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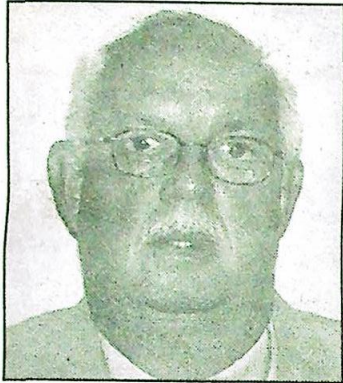
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From The President

Jack Kerney



February and March have very busy months. I attended the Fire Chief Orientations held in Brownsburg, Vincennes, Greensburg, Warsaw, and Greenwood. I was not able to attend the Highland orientation, due to having the flu for a week.

I attended the DHS Region 3 Training organizational meeting in Ft. Wayne. This meeting was to start organizing the regional training organization. We will be attending the other organizational meetings as they are put on the schedule. Region 1 is the next DHS organizational meeting, to be held in Portage on April 12.

I had the opportunity to attend the Pandemic Indiana Influenza Summit at Purdue University. The summit was to inform leaders in Indiana of the possibility of a pandemic avian influenza outbreak in Indiana. Human avian flu (Bird Flu) outbreak could severely disrupt the state with

projections ranging from 10% to 30% of Hoosiers contracting the disease, and the possibility of losing 30% or more of your work force and first responders. It gave those attending, Indiana business, school, community, government leaders, and first responders, what we need to know to prepare for this potential disruption in Indiana. If you have not heard about this subject, I encourage you to contact your Health Department and find out if any planning has been done for your community. If not, encourage them to get started on a plan. If they have a plan, find out how the fire and emergency services are included, and find out why you were not included in the planning. The volunteer emergency services will be depended on heavily in this plan. If you need any help in obtaining information, contact me, I will help you get started in the right direction.

The fireworks bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 28. It is not a perfect bill, but it gives the fire service \$1 million for the first year for firefighter training. You may say this is not enough, and I agree, but it is \$1 million that we had last year. In the real world I would like to have outlawed all fireworks, but we all know that this is not possible. The fireworks industry is too powerful in Indiana to allow this to happen. The Fire Marshal's Office has been sued 10 times over the enforcement of fireworks and has not won a single lawsuit. The fireworks industry has a lot of money and lobbyists, some of them ex-legislators, to keep this from happening. The law gives an age limit in which you can purchase fireworks and places liability on the purchasers and user of fireworks.

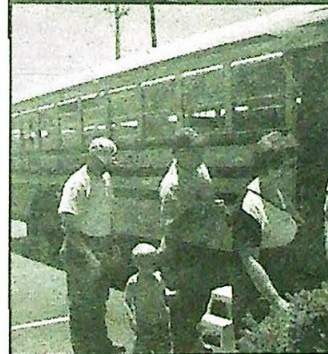
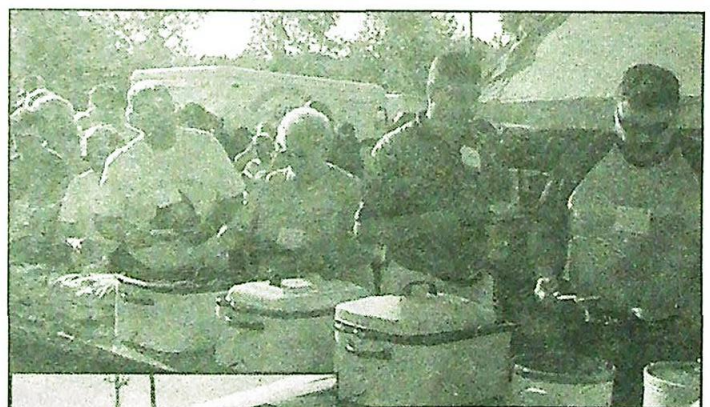
Due to the number of civilian fire related deaths during the month of

departments and firefighters to start a "back to basics" fire educational program that encourages the use of smoke detectors and the planning of a home escape routes. In many of the deaths, a working smoke detector and some simple planning on home evacuation most likely would have led to better results. It has been proven that smoke detectors save lives, giving residents that extra time to escape the fire and smoke. Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of a residence, including basements. They should be checked monthly and batteries replaced at least once a year. Regular fire drills at home should be planned and practiced to make sure everyone knows exactly what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Fire Prevention is every firefighter's responsibility, not just the fire prevention officer. Start a program to provide smoke detectors to anyone that does not have the means to obtain one. This may include the elderly, handicapped and the home owners that cannot afford one.

The IVFA Board of Directors has approved the offering of two new benefits to its membership. All IVFA members and their families are now eligible to join the Firefighter's Credit Union. The IVFA is also offering through Irwin Mortgage the "Home Together Public Safety" loan program. This program offers the IVFA membership the opportunity to receive loans geared to the public safety employee, which all volunteer firefighters are employees. More information on both of these programs will be forthcoming.

I will not be a candidate for President of IVFA at our annual meeting. It seems in one area of the state, that I have created some tension in the IVFA. It was never my intention for this to happen. I don't believe this represents the membership as a whole, but only in an isolated area. I have put my heart and soul into this association for the five years I have served as your President. To say I won't miss it is a lie; I will miss it very much. I feel under my leadership, we have accomplished many things. We begun running the organization as a business and have built some alliances with other organizations and have added benefits to our membership at no additional cost. I have been including Vice President Ketchem in all decisions and discussions and have included him in all meetings that might affect the next administration. I would like to thank all of you that have gave me your support, and have encouraged me during my terms of office.

2005 Convention Highlights



BBQ highlights
Babysitting highlights
Tour highlights



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ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION

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

Each convention has a different theme and a logo for the convention that is representative of where the convention is held.

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

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

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

Please plan to attend the convention and have some fun!

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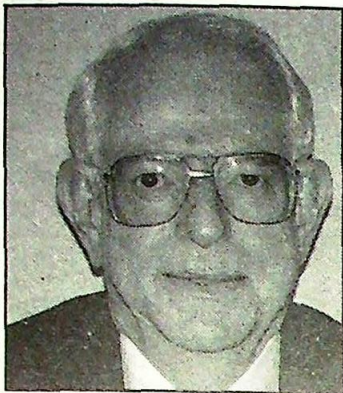
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From The Vice President

Larry Ketchem



IT IS OFFICIAL: We now have a State Firefighter Training Program!!

On the 27th day of March, my grandson, Jared and I, had the privilege of attending, along with other professional and volunteer firefighters, the signing of House Enrolled Act 1099, also known as the Fireworks Bill. Before signing HEA-1099, Governor Daniels stated, and I quote, "Any day you can deliver on a promise, it is a special day."

Efforts of the IVFA, the Indiana Fire Chief's Association and the Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana working together proves that area are power in numbers. Thus, March 27, 2006, was a great day for the firefighters in Indiana, both paid and volunteer.

As I stated in the February issue of this paper regarding our IVFA summits, most of the dates and places have been established. If you have not been notified of time or location, ask your chief or contact your district chairman.

While attending the 18th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, April 6th, in Washington, D.C., it was announced that David Paulson would be the new FEMA director. David has been a firefighter for 30 years. He was appointed Fire Chief of Miami-Dade County, six weeks before Hurricane Andrew struck in 1992.

As the weather begins to break here in Parke County, I would just like to take a moment to remind everyone to please pay special attention to all the children out enjoying the changing temperatures. I also ask that you be mindful of all the farm equipment traveling our roadways. Remember, they are bigger and slower moving than most of us. They don't stop on a dime. Give them some space.

The changing weather also lets us know it is time for fish fries and spaghetti and pork chop dinners. You can almost taste them!!

Hope to see many of you at Convention 2006. The convention committee say they still have rooms available.

Larry D. Ketchem
IVFA Vice President

Obituary

Robert Widmar

Past president Robert (Bob) Widmar passed away February 9, 2006. Bob was the first ELECTED president of the I.V.F.A. after the merger between the Northern Indiana Industrial Volunteer Association, and The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Bob was known in Bremen as the "Promoter". He was the key in starting the "Bremen Firemen's Festival" in 1956 which is always held around the 4th of July, this year being the 50th year of the festival.

He is survived by his daughter, Joyce (Mrs. Douglas) Miller of Bremen. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen and daughter, Kay.

"Thank You Bob" from the Bremen Volunteer Fire Department.

(submitted by past president Richard Glant - Bremen Fire Department)

Attention: Miss Flame contestants and parents

March 10th has come and gone, and this year 23 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. 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@msn.com

Patty Stephens
Miss Flame Chairman

Paragon firefighter receives 25 year pin



Dave Burdsall, a Paragon firefighter for over 32 years received his IVFA 25 year pin Monday night at the District 12 meeting.

(Left) Dave Burdsall, (right) Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

(submitted by Larry Bruner)

August Deadline: July 10, 2006

Shrine Circus + Firefighters + Kids = Fun



Each year the Murat Shrine Circus hosts a "Firefighter and Police Officer Night" at the Murat Shrine Circus, held in Indianapolis.

The Murat Shrine sponsors this special evening each year to recognize the efforts of public safety men and women in cities, towns and townships across Indiana. In an effort to show their appreciation for our dedication and volunteer work, prices are reduced to say thank you.

This year at an early morning performance was another special day for the young man pictured.

Six-year-old James Dwyer was the lucky winner of a new bicycle and safety head gear.

As you can see, James is all smiles as are the members of the Murat Firemen's Club.

James feels right at home with all these firefighters as his dad, David Dwyer is a Columbus firefighter and serves as chief of the Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Dave and his wife, Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer (IDHS) were guests of the Indianapolis Exchange Club-Downtown.

Each year the Firemen's Club provides protective head gear for each of the winning bicycle recipients.

Be sure to read the articles in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter newspaper for dates and times for next year's circus.

Nominating committee chooses slate of officers for 2007

The nominating committee consisting of chairman Richard Glant, Jack Zeeks, Jim Abrams, and Jean Smith have chosen the slate of 2007 officers to be elected at the 2006 convention.

President - Larry Ketchem
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PRSE - Bob McKenzie - Districts 14, 16 & 19

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

This is the recommendation of the committee.

March 2006 fire fatalities through March 15 told

- 3/5/06 - Indianapolis, Marion County - two adults killed in house fire. Cause determined to be a space heater placed too close to a couch;
- 3/7/06 - Scottsburg, Scott County - two adults and one juvenile killed in house fire. Cause determined to be a space heater placed too close to combustibles;
- 3/10/06 - East Chicago, Lake County - one adult killed in house fire. Cause determined to be arson and the case ruled a homicide;
- 3/12/06 - Vevay, Switzerland County - one adult killed in house fire. Cause still under investigation, but believed to be accidental in nature;
- 3/12/06 - Shoals, Marion County - two adults and four juveniles killed in house fire. Cause believed to be careless smoking while on medical oxygen;
- 3/15/06 - Gary, Lake County - two juveniles killed in house fire. Cause under investigation;
- 3/16/06 - New Harmony, Posey County - one adult and two juveniles killed in house fire. Cause under investigation.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 CHAIRMAN



Tom Orrell

Griffith Fire Department
January 18, 2006
District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was answered by 49 members of 14 departments in District 1 with Lake Ridge as the trophy winner, and by 23 members (plus two guests) of eight departments in District 2 with Lincoln FD as the trophy winner.

Guests included: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, District 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA VP Martha Thomas, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, District 2 Miss

Card member and Griffith Fire Chief George Thiel, Griffith Town Council person and FD liaison, Mrs. Carol, Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniforms, TM Somers of TM Somers Fire Equipment and Terry from Fire Service.

Chief Thiel gave a brief history of the Griffith FD.

No presentation due to mechanical problems with the computer.

Communications: Tom Orrell advised of the Fire Caucus dinner in Indianapolis on February 6th, and Lake County Fire Association meeting in Hammond, sponsored by Highland at the Lake County Visitor Center.

Bradford advised the website to

register for the LCFA meetig is www.INDFIRECHIEFS.org 2006 convention is June 28 through July 1, northeast side of Indianapolis, recommends early registration at the hotel due to other events going on at the same time in the area. Jim also spoke on the requirements for everyone regarding NIMS.

Diana Orrell advised November 2005 trophy winners were Griffith FD and Cedar Lake, and the end of year trophy winners were New Chicago and Lincoln FD.

Old business: Billy Howe made a motion, seconded by Diana Orrell to purchase the 2006 attendance trophies. Passed.

Billy Howe made a motion, seconded by Dale Morgan to pay for two representatives from each district to attend the Fire Caucus dinner at \$125 a ticket. Passed.

No new business or deaths.
Good of order: Schererville FD has 911 T-shirts available at \$15 each.

Next meeting will be on February 15th at Porter Township FD (old Lake Eliza station on Division Road).

George Thiel won \$88.50 in the 50/50 raffle. Six hats donated by Fire Service, FF key chain/money clip and two patches donated by Sklarewitz Uniform Co., shirt donated by 5-Alarm and a mini flashlight with case donated by TM Sommers Fire Equipment were also raffled.

Bob Sztot made a motion, seconded by Mike Schilling to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell, IVFA Secretary
Districts 1-2

Porter Township FD, Station #2
February 15, 2006

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

Roll call was answered by 19 members of 10 departments in District 1 with Washington Township as the trophy winner, and by 34 members of seven departments in District 2 with Lake of the Four Seasons as the trophy winner.

Guests included: chairman of the board Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, District 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, 50 year Gold Card member George Thiel, John Kierzkowski of the State Fire Marshal's office and Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire.

Chief Bill Casbon gave a brief history of Porter Township FD.

Mike Hudak spoke on NIPSCO emergencies.

Bob Sztot made a motion, seconded by Fred Wilman to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Passed.

Communications: * Jim Bradford - NIMS requiring plain English on multi-jurisdictional calls. Newspaper deadline is April 10th, will be out first week of May. Homeland Security seminar is March 4-5 at the Lake County Visitor Center, is free but must pre-register at 866-254-1914 or online at www.INDfirechiefs.org. FDIC will be April 26-29, booth 100 for IVFA. Duneland Fire School coming April 1-2 and 8-9. Convention in Indy June 28 through July 1. Jim also spoke on HB 1099, HB 1106, NIMS certification requirements and Federal Death Benefit information. Jim also advised the driver's training "video" is at the Fire Marshal's office waiting for copies so it can be distributed. * Buz Koehler advised if information on the web page

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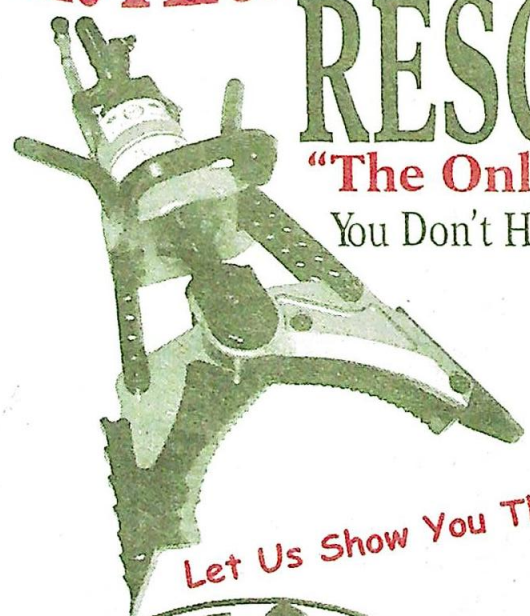
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN



Paul Watland

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is wrong, e-mail the Webmaster with the proper information, if not corrected, then contact him. Buz also spoke on the Indiana Fire Caucus Dinner. * John Kierzkowski advised the fire code regarding tents/canopies is up for more changes this year.

Treasurer's report: \$1,632.28 after paying \$40 for 2006 trophies.

No old business to report.

New business: 25 year pins were presented to Don Roeske and Greg Eckhart, both of Porter Township FD by Paul Watland.

Good of the order: *Washington Township hosting an Instructor 1 class starting Feb. 26th, only cost is the book, also having a pancake breakfast on April 23 from 7-1. *Benefit luncheon for Lake Station FF Tim Luchene on March 18th from 3-midnight. *Boone Grove having a pancake breakfast at Station #1 on March 26th from 7-1.

Next meeting will be on March 15th at Lake Station FD.

Jim Bradford won \$63 in the 50/50 drawing and Tom Rabar and Mitch Parrish won T-shirts, both donated by Hoosier Fire.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Glen White to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell
IVFA Secretary
Districts 1-2

Lake Station Fire Department
March 15, 2006

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Past president Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was answered by 53 members of 12 departments in District 1 with New Chicago FD as the trophy winner, and by 19 members and three guests from six departments in District 2 with Lincoln FD as the trophy winner.

Guests included: past president/chairman of the board Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, District 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, IVFAA vice president Martha Thomas, IVFAA secretary Marge Baumgardner, District 2 IVFAA Miss Flame Rebecca Proud, John Kierzkowski of the Fire Marshal's office and Jack Eskridge of the Lake County Fire Chief's Association.

Buz Koehler, Jim Bradford and Tom Orrell, presented a 50 year Gold Card to Chief Ron Good and 25 year pins to Donald Catlin, John Weger and Kenneth Corballe, all of Lake Station Fire Department.

Chief Ron Good gave a brief history of the Lake Station FD and recognized its members.

Mr. Douglas of the American Red Cross gave a presentation on how the Red Cross can help area departments.

Glen White made a motion, seconded by Bill Casbon to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Passed.

Communications: Jim Bradford spoke on NIMS, NFPA 1901, Hb1106, advised the new state training packet information is now available, reminded everyone about FDIC in April, Duneland Fire School in April

and convention. Mitch Parish reminded everyone that the newspaper deadline is April 10th.

Treasurer's report: Not available.

No old business.

No new business; three deaths in the districts. A moment of silence was observed for Dan Peppin, John Poole and former firefighter Ed Snell.

Good of the order: Benefit for Lake Station FF Luchene on Saturday, March 18th; Boone Grove pancake breakfast on March 26th from 7-1; Groundbreaking ceremony for South Haven new station on April 2nd at 5 p.m.; South Haven fireman's ball on April 8th at new banquet hall on 149; Lincoln Township spring auction on April 8th, doors open at 3, starts at 4; Lake Station pancake breakfast on April 9th from 7-1; Washington Township pancake breakfast on April 23 from 7-1; Lake Station fireman's ball on April 29th from 7-12 p.m.; Buz selling raffle tickets from the convention committee.

The next meeting will be April 17th at Lincoln Township.

Bill Casbon won \$83.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

Gary Kapinski made a motion, seconded by Glen White to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell, Secretary
IVFA Districts 1-2

DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN



David G. Kaufman

January 19, 2006

Pleasant Township VFD

Program: MedFlight from Memorial Hospital in South Bend flew in and gave tours of their new helicopter. Ken Nemes gave a brief talk after the tours. He also left memorabilia for attendees.

Associate state chaplain Ron Devenport asked the blessing of the food and meeting and all enjoyed the delicious dinner supplied by Pleasant Township.

Chairman Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Chief Phil Bluhm led the pledge.

Guests present were: past president Buz Koehler, PR director Jim Bradford, past president Mitch Parish, Bruce Yonkers - District 1, Kevin Kanney - LaPorte Fire Department.

Roll call was taken with 38

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members representing 12 departments present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved by a motion. Treasurer's report was given and approved by a motion.

Communications: Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Reminded everyone that there are Grant Schools being held around the State; 2. Announced that NFPA is working toward all fire trucks from the years 1979 - 1991 either be refurbished or replaced; 3. Announced there were 105 firefighter deaths in 2005 and 55 were from heart attack/stroke; 4. Announced there is a two-day Fire Chief Orientation being held throughout the state. There is one being held in Highland on March 4th and 5th; 5. Announced that District 1 and 2 are presenting a change to the By-Laws at the next meeting. The change would fairly rotate the convention throughout the PR districts; 6. Reminded everyone that NIMS training must be completed by all; 7. Announced the next edition of the paper will be out the first week of February; 8. Announced the deadline for articles for the next edition of the paper is April 10th; 9. Announced that the Fire Institute Dinner is 2/6 at the Hyatt in Indianapolis; 10. Announced that Duneland Fire School is the first two weeks in April; 11. Reminded everyone that the license plate forms are on the website. The Association was able to reward three Bridgeport scholarships last year thanks to the sale of license plates.

Comments from Buz Koehler - 1. Gave a legislative update; 2. Gave an update on the website including changes to the Bridgeport Scholarship form that won't take effect until next year; 3. Reminded everyone that clothing and vehicle allowance checks should not have taxes taken out of them but you must claim that amount.

Comments from Mitch Parish - 1. Announced that the NVFC is seeking peer reviewers for the Fire Grants. Anyone interested can contact him and he'll give them the information.

Comments from past chairman Tim Sandy - 1. Announced that he was

very happy to see such a good turn out for the meeting; 2. Gave a report on Duneland Fire School.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: 1. Chairman Kaufman presented an IVFA clock to Chief Phil Bluhm and Assistant Chief Kevin Bluhm of Pleasant Township for the dedication of their new addition to the fire station; 2. Assistant Chief Kevin Bluhm and Chaplain Devenport presented Lifesaving Awards to John Gaul and Earl McClain in recognition of their heroic rescue efforts of an elderly female trapped in a house fire. LaPorte Fire Department assistant chief Kevin Kanney commented on the cooperation between the departments and commended the rescue efforts; 3. Chairman Kaufman announced that the new mandatory training packet has been released. The packet includes objectives and PowerPoint presentations. The target length is 50 hours; 4. Chairman Kaufman announced that Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy is 9/30 and 10/1. The weekend will be shared with Arkansas.

Good of the order: 1. Chaplain Ron Devenport announced that Lincoln

Twp. is collecting cans and the proceeds are being sent to the Burn Camp. He encouraged other departments to support the Camp, too. He also thanked all present for the service they provide to their communities; 2. Chairman Kaufman thanked everyone for the excellent turnout and encouraged their attendance at future meetings. The programs planned will be very informative.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. after a prayer by Chaplain Devenport and a motion and second. Tim Sandy won the 50/50 and donated it back to the treasury.

Next meeting: March 16, 2006, Hamlet-Davis Twp. VFD, dinner at 6:30 p.m. (local time), program at 7:00 p.m. Meeting immediately following the program. Program will be presented by Detective Pat Cicero of LaPorte County Sheriff's Department including photos from

their assistance in the Gulf Coast during Hurricane Katrina.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

March 16, 2006

Hamlet - Davis Twp. VFD

Father Spanley of the Hamlet VFD asked the blessing of the food at 1830 hours and an excellent dinner of mostaccioli, salad and desserts was enjoyed by all.

Program: Detective Pat Cicero of the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department gave an informative report of his department's deployment to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina via a slide presentation of the many pictures he took during their time of assistance.

Chairman Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Associate State Chaplain Ron Devenport opened the meeting with prayer. Chief Grover Goetz led the pledge.

Guests present were: past president Buz Koehler, state chaplain Jerry Cohen, PR Director Jim Bradford, past president Mitch Parish, Associate State Chaplain Ron Devenport, Bruce Yonkers - District 1, Jim Rosenduhl - Lake Station.

Roll call was taken with 22 members representing nine departments present.

Motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes and approve as published was made and passed. Treasurer's report was given and approved by a motion.

Communications: Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. announced that the fireworks bill passed; 2. announced that articles for the next edition of the paper are due by April 10th; 3. announced that the FDIC show is April 26th-29th; 4. reminded everyone that Duneland Fire School is coming up in a couple of weeks; 5. reminded everyone that the convention is June 28th-July 1st in Indianapolis; 6. announced that the long awaited driver safety video is now going to be part of the new mandatory fire training package; 7. announced that Fire Summits will be held again this year throughout each PR area. More information will be

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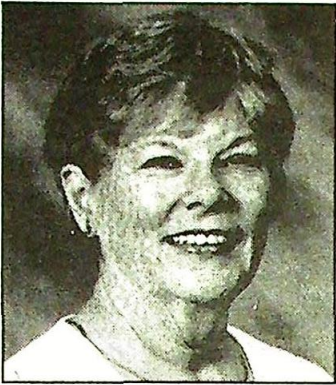
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From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



From The Treasurer:
It is April already and hopefully the storms around the state will come to an end soon.
Those of you who will be needing a form for your license plate in the next two or three months, be sure and get it out of your newspaper and send it in now. Otherwise, it is awful easy to forget until you are ready to get your plates, then you have to wait another few days. The form is also available on the website "ivfa.org".

There are summits set up in the different public relations areas. If your area has not had theirs yet, be sure and try to go. I went to the one in Hazelwood (PRWC) and found it very interesting. The one for PRSW is going to be held in Jasper on May 13th. I'm hoping to see a lot of you from all the area departments attend.

Convention will be here soon, I'm sure I'll see a lot of you there.

Beverly Harker

DISTRICT 3 REPORT

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forthcoming as plans are finalized. Comments from Buz Koehler - 1. gave a legislative update; 2. gave an update on the website including the adding of 25 and 50 year members. He also requested that all departments check the site to make sure their department information has been updated. He reminded everyone that fundraising information can be posted on the site as well.

Comments from Ron Devenport - 1. reminded everyone that he is available and can be contacted for memorials as well as counseling. He is looking forward to serving our district.

Comments from chairman Kaufman - 1. reminded everyone that NIMS training is required for all departments; 2. had handouts available of communications from the Fire Marshal; 3. announced that the mandatory training is being trial tested and should be available soon; 4. announced that Region 1 DHS training committee is forming a corporation and is striving for mobile training. There will be no fixed site. Their goal is to provide training to departments without instructors and to bring the training to the departments. They will be applying for grants; 5. reminded everyone that he had distributed the NVFC costing modules to all departments but has not received any back yet. These surveys are needed to gather

statistics.

Unfinished business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the order: 1. Chief Goetz announced that the Starke County Honor Guard is available for funerals. He can be contacted at (574) 772-5980. He also advised the Honor Guard just trained Michigan City FD; 2. Kingsbury VFD has a pancake breakfast April 30th; 3. Lincoln Twp. VFD has a pancake breakfast April 23rd; 4. chairman Kaufman has FF magnets for sale for \$5. Proceeds will benefit the convention; 5. Chaplain Cohen stated he had a check from the IVFAA for our Miss Flame candidate.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours after a prayer by Chaplain Cohen and a motion and second. Mitch Parish won the 50/50.

Next meeting: May 18, 2006, Scipio Twp. VFD (new fire station on 250 S west of 150 W). Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (local time), program at 7:00 p.m. Meeting immediately following the program. Program will be presented by Cook Insurance Company on VFIS Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP).

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kaufman

Secretary/Treasurer

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DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Don Kissinger

January 12, 2006
Etna Township Fire Department
Etna Green, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1932 hours by District 5 chairman Don Kissinger with the pledge of allegiance following.

Roll call: 15 members representing seven departments.

Guests: Amber Farrer of Bremen, Miss Flame candidate, 2006; Olivia Eyrich of Bourbon, Miss Flame candidate, 2006; Gene and E. J. Smith, Gene is PR NE representative-elect.

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

It was announced that the Fire Caucus Dinner will be February 6 in downtown Indianapolis. Contact Dick Glant for details.

Gene Smith reported on Indiana Fire Chiefs' orientation March 18-19 in Warsaw. The fire marshal's office reports that due to education and awareness programs, 93% of all residences have smoke alarms.

Bills being followed by IVFA include: SB0061 *Volunteer Firefighter income tax deduction* - Provides an adjusted gross income deduction of \$2,000 to active volunteer firefighters (1st Reading); SB0044 *Collective Bargaining for public safety employees* - Allows the police officers and firefighters of a county, city, town, or township to bargain collectively through an exclusive representative (1st Reading); SB0091 *Volunteer Firefighter and Paramedic records* - Provides that: (1) personnel files of volunteer firefighters, EMTs and paramedics; and (2) files of applicants for such positions; are not public records (1st Reading); SB0103 *Police and firefighter death benefits* - Increases from \$9,000 to \$10,000 the death benefit of the police and firefighters' pension funds (1st Reading).

Homeland Security Grants require the reporting of wildland fires. Departments also need to be

certified on NIMS (National Incident Management System). NIMS test can be taken on line.

Good of the order:

Vincennes has IVFA sausage supper at Eagles Lodge January 21, 6:00 eastern time; Convention will be in Indianapolis June 29 - July 1 at the Marriott at 21st and Shadeland. Reservations will need to be in early due to a race that weekend; Bridgeport Scholarship applications need to be in the IVFA office by March 1; Midwest Award nominations need to be in to chairman Kissinger by February 1; Bremen Fire Department has a '85 mini-pumper for sale.

Chairman Kissinger distributed flyers about IVFA license plates.

Frances (Frank) Branniger passed away at age 87.

Dave Sickelka reported that the Indiana chapter of the Federation of Fire Chaplains will meet on March 4. Any department with a chaplain interested in joining should contact him.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Don Kissinger.

It was moved (Glant/Farrer) to adjourn. Motion carried. Refreshments were served by the host department.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sickelka

District 5

Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Maurice 'Mort' Sorg

January 16, 2006
Nottingham Township
Guests: Gene Smith, Public Relations Director (Northeast).

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg.

The membership recited the pledge of allegiance and the first roll call was taken with 33 members from 14 departments answering.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg reminded the membership of applications for the Bridgeport Scholarship must be submitted by March 1, 2006.

Gene Smith reported he attended the dedication of the new Syracuse fire station and observed their water/rescue boat. This is an air boat powered by a 350 cubic inch Chevrolet engine. Gene also presented an update on legislation pertinent to the fire service.

Chairman Sorg provided a reminder about IVFA license plates, and the next District #7 meeting will be on March 20, 2006 at Ossian. This meeting will include the annual bake sale.

Chairman Sorg presented a 25 year pin to Nottingham Township assistant fire chief Rex Holloway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Dale Gray of Andrews presented a review of the recent disaster relief assistance trip he and his wife made to Houston, Texas.

Gary L. Markley

Secretary

March 20, 2006
Ossian

The meeting was called to order by chairman Sorg at 8:00 p.m. with the membership reciting the pledge of allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 40 members from 12 departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Chairman Sorg announced the

Firefighters Credit Union offered memberships to all IVFA members. This was researched and approved at the quarterly meeting. Mailings to all members are forthcoming.

Chairman Sorg announced FDIC will be April 26 thru April 29, 2006 with displays provided on April 27, 28 and 29. The IVFA will have a booth in Room 110, also the Indiana Weekend at The National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MA. will be September 30 and October 1, 2006. Cost will be \$110.00 if you furnish your own transportation and \$140.00 if you ride the bus.

Ivan Nevil explained the new training district concept to include training and funding.

Gene Smith, PRNE director attended a Fire Chief's Orientation, and announced a training session to be held on April 22, 2006 at 9 a.m. at Southwest Fire District Training Area.

Chairman Sorg announced a proposed change to the IVFA bylaws to affect a fair distribution of annual meeting sites around the state with a rotation of the six public relation areas. A vote was taken and the proposal was rejected.

The next district meeting will be at Poe on May 15, 2006.

Ivan Nevil explained the NIMS process.

A representative of Air Cleaning Specialists gave a presentation of their product designed to capture truck exhaust fumes within the fire station.

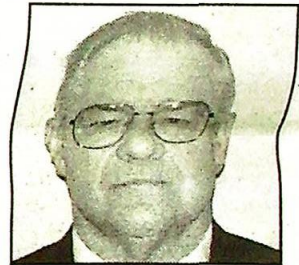
The second roll call was answered by 42 members from 14 departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m., with a bake sale following.

Gary L. Markley

Secretary

DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

Hi, it's me again from District 8B, District 8B held its meeting on January 11, 2006 at the Portland Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

The Miss Flame contest was held with nine girls representing eight departments. Melinda Harris from the Ward Twp. Volunteer Fire Department was crowned Miss Flame for 2006. Ashley Redmond from Farmland Volunteer Fire Department was named first runner-up.

The business meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was held with the numbers of runs that had been made by each department. There were 30 fire runs and over 100 EMS runs from the 12 departments that were present.

During the business meeting Glen Tomlinson of the Salem Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, Daleville, IN was elected as the assistant district chairman. Also during the meeting an application for the Midwest Award was accepted and will be turned in at the next state meeting.

There were over 100 people in attendance. There were two guests present, Jack and John Rossman from Air Cleaning Specialists.

Special events to be held by different departments are as follows: both the Ward Twp. Volunteer Fire Department and the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department will be having a dance. Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department will be having a fish and chicken fry. Bryant Volunteer Fire Department will be having a chicken or beef and noodle dinner.

The next district meeting will be held at the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. on March 8, 2006.

The March 8, 2006 meeting for

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District 8B was held at the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was taken with the number of runs made by the 13 departments present. There were 120 fire runs and 150 EMS runs. In attendance was one guest, Kenton Lord, assistant chaplain from Somerset, Indiana. There was a total of 31 members present.

During the business meeting a discussion of fireworks and the selling of them were held. Also a proposed amendment to the IVFA Bylaws concerning the hosting of the conventions in the different areas was presented.

Different events to be held by the departments are as follows: a dance at the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department. They will also be having a car and bike show on Memorial Day. Registration will be held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department will be having a sausage and pancake supper on April 2, 2006 from 6 to 10 a.m. On May 20, 2006 the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The next district meeting will be held at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department on May 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

That's all for now. Hope to see you all at the next district meeting.

Just a little bit of wisdom of how you might know if you are a firefighter.

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2. You can tell what type of fire it is by the smell of smoke 10 miles away.

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4. You have ever taken 10 or more showers in one day.

5. You have ever said, "She's hot tonight" and not been talking about a girl.

6. Your kids are afraid to get into water fights with you.

7. You roll around in anything that just burned to make your new gear look old.

8. If your wife voluntarily chooses the lumpy side of the bed to avoid being trampled in route to a call! Your wife/girlfriend has learned to duck and cover as she hears the pager go off for fear of being run down.

9. If you have more toy fire trucks than your kids do.

Lloyd E. Wright
District Chairman 8B

DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

Our last meeting was held at Otter Creek Station 2. We enjoyed a great meal at a fine facility.

Congratulations to Jasonville Fire Department. They will be celebrating 100 years of service to their community next month.

Convention is fast approaching, still time to pre-register. June 1 is the deadline. A registration form appears in your paper.

Our next meeting will be held at Centerpoint Fire Department May 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Until next time, work safe and enjoy the warm weather.

Robert "Bob" Meyers
District 11A chairman

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DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Wm. Brent Bush

Marshall Volunteer Fire Department

March 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush, the pledge to the flag was led by district Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Giles and the invocation was given by auxiliary district chaplain Maxine Davies.

A moment of silence was observed for Greg Freed, District 4 chairman who passed away recently. District auxiliary chairperson Patty Stephens introduced both the current District Miss Flame, Ashley Doan and the new District Miss Flame Brittney Short.

Roll call was taken with 12 members from five department present. The treasurer's report was read and approved, the secretary's report was read and approved. Chairman Bush stated that on April 1st, an IVFA summit meeting will be held at the Hazlewood fire station in Hendricks County. Chairman Bush also announced that he had presented 25 year pins to three members of the Hillsboro VFD.

Chairman Bush read a proposal for a change to the By-Laws covering an annual meeting site selection process by PR location. A motion was made and seconded not to accept this proposal. There were 12 nays. Chairman Bush then read a question and answer response from the fire marshal taken from the minutes of the last officer's meeting in Columbus.

Auxiliary district chairperson Stevens spoke about the past Miss Flame dance and the good response from the district towards the dance. Department fund raisers and dates were announced. Chairman Bush presented Marshall Fire Chief Kenny Ryan with the host certificate. The next meeting will be held on May 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairview Park Fire House.

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

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

A new year and already District 12 is busy, busy, busy. Our January 16th meeting was hosted by Amo, Mill Creek District 5 Volunteer Fire Department, with 15 members present from five departments.

Guests included IVFA vice president Larry Ketchem and Jack and John Rossman, vendors from Plymovent Exhaust Systems. Rossmans gave a video presentation on exhaust air cleaning systems, discussion followed. This system does qualify for FEMA grants and John stated his company would help with preparation of paper work if needed.

Jeanan Joseph, District 12 Miss Flame is an active participant and gave an informative talk about the

Explores at Avon, Washington Township Fire Department. She is currently enrolled in an EMT class and staying busy with parades, fundraisers and her duties as Miss Flame for District 12.

Vice president Larry Ketchem updated us on the legislative committee and new legislation for 2006. He spoke with us about the IVFA Awards, the importance of these awards, and how we should nominate our worthy individuals. He gave us an update on the IVFA convention for 2006 in June of this year.

Vice chairman Brian Edwards led discussion on the changes throughout our district. He talked about community construction, 2005 area awards, new fire stations, new equipment in the district and how some departments would soon be starting medic services. Discussion followed about upcoming training in the area.

Our next meeting will be at Paragon Volunteer Fire Department on 20th of March, 2006 at 19:30 hours.

Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department will host the State Fire Marshal Summit for District 11A, District 11B, District 12, and District 21 on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 09:00 hours, lunch will be provided. Please attend, send your department representatives. This is not an April Fool's joke! Marshal Roger Johnson and others will be discussing: Grants for 2006, NIMS (National Incident Management System), Mandatory Training, and pending/new legislative issues.

See you April 1st.
On March 20th the Paragon Volunteer Fire Department hosted District 12 meeting with 12 members and one guest present.

Lona Huffman of Jones and Associates Insurance gave a presentation on fire department insurance. Dave Burdsall was awarded his 25 year pin.

The IVFA annual Firefighter Summit in PR area West Central was held at Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department. Fifty-one people attended, 43 IVFA members from 23 departments, 10 IVFA state officers, five guests with 3 presentations from Jones & Associates Insurance, Irwin Mortgage, and Firefighters Credit Union. Speakers were Fire Marshal Roger Johnson, Joe Wainscott, Tom Hanify, and Gary Robison.

For the past two years, five departments have represented District 12 at the IVFA state convention. Our convention this year is in Indianapolis June 29-30-July 1-2; plan now to attend your convention.

Our next meeting will be at Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Monrovia. We'll be celebrating their new station and making another presentation of an IVFA clock. Come see the new station.

Larry Bruner
District 12 chairman

DISTRICT 13A CHAIRMAN



Carol Thrawley

District 13A has had its share of bad weather luck this past year. Of the six meetings - we have had four that have been affected by tornadoes and snow. Thru it all we have been able to gather and share information about legislative issues and about our own departments.

It has been announced that at a minimum there will be four station dedications in 13A this summer and

early fall. We know of Greensboro, Buckcreek and Wilkinson building new stations and Knightstown with a large addition to its facilities. If anyone knows of others please call the district chairmen or the P.R. rep Don Cushman.

During the winter we have done some station realignment and moved all of Henry County, except Blountsville, into 13A and moved Carthage into District 10. Just because these departments are in new districts, if a meeting is closer to you in another area then attend there for your convenience. David, Dennis and I join in welcoming these departments to our districts.

District 13A has a Miss Flame candidate for the I.V.F.A. 2006 convention. Our Miss Flame is Niki Egan the daughter of Lewisville firefighters Randy and Sonya Egan. Niki is a sophomore at Tri High School in Straughn, Indiana. At the May meeting at Keihen Industries in Greenfield a collection will be taken up to help defray some of the expenses of our Miss Flame at the convention.

The May meeting is at Keihen Industries in Greenfield at 7 p.m. on May 16th. There will be a demonstration by Ward Diesel Products on exhaust systems. Lana Huffman of Jones and Associates will have the program presenting the insurance companies that they represent.

The July meeting is on the 18th at 7 p.m. with the site to be decided.

If any departments want to host a meeting contact your district chairman or your P.R. rep to get on the calendar.

Carol Thrawley
District 13A chairman

DISTRICT 14 CHAIRMAN



Al Williamson

Hello to everyone,
I hope all are doing well. By the time this paper is out we will have had a busy month in District 14.

During April, Charlestown and New Washington will have held their

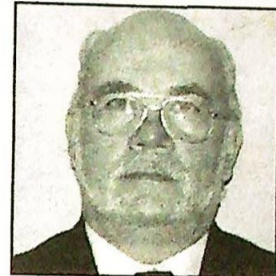
combined chicken dinner at the 4-H fairgrounds. Hanover is having a dinner in honor of some of their firefighters, and Clarksville will have spent the day down by the river working all day for the Thunder Over Louisville event on April 22.

For those that I have presented 25 year pins, Gold Cards, and certificates to my camera had some kind of problem that is being fixed and the pictures of these events will be sent in for the next paper.

I trust everyone is ready for convention and I will be looking forward to seeing everyone. Be safe.

Al Williamson
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Sam Emery

District 17A meeting was held January 21st at Vincennes Twp. with their sausage supper; 633 people signed in. There were 66 departments represented. Out of these there were 30 departments with 299 members representing District 17A. Another good turnout. Many thanks to Vincennes Township for their outstanding effort.

February 13th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Association meeting at Lewis Twp. Thanks for hosting it.

March 13th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Association meeting at the Richland Station of the Richland-Taylor VFD. At this meeting I presented Richland-Taylor VFD member Brain Chestnut his 25 pin.

March 20th I attended a power point presentation at Lewis Twp. This was put on by District 15 chairman Steve Anderson. He gave a look at the tornado that hit the Evansville area November 6, 2005.

March 25th I attended a fundraiser at the Taylor Station Richland-Taylor VFD. A large crowd enjoyed a good bean dinner.

March 27th I attended the signing of bill 1099 in Indianapolis, the IVFA
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



FEBRUARY 4, 2006
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President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Associate chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the invocation. Vice president Larry Ketchem led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Dave Elick, District 6 made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT JACK KERNEY: Attended one county meeting, eight district meetings, three Board of Firefighter Standards and Education meetings, one awards banquet, one Department of Homeland security meeting, one mandatory training meeting and one convention meeting. Driving 3401 miles.

VICE PRESIDENT LARRY KETCHEM: Attended nine district meetings, two county meetings, one Homeland Security meeting, one

Miss Flame dance, two awards banquets and one convention 2006 meeting. Driving 2300 miles.

CHAPLAIN JERRY COHEN: Associate chaplain Ed Gerdowsky reported that he had Bibles for those that needed them.

SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW: Attended two district meetings, one Miss Flame Dance and one Homeland Security meeting.

TREASURER BEV HARKER: Attended seven district meetings, one county meeting, one fundraiser, and one memorial. The budget report was given for the year 2005 with comparisons of the budgeted amount and the actual expenditures. Also passed out list of all deposits and checks written for 2005. Dave Elick, District 6 made motion to accept the treasurer report as presented. Bob McKinzie, PRSE made the second. Motion passed.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH: Attended two district meetings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

PRNE JIM BRADFORD: Attended six district meetings, one newspaper meeting, and one Gold Card presentation, for a total of 907 miles driven.

PRNE JEAN SMITH: Attended six district meetings, one station dedication, two Gold Card presentations and two memorials.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON: Attended five district meetings, two Miss Flame selections, and two memorials.

PREC DON CUSHMAN: Attended two district meetings.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS: Attended four district meetings, two county meetings and three memorials.

PRSE BOB MCKENZIE: Attended three district meetings, and one memorial.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

BUZ KOEHLER: Attended four district meetings, five county meetings, one Gold Card presentation, and one convention

meeting.

JACK ZEEKS: Pass.

RICHARD GLANT: Presented Gold Card to his dad.

MITCH PARISH: Pass.

IVAN NEVIL: Pass.

CARL BRUNS: Pass.

JIM PARKER: Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 - TOM ORRELL: Had meeting January 18, 2006 at Griffith Fire Department with 49 members representing 14 departments in District 1 and 23 members representing eight departments from District 2. The next meeting will be February 15, 2006 at Porter Twp. Fire Department at Station #2. The Duneland School of Emergency Response in Chesterton will be April 1-2 and 8-9, 2006.

DISTRICT 2 - PAUL WATLAND: Had meeting November 16, 2005 at St. John Fire Department with 41 members representing eight departments in District 2 and 19 members representing eight departments from District 1. Mark Coopman with the Hoosier Burn Camp gave presentation on this year's camp. The next meeting will be February 15, 2006 at Porter Twp. Station #2.

DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN: Had meeting January 19, 2006 at Pleasant Twp. Fire Department with 49 members representing nine departments. The program was presented by Memorial Med Flight from South Bend. Presented two Gold Cards. The next meeting will be March 16, 2006 at Hamlet Fire Department.

DISTRICT 4 - GREG FREED: Held meeting January 26, 2006 at Penn Twp. Fire Department with 20 members representing six departments. Program presented Plymovent Vehicle Exhaust Removal. Also crowned the 2006 Miss Flame. The next meeting is April 26, 2006 at Nappanee Fire Department.

DISTRICT 5 - DON KISSINGER: Held meeting January 12, 2006 at Etna Green Fire Department with 165 members representing seven departments. The next meeting will be March 9, 2006 at Culver Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6 - DAVE ELICK: Held meeting January 24, 2006 at St. Joseph Twp. Fire Department with nine members representing five departments. Program by Air Cleaning Specialists. Also review of November officer's meeting. The next meeting will be March 21, 2006 at Spencerville Fire Department Community Building.

DISTRICT 7 - MORT SORG: Held meeting January 16, 2006 at Nottingham Twp. Fire Department with 33 members representing 14 departments. Dale and Dianna Gray presented the program about their trip to Houston, Texas with the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina. The next meeting is March 20, 2006 at Ossian Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8A - BILL PAPE: Held meeting January 11, 2006 at Swayzee Fire Department with 22 members representing 10 departments. Had the 2006 Miss Flame program and discussed this Legislative session. The next meeting will be March 8, 2006 at Van Buren Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8B - LLOYD 2006 at

WRIGHT: held meeting January 2006 at Portland Fire Department with 55 members representing 12 departments present. They held their Miss Flame contest. The next meeting will be March 8, 2006 at Redkey Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9A - JON RANDLE: Absent.

DISTRICT 9B - RANDY DENTON: Held meeting on January 12, 2006 at Francesville Fire Department with 34 members representing six departments. Had a program on L.P. gas. The next meeting is March 9, 2006 at Goodland Fire Department.

DISTRICT 10 - DAVID ISRAEL: Held last meeting January 18, 2006 Greensburg Fire Department with 60 members representing 15 departments. The next meeting will be February 15, 2006 at Flat Rock Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11A - ROBERT MEYERS: Held last meeting January 15, 2006 at Jasonville with 32 members representing 13 departments. The next meeting will be March 19, 2006 at Otter Creek Station #2 (Sandcut).

DISTRICT 11B - BRENT BUSH: Held last meeting at Perrysville Fire Department with 28 members representing nine departments. The next meeting will be March 12, 2006 at Marshall Fire Department.

DISTRICT 12 - LARRY BRUNER: Held meeting January 16, 2006 at Mill Creek Volunteer Fire Department, District #5. Plymovent Exhaust Systems gave the program. The next meeting will be March 20, 2006.

DISTRICT 13A - CAROL THRAWLEY: Held meeting January 17, 2006 at Ingalls Volunteer Fire Department with 14 members representing seven departments. Next meeting will be March 21, 2006 at Wilkinson Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13B - DENNIS SPEARS: Held last meeting on January 25, 2006 at Perry Twp. Fire Department with 16 members representing eight departments. The next meeting will be at Everton Fire Department.

DISTRICT 14 - AL WILLIAMSON: Held meeting January 7, 2006 at Charlestown Fire Department with four departments present. The next meeting will be at Madison Fire Department.

DISTRICT 15 - STEVE ANDERSON: Held meeting January 17, 2006 at Owensville Fire Department with 27 members representing 12 departments. Reported on the tornado response reimbursement.

DISTRICT 16 - PAUL HOLCOMB: Held meeting January 14, 2006 at New Chapel Fire Co. Had the district elections and Miss Flame contests. The next meeting will be February 22, 2006 at Lafayette Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 17A - SAM EMERY: Held last meeting January 21, 2006 at Vincennes Twp. Fire Department with 299 members representing 29 departments. Total attendance at this sausage supper was 633 members from 66 departments.

DISTRICT 17B - TIM DECKARD: Held last meeting

November 30, 2005 at Cordry-Sweetwater Fire Department with 22 members representing seven departments. The program was the 2006 legislative update and upcoming IVFA date deadlines. The next meeting will be February 26, 2006 at Van Buren Twp. Fire Department (Monroe County).

DISTRICT 18 - CHARLES PARKER: Held last meeting January 19, 2006 at Ferdinand Fire Department with 126 members representing 22 departments. The next meeting will be March 16, 2006 at Troy Fire Department.

DISTRICT 19 - ED SCHEELE: Held last meeting January 26, 2006 at Batesville Fire and Rescue with 33 members representing 10 departments. The program was given by Dr. Levitt on physicals and the need for them. The next meeting will be March 23, 2006 at Drewersburg Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 21 - DON FULTZ: Held meeting November 29, 2005 at Darlington Fire Department with 18 members representing five departments. The next meeting will be at Linden Fire Department on February 28, 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION: DAVID ISRAEL- Guidelines were revised and corrected with final reading today. The new guidelines will be printed for the next meeting.

CONVENTION 2006: BILL PAPE - About 60 rooms are still available at the hotel. Credit cards will be processed in about one week. Hotel will have lunch buffet. Vendors must provide proof of insurance.

EXECUTIVE: No meeting.

BUDGET: No meeting.

INSURANCE: JACK KERNEY - The committee met last night to discuss the proposals from Firefighters Credit Union and Irwin Union Mortgage Company. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to allow Firefighter Credit Union to be a benefit to our members. We request that they provide the number of member that uses the services by geographic area annually. They will receive one front-page announcement in the newspaper. All other ads shall be paid advertisement. We will provide mailing list yearly with a signed confidentiality agreement. We are awaiting the approval of their board to accept the IVFA as members. The committee also discussed Irwin Union Mortgage Company. It was decided that this proposal would be a good benefit for any member of the IVFA. We are awaiting a written proposal from them to be looked at by the attorney.

BRIDGEPORT: CARL BRUNS - Deadline for application is March 1. Selection committee will meet at 8:00 p.m. on May 5, 2006.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: JIM BRADFORD - Last issue we mailed 16,744 newspapers. Please send good quality pictures for the paper (no newspaper pictures, fax pictures, etc.) Deadline for next newspaper is April 10, 2006.

AD-TAKER: MITCH PARISH - Last issue of paper had 27 ads with three not at this time.

AUDIT: No meeting.

CLOTHING CLAIMS: JIM BRADFORD - Had two claims this quarter and both were paid.

AWARDS: LARRY KETCHEM - The Ollie Sandberg Award and the Angel Award winners were selected this morning. Midwest Fire and Safety will again sponsor the Midwest Award. The district chairmen will turn in their district nominees at this meeting.

FIRE SCHOOLS: LARRY KETCHEM - The Chief's Training classes are coming up very soon around the state. At this time only 171 people are registered for these classes. We need to support this program and get all fire chiefs involved. We will again do the

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

MARCH 1, 2007 DEADLINE

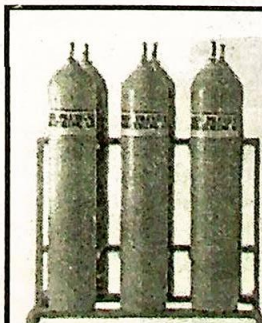
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DISTRICT 17A REPORT

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had a nice presentation. March 29th District 17A meeting was held at Highland Twp. VFD in Calvertsville; 21 members from five departments were present. I presented Max Townsend of the Richland-Taylor VFD with his 25 year pin.

Guest speakers spoke about the storm damage in the southern states.

IVFA president Jack Kerney gave an update on legislative action and training.

I also attended an IVFAA memorial service for Genevieve Davis (wife of the late Carl Davis) March 4th at Odon.

March 24th I attended a memorial service for Charles Edward Ruble of the Palmyra Twp. VFD, at Vincennes and presented a Bible and Grave marker to the family.

Our condolences go out to these families.

Sympathy to Jack and Bev Harker due to the loss of his sister.

*Sam Emery
Chairman, District 17A*

DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

plans on attending the state convention, a lot of hard work and events have been planned just for you.

Our next meeting do the convention will be held in July in Lawrence County and it will be election of district officers.

Our district sends out deep regrets and sympathy to the family of Doug Webster and members of the Shawswick Fire Department in Lawrence County. Doug answered his last alarm February 1, 2006 and was given an IVFA memorial service.

Have a safe and happy summer and see you at the convention.

Keep on the sunny side.

*Tim Deckard
District 17B chairman*

DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

The convention will soon be here. I would like to see a lot of District 19 members at the convention to show support for our District Miss Flame, Ashley Hountz, from Sunman Rural Fire Department. You will have a good time at Indianapolis.

Start thinking about young ladies in your area for next year's Miss Flame. Our district contest will be at the November meeting at Milan V.F.D.

The summer is fast approaching. This is the busy season for everyone. Be careful and get plenty of rest to avoid injuries.

See you at the convention.

*Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman*

Quarterly meeting ...

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PR area summits similar to last year. We need dates and places in March and April to hold these meetings. The discussion will focus on NIMS, Training and Grants.

LEGISLATIVE: JIM PARKER - As of Thursday when all bills had to change chambers and none of our bills appeared to make the switch. Very little action this session. H.B. 247 pertains to fees for certifications. We will watch this bill very closely.

MR. IVFA: LARRY KETCHEM - The committee has not met at this time. Dave Elick stated that his meeting January 9, 2006 he had a conversation with Bill Kinsey at New Haven Adams Twp. Fire Dept. He asked Dave to inform the group that he would not be able to attend the February officer's meeting in Columbus. He would like the next person in line to take his place on the Mr. IVFA committee. President Kerney appointed Mitch Parish as the

replacement.

NOMINATING: RICHARD GLANT - The nominating committee selected for 2007 officers are: president Larry Ketchem, vice president Dave Elick, secretary Larry Bartlow, treasurer Beverly Harker, sergeant-at-arms Bill Bush, PRNW Jim Bradford, PRNE Jean Smith, PRWC Diane Harrison, PREC Don Cushman, PRSW Jim Abrams, PRSE Bob McKenzie.

CONVENTION 2007: STEVE ANDERSON - They have had one meeting at this time. Working on several ideas at this time. More information to come.

WEB SITE: BUZ KOEHLER - Will keep legislative updates posted on site. Need all district meetings listed on the web site.

FDIC: JACK KERNEY - Need help for the booth. April 26 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. is setup, the hours for Thursday, April 27 are 2:00-6:00 p.m., Friday, April 28 from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 from 7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Paul Watland asked if we would be interested in handing out pens or scratch pads also brought that a plastic bag with the logo and web address on it. Referred to board action.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

Morning message given by Associate Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

BY-LAWS & SOG: JIM PARKER - Passed out the change to Article 4 Section 10 of the By-Laws which reads: "The delegates of the ACTIVE members of the Association shall elect the officers of the Board at the annual meeting of the Association which shall be held at a time and place as approved by the Board. The district chairmen shall be elected pursuant to Article IV." By-Law amendment to Article VI Section 2 proposed by District 1 & 2 to read: "To fairly distribute the annual meeting sites around the state, a rotation of the six public relation areas shall be instituted. The rotation shall be as follows: PRNW, PRNE, PREC, PRWC, PRSW, and PRSE. An example: (the site shall be offered to PRNW. If not accepted, it will be offered to PREC, etc.). Once a PR area accepts the meeting, the following year the offer shall be made to the next PR area in the rotation. In the event, following selection by the delegates of the Association, the site is for any reason unavailable, a new site shall be selected by the Board using the above rotation and appropriate notice given the members." A motion to accept the amendment was made by Mitch Parish. Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed. The Amendment will be taken to the districts for discussion and the vote will be taken at the next officer's meeting.

LOGO: CHARLES PARKER - Pass.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: LARRY KETCHEM.

NATION VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: MITCH PARISH - No meeting since October. Next meeting is April 4-8, 2006. We have an invitation to attend the National Benefit Summit Conference in Atlanta, GA. April 29-May 4, 2006. The cost to attend would be

approximately \$1500. Will be board action.

BOARD FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: JACK KERNEY - Had nine members present and 18 guests. Approved five requests for variances, denied two requests and tabled two requests. Approved the practical skills for Firefighter I and II. They are the same as 2005.

FIRE INSTITUTE DINNER: MITCH PARISH - Had meeting January 5, 2006. The dinner will be February 6, 2006.

HISTORIAN: JOHN DAVIES - Requested confirmation of news articles for the newspaper.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: TIM DECKARD - Pass.

PHOTOGRAPHY: DON KISSINGER - Pass.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL ROGER JOHNSON: Took questions for the group.

Q. Where is the driver training program required by the State?

A. The film is done and ready for distribution from the division of Training.

Q. When is the letter for billing fees for a fire department going to be updated?

A. Will be checked on next week.

Q. Is the statewide Mutual Aid Contract being rewritten to meet federal requirements?

A. Yes. The Fire Marshal's office is rewriting this contract to meet Federal guidelines.

Q. Is the Fire Marshal's office going to charge for all requests for certification?

A. No. That billing is for IFSAC certification only.

Marshal Johnson discussed H.B., 1099 dealing with the legalization of fireworks and putting a tax on them. With 3% of the tax monies going to the firefighter training program and also to establish a Rainy Day Fund to reimburse a fire department for losses from a major disaster. At the present time the Fire Marshal's office cannot enforce existing fireworks laws because of restraining orders.

Jim Parker made a motion that we support Marshal Johnson with H.B. 1099. Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Fred Griffin, the director of EMA in Wayne County addressed the board on some of the different problems we have. The Emergency Management Alliance would like to reach out to us to explore some of the things the IVFA and member departments see as problems. This would be a start to correcting these problems and get everyone working together.

OLD BUSINESS: President Kerney asked about the progress of the NVFC cost saving study the districts were to conduct. Larry Ketchem reported not much interest expressed for the program. This information is very important for us on Legislative issues concerning need for funding. We have some information but not complete.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing.
NEXT MEETING IS MAY 5-6, 2006. Room reservation is April 13, 2006.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn

and proceed to the board of director's meeting. Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2006

Meeting called by chairman Buz Koehler at 11:15 a.m. Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Cushman made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

Jack Zeeks made motion to retain Buz Koehler as chairman of the board for the next year. Jim Bradford made the second. Motion passed.

1. Clocks to be given away at FDIC. Jack Zeeks made a motion to purchase two clocks for \$200 to be given away FDIC. Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

2. Handouts for FDIC (pen, scratch pad, plastic bags). Motion by Don Cushman that we purchase up to \$1000 worth of plastic bags with the Logo and Website printed on them. Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed.

3. Flowers for funeral. Motion by Don Cushman to pay this expense as explained. Bob McKinzie made the second. Motion passed.

4. Need small decals and expense vouchers. Motion by Dave Elick for Sgt.-at-Arms to purchase those items as needed. John Davies made the second. Motion passed.

5. Burn Camp donation of \$1000 to be given at the Fire Caucus dinner. Motion to make the donation by Richard Glant. The second made by Don Kissinger. Motion passed.

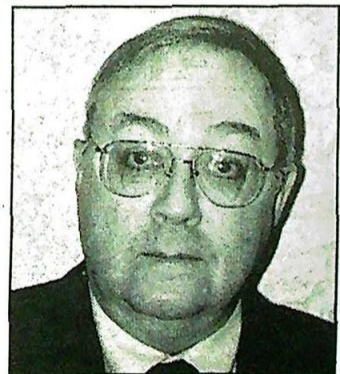
6. Expenses of one person to attend the National Benefit Conference April 29 - May 4. Dave Elick made the motion to allow this expense. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

7. National Fire Caucus dinner at cost of \$8500 for 10 people to attend. Jack Zeeks made motion to send 10 people. Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed.

Don Kissinger made the motion to adjourn. Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
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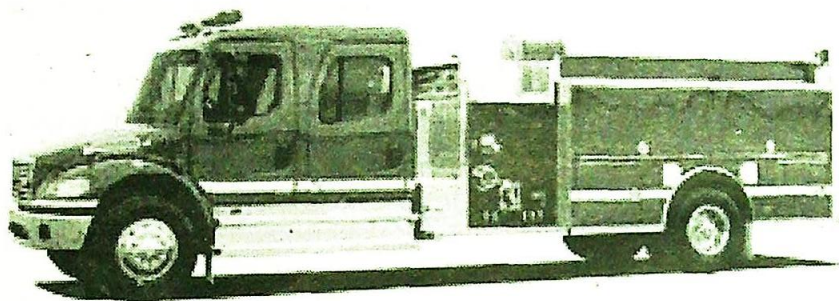
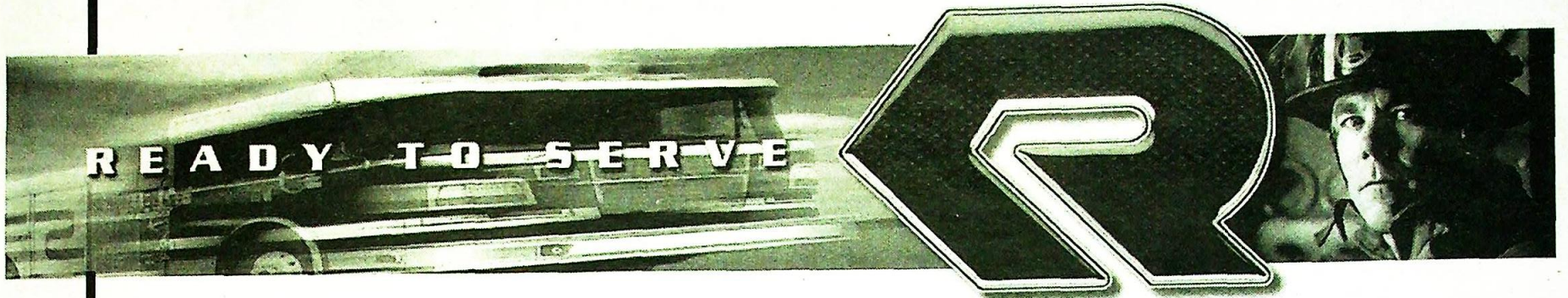
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IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

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.

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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)

From the IVFA Office

The IVFA Office will discontinue entering 2005 dues on April 1, and begin preparing the computer for 2006 dues entry. Around the first of May all departments should start receiving their 2006 dues packets. If your department does not receive a dues packet, call the office, and we will check the address it was mailed to. We receive all returned packets from the US Postal Service. We correct the address and re-mail them to the fire department. If we do not get a dues packet returned, someone received the dues packet at that address.

When the department receives the dues packet, please start the process of completing the information as soon as possible. Fill out the department information on the colored sheet. Make all address and phone number corrections on the membership print out. All beneficiary changes, require a new membership form with the original white signed copy of the membership form being sent to the office and, the yellow copy of the membership forms are for the department records. Calculating the wrong \$ amount of dues you are sending, and the failure to return all of the information requested, will only delay your dues processing. Dues will not be processed without payment. **Please Return All Original Copies Of The Information Provided.**

Dues received after July 31 is considered late, and the department will not be eligible for the Bridgeport Benefits. These benefits include the LOD benefit and the Scholarship Benefit.

Your cooperation in getting your dues returned on time will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions on any information you need, contact the office at 1-877-606-4832.

Barb Kerney
 Office Administrator

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.

From the desk of the Historian

John Davies



April 27, 2006 marks another chapter in the history of this fine organization. On this date, members from both the professional ranks and the volunteer firefighters from all corners of the state, gathered under one roof in Indianapolis at Station 13 to witness the signing into law HB 1066 by Governor Mitch Daniels.

I, for one, was very happy to be there to observe this great event and hope nothing but good things come from this law. For the benefit of those in the Association who were not on board on what this HB 1066 is all about, I will try to tell each of you the digest of the bill. Fireworks sales, discharge, public safety fees, and injuries.

Renames certain common fireworks as consumer fireworks.

Authorizes the use of consumer fireworks on the property of the purchaser, on the property of another who has given permission for the use, and at special discharge locations.

Authorizes the fire prevention and building safety commission to adopt rules specifying the conditions under which certain fire chiefs may grant a permit to a person to sponsor a special fireworks discharge location.

Establishes requirements for the tent, structure or temporary stand from which certain fireworks may be sold.

Establishes annual registration fees for the retail sale of consumer fireworks that must be paid before the issuance of a certificate of compliance to a retailer.

Removes the requirement that a purchaser of consumer fireworks provide a written assurance that the consumer fireworks will be shipped out of Indiana within five days of purchase.

Establishes various penalties for (1) the ignition discharge, possession, or use of certain fireworks under certain conditions or at other than certain locations; or (2) the purchase or use of fireworks by a person less than 18 years of age.

Requires an individual to be at least 18 years of age to sell consumer fireworks, and at least 16 years of age to sell certain specified fireworks.

Sets times during the day when a person may use certain fireworks.

Prohibits the sale of fireworks at retail from a motor vehicle. (Current law prohibits the sale of retail fireworks at retail from a motor vehicle. Current law prohibits the sale of retail fireworks from a truck, van or automobile.)

Establishes a public safety fee of 5% on the retail sale of fireworks.

Provides that the fee is to be collected by the department of state revenue and deposited in the state

general fund.

Specifies that a child commits a delinquent act if the child commits certain fireworks violations.

Requires certain persons that treat a person for an injury that the practitioner or administrator identifies as resulting from fireworks or pyrotechnics to report the injury to the state Department of Health.

Provides that the report is confidential.

Requires the Department of Homeland Security to report to the budget committee on the feasibility of establishing a regional program to provide certain training.

Makes an appropriation from public safety fees to the Department of Homeland Security for: (1) certain training programs and (2) under certain circumstances, certain disaster related costs.

Repeals an expired section of the Indiana Code.

Repeals and relocates a definition.

Makes conforming amendments.

Makes technical corrections.

This is just a portion of HB 1066 but I just want to give every one some idea what has taken place for the volunteer fire service.

Golden Axe presented to Wilbur Stickler



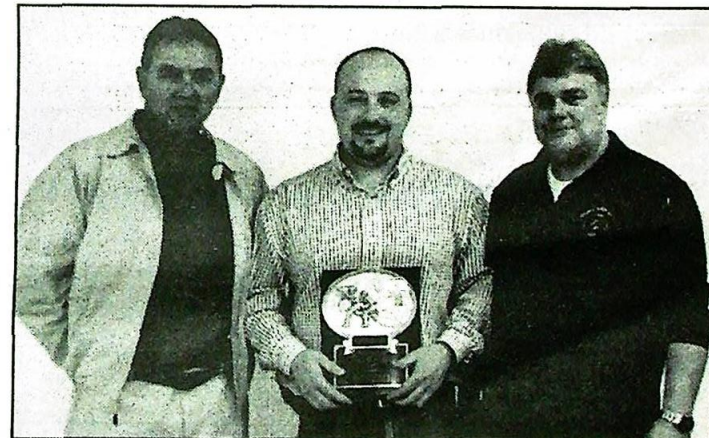
Fire Chief Jeff Willen holds Golden Axe plaque presented to Wilbur Stickler for 50 years service to the community and the IVFA. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Firefighters visit Farmland Fire Prevention Day festivities



Sixteen Farmland firefighters who spent many years working to make Fire Prevention Day a success, visit in 2005 and join in, but ride on the new trucks telling stories and spending the day watching another successful day of fire prevention. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Duncan named Oakland City's Firefighter of the Year



Pictured are (left to right) - Mayor Hugh Wirth, Firefighter Chris Duncan, and Fire Chief James Deffendall.

(submitted by James Deffendall, chief, Oakland City Fire Department)

The Oakland City Fire Department has named the recipient of the "Oakland City Firefighter of the Year Award" for 2005.

The honor went to firefighter Chris Duncan.

Chris has been with the department for seven years. He holds the position of Squad Leader and is a member of the Rapid Intervention Team. Chris is

also in charge of maintenance of the apparatuses.

Chris has been an asset to the community and is devoted to providing fire safety and protection to the citizens of Oakland City.

The award was presented at the department's family dinner on January 21, 2006.

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2006 IVFA CONVENTION JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 2006

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING: UNDER 12 _____ OVER 12 _____

(CHECK / MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: 2006 IVFA CONVENTION) VISA OR MASTERCARD ACCEP

VISA MASTERCARD (circle one) - ACCOUNT # _____ EXP. DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CARDHOLDER: _____

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VIDA BARE (Deceased).....	1953-1955

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

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

Officer's meeting February 5, 2006
 President Joann Hays called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. followed by the opening prayer given by chaplain Beth Caudill. Sgt.-at-arms Miriam Schackel led us in the pledge to the flag.
 Roll call was given by Tammy Hungate.
 Minutes were read by Tammy with corrections as follows: the members did not vote on taking money from the treasury to put into a CD, Wanda Johnson is June Cadill's mother, and the set up fee for the convention jewelry is \$155.00.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on hand Nov. 11, 2005:	\$23,720.43
Income:	
Dues.....	\$1,315.00
Interest.....	5.52
VP Project.....	72.00
Total Income:.....	1,392.52
Disbursements:	
Operating Exp.....	\$ 213.22
Phone & Postage.....	13.95
Jewelry.....	411.71
Total Disbursements:.....	\$ 638.88
Balance on hand:.....	\$24,474.07

Martha Thomas read a card from the family of Dorothy Reiter thanking everyone for their cards and prayers on the death of her mother, and please keep in your thoughts and hearts and prayers for a grandson of Barb and Jack Kerney who was hurt in Iraq.

Tammy gave an update on the membership as follows: 24 members and eight guests present at this meeting, two departments, eight individual, 40 paid, total so far 48 for 2006, 758 for 2005-2006.

Chaplain Beth gave her report as she sent a sympathy card to Dorothy Reiter for the death of her mother and she was told of a death in District 1.

Auditing: Barb Kerney says everything is okay.

Games: Marilyn Dever has nothing at this time.

Installation: Barb Parker will be ready.

Financial Study: Lou Bartlow says just fine and a discussion was held concerning the amount of money in the treasury.

Miss Flame: Patty was not present so Eula Bush stated that they were waiting for the Miss Flame contests to be held in the districts.

V.P. Project: Martha stated that she has tickets if anyone would like to take some to help her sell them.

By-Laws: Toni Sorg is still waiting in case there are some changes at the convention.

Jewelry: E. J. Smith gave her report of how it is going.

Nominating: Susie Stout says she will be reading.

Historian: Ann Moss would like to receive more items for the book.

Lois Boaz: Rosie Weisenbach says that they have picked a winner.

Parliamentarian: Toni Sorg says okay.

Old business: Tammy stated that to be cost effective she will only print out one copy of the list of members for the district chairman unless there has been new members or members who are deceased or no longer a member of a department or their department has dropped out of the IVFAA. If the chairman could delete the deceased members, etc. it would be a great help to her.

New business: A lengthy discussion was held concerning the amount of money in the treasury and Toni Sorg made a motion to take \$10,000.00 out of the treasury and put in a CD for 9 months and not more than one year for the best interest that could be found so

the money could work for us. Glenda Flagg seconded the motion and all in favor from members present.

Convention report: Marlene Thrawly gave her update and there are still rooms available at this time but get them in soon.

We have a new District 13B chairman Diane Griffith, 312 E. School St., Centerville, IN 47330, #765-855-1323. Keep in your prayers for Malinda Bell as she has been ill and that she be up and around soon. Try and make it to a get-together on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for some games hosted by Sharon Angel. See you for the meeting Sunday, May 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned and Beth gave the closing prayer.

Submitted by,
 Martha Thomas
 Sec. Pro-Tem

DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN



Lucille (Lee) Cohen

March 15, 2005

The District 3 IVFAA meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department by chairperson Lee Cohen.

Chaplain Jody Brinckman was absent and prayer was led by Chaplain Rose Stantz from Springfield Twp. The pledge of allegiance followed.

Roll call was answered with 18 present - six Springfield, seven Michiana Shores, five Coolspring.

Chris Stephens read the minutes and stood as read.

Bonnie Smith read the treasury report and stood as read.

"Fun" calendar money was turned in for the Mary Mackin fund from Springfield \$43.59. Michiana turned in for a partial calendar \$16.12.

Area upcoming events reported: Springfield pancake breakfast Sunday, April 23 from 7am-12pm; auxiliary is also having bake sale. Michiana Shores pancake breakfast Sunday, April 9th from 7am-1pm; auxiliary is also having candle sales along with bake sale. Coolspring is having a cash raffle.

Lee reported on state officer's

meeting from February 5th. Lee reminded everyone about our state raffle tickets that were handed out at last meeting. SELL! SELL! SELL!

Lee will be giving Haley O'Donnell a check for \$200.00 at the IVFA meeting on March 16th.

Lee handed in \$100.00 for cookbooks.

A bake goods auction was held during this meeting for the Mary Mackin Scholarship Fund. Leona Uryga did a great job auctioning off the bake goods and misc. \$95.23.

Next meeting will be held at Coolspring Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 7 p.m.

50/50 drawing won by Joan Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Chris Stephens
 Secretary, District 3

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Patty Stephens

Spring is here!!! Hope this finds everyone in good health and ready for the summer. I, for one, have been way too busy since the first of the year and am ready for some good weather to slow down and work in the flower bed and garden.

I hope every auxiliary is having a good year. I know the suppers and fundraisers are firing up! Good luck to you all!

I hope those of you that are going to this year's convention have made your reservations. This year should be another great year. We are particularly fortunate to have 23 young ladies vying for the IVFA Miss Flame crown. This is a record year for contestants. I want to thank each and every district chairman for getting out and finding a young lady to represent their district for such a great opportunity to win a scholarship. Keep up the good work.

I must go for now. Have a great summer and be safe!

District 11B IVFAA chairman,
 Patty Stephens

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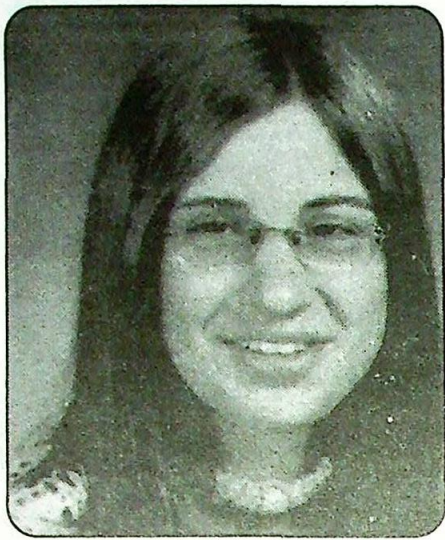


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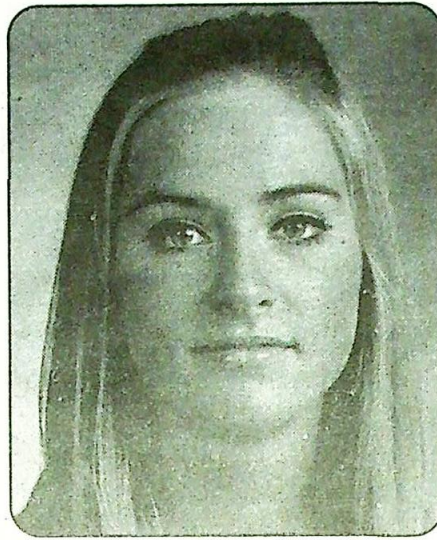
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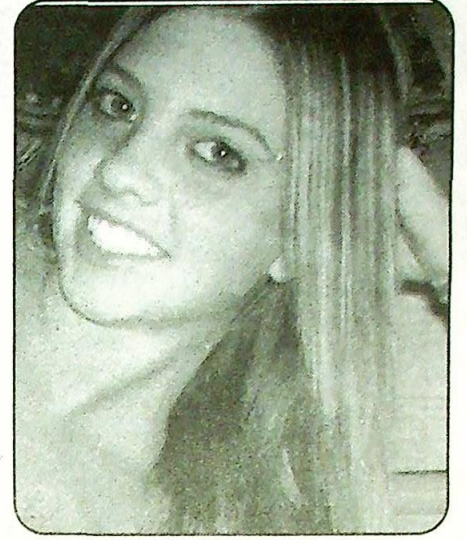
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*District 2
Rebecca Proud*



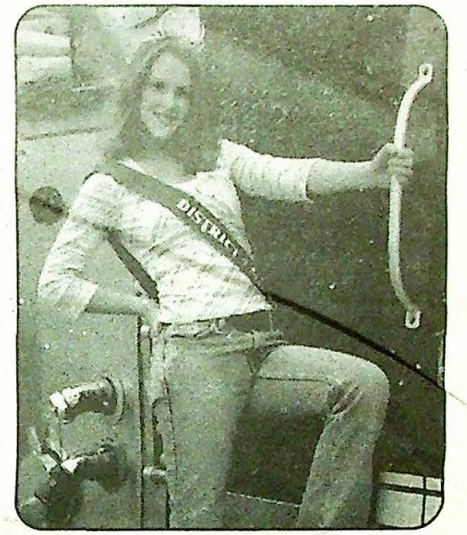
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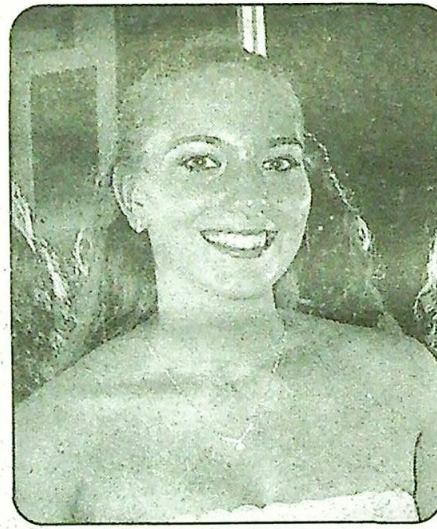
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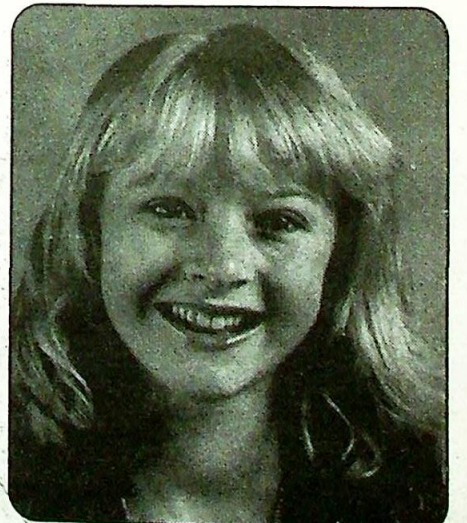
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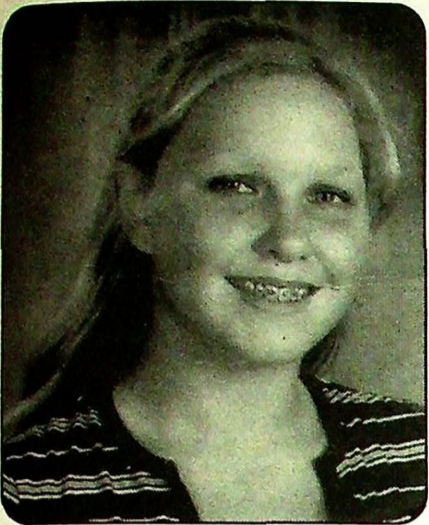


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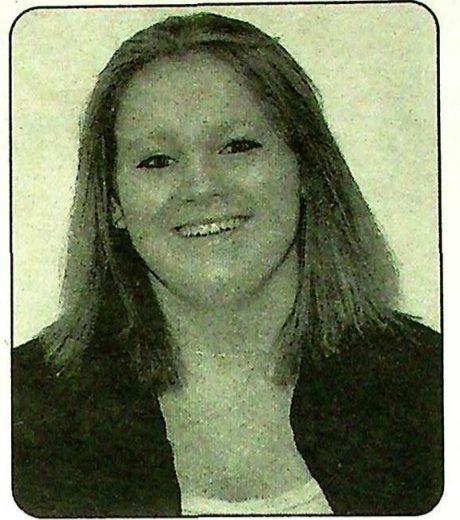
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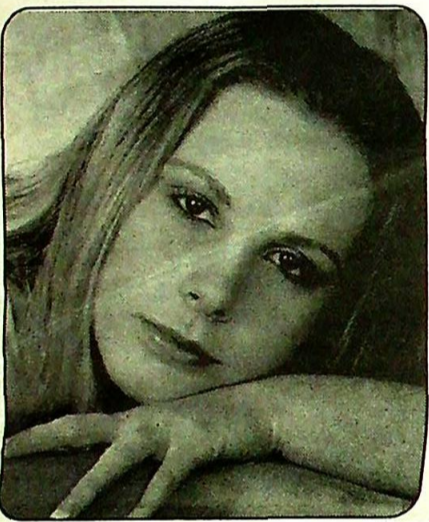
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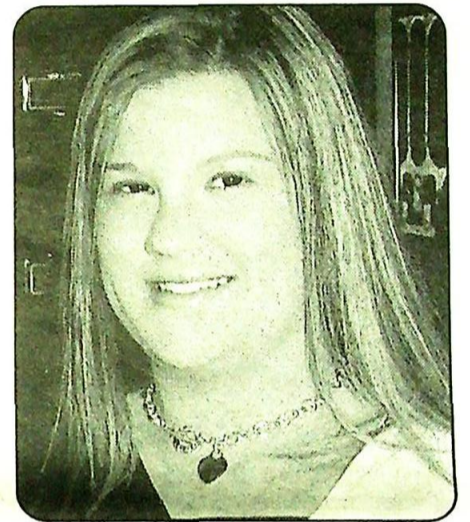
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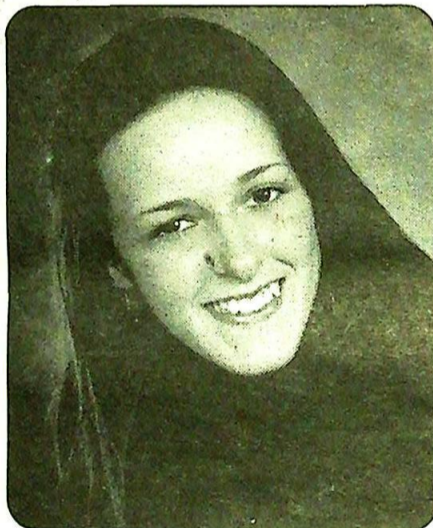
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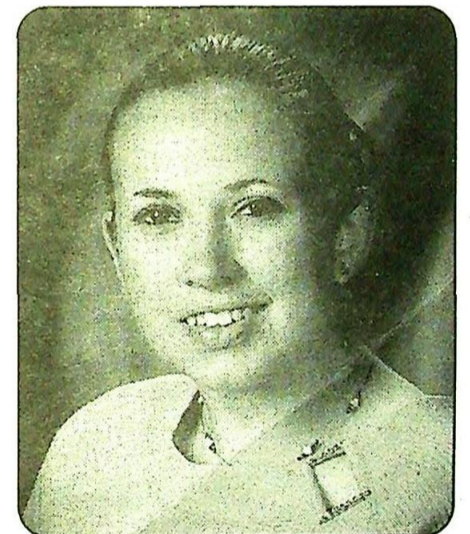
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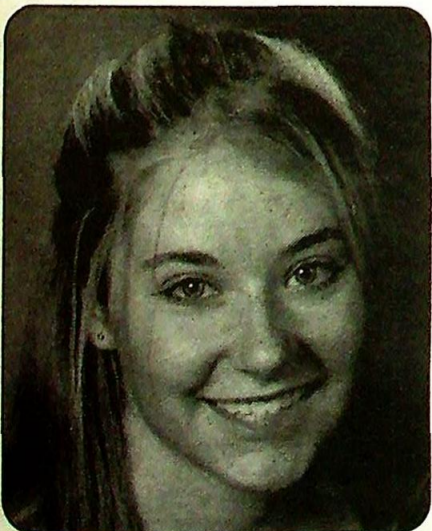
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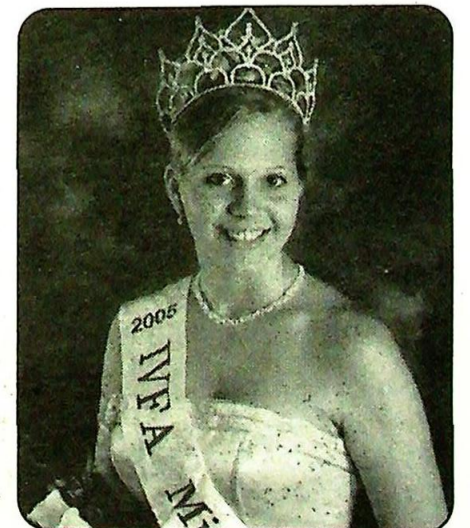
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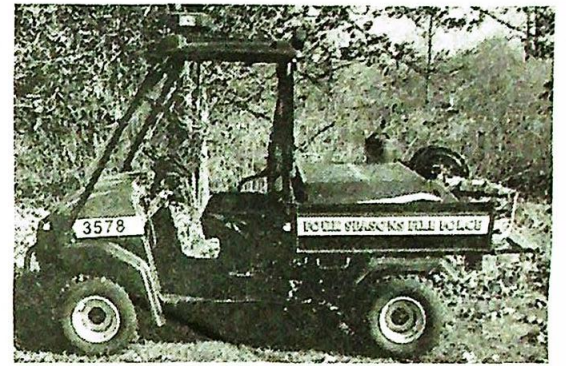
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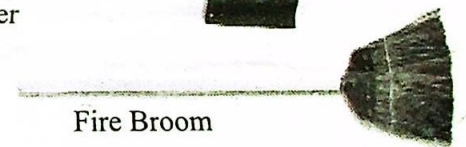
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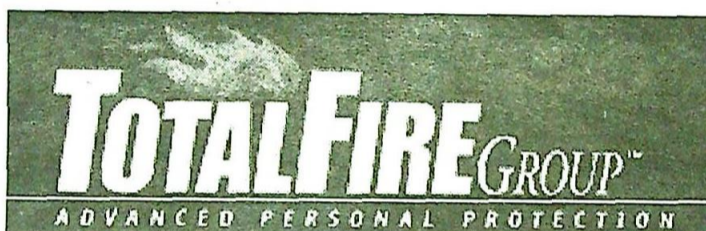


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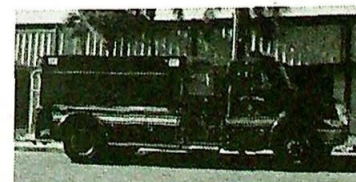
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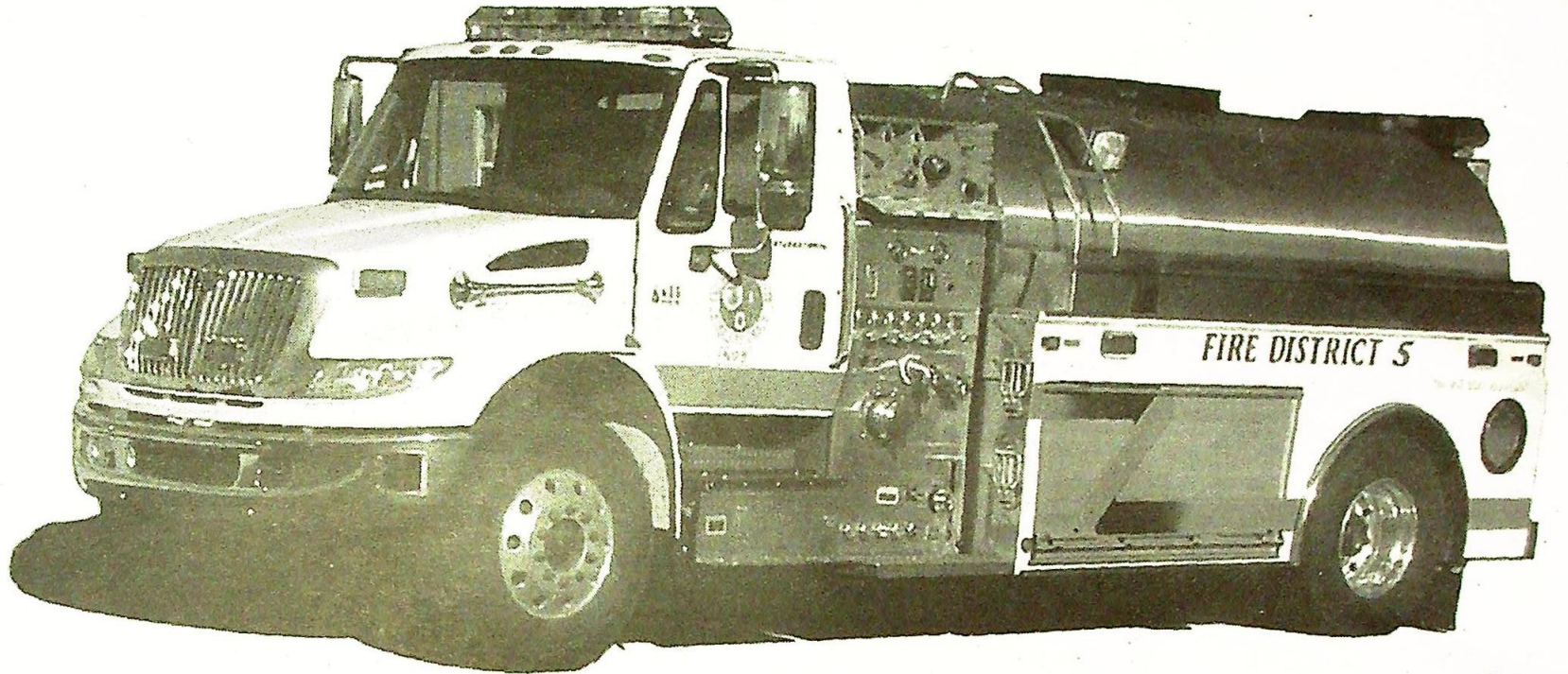
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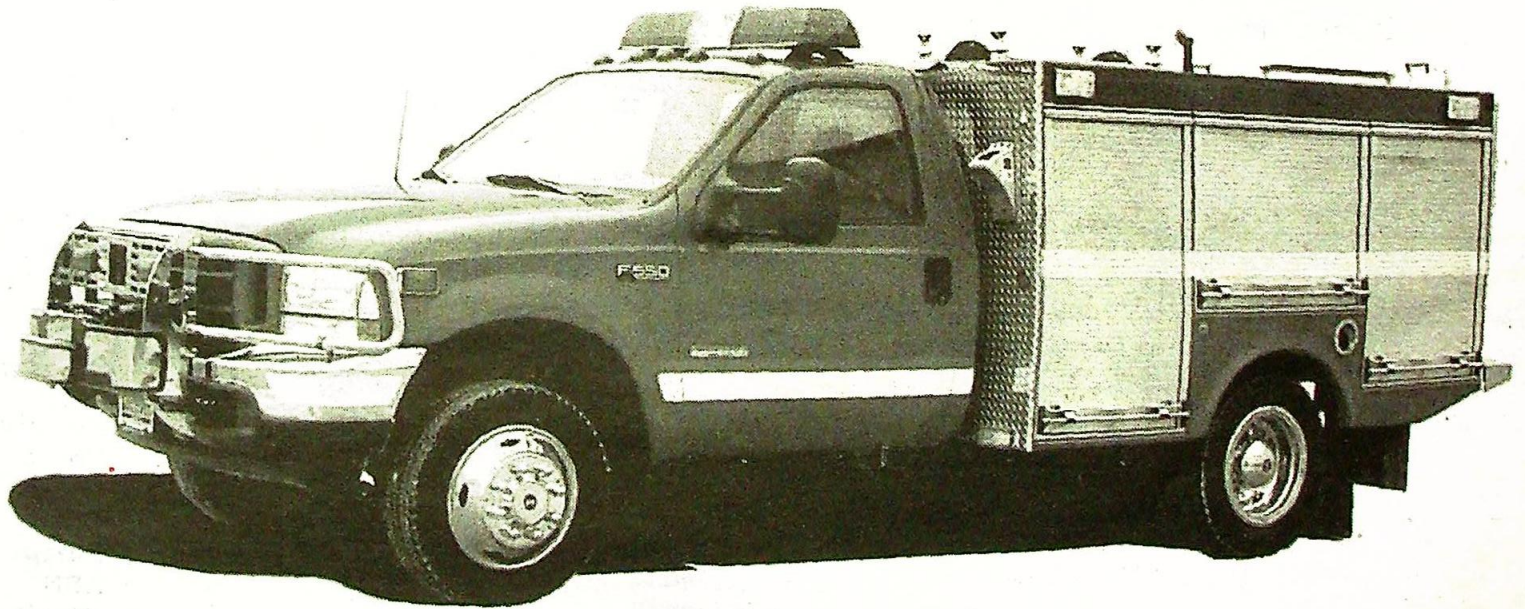
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Rudolph named Pershing Township Firefighter of the Year

Benjamin Rudolph has been named 2005 Pershing Township Firefighter of the Year by his fellow firefighters. Rudolph received the honor during the department's annual appreciation dinner on January 7th held at the fire station in Freetown.

"This year's vote was a little unusual," fire department president Joe McDermid commented in making the presentation. "The vote was unanimous - only one name - Ben Rudolph, was held up as the best we had in 2005."

"The Firefighter of the Year is selected by a vote of our members," explained Fire Chief Richard Blaker, Sr. "This is the member recognized and respected by his peers for a job extremely well done. We are very proud of Ben and are fortunate that this young man has made Pershing Township Fire Department a focus of his energies."



Benjamin Rudolph (center) receives 2005 Pershing Township Firefighter of the Year. Left is Joe McDermid, president, right is Chief Richard Blaker.

(submitted by Rebecca Scott)

terrific team player. Rudolph is a graduate of Brownstown Central High School. He holds an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from Vincennes University and is employed as a police officer with the City of Seymour.

Ben is the son of Mike and Kathy Rudolph and resides in Freetown. He attends Brownstown Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association.

Rudolph is a third generation Pershing firefighter. Carvan Rudolph,

Ben's grandfather, began the family tradition in 1959 when he became a charter member of the all volunteer department. Mike Rudolph followed in Carvan's boot steps and has now passed the passion for service to his sons. Ben has two brothers, Clint and Brian who are also active firefighters.

Penn Twp. Fire Dept. receives new station clock



Penn Twp. Fire Department was given a clock for their new station. The clock was presented at the January district meeting.

Accepting the clock were Chief John Smit, Deputy Chief John Snyder and Deputy Chief Dale Wallick.

Pictured from left are: John Smit, Greg Freed, John Snyder and Dale Wallick. (photo supplied by Greg Freed)

Smith, Snyder receive 25 year pins



Terry Smith and Deputy Chief John Snyder from Penn Twp. Fire Department receive 25 year pins from district chairman Greg Freed.

Pictured (from the left) are Greg Freed, Terry Smith and John Snyder. (photo supplied by Greg Freed)

Lapaz firemen receive 25 year pins



Lapaz firemen Chris Heyde, Rob Swathwood, Dale Lancaster and Ritchie Gay receive 25 year pins from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

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Dean Maybaum

Presented with awards

Dean Maybaum, former member of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department was presented with his certificate of appreciation and 50 year Gold Card for his membership in the IVFA. (submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

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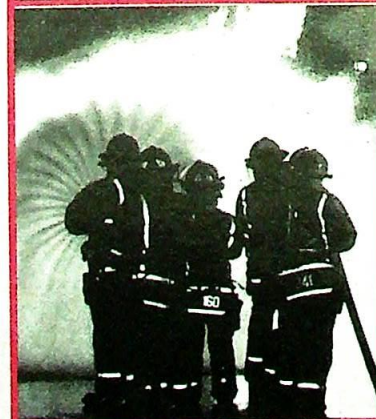
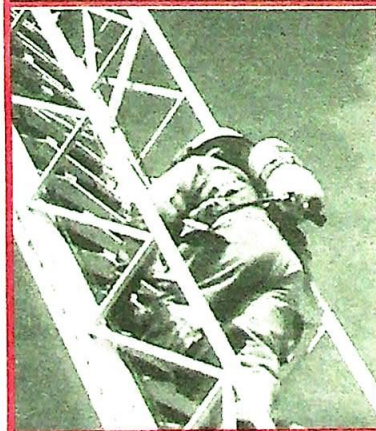
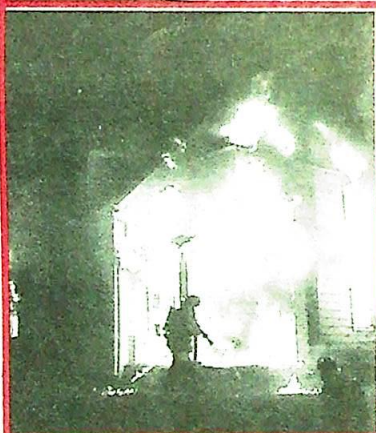
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Rex Holloway presented 25 year pin



District #7 chairman Mort Sorg (left) presents a 25 year pin to Rex Holloway (right). (submitted by Gary L. Markley)

Lafayette Twp. FD members receive 25 year pins



District 16 chairman, Paul Holcomb presented five members of the Lafayette Twp. FD their 25 year pins at the February district meeting in recognition of their 25+ years of service in the fire service and the IVFA. Pictured from (left to right) - Greg Balmer, Wayne Hammer, Myron Huth, Elvin Hammer, and Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman. (Not pictured is Mark Huth). - (submitted by M. Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman)

Topeka Combat Challenge Team competes for second year



Pictured (left to right) Marvin Miller, TVFD; Adam Lambright, TVFD; Nathan Hill, TVFD; Chad Iddings, LVFD; and Terry Miller, TVFD.

The Topeka Combat Challenge Team competed for its second year of competition in 2005. The relay team members serve on the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department, Topeka, IN and LaGrange Volunteer Fire Department, LaGrange, IN.

In 2004, the team competed in six regional Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge events and the World Finals in Las Vegas, NV.

The team was the only all volunteer team to make the final top 64 team bracket at the World Finals. In 2005, the team competed in four regional events; finishing third at Michigan City, IN, fourth at Rockford, IL, eighth at Erie, PA, and tenth at Windsor, ON.

The team was sponsored by Medtec Ambulance Corporation, headquartered in Goshen, IN. The team is training hard for the new season and will compete in as many regional events as possible.

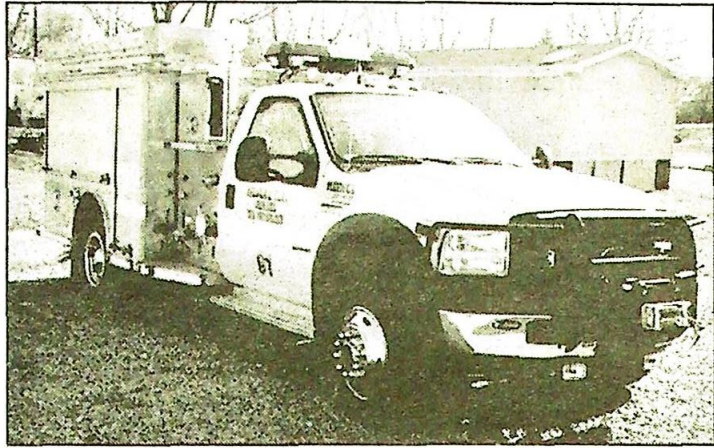
Any fire department interested in information regarding the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge can visit their website at www.firefighter-challenge.com.

The first regional event of the year will be held at the FDIC show in Indianapolis, April 28 - 29, 2006.

(submitted by Tom Smith)

August 10th deadline: July 10, 2006

Pershing Township commissions new engine



Pershing Township Fire Department's new Engine 91 in service January 2006. (submitted by Pershing Township Fire Department)

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department in Freetown has taken delivery of a new fire engine. The new E-One unit has been commissioned Engine #91 replacing the aging 1978 Minipumper which has been the first due apparatus in fire and medical rescue calls for 28 years.

The engine has a 750 gallon per minute pump with a 300 gallon water tank. The unit is also equipped to provide firefighting foam and will carry all rescue and medical response supplies. Firefighters have conducted training on the use of the extrication tool and pumping operations. An electric winch and LED light package are also mounted in the vehicle. The engine is built on a Ford Motor Co. chassis with a 164.8" wheel base.

The unit made its first fire response on Friday, January 20 to a vehicle fire involving a structure.

"She worked great!" declared Pershing firefighter Ben Rudolph.

"We are well satisfied with the capabilities of this new engine," said Pershing Fire Chief Richard Blaker, Sr. "It will be a vital asset to our department and community for years to come."

Funds for Engine 91 came from Federal grant funds and from a local match raised by contributions and money raising projects done by the department.

"We are now in earnest planning to add more rescue equipment to the truck to enhance our effectiveness," Blaker reported. "We need more lighting and air bags as well."

"Our standard operating guidelines will call for Engine 91 to be first out on structure fires, car fires and medical rescue emergencies as was our previous unit 91. The pumper will be followed up by a tanker/pumper unit carrying a large volume of water which we will dump into our portable tanks to create an

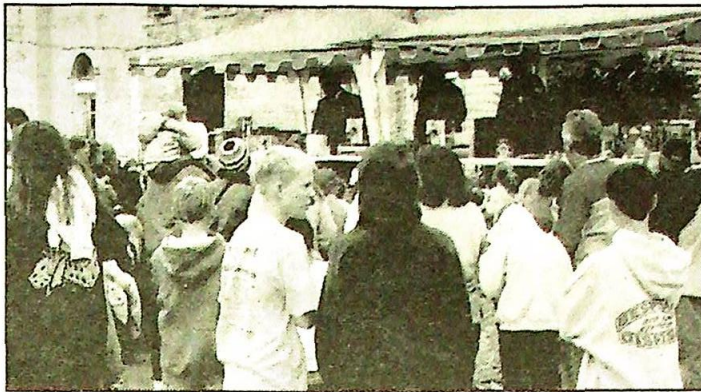
on-scene water supply. The 300 gallon tank on 91 will give us enough water for a first strike on a blaze while the larger water supply is being established," Blaker stated.

Pershing Township began medical/rescue operations in the late 1970s and has continued to upgrade training and equipment for this service. The department has several firefighters trained as emergency medical technicians, first responders and all are CPR certified. Two of Pershing's rescuers are registered nurses, one is an LPN, and the fourth will graduate with a nursing degree from Indiana State shortly.

"We are in a wonderful time in our history," said Pershing Deputy Fire Chief Rebecca D. Scott. "All the years of struggle and hard work have been rewarded with the receipt of grant funds and the arrival of young, bright, dedicated firefighters. We are fortunate to have highly trained and qualified emergency medical personnel, accomplished firefighters, and three of our force are law enforcement officers, so we are well set to intervene with an experienced inter disciplinary team."

"Pershing Township maintains mutual aid agreements with the other fire departments in Jackson County," commented Blaker. "These agreements benefit all of the county because we can put a call for multiple agency response to mitigate a crisis. We are grateful for all the help and support our fellow firefighters provide to our department and we stand ready to assist in return. The new engine will not be first due on a mutual aid call, rather we will send a tanker pumper carrying more water."

"We respond at the request of Jackson County Ambulance Service and have enjoyed a good working relationship with them for many years," Scott said.

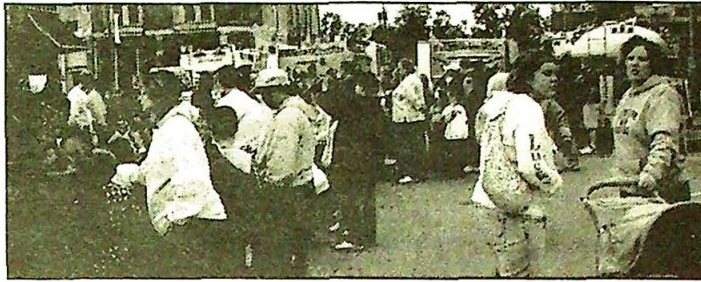


Farmland Fire Prevention Day brings just short of 300 kids to Farmland streets.

Here they ride fire trucks, play games, win prizes - bicycles, two boys' and two girls', and free ice cream.

Farmland ladies' auxiliary served food in the city building.

Master of ceremonies, assistant chief Melvin Nott, is shown giving prizes away which is always a popular moment. (submitted by Bill Sunday)



Kids enjoy Farmland Fire Prevention Day events

Kids and parents line up to play games in the streets of Farmland and see who will win the prizes at the end.

Cake walks, also popular, takes up two one-hour sessions.

For the kids that can't stand still, the department has an air bounce just for jumping.

Tornado survivors tell harrowing stories

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A ghastly scene of twisted metal, scraps of insulation and shredded furniture and clothing filled the Eastbrook Mobile Home Park on Sunday, as rescuers picked through the wreckage looking for any survivors.

At least 17 were killed when the tornado roared through the trailer park southeast of Evansville around 2 a.m. Sunday.

Of the 326 lots at Eastbrook, at least 123 received some damage, — and of those, more than 50 were destroyed, officials said. By late Sunday, at least 108 Eastbrook residents had been transported to local hospitals for treatment.

Survivors told harrowing stories of hearing victims moaning for help as they lay trapped under collapsed trailer walls after the tornado had passed.

"We could see them: There were people under walls; people half-naked with just sheets on, bleeding. It's terrifying," Eastbrook resident Ryan Belwood said.

Awakened by the roar of the tornado, Belwood dashed into the pitch-black darkness with a flashlight and tried to help some of his neighbors free one pinned woman. They could hear her but only saw her

hand under a wall, Belwood said. The wall was too heavy for the neighbors to lift, he said.

"Debris was covering (victims), there was really nothing we could do," said Belwood, 26. "Gas mains were blowing, you could hear it, smell it."

A huge group of rescuers, including 150 firefighters from 41 fire departments in the Tri-State, about 50 police and 100 Indiana National Guardsmen, descended on the trailer park to pull victims to safety. Emergency officials called in two rented cranes Sunday to pick up heavy trailer debris so rescuers could look for any trapped victims underneath, with the help of a trained rescue dog's keen nose.

Late Sunday afternoon, firefighters unearthing debris found an 8-year-old girl, injured but alive, German Township Fire Chief John Buckman said.

Search-and-rescue efforts continued into the night.

Splintered into wood skeletons, many of the house trailers had been torn off their foundations. A spray of insulation, household knick-knacks and shredded clothing was spattered eastward into the woods of the adjacent Angel Mounds State Historic Site.

After the tornado struck, most Eastbrook residents who were able to leave on their own evacuated to a Red Cross shelter or to the homes of relatives. Most had departed by the time a helicopter bearing Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels touched down Sunday afternoon so state officials could inspect the damage.

Daniels clutched two items that he said he picked up during his daylong storm inspection: a page of mounted family snapshots that got separated from someone's photograph album,

and a church-service bulletin. The first hymn listed for Sunday's service was "I'll Fly Away," the governor said.

Eastbrook residents Marcella and Clifford Rawlings were asleep in bed when the tornado violently shook their mobile home around 2 a.m., awakening them. "We both jumped that high in the bed," Marcella Rawlings said. "It just scared you so fast that we thought it was an earthquake."

Even for Eastbrook residents whose house trailers survived relatively intact, it is unclear when officials will allow them to return. Power lines, natural gas and other utilities were knocked out by the tornado.

Police, sheriff's deputies and National Guardsmen were guarding the devastated trailer park Sunday night, though there were no reports of looting.

In an eerie echo of Hurricane Katrina, rescuers used orange spray paint to mark an "X" on each trailer they searched.

The scene at Lynn Road and Pollack Avenue outside the trailer park was chaos as residents stumbled their way out from early morning darkness into blinding emergency vehicle lights. Many were bleeding or limping, some wrapped in blankets or still in their pajamas.

Traffic on Pollack was backed up at the mobile home park, while onlookers caused traffic jams at the Interstate 164 overpass overlooking the scene.

"I've never experienced disaster. I would never want to experience this disaster again," Belwood said.

He was thankful that he was uninjured and that his own mobile home survived relatively unscathed.

"I'm thanking God. I see these people, I'm thankful how lucky I was," Belwood said. "There's a lot of homes that's just not there any more. And it's sad. It's just sad."

(Article submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman and member of Perry Twp. Fire Department)

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Youth hunt sponsored at Crane Creek Preserve

FEBRUARY 16, 2006 – The Jefferson Township Fire Department and the Hoosier Heritage Youth Foundation sponsored a youth hunt last weekend at Crane Creek Preserve. The young hunters had a chance to hunt quail, chucker, and pheasant on the preserve near Otwell.

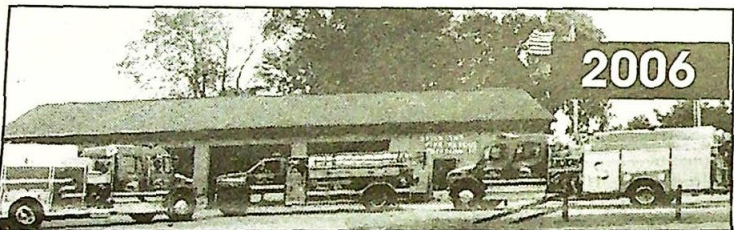
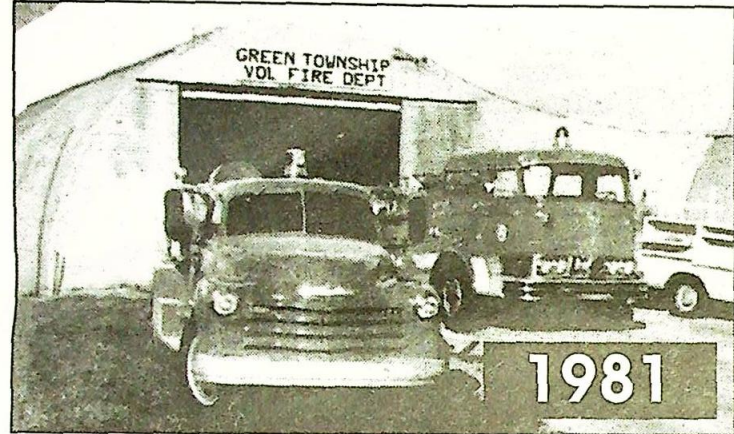
This is a program to get youth more interested in hunting. The young hunters stalked quail with the help of trained hunting dogs during their hunt.

The Jefferson Township Fire Department sponsored a Sporting Expo on March 4th and 5th at the Otwell Community Center. This is an annual fundraiser for JTFD.

(submitted by T.J. Skelton, Jefferson Twp. Fire Department)



Number 1 Green Township Volunteer Fire Department celebrates 25 years of service



Green Township Volunteer Fire Department of Hancock County is celebrating 25 years of service.

The department was started in 1981 by several residents of Green Township. They were interested in providing fire and EMS protection for the township. Green Township residents had always relied upon surrounding departments for EMS/fire services. Due to their distance from Green Township residents the response time varied greatly. Donations were collected to purchase the first pieces of equipment, and provide training for the members.

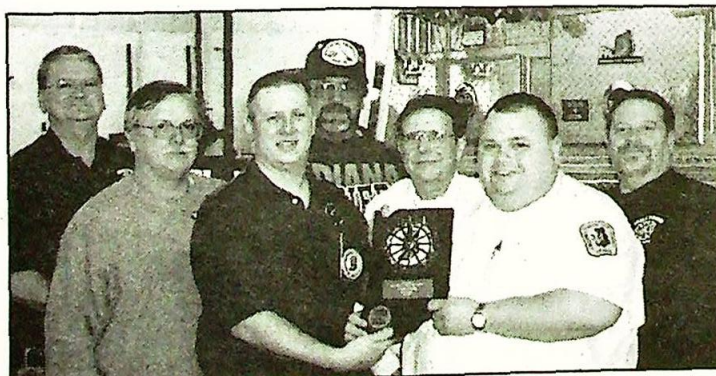
The department ran out of a metal quonset hut on one of the members' farm. The department has really grown in the last few years due to being located in one of the fastest growing counties in Indiana.

The department has 25 members currently and provides BLS & Fire/Rescue service to the township.

The photos show the department and equipment of current day 2006 and the beginning in 1981.

(photos submitted by Jerry Titus, captain, Green Twp. Fire)

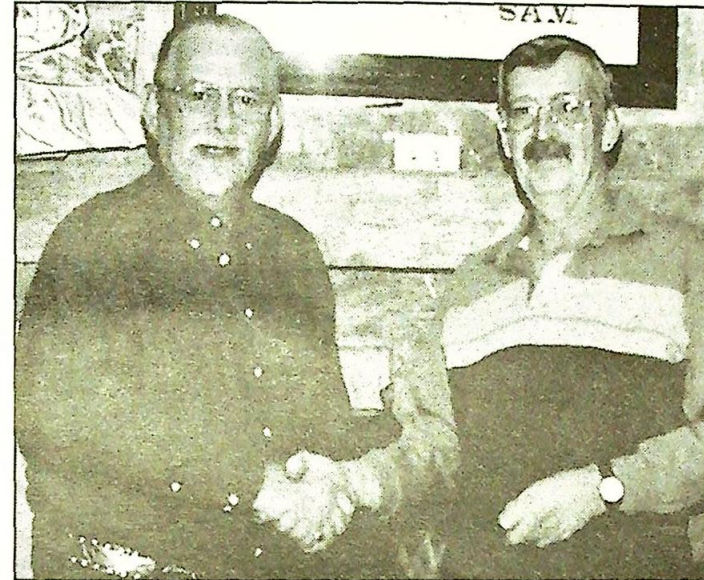
Milltown VFD members receive 25 year pins and IVFA clock



District 16 chairman, Paul Holcomb presented an IVFA station clock to the Milltown VFD along with five of their members receiving their 25 year pins at their March monthly meeting in recognition of their 25+ years of service in the fire service and the IVFA.

Pictured from (left to right): Terry Stroud, Dwight Clunie, Paul Holcomb - District 16 chairman, Jerry Mackey, Bill Booth, Chief Ramsey Vance and Rusk Roggenkamp - (submitted by M. Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman)

Twenty-five year pin awarded to Young



Rex Young, (right), Bourbon Fire Department receives 25 year pin from District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger (left).

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

Conway chosen District 16 Miss Flame



District 16 would like to present and congratulate their 2006 Miss Flame winner, Laura Conway, daughter of Paramedic/FF Captain Terry Conway of the New Chapel Fire Co., New Albany, Indiana.

The District 16 officers on behalf of its members would also like to wish Laura the best of luck in the state competition.

(submitted by M. Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman)

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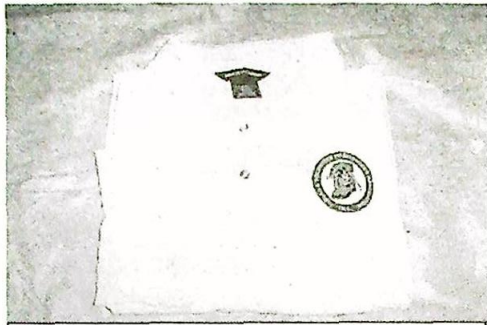
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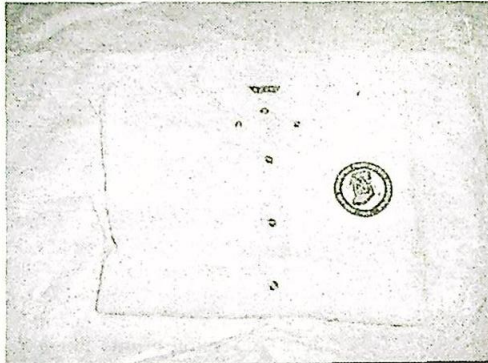
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Firefighters join together to show support for fellow firemen



Retirees and regulars join together to show support for two Farmland firefighters with 50 years service. Sixteen retirees and sixteen regulars come together for a lot of remembering, lots of story telling and Fire Prevention Day that has finished its 56th year in Farmland. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Lanesville VFD members receive 25 year pins and IVFA clock



District 16 chairman, Paul Holcomb, presented an IVFA station clock to the Lanesville VFD along with two of their members receiving their 25 year pins at their March monthly meeting in recognition of their 25 + years of service in the fire service and the IVFA.

In the top photo - pictured from (left to right) are Mike Hausz, Paul Holcomb - District 16 chairman, Chief Rick Kerr and Donnie Hussung.

In the bottom photo - pictured from (left to right) are past assistant chief Mike Hausz, past chief Rick Burton, Paul Holcomb - District 16 chairman, and Bill Lyskowski - township trustee.

-(submitted by M. Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman)



Accepts new clock for new station



Ashley Redmend, Farmland Miss Flame and runner-up in district presented Jerry Herndon, president of Farmland Fire Department with a new clock to hang in the station. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

2006 Convention June 28 - July 1 Indianapolis, Indiana

Message from Indiana State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson

Already in March, Indiana has witnessed 19 tragic deaths and numerous injuries attributed to fires in the home.

In many of the deaths, a working smoke detector and some simple planning on home evacuation most likely would have led to a better result instead of the deaths of so many citizens.

Today, firefighters and emergency service workers stand together again asking everyone to please check your smoke detectors, and have an escape plan for everyone in the home.

Don't take chances with careless smoking materials, especially near anyone that requires medical oxygen. Teach children not to play with fire. Think before you place a space heater too close to flammable material, or overload a wood burning stove.

Your firefighters stand ready to help those needing a smoke detector. If you cannot obtain a home smoke detector, simply contact your local fire department for assistance.

Every Indiana fire department has access to life saving smoke detectors. If you have special needs or questions about installing them, your fire departments will help in every way

possible to ensure the safety of you and your loved ones by providing assistance.

Smoke detectors save lives. As you sleep, you are always at risk of not knowing that a fire might be starting in your home. It has been proven beyond a doubt that smoke detectors can give you and your loved ones that extra time to escape the dangers of smoke and fire.

Today, we are not only asking the public to renew their awareness of the dangers of fires, but to each and every fire department in our state, myself and fire leaders statewide are saying, take time to remind your respective communities of this message.

Together, the 30,000 firefighters representing 896 fire departments can make a difference if we promote fire safety throughout Indiana.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those have lost loved ones. We hope our message will have a bearing on future prevention efforts throughout Indiana.

Thank you,
Roger Johnson
Indiana State Fire Marshal

Recent fatal fires serve as tragic reminders of fire safety principles

March 16, 2006 - Indianapolis - In the wake of 19 fire-related fatalities already in March, Indiana State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson today reminded all Hoosiers of the importance of basic fire prevention and safety measures.

"Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have recently lost loved ones in these tragic events," said Johnson. "We hope our message today will help prevent similar tragedies in the future."

Johnson especially emphasized the importance of smoke detectors. "In many of the deaths, a working smoke detector and some simple planning on home evacuation most likely would have led to a better result," said Johnson. "Smoke detectors save lives. It has been proven beyond a doubt that they can give you and your loved ones the extra time to escape the dangers of smoke and fire."

Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of a residence, including basements. They should be checked at least once every month and the batteries should be replaced at least once each year. Planning is also important. Regular fire drills at home are recommended to make sure that everyone knows exactly what to do when a smoke detector sounds.

Johnson also wants Hoosiers to remember other fire prevention tips. "Don't take chances with careless smoking materials, especially near anyone that requires medical oxygen," said Johnson. "Teach children not to play with fire. Think before you place a space heater too close to flammable material, or overload a wood burning stove."

Johnson and other leaders in Indiana's Fire Service sector are asking all fire departments around the state to work diligently in their communities to educate citizens about these important messages.

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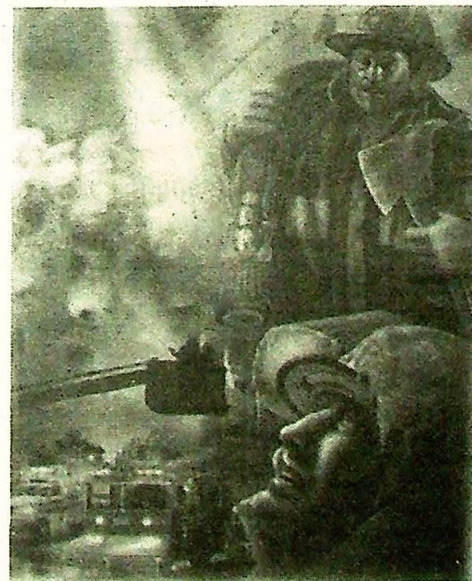
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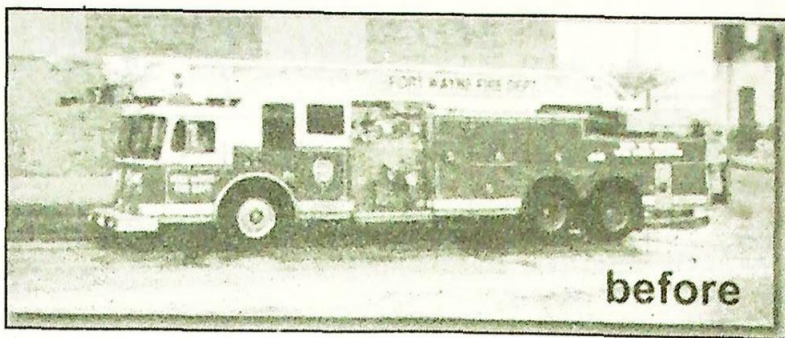


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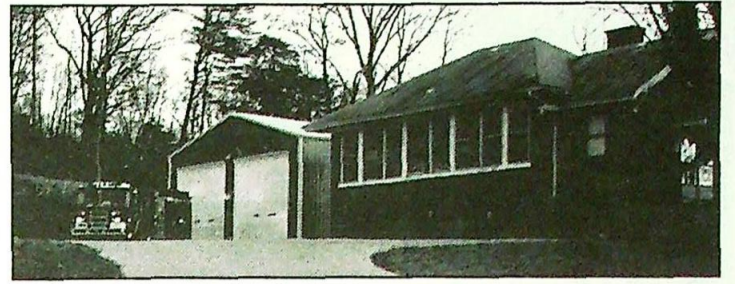
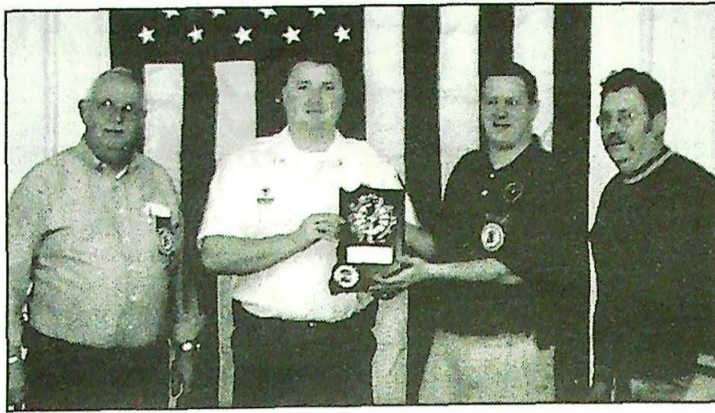
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New Chapel Fire Co. builds new station

District 16 chairman, Paul Holcomb presented the New Chapel Fire Co. with an IVFA clock at the January district meeting in recognition of their new Station 3 located on Budd Rd. in New Albany, Indiana.

Pictured from (left to right) - Jack Kerney - IVFA president, Chief Jamey Noel, Paul Holcomb - District 16 chairman, and Bob McKenzie - IVFA PR SE. - (submitted by M. Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman)



New Chapel Fire Co. Station 3

District 5 Miss Flame poses with IVFA vice president and Mr. IVFAs



Amber Farrer takes a moment from serving dessert at Bremen Fire Department, 50 year gold card, retirement celebration with Larry Ketchem, IVFA vice president, Mitch Parish, MR. IVFA and Buz Koehler, Mr. IVFA.

(submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)

St. Joseph Twp. Fire Department firefighter receives 25 year pin



District 6 chairman David Elick presents Kim May of St. Joseph Twp. Fire Department with a 25 year pin.

(submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)

Former fire chief honored during retirement party



Larry Hershberger, a 43 year veteran of the Laotto Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a plaque upon his retirement for his loyalty and commitment to the fire service and his community.

(submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)

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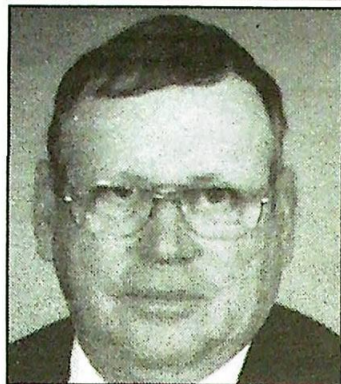
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Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday!

I attended District 18's meeting at Ferdinand on January 19th. I attended District 18's meeting at Troy Volunteer Fire Department on March 16th. Tell City Volunteer Fire Department assistant chief Frank Zellers received his 50 year Gold Card. Mike Parker of Troy Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin. District 18's next meeting will be May 18th at Holland American Legion. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kenny Lau and his family on the death of his mother.

I attended District 15's meeting at Owensville Volunteer Fire Department on January 17th, Mallory Hornbrook was named Miss Flame for District 15.

I attended District 15's meeting on March 21st at Poseyville Volunteer

Fire Department. The speakers were Andy Stinchfield of I.D.E.M. and Duane Caudwell of District 10 D.H.S. planning committee.

District 15's next meeting will be May 16th at Knight Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended the Legislative Dinner in Indianapolis in February.

Rev. Mel Camp did a memorial service for Doug Webster of Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department District 17B. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and department.

I attended District 17B's meeting at Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended a meth seminar put on by Jones Insurance Company at District 17B chairman Tim Deckard's District Bedford Dunn Memorial Hospital on March 25th.

I attended District 17A's meeting at Vincennes in January - the sausage supper. I attended a memorial service for Charles Rubbe of Palmyra Volunteer Fire Department., Rev. Mel Camp did his service. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and department.

Highland Volunteer Fire Department hosted District 17A's meeting for Sam Emery on March 29th. Max Townsend received his 25 year pin. He is a member of Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack and Bev Harker on the death of Jack's sister, Wilma.

Highland Twp. Fire Department will host a hog roast on April 22nd.

May 13th will be P.R.S.W. District Summit in Jasper from 9-12. Same location as last year.

*Jim Abrams
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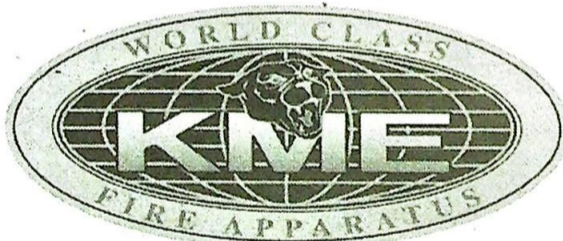
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TRANSCRIPT OF ANNUAL MEETING OF INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
Held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Columbus, Indiana
June 17, 2005
8:30 a.m.

President Jack Kerney called the 2005 Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association annual meeting to order and the invocation was given by associate chaplain Stevens.

Vice president Larry Ketchem led the body in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Kerney asked for the reading of the 2004 meeting to be read.

A motion was made by Bob Esserman to accept the minutes as they stand. With no opposing vote, the minutes were accepted as they stand.

President Kerney then asked Sergeant of Arms, Bill Bush to have 2005 Miss Flame and her court enter the meeting. At this time they were introduced by Patty Miller.

District 18, 2005 Miss Flame Amanda S. Gulgsell, runner-up Ashley Blagg, District 15 and her court were introduced. District 2 Megan Lambert, District 3 Kayla Wallace, District 5 Holly Farrer, District 6 "Ty" Mary Pierce, District 7 Sarah Bultemeier, District 8B Lee Ann Blumenhorst, District 10 Michelle Hargett, District 11-A Mackenzie Watson, District 11-B Ashley Doan, District 12 Jeanan Joseph, District 14 Courtney Miller, District 17-A Kelsie Murphy, District 19 Ashley Hountz and the 2004 Miss Flame Aarika Murphy.

A gift was presented to the girls by President Kerney. The districts were thanked for supporting the girls and all districts were encouraged to sponsor a girl for the next year.

Guest speaker Fred Hines from the Hoosier Burn Camp and fire chief of Seymour, Indiana welcomed everyone north of U.S. 40 to "God's country", southern Indiana. He's been very active in the Indiana Fire Chief's Association for many years and addressed the body on the Hoosier Burn Camp. The camp was formed eight years ago and a decision was made to have a camp for children who have been severely burned in the state. The first year five children were sent to the camp in Illinois and three counselors. Next year the camp was at Camp Tecumseh, 17 children attended.

This year, Memorial Day, 63 children attended the burn camp. The kids come from Riley Hospital. Kids from St. Joe, in the Ft. Wayne area were brought in along with their counselors from their camp. He mentioned how it's been a constant worry of how to get the money, where are they going to find the kids, etc. Mark Coutman, who is the technical director and have camps from other parts of the country wanting to borrow director Coutman to see how the Burn Camp is done and so successful. He stated the main focus of the board of directors is having the best camp they can for the children and he stated the kids always want to come back. The camp has kept track of approximately 85 children in their progress and a winter get-together is now held for the children and their families. He thanked everyone for the support throughout the years of the camp. And asked for their continued support such as having money-raising events to help the camp. He mentioned in his local area, there are not many children who are severely burned and scarred for life, but the focus of the camp is to find the kids who have been burned severely throughout the state and bring them to the camp in order for them to meet other children who's experiencing the same things. He stated the children create a bond for the rest of their lives. He then showed a short slide presentation to the body. He closed with telling the group that

the Burn Camp has been the most rewarding experience he's had as a firefighter. And again, asked for the group for their support as there is no cost to the kids who attend. President Kerney urged for the group's support to the camp as a very good cause.

President Kerney urged the district chairmen to get their delegate vouchers to be turned in. He mentioned only one delegate from each department receives mileage to the convention, at 35-cents per mile. Someone in the audience corrected president Kerney that the IRS mileage rate is 40.5-cents per mile. He advised to that effect.

Next Larry Curl addressed the group on three issues: Indiana Fire Services Institute. He thanked the IVFA for their continued support to the participating. He urged the group to try to increase the number attending the institute's dinner. The goal is 500 persons to promote and attend this year's dinner. He also asked for support of the new Fire Marshal and the new Governor. The institute is looking to do great things in the fire service for the State of Indiana and support unity as one front in the fire service in Indiana with the support of the State Fire Marshal, Governor and new Homeland Security Director and John Buckman, International Association of Fire Chiefs. John was introduced to the body. Mr. Curl also mentioned he's involved with the National Fallen Firefighters, a firefighter, in-the-line-of-duty death or life safety initiatives. He urged members to go to the website www.everyonegoeshome.com. He urged everyone to look at that website. He stated as of May 1st, there were 50-line-of-duty deaths in America. Ten more than the same period of 2004. He spoke on the Fire Corps. It is a newly developed program under the Citizens Corps program and gave their website, www.firecorps.org. A program is being started to introduce citizen participation in every fire department in America. He mentioned 80% of the time is spent doing non-operational type activity in the fire departments. Fundraising, maintenance, daily entry, record keeping. All those items that are time consuming and nobody wants to do them. He urged everyone to invite citizens come into their fire departments as a member of a fire corps. program to do voluntary things that are non-operational, non-emergency services. He feels this program is going to get national attention and is going to be promoted through American citizens to go out and help their fire service. He urged the IVFA to endorse that program it will help become a national marketing recruitment tool to the volunteer fire service.

President Kerney asked all district chairmen to poll their delegates and get them recorded on the roll-call sheets. He then asked for the web master, Brent Lank to come forward and give the group information on the web page. he was excited to include web information in the annual meeting.

The web page has grown in the last two years better than expected. They're always looking for new information to put on the web page to give the members more access to information in hopes of taking some of the burden off of the district chairmen. He mentioned on May 2, 2005, the web site passed the one millionth hit mark which is unique, because the web page is targeted to a limited audience. The average is about 60,000 hits a month and he is able to track where that information comes from and mentioned several hits are coming from military personnel. He mentioned the "For Sale" page is popular and going real well. Also the events calendar on the page is growing. He also mentioned they're looking in to expanding the

web page and allowing advertisers on the page. Will be getting forms on the Bill that was recently passed and get those posted on the page. He mentioned if you're going to participate with your employer, members have to have a letter on file with your employer. This is necessary to protect the member. Again he urged the members to get one of the letters filled out and convey the information to their employer. He will have the forms posted by the end of the week.

He understood the Bill goes into effect July 1st. He also mentioned he was proud to post on the web site the memorial section as a tribute to deceased members. Mentioned there would be some cosmetic changes, based on color changes to the logo. He again expressed that the web site is the IVFA's web site. He thanked the group for their suggestions, comments and compliments for that. He urged the group to e-mail him if there are ideas or items they want to see on the web site. Again, thanked everyone.

President Kerney then asked Chief Buckman if he had anything to address the group about. He announced the funeral service for Chief Richard Purvis of Versailles are to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18th for anyone wishing to participate.

Chief Purvis died in fire at his home on Thursday, June 16th.

On June 21, the National Safety Stand-Down, which is endorsed by the National Volunteer Fire Council, International Association of Fire Chiefs and other organizations. He encouraged the group to visit the www.ifc.org web page or www.nvfc.org web page. They will be able to download posters, things to talk about all free of charge. His main reason to speak to the group was about the Summit, the Indiana Fire Service Summit that the State Fire Marshal conducted and the six regional summits that President Kerney and Larry Ketchem put together. He mentioned that the Fire Marshal, Chiefs Kerney and Ketchem as well as himself listened to the group and he encouraged the group to put their positions in writing. Tell the Indiana Fire Service what their position is on whatever the issue is. Whether it be mandatory training, fire codes, 800 megahertz, whatever it might be. He mentioned a recurring theme at every event that was heard was no more regulations, no more requirements, no additional requirements from the State unless the State's willing to pay for them. He urged the group to formalize their position on what is not liked and what would be accepted, because there are people in the state that believe that there should be more requirements in the state government put on local. Again, he said the IVFA has had a chance to tell the state what it wants and it still has more chances and that's what the Summit is about. He mentioned the report, A Call for Action, The Blue Ribbon Report Preserving and Improving the Future of the Volunteer Fire Service can be obtained through the website, www.vsos.org. He mentioned that the rumor that people are trying to put the volunteer fire service out of business is not true.

President Kerney thanked Chief Buckman and mentioned that himself and vice president Ketchem were attempting to get positions into writing and present it to the Board and then present it to the group. He mentioned giving it to the Web Master to make it available on the website.

President Kerney then moved on to the officer's reports. He mentioned his travels the first six months of the year were geared toward the Summit that he and vice president Ketchem attended in February and then the Fire Marshal allowed them to have their seven summits. He mentioned that when they attended this, there were only seven volunteers because it was a

very poor time, it was during the day, during the week and it was understandable why most members couldn't show up. Some of the highlights he spoke on at that summit was the topic concerning mandatory training of the volunteer fire association and his point was to make it clear to the summit that the IVA is not against training but the issue is how the IVFA gets the training and how it will be paid for. He also told the summit that it's easier to hire a firefighter and pay him and send him to school than to recruit a volunteer and convince him that for approximately the next six months to a year he will be training before he can work as a fireman. He felt as if his speech was well received. Since the summit, the IVFA has been told that possibly they can get the Firefighter I and Firefighter II, they're looking into breaking that into modules where before it said it couldn't be done and he felt like they're making some strides. He also reported that district chairmen are very busy getting new members. One district chairman has taken and gotten a new department that has joined. Thanked Carroll for getting that done. The association now stands at 17,549 and the books were closed on dues expiring on 7/31/05.

He thanked the committees for working very hard and thanked everyone who supported him in the business decisions. He also mentioned that it wasn't anyone's fault that one side of the house walked out and killed some of their bills that were very promising. He said they would be resubmitted in the next legislative session.

Vice president Ketchem reported on his first six months of being in office. He felt that the organization can do great things. He spoke on the summit and speaking with the Marshal concerning what the IVFA would like to do as far as training, etcetera. He would like the association to attend the summit on an annual basis in the various P.R. districts. He thanked the group for electing and supporting him during the last six months as vice-president. Again urged the group to work together as a team.

Chaplain Cohen next reported he has developed a team of associate chaplains and two were present and will be assisting him at the memorial service. He thanked the group for giving him the opportunity to serve as their chaplain for the past year. He stressed how he takes his job very seriously and is proud to be a member of the organization for 50 years.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush also thanked the group for allowing him to serve in that capacity for the past year and thanked the chairmen who took care of the clocks. He mentioned the group needs recognition at the motor tracks in Indianapolis 500 race. He asked Bill Pape if it got there. Mr. Pape told the group that it did. He told the group he was proud they were recognized at the track on race day. He again thanked the group for their support of him in the past year.

Secretary Larry Bartlow passed. Treasurer Jack Harker reported the books were audited this year and the audit committee met last night and passed the audit was done and said the group is in good standing.

President Kerney asked the mileage and credentials committee to come forward and report to the treasurer Jack Harker, Mike Mackin, Robert McKenzie, Don Cushman and Jim Bradford.

He then asked for the nominating committee, Richard Glant, Jack Zeeks, Dave Elick, Jim Abrams, Brent Bush. Election committee, Jack Zeeks, Jerry Cohen, Jim Harker, Jim Abrams, Diane Harrison. Roll call committee, Larry Bartlow, Carl Brun, Ivan Neville, Richard Glant, Mitch Parish and asked them to come forward and report to Larry Bartlow. He then asked for the district

chairmen to turn in vouchers.

At this time the P.R. reports of northwest, Jim Bradford; northeast Mike Mackin; west central Diane Harrison; east central Don Cushman; southwest Jim Abrams and southeast Robert McKenzie all passed.

Sergeant-at-arms Bill Bush reported to the convention that during the voting, the doors will be barred. If anyone leaves the ballroom, they will be unable to return until the counting of the vote is done.

All district chairmen passed on their reports.

There was no response from District 9B Randy Denton.

The past president's reports were all passed and no response by Lawrence Swartz and Ivan Nevil.

President Kerney once again reminded the district chairmen to turn in their delegates and vouchers turned in.

Chairman of the board thanked the association for allowing him to be the board chairman for the year. He is hopeful to fill the slot for the following year.

Jim Parker reported on the legislation committee that a piece of legislation passed this year and credited the lobbyists for this. He mentioned a walk-out happened in the House. A bill that the association has been trying to get passed for the past 30 years, \$2000.00 tax deduction was passed out of committee. He urged the group if they had any questions to contact him.

Convention chairman David Israel thanked everyone for attending and reported that everything is on schedule for the outlet mall trip. The vendors for Saturday will be setting up.

Urged everyone to visit the vendors as they help sponsor the convention.

Carl Bruns, Bridgeport Committee reported there are three winners and will be announced at this evening's dinner. He again told the group there are rules and deadlines and must be abided by those in order to participate and three or four entrants were lost because of various reasons. Forms can be obtained from your district chairman or himself or President Kerney. He also told the group the forms were on the website.

Editor's assistant Jim Bradford reminded the group that July 10th is the deadline for articles in the IVFA newspaper. Any articles should be turned in by then.

Ad taker, clothing claims, awards, fire school and training, annual meeting minutes, Mr. IVFA, bylaws & SOG's, logo, membership, public education, parliamentarian, photographer, Volunteer Fire on their reports.

Games committeeman Al Mandel reported that on Saturday at 8:00 on the west parking lot the games will begin.

President Kerney reported the Firefighter Standards and Education had a very good showing at the meeting. He thanked everyone that expressed their concerns and thoughts and felt the association will benefit from this. The next meeting is in six weeks and everyone is invited.

2006 convention chairman Bill Pate reported the convention will be held in Indianapolis and the chairman for the event will be Dave Marshall of Center Township, Marion and Carol Thrawley from District 13-A will be helping as well. He reported everything is coming together. The dates are June 28 through July 1st, 2006, Marriott Hotel, 21st and Shadeland. The room rate will be \$75.00 for doubles.

After the business meeting they will have applications for pre-registration for next year's convention at a \$5.00 deduction. The registration fee is \$40.00.

Vice president Larry Ketchem asked that a central location and time be announced where the pre-registration forms could be picked up

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and Bill suggested the pool area. He urged everyone to purchase T-shirts to help support the convention.

President Kerney mentioned the organization will be participating in the annual remembrance of Indiana's Fallen Firefighters on Thursday, July 28th, 11:30 a.m. at the State House.

He also mentioned to date, no firefighter has been lost in the line of duty.

President Kerney asked for a motion from the body to accept the auditor's report. Chairman of the Board made the motion and Bill Pate seconded. The body voted in favor of the motion by responding with aye. There was no opposition.

[AT THIS TIME A 10 MINUTE BREAK WAS TAKEN]

After a break was taken the meeting continued with the election committee. Richard Glant made the nomination for president; Jack Kerney and asked for further nominations for the third and final call. Nominations were closed and a vote was cast by secretary Bartlow for Jack Kerney for president for 2006.

Larry Ketchem was nominated as vice-president and Glant asked for further nominations for the third and final call. Nominations were closed and a vote cast by secretary Larry Bartlow cast a vote for Larry Ketchem as vice-president for 2006.

Nominations were closed and President Kerney cast the vote for Larry Bartlow for 2006 secretary of the Association.

Jack Harker was nominated for treasurer and Ross Emery of District #15 nominated Beverly Harker as treasurer and District #5 seconded the nomination.

A third and final call for further nominations were called. It was announced that Jack Harker withdrew his name as a candidate for treasurer.

Someone from the audience asked that if the by-laws stated you have to be an active officer of the organization and it was stated that Beverly Harker is district chairman and doesn't take office until December 31st. This qualifies her for the office. A discussion was held and it was determined she was eligible. Again a third and final call was asked for further nominations for treasurer.

The nomination was closed and secretary Bartlow cast the unanimous vote for Beverly Harker for 2006 treasurer.

Bill Bush was nominated by the committee as sergeant-at-arms for 2006.

Larry Bruner nominated John Ross for sergeant-at-arms, Brian Witham, vice president of District #12 seconded the motion. A third and final call for further nominations was called and there being none, the nomination was closed. The doors were barred for the voting to take place.

President Kerney asked for John Ross to be verified for the nomination. Ross appeared on his own behalf, said he'd been with District 12 as a chairman but dropped out the last couple of years. He said if elected, he'd do the best he could. Bill Bush then spoke to the group and said he appreciated any votes. At this time a vote was taken.

While a vote was being taken on I spoke on the 2006 convention and explained why it will not be held in Kokomo being due to no cooperation with the hotel and it was decided to be moved to Indianapolis. With the Formula One race in June, it had to be moved to the fourth week of June. He explained that is why it is being held so late in '06.

President Kerney announced while the vote was being tallied, he asked for nominations for chaplain and nominated Jerry Cohen. He then asked for further nominations and after the third and final call the nominations were closed. Secretary Bartlow cast a unanimous ballot for

Jerry Cohen for chaplain for 2006.

Next PR nominations were cast with Jim Bradford of Northwest. A third and final call for further nominations and at that time, secretary Bartlow cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Bradford for PRNW for 2006.

PR West Central Diane Harrison was nominated and after a third and final call the nominations were closed and secretary Bartlow cast one unanimous vote for Diane Harrison as PRWC for 2006.

PR Southwest Jim Abrams was nominated and after a third and final call for further nominations secretary Bartlow cast a unanimous vote for Jim Abrams as PR Southwest for 2006.

PR Southeast Robert McKenzie was nominated and after a third and final call for further nominations secretary Bartlow cast a unanimous vote for Robert McKenzie as PR Southeast for 2006.

Don Cushman was nominated for East Central PR and after a third and final call for further nominations secretary Bartlow cast a unanimous vote for Don Cushman as PR East Central for 2006.

Mike Mackin was nominated for Northeast PR and Dave Elick, District #5 seconded the motion. After a third and final call for further nominations President Kerney informed District #4, #5, #6 and #7 are the voting districts.

Mike Mackin spoke to the group giving his credentials for PR for Northeast.

Then Gene Smith with the Poe Fire Department spoke to the group giving his qualifications.

At this time the results of the vote of sergeant-at-arms for 2006 is Bill Bush.

President Kerney announced the bidding for 2007. He asked for any bids from the floor.

Tim Deckard, District #17-B bid for the convention to be held in Bloomington and he introduced Julie Cassidy from the Bloomington Convention Center who gave a presentation at this time. President Kerney then asked for any other bids for 2007 convention.

The results for PR Northeast went to Gene Smith.

Next Steve Anderson, District #15 bid for the convention to be held in Evansville and Dianne Masterson from the Evansville Convention and Business Bureau along with a representative of the Evansville Executive Inn gave a slide presentation.

President Kerney asked the district chairmen to poll their districts on the convention site.

While the vote was being tallied, Jim Bradford told the group that the attendance has been going down each year. He told the group in '99 there were over 500 registered for the convention. At this year's convention there were 310. He asked for input given to the officers to get more persons interested in attending. He said one idea was having the convention on Friday, Saturday and Sunday rather than on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Then asked for a show of hands who would attend if it were to be changed.

Someone mentioned again that it would interfere with Father's Day. He mentioned that it could be held at any time in June so it could be worked out in that respect. Then he asked for a show of hands to keep it as it has been in the past. He again asked the group to give president Kerney and vice president Ketchem for suggestions to make the convention more attractive. He again stressed they want to combine fun as well as business that has to be tended to. Again asked for suggestions from the group and stressed the importance of 168 delegates making the decision for the 17,000 plus members.

President Kerney then asked for David Israel to come forward and be presented with the convention host

plaque for 2005.

Vice president Ketchem spoke about some ideas to get more interest in attending the conventions. He suggested adding a page to the IVFA newspaper and do some highlight shots of the 2005 convention and have a contest and asked the group if they would be interested. The group gave a favorable response to this. It was then announced that 2007 convention will be held in Evansville, Indiana.

President Kerney then dismissed all convention committees and asked if any other business that needed to come before the body at this time.

It was announced the winner of the hotel room was Jeremy Mankin from Hillsdale, Indiana.

Again it was asked if any other business needed to come before the body.

He reminded them of the memorial service to be held at 11:00 following the annual meeting.

At this time a motion to adjourn was given to adjourn the 2005 annual meeting of the IVFA and seconded by John Angelmeir followed by the benediction given by Carl Brun.

Again vice president Ketchem asked the group to work on a convention site for northern Indiana.

At this time the 2005 IVFA annual meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Bartlow,
Secretary IVFA

West Baden Fire Department holds annual awards banquet

The West Baden Fire Department held its annual awards banquet on Saturday, March 18th at the Villager Restaurant.

Top awards went to Marlene Malone for EMS of the Year, for the third year in a row. Also tied for Firefighter of the Year were Randy Emmons and Joseph Lynch.

Receiving the award for the most runs was Joseph Lynch, five year membership plaques were presented to Joseph Lynch and Ben Stidham. Trevor Emmons received a 10 year membership plaque and Randy Emmons received a 20 year membership plaque.

All members were given a department sweatshirt as gifts. Former chief Randy Emmons was given a framed art gift for his duties as chief for 2005.

Guests included Sheriff Doyle Cornwell, Deputy sheriff Richard Dixon, Chief deputy fire marshal Mike Bigler and wife Victoria, town board member Steve White and wife Diane. Also Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association representative Kenny Lau and wife Linda, Art and Marty Jones.

Firefighters enjoyed their meal and then a slideshow of pictures. Mike Bigler then spoke about the fire service and about trust. Chief Marvin Malone then spoke about the previous year, and about firefighting.

West Baden firefighters in attendance include Marvin Malone, Trevor Emmons, Jim Kellams, Tim Farris, Randy Emmons, Tara Lynch, Bonnie Kellams, Joseph Lynch, Ben Stidham, Marlene Malone, Joey Baer, Scarlett Marshall, Billy Terry, Steve Radcliff, Troy Rusk, and Amanda Rusk. Not able to attend was Kelly Kellams. - submitted by Tara Lynch, Lieutenant, West Baden FD



Presented with Firefighters of the Year are (left to right) Joseph Lynch and Randy Emmons. This award was presented by Chief Marvin Malone.



Presented with the EMS of the Year is Marlene Malone (left), this is presented by Chief Marvin Malone.



Joseph Lynch (left) is presented with the Most Runs of the Year by Chief Marvin Malone.

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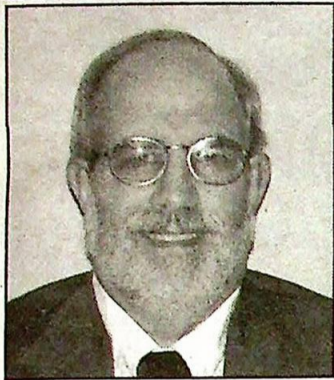
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I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends of the fallen firefighters throughout our districts. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Spring is upon us, as summer is close by. We will soon be changing our clocks for daylight savings time. This also would be a good time to change the batteries in our smoke alarms. Indiana State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson has just sent out a memo reminding us that in many of the fire-related deaths this year, a working smoke detector and some simple planning on home evacuation most likely would have led to a better result.

IVFA convention 2006 will be June 28th-July 1, 2006 at Marriott East, on Shadeland Avenue in Indianapolis.

I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the districts in Public Relations Area Northeast, Ashley Shafer, District #4 Lakeville, Amber Farrer, District #5 Bremen, Amanda Myers, District #7 Monroeville.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

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Spring is in the air, flowers are blooming, and the sound of running lawn mowers is becoming a common sound. We survived another winter of gray skies, and trying to remember what the sun looked like.

Welcome to the 2006 Spring/Summer Edition of the IVFA Fireline. This column will provide you information on current happenings with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org.

Convention News: Convention 2006 is weeks away, and the Indianapolis Marriott on Shadeland Avenue is awaiting our arrival. The convention committee has the agenda and other pertinent information posted on the web page, and there is still time to make your reservations.

Focus Section: This quarter's focus section is the IVFA Clothing pages. The IVFA Central Office has many different articles of high quality IVFA clothing for sale. Golf and denim shirt, windbreakers, and hats are some of the items for sale. Check it out, and buy some good looking IVFA gear!

Legislative Section: The state legislative session is over for 2006 and the final report of this year's activities has been posted. It needs to be stressed that this year's Legislative Session was a "short" session, and so not as many bills are submitted or heard.

Department Information: At the beginning of April we had 438 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, e-mail addresses, etc., please remember to send me an update.

Additions: In the past couple of FireLines I have talked about a change that would allow pictures to be added to items listed on the "For Sale" page. The ability to add one to three pictures related to items being sold has now been implemented. There are instructions on the For Sale form which provide direction on how to submit pictures and the correct file format and size.

Next Up: I am working on a project to list all of our 25 and 50 year IVFA members. I believe it would be a nice addition to the web site, and provide due recognition to these individuals. Once I receive the list from the Central Office I will get it posted.

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 webmasters@ivfa.org and let me know what it is. Break out the sunscreen, I think it's going to be a hot one!

Be safe, and I'll see you "on-line"!

Smoke Eater
IVFA Web Master

North Manchester Fire Department hosts Northeast PR Area Training

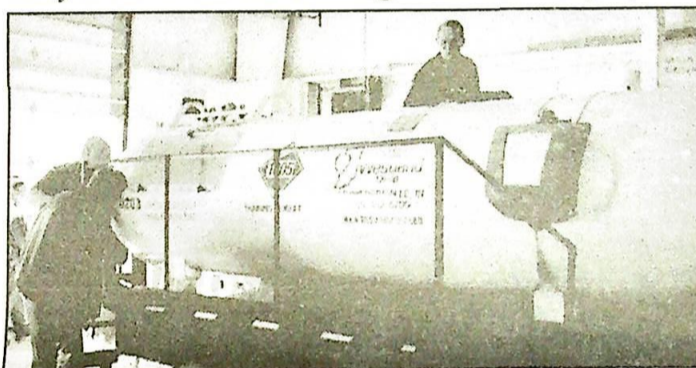
On Saturday, March 11, 2006 North Manchester Fire Department held an Anhydrous Ammonia Safety and Meth Lab Information class.

This class was sponsored by the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association and Jones & Associates.

Attendees includes firefighters, police, first responders and EMA director. Instructor Phil Pertle presented an outstanding power point program with actual equipment used on a 1000 gallon anhydrous tank and items that were used for transporting anhydrous ammonia for meth lab usage.

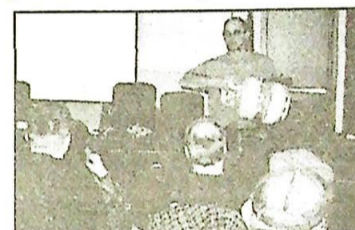
—(submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)

Anhydrous ammonia training module on display



Students getting hands-on experience with a 1000 gallon anhydrous ammonia training module supplied by Westland Co-op, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Classroom presentation given



Instructor Phil Pertle presents the class with an LP tank that was used to transport anhydrous ammonia.

The brass valve turned green, a tell-tale sign that the tank once carried anhydrous ammonia.

Fort Branch fire station burns Area, state emergency personnel have act together, officials say

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FORT BRANCH, Ind. — When the fire hit the building that houses Fort Branch's fire department, firefighters were responding to what proved to be a false alarm.

Alerted that the fire station was ablaze, the firefighters rushed back only to have their progress blocked for a couple of minutes by a train passing through the center of town.

Arson is not suspected in the fire that destroyed the building, which also houses the school corporation central office and the township trustee office, said Fort Branch-Union Township Fire Chief Rob Houchins.

City police noticed the fire about 10 p.m. Monday while firefighters were responding to what proved to be a false alarm at Fort Branch Community School, a dozen blocks away near U.S. 41 South. A short electrical outage that affected Fort Branch and other portions of Gibson County on Monday night may have triggered the school's alarm, South Gibson Superintendent Stacey Humbaugh said Tuesday.

Houchins said, though, he doubted that short delay prevented firefighters from saving the building.

"When we first pulled up, flames were coming out of the roof above the school corporation office," he said. The loss of the station had "a little bit of an emotional effect, but actually it was very fortunate we were out on another alarm."

The loss from the fire may reach \$1 million, he said. A formal investigation is expected to begin either today or Thursday led by Princeton, Ind., Fire Chief Tim Speedy, who will coordinate the effort with investigators for the three insurance companies that insured the structure and its occupants.

Speedy would not speculate Tuesday afternoon as to the cause of the blaze that gutted and collapsed the roof of the brick building at the corner of West Vine and McCreary streets. Only the walls remained standing after the fire was extinguished.

Fort Branch-Union Township Assistant Chief Bill Sisk and other firefighters, concerned the unsupported walls might topple, placed barricades Tuesday around the structure, which was thought to be more than 80 years old.

Firefighters made an interior attack on the fire in the school office, firefighter Joe Speer said, but were driven back by the flames, which had gotten into records and other materials stored in an attic area. The heat blew out the attic windows, and strong winds fanned the flames. Some of the materials stored there included school records dating back into the late 1800s.

Firefighters were able to pull the department's rescue truck from the burning building before it was damaged, Houchins said, and the department lost only some turnout gear and extra hoses. The volunteer firefighters had remodeled their portion of the building only last summer, he said.

The trucks and other gear were moved Tuesday to the department's

Station No. 2, located off North Church Street, about 1 1/2 miles from downtown. The 25-member department mans both stations, he said, adding he didn't feel the additional distance would hamper their efforts to fight fires throughout the 50-square mile Union Township.

"We're fully operational," he said, adding that the community would likely rebuild another downtown fire station "right on the same footprint" of the old one.

Union Township Trustee Brenda Sollman and Deputy Trustee Bob Mobley braved a chill wind and snow Tuesday morning to peer inside the gutted building.

Of greatest concern, Sollman said, was the expected loss of township tax assessment records. The assessments had been completed, she said, and were ready to be mailed. The fire will delay that process and could delay the collection of taxes, she said.

"This is just one of those things that happens," Sollman said. "All of us have got a lot of work ahead of us."

At Fort Branch Community School, the unmistakable odor of smoke and char associated with a house fire permeated the makeshift office the South Gibson School Corp. had set up there Tuesday afternoon. Humbaugh said records had been backed up on computer servers at other locations and would need only to be reconstructed.

(Date of fire was Monday, March 20, 2006)

(Article submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman and member of Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.)

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Area, state emergency personnel have act together, officials say

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From Staff Reports

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Federal emergency experts have been impressed with the competence of Southwestern Indiana and state emergency officials.

"It appears the governor and the state emergency manager really have their act together," said Nicol Andrews, a spokeswoman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Dozens of FEMA employees from Chicago, Atlanta, and Washington flew to Evansville to assist local and state officials respond to Sunday's tornadoes.

Gov. Mitch Daniels asked that Vanderburgh, Warrick, Dubois, Gibson, Pike, Posey and Spencer counties be declared federal disaster areas. Sens. Evan Bayh and Dick Lugar added their support. On Tuesday afternoon, President Bush approved the request for Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

Gay Ruby, who works in Chicago for FEMA, was at the Eastbrook Mobile Home Park on Monday morning with a Small Business Administration official, a local emergency manager and a state emergency worker.

Ruby said other FEMA officials were with teams in Newburgh and Boonville. Bayh toured the disaster area Monday.

"The images on television have shown America the depth of

destruction caused by the tornado, but they also show the resilience and the sense of community that we experience every day in Indiana. Neighbors coming together to help each other and volunteers traveling across the state to lend us a hand — it's all part of what it means to be a Hoosier and what will help us through this terrible disaster," Bayh said.

Evansville and Vanderburgh County officials praised the work of emergency response officials and urged donations to various relief efforts.

Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel said about 800 homes in Vanderburgh and Warrick counties were damaged or destroyed.

Weinzapfel and County Commissioners President Cheryl Musgrave urged tornado victims and those wanting help to use the United Way First Call for Help/211 system. If the 211 line is busy, those needing help can call 421-2800.

(Article submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman and member of Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Department)

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**August
deadline:
July 10th**

President's budget request shortchanges America's firefighters

FEBRUARY 8, 2006 - President Bush unveiled his fiscal year 2007 budget request today, stating a wish to limit funding and identifying programs to be eliminated or cut. A number of programs that are extremely important to America's volunteer fire and emergency medical services would suffer under the President's proposed budget.

The National Volunteer Fire Council is extremely concerned over the proposal to reduce funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, which provides funding on a competitive basis to fire departments to purchase equipment, vehicles and training. Under the President's plan, the AFG program would be funded at \$293 million, down from \$545 million in FY 2006. That is \$252 million less than Congress appropriated and \$207 less than the request for the AFG program last year.

"The AFG program is terribly important to the fire service because the funding goes directly to the fire departments that need it most," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. "The program is designed to give fire departments across the country the basic tools that they need to respond to everything from typical calls to national disasters."

The Department of Homeland Security received approximately \$3 billion in AFG requests in FY 2006 from more than 20,000 fire departments nationwide. If the requested level of funding is enacted it will be the third year in a row that the AFG program has been cut by at least \$100 million.

"In most Homeland Security grant programs, funding is funneled through state and local governments before it gets to first responders and as a result it moves slowly," Stittleburg continued. "With the AFG program, applications are ranked by impartial panels of firefighters, and the funding goes right out to deserving fire departments with very little red tape. The NVFC strongly believes that this program should be fully funded at \$1 billion as authorized by Congress in 2004."

The budget request eliminates funding for the SAFER program, which provides grants to fire departments for hiring personnel and for recruitment and retention efforts, as well as the Department of Interior's Rural Fire Assistance Program, which enhances the fire protection capabilities of rural fire districts in the wildland-urban interface. The request would also reduce by approximately 40 percent funding for the U.S. Forest Service's Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, which provides matching grants to rural fire departments that protect communities with populations under 10,000.

"In the wake of the last hurricane season and with all of the wildfires around the country, it is as clear now as it ever has been that America depends on its firefighters and emergency medical service providers to be prepared to respond in all manner of events," Stittleburg said. "Money spent now to strengthen fire departments is an investment and should be viewed as such. The only limit on our ability to respond to a disaster is the extent to which we prepare for it. Cutting these critical programs in the name of fiscal responsibility would be a site-misallocation of resources."

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Walter Pilant honored with memorial service



On Wednesday, February 15, 2006, Thunderbird Fire Protection Territory honored Walter Pilant (age 57 and a 25 year member of the department) with a Firefighter's Memorial Service held at the First Baptist Church in Shelburn, IN.

Engine 61 carried his body to its final resting place at Friendly Grove Cemetery near Lewis, IN.

The photo shows Engine 61 passing under an American flag hoisted above by Sullivan City and Jasonville Fire Departments.

(submitted by Chief John Quilliam Thunderbird Fire Protection Territory and Robert Meyers)



John "Bull" Smith played the bagpipes at the memorial service for Walter Pilant.

Firemen receive 25 year pins



On January 8, 2006 at the Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department, Daleville, Indiana, Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman presented 25 year pins to the following (from left to right) - Charles Pugsley, Ronald Corn, Lloyd Wright - District 8B chairman. Not present but receiving a pin was Arvin Michael.

-(submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman)

Melinda Harris crowned District 8B Miss Flame



On January 11, 2006 District 8B of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association held their meeting at the Portland Fire Station.

The crowning of Miss Flame was held. Melinda Pauline Harris from the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department was crowned Miss Flame. She will represent District 8B at the convention which will be held in June.

Ashley M. Redmond from the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department was named first runner-up.

In the first row (from left to right) - Melinda Harris, Ward Township VFD Miss Flame 2006, Ashley Redmond, Farmland VFD, first runner-up, LeeAnn Blumenhorst, Dunkirk VFD Miss Flame 2005.

Second row - Tera Lynn Kelly, Pennville VFD, April Rena Coleman, Bryant VFD, Jessica Ann Ramseyer, Montpelier VFD, Ashley Renee Theurer, Salamonia VFD.

Third row - Tiffany Nicole Clevenger, Ridgeville VFD, Kylee Renee Bell, Pennville VFD.

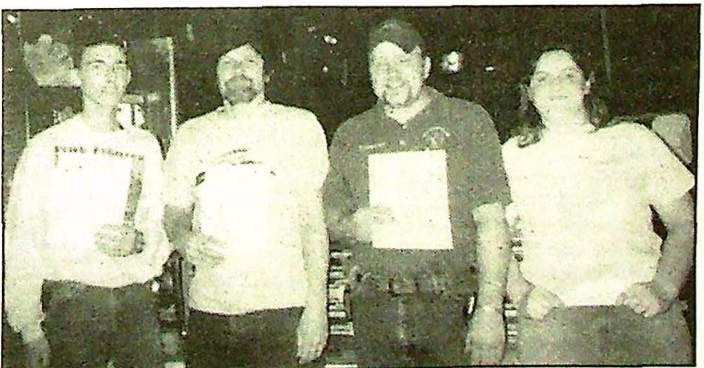
-(submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)

District 7 annual bake sale auction held



Amanda Myer, District 7 Miss Flame, distributes baked goods at bake sale auction at District 7 meeting held at Ossian Volunteer Fire Department. - (submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)

Firefighters receive Firefighter I and II certificates



At the January monthly meeting of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, these firefighters received their Firefighter I and II certificates. From left to right - Zach Hudson, Tim Hein, Damian Kunk, Heather Manor. Not presented Brian Cain.

-(submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)

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President's budget ...

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One relatively bright spot in the request was a proposal to increase funding for the U.S. Fire Administration by more than four percent, marking the first time that USFA has received a line-item request in the President's budget. The NVFC has long advocated providing USFA with a line-item to allow for greater budget transparency and to protect against having their funding diverted to other agencies.

The President also requested \$35 million for Citizens Corps, a component of which is the Fire Corps program that NVFC helped to administer. Fire Corps promotes the use of citizen volunteers to enhance the capacity of fire and rescue departments by performing non-operational functions. That is \$15 million higher than the enacted level for FY 2006 but \$15 million below the President's request of \$50 million for that year.

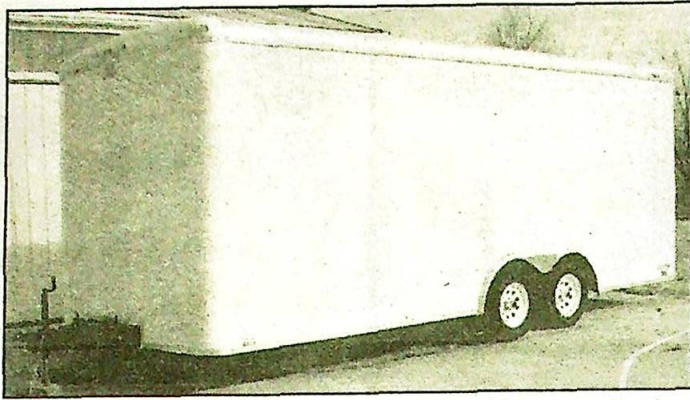
"This is only the start of the process," said Stittleburg. "Congress will ultimately determine whether America's firefighters get the resources that they need and NVFC will continue to advocate on their behalf."

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The National Volunteer Fire Council is a non-profit membership association representing the interests of volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. Organized in 1976, the NVFC serves as the information source for the emergency services. The NVFC is the volunteer fire service's representative in the national policy arena and in numerous national and international committees and organizations.

(submitted by David Finger (202) 887-5700

Farmland acquires new trailer



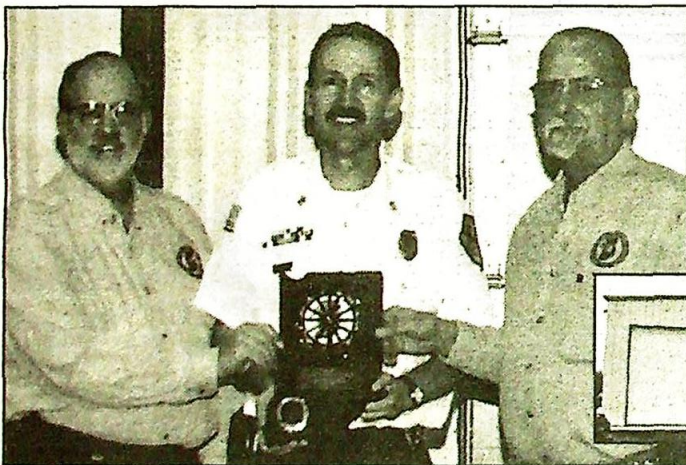
Farmland recently got a new trailer from Emergency Management Services for mobile command center. The trailer will be equipped with radios and equipment to be used as a command center for county emergencies. *(submitted by Billy Sunday)*

Chambers presented 25 year service pin



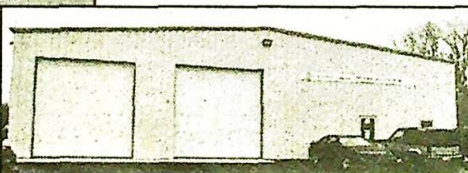
Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman, presents Ray A. Chambers (left), chief of Lincoln Township Fire Department with his 25 year service pin. *(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)*

Syracuse Fire Dept. owners of new station

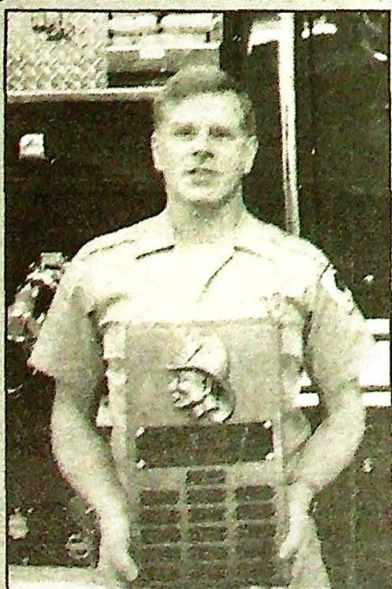


Chief Mickey Scott (center), Syracuse Fire Department receives IVFA clock for new Station #2 from PRNE Jean Smith (left) and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger (right).

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)



Syracuse Station #2



Kirschner named "Firefighter of the Year"

Jim Kirschner (at left) was voted Firefighter of the Year for 2005 by the members of the Morris Fire Department.

Jim is treasurer of the firefighters and very active in the department.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Fifty years of service with the S.V.F.D.



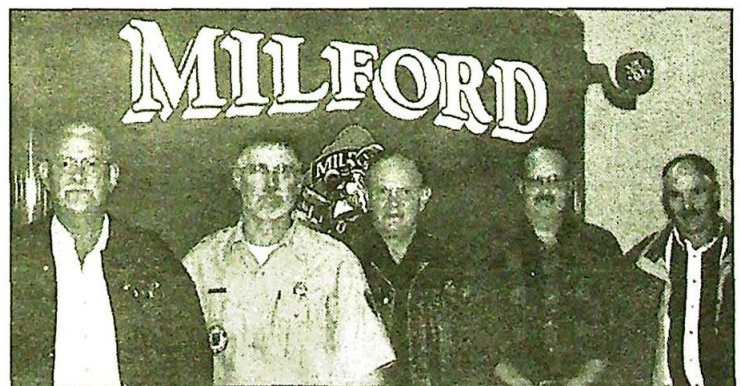
Albert "Dutch" Voorheis receiving his IVFA Gold Card, a Certificate of Appreciation, and a Thank You plaque from Chief Jeff Duncan for Dutch's 50 years of service with the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department. February 20, 2006 *submitted by David Prickett, SVFD*

Dale Blackford awarded 50 year Gold Card



Dale Blackford (left) of Tippecanoe Fire Department receives 50 year Gold Card from District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger (right). *(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)*

Milford firemen awarded 25 year pins



Milford firemen Sam Baumgartner, Alvin Haab, Douglas Ruch, and Tony Zimmerman, (not pictured) Scott Wallace, receive 25 year pins from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger. *(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)*

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Two Drewersburg volunteer firefighters receive 25 year pins



Stuart Wendel and Gary Solar receive 25 year pins from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman and Bob McKensie, PR Southeast. (Left to right): Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, Stuart Wendel, Drewersburg firefighter, Gary Solar, Drewersburg firefighter and Bob McKensie, PR Southeast. (submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Bob Hartman retires as fire chief



Bob Hartman retired from fire chief of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department.

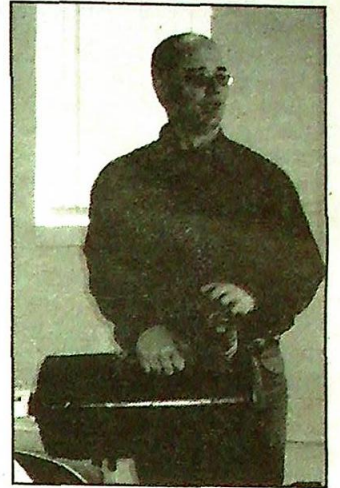
Bob is staying on in the fire department as a firefighter and to lend his expertise to the other firefighters.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Training class on anhydrous ammonia and meth labs held

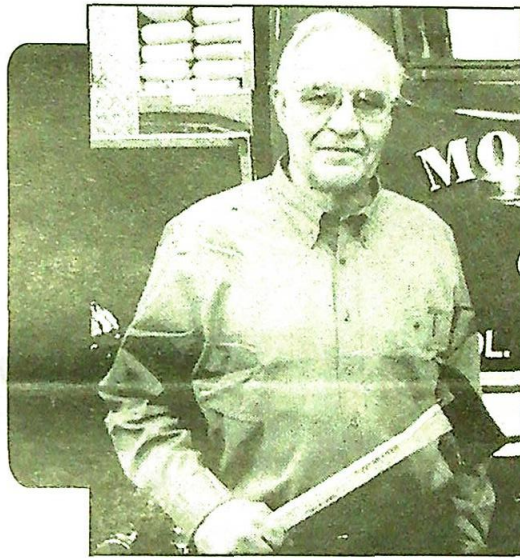


On Saturday, March 25, IVFA PR Southwest teamed up with Jones Associates Insurance Agency commercial specialist Lona Huffman and held a training class entitled "Precautions to Anhydrous Ammonia and Meth Labs." The class was held at the Dunn Health Campus in Bedford and was instructed by Phil Pritle from the Westland Co-op in Crawfordsville. (article submitted by District 17B chairman Tim Deckard)

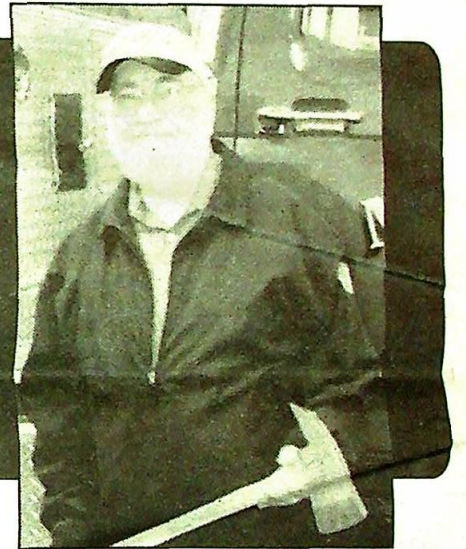


Phil Pritle

Two long-time Morris firefighters retire



Tony Moster retires after 42 years of service to the Morris Volunteer Fire Department.

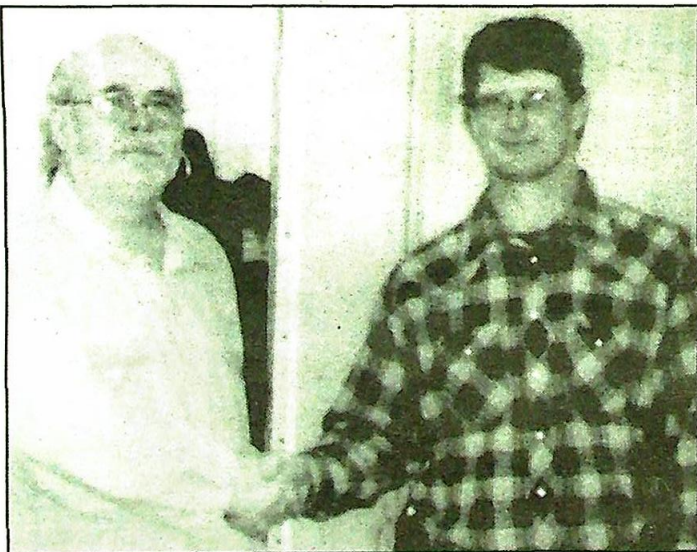


Wilbur Zimmer retires after 21 years of service to the Morris Volunteer Fire Department.

Tony Moster and Wilbur Zimmer retired from the Morris Volunteer Fire Department. Tony had 42 years of service and Wilbur had 21 years of service. Both firefighters were very active in the department. Tony was former fire chief and held many offices of the firefighters and Board of Directors. Tony and Wilbur were both former District 19 Midwest recipients and Tony was a former Ollie Sandburg recipient.

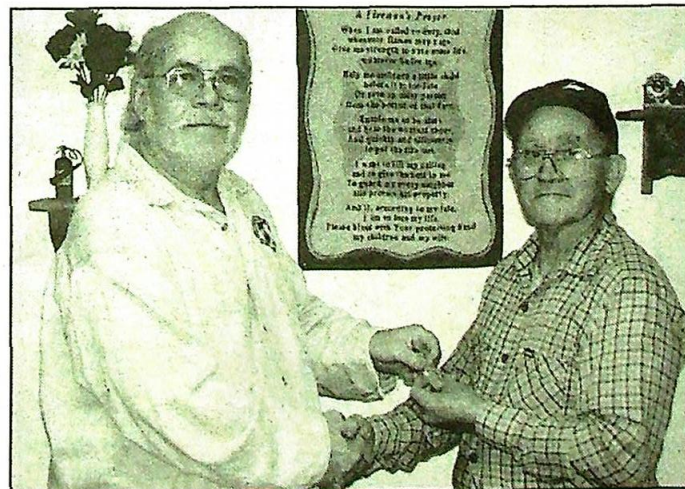
(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Chestnut receives 25 year service pin



Brian Chestnut (right), Richland-Taylor VFD receives his 25 year pin from Sam Emery, District 17A chairman. (submitted by Sam Emery)

Townsend honored with 25 year pin



Max Townsend (right), Richland-Taylor VFD, receives his 25 year pin from Sam Emery, District 17A chairman. (submitted by Sam Emery)

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association sponsor and exhibitor information

Come help us celebrate 58th annual convention, the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association invites you to join volunteer firefighters from all over the state for three jam-packed days of educational events, interesting and informational speakers, a great Trade Show, and more opportunities for networking and FUN. Join us at the Marriott East in Indianapolis, Indiana June 28th - July 1, 2006 for the full convention sponsorship opportunities and the

convention agenda and select events you wish to sponsor and your exhibition space. The Exhibitor Trade Show is scheduled on Thursday, June 29th and June 30th - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00

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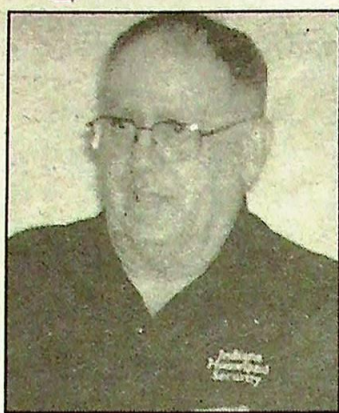
products and service as well as support the volunteer firefighters who bring critical service to your family, friends and community.

IVFA Firefighter Summit for PR/WC a huge success

Hosted by Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department, District 11A, 11B, 12 and 21 came together for their annual summit. Fifty-one people were present with 43 members from 23 different departments, 10 state officers, five guests, three with presentations, Joe Wainscott from Homeland Security, State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson, Tom Hanify from Professional Fire Fighter's Union and Gary Robison, the Fire Services and Grants manager for Homeland Security.

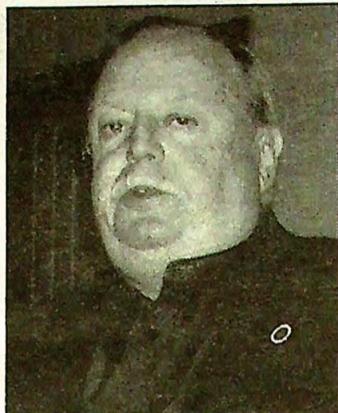
Roger Johnson covered the mandatory training and what has changed. Joe Wainscott gave an update on training requirements, the training academies, regional and county training assistance. Lona Huffman of Jones and Associates gave an informative talk about fire department insurance. Brett Doughty of Irwin Mortgage furnished breakfast foods and informed us on interest saving mortgages that are available for firefighters. Pat Wilmoth spoke about the benefits of being a Firefighters Credit Union member. Tom Hanify, president of Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana spoke to us about the union in force with the IVFA, the career firefighters, the Indiana Chief's Association and the Indiana instructors all working together to change legislation in a positive manner for tomorrow's firefighters.

Last, but not least, Gary Robison gave us information we need in reference to grants for the upcoming year.

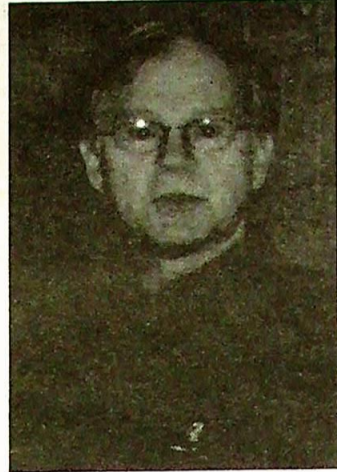


At the PR West Central Summit we saved the best for last.

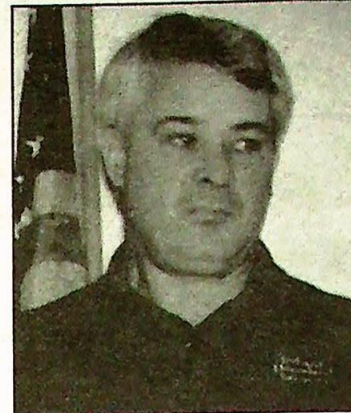
Gary Robison, Fire Service and Grants manager, gave us an informative talk about monies available and the requirements that must be met to receive these funds.



State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson updates firefighters from four districts on what's happening in the fire service today and what's being planned for tomorrow's fire service.



Thomas Hanify, president of Professional Fire Fighters Union spoke to us about how this is the first time, career and volunteer firefighters have come together as a unified force to change legislation.



Training Director of Homeland Security, Joe Wainscott updates firefighters on what Homeland Security is doing to assist them in meeting their requirements in training.



Dinner was served by the HVFD ladies' auxiliary. (submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Members of Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department ladies' auxiliary, (left) Frances Salsman whose husband Salty, was a charter member of the department and had 51 years with HVFD at the time of his passing and (right) Rosalee Barker, whose husband Jim had over 25 years with the department. These two women, like many others have been a backbone to the community, their fire department and the ladies' auxiliary.

Estes awarded pin



Southwest VFD member Herbert Estes (left) received an IVFA 25 year pin at the March 2006 IVFA District 10 meeting hosted by Southwest VFD. (submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

Harrison Twp. VFD members awarded pins



Harrison Twp. VFD members James Klamo (left) and Chief David Dwyer (not pictured) were presented their IVFA 25 year pins at an IVFA District 10 meeting hosted by the Harrison Twp. VFD. (submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

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2006 Legislative Session

by SHOKRINA RADPOUR BEERING, ESQ.
IVFA LOBBYIST AND COUNSEL

END OF 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION April 10, 2006

The 2006 legislative session officially ended on March 14, 2006. The Governor signed the last of the bills into law on March 28, 2006. Although this session was a "short session", designed to consider "emergency" matters, legislators used this session to debate many issues. This year, 880 bills were introduced and 870 amendments to those bills were introduced. By the end of the session, 193 bills were passed containing 394 amendments. Members of this year's Legislative Committee are Jack Kerney, Buz Koehler, Larry Ketchum, Jim Parker, David Israel, and Larry Bartlow. These gentlemen are to be commended for all of their hard work, as well as for all of the reading they had to do!

Those of you following this legislative session by reviewing the weekly Bill Status Reports I provide to the Association, which are posted on its website, have followed the progression of legislation selected to be monitored by the IVFA Legislative Committee. The Association was successful in having a number of bills sponsored, such as SB61 sponsored by Senator Allie Craycraft regarding an income tax deduction, HB1082 introduced by Rep. Kersey containing out disability presumption language, and Reps. Denzo, Bright, and Oxley co-sponsoring HB 1268, which established a grant fund to be used by volunteer fire departments. Unfortunately, these bills did not progress this session. I am sure we will see these, as well as other bills, proposed next session on behalf of the IVFA.

One bill which did become enacted is HB1099 regarding fireworks sales, discharge, and public safety fees. As you are aware, previously in Indiana people purchasing fireworks had to sign an affidavit that those fireworks would not be used in Indiana. Despite signing the affidavits, many people chose to set off fireworks in Indiana. In recognition of that fact, Rep. Frizzell sponsored a bill legalizing sales of certain fireworks to consumers and creating a public safety fee to be paid by the consumer, with the retailer providing the funds to the State. This bill was amended many times, but in its final iteration allows consumers to purchase fireworks to be used in Indiana as long as the purchaser is 18 years of age or older, with the collection of 5% of the retail sales price to be designated as a public safety fee and paid into the State's

general fund. The first million dollars of this fee is to be allocated to the Department of Homeland Security for use in providing regional training for public safety service providers between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Public safety fees collected between one million dollars and two million dollars are to be appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Homeland Security to be used to establish a state disaster relief fund to defray costs incurred by local jurisdictions resulting from declaration of a disaster area by the federal government. The law expires on December 31, 2007, so it will be interesting to see what legislation is introduced next session regarding the sale of fireworks.

HB1099 was the only bill the Legislative Committee was monitoring at an elevated, priority level at the end of the short session. A complete listing of bills the Association was monitoring which actually made it through the legislative process and have been signed into law can be found by viewing the Bill Status Report dated March 30, 2006, on the Association's web site.

In addition to providing a brief legislative overview during the opening session of Convention in June, I have been asked to give a presentation on how bills become laws at one of the sessions. If you are interested in the legislative process, please attend this informative session. I look forward to seeing you in June.

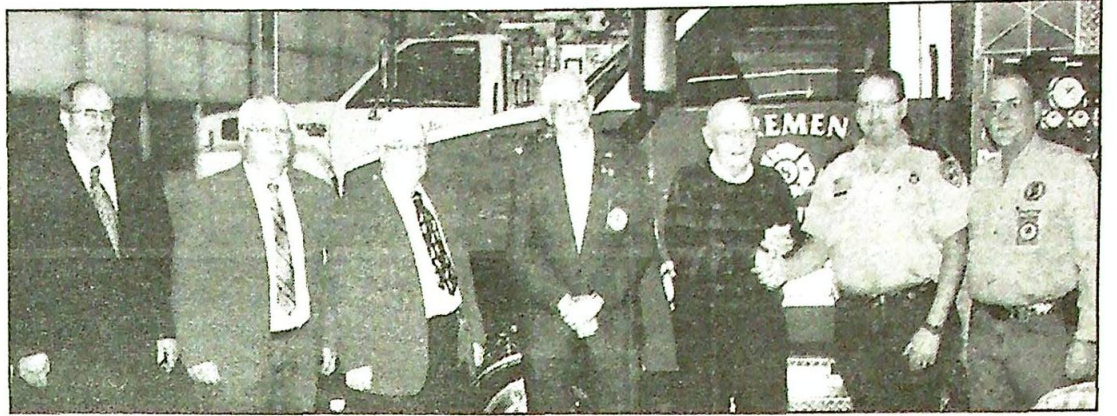
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Fulton Co. Firefighter of the Year George Stephen receives award.

George is a member of Akron-Henry Twp. Fire Department.

(submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Glant receives 50 year Gold Card



Bremen fireman Ernest Glant receives his 50 year Gold Card from son, past president Richard Glant, shown with Jean Smith, past president Buz Koehler, Mitch Parish, vice president Larry Ketchem and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.
(submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Glen Kile awarded 50 year Gold Card

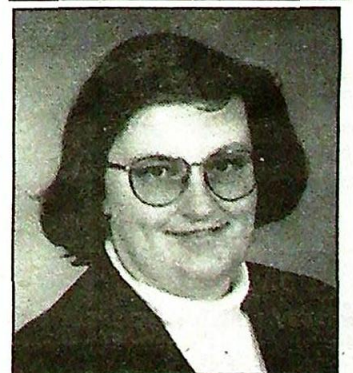


Bremen fireman Glen Kile receives his 50 year Gold Card from past president Richard Glant with past president Buz Koehler, PRNE Jean Smith, District 5 co-chair Tony Farrer, Mitch Parish, vice president Larry Ketchem and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.
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Firefighter of the Year awarded to George Stephen



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IVFA officers, members attend dinner and seminars in Washington, DC

Recently officers of the IVFA and members of the Indiana Fire Institute traveled to Washington, DC to attend the 18th annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars.

This full day of events allowed members of the IVFA shown in this

picture a chance to meet with U.S. Senator Dick Lugar to discuss federal programs and legislation addressing the needs of local fire departments and our challenges and to encourage Senator Lugar to support for the continuing Assistance to Firefighters Grant program administered by the

U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In 2005, there were 149 fire grants worth \$15.7 million were awarded to Indiana.

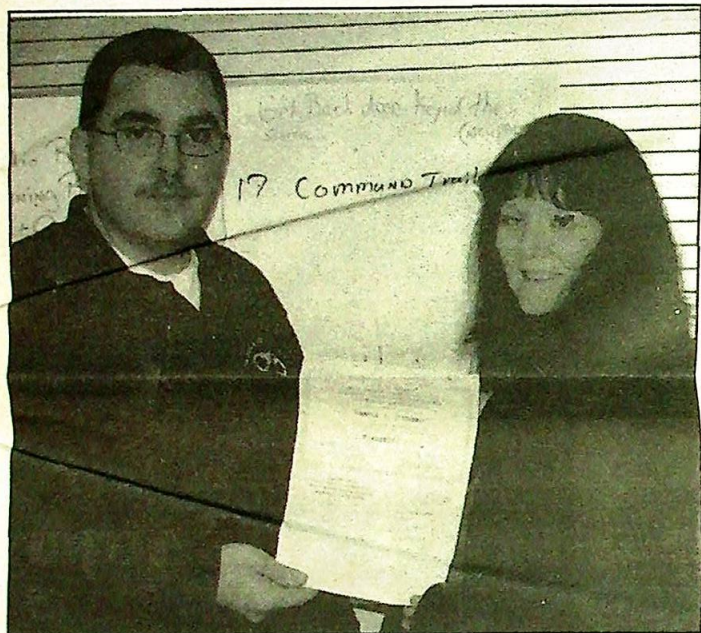
Pictured from left to right, Chuck Parker - District 18, Chief Tim Deckard - District 17B, Buz Koehler -

IVFA board chairman, Al Williamson - District 14, Larry Curl - Administrator for Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program, Chief Dale Henson - Decatur Twp. chairman Indiana Fire Institute, U.S. Senator Dick Lugar, Chief Jim Greeson - Indianapolis Fire, Division

Jerry Nulliner - Fishers Fire, Chief Bill Newgent - Greencastle Fire, Carol Thrawley - District 13A, Mort Sorg - District 7, and vice president Larry Ketchem.

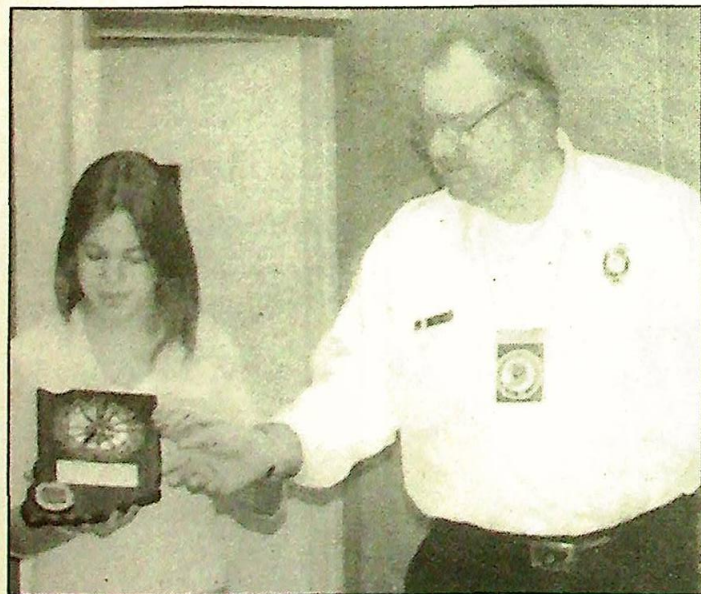
(submitted by Tim Deckard, chairman, District 17B)

Cothorn awarded Fire Medic certificate



Fire Chief Jeff Willen presents Pam Cothorn with Fire Medic certificate. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Farmland given clock for new station addition



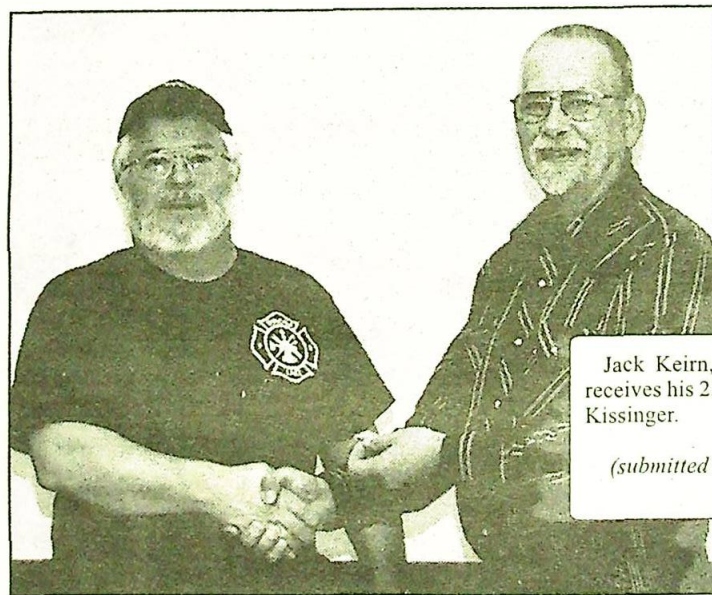
District 8B chairman Lloyd Wright gives Farmland's Miss Flame candidate for District 8B an IVFA clock for the new station addition. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Steven Price presented certificates



Fire chief Jeff Willen presents new firefighter Steven Price Basic Firefighter and Mandatory Firefighter certificates. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Jack Keirn receives 25 year pin



Jack Keirn, (left) Winona Lake Fire Department receives his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger. (submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Voss awarded Fire Medic certification



Farmland Fire Chief Jeff Willen presents firefighter Richard Voss with his Fire Medic certification. The department has 15 fire medics.

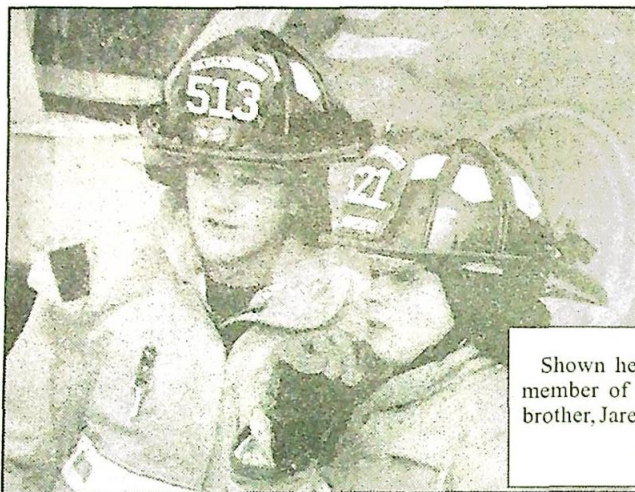
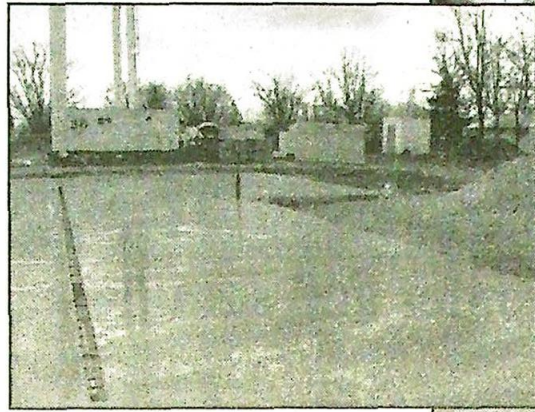
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Parker VFD breaks ground

The Parker Volunteer Fire Department is breaking ground on their new five-bay fire station.

(submitted by Public Relations Ed Caldwell)



Jared Payzant joins brother on Parker V.F.D.

Shown here is Caleb Payzant (left) with the newest member of the Parker Volunteer Fire Department, his brother, Jared Payzant.
(submitted by Public Relations Ed Caldwell)

Departments respond to March barn fire

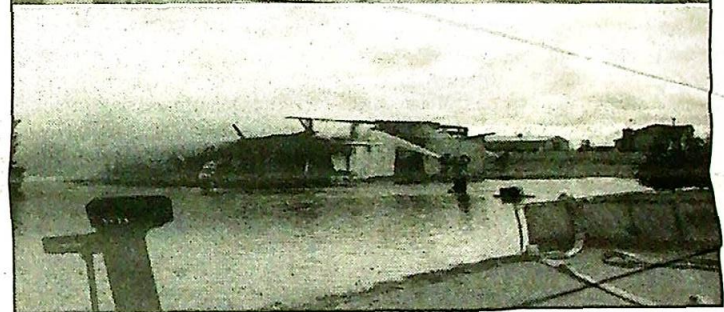


Photo by Tim Smith, Dunreith and Spiceland Vol. Fire Department Photographer.

On March 11th, the Dunreith and Spiceland Vol. Fire Departments were dispatched to a barn fire on County Road 200 West south of 800 South in Henry County.

Upon arrival, a wooden two story structure was fully involved. Mutual aid alarms were issued for water tenders from Lewisville, Straughn, New Lisbon, Raleigh-Mays, and Knightstown.

Southwest Ambulance from Knightstown was dispatched to stand by. The Henry County Red Cross E.R.V. also was dispatched to assist with refreshments for approximately 40 firefighters.

Cause of the fire was determined to be from a lightning strike early on Sunday morning. The barn was a total loss, as well as loss of automotive equipment and stored hay and straw.

No injuries to any firefighters were reported.

(submitted by Carol Thrawley, District 13A chairman)

Ken Corbeille presented 25 year pin and certificate







PR Northwest Jim Bradford and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell presented Lake Station firefighter Ken Corbeille with his 25 year pin and certificate at the District 1 & 2 meeting held at the Lake Station VFD on March 15, 2006.

(submitted by Jim Bradford PRNW)



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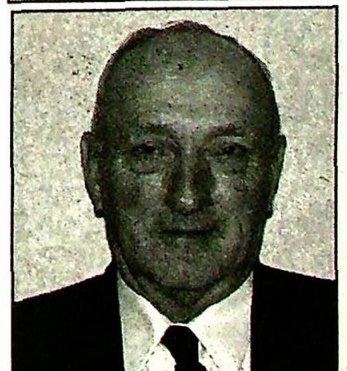
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Advance VFD dedicates new fire station

Three years of planning and possible expansion becomes a reality

The Advance Fire Department celebrated their grand opening of their second station with a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday, March 11th. The station is located on the east side of SR 75 just north of the intersection with SR 32. The building is a three-bay station with expansion of an extra bay to the south and office and training area to the north which will be added on later.

Advance Fire Chief Jim Caldwell spoke to a crowd of almost 100 people that gathered inside the new station. Chief Caldwell credited firefighters and their families with raising funds that have already paid for land acquisition near Western Boone Jr.-Sr. High School and part of the station construction costs and also said there is no cost to taxpayers that he knew of.

J.C. Mitchell, firefighter and the department's treasurer, said Advance firefighters raised \$30,000 to purchase the Dover site and have already raised about \$10,000 more toward building construction cost of about \$135,000. Mitchell said that they're going to keep raising money until they pay off the bank loan. He also explains that the Advance Labor Day festival and support from local churches have been paramount in fund-raising efforts.

Chief Caldwell said that it's a tremendous change in the way we're going to work and it shows the direction we are heading toward the future. He also said proximity to Western Boone High School and the intersection of SR 75 & SR 32 will greatly improve emergency response times in many areas and will also install dry hydrant systems at local ponds as yet another way to fight fires quicker. He also said that they're going to drive insurance down (for

area homeowners) and be able to help people in the best way we can - with emergency response.

Dozens of township and county officials attended the celebration. A check of \$15,000 by the Jefferson Township Advisory Board chairman Karl Miller was presented to Chief Caldwell to go towards building construction cost. Chief Caldwell thanked Western Boone freshman John Scott who will build a 20 foot tall flagpole for the new station as his Eagle Scout project for Advance-based Troop #350.

Chief Caldwell also recognized central Indiana businesses and organizations that proved high-quality services for the fire station project at low cost. They include North Salem State Bank, West Central Indiana Contractors, Taylor Construction, Boone County Excavating, Hopper Excavating, Adams Electric, Lebanon Heat & Cooling, Boone County Electric, Anderson & Associates, C&J Well Co., Boone County REMC, Frontier Co-op and the Boone County Area Plan Commission.

Chief Caldwell also said, at first, seven to eight firefighters will work out of the new station at a time, but he hopes to up that number to between 15 and 20 soon. While his department has 26 members on the roster, he would like to get that to 40 within the next year.

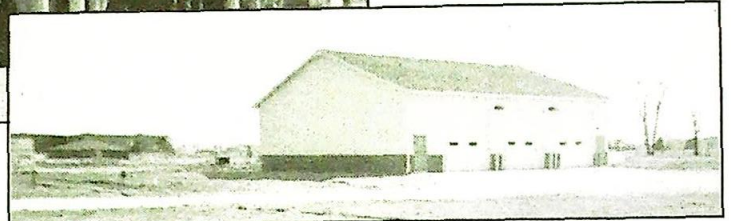
Chief Caldwell said, "If I get a good person, I can make a good firefighter out of him. Our goal is to help people. Whatever it takes to help people, we'll do that."

Anyone interested in joining the Advance Fire Department should call Chief Jim Caldwell at (765) 676-5328. Potential firefighters can fill out an application for review by the

committee that decides which candidate move on to training.
(article courtesy of The Lebanon Reporter and submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)



(At left) - Cutting the ribbon at Advance VFD Station #2.



(Pictured below) - Advance VFD Station #2's proximity to Western Boone High School will greatly improve emergency response times.



Advance VFD dedicates second fire station

During the grand opening celebration of their second station, District 12 vice-chairman Brian Edwards dedicated Advance Volunteer Fire Department's new station with the presentation of an I.V.F.A. clock, given to Chief Jim Caldwell.

(Left) vice chairman Brian Edwards and (right) James L. Caldwell, chief of Advance Volunteer Fire Department.
(submitted by Larry Bruner)

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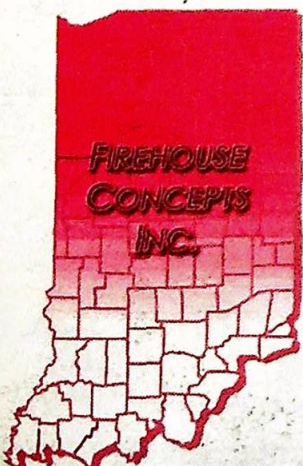


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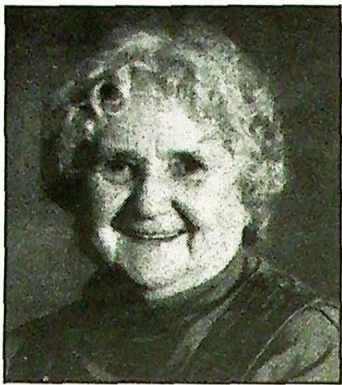
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Girls, I want you to know how much I appreciate all you as officers. I want to say thanks for your devoted time to your districts and the work you do for your own fire department. You are a great bunch of gals.

Hope you have a good time at convention in Indy. I know the committee has worked hard, so if you see any of them, please say thanks for a job well done while you're there.

Sure glad spring has arrived, but I do not like the storms we have been having and I'm sure you don't like them either—so much damage.

As we get into the month of May and June, I'm sure your departments are getting ready for money-making things such as fish fries, carnivals, Bar-B-Q and many other things. I know you as an auxiliary work hard to help your departments.

Congratulations to the Jasonville VFD on their 100th anniversary. They have a lot going on to celebrate starting May 5th thru May 7th. They have worked hard, in fact it's been a year in planning.

Ladies until we meet again, and I do hope I'll see you at convention, take care of yourselves and good luck in your departments and hope your community appreciates all you do.

We have 24 Miss Flames this year. Isn't that great! I'm sure they will have a wonderful time at convention. Thanks to all of you who took the time to get a contestant. Good luck to each and every one of them. They are all winners in our eyes.

Take care, and God bless each and every one of you and your departments.

*Love and prayers,
Joann
IVFAA president*

**2006 Convention Manilla VFD
Schedule of Events member receives award**

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 28, 2006**

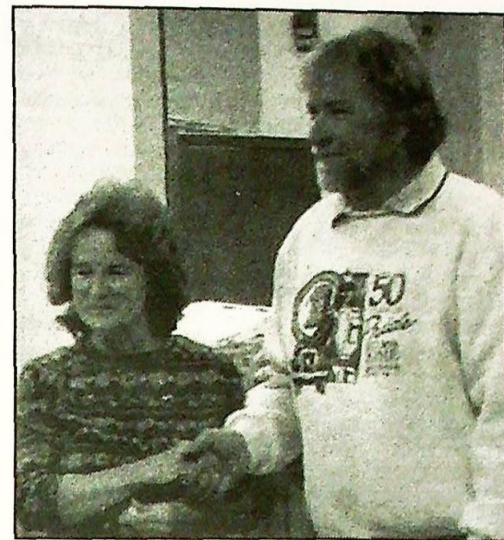
10:00 AM-4:00 PM - Golf Outing - Winding Ridge
9:00 AM-6:00 PM - Registration - Atrium
Exhibits - Salon C, Salon D, Salon E, Atrium
6:00 PM-8:00 PM - Miss Flame Mixer - Willkie
6:00 PM-8:00 PM - BBQ - Liberty Hall
8:00 PM-10:00 PM - Dance - Liberty Hall, Grant Ball Room
6:00 PM-12:00 AM - Beer Wagon, Room 160
6:00 PM-12:00 AM - Hosp. Room - Room 164 and Room 158

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 29, 2006**

7:00 AM-9:30 AM - Registration - Atrium
8:00 AM-12:00 AM - Reception Room - Room 164 and Room 158
8:00 AM-10:00 PM - Hell and Back - Salon 1 and Salon 2
8:00 AM-12:00 PM - Miss Flame pre-judging - Grand Ball Room
8:00 AM-12:00 PM - Miss Flame Holding - Harrison and Willkie
9:00 AM-4:30 PM - Exhibits - Salon C, Salon D, Salon E, Atrium
10:00 AM-12:30 PM - IPSTI - Salon 1 and Salon 2
10:30 AM-11:30 PM - Shokrina Beer - Salon 8
11:30 PM-12:30 PM - Mary Kay - Salon 3
12:00 PM-1:00 PM - Miss Flame lunch - Liberty Hall
1:30 PM-3:00 PM - Miss Flame judging - Grand Ball Room, Harrison, Willkie
3:00 PM-4:00 PM - IVFA Officer's meeting - Salon 1 and Salon 2
3:00 PM-4:00 PM - IVFAA Officer's meeting - Salon 3 and Salon 8
4:00 PM-6:00 PM - Hotdog & Beer Bush - Liberty Hall
8:00 PM-12:30 PM - Beer Wagon - Room 160
7:00 PM-8:30 PM - General Session - Grand Ball Room
9:00 PM-12:00 AM - Dance & Cash Bar - Liberty Hall
9:00 AM-12:00 AM - Hosp. Room - Room 164 and Room 158

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 30, 2006**

6:30 AM - 8:00 AM - Koffee Klutch - Liberty Hall
7:00 AM-9:30 AM - Registration - Atrium
8:00 AM-9:00 AM - Memorial Service - Liberty Hall
9:00 AM-6:00 PM - Exhibits - Salon A, Salon B, Salon C, Salon D, Salon E, Atrium
9:30 AM-12:00 PM - IVFA Annual Meeting - Grand Ball Room 4-5
9:30 AM-12:00 PM - IVFAA Annual Meeting - Salon 6 and Salon 7
1:00 PM-4:00 PM - IVFA Annual Meeting - Grand Ball Room
1:00 PM-4:00 PM - IVFAA Annual Meeting - Salon 6 and Salon 7
4:00 PM-6:00 PM - Beer Wagon - Room 160
6:30 PM-10:00 PM - Kid's Party / Babysitter - Harrison and Willkie
6:30 PM-10:00 PM - Banquet - Liberty Hall
10:30 PM-12:30 AM - Dance & Cash Bar - Liberty Hall
10:30 PM-12:30 AM - Hosp. Room - Room 164 and Room 158



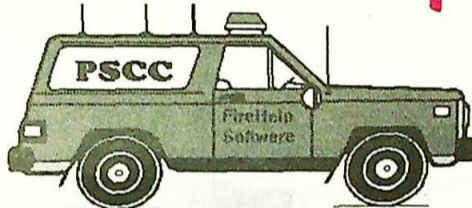
Manilla VFD member Barbara Miller received an early IVFA pin for her courage and motivation and dedication to the Manilla VFD and determination to beat the odds of her bout with cancer.

The night I was there she had received a good report from the doctors of possible remission and beating the odds.

When I called her up front, she said, "I don't have 25 years on the department yet." "I know, but I'm going to give you a pin anyway because I can. Let's mark this good report with a pin and I'll give you another pin when you have your 25 years on the department."

-submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman

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Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

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