Disbursements:
Operating Exp. $63.88
Phone & Postage 50.62
Total Disbursements.. - $114.50
Balance on hand Feb. 3, 2005 ..... $19,090.98

Correspondence: A letter was read from Sharon Bray stating that she had to resign because of illness in her family.

Membership: Diana stated that we have 58 paid departments, 48 individuals, 15 life members and 650 paid by departments with a total of 698 members at this time.

Beth Caudill gave her Chaplain's report as 11 get well, two sympathy and one for a death cards. Also keep in our prayers for better health to Bill and Janet Goodwin, Bob Mackin, E. J. Smith, Wanda Johnson's mother passing away and the loss of June Cahill's grandmother.

Lou Bartlow says the financial study is okay.

Patty Miller, Miss Flame chairman, states that all the forms and pictures have to be in her hands no later than March 15th.

V.P. Project: Joann Hays says that we took in $4,902.00 for the cookbooks and she still has a lot of tickets for the raffle and let her know if you need more. If you do not sell all of the tickets that you have, please turn them in to her so that she can give them to the Miss Flames to sell at convention.

Toni Sorg stated that we need to update the By-laws to read Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary, Inc. as the name has been changed and the cost of this was $340.00.

E. J. Smith stated that with the change of the name on the logos for the tie tacks and charms it will delay the items but hope to have them in time for the convention.

Ann Moss is still waiting for articles and pictures for her books. Please put on the back of the pictures a date and who is in the pictures.

The Lois Boaz committee met and had a difficult time picking a winner from a lot of entries. Keep those letters coming to the next year's committee for the 2006 convention.

Barb Parker asks that we all bring our Chinese auction items to the May meeting so that she can have them ready when the convention starts. She also has the forms for reservations and registrations so let her know if you need them.

Lucille Cohen will try to have something on Saturday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m. and can use some help with it. Also, remember Linda Johnson as she has surgery and also Sharon Angel. Please keep in your prayers Joann Hays and her husband, Bob. The next meeting will be April 30th and May 1st. See you then.

President Barb adjourned the meeting with the closing prayer given by Chaplain Beth Caudill.

New district chairmen: District 12 Rosie Johnson, 634 N. Bauman St., Indianapolis, IN 36214, 317-243-0086; District 19 Crystal Armbruster, 6873 St. Rd. 350, Aurora, IN 47001, 812-926-2415; new address District 14 Sharon Angel, 225 Eftel Ln., Apt. 1, Clarksville, IN 47129, 812-283-1046.

Submitted by

Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA

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

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DISTRICT 3

Lucille (Lee) Cohen

District 3 Chairwoman IVFAA



March 16, 2005

The District 3, I.V.F.A.A. meeting was called to order by chairperson Lee Cohen at 7:00 p.m. on March 16, 2005. The host department was Springfield Twp. Vol. Fire Department.

A prayer was led by chaplain Jody Brinckman. The pledge to the flag followed.

The secretary-treasurer, Kim Krueger, was not present and chairperson Lee Cohen asked for someone to take the minutes. Leona Uryga from Michiana Shores volunteered.

Roll call was answered from a roll list passed out. Michiana Shores six, Coolspring Twp. two, Springfield Twp. 11, with a total of 19 members present.

Lee Cohen stated that the minutes of the meeting will be sent to each department.

Chaplain Jody Brinckman reported that we have lost two of our auxiliaries family members. Maggie Gaw has lost her husband, Vern from Springfield and Dorothy Moffitt has lost her son, Roger from Coolspring.

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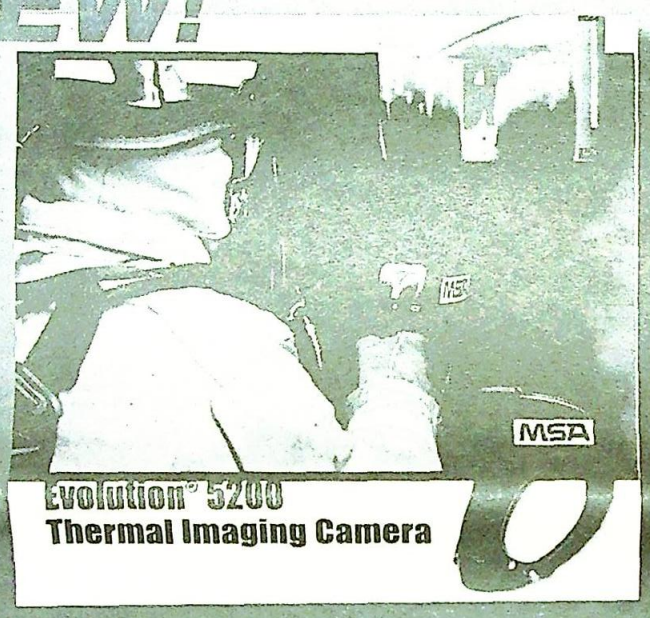
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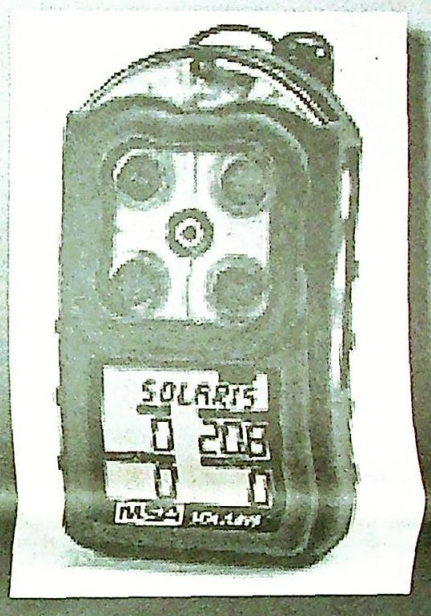
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DISTRICT 3

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Chairperson Lee reported on the state minutes of February 6, 2005.

She passed out the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter paper to whoever would like to take one to read.

Guests were: Tony Wallace, Chief of Hanna Volunteer Fire Department, Heather Magley, and our Miss Flame, Kayla Wallace.

Kayla was asked to speak to the auxiliary and a bracelet from the men.

Lee talked about different ways to make money for our auxiliary and told us how the Poe department makes their peanut brittle for funds.

We do not have tickets for the state raffle as yet, but Lee will get them to us as soon as she gets them.

A film on the Hoosier Burn Camp was shown. Michiana Shores presented a check to chairperson Lee for thirty-five dollars ($35.00) for the burn camp.

Jody Brinckman from Springfield Twp. made a suggestion that we keep our 50/50 raffle for our Miss Flame Fund. A motion was made by Leona Uryga from Michiana Shores and seconded by Jody Brinckman from Springfield Twp. that we hold our 50/50 raffle. Motion voted on and passed. Chris Stephens from Springfield Twp. will be in charge of the raffle.

A motion was made by Jody Brinckman from Springfield and seconded by Jeanette Lane from Springfield that we have a Mary's bake sale at our next district meeting. Motion voted on and passed. The proceeds will go to the Mary Mackin Fund.

A motion was made by Ruth Deutscher from Coolspring and seconded by Bonnie Smith from Springfield to give Miss Flame two hundred dollars ($200.00) for her expenses. Motion voted on and passed.

Ruth Deutscher from Coolspring stated that her auxiliary will host the next District 3 meeting on May 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Bonnie Smith from Springfield made a suggestion to keep the District records at the district chairperson's department. A motion was made by Ruth Deutscher from Coolspring and seconded by Rose Stantz from Springfield to keep the records at Springfield. Motion voted on and passed.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Leona Uryga and Gert Peterson, both from Michiana Shores. The treasury received $9.50.

Dawn Boles from Michiana Shores made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ruth Deutscher from Coolspring. Motion voted on and passed.

Chaplain Jody Brinckman recited a prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sec. Pro-Temp.
Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 11A



Eula Asbury

District 11A Chairwoman IVFAA

Finally, spring is here!

On January 22nd we had our Miss Flame contest and dance at the Fort Harrison American Legion Post. Thank you, Mickey Phelps for doing the beautiful decorations for the dance. The lovely flowers for the Miss Flame contestants and for Miss Katie Myers, our Miss Flame for 2004 were done by Joann Hays. Amy Bose, Brittany Jones and MacKenzie Watson were our contestants. MacKenzie Watson was chosen our District 11A Miss Flame for 2005. She is the daughter of David and Shelly Watson and represents Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Department in Cory. MacKenzie, congratulations and good luck at the state convention.

Our last district meeting was March 20th at the Jackson Twp. Fire Department in Clay Co. They served us a delicious meal at 1:00 p.m. There were six members present at our auxiliary meeting, including our state vice president Joann Hays.

Our next district meeting will be on May 15th at the Linton Twp. Fire Dept. in Pimento. Our July meeting will be on July 17th at the Lewis Twp. Fire Dept. in Coalmont. Please try to attend these meetings as we need your input.

Remember to send in your reservations for the state convention to be held in Columbus, IN June 15-19th.

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller

District 11B Chairwoman IVFAA

Finally – No more snow!! Hope this finds everyone in good health. I can't wait for the trees to turn green!

We have a 2005 District 11B Miss Flame – Ashley Daon. Good luck to her at the state contest. For those who missed the dance this year, we had a great time at the Moose Lodge in Clinton. We plan to again hold it there next year. So plan to be there!

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

District 11B is hosting the annual 11A-11B picnic on September 18. Everyone is invited, so mark your calendars!!

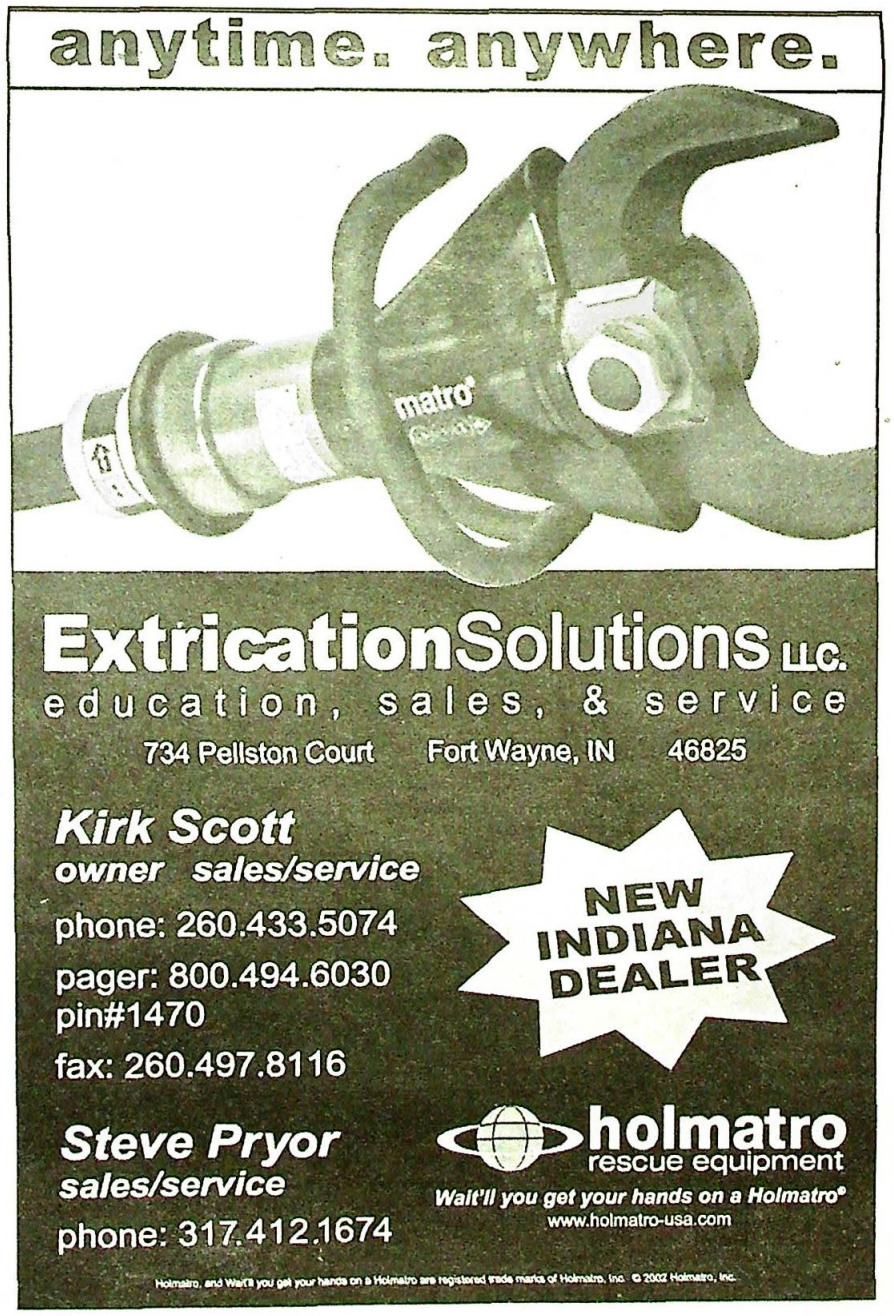
I'll stop rambling on for now, hope to see everyone at Columbus!

Have a safe and healthy summer!

Patty Miller
IVFAA District 11B

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IVFAA Vice President



Joann Hays

April 4, 2005

Hello,

Well, spring has sprang and it's about time.

Hope your auxiliaries are doing well and you are all keeping busy. Remember, gals, we can always use new members.

Well it's time for convention. Hope you are going. I'm sure you will have a good time and I know the committee is working hard for all of you.

If you haven't got your reservations in, it's not too late.

Folks, as I have said before this is the only time we can unit as one, meet old friends and make new ones.

The auxiliary still has a few cookbooks left, if you haven't purchased one yet. I'm sure your district chairman will be happy to pick you up one.

Also we will have our raffle ticket sale for $1.00 or 6 for $5.00. Our prizes are a mint firetruck or $200.00 cash and the second prize is a beautiful clock. Your district chairman will have tickets for you to purchase before they come to convention. So buy! Buy!

Folks until we meet again, God bless you all.

See you in Columbus.

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays
IVFAA Vice President

A note from the Fire Marshal's desk ...

Dear members and friends,

It has been three and a half fast paced months since Governor Daniels asked me to serve as your State Fire Marshal. From the beginning it has been a whirlwind of activities, emergencies and other situations occurring.

It all started with explosions in the streets of Indianapolis on inauguration eve, attributed to a mixing of heavy melted snow with ice melting chemicals creating electrical explosions with the last explosion only a couple hundred feet from the east door of the capitol. Considering the serious damage the explosions caused, Indianapolis was fortunate in the fact that there were only three injuries.

The City of Anderson gave us the next major emergency a few days later, with 300,000 pounds of magnesium on fire with massive explosions and evacuations. During that event we asked for and received the Indiana State Police helicopter and mobile command post, for which both were put to use and greatly appreciated by all fire agencies. Incidentally, the officers on scene could not recall those units ever being dispatched to aid firefighters during a fire emergency.

Tremendous mutual aid responded to the City of Anderson that cold night, and during the entire incident Governor Daniels, along with other state agencies were kept aware of your activities. That support was greatly appreciated, once again an indication of a goal to improve working together, making assignments safer for everyone, especially our customers, the citizens.

The emergencies went on with three fatal fires claiming three Hoosier children, each were devastating tragedies.

Floods, some the worst since 1913 brought Governor Daniels to the Columbus and Hazelton areas to receive on scene data and show his support for all workers, including volunteer firefighters, another indication of support this Governor and his administration has for your efforts in protecting Indiana.

We held a fire summit, with the help of many, including the tireless work of Chief John Buckman, German Township, Evansville. We identified issues you said were needed in Indiana's fire and emergency services.

We went further to include special volunteer regional meetings around Indiana to make certain all were represented in the decision process. Number one from both volunteer and career was increased training opportunities. Governor Daniels is firmly behind that effort. In the next few months you will see a fast paced plan to identify our objectives in training and safety for all Indiana responders.

We must take stock of what is going on in our state and nation's Homeland Security with safety of responders a top priority. You are the first line of response in ANY emergency, so we must improve how we conduct business. From the smallest department to the biggest department, you all face the same dangers when the alarm sounds. Whether it's a homeland security call or a day to day emergency, training and safety must be paramount.

In the days to come, please keep your thoughts on how we can all work together, both career and volunteer. Unity, training and safety, all come together. No longer are the days of thinking we are individual islands that can make it alone. New York City understands that and so should we.

Our efforts to improve and enhance our effectiveness is a joint effort between state, federal and local agencies, we must work together protecting our communities.

I look forward to working with you, until we have the opportunity to meet, be safe, watch out for your brothers and sisters, and may God bless all of you.

Thanks for what you do,
Roger Johnson

Schneider receives 25 year pin



JOE SCHNEIDER, (left) Morris Volunteer Fire Department is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

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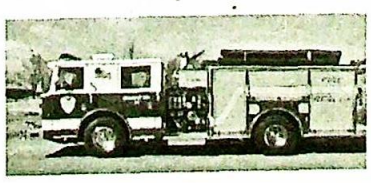

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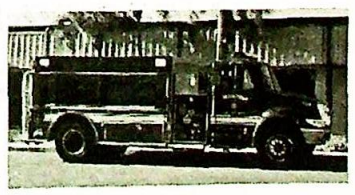
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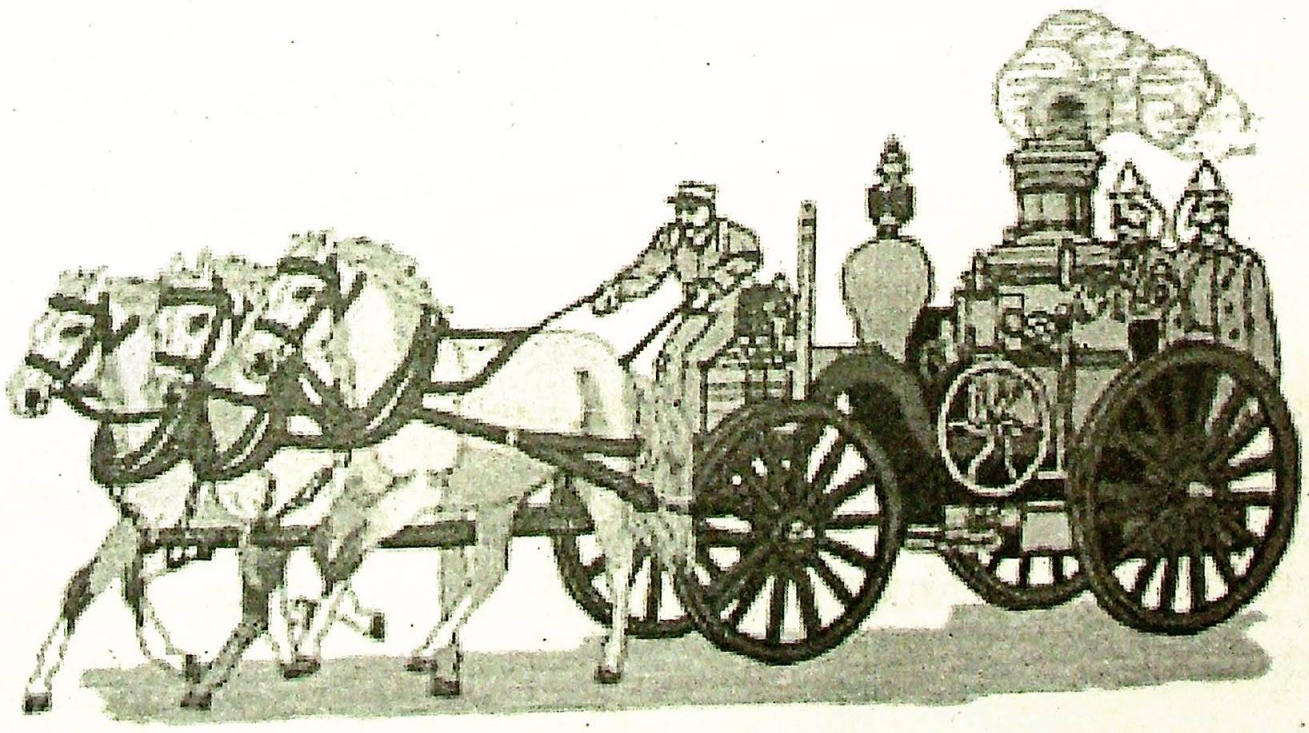
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IVFA CONVENTION

June 15th - 18th

Look forward to socializing with all of our firefighting friends and family at the annual hot dog bust. Should prove to be another fun Evening, for everyone who attends.

Don't forget to visit us in the vendor display area on June 18th.

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SWFS would like to thank the Delphi-Tri Township Fire Department, and Chief Schoch for their recent purchase of a 75' Quint.

2004 Convention report minutes .....

58th Annual Convention 2004
Holiday Inn Lakeview
Clarksville, Indiana
June 12, 2004
Convention Minutes Digest

PRESIDENT LEMOYNE KOEHLER: Ladies and gentlemen, I call the 58th annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association to order. Please stand for the invocation by Chaplain Northwest Jerry Cohen.

CHAPLAIN COHEN: Heavenly Father, we come to you this morning thankful that we have a forgiving God that we would pray to and that we can talk to and to ask guidance and that we can ask His blessing. Lord we just ask that you will bless this meeting, give us knowledge and give us wisdom and the business that we conduct here today be beneficial to all mankind. In Jesus' precious name we pray, Amen.

PRES. KOEHLER: Vice president Kerney will you lead us in the pledge?

VICE-PRESIDENT KERNEY: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PRES. KOEHLER: I now call for reading of the minutes from the 2003 annual meeting.

MR. ESSERMAN: Mr. President, Bob Esserman of District 1. I make a motion that we suspend the reading of the 2003 minutes.

PRES. KOEHLER: We have a motion to suspend the reading of the 2003 minutes.

MR. ELICK: Dave Elick, District 6, second.

PRES. KOEHLER: We have a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

PRES. KOEHLER: All opposed same sign. District chairmen, all of your vouchers have been passed out to your district. Please get those filled out. Remember only one (1) delegate from each department will receive mileage from to Clarksville and back to their home at thirty-six and a half (36½) cents. You can start putting together your roll call sheets. Make sure that you list your officers for the association in their respective districts. They must be on the district form. At this time I would ask the Mileage and Credentials Committee meet with chairman treasurer Jack Harker in the back right hand side of the room. Mileage and Credentials: Jack Harker, Jack Zeeks, Diana Harrison and Don Cushman. And also would like to call the Roll Call Committee to the rear of the room. Roll Call Committee: Jack Kerney, Carl Bruns, Larry Bartlow, and Richard Glant. District chairmen make sure that you put your district number on your vouchers and on your roll call sheets, please. We have several guests with us this morning and at this time I would call on Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Bigler to address the group.

MR. BIGLER: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. I need to say that Marshal Boatwright is stepping down; he's retiring effective at the end of this month. Things are not going to change. If you need an arson investigator they're still going to be there. If you need a hazmat, counter terrorism person, they're still going to be there. If you need an inspector, they're still going to be there. We're dealing with OSHA. It's something you need to know about and be ready for. They are going to sponsor three (3) OSHA workshops for the Fire Service designed around your needs. We're going to foot the whole bill. You need to get a little proactive on OSHA issue and get to one of those workshops. Another thing I want to talk about is render safe. I had a lot of people yesterday come up to our booth wanting to know what that render safe was. If you are a fire chief and you are called to the scene and you are asked to make a decision, do I close this post office down, do I close this nursing home down, do I close this school down because of an unknown substance and you don't know about render safe, shame on you. There are people out there that can come and help you but you need to understand what that program is about and how you go about obtaining that help from these hazmatting because somebody is there to get your butt off the line so that you don't have to take the responsibility. Stop by the booth and we will talk about it. Thanks for having us.

MR. BUSH: Mr. President, we have some guests.

MR. KOEHLER: Ladies and gentlemen, please stand for the Miss Flame.

MS. MILLER: I'd like to introduce to you our 2004 Miss Flame, Erica Murphy She is the daughter of Shannon and Rob LaVett and her fire department is the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department and she's from District 13B. And our 2004 runner-up, Holley Farrer, she is the daughter of Tony and Diana Farrer, bremen Volunteer Fire Department, District 5. The rest of these young ladies are her court. And I think they've done a fine job. We certainly cannot forget our 2003 Miss Flame, Nicole Payne.

MR. KOEHLER: Continuing with our guests, our next speaker is Ivan Nevil.

MR. NEVIL: Thank you, Buz. Okay, the 2004 fire grants; they've started awarding them. There has been one (1) awarded as of Thursday in Indiana and that was the Universal Fire Department in Vermillion County. The Indiana Weekend, July 17 and 18th. We have five (5) classes that are still available to participate in. Next Friday is the cut off date for accepting your applications. Until last year early in November the Department of Justice approved heart attack as a covered liability under the National Fire Safety Officers death benefits. Prior to November of last year heart attacks were not covered. It's up to the Federal Government to prove, not the family that the individual died of a heart attack. So as of right now the Federal Death Benefit for the fallen safety officers, two hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars. National Incident Manager System, there's a lot of talk out there and it is a fact that you are going to have to adopt the NIMS System if you're going to apply for Federal grants in the future. If you are adopting or using the Incident Command System now, the National Fire Academy or something similar, you're probably ninety-five (95) percent there, maybe four (4) hours of additional training will bring you up to what FEMA and Department of Homeland Security is looking for on the NIMS System. I said yesterday in the board meeting the video that is going to be presented which was created under House Bill 1106 and signed into law, the statute states that (reading) each and every firefighter in the state of Indiana, career or volunteer, must view the video. There will be a copy of the video sent to every fire department and when it arrives in the fire department it is the property of the fire department. Thank you.

MR. KOEHLER: Our next guest is Larry Curl with Indiana Fire Service Institute.

MR. CURL: Thanks, Buz. Good morning. I am glad to be here with you today. Buz asked me to talk to you about the Institute. We had a record number of legislators that RSVPed. So while we had fifty-seven (57) legislators who had RSVPed we ended up with about two (2) or three (3) that really showed up because they had meetings that night. Executive director of the ISE, Garry Briese, addressed the audience. Garry spoke to us on a couple of things that night and he challenged us to speak to - to talk about the Fire Service with one (1) voice, to be united and to show our presence with authority. This is the year that we're going to elect the highest elected official for the state of Indiana. We will elect the Governor to serve us the next four (4) years this year. You need to be political. You need to be involved. I did not say partisan. I said political. You need to set up and listen, pay attention and ask the questions of our candidates who are running for Governor. What are you going to do for the state of Indiana's Fire Service? Make sure they are aware that we're here. We have four (4) state legislators that serve as co-chairs for the Institute: Senator Landske, Senator Larry Lutz, Representative Robert Bischoff, and Representative Bill Ruppel. Those four (4) folks work tirelessly for us at the Fire Service. Thank them for what they do for us. A couple of other things if I may. In March of this year a group of us attended a National Fallen Firefighters Line of Duty Death Summit in Orlando, Florida. We honor and memorialize what I consider an unacceptable number of people each year, being that of a hundred (100) or more, this year we will honor at Emmettsburg in October a hundred and nine (109) that have been killed in the line of duty. The new motto for the National Fallen Firefighter is: Everyone Goes Home. The last thing I am proud to talk to you about is the Hoosier Burn Camp. This year we had nearly fifty (50) people, I think forty-eight (48) or forty-nine (49) campers that attended. I spent a little bit of time with them on visitor's day. That is the highlight of these kids' lives. If you've never been to the Hoosier Burn Camp on visitor's day, I encourage you to do that.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Larry. Our next speaker is our lobbyist, Shokrina Radpour Beering and she does a fantastic job and she has some information she would like to pass along.

MS. BEERING: Thank you very much. Good morning.

MS. BEERING: A couple of things that I want to talk about. We've just finished a - a short session in the General Assembly as you all know. Usually the Assembly ah we do fifteen hundred (1500), two thousand (2,000) bills. This year there were fewer than five hundred (500) bills. Because of the nature of the Assembly this year we focused on property tax reassessment and budget deficit. The IVFA was very fortunate in that we had several bills initiated by legislators but one (1) bill in particular which passed was our House Bill 1257 which was the No Reprimand for Volunteers who are employed by local subdivisions to get to work late. So that went into law. And that law goes into effect on July 1st. So for those of you who work for a school board or a township or any - any governmental entity, it applies to you. But in order for you to that reprimand you have to write a letter to your employer and state that you are a volunteer. That's being raised. I'm sure your employer already knows it, but in order for you to activate that particular law for your benefit you need to have it in writing to your employer before July 1st that you are a volunteer and therefore this particular law will protect you in the event that you are on a fire or emergency scene and - and are late to work because of that. So that is something that means a little bit of action on your part. Ah also wanted to let you know that we were very successful this session in getting some exposure to additional legislators. Larry mentioned the Fire Caucus who was always great to us, but this year we were fortunate; we had Craycraft, Lewis, Lytle, Robertson, Mike Young, Long and Richard Young, all as additional sponsors or authors to our bill. So we really have expanded the region of the legislators with whom we're dealing. So if any of these gentlemen are in your area you might just want to let them know that you are appreciative of their efforts to support the IVFA. The legislative committee will meet in August, to set your agenda for next year so you might want to let one (1) of committee members know what's important to you. The committee decides its priorities and then I take those priorities and work on either getting a law written, which I then give to the legislators during the HB to work on, or there may be something that is a law now that you want to see repealed or amended so that - you can forward that information to the legislative committee as well. But we need to hear from you what you think the priorities should be for this session and we can only pick a few. We've got some little bit of capital built up but really two (2) or three (3) things to focus on is about all that the legislators can handle. Ah you all were very instrumental the past couple of years in getting things passed. You made telephone calls, you sent E-mails, you wrote letters. I know this because I saw them from the legislators. When we were in committee hearing they would mention something about the IVFA where they had gotten a call from a member or an E-mail from a member or the way that they would vote let me know that they had heard from you. So I hope that we can build on that this coming session. This is a long session. It will be after the election so it may be a little less partisan. However, we're still dealing with property tax reassessments and we're still dealing with the budget deficit so it will be another property tax reassessments and we're still dealing with the budget deficit so it will be another interesting session. But I welcome any input that you would have at any time. I'm sure you're aware that once session starts I do a weekly bill status report that goes to the Central Office. I know the district chairs get that. I don't know if you can access it on the website yet but that might be something that we can look into or your district chairs can share that with you. But that comes out every week and as the session goes [illegible] gets shorter and shorter because the bills which aren't going to move become deleted but it tells you what's going on in the session and it tells you what's going on with a particular bill and it lists not only the bills that the IVFA initiate but other bills which impact you as members of the Fire Service. So thank you very much for the opportunity to be your lobbyist this year. I've enjoyed it immensely and look forward to continuing to work with you.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Shokrina. I've invited Mr. Tom Hanify, president of the Indiana Firefighters Union, to address the group. He has a few words. Please welcome Tom.

MR. HANIFY: Thank you, President Koehler. First let me thank you for giving me a few moments. The PFF, the Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana has spoken with you at this convention and I think this is something that maybe we can build on in the future. Let me introduce myself briefly. I'm Tom Hanify. I'm an Indianapolis firefighter, twenty-three (23) year veteran with the Indianapolis Fire Department. I have twenty-two (22) years on my executive board in my local union. I've been a state president for the past two (2) years. In that twenty-two (22) years I also served ten (10) years as president of the local Indianapolis Fire Fighters Union. I also want to mention since I follow Shokrina and Larry, I want to follow up on what they were saying. Shokrina is there working those halls on your behalf every day. She's there on your behalf and truly has this organization in her heart. I know Buz has spent a lot of time there also. Now after having been to the State Legislature, it's a pretty interesting place. Like I told you I've been doing this job two (2) years but I've been in and out of that Statehouse because of my other activities. And we in the Fire Service are competing with that big money being spent there. It's an uphill battle every single year. And I can tell you two (2) issues that can prove that as the Fire Service in this state we have not been successful at that Statehouse is because walk into the State Fire Marshal's office. Take a look around. Just walk in there and then go across the street and walk into the Superintendent of State Police office. It's amazing the staff, and just the office. But it is an indicator that we do not receive respect and the resources that we need in the Fire Service. The other think is who can tell me where the State Fire Academy is? Now I'm not talking about mandates, but I'm talking about resources and options for us, the people out there doing this job and the young people coming in to do this job so they can do it in an effective fashion so when they want additional training that they become better and more proficient. Brother Curl said it as clear as anybody. Stop killing our people. We've got to stop killing people and the only way we're going to do it is being more effective at that Statehouse. There are three (3) reasons I want to mention why we don't get respect. First is we do too good a job. We're our own worst enemies because we do a good job. We're not changing that. We're not going to change that philosophy. First is in the Fire Service we don't have a common agenda. Now we have some different - varied issues but I'm going to tell you we don't have different issues between the career and the volunteer and the Chief's organizations. Everybody that I see that gets on a rig or drives a buggy belongs to either this organization, the IVFA, the PPFUI which is what I represent or the Indiana Fire Chief's Association. Everybody belongs to one (1) of those three (3) organizations along with others, inspectors and everything else. But we all belong to one (1) of those three (3) if they're putting on a uniform and getting on a rig. We haven't done enough coordination of our agenda. In fact, I'm going to tell you we're suspicious of each other's agenda. Now personally if I'm doing something at that Statehouse I'm ashamed of then I'm not doing it. If I can't talk about it then I'm not doing it. It's very straightforward and up front. But we don't share that information and we're slowly, with the leadership that you have and the current and immediate past, we're slowly changing that. We're starting to talk about it, communicate, and see where the common ground is. So we got to develop - we've got to identify our common agendas and our common issues and we have to identify where we differentiate and come to some kind of agreement. When we do that - the next issue is we don't trust each other. We've got to start having some kind of trust and identifying what we can do together better and start sharing resources. The third thing is we're not activists enough. You know I understand we're going to do the job no matter what the resources are but as Larry Curl said we need to tell those legislators in our home districts where our needs are. You know if the State Fire Academy is not important to this organization then that's fine. But it is to me. Because that's going to set the standards. What Ivan Nevil has done on a limited budget, on a shoestring budget with limited resources is phenomenal. But I'm telling you it's not good enough. I mean we don't want unfunded mandates coming

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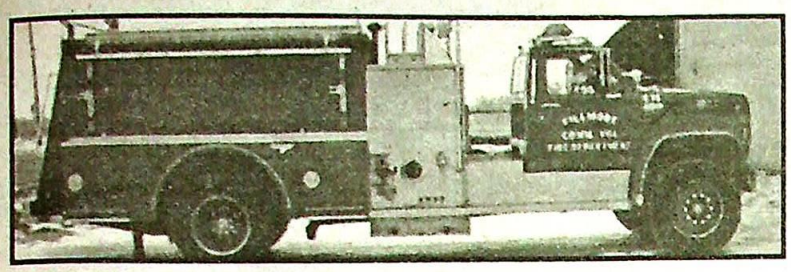
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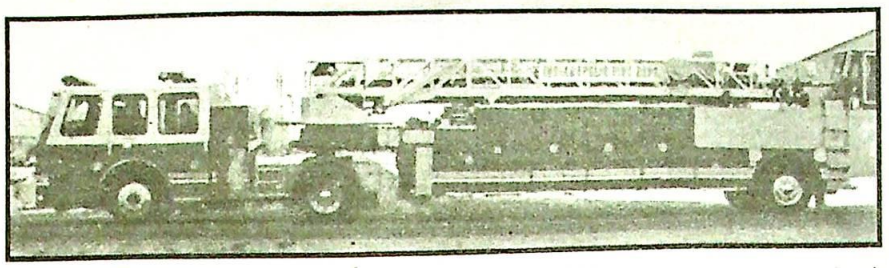
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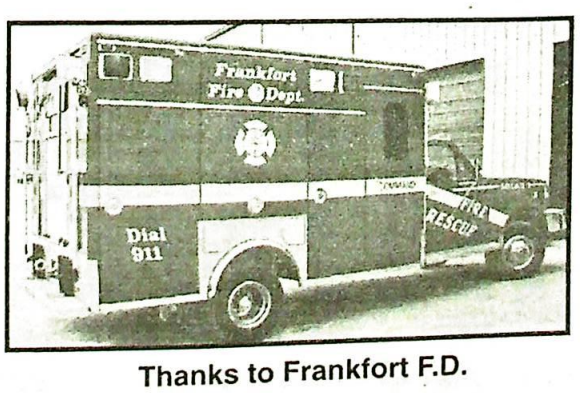
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down from that Statehouse. We have enough coming from the Feds, you've already heard about those. What we want is opportunities to make ourselves better and stop putting our people on walls to remember them. We want them sitting down, bending an elbow, having a cup of coffee with us. Those are the three (3) issues of why. It basically comes down to we have to start communicating, we have to start developing ah trust, we start having to have a common agenda. And that's what I hope ah this is the beginning of are more on going communications. Also my final issue is I want to talk about, since I'm talking about dead people, is talk about the memorial. We have a - you know that's another indicator. We didn't have a State Memorial for Firefighters until 2001 and it took the 2000 World Games to motivate the legislature to put a memorial in for firefighters. Ah since it was dedicated in 2001 we didn't have ah - we haven't had any remembrance or rededicated any other names. We have ah a total of seven (7) new names to go on it since that dedication in - with people that have died in the line of duty: four (4) volunteers and three (3) career since 2001 that we're going to dedicate and we also have eight (8) other individuals: one (1) volunteer and several ah - it must be seven (7) career that are going to be put on from people that have died ah the last - as far back as 1893 that we've identified that were missed for this dedication. And I'm hoping to put this down. I'm hoping some of you can make it on July 8th at nine (9) A.M. we're going to have about a forty-five (45) minute ceremony. We've invited President Koehler to speak and say a few words on behalf of the volunteers. We're having the names engraved in the next two (2) weeks and we're going to unveil those names along with the remembrance. We're going to remember everybody. We've invited the Governor but he's not sure he can make it yet, campaign trail, but I hope those of you if you have time and it's not too - it will take a little time to come down to Indianapolis to the memorial. If you don't know where the memorial is it's worth coming to. The fountain will be off because we will be right inside of it; we'll be sitting on the fountain. Again it's July 8th from nine (9) A.M. With that I appreciate you taking the time to listen to me for a few minutes. We need to work together. We've got a lot to do in Indiana. We are behind but I think working together we will get down that road where we need to be so thank you very much.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Tom. All the district chairmen should have turned in your vouchers by now and gotten your roll calls put together. We will continue with the officers' reports.

PRESIDENT KOEHLER: Since we met last year I've traveled twenty-two thousand (22,000) miles in the state of Indiana. I attended a hundred and thirty (130) meetings, fundraisers, department meetings, district meetings and a lot of those after the hour four o'clock (4:00) in the afternoon. Each year we make a very strong effort to make ourselves available to all of our members and assist them in every way that we can. Those of you who have had the pleasure of meeting it has been a real pleasure. For those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting or going or visiting your departments, I look forward to trying to do that just as soon as possible. Our membership last year as of April 30th, 2004 was seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) and we continue to grow in stature and in strength. Again, this year as Shokrina pointed out we had a good year in legislation. And I want to thank her personally for the help she's given me as your president and we have had a really good couple of years of legislation so thank you. I want to thank each of you for your support this year and last year. We are the greatest volunteer organization in the state of Indiana. Vice president Jack Kerney.

MR. KERNEY: I need to pass right now.

MR. KOEHLER: The chaplain is not here. Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Bush.

MR. BUSH: Thank you, Buz. I would like to see the hands of the gentlemen out here that have received clocks for their new firehouses in construction please raise your hands. Are they okay? Are you satisfied with the clocks? Were they quick enough? That's all I've got. Thank you.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Bill. You've done an excellent job.

MR. KOEHLER: Secretary Larry Bartlow.

MR. BARTLOW: I'll pass for now.

MR. KOEHLER: Treasurer Jack Harker.

MR. HARKER: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Public relations directors' reports.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS: Northwest Jim Bradford, Northeast Mike Mackin, West Central Diane Harrison, East Central Don Cushman, Southwest Jim Abrams and Southeast Roy Richardson all passed.

MR. KOEHLER: District chairmen's reports. All district chairmen present passed.

MR. KOEHLER: Past president's reports.

MR. GOODWIN: Is not here.

MR. PARKER: I'd like to remind all of you that next year the convention is at District 10 at Columbus. It was there in '99 and I hope you had a good time. If you go there next year you know you're going to have a good time.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Jim. Past president Carl Bruns.

MR. BRUNS: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Past president Lawrence Swartz.

MR. SWARTZ: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Past president Ivan Nevil.

MR. NEVIL: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Past president Mitch Parish.

MR. PARISH: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Past president Richard Glant.

MR. GLANT: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Past president and chairman of the board Jack Zeeks.

MR. ZEEKS: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Past president Cox is not here. Past president Jack Kerney past president.

MR. KERNEY: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Committee reports. Legislation, Jim Parker?

MR. PARKER: I think Shokrina pretty well covered our legislative effort this year. But guys your efforts on getting ahold of your legislators got the bill passed this year for the first year that it was introduced. That is very, very unusual. Usually it takes two (2), or three (3) or four (4) years to get a bill in and introduced it, let it slide, and next year you bring it back and it slide and they vote for it each time. But this year we introduced the bill that went through this year. And it's your efforts that did that. And I personally want to thank all of you for that.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Jim. Convention committee, David Israel.

MR. ISRAEL: We'd just like to thank Al and the guys and gals from District 14 for putting on the convention and for any problems they run into they need to get it back to the committee so we can take care of it, the guidelines, and other than that I think that's it.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, David. Executive committee passes. Budget committee Jack Harker.

MR. HARKER: The budget has already been approved and the Audit Committee will report later.

MR. KOEHLER: Convention committee passes. Bridgeport Scholarship committee, Carl Bruns.

MR. BRUNS: We have increased as all of you know from two (2) to three (3) the recipients and all three (3) of the individuals will be here tonight. Thank you.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Carl. Editor's assistant, Jim Bradford.

MR. BRADFORD: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Edit taker, Mitch Parish.

MR. PARISH: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Audit committee, Jack Zeeks.

MR. ZEEKS: Audit committee met yesterday and approved the audit and it's in the hands of the treasurer.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Jack.

MR. KOEHLER: Clothing and claims, Jim Bradford.

MR. BRADFORD: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Awards committee, Jack Kerney.

MR. KERNEY: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Fire Schools, Jack Kerney.

MR. KERNEY: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Annual minutes digest committee, Larry Bartlow.

MR. BARTLOW: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: By-laws and SOGs committee, Jim Parker.

MR. PARKER: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Logo committee, Charlie Parker.

MR. PARKER: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Membership committee, Steve Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Public education, Jack Kerney.

MR. KERNEY: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Parliamentarian Jim Parker.

MR. PARKER: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Photographer Mitch Parish and Don Kissinger.

MR. PARISH: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Games committee, Mr. IVFA, Al Mendal. Do you have anything to report sir?

MR. MENDAL: Just plain Al. We will be accepting entries up to one-half (1/2) hour after this meeting. We will have the drawing at that time. The games will be on the parking lot where the fire equipment is. Thank you.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Al. National Volunteer Fire Council Mitch Parish.

MR. PARISH: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Public Safety Training Institute Buz Koehler, I pass. Indiana Fire Inspectors Association, Jack Kerney.

MR. KERNEY: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: EMS Commission, Tim Sandy.

MR. SANDY: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Anti-terrorism Advisory Committee, Fred Page. Fred is not with us for the meeting. Board of Firefighter Standards and Education, Jack Kerney.

MR. KERNEY: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: I would like to say one (1) thing about that ladies and gentlemen. We filled the room yesterday. So it's good for us to make some of those meetings, keep an eye on the agendas as they come out and there will be items that will need to be addressed, thank you.

MR. KOEHLER: Fire Service Institute, Mitch Parish.

MR. PARISH: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: Historical, Mitch Parish.

MR. PARISH: Pass.

MR. KOEHLER: 2004 convention Al Williamson do you have anything that you would like to address the group with?

MR. WILLIAMSON: I'm glad Al Mendal is here because every time I hear Al I say he's wearing the red jacket, go find him. But it's been fun having you guys here and we're glad somebody else is going to put it on this year, Jim and Mr. Israel. It's more fun going to their than it is doing your own. If there's anything that went wrong I'm sorry. A lot of things I can't fix but if you have any problems come see me.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Al. Is there any old business to come before the body?

MR. KOEHLER: Is there any new business to come before the body?

MR. KUNZ: Paul Kunz, District 4, Penn North Fire Department. Our name was changed a few years ago to Indiana Firefighters' Association. I think it's time they changed that flag over there. It still says Indiana Firemen's Association.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, sir. We will address that at our next officer's meeting. Is there any other new business? Being none, at this time I will call on the election committee which is Carl Bruns, chairman; Mike Mackin, Don Cushman, Tim Sandy and Mitch Parish and ask Jim Bradford to come forward for the election of officers. Committee members can report to the back table. Mileage and Credentials should be finishing up. Thank you.

MR. KOEHLER: I need to remind everyone that if you leave the room during a vote you will not be allowed back into the room until after the vote is completed so keep that in mind.

MR. BRADFORD: The Nominating Committee this year consists of myself, Jim Bradford, PR Northwest; Don Cushman, PR East Central; Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman; Jon Randle, District 9A chairman and Mitch Parish, past president. Jon was unable to attend our meeting due to a work conflict but on March 14th of this year a letter was sent to all IVFA officers including past presidents informing them that we were going to have a meeting on March 21st to set a slate of officers to be elected at this convention. They were all asked to let me know if themselves or anyone else wanted to be considered for any office. The results of the nominating committee were published in the May paper.

MR. PAPE: Mr. Bradford?

MR. BRADFORD: Sir?

MR. PAPE: Bill Pape, District 8A. We would like to know how many voting members are on the floor at this time?

MR. BRADFORD: I will have to ask the election committee. Carl Bruns will answer that?

MR. BRUNS: A hundred and seventy-eight (178).

MR. BRADFORD: The nominating committee held a meeting March 21st for the purpose of selecting slate of IVFA officers for the year 2005. The results are for president Buz Koehler, vice president Larry Ketchem, secretary Larry Bartlow, treasurer Jack Harker, chaplain Fred Page, who most all of you know now stepped down today. So we will accept nominations from the floor, sergeant-at-arms Bill Bush, PR Northwest,

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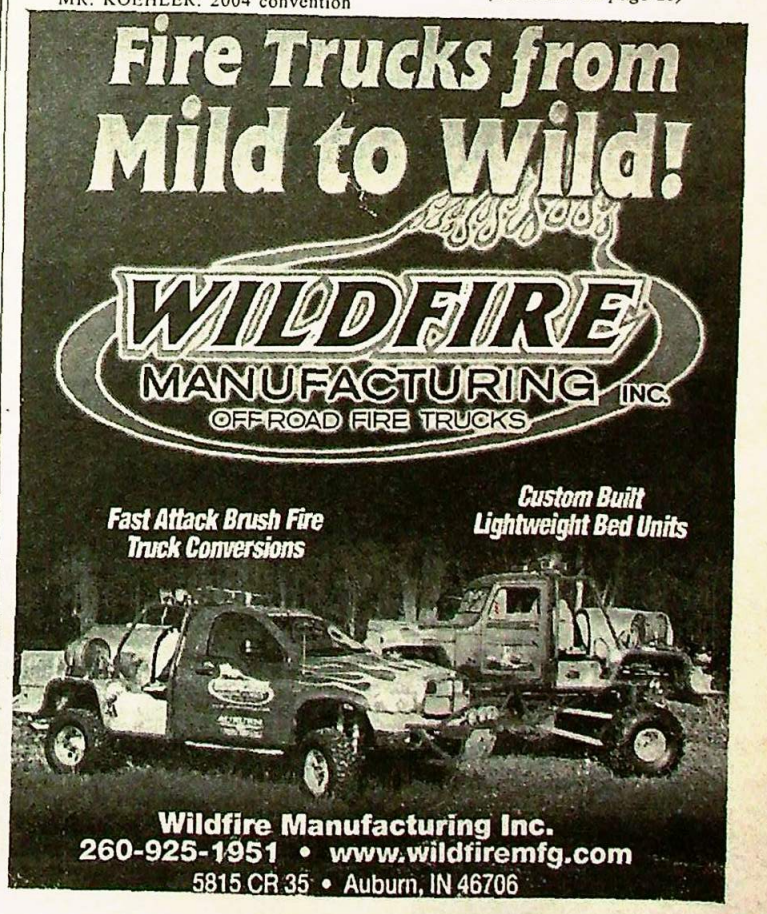
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myself, PR Northeast Mike Mackin, PR West Central Diane Harrison, PR East Central Don Cushman, PR Southeast Roy Richardson is stepping down so we'll need nominations from the floor, and PR Southwest Jim Abrams. For president the nominating committee submits the name of LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler to the delegates for the office of president for the year 2005. We all agreed Buz did an excellent job as president and recommend that he be re-elected, therefore again we submit the name of Buz Koehler for the office of president for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations?

MR. McFARLAND: Mr. Chairman, Jack McFarland, District 11A. I nominate Jack Kerney for president of the IVFA.

MR. OCKERMAN: Mr. Chairman, George Ockerman, 17A, I second that nomination.

MR. BRADFORD: Are there any other nominations for the office of president for the year 2005? (Called three times). Nominations are closed. Will the district chairmen please poll your delegates?

MR. KOEHLER: Sergeant-at-Arms will you please secure the room.

MR. BUSH: Gentlemen, bar the doors. If they go out they don't come back in until it's over.

MR. ESSERMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm Bob Esserman, District 1. About three (3) weeks ago I was having dinner with Bill and Janet Goodman at their assisted living facility in Angola. And they send their greetings to everybody.

MR. BRADFORD: Excuse me one (1) minute. We need the district chairmen from District 14, 18, and 19 to report to the election table back in that corner of the room.

(VOTING)

MR. BRADFORD: Ladies and gentlemen, the results of the vote were a dead heat, a tie vote. The votes are going to have to be taken again. So district chairmen, poll your delegates, please. Mr. Bush make sure nobody leaves the room, please.

MR. BUSH: Right.

(VOTING)

MR. BRADFORD: Jack Kerney. Mr. Kerney could you come up here, please?

MR. BRADFORD: The result of the election for president for the year of 2005 is Jack Kerney.

MR. RANDLE: What was the count?

MR. BRADFORD: Here's the vote count; Jack Kerney got ninety-one (91) votes, Buz Koehler got eighty-three (83) votes.

MR. BRADFORD: We'll take a short break. Be back at twelve-thirty (12:30) please.

MR. KOEHLER: Would everyone come back in and get seated. We're going to re-convene the meeting. We have suspended the elections. We are going to hear a presentation for the 2006 Convention, which we will vote on after the election is over.

MS. McMILLAN: My name is Jennifer McMillan and I represent the Kokomo Visitor's Bureau and I'm here to share with you quickly a few good reasons why we think Kokomo is the right fit for your convention in 2006. Kokomo is centrally located. We are about forty-five (45) minutes north of I-465. We have a large Civic Center that is able to handle large groups such as this. Our Civic Center can meet all your needs. The IVFA will have the full support of the Kokomo Visitor's Bureau. We will use all our resources to ensure that you have a successful convention. We have four (4) golf courses in town. We also have family activities. We have museums; we have the Grissom Air Reserve Base that has a museum. We also have Kokomo Beach that is a water park. So are there any questions? Yes?

MR. ELICK: Is there a hotel that's connected to the Convention Center?

MS. McMILLAN: No there is not. From the southern most hotel to the Convention Center is only four (4) miles. It's on US 31. We've also secured shuttle buses that will run continuously during the convention.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: What's the largest hotel room capacity that you have?

MS. McMILLAN: Slightly over one hundred (100) rooms but we have all our hotels are blocked together actually within walking distance of one another.

MR. KERNEY: What would be the room rate?

MS. McMILLAN: The room rate would be seventy dollars ($70).

MR. KERNEY: For all the hotels?

MS. McMILLAN: Yes. Are there any other questions?

MR. KERNEY: Will you be able to hold that room rate until convention?

MS. McMILLAN: Yes. When Kokomo is accepted and voted on we will sign a contract with our hoteliers saying that is the rate that you will be given. Did I see another question in here someplace? Yes.

MS. WYRICK: What hotels are there?

MS. McMILLAN: We have a Best Western, Courtyard Marriott, Holiday Inn, Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn, Days Inn, Motel 6 and Super 8 all within a few miles of one another.

MR. KOEHLER: Okay. At this time I would ask Bill Bush, sergeant-at-arms would you lock the door and we will resume our elections.

MR. BUSH: Buz, would you explain if they go out they don't come back in.

MR. KOEHLER: The rules does not say that you cannot go out. But if you go out during an election you are not allowed back in until after the votes are completed.

MR. BUSH: Bar the doors.

MR. BRADFORD: The next officer for consideration is vice president of the IVFA for the year 2005. Our recommendation for vice president is Larry Ketchem. Larry is currently the District 11B chairman. He's been a member of the IVFA for forty-nine (49) years. He's a member of the Hilman Firefighters Incorporated. He received the Ollie Sandburg Award in 1987 and was named Mr. IVFA in 1995. We therefore submit the name of Larry Ketchem to the delegates for the office of vice president of the IVFA for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations?

MR. FERRO: John Ferro, District 4, I would like to nominate Mike Mackin for the office of vice president.

MR. KUNZ: Paul Kunz, District 4, I would like to second that.

MR. BRADFORD: Are there any further nominations for vice president? (Called three times). Larry, do you accept the nomination?

MR. KETCHEM: Yes, I will accept your nomination.

MR. BRADFORD: Thank you. Mike Mackin, will you accept the nomination?

MR. MACKIN: Yes, I will.

MR. BRADFORD: Would you both care to come up and talk to the audience?

MR. KETCHEM: If you heard what the gentleman said up there guys I've been a member of the Association for forty-nine (49) years and I have been to quite a few of these. If you think that I can help the organization, if you think I can be a benefit for it then support me. If you think that I'm not the person for the job then support my colleague because we'll continue to be friends. Thank you,

MR. MACKIN: I'm very interested in the position. One thing that I feel that we need to do as members of this Association is we have to educate our members, our younger members, keep them here, get them to the convention, get them involved in the Association. That's where I think we need to go. And so that's one reason I would like to see if we could get that done. Like I say, Larry and I, we've been good friends so we will continue friends. Vote for the best person. Thank you.

MR. BRADFORD: Thank you, gentlemen. Will the district chairmen poll their delegates?

(VOTING)

MR. BRADFORD: Since all the votes are at the election table we will move on to the office of secretary of the IVFA for the year 2005. The nominating committee submits the name of Larry Bartlow, our current secretary to the delegates for the office of secretary of the IVFA for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations? (Called three times). Nominations are closed.

MR. KOEHLER: As president of the IVFA I would cast one (1) unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow for secretary of 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: The nominating committee submits the name of Jack Harker to the delegates for the office of treasurer of the IVFA for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations? (Called three times). Nominations are closed. Larry?

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary I cast one (1) unanimous vote for Jack Harker for treasurer for 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: For the office of chaplain, nominations will be taken from the floor.

MR. LAU: Ken Lau, District 18. I would like to nominate Brother Giles Mahieu of St. Meinrad. He is currently one of the six associate chaplains. He has faithfully served his duties as district chaplain, for twenty-six (26) years for District 18. He is a forty-six (46) year professed religious Brother of St. Meinrad Archabbey. Thank you.

MR. BRADFORD: Are there any other nominations for the office of chaplain for the year 2005?

MR. DAVIES: John Davies, District 11B. I submit the name of Com Mankin who is currently 11B chaplain as chaplain for the IVFA for the year 2005.

MR. URYGA: Bob Uryga, District 3. I nominate Jerry Cohen.

MR. BRADFORD: Are there any other nominations for the office of chaplain? Nominations are closed. District chairmen, please poll your delegates.

MR. BRADFORD: The nominees are Brother Giles Mathieu, Con Mankin and Jerry Cohen.

MR. BRADFORD: All accept the nomination for chaplain.

MR. BRADFORD: Would you like to address the delegates, please?

MR. COHEN: My name is Jerry Cohen. I'm a good Jewish boy and a Christian and I would be proud to serve as your chaplain. I've been active in the Promise Keepers and I'm also associate chaplain with the IVFA. I take this job very, very seriously and if elected I will do the very best that I can, God willing.

MR. MANKIN: My name is Con Mankin from Montezuma. I've been a member of this organization about forty-seven (47) years. I am an active member of the Independent Baptist Church in Montezuma. I'm active in church work. I've been a district chaplain for twelve years and I've also held memorial services in other districts beside my own. I'm retired so I'm available and I do appreciate your acceptance. Thank you.

MR. BRADFORD: Ladies and gentlemen, the results of the vote for the office of vice president: Larry Ketchem one hundred and eleven (111) votes, Mike Mackin, fifty-three votes. Larry is the vice president of the IVFA for the year 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: While they are counting the votes for chaplain we will move on to sergeant-at-arms. The nominating committee submits the name of Bill Bush to the delegates for the office of sergeant-at-arms with the IVFA for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations? (Called three times). Nominations are closed.

MR. BARTLOW: I cast one (1) unanimous vote for Bill Bush as sergeant-at-arms for 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: for the office of public relations director Southwest these are Districts 15, 17A, 17B and 18. The nominating committee submits the name of Jim Abrams to the delegates for the office of PR Southwest for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations? (Called three times). Nominations are closed. Mr. Bartlow.

MR. BARTLOW: I cast one (1) unanimous vote for Jim Abrams, PR Southwest for the year 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: For PR Director Northwest, Districts 1, 2, 3, 9A and 9B, the committee submits the name of Jim Bradford. Are there any other nominations? (Called three times). Nominations are closed. I will cast one (1) unanimous vote for Jim Bradford, PR Northwest for 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: PR Northeast Districts 4, 5, 6, and 7, the nominating committee submits the name of Mike Mackin to the delegates for the office of PR Northeast for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations? (Called three times). Nominations are closed.

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary, I cast one (1) unanimous vote for Mike Mackin, PR Northeast for 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: Public Relations West Central Districts 11A, 11B, 12 and 21, the nominating committee submits the name of Diane Harrison for the office of PR West Central for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations? (Called three times). Nominations are closed.

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary, I cast one (1) unanimous vote for Diane Harrison, PR West Central for 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: Public Relations East Central, Districts 8A, 8B, 10, 13A and 13B the nominating committee submits the name of Don Cushman for the office of PR East Central for the year 2005. Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed.

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary, I cast one (1) unanimous vote for Don Cushman, PR East Central for 2005.

MR. BRADFORD: PR Southeast Districts 14, 16, and 19 the nominating committee has no name to submit to the delegates for the office and therefore the floor is open for nominations.

MR. CAUDILL: Joe Caudill, District 19, I nominate Ed Scheele.

MR. GERDOWSKI: Ed Gerdowski, District 19, second on Scheele.

MR. BRADFORD: We have the name of Ed Scheele has been presented for the office of PR Southeast. Are there any other nominations?

MR. MENDAL: Al Mendal, District 14, I submit the name of Robert McKinzie.

MR. BRADFORD: We now have the names of Ed Scheele and Bob McKinzie for the office of PR Southeast. Are there any other nominations?

MR. FLYNN: Ed Flynn, District 14, I submit the name of Robert McKinzie.

MR. BRADFORD: Are there any other nominations? Both Ed Scheele and Bob McKinzie accept the nomination for PR Southeast.

MR. BRADFORD: Would you care to address the delegates?

MR. McKINZIE: I'm Bob McKinzie. I'm with the Hanover Fire Department. I've been with the IVFA for over twenty-seven (27) years and I would be glad to serve as PR Southeast.

MR. SCHEELE: I'm Ed Scheele of District 19. I've been a district chairman for the last few years and I would like to be representative of PR Southeast.

MR. BRADFORD: Districts 14, 16

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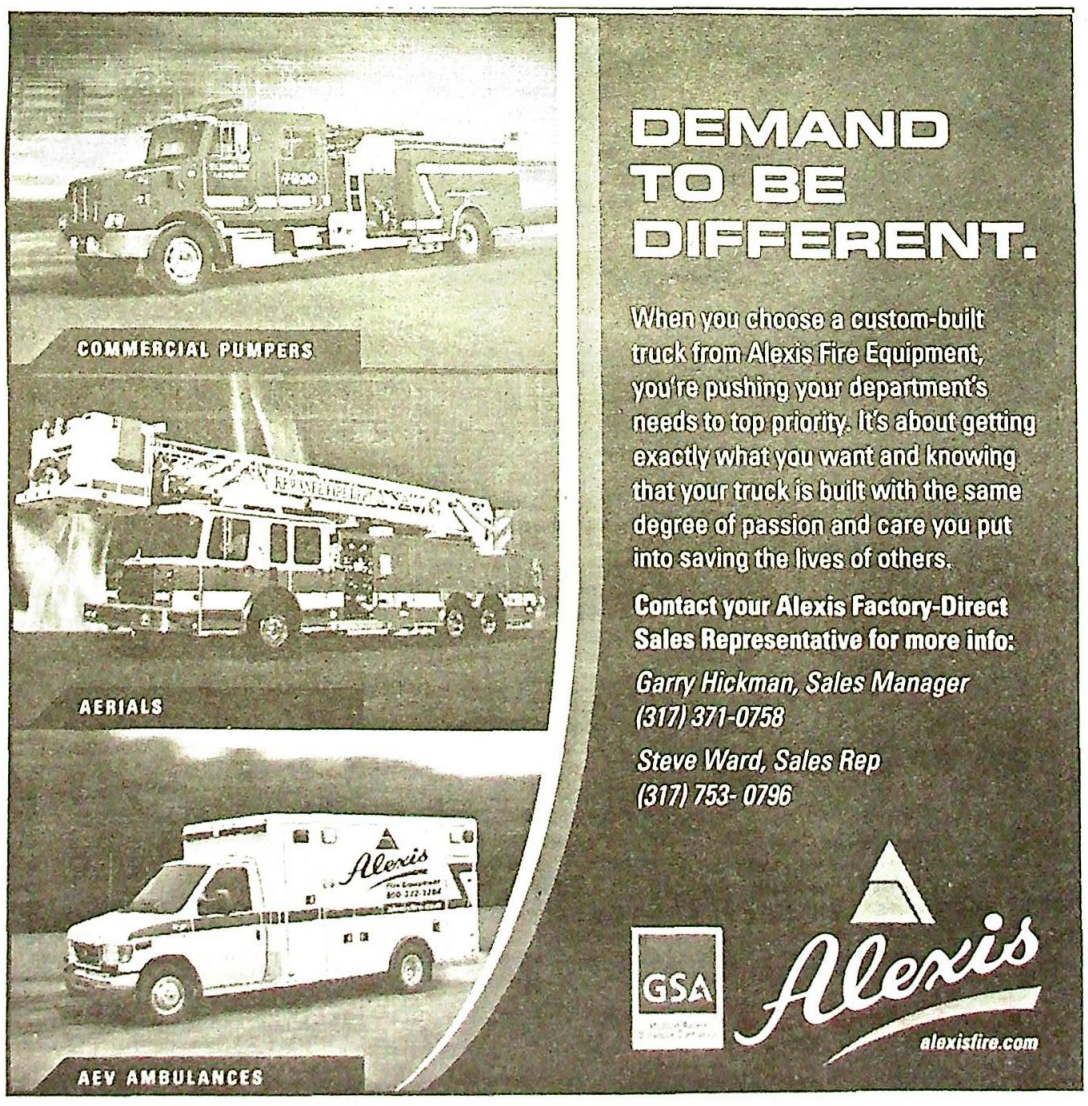
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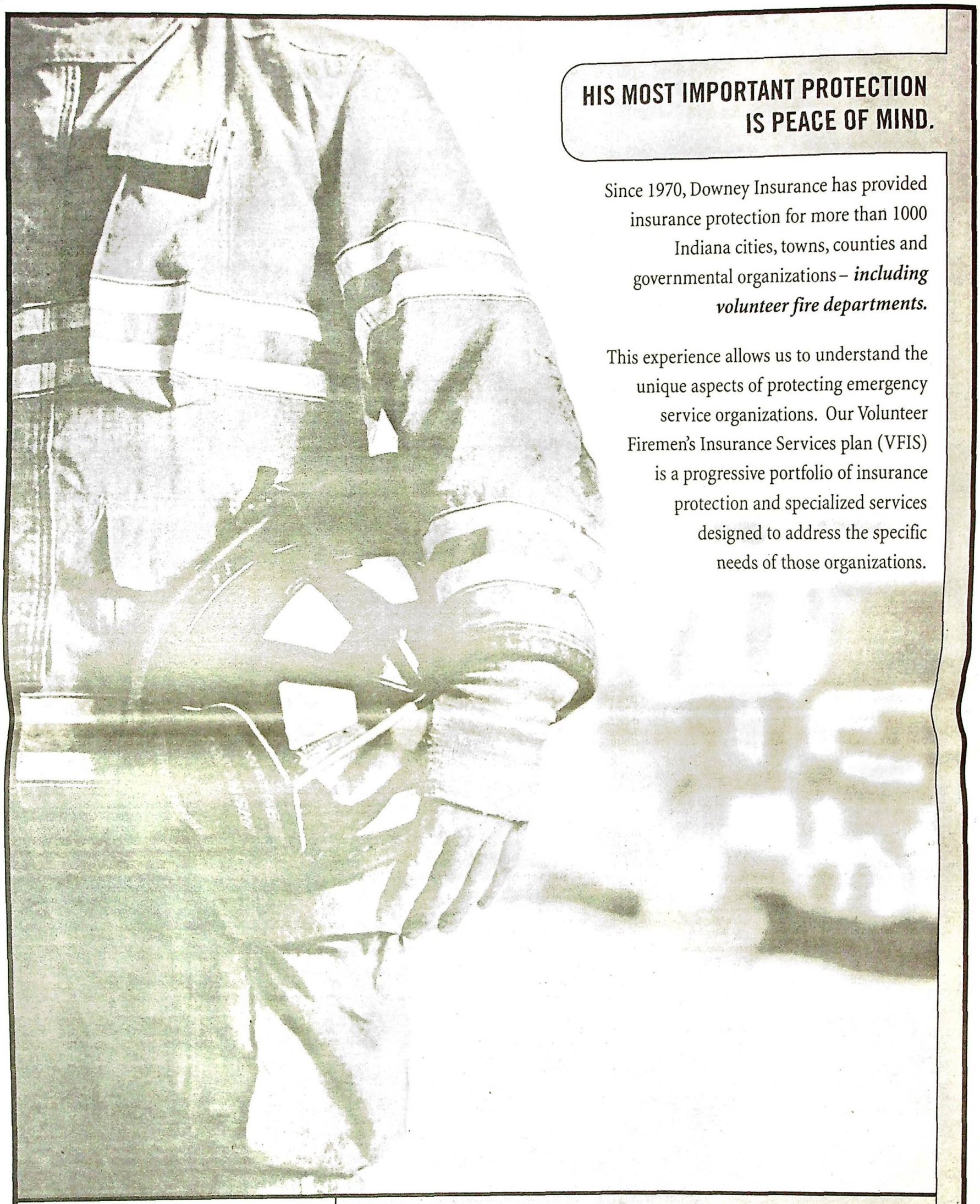
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Each participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of $5.00, in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming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





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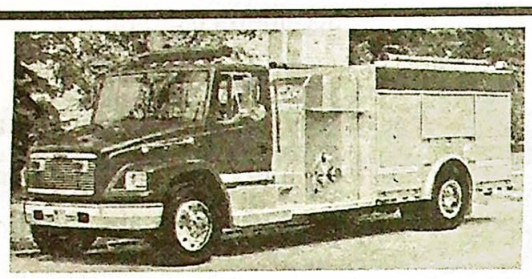
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and 19 would you please poll your delegates?

(VOTING)

MR. KETCHEM: Ladies and gentlemen I want to thank you all for your support of me. You supported me and I thank you. For those of you whom didn't I will try harder next time. Thank you very much.

MR. BRADFORD: The result of the Chaplain: Brother Giles got sixty-one (61) votes, Jerry Cohen got fifty-six (56) votes, Con Mankin forty-nine (49) votes. There will be a run off between Brother Giles and Jerry Cohen. You have to have one (1) more than half the votes cast to win. District chairmen poll your delegates, please. The two (2) people are Brother Giles Mathieu and Jerry Cohen.

MR. BRADFORD: PR Southeast, Bob McKinzie, eleven (11) votes, Ed Scheele, five (5) votes. Bob McKinzie is the PR Southeast for the year of 2005.

MR. KOEHLER: While they're counting the votes on this last election we're going to go ahead and deal with the Convention 2006.

MR. KOEHLER: At this time I will open the floor for any other presentations for the Convention of 2006. Are there any other presentations?

MR. KOEHLER: Being no other presentations I would entertain the motion from the floor to accept the offer for Convention at Kokomo in 2006.

MR. ORRELL: Tom Orrell, District 1 makes the motion we accept the offer from Kokomo for the Convention at Kokomo for 2006.

MR. PAPE: Bill Pape, District 8A, seconds. By the way that will be for District 8A despite it's in Kokomo.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Bill. We have a motion on the floor to accept the proposal from Kokomo and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

MR. KOEHLER: Opposed same sign. 2006 we will be in Kokomo. Jim Parker?

MR. PARKER: For those of you that would like to register for next year's convention we will be registering up in the room where you registered for this convention at three o'clock (3:00).

AUDIENCE: What are the dates for your convention?

MR. PARKER: The dates are June the 15th, 16th, and 17th, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. We are going to have something to do on Wednesday, too.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you, Jim Parker.

MR. BRADFORD: Ladies and gentlemen, the results for the office of Chaplain of the IVFA for the year 2005 is Jerry Cohen, eighty-nine (89) votes and Giles Mathieu, seventy-three (73) votes. Jerry Cohen is your new Chaplain.

MR. KOEHLER: Okay since we now have a chaplain and we have the resignation of our other chaplain at this time I will appoint Jerry Cohen to complete Fred Page's term through the rest of this year and serve in 2005. Is there any other business to come before this body? At This time I will release all the committees including yours, Mr. Bush. Thank you, sir.

MR. KOEHLER: Jerry wants to speak. Please. Jerry?

MR. COHEN: Thank you very much. I will do the very best job that I know how to do with God's help.

MR. BRADFORD: On behalf of the nominating committee I want to thank you for your patience.

MR. KOEHLER: At this time I will entertain a motion to close the meeting for 2004.

MR. ELICK: Dave Elick, District 6, I make the motion we adjourn.

MR. RANDLE: Jon Randle, 9A, second.

MR. KOEHLER: We have a motion and second to adjourn. I would also ask that Jerry Cohen please release us with a benediction.

MR. COHEN: Thank you for all your many blessings. We just ask that you will be with each and every one as we leave this meeting today, find our families safe at home and this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

MR. KOEHLER: Thank you.

CONCLUSION OF CONVENTION

This Digest prepared by the Digest Committee: president Buz Koehler, vice-president Jack Kerney, treasurer Jack Harker and secretary Larry Bartlow.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, secretary

IVFA FIRELINE ~ www.ivfa.org ~

Hey, are those flowers blooming or what!? Spring is finally here and we survived another winter. It's time to start planning those department fund raisers, social gatherings, and community festivals!

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

Our Belated Birthday: On March 1st the web site turned 2 years old! Happy Birthday to us! What a great time we have had the past two years. And, somewhere around the middle of May we will surpass our 1 MILLIONTH "hit" on the web site! That is totally unbelievable to imagine 1,000,000 hits in just over 2 years. We are averaging anywhere between 1600-2500 "hits" a day which is fantastic! That tells us that the site is being used by our members.

Focus Section: Our focus segment this quarter is the **"IVFA Benefits Information"** page. As a member of the IVFA you are entitled to many benefits – in fact you may have had an opportunity to even use a particular benefit but didn't even know the benefit even existed. The next time you are on the web site, check out the Benefits Information page, and learn more about the benefits your IVFA membership provides to you.

Convention 2005: There is a lot of information about this year's convention, posted on the web site. This years conventions promises to be another great event. District 10 is ready to show their stuff!

Once the convention is completed, check back to see who was recognized in the various Awards categories. I will also be updating the Memorial Section, once the list is finalized, to ensure all deceased members from the past year are respectively recognized for their work within their communities, and as members of the IVFA.

Legislative Section: As mentioned in the last newsletter, this section is "on-line" and has been receiving a lot of attention from our members. I have received some good comments from members and how much they appreciate this information. Hopefully, with our email and/or phone call involvement, we were able to persuade our Legislators to support the bills that the IVFA Legislative Committee felt was of the highest benefit to our members.

Department Information #1: As of the begging of April we had 390 of the 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in the State listed on the site. If your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted. Also, as your department information changes, such as the name of the contact person who is listed, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., please remember to send me an update.

Department Information #2: Changes on how to select department information have been made. Based on the same concept as the Memorial Section you are now able to select department information based on three choices: Alphabetical, by "County", or by "District". This will provide you more specific department information that can be used when scheduling special training events, coordinating meetings, etc.

Maintenance: As the web site continues to grow it becomes necessary to do some "under-the-hood" work to keep it running smoothly. Most of this work is done without you, the end user knowing that it is being done. Several changes have been made during the past few months to make my job a little easier, and to ensure consistency in how the information is presented. Some additional changes that are planned for the near future include how the Event Calendar, Training Calendar, and For Sale information is submitted to me, and how it will be shown on the pages. One minor change that has been made already involves the addition of the members IVFA membership number on the For Sale information form. I was getting requests to post items on the For Sale page from people who I believed were not members of the IVFA. When I emailed them back and asked for their IVFA membership number, I received no reply. So it was decided to add the field to the form, and all submissions will be checked against the membership list to ensure just our members are posting items for sale.

Business Web Links: In the past few months I have started getting requests to add "business related" web links to the web site. Most are for businesses owned or operated by our members. Originally when we started the web page 2 years ago it was decided that personal business related links would not be added to the site. Admittedly, we have not stuck to that decision in all cases, and there are some links to members businesses that are on the "Other Links" page. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is mailed to you I will have a firm answer, one way or another, about posting personal web page links. I will leave the decision up to the President Kerney, since ultimately the web page is under his control. If the decision is made to not include personal web sites, then those already listed will be removed. If there is a decision to allow personal web sites, then I will create a "members web page" to list all of the personal web sites.

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....email me at webmaters@ivfa.org and let me know what it is. Be safe!

See you "on-line"!

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Jim Bradford

Changes in Blue Light Law under House Bill 1208:

House Bill 1208 introduced changes in the blue light law for volunteer firefighters. On March 27, 2002, Governor Frank O'Bannon signed the bill and it became effective on that date. Listed below are the modifications and additions made to the law.

- Lights may be used while en route to scenes of emergencies or to the fire station.

- A light is only required to have a source of at least 35 watts, instead of 50 candlepower.

- Lights may now be placed on the (i) top of the vehicle, (ii) **the dashboard inside, shielded to prevent distracting the driver OR** (iii) front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at a bumper level.

- No more than 4 light **assemblies** may be displayed on 1 vehicle and each **assembly** must be of the flashing or revolving type.

- A blue light **assembly** may contain multiple bulbs.

- Alternately flashing head lamps may be used as a supplemental warning device. Strobe lights or flashers may be installed into the light fixtures on the vehicle other than the alternating head lamps. The strobe lights or flashers may be either white or blue, with the exception or red to the rear.

- If a member of a volunteer fire department violates the blue light law, the chief of the department shall **discipline the firefighter under fire department rules and regulations.**

August deadline is July 10th, 2005

Mike Hiester gave '110%' to community, Bluffton, all firefighters - Brinneman

By JIM BARBIERI
Bluffton News-Banner

In the spirit of September 11th that won for firefighters a new appreciation and much-deserved esteem in the minds and hearts across America, Bluffton firefighter Mike Hiester was a prime example and inspiration also.

A Bluffton firefighter since the start of 1993, he was known in the ranks here and beyond as a "110 percent" performer, especially in instructing, leading rescue actions and taking on tough challenges that had to be faced at fire scenes, as it was put emotionally Sunday by Bluffton Fire Chief Dave Brinneman.

"It is with heartfelt sadness that at a time like this I must share my feelings and emotions of the entire Bluffton Fire Department about our fallen brother Mike Hiester," declared the chief, who amplified:

"Mike, through his duties as a firefighter, has always put others first and foremost. As an instructor on the Bluffton Fire Department he taught others – recruits, who would be the ones to follow after him – the way things needed to be done on and off the fire ground.

"Not one time can I remember that Mike wasn't willing to give 110% to the cause of our community, our firefighters and the firefighters of the entire county. Mike was always one to put forth the extra effort to accomplish the task assigned to him. Mike was also the leader and instructor that every Fire Chief wants under his command, to be in charge of our technical rescue or our dive team, and ran them as he did everything that was assigned to him – **completely.**

"As a firefighter, Mike was one of those individuals whom all of the recruits as well as the seasoned veterans on the department gravitated to.

"Mike will be sorely and deeply missed by all and will never be forgotten by those on the Bluffton fire Department and those of our community," summarized the greatly-moved Bluffton chief.

(This article courtesy of the Bluffton News-Banner and submitted by Gary Markley)

War comes home as M/Sgt Michael Hiester, 33, 1 of 4 of U.S. killed in Afghan Land Mine Blast

First of Bluffton-Wells lost in action in war on terror; was due home after call-up year ago this Easter Sunday; also helped lead 90 of Bluffton Guard Unit to Bosnia in 2004

By JIM BARBIERI
Bluffton News-Banner

The war against terrorism that erupted enormously and violently in September 11th, 2001, came home with staggering impact in Bluffton and Wells County Saturday as the notifications arrived that M/Sgt. Michael T. Hiester of Bluffton was killed that day in Afghanistan.

Operations and Intelligence sergeant for the Bluffton unit in the Indiana National Guard and a member of the Bluffton Fire Department for more than 13 years since the start of 19923, M/Sgt. Hiester was one of four Indiana National Guardsmen killed when their military vehicle struck a land mine in central Afghanistan.

M/Sgt. Hiester, who was a leader among the nearly 90 Bluffton unit guardsmen who did almost six months of peace-keeping duty in Bosnia – serving there as a platoon leader for 3rd Platoon, E-238th Cavalry – had been called up again – ironically one year ago this Easter Sunday – on March 27th, 2004.

He was ordered that day to duty with HQ 76th Infantry Brigade in support of Operation Enduring Freedom – the mission name for the Afghanistan campaign.

His departure date was then last April 7, 2004, for a duty tour "in excess of one year."

However understood by some here was that he was expected to be returned to the U.S. up to a week or two ago but in any case with the next week to 10 days.

U.S. military spokeswoman Lt. Cindy Moore and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, gave information on the tragic events Saturday.

M/Sgt. Hiester was part of a group of American and Afghan officials checking out a potential site for a shooting practice range in a desert area of Logar Province 24 miles south of Kabul, the Afghanistan capital.

Training of Afghan troops has been the primary mission of Hiester and others of the more than 1,100 Indiana National Guard soldiers among the 17,000 U.S. soldiers fighting the Taliban-remnants-led terrorist elements, believed to be harboring and hiding al-Qaida militants in Afghanistan.

Those checking out the prospective shooting range site were in three vehicles by information of Lt. Moore.

Just one of the three vehicles was involved in the land mine episode, the accounts indicated. All four of that vehicle's occupants were killed. There were no additional injuries, the Army said.

Stated was that the four bodies were airlifted to the main U.S. base in Afghanistan at Bagram.

Mullah Hakim Latifi, a man claiming to speak for the Taliban, was reported by The Associated Press as claiming that Taliban fighters set off the mine by remote control.

He said by satellite phone from an undisclosed source to the Associated Press that "we've said again and again that we would resume our holy war in the spring."

The same day (Saturday) Uruzgan Gov. Jan Mohammed Kahn said U.S. forces detained two suspected Taliban militants the day before (Friday) as they tried to plant a remote-controlled mine on a road in that province, added The Associated Press.

However, the military accounts still cast doubt on such claims.

While Lt. Moore said U.S. troops first had toured the Saturday blast scene about a week earlier in their hunt for a shooting range site on which to train more Afghan troops, Gov. Mohammed Aman Hamini said the Saturday episode occurred in a desert area crisscrossed by rough tracks.

"It an old mine. There's no traffic on the route they took, but the Russians used to use it because they were afraid of the main road," Hamini was quoted by The Associated Press.

Lt. Moore said investigators suspected this mine an old charge dislodged by recent rain and snow, or that the vehicle had wandered into an unmapped minefield.

"We believe it was an old mine that could have shifted," she was quoted by the news service.

Gov. Daniels spoke with Associated Press reporters while attending the Indiana High School boy's basketball championships in Indianapolis Saturday.

"Obviously, it's just a day of incredible sadness," stated the governor, who confirmed Saturday that notifications had been made to family members of the four at various locations in Indiana. There was no release of the names by the governor then. The usual policy is to wait at least 24 hours after the notifications before disclosures in material to the press. Thus the names came forth officially Sunday afternoon.

In a written statement, Gov. Daniels originally said:

"Four brave and irreplaceable citizens have lost their lives for all of us in the noblest of causes. I ask the prayers of every Hoosier for their families as we grieve and await their return home."

Action in Afghanistan was reported to have picked up this past week. The U.S. military said its air and ground operations have killed eight suspected militants and four suspected civilian participants this past week.

Of the 122 American soldiers who have died since the U.S. mounted its attack to oust the Taliban after the September 11 episode and indications the Taliban was harboring al-Qaida militants, many of those Americans have died in accidents including a number involving old mines left behind by the Russians from the 1980s or the Afghan factions including the Taliban that fought each other after the Soviets withdrew.

The blast Saturday was the deadliest incident for the U.S. military in Afghanistan since May 29, 2004, when four American special forces soldiers were killed in Zabul province, near the Pakistani border, reportedly by an intentionally laid mine.

The bloodiest Afghan incident for U.S. forces was an accidental explosion at an arms dump in Ghazni province that killed eight American soldiers in January last year.

Four American soldiers were killed in the April of 2002 Afghanistan munitions blast in which PFC Jason Stiffler of Bluffton received major injuries from which he has only partially recovered.

(This article courtesy of the Bluffton News-Banner and submitted by Gary Markley)

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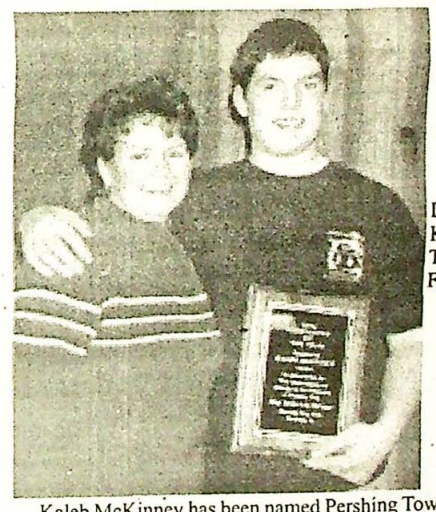
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McKinney named Pershing Firefighter of the Year



Pictured left to right are Lisa Hamilton and her son, Kaleb McKinney, Pershing Township Fire Department Firefighter of the Year 2004. *(submitted by Rebecca Scott)*

Kaleb McKinney has been named Pershing Township's Firefighter of the year for 2004. The presentation was made at the Fire Department's annual awards dinner on January 8, 2005.

"Kaleb has shown outstanding leadership", said Fire Chief Richard Blaker. "We are fortunate to have him as part of our team"

"He has put in a lot of time working on putting dry hydrants in place," commented fire department president Joseph McDermid. "So far we have two completed and plan for more. These hydrants will be very important to our water supply needs."

McKinney joined the fire department as a cadet in 2000 when he was 16 years old. He has completed his required 24 hour training plus additional classes in clandestine drug labs, hazardous materials, extrication, motor sports extrication, and wild land fire suppression.

Kaleb is a 2002 graduate of Brownstown Central High School. He is a junior at Indiana State University in the College of Nursing and expects to graduate in spring 2006. He has a decided interest in emergency medicine and plans to pursue a career focused upon emergency care.

McKinney is the son of Lisa and Denny Hamilton and Morris McKinney. He attends Medora United Methodist Church.

"We are so proud of Kaleb and of all the young people who we have been privileged to have join our cadet program," said Pershing Deputy Chief Rebecca D. Scott. "Kaleb is exactly what we hoped for in a firefighter. He came to us at 16 and has worked hard to learn and become a part of what we do.

We encourage and applaud his academic pursuits and hope that he will be able to remain with us after graduation."

Pershing Township's cadet program is open to all young people in the township ages 16 to 18. Cadets are given training and orientation to the fire service.

McKinney was joined for the awards ceremony by members of the department and auxiliary unit and their families. Kaleb's family surprised him by arriving immediately prior to the award presentation.

"I am understandably proud of my son", said Lisa Hamilton. "And I am proud to have him part of such a worthwhile organization."

IVFA Legislative Session

2005 Legislative Session

By Shokrina Radpour Beering, Esq., IVFA Lobbyist and Counsel

As I write this article, we are in the midst of the 2005 Legislative Session, which is slated to finish by April 29, 2005. The Session thus far has been a challenging, yet exciting one for the IVFA. Those of you with firsthand experience in the legislature know that, "it's not over until it's over". Therefore, I am hesitant to discuss the Association's significant progress in case the legislature does not enact some bills into law; however, I will go ahead and do so as I am confident that legislation will be passed next year regarding bills filed this year which are still active yet do not pass this year.

The IVFA has made major progress on the issue of extending the prohibition against public employers from reprimanding employees who are late to work due to volunteer firefighting and emergency activities to the private sector. I am pleased to report that we were able to move bills in both the House, HB1580, and the Senate, SB94, to extend the law we had passed last year which applied to public employers to private businesses. We worked with the Indiana Manufacturers' Association and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, both of whom initially were against the bill, to come up with language which would satisfy the private employers. Rep. Ruppel, Chair of the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee was instrumental in these negotiations as he was very interested in having HB1580 pass. We were able to satisfy the Manufacturers' Association's and Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Associations' concerns that private employers would be left unable to operate their businesses by including language in the bills which would allow private employers the option of designating an employee as an "essential employee", which is one whom the employer has determined to be essential to the operations of the business and without whom the employer is, "likely to suffer economic injury as a result of the absence of the essential employee". Therefore, the volunteer employee would know in advance that his or her employer considers his or her presence at work at the start of his or her shift to be essential to the business and therefore he or she may not report to work late. Otherwise, the employee is not considered to be essential and the employer may not reprimand him or her for coming to work late because he or she has been involved in firefighting, or otherwise responding to an emergency. With the addition of this language, the Manufacturers Association testified on behalf of our bill along with me at both the House and Senate hearings. The Manufacturers Association has a very strong lobby, and its support of our bill, and cooperation in coming up with acceptable language, was a huge success. This language was inserted in both HB1580 authored by Rep. Davis, and in SB94 authored by Senator Lewis. The bills as amended have been passed by both the House and the Senate on third readings and will now go to conference committee, which begins on April 11th, to have differences in languages between the House bill and the Senate Bill reconciled. The conference committee will put forth the version of the bill to be enacted into law. Because of our amendment adding the essential employee designation, I am not anticipating any opposition to the bill and see no reason why it will not pass out of conference committee and be signed by the Governor into law. If for some reason this does not occur, I am confident that the bill in its current form can be reintroduced next Session.

As you are aware, the House Democrats walked out of the House on Monday, February 28 and Tuesday, March 1. Because they would not convene so there would be a quorum, 132 bills eligible for second and third readings died. Unfortunately, one of the bills which died was our 1538, the Public Safety Disability Presumption bill. It had passed second reading and was scheduled for third readings, which did not occur. We should be able to have the bill reintroduced next Session as I am sure one of the bill's four sponsors, Reps. Smith; Ruppel; Harris; and Bischoff, would be willing to file the bill for us. We did encounter some opposition to the bill by the Indiana Association of Cities & Towns late in the legislative process. Therefore, any of you who have contacts with your mayors or town officials who are members of the Indiana Association of Cities & Towns should make it clear to them that you would like to see this legislation passed as it is in their best interest to have a volunteer fire department. Please encourage these politicians to inform the Association that they are in favor of the bill and encourage them to not object to it next year. The bill impacts only merit firefighters who are also volunteers.

We were also successful in having bills introduced regarding the income tax deductions for volunteer firefighters. Rep. Craig Fry introduced a volunteer services income tax deduction, HB1511, and Senator Allie Craycraft introduced an income tax deduction specifically for volunteer firefighters, SB84. Another public safety volunteer deduction bill was filed by Rep. Dick Dodge, HB1535. None of these bills advanced this year, but I was pleased to see that three were filed.

Another new idea this year was to have $1 donated to special accounts for grants, one with HB1537, authored by Reps. Ruppel and Bischoff which allowed a person registering a vehicle to donate at least $1 to be placed in a special account for a unit of local government to purchase fire equipment for a volunteer fire department. A similar bill, by Rep. Ruppel, was HB1593, which allowed a person registering a vehicle to donate at least $1 to be placed in a defibrillator grant account of the emergency medical services fund for grants for the purchase of defibrillators. HB1593 did pass out of committee and passed third readings in the House, but did not receive any hearings in the Senate. It may be possible that either or both of these bills will be filed again next Session.

Both the House and the Senate have introduced legislation to form study committees for public safety and homeland security. I anticipate that these resolutions will pass. Therefore, public safety and homeland security issues will be studied in late summer or early fall. If there are topics you would like to have studied on behalf of the Association, please contact a member of the Legislative Services Committee: Jack Kerney; Buz Koehler; Larry Ketchem; Jim Parker; David Israel; or Larry Bartlow. These gentlemen have worked hard the past few months on behalf of the Association. I'd like to thank all of you who contacted your legislators on the Association's behalf this Session. Session is scheduled to end by April 29th. I will provide you with a Session summary during the convention in June. I will look forward to seeing you all then.

Public Relations Southwest



Jim Abrams

Spring is finally here, you can tell by the fire runs we're all having for brush fires.

I attended District 15's meeting hosted Scott Twp. Fire Dept. on January 18th.

I attended District 17A's January 15th meeting, sausage supper, hosted by Vincennes Vol. Fire Department. They had a huge turnout!

I attended District 18's meeting hosted by Jasper Vol. Fire Department held at Jasper V.F.W. Dick Schmitt received awards.

I attended District 17B's meeting hosted by Van Buren Vol. Fire Department on January 27th.

I attended district meetings in Columbus February 1st.

I attended a memorial service for Martin Murphy at Tell City. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

I attended District 17B's meeting on March 15th hosted by Marion Twp. Vol. Fire Department at Mitchell Station. Max Peters received his 25 year pin. He is chief of Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Department.

I missed District 15's meeting as it was held same date and time as 17B's meeting. District 15's next meeting will be May 17th at Oakland City.

I attended District 18 meeting on March 17th hosted by Tell City Vol. Fire Department. Air E Vac was there and spoke about their service.

John Smith received his 25 year pin presented to him by his father.

Dennis Howard of Tell City Vol. Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

District 18's next meeting will be hosted by Hayesville Vol. Fire Department at Jasper Outdoor on May 26 at 7:30.

I attended a meeting Sat., March 19th in Jasper with head of Fire Service Roger Johnson, Jack Buckman and Jack Kerney about training, classifications, and EMS.

I attended District 17A meeting hosted by Harrison Twp. Vol. F.D. in Monroe City on March 23rd. Mick Jones of Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. received his 25 year pin.

I attended a memorial service in Huntingburg for Birdseye Vol. Fire Dept. volunteer Donald Buford. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I hope to see all of you at the May meetings or at convention in June at Columbus.

P.R.S.W.
Jim Abrams

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TIME OUT [USE PRESENT TIME]

Liberty Township Fire Department to hold 50th annual fish fry

The Fire Department of Liberty Township (Cartersburg Fish Fry) will be having their 50th annual fish fry on June 16, 17 & 18th.

The department wants this to be the most successful year for the fish fry. The department cannot do this alone and is asking not only Liberty Township citizens but all Hendricks County citizens and any group that would like to donate their time doing games, concession stand, food line, clean up or just their time. These groups could be like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, any school group, church group or any organization that would like to donate their time to make the fish fry a success. Please contact Jeff A. Dixon at 317-539-5060.

Along with the time donated the department also would like for anyone that would like to donate a dessert to sell in the food line to please contact Ginger Stacey at 317-539-5060 or email libertyems@tds.net to arrange a time to drop off the dessert by June 15, 2005.

The department would like to thank the Belleville Conservancy District and their customers for the monetary donation they made in January, 2005. Furthermore, we would like to thank all Liberty Township Citizens for their help with their donations already received this year.

2005 Convention: June 15-16-17-18-19 in Columbus

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Flags lowered for Culp

By Merrie Chapman
Truth Correspondent

MARCH 10 – NAPPANEE – The Nappanee Volunteer Fire Department will be minus one guest of honor Wednesday evening when it honors two firefighters for 50 years or more of service.

One of the two, Fred Culp, died Wednesday morning following a short illness.

Flags were lowered to half-staff at City Hall on Thursday. They will remain at half-staff until after Culp's funeral at 2 p.m. Sunday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Culp began with the Nappanee Fire Department in 1934 and served under 12 mayors, including Mayor Larry Thompson. He continued to volunteer after his retirement.

"Several years ago I bought an older Nappanee fire truck," said Thompson. "During the parades I had the honor of Fred riding with me in the fire truck. It was so emotional for him and so humbling to me to see the dedication to this community that he still had."

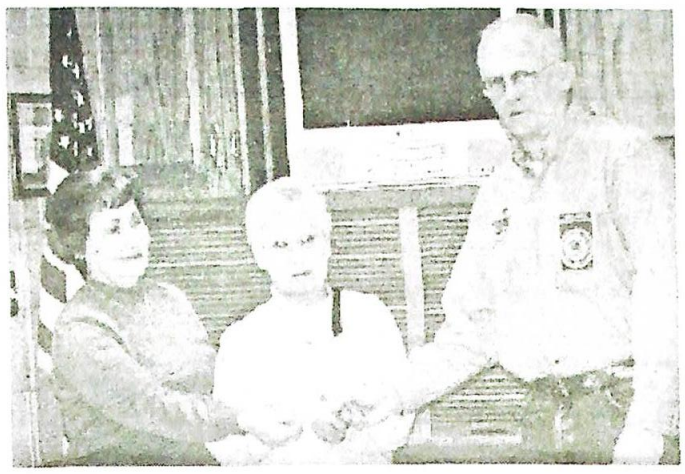
"He was very well rounded and knowledgeable on the fire department," said Frank Hartman, former Nappanee Fire Chief. "He just had a vast knowledge about the fires, and his experience was invaluable."

Once, Culp told a story about driving an open fire truck that had no cab during a sleet storm. "He said they had to take turns driving that thing because nobody could stand the sleet against their face for more than a few minutes and the fire was out of town," said Hartman.

Culp also was known for his business, Fred's Flowers, at 154 S. Williams St. His work as a florist extended beyond normal business house, according to Thompson, who besides being mayor owns the funeral home in Nappanee.

"Anytime we needed his help out of the funeral home with arrangements or anything, he was right there," said Thompson. "He was always there to help us out as we got ready for funerals. He was just a phone call away anytime we needed him."

Culp owned the florist shop from 1930 until 1984. Today the store is open under other owners but still has the same name "Fred's Flowers and Nappanee Greenhouses."



"He was the artistic end of our family," said Culp's daughter, Jeannie Dudley, who went to art school after high school and worked with her father at the shop for 22 years. "Mom was the innovator. Mom had the ideas and he put them together."

During World War II, Fred Culp worked at the Studebaker factory making airplane engines for the Air Force, Dudley said.

One of the stories he liked to tell was about driving a Model T Ford to California. "That was in the day of washboards and driving along dirt roads," said Dudley.

(This article courtesy of The Truth Newspaper, and submitted by District 4 chairman, Greg Freed)

In the above photo are pictured Jeanie Dudley and Janet Heckaman, daughters of Fred Culp who passed away a week before receiving his Gold Card from the Nappanee Fire Department. - submitted by Greg Freed

Receive 50 year Gold Cards



DISTRICT 4 GOLD CARDS were presented to Virgil Loucks and Donald Singleton of the Concord Fire Department.

- submitted by Greg Freed.

Ralph Fink honored



RALPH FINK is shown above receiving his Gold Card.

- submitted by Greg Freed.

50-year awards handed out by Stovers

By Anthony Gadson, Editor
Advance News

The Nappanee Fire Department handed out two very special awards on March 16.

Ralph Fink and the late Fred Culp were honored with Gold Cards, signifying their 50 years of service with the fire department.

District 4 chairman and Nappanee's Second Captain Greg Freed handed out the awards.

"It is my pleasure to hand out Gold Cards," he said. "It's one of the best parts of my job. I know when someone says 50 years, it kind of goes in one ear and out the other, but 50 years is actually a long time."

Two of Culp's three daughters, Jeanie Dudley and Janet Heckaman, were on hand at the fire station to accept the award for their father, who joined the department in 1934.

"I just want to say thanks on behalf of our father," Jeanie said. "The fire department was part of his life, which means it was also a part of ours. We really appreciate this and somehow we think he knows."

The daughters are also finishing up a scrapbook that their father had started, and once finished, they will present it to the department. The two were also appreciative of all that the department had done at their father's funeral two days prior.

"To have all of you guys as pallbearers and escorts is just what he wanted," Jeanie said.

Fink joined the department in 1944, but in his mind, he was always one of the newer members.

"When I first started, I was one of the (newest) first, second of third people to join," he said. "35 years later, I was still on the department, but still said I was one of the (newest) first, second or third to join, I was just counting from the bottom up."

Freed expressed his gratitude to Fink.

"We really appreciate the years of service you put in," he said. "The value of this card is the name on it."

In heart, Fink is still a firefighter, wearing his New York Fire Department hat and praising the current department.

"I appreciate this department very much," he said.

(This article courtesy of the Advance News and submitted by District 4 chairman Greg Freed)

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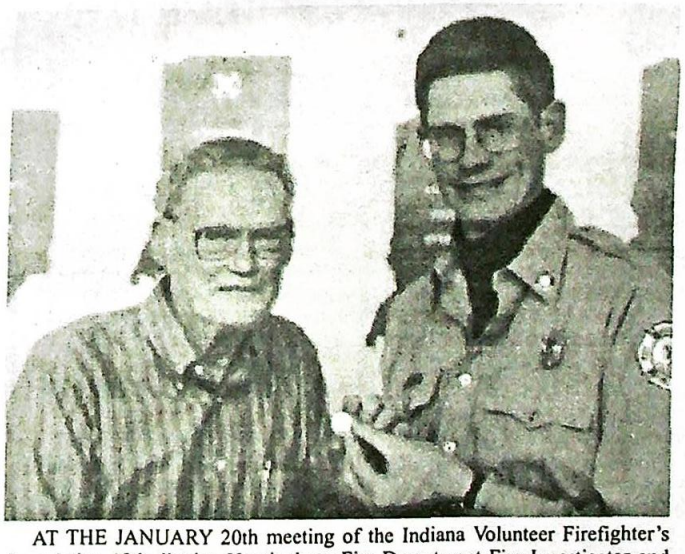
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Father presents son 25 year pin



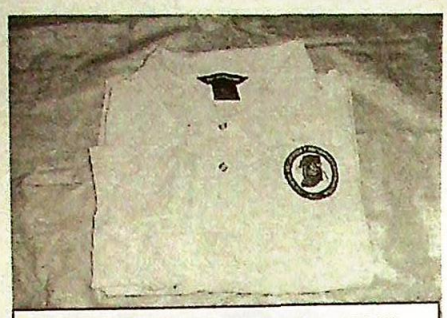
AT THE JANUARY 20th meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association 18th district, Huntingburg Fire Department Fire Investigator and Public Education Officer, John C. Smith was presented with the I.V.F.A.'s 25 year membership pin.

Pictured presenting the pin to Smith is his father, Robert E. (Red) Smith, a retired firefighter and founding member of the Smith Township Volunteer Fire Department of Cynthiana, (Posey Co.), Indiana.

(submitted by John C. Smith)

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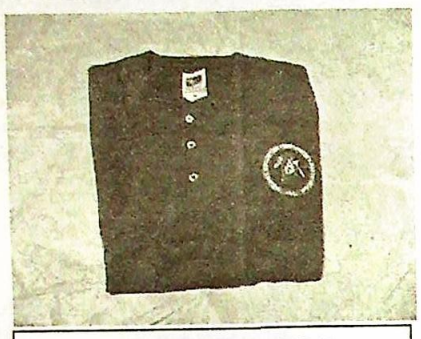
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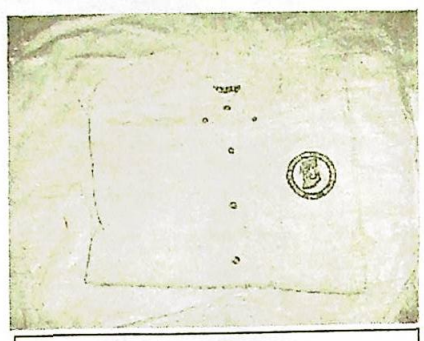
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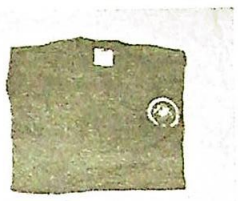
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JUNE 15 THRU JUNE 19

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Public Relations West Central



Diane Harrison

Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I was able to attend 2 Miss Flame contest. Everyone needs to support these girls! Invite them and welcome them in to your department and fund raisers.

I also attended District 11-A meeting at Prairie Creek and Jackson Twp. District 12 meetings at Gregg Twp and Advance and District 21 at Attica.

I apologize to District 21 that I missed their November meeting and District 11-B their January and March meeting due to work. There are great things happening all around our State.

Congrats to 17-A for another successful sausage supper. I was very proud to represent the IVFA at this years Fire Caucus Dinner. I attended fundraisers at Hymera, Wright Twp., Prairie Creek and Jackson Twp. Lest all continue the great support of each others events.

Attended Greene County Firefighter's Association meetings at Bloomfield, Lewis and Richland - Taylor. Remember, you only get out of an organization what you put into it and hard work doesn't go unnoticed!

A BIG THANK YOU to Advance Fire Department and Otter Creek #2 for hosting our Fire Summitts for the West Central PR area. Lots of good department interaction and information was exchanged. For those who attended thank you for being a part of history in making. These were very informative meeting where members got to voice their ideas and concerns for the future of the volunteer firefighter. For those who were unable to attend but would like to attend one check out the IVFA website for the next three meetings.

Remember Visitor's Day at Hoosier Burn Camp is June 1st.

It's not too early to start thinking about and writing letters for deserving members on your department or area. There should be 100's of nominations not just a few! Awards available are Mr. IVFA, Angel Award, Midwest, Ollie Sandberg and Lois Boaz.

I would like to invite everyone attending Wednesday night at convention to stop by and have fun and support the Hoosier Burn Camp auction! It will be in conjunction with the dance.

Tis the Season fundraising that is and with the walk out during the legislation sessions I am not sure what happened with the food bill SB 404. My advice is every department needs to check with their local health department to see how and if they are enforcing the food serv-safe bill.

Keep safe out there,

Diane Harrison WCPR

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Three generations dedicated to volunteering

By DENISE FREITAG
STAFF REPORTER
THE DEARBORN COUNTY REGISTER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2004 — For more than 30 years Fire Chief Daniel W. Smith has been a member of the Sunman Rural Fire Department.

But the first time he was asked to join, the idea of volunteering did not appeal to him.

"Some firefighter friends came to the house to ask me to join the fire department. I told them no," said Smith, 66, Sunman.

Ten years later, he changed his mind. Now being a volunteer firefighter is a family tradition.

In addition to his son serving as assistant fire chief, his grandson became a member in November. They will serve together until Smith becomes an inactive member Saturday, Jan. 1.

When first asked to volunteer as a firefighter he wondered "what was he going to get out of it," said Smith.

As he matured his view on volunteering changed, he said.

"It's not what you can do for yourself, but what you can do for other people," said Smith.

At the time he was working as a fire chief at the former Monsanto Chemical, Addyston, Ohio. He was able to use what he learned at work and the fire department, he said.

His dedication was not overlooked by his son, David, who saw his father fly out the door many times to go on a run.

"When you are around it as much as I was you get antsy enough to try it. ...Then you have to decide if it is something you want to do for yourself," said David Smith, 44, Sunman.

He became a firefighter in 1979, about eight years after his dad joined. He became assistant chief the same year his father was elected chief in 1995.

The fire department is like a second family, said David Smith.

His son, Daniel R. Smith, 18, Sunman, was the one of the first nine members of the department's cadet program. When he turned 18, he applied to be a member. He was accepted Wednesday, Nov. 10.

"From the time he could walk he was around it," said David Smith.

He decided to join for the same reason his grandfather and father have served all these years.

"I like to help the community," said Daniel R. Smith.

Keeping it in the family

For awhile the fire chief's other son, Brian Smith, also was a firefighter with the department, but he had to step down after his twin sons were born.

His wife, Marilyn, joined the auxiliary at the same time he became a volunteer with the fire department. The couple is two of the founding members of the Sunman Area Life Squad. They were both active members until Oct. 1, said Smith.

David Smith's wife, Raynell, also is a member of the department's auxiliary, and the entire family helps out with the department's annual festival.

There are times when the generations respond to the same scene, but they are not father and son at those moments. All the volunteers are brothers looking out for each other, said David Smith.

One of his most memorable calls, however, was an auto accident where he responded with the fire department and his father with the life squad. After arriving at the scene he realized his mother was in the accident. Luckily, she was O.K., he said.

As part of a small community fire department, finding someone they know at a scene is not unusual, he said.

"You never know who it is going to be," said David Smith.

The push of a button

As his grandson begins his career as a volunteer, the chief prepares to step down.

A lot has changed through the years, including the way volunteers are notified about a run, said Smith.

Before 911, telephones were placed in the homes of 10 volunteers that would ring when the department received a call, said Smith.

Someone had to be by one of the phones at all times. A button on the phone could be pushed to set off the alarm and alert the others about a run, he said.

Eventually the button could be pushed to activate pagers, he said.

The department, which covers parts of Ripley, Dearborn and Franklin counties, is now notified of runs through county 911 centers, he said.

What has not changed is the dedication of the volunteers, said Smith.

"These guys and gals really give up a lot to become volunteers. It is not an easy thing to do," he said.

As a volunteer he has had to deal with bad situations, but the good moments wipe all of the bad away, he said.

One of his favorite moments as a firefighter is "seeing the relief on a person's face when they know everyone is safe," said Smith.

Though training and safety has always been an important part of the department, his grandson has become a member during a time when more codes and requirements must be followed by departments big and small, he said.

At first his son was hesitant about becoming a member, said David Smith.

He already has a lot to do attending Cincinnati State College. But he manages to balance his school work while attending firefighter I and firefighter II training, he said.

The initial firefighter training is part of his short-term goals, said Daniel R. Smith, who is majoring in computer networking.

In the future he plans additional training, including firefighter medic, he said.

"I'm very proud of him," said David Smith.

Both David Smith and his father are grateful for the confidence the other department members have given them through the years. The members elect the fire chief and assistant fire chief positions, along with administrative positions such as president.

The department currently has 32 firefighters and eight cadets.

During a meeting held Monday, Dec. 20, the members voted to elect David Smith to replace his father as fire chief at the beginning of the year.

In the meantime his father, who initially refused to join the department because he could not figure out how it could benefit him, now encourages others thinking about becoming volunteer to make the leap.

"The benefits are great," said Smith.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the Sunman Rural Fire Department should call 1-812-623-2498.

(Article courtesy of Register Publications, Lawrenceburg, Indiana and submitted by Daniel W. Smith, Sunman, IN)

2005 IVFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

JUNE 15 - 18, 2005

COLUMBUS, INDIANA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 AM	GOLF OUTING	HARRISON LAKES COUNTRY CLUB
NOON TO 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION (CONV., GAMES & TOURS)	HOLIDAY INN - HOLIDOME
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	MEAL	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 PM TO 10:00 PM	DANCE - D.J.	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM D
8:00 PM TO 10:00 PM	MISS FLAME MEETING, MIXER	HOLIDAY INN-BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH

8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION (CONV., GAMES & TOURS)	HOLIDAY INN - HOLIDOME
8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM	MISS FLAME JUDGING	HOLIDAY INN - GAVEL-HERALD DIRECTORS ROOMS
9:00 AM TO 1:30 PM	NASHVILLE TOUR	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM	SEMINARS	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM A - A 2
12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM	MISS FLAME LUNCHEON	HOLIDAY INN - BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
1:30 PM TO CLOSE	MISS FLAME FINAL JUDGING	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM A - A 2
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	TOURS	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM	IVFAA OFFICER'S MEETING	HOLIDAY INN - BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	IVFA OFFICER'S MEETING	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM A
5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM	HOT DOG & BEER BUST (SOUTHWESTERN FIRE)	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM
7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM	OPENING MEETING	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM A & B
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:30 PM TO 12:00 AM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
9:00 PM TO 12:00 AM	DANCE - D.J.	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM C

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH

6:30 AM TO 8:00 AM	COFFEE KLATCH - FIREFIGHTERS & AUXILIARY	HOLIDAY INN - PRE FUNCTION AREA
8:00 AM TO 10:30 AM	IVFA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	HOLIDAY INN-CRYSTAL BALLROOM A & B
8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	REGISTRATION (CONV.)	HOLIDAY INN - HOLIDOME
8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM	VENDOR DISPLAYS (OUTSIDE)	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM	VENDOR DISPLAYS (INSIDE)	HOLIDAY INN - PRE-FUNCTION AREA
8:30 AM TO 10:30 AM	IVFAA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM C
11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM
12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM	LUNCH	ON YOUR OWN
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
1:30 PM TO CLOSE	IVFA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING CONTINUED	HOLIDAY INN-CRYSTAL BALLROOM A & B
1:30 PM TO CLOSE	IVFAA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING CONTINUED	HOLIDAY INN-CRYSTAL BALLROOM C
2:00 PM TO 4:30 PM	TOUR OUTLET MALL	TAYLORSVILLE
6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM	PIZZA PARTY - CHILDREN & TEEN	HOLIDAY INN - UPPER TERRACE
6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM	CONVENTION BANQUET	HOLIDAY INN-CRYSTAL BALLROOM
9:00 PM TO 12:00 AM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
9:30 PM TO 12:30 AM	DANCE - BAND	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH

7:00 AM TO 8:00 AM	INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FOR GAMES	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM	CONVENTION GAMES	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 AM TO CLOSE	VENDOR DISPLAYS (OUTSIDE)	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 AM TO CLOSE	VENDOR DISPLAYS (INSIDE)	HOLIDAY INN - PRE-FUNCTION
8:00 AM TO CLOSE	FIRE DEPT. FLEA MARKET	HOLIDAY INN - OUTSIDE
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM	FIRE MUSTER	HOLIDAY INN - OUTSIDE

Homeland Security provides training to improve emergency preparedness and response capabilities

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has just completed training for Ralph and Tammy Saxe of the San Pierre Volunteer Fire Department in San Pierre, Indiana, at its National Emergency Training Center. Homeland Security trains thousands of Americans at this facility each year to enhance the ability of communities to manage significant emergencies and disasters, both manmade and natural.

"Homeland Security trains thousands of firefighters, emergency service personnel, government officials and private citizens every year. This training helps better secure the homeland - saving lives, protecting property and enhancing disaster planning, response and recovery across the country," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "Graduates of these training programs make a major contribution back at home, in communities such as San Pierre. "

Mr. & Mrs. Saxe completed the National Fire Academy's Fire Cause Determination for Company Officers Course in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on February 18,2005. This course addresses the basic skills needed to conduct initial fire cause determinations. Course graduates are better prepared to make observations and gather information that will assist in identifying area(s) of origin, and assess the need for additional assistance and probable cause of a fire.

On March 1,2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

Next deadline: July 10, 2005

Muster held at Hope, IN



ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS line up for a muster at Hope, IN.

Here former Bellevue Ky's, Ahrens-Fox, former Beech Grove Seagrave, Franklin's American, IHC and Hope's former IFD Maxim await the appearance award judging.

Convention 2005 will feature a muster Saturday morning, June 18th. Please bring your or department's old rig and join the fun.

For more information, contact Bruce Neal at NanceNBruce@hotmail.com or Bruce Neal, 749 Walnut St., Hope, IN 47246.

(submitted by Bruce Neal)

Letter of thanks

December 28, 2004

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association
P.O. Box 4797
Evansville, IN 47724

Dear Firefighters:

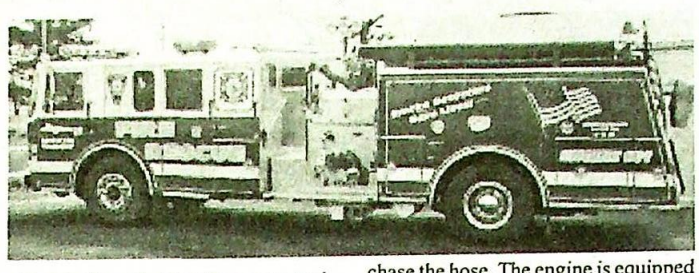
On behalf of Bob's family and all of us at the Town of Munster we would like to thank you for your support and assistance during our time of loss.

The many contributions of assistance from area fire departments, local merchants, the Chiefs and Volunteer Firefighter Associations of the States of Illinois and Indiana; and many others helped Bob's immediate and Town families get them through those difficult days.

Your kindness and cooperation was a true testament to Bob's long tenure as Fire Chief and community leader.

Thank you,
Sharon Nowaczyk
Thomas F. DeGiulio, Town Manager
David B. Nellans, Town Council President
William O'Brien, Deputy Fire Chief

Lizton-Union Township places new rescue engine in service



On February 5, 2005, the LIZTON-UNION TWP. placed in-service a new/refurbished rescue engine. Where is LIZTON-UNION TWP.? They are located in the far, northwest corner of Hendricks County... and they are the only LIZTON-UNION TWP. VFD in the WORLD!

After months of tiresome work, The LUTVFD was able to replace the 30 plus year old pumper the literally quit on them, Fathers Day 2004, while they assisted NORTH SALEM VFD on a barn fire. Parts broke on the truck that could not be located or manufactured, so the search began.

Members appeared on FOX 59 A.M. seeking donations or contributes to aid in purchasing a new rig. Bean and CHILI suppers were also held to help raise the much needed funds. And success came from a small burg in Valhalla, NY, in Westchester County, north of White Plains, NY.

The LUTVFD was able to purchase their 1992 PIERCE/LANCE engine. The truck has a 10 man cab, a 1500 GPM pump and 750 Gallon tank and was sent for refurb to RPI in Tipton, IN. When it returned, it was an eight man cab. An EMS Compartment was added in the cab as well as a second compartment that houses an MSA Thermal Imaging Camera, an MSA four gas detector, recharging mounts for sawzall batteries, and some miscellaneous equipment.

The truck has been outfitted with various components of three pre-existing apparatus. It carries a complete compliment of Phoenix extrication equipment, cribbing, rams, and an air bag system. There is also a small cache of Haz-Mat equipment on-board to handle small leak and spills. This includes an in-line foam system.

In preparing for anticipates growth in the community, 1000 feet of 5 inch hose is carried along with 1 3/4" AND 3" pre-connected hand lines. Money derived from grants was used to purchase the hose. The engine is equipped with seven MSA SCBA's, 2 MSA RIT packs, slide out tool trays that carry hand tools, saws, chains, rope, personal floatation devices, smoke ejectors, a portable 500 watt generator, and assorted hose fitting and nozzles. This truck has a full set of ground ladders, hard suction, long back boards, and a "hotel" pack. And ... it looks great, too!

Many thanks go out to all who helped make this a reality, especially to Chief Joseph and Ass't. Chief Scott who made the 12 hour trip to New York and the 14 hour trip home. Did I mention the truck is governed at 60 MPH?

Submitted by: Robert F. Crouch, Captain, LUTVFD

John Patterson earns 25 year pin



DISTRICT CHAIRMAN Jon Randle of 9-A gave 1st Assistant Chief John Patterson his 25 year pin at Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Department awards night on March 4.

(submitted by Jean Randle)

Awards presented for 30 years of dedicated service



CHIEF W. DAGGY presented awards to Tom Kern and Francis Moore for 30 years of dedicated service to the Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department.

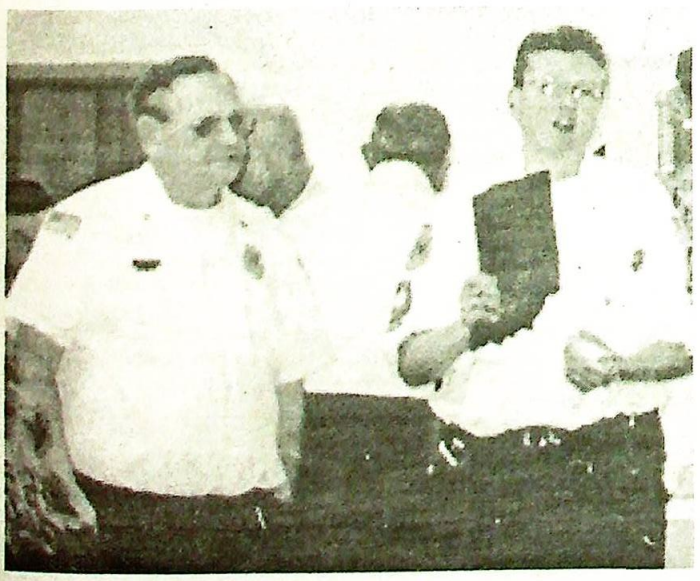
Both firefighters have served as chief during the many years of service to the fire department.

Francis Moore also announced his retirement from the department.

Pictured (left to right) Chief William Daggy, Tom Kern, former chief and Francis Moore, former chief.

(submitted by Shawswick Township Volunteer Fire Department)

Named Firefighter of the Year for 2004



CAPTAIN CHARITY LEWIS received the honor of Firefighter of the Year 2004 for the Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department.

(submitted by Shawswick Township Volunteer Fire Department)

From the editor:

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Jeremy Brown receives five year plaque



BILL SCHOCK gives a five year service plaque to Jeremy Brown from the Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Department. *(submitted by Jean Randle)*

Curtis Borden receives five year plaque



BILL SCHOCK gave a plaque to Curtis Borden for five years of service to Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Department. *(submitted by Jean Randle)*

Randle honored for 41 years of fire service



ON MARCH 4TH, Bill Schock and John Patterson gave Bill Randle a plaque for his 41 years of service to Delphi, Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Department for his retirement from the fire department.

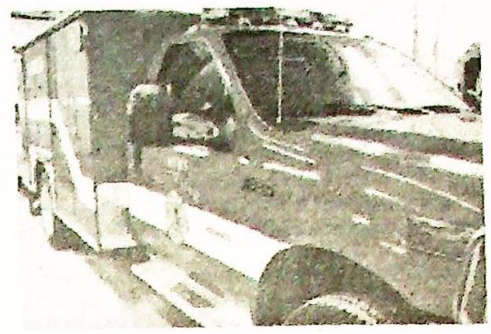
(Left to right): Chief Bill Schock, Bill Randle, 1st assistant Chief John Patterson. *(submitted by Jean Randle)*

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DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS IN THIS ISSUE - NOT ALL ARTICLES SUBMITTED WERE ABLE TO BE PRINTED, HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE PRINTED IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE IVFA NEWSPAPER. thank you!

Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department Rescue apparatus now in service





The Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department recently placed in service a new rescue apparatus.

This new piece of equipment replaces a 1977 model (old ambulance) van that has been used for the past several years. This new piece of equipment known as Rescue #24 is ready to assist our community or other departments during vehicular accidents, fire scenes, water rescue and Haz-Mat incidents.

Rescue #24 also serves as an Air Filling Station for firefighters, using air masks on the fire ground.

Chief Vernon McGaha stated the "Rescue" is completely debt free, thanks to our generous community and their donations. Chief McGaha says "Thank You" for helping us provide a safer community here in Brown County.

Pictured are: Assistant Chief Mike White (left) and Chief Vernon McGaha (right) and our 2004 Ford 550, 4-wheel drive, rescue apparatus. The $70,000 apparatus was for through contributions and support of our fund raising events during the year. Pictured also is a complete full view of the new apparatus.

(submitted by the Cordry-Sweetwater Volunteer Fire and Ambulance, Inc.)

Showalter retires from Montgomery VFD, presented certificate



BOB SHOWALTER was presented a certificate from the IVFA District 17A chairman, Beverly Harker, when he retired as fire chief on January 8, 2005 after 47 years of service with the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department. *(submitted by District 17A chairman Beverly Harker)*



MEMBERS OF the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department gathered around at the retirement reception for Fire Chief Bob Showalter after 47 years of service. Shown here are fire department members from left to right: Terry O'Brian, Tim Showalter, Bob Showalter, Dwayne Murphy, Steve Murphy, Jeff Divine and Troy Fuhs along with IVFA representatives, PRSW Jim Abrams, treasurer Jack Harker and district chairman Beverly Harker.

(submitted by District 17A chairman Beverly Harker)

Retirement party held for Carl Hall



DISTRICT 14 chairman Al Williamson, on left, attended a retirement party for Carl Hall, second from left. Also pictured are Fire Chief Bill Caldwell and brother Gerald Hall.

(submitted by District 14 chairman, Al Williamson)

Funk, Lawson receive 25 year pins

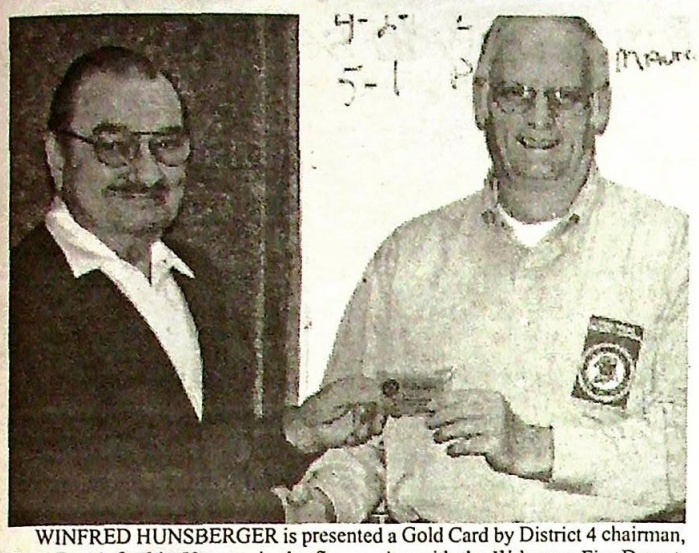


LAURAMIE TOWNSHIP firefighters Larry Funk and Louie Lawson receive 25 year pins from District 21 chairman Don Fultz. (Left to right): Larry Funk, Louie Lawson, District 21 chairman Don Fultz.

(submitted by District 14 chairman, Al Williamson)

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Presented Gold Card



WINFRED HUNSBERGER is presented a Gold Card by District 4 chairman, Greg Freed, for his 50 years in the fire service with the Wakaruse Fire Department. *(photo supplied by Greg Freed)*

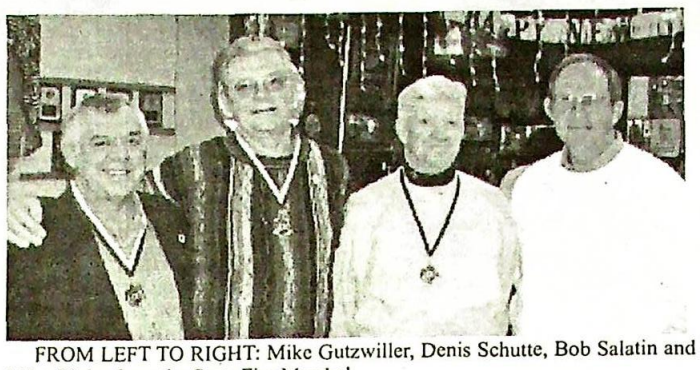
Annual awards dinner held

The Batesville Fire & Rescue held their annual awards dinner at the American Legion Post 3183.

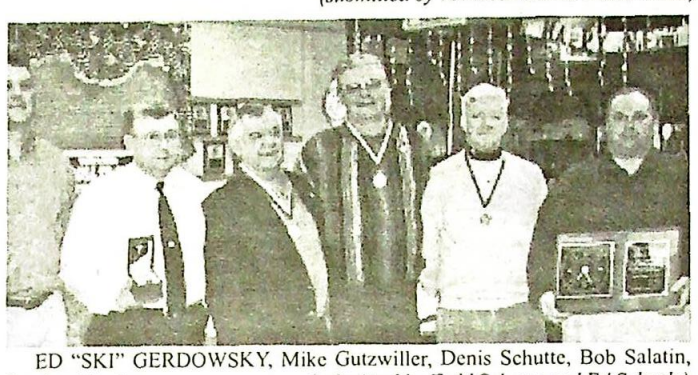
On this memorable evening three members of the department received the Governor's Service Award. Presenting this award was Mike Bigler of the State Fire Marshal's.

Receiving the award were Mike Gutzwiller for 35 years. Mike has been the department treasurer for many years; Denis Schutte, 38 years. Denis has been assistant chief for 20 years and chief for three years and now serves as Chief Advisor and assists in any way possible; Bob Salatin, 40 years. Bob now serves as the radio operator.

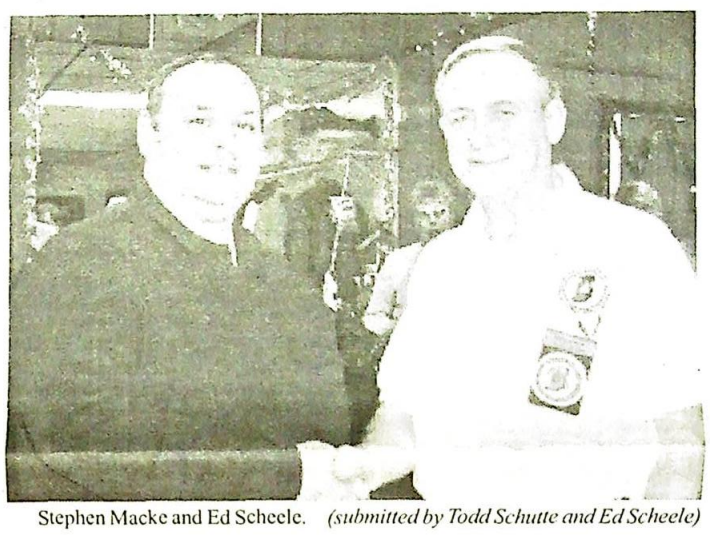
Also receiving awards were Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky for 30 years. He received a gold watch and Stephen Macke for 25 years. He received a wall clock. *(submitted by Todd Schutte and Ed Scheele)*



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Mike Gutzwiller, Denis Schutte, Bob Salatin and Mike Bigler from the State Fire Marshal. *(submitted by Todd Schutte and Ed Scheele)*



ED "SKI" GERDOWSKY, Mike Gutzwiller, Denis Schutte, Bob Salatin, Stephen Macke. *(submitted by Todd Schutte and Ed Scheele)*



Stephen Macke and Ed Scheele. *(submitted by Todd Schutte and Ed Scheele)*

Two complete training



Roger Kissling



John Smith

As part of the Department's continuing education program, ful completion of training and certification from Fire Instructor I, to the rank of Fire Instructor II/III for two of the department's members.

Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department (Dubois Co., Dist. 18) Fire Chief Glen Roger Kissling is completing his 10th year on the department and also serves as one of the department's Safety Officers. He and his wife Kim are the parents of two children, a daughter, Taylor and a son, Ryan.

John "Bull" Smith is completing his 12th year on the department and also serves as a Fire Investigator and Department Public Education Officer. He and his wife Kathy are the parents of a son, Kyle.

(Article and photos provided by the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept.)

Cordry-Sweetwater Ice
Rescue training 2005 held

In Brown County or Johnson County to report an emergency CALL 911.

It was a bright, warm day at the lakes. It was "Super Bowl Sunday" and while most people were watching pre-game festivities in the comfort of their living rooms next to the fire, firefighters were practicing on the ice at Sweetwater Lake.

One by one firefighters put on a Bright Orange Dry Suit which made them look like "Gumby"! Local firefighters then ventured onto the ice to simulate a person falling through the ice needing assistance.

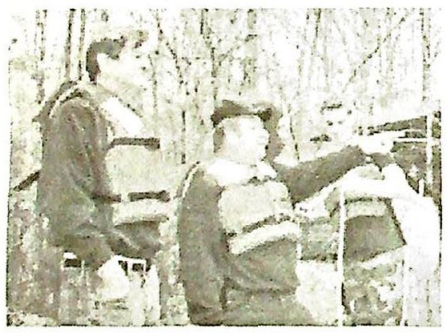
They took turns practicing in the suits and they took turns pulling the rescuer and victim to shore, all the while practicing SAFE Techniques.

While at the shoreline all rescuers were wearing PFD's (personal floatation devices) in case they were to actually fall into the water. Our mission in rescue is to never allow a rescuer to become a victim. So we practice safe water rescue evolutions.

*At the end of the training someone asked Chief Bernie McGaha why we practiced on such a cook day when everyone else was watching the TV. His answer: **"We are volunteers and we must practice when we can, regardless of weather conditions as emergencies happen every day in both good and bad weather, so we must be ready and trained."***

This was a very good answer as just one day prior to the training Private Dion Walter ventured onto the ice to rescue a black Lab dog that had fallen into the icy waters of the lake. (We all know how they like water). The dog was lucky and the family was happy as the "rescue was successful".

In all, there were seven firefighters that responded to the incident after the dispatch was made. Sometimes when there is an incident on a lake there is confusion in the 911 center trying to get the right location identified and get emergency personnel dispatched to that location.



FIRE CHIEF Vernon (Bernie) McGaha (pointing) and members of the Cordry-Sweetwater Fire Department preparing to make a (training) ice water rescue.



CAPTAIN Corey McGaha helping firefighter Dion Walter suite up to enter water.



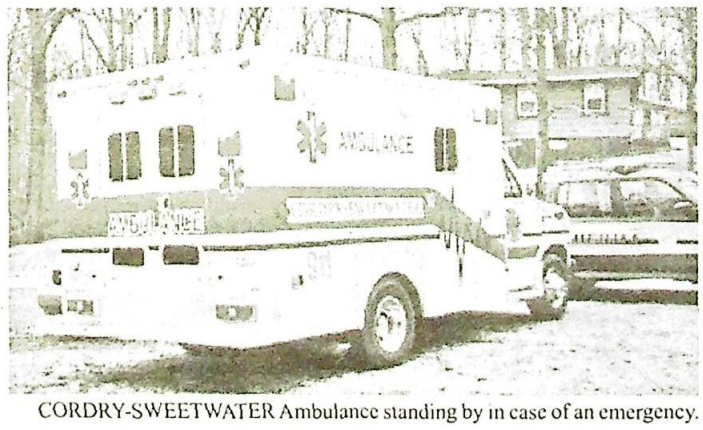
CAPTAIN Paula York approaching person in water to attach a safety rope to them to make the rescue. She is also attached to the rescue rope.



FIREFIGHTER Dion Walter floating in icy water awaiting for rescue to be made (training).



TWO FIREFIGHTERS in rescue suits being pulled safely to shore. (Captain Corey McGaha and firefighter Dion Walter).



CORDRY-SWEETWATER Ambulance standing by in case of an emergency.

February 1 cut-off date for those who have answered last call to be listed at service

The officers of the IVFA voted to use February 1, as a cut-off date for those who have answered the last call to be listed at the memorial service at convention.

Receive 25 year pins



(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Darrow McCreary, Carl Geis, Greg Geis, and Jim Geis of the Clarksburg Community Volunteer Fire Department receiving their 25 year pins from District 10 chairman David Israel. Not pictured, but receiving a pin is Dennis Noah.

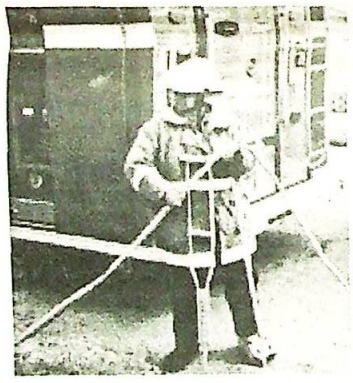
(submitted by Brad Speer, Clarksburg Community Volunteer Fire Department)

Recognized for service



BLOOMINGTON Township firefighter Russell Edwards recently was recognized for his years of service. Left to right: Russell Edwards and District 17B chairman Tim Deckard. *(submitted by Tim Deckard)*

"Dedication" .....



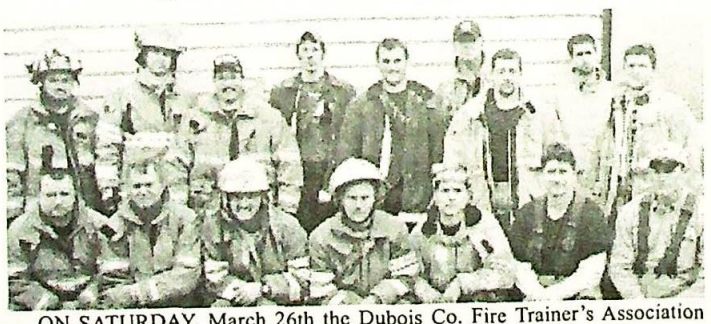
To commit oneself to a particular course of service or thought or action.

Even ankle replacement surgery can't *"keep an old Fire Dog on the porch"* as demonstrated in this picture showing Huntingburg VFD Captain Ray Kissling helping to reload hose following a recent house fire in Huntingburg (Dubois Co.)

Kissling, a 34 year member of the department, also serves as department chaplain and treasurer.

(photo provided by Huntingburg VFD)

"Live burn" training session held for Firefighter I/II students



ON SATURDAY, March 26th the Dubois Co. Fire Trainer's Association conducted a "live burn" training session for the area Firefighter I/II students.

The exercise was conducted at the Jasper Fire Department training facility.

Departments represented were Dubois, Haysville, Holland, Huntingburg, Ireland, Jefferson Twp. (Otwell) and St. Henry.

(photo and article courtesy of Dubois Co. Fire Trainers Association)

IN THE PHOTO AT RIGHT ARE MEMBERS OF THE Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District in Monroe County were recently recognized for their years of service.

Left to right: George Rusnak, Fire Chief Bill Hobbs, Larry Sylvester, Assistant Chief Jeff Calabrese, Joe McWhorter, and district chairman Tim Deckard.

(submitted by Tim Deckard)



Peters recognized for years of service

FIRE CHIEF Max Peters of the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department, Lawrence County, was recently recognized for his years of service at the March District 17B meeting.

From left to right: Chief Max Peters and district chairman Tim Deckard. *(submitted by Tim Deckard)*

Department receives new engine

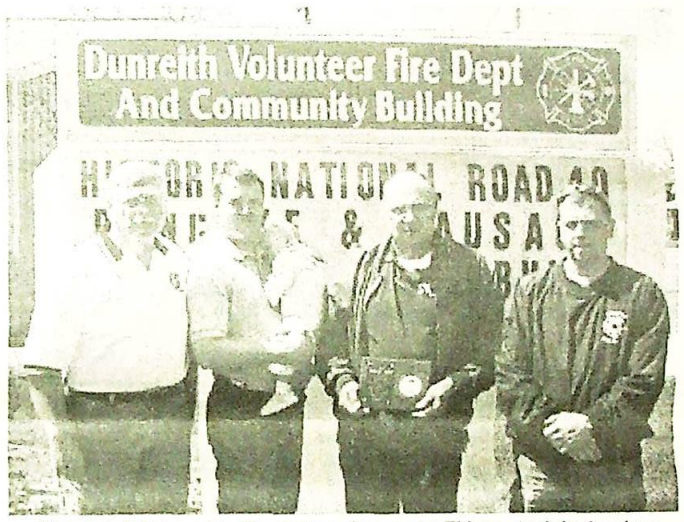
MARION TOWNSHIP Rural Fire Department, Lawrence County, received a NEW Engine in January of this year.

Purchased from WSF, this 2005 E-One International engine will become their first out engine, and is equipped with 1250 gmp pump, 1800 gallon water.

(submitted by Tim Deckard)



District 13A men's report .....



Pictured, left to right: Carol Thrawley, Andy Ebbert, Andy's daughter, Marty Ebbert and Daniel Ebbert.

The District 13A meeting was held on Saturday, April 9th at Dunreith Fire Department.

There were five departments, 11 members present, and five guests.

The IVFA president Jack Kerney Sr. spoke on current legislative update, new State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson and his desire to get input from our members.

To this end President Jack and Fire Marshal Roger are holding summits in the IVFA Public Relations Districts to gather the information.

Vice President Larry Ketchem gave an upbeat update of activities for the state convention.

Marty Ebbert, a 28 year member of the Shirley Fire Department was presented the 2004 Midwest Award. Marty is a past Fire Chief of Shirley and is still an active member. Making the presentation was Marty's son, Andy Ebbert, the current fire chief at Shirley and firefighter Daniel Ebbert and Andy's daughter were present with dad and grandpa. Congratulations to Marty.

The next District 13A meeting will be May 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Fire Station.

Respectively submitted,
Carol Thrawley
District 13A chairman

Receives annual Bentley Award



BILL SMITH (right) of the Clarksburg Community Volunteer Fire Department receiving the annual Bentley Award from the Decatur County Fire Association president Matt Morrow (left).

(submitted by Brad Speer, Clarksburg Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.)

Members recognized for service



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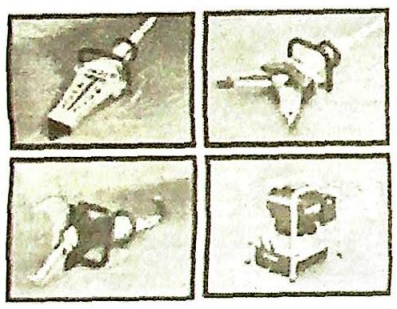
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Department receives grants for equipment



Recently Bean Blossom Stinesville fire department received good news.

Two grants in which they applied for came through and their new EMS vehicle and equipment was purchased.

From left to right is Assistant Chief Steve Summit and Fire Chief Richard Wilhite stands with the new obtain vehicle.

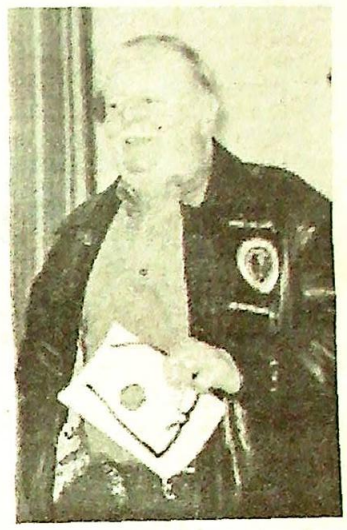
This 1995 Jeep Cherokee was donated by the Ellettsville Police Department, a former chief of Police vehicle. A matching grant was awarded to Bean Blossom from the Morgan County REMC for $5000.00 in January of this year. This grant helped purchase new EMS equipment and equip this new vehicle for service.

The second grant was from the Monroe County Community Foundation of $5000.00 which purchased a Life pack Plus AED peds compatible the first fire department in Monroe County.

Bean Blossom Stinesville Fire Department is located in North western Monroe County and Covers 38 square miles 26 members.

Submitted by Tim Deckard District 17 B

Fire Marshal featured speaker



February 28, 2005 – Indiana State Fire Marshal, Roger Johnson was the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the Brown County Fire Association.

The meeting was held at Cordry-Sweetwater Fire Station which is located at 101 Firehouse Road between the Cordry and Sweetwater Lakes.

Dinner was served starting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Johnson was appointed to the position of State Fire Marshal in January 2005. In the short time he has held his new position he has had a large hazardous fire in Anderson and assisted the Governor at flood sights in southern Indiana.

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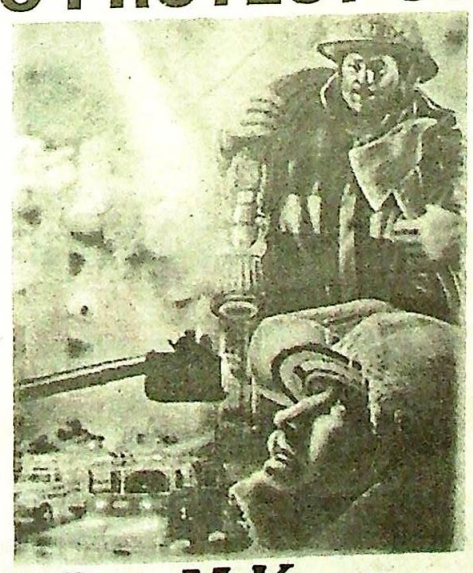
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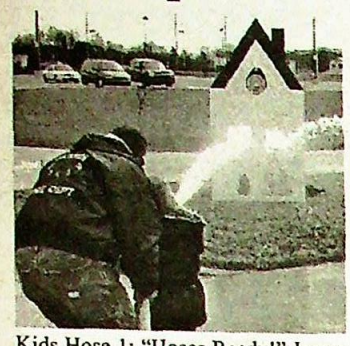
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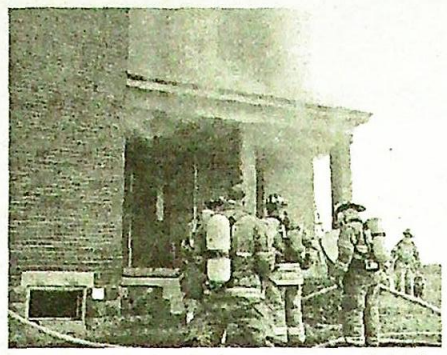
Jasper Fire School a big success



Kids Hose 1: "Hoses Ready!" Jasper Firefighter Jared Reinbold helps direct the stream of water through the window of the firehouse pushing down a spring loaded flame cutout.



Semi Bus 2: Instructor Pee Wee Warren directs the students in proper techniques and safety when dealing with heavy extrication scenarios.



Devil Dance 1: Fire Fighters prepare to fight the fire in the "Dance with the Devil" class.



Kids Bucket 1: Children get a first hand experience what it was like to be a part of the bucket brigade in the children's fire safety class.

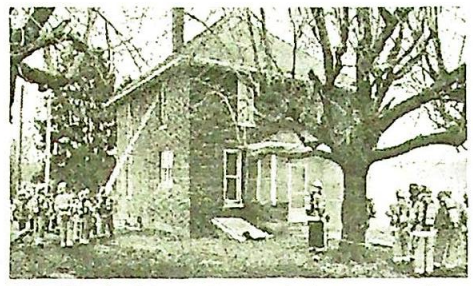


Safety Trailer 1: The Jasper Fire Department's Safety Trailer received a good work out on Saturday running through 46 children as part of the Kid's Fire Safety class.



Semi Bus 1: Alex Smith instructs his class in the basic auto extrication course.

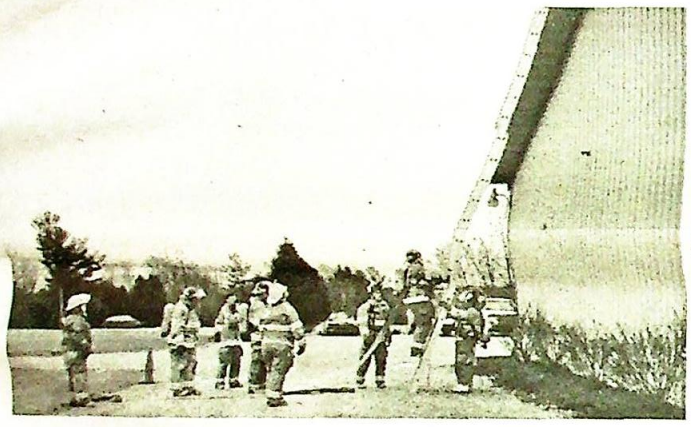
All photos submitted by the Jasper Fire Department.

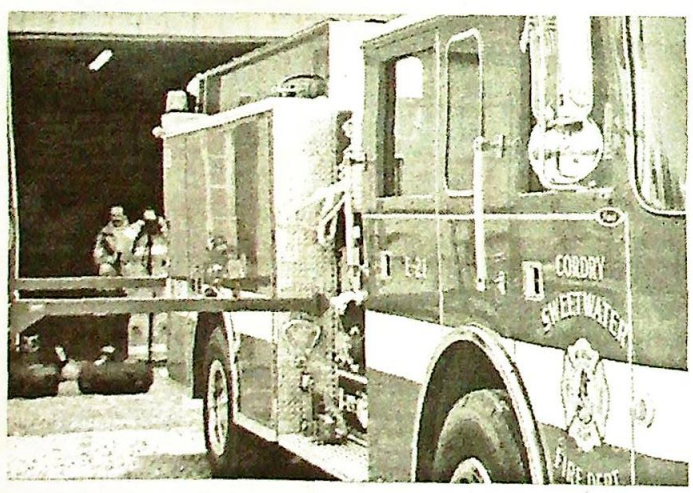


RIT!: The firefighters stand ready for a rescue of one of their own in the R.I.T. class instructed by Captain Sean Canto.

The Jasper Fire Department and Dubois County Fire Trainers Association hosted its 10th annual fire school in March. Over 450 firefighters and trainers from abroad participated in two weekends of classes and practical skills training. We would like to thank all persons involved in making the 2005 Fire School a great success and hope for a great attendance again next year. Special thanks to the instructors, Dubois County Fire Trainers Association, Jasper Fire Department Women's Auxiliary and the Jasper Fire Department for all of the hard work and great effort to make this event happen.

Firefighters complete Firefighter I & II courses, to receive certifications





The Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department is proud to announce that joint classes of firefighters from Cordry Sweetwater and Nashville Fire Departments have completed an extensive, 80 hour Firefighter I & Firefighter II training class held at the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department.

Lead instructor, Captain Corey McGaha stated that the class went well and we now have seven more firefighters in Brown County that are better trained and ready to respond to almost any type of incident.

The class was comprised of both classroom and actual hands on training for each level, equaling about 40 hours each.

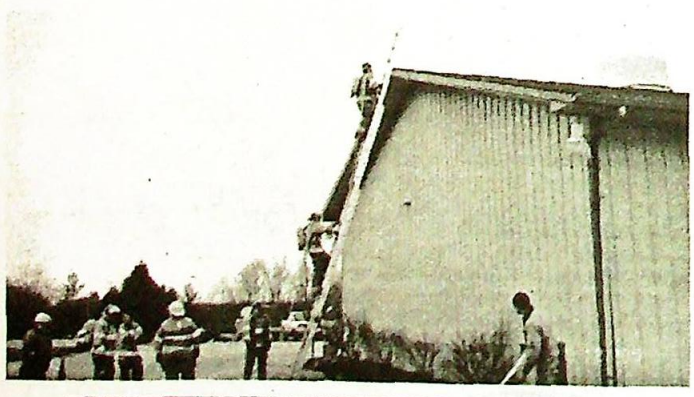
Captain McGaha stated he is proud of the way the class worked together and feels the cross training will benefit both departments as they work together in the county in the future.

Those persons who will receive their certificates of completion from the State of Indiana are: Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance, Inc. firefighters Sheryll Durbin, Teresa Bennett, Mark Cowan, Tony Carrico and John Cooper.

Those persons from the Nashville Fire Department completing the courses were: Annette Brumble and Paul Spahr.

All of these firefighters completed their training on Saturday, March 26, 2005.

Pictures are of the seven firefighters taking their Firefighting I & II class at the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Station.



August deadline is July 10, 2005

Mike Cornman recognized



DEPUTY CHIEF Mike Cornman with the Ellettsville Fire Department was recently recognized for his 25 years in the fire service.

From left to right: district chairman Tim Deckard and deputy chief Cornman.

(submitted by Tim Deckard)

Mika receives 50 year gold card for fire service



PRNW Jim Bradford presents Joe Mika, retired member of Lowell VFD with his 50 year Gold Card.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

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Smith's retire from Sunman RFD



Dan and Marilyn Smith of Sunman Rural Fire Department and Sunman Rescue 20 retiring after many years of service.
(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

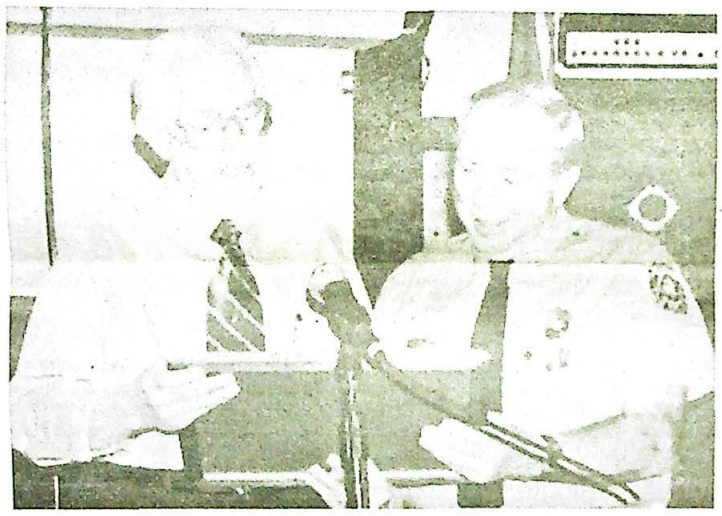
Dan Smith, fire chief of Sunman Rural Fire Department retires after 33 years of service to the Sunman area.

On January 8th, the fire department held a retirement party for Dan.

Dan and Marilyn also retired from Sunman Rescue 20 after many years of service.

We wish Dan and Marilyn a long and happy retirement.

Dan Bruns retires from Sunman RFD



IVFA vice president Larry Ketchem is shown presenting Dan Bruns a certificate on his retirement from Sunman Rural Fire Department.
(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, NOT ALL ARTICLES WERE ABLE TO BE PRINTED IN THIS ISSUE. LOOK FOR THEM IN THE AUGUST ISSUE - THANK YOU, THE EDITOR

NOTICE:

TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

A REMINDER TO ANY DEPT. BUILDING OR THINKING OF BUILDING A NEW STATION

The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

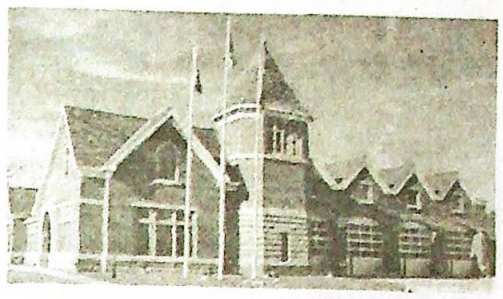
***Please contact the District Chairman at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented.* Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213. He will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Dedication and open house held



PR DIRECTOR SOUTHEAST, Bob McKenzie and District 19 chairman Ed Scheele, present Greendale Fire Chief Ed Noel the IVFA clock at the open house and dedication of their new station. *(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)*



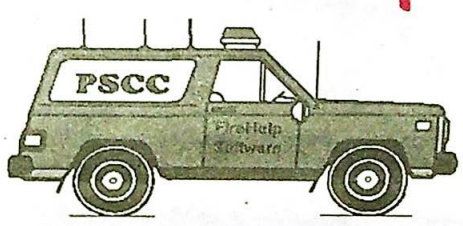
In the photo above is shown the Greendale Fire and EMS new station. Photo taken from the program at open house.

On January 29th Greendale Fire Department and Greendale EMS held a dedication and open house of their new facility.

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