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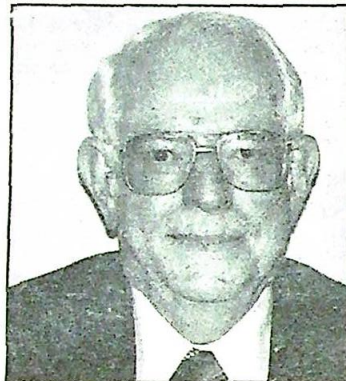
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From The President

Larry Ketchem



Here we are, three months into the new business year and I am not sure what we as an organization, have accomplished. Everything we were attempting to do thru the General Assembly never materialized. Does this mean that we need to work harder? No, it means that we have to work smarter; this we will attempt to during the next session.

Again, this year we are supporting the Fire Service Leadership Seminars, better known as the Fire Chief's Seminars, in the past. This year the seminars are a one day program and by the time you are reading this article, the five sessions will have been completed.

Two of the points of interest for the volunteers this year have been Chief Buckman's class on Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers and the session about the State Mutual Aid System, presented by various speakers.

If you have not already made plans to attend the convention, it is not too late to do so. Steve Anderson, 2007 Convention chairman, states there are

still rooms available. Don't forget about the new games that have been added to the games agenda this year. If you have teams that are planning on participating, please let Steve Lane, State Games Chairman, or Steve Anderson, Convention Chairman, know at your earliest opportunity.

I have also been informed that this year's Miss Flame contest will be one of the largest in recent history. If your department has a young lady in this year's contest, please try to attend the convention and show her your support. Remember, each of the participants is already a winner.

If you have not done so, ladies and gentlemen, please join the state Ladies Auxiliary. You will be eligible to receive a \$2,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy. The death or injury does not have to occur on a fire scene or be fire related. No one wants to think of such things, but unfortunately none of us know what lies around the next corner. This is in addition to the \$2,000 policy your beneficiaries are already eligible to receive. All you need to do is become a member of the IVFAA.

I also want to share with all the membership that we have direct contact to and are working with IDHS. I'm sure many of you were not aware of this.

In closing, get your registrations and reservations in soon for Convention 2007. Look forward to seeing you then.

Larry D. Ketchem,
IVFA President

**2007
Convention
Evansville
June 13 - 16**

Weldon Coslet presented shield for years of dedicated service



Chief Lewis Craig, Sr. of Porter Volunteer Fire Department is shown presenting retired assistant chief Weldon "Peanut" Coslet with his shield for over 30 years of dedicated service to the Porter Volunteer Fire Department.

Also pictured are assistant chief Lewis Craig Jr. and firefighter/EMT Jenny Kelly. -- submitted by Diana L. Orrell, secretary, IVFA Districts 1-2

Slate of officers chosen for 2007

The nominating consisting of chairman past president Jack Zeeks, PRNW Jim Bradford, PRSW Jim Abrams, and District 21 chairman Don Fultz have chosen the following slate of officers for the election of the 2007 IVFA convention.

- President - Larry Ketchem
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 - PRSW (Districts 15, 17A, 17B & 18) - Jim Abrams
 - PRSE (Districts 14, 16 & 19) - Bob McKenzie
- 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 nominating committee.

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I.V.F.A. Benefits 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.

Plan to attend the convention and have some fun June 13 to 16, 2007 in Evansville, Indiana.

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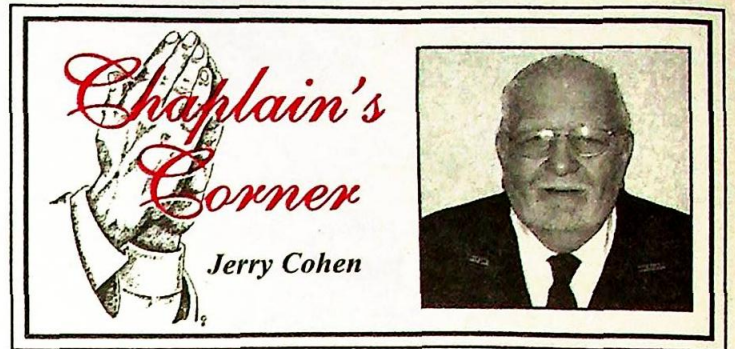
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Two Glasses of Wine

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 glasses of wine...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two glasses of wine from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided. "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things; your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions; things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else; the small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.

The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first; the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the wine represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of glasses of wine with a friend."

Please share this with a friend. I JUST DID.

(sent to Jerry Cohen from Kenneth Lau, District 18 secretary)

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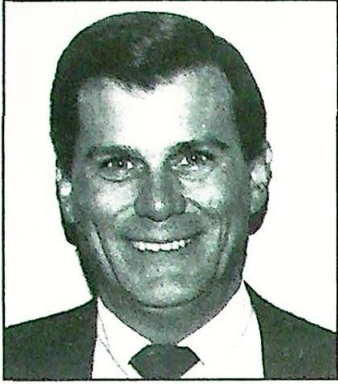
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From The Vice President

David Elick



This has been a very busy quarter. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, winter will be done and over with, and spring will be in full swing.

Thanks to all those who attended the Officer's Orientation classes. A lot of valuable information was presented, and should be shared with your departments. Some of the areas covered were grants, incident reporting, training, developing SOP/SOG's, and a statewide mutual aid system (nice job Shelby County!). However, the message from every speaker was the same. Safety. Safety. Safety. A wise friend of mine once told me, "If it feels good, do it. If it feels real good, do it a lot!" Safety is something that should feel real good to all of us.

Ten of your officers had the privilege of representing the IVFA at the Congressional Fire Services Institute dinner in Washington, D.C. While we were there, we were able to meet with half of our Indiana elected officials. (Thanks Bill, Dale, and Jim!) We could not meet with all, due to ongoing voting on Capitol Hill. Those that we met with were glad we took the time to speak with them, and were receptive, understanding, and supportive of issues affecting volunteer firefighters. Each legislator we spoke with also expressed interest in supporting our grant writing efforts. These people are willing to help; all we have to do is ask. And while we're asking, don't forget our state officials in Indianapolis.

Your legislative committee has been working hard to stay on top of all of the bills and amendments affecting the volunteer fire service this session. Watch the web site, and attend your district meetings for all the latest, most up to date information.

Thanks for allowing me the privilege to serve as your vice president. I look forward to seeing everyone at convention in Evansville. Stay safe!

Sincerely,
Dave Elick
IVFA Vice President

Obituary

Edgar Nigg

Edgar Nigg, age 80, died on Thursday, March 1, 2007. Edgar and his wife, Lovella, were married for 58 years and the parents of two sons and four grandchildren.

On Sunday March 4, 2007, members of the Haysville Fire Department, along with members of the community, gathered to help honor Edgar Nigg as he was taken to his final resting place. With the help of both Huntingburg and Jasper Fire Departments, he was shown the same respect that he had given to the town of Haysville all of his life.

Edgar was one of the original founders of the Haysville Fire Department, and was appointed as the department's first chief in November 1961. Edgar served as chief until January 30, 1982 when he retired for the fire service.

Edgar helped to organize the 18th District IVFA. He served as chairman for two years and as District Chaplain for four years. In 1967, he was appointed as Public Relations Director. On June 12, 1970, he was named Indiana Fireman of the Year at the state convention.

Edgar was a WWII Army Veteran. Edgar and Lovella owned and operated Nigg's Supermarket in Haysville, and he was also Postmaster of the post office. Edgar was also the recipient of the Governor's Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Edgar and

Lovella were named Grand Marshals of the parade for Haysville's 175th birthday celebration.

Edgar was instrumental in bringing a bank, a postal sub-station, and the water department to the town of Haysville. He served on the Lutheran Community Action Board, responsible for doing Chaplaincy work at the Evansville State Hospital, and also served two terms on the Dubois County Bank Advisory Board.

Edgar was serving on the Board of Good Samaritan Nursing Center in Jasper, the Dubois County Council on Aging, and as chairman and treasurer of the Veterans Memorial for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville. He also served as precinct chairman of Harbison Township 1 for many years. Edgar was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he served on various committees, and held several positions, such as council president and treasurer. He was a member of the Haysville Ruritan Club for over 40 years. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 673 and American Legion Post 147, both in Jasper.

Edgar will be missed by all of the many friends in and around the Haysville community.

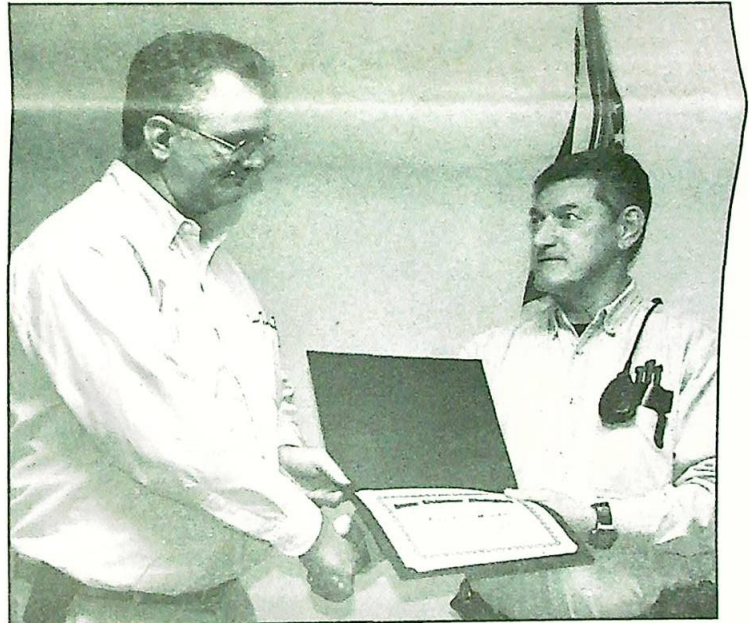
Rest in Peace, Edgar.

Submitted by Lt. Dick Schmitt,
H.V.F.D.

Honoring Edgar Nigg, first Fire Chief of Haysville V.F.D.



Certificate of appreciation awarded to James "Zoomy" Willoughby



District 14 chairman Al Williamson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to James "Zoomy" Willoughby of the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department for 24 years of service.

Zoomy retired January 1, 2007. He started at the (new) McCulloch Fire Station on Allison Ln., and then rose through the ranks to Fire Chief. At the time of his retirement he served as assistant chief.

After having surgery for neck problems Zoomy was unable to continue his service to McCulloch. He was heavily involved in all of the department's activities and will be greatly missed. -- submitted by Al Williamson

Miss Flame contest nearing; record number competing for 2007 title

I am pleased to report that we have a record number of young ladies competing for the title of Miss Flame 2007.

Twenty-three districts have selected representatives to be a part of our Miss Flame program. You may see the pictures of the girls, the departments and the districts they represent in this edition of the paper.

My hometown will be the site of this year's convention and as a convention committee member I hope the girls and their parents will have a great time and will enjoy all the things that have been planned while they are here.

I would like to invite all those attending the convention to come to the open judging on Thursday afternoon and support your favorite candidate. I am sure the judges will not have an easy task as this year's group is an exceptional one.

Thanks to all of you who have lent a hand by your generous donations, your calls of support for the program and to the parents who give of their love and support for their daughters.

See you in Evansville.

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame chairman

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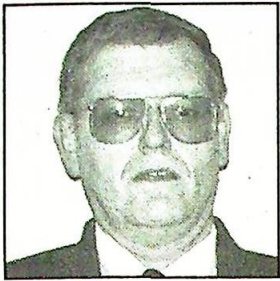
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 CHAIRMAN



Tom Orrell

Porter Fire Department January 17, 2007

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell 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 30 members of 10 departments in District 1 with Ross Township as the trophy winner, and by 23 members of eight departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township as the trophy winner.

Guests included: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, past presidents Buz Koehler and Willie Parish, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA District 2 Miss Flame Mallory Lampa, Greg Eckhardt of PC Hazmat, Eric Kurtz, Wally Macchiarella of Duneland School of Emergency Response, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire and Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniforms.

Chief Lewis T. Craig Sr. gave a brief history on the Porter Fire Department, announcing that 2008 will be the 100-year anniversary for PFD.

Greg Eckhardt spoke on Hazmat information. Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz demonstrated a new fabric on the market for Emergency Service personnel.

Chief Craig and members of the Porter Fire Department presented retired firefighter, Weldon "Peanut" Coslet with his shield mounted on a plaque for 36 years of dedicated service to the town of Porter.

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

Treasurer's report: \$1,753.87 with \$74 going to the Hoosier Burn Camp (donated by Jim Crowell) and \$42 to 2007 attendance Trophies.

Communications:

Past President Koehler advised of a firefighter LOD death in Upland, advised if there were any questions regarding the website to contact the webmaster, and announced several upcoming pieces of legislation.

Past president Parish announced the next paper should be out around the 5th of February.

PR Northwest Bradford advised the next newspaper deadline will be April 10th, reminded everyone of the upcoming Fire Caucus dinner on February 5th in Indianapolis, discussed the new form for the Bridgeport Scholarship, and the insurance and pay requirements the new township trustees will need for each volunteer firefighter.

Wally Macchiarella advised the dates for Duneland Fire School is March 24/25, and March 31/April 1. Wally also advised that at the last IFIA meeting, there was no IVFA representative there.

No old business.

New business. Information regarding 2009 Convention.

No deaths in either district.

Good of the order:

Indiana Fire Service Inst. meeting on May 3rd in Rensselaer at 6:30 p.m.

Lowell FD is looking for a part time fire inspector, must be NFPA Inspector

III.

Lincoln Township has a 95 Spartan Daryl for sale.

The next meeting will be on February 21st in Hebron at the Gathering Place.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Lewis Craig to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
IVFA Districts 1-2

DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN



Paul Watland

Schererville FD March 21, 2007

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Past president Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 32 members of eight departments in District 1 with Merrillville Station #1 as the trophy winner, and by 16 members of five departments in District 2 with Lincoln as the trophy winner.

Guests included: Past presidents Buz Koehler and Willie Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA vice president Martha Thomas, IVFAA District 1 chairperson Phyllis Vargo, 50 year gold card member George Thiel of Griffith FD, retired Schererville firefighters, Roger Meyers, Dick Gerlech, Dick Wagner, Jim Vargo, Fred Bellagio, Gary Robison of IDHS, Bruce Hedrich and Glenn Linhart of Global (Pierce).

Assistant Chief Billy Howe Jr. gave a brief history of the Schererville FD and read a letter from the chief apologizing for his absence, due to the death of a close friend.

Gary Robison of IDHS spoke on NIRFS/Grants and other related information and announced an all day training on April 14th at the Indiana Visitor Center in Hammond from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., requested RSVP to 866-254-1914.

Kim Perry made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to dispense with the reading of February's minutes. Passed.

Communication:

Buz announced nothing left in legislation this year and that the website has all the legislative updates. Buz also advised that Global (Pierce) took over the Midwest Award and will now be called the Global Award.

Jim advised the dues packets would be out by the end of April and request they're looked over closely (especially start dates) due to an error he located. Jim also advised there will be an IVFA booth at Duneland Fire School, reminded everyone to make sure their trustees know the mandates required for the volunteer fire service.

Jerry Cohen advised of a Chaplain's class on March 24th in Palestine.

Phyllis Vargo advised the women have now been included in the insurance and to have all auxiliary members make sure their addresses are current and their dues are up to date.

Treasurer's report: unavailable.

Old business: 2009 IVFA Convention committee meeting on March 28th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson.

No new business.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of retired assistant fire Chief Mill Matthew of Schererville FD and a Crown Point firefighter's wife.

Good of the order:

Schererville Texas Hold 'em tournament at the Safety Village on Friday, March 23rd, \$50 buy in.

Lincoln Township Spring Auction on Saturday, March 24th at 3 p.m. at Thayer FD.

South Haven Firefighter's ball on Saturday, March 31st from 6-12 p.m.

Boone Grove pancake breakfast on April 15th from 7-1 at station #1.

Washington Township FD pancake breakfast on April 22nd from 7-1.

Next meeting on April 18th at Schneider FD.

Greg Eckhardt won \$77.50 in the 50/50 drawing. Several other items donated by Global and Fire Service, Inc. was raffled off as well.

Bob Sztot made a motion, seconded by Bob Casbon to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Passed.

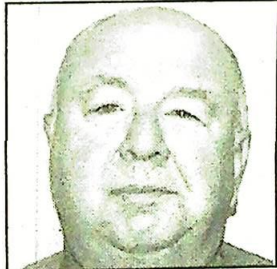
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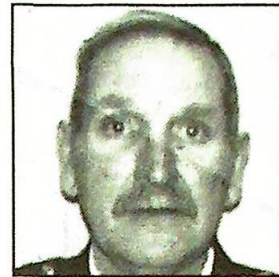
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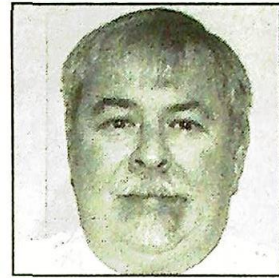
Terry Smith

DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Tony Farrer

DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN



Jerry Sprague

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Maurice 'Mort' Sorg

JANUARY 15, 2007 UNIONDALE

GUESTS: Mr. Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorg at 8:07 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

The first roll call was answered by 32 members from 13 departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg attended the funeral of firefighter Sidney Hall of Upland who was killed in the line of duty at a recent house fire. Mort reported the service was quite

impressive with many firefighters and many pieces of apparatus present.

Chairman Sorg called for any new Fire Chiefs to introduce themselves. The only one present was Ed Connett of Ossian.

Mr. Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast reported three bills were to possibly be introduced in the next General Assembly. All of these will deal with fireworks.

Chairman Sorg announced the next District # 7 meeting will be at Warren, at which the District # 7 Auxiliary will conduct the annual bake sale. The meeting will be held on March 19, 2007.

Dave Aulman of Poe gave an update on the recent land acquisition by Poe Volunteer Fire Department and future plans for pump testing and related facilities.

The second roll call was answered by 32 members from 13 departments.

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

Gary L. Markley,
Secretary

MARCH 19, 2007 WARREN

GUESTS: Mr. Jean Smith, Public Relations Director Northeast.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorg at 8:21 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

The first roll call was answered by 31 members from 12 departments.

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

Chairman Sorg reported there have been two deaths in District # 7 since the last meeting.

Chairman Sorg announced that there will be a few revisions in the convention games at the IVFA Convention.

Chairman Sorg explained the new "SUPPORTING HEROES" program.

Mr. Jean Smith gave a short update on current legislative issues.

Chief Dave Aulman of Poe reported on the Leadership Conference held at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne this past weekend. This program takes the place of the past Fire Chiefs' Orientation.

Mark Sale advised the membership of Midwest Fire & Safety hospitality room at the FDIC in Indianapolis held from April 19 thru 21, 2007.

Chairman Sorg reported the IVFA will have booths 100 & 101 in the Wabash Room at FDIC.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 7

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The second roll call was answered by 31 members from 12 departments.

The next District # 7 meeting will be at Andrews on May 21, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The IVFA District # 7 Ladies Auxiliary held a bake sale after the meeting to defray expenses of our Miss Flame Amanda Myers.

Gary L. Markley,
Secretary

the ladies auxiliary served a real nice lunch for everyone.

Thank you Ward Township firefighters and ladies auxiliary for getting everything ready for the Miss Flame Contest.

After everything was over Eldon, Sharon, and myself traveled back home. I was a real nice guy and didn't leave them there.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

The March 14, 2007 District 8B meeting was held at the West Union Township Volunteer Fire Department, Losantville, Indiana at 7:30 pm.

There were eight departments represented with a total attendance of 18 members. The departments responded with a total of 106 fire runs and 77 EMS runs.

The group talk about the convention coming up in June, bills that are before the house, getting their fire report in, and the new insurance that the IVFA is doing.

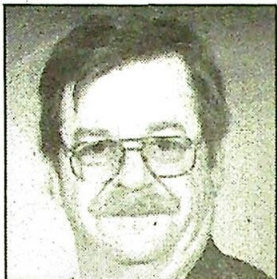
Mention that Leann Blumenhorst is our Miss Flame for 2007 and if they would like for her to attend any of their functions to get a hold of her.

Different things that are happening in the district are as follows: 1. Pennville Volunteer Fire Department is having a basket bingo. 2. Redkey Volunteer Fire Department is having a basket bingo. 3. Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department is having a chicken and fish fry. 4. Bryant Volunteer Fire Department is having a chili supper. 5. Albany Volunteer Fire Department is going to have a hog roast the 30th of June. 6. West Union Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a tractor and truck pull on June 8 & 9. They will also be having a fish fry.

The next district meeting will be held at White River Volunteer Fire Department, Winchester, Indiana on May 9, 2007.

Lloyd E Wright, District 8B

DISTRICT 8A CHAIRMAN



E.W. Pape, Jr.

DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

On January 10, 2007 Eldon Morical of the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department, my wife Sharon, and myself traveled to Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department, Saratoga, Indiana for District 8B's meeting.

The meeting was opened with all members in attendance saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was taken with 10 different departments in attendance. They had a total of 60 fire runs and 86 EMS runs. Also in attendance were Scott Harris, PR director, Kenton Lord Chaplain and several family members of the Miss Flame contestants.

The Miss Flame contest was held with the following girls representing their departments. Ashley Theurer, Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, Kylee Bell, Pennville Volunteer Fire Department, Lindsey Currant, Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, Jessica Ramseyer, Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department, Tiffany Clevenger, Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department and Leeann Blumenhorst, Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department.

Leeann Blumenhorst, Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department was named Miss Flame for 2007. Tiffany Clevenger, Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department was named 2nd runner-up.

Scott Harris, PR director, talk to the group about having a preplan for funeral arrangements in case there was ever a death of a firefighter in the line of duty.

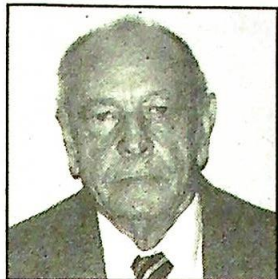
Kent Lord wished everyone well and that they would have a safe year.

The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department brought their Barstool Go Cart Ladder Truck for everyone to see. They were selling tickets for it.

\$1000.00 of proceeds will go to the Burn Camp of Indiana.

After the meeting was adjourned

DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the families of Donald (John) Sturm. John was a 58 year member of Otter Creek Vol. Fire department and served as chief of Station 2 for many years. He received his 50 year Gold card in Sept. of '99 as well as Meritorious service awards from both the Fire Marshal and Governor's office. He also received a letter of commendation from the county sheriff's department. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

I had the privilege of attending a dinner at Sandford Vol. Fire Department to honor a 50 year member of the I.V.F.A. and four 50 year members of the auxiliary. President Ketchem presented a Gold card to Floyd Mason for his 50 years of service.

We had the pleasure of visiting Bob Esserman while in Florida during the month of February. He has some very interesting memorabilia from the fire service including his trip to China. Good to see that he is doing fine and hope to see him at convention this year.

District 11 A will hold their next meeting at Posey Township Fire Dept. May 20th at 1:00 pm. Their station is just south of the school in Staunton.

Until next time work safe and enjoy the warmer weather.

Robert Meyers
District 11A Chairman

purchase his product through several programs that were available.

Chairman Bush called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Roll call was taken with 20 members from eight departments answering the roll. We had four guests present. Chairman Bush asked President Ketchem to speak on the awards program and he encouraged all to participate in this program. Chairman of the Board Jack Kerney spoke on the upcoming bills to be presented to the legislature that pertain to the volunteer fire service. He also mentioned a new \$2,000 accident & dismemberment policy that the Association now has that went into effect on January 1, 2007. Each paid member will receive in the mail information about this policy. A discussion followed his presentation. He mentioned the 2007 convention that will be held in Evansville this year and also the FDIC that will be in Indianapolis April 16th through the 21st.

The recent accidental death of firefighter Steve Smith from Upland was discussed. This is the second one in our area in recent times. Jack Kerney explained to those present the process that his office undertakes following the death of a paid volunteer firefighter after his office is notified.

Barbara Ketchem spoke on the upcoming Miss Flame contest to be held in the district. She gave details and all of the particulars about the contest. Lou Bartlow mentioned that she had raffle tickets available. These tickets are for prizes to be given away at the Miss Flame dance.

Chairman Bush presented the host department certificate to Chief Terry Shields of the Veedersburg Fire Department. Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Secretary

DANA
MARCH 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush, the Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush and the Invocation was led by District 11-B auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies. Chairman Bush introduced the guests present which included state president Larry Ketchem, state secretary Larry Bartlow, state treasurer Bev Harker, District 17A chairman Jack Harker and Mike Fowler from the Fire Marshal's office. The district auxiliary chairperson Barb Ketchem introduced her guests who were state auxiliary president Joann Hays and past auxiliary presidents Lou Bartlow and Maxine Davies.

Chairman Bush introduced PR rep from the WC, Diane Harrison who spoke about the supporting heroes program and what they do to help those in need. They are extremely active in the state and also in Kentucky. He then introduced the new Miss Flame for the district, Ariel Newnum from Hillsdale.

Roll call was taken with 28 members from eight departments present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Under old business, there are two new activities announced for the games. Under new business, it was announced that a Clinton City firefighter, Jerry Sims had passed away. A discussion was

held on the grant program and gave examples of options that were available.

President Larry Ketchem spoke on the current legislation activities. He announced that all bills submitted did not make it out of committee hearings. He announced the fire chief's seminar dates. He also talked about the State of Ohio's Emergency Response plan full scale exercise that he observed this past weekend in Columbus, Ohio. The state of Ohio is the first state in the union to come up with this type of program.

Chairman Bush introduced Mike Fowler from the fire marshal's office as the investigator in this area. He stated that the marshal's office will do the program the same as in the past. There has been no change to the policy. Chairman Bush then announced the prices for the IVFA flags for sale by the district. They are \$5.00 for the double sided flag and \$3.00 for the single sided flag. He then presented Jason Wright of the Dana Volunteer Fire Department with the host certificate. He called on any department present to give dates of their upcoming activities. Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by district auxiliary chaplain, Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Secretary

DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

Greetings from District 12, As our new year started our first district meeting was held January 22nd at Mill Creek Volunteer Fire Department, District 5 in Amo.

Gary Robison, Fire Service Grants and Risk Manager, from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security was there to inform us on available grants and what to expect in 2007.

Our next District 12 meeting was held March 19, 2007 at Eel River Twp. VFD's new fire station in North Salem. Guests were John Rossman of Air Cleaning Specialist, Larry Ketchem, IVFA president, and Diane Harrison, PR West Central.

We've had one death in District 12 since my last article. It was Don Johnson of Decatur Twp. Fire Department. He will be missed by many.

Our next district meeting will be May 21, 2007 at Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Monrovia where we will be presenting them with an IVFA clock for their new fire station.

Larry Bruner
District 12 chairman

DISTRICT 9A CHAIRMAN



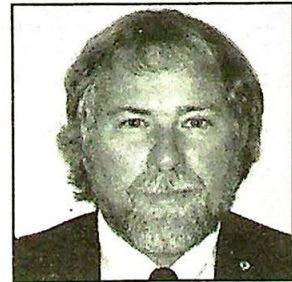
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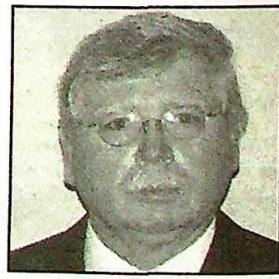
Wm. Brent Bush

VEEDERSBURG
JANUARY 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush, the pledge to the flag was led by state Sgt-at-Arms, Bill Bush and the invocation was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies. Following lunch which was served by the host department auxiliary, chairman Bush introduced the guests present, president Larry Ketchem, chairman of the board Jack Kerney, secretary Larry Bartlow and the state Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush. The district auxiliary vice chairperson Barbara Ketchem introduced her guests.

Chairman Bush introduced the afternoon's program speaker, Jack Rossman with Air Cleaning Specialists who demonstrated his product for removing exhaust fumes from vehicles running in the station and expelling them through vents. This was a very interesting program put on by Mr. Rossman. He then explained how departments could

DISTRICT 13A CHAIRMAN



Carol Thrawley

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2007 Convention - Evansville, IN June 13th to June 16th

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 13B CHAIRMAN



Dennis Spears

a special event. If you haven't attended a district meeting lately you're missing out. I would invite you to our next one on May 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Crothersville. At this meeting we will have training provided by Dove Flight Air Ambulance.

Also in our mail outs we have been asking for e-mail addresses; we have received a few but need several more; please forward them out to me or our secretary as soon as possible.

I hope everybody has a great summer and look forward to seeing you at the next district meeting.

Charlie Moon

DISTRICT 14 CHAIRMAN



Charlie Moon

Greetings,

As winter has gone, summer is beginning; it's a sure sign of the convention is right around the corner. I hope to see a huge turnout from our district.

It's been a busy quarter; I have traveled to several departments and fund raisers. If you have any events coming up please contact me. Our Miss Flame, Kadie Coyne is doing a great job traveling our district meeting with other departments and would love to help out any department doing

DISTRICT 15 CHAIRMAN



Steve Anderson

IVFA District 15 met on Tuesday, January 23rd at McCutchanville Fire Department. Meeting was called to order by chairman Steve Anderson at 7:00 P.M.

Guests in attendance were Jack and Bev Harker, Kenny and Linda Lau, Carol Nichols and Jenny Emery. Four candidates for Miss Flame were also introduced: Katie Wallace from Yankeetown, Katy Fleischmann from

Pigeon Twp., Rachael Fleming from Black Twp. and Mallory Hornbrook from McCutchanville.

A reading was given by Barb Kerney with a moment of silence observed for our fallen brethren.

Pledge to the flag was led by Sgt. at Arms Harry Logan.

Roll call was taken with nine departments answering, 20 members and 12 guests.

Minutes were distributed by the secretary. A motion was made by Harry Logan, seconded by C.L. Mitchell to accept minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was submitted for review. A motion was made by C. L. Mitchell to accept report as reviewed, seconded by Harry Logan. Motion carried.

Membership chairman Davis told group of suggestions that have come from the district. They are open to suggestions and ideas.

Chairman Anderson, also convention chairman gave an up-date on the progress of the convention. Even though hotel has been sold; all prior commitments will be honored.

New things are being added and done every day at the hotel. There are still openings for those who wish to help with the convention. If you have suggestions for tours, please advise committee.

Next convention meeting will be this Sunday at the Executive Inn at 2:00 P.M.

Harry gave a report on District 10 for Homeland Security. Problems still exist.

Next meeting will be March 20th at Pigeon Twp. There will be a District 10

meeting same date. A motion was made by Barb Kerney to keep our regular meeting date; seconded by Heather Martin. Motion carried.

A vote was taken for our Midwest Award winner. 2007 recipient is Bob Heilman from McCutchanville.

Barb Kerney made a motion to make Heather Martin assistant chaplain for the district, Jack Kerney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barb Kerney, Miss Flame chairman for the district introduced the four candidates who were the candidates for 2007. Judges for the event this evening were Jenny Emery, Kenny Lau and Carol Nichols. Barb also thanked Dirk Brinker from Brinker Jewelers who donated a pair of pearl earrings to each of the four girls. Brinkers are from the McCutchanville area. Barb introduced the parents of the girls in the contest.

Jenny Emery gave the judges' decision for the Miss Flame selection. First runner up was Rachel Fleming from Black Twp. and the winner for District 15 is Mallory Hornbrook from McCutchanville. All the girls are winners and should be asked to participate in department and district activities.

Department reports were given. Steve thanked McCutchanville for the meal and for being our host for the evening.

Motion for adjournment was made by Rob Hornbrook, seconded by Jack Kerney.

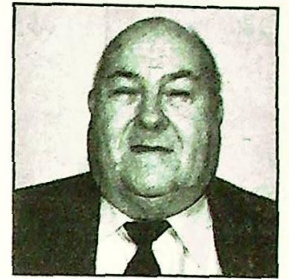
Barb Kerney, Secretary

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DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Jack Harker

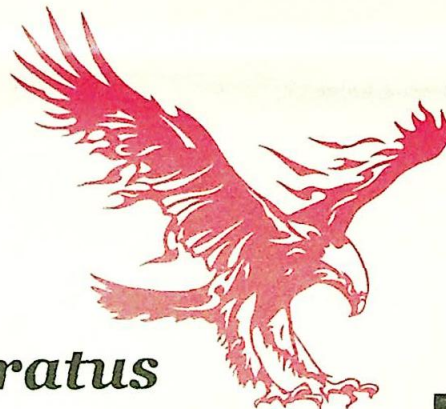
My last District 17A meeting was hosted by Lyons Volunteer Fire Department on March 12th. There were 26 members present representing seven departments. There were also nine guests present.

A Gold card was presented to Eugene Hardesty of Lyons Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years in the fire service.

Chief Tim Smith of Vincennes Township Fire Department spoke about an extrication team.

Have a safe summer!

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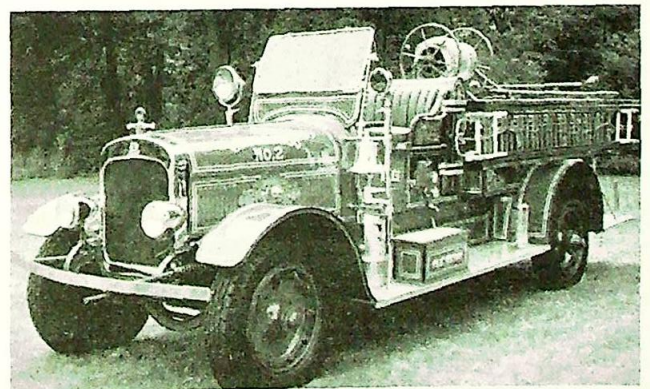
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District 17A.....

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I want to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and phone calls I received after my recent surgery. They all meant a lot to me and my family.
 Jack Harker
 District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

DISTRICT 18 CHAIRMAN



Charles Parker

The last District 18 meeting was held March 15 hosted by Dubois Fire Dept.

There was 84 members and guests attended meeting and 16 departments represented with 230 calls answered since January 18 meeting

Guests: Jack and Barb Kerney, immediate past president and central office manager, respectively; Jim and Stella Abrams, Public Relations SW; Jim Anderson, WBDC News Director; Katie Rickelman, 2006 state Miss Flame; Jillian Hemmer, 2006 District 18 Miss Flame; Terry Tanner, Dubois County sheriff; Carl Deel, State Fire Marshal's Office; Steve Anderson, District 15 IVFA chairman; Dennis Heeke, State Representative (retired); Eric W. Johnson, SUPPORTING HEROES Executive National Director (guest speaker).

Memorial service was held for Robert Cronin, Cannelton VFD; Arnold Heim, Ireland VFD; and Edgar Nigg, Haysville VFD.

Edgar Nigg, first District 18 chairman, answered his "Last Alarm" on March 1.

Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman, addressed the membership

on the 2007 Convention agenda. Eric W. Johnson of SUPPORTING HEROES spoke on what his organization has to offer when fire, police, and EMS personnel make the ultimate sacrifice and die in the line of duty.

Next meeting will be hosted by the Chrisney VFD on May 17 at the Spencer County 4-H Ground, Youth and Community Building

District 18 Chairman
 Chuck Parker

DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

The 2007 state convention at Evansville is fast approaching.

Steve and the convention committee have a great convention planned.

Hope to see everyone at the convention.

Everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ed Scheele
 District 19 chairman

DISTRICT 21 CHAIRMAN



Don Fultz

Legislative Report

by SHOKRINA RADPOUR BEERING, ESQ.
 IVFA LOBBYIST AND COUNSEL

April 9, 2007

As I write this letter today, April 9th, this long legislative session is scheduled to adjourn by April 29th. The main focus of any long legislative session is the budget. At this point in time, the House and Senate have yet to reach an agreement regarding the terms of the budget, so there is a lot of work left to be done over the next couple of weeks. To date, the Governor has not been successful in having bills related to his agenda, set forth in his State of the State Address in January, advanced. The Governor had proposed two new privately built toll roads, but withdrew his plans after a series of "town hall" events across the state highlighted intense public opposition to the toll roads. The Governor's proposals to privatize the Hoosier Lottery, with payment of at least \$1,000,000,000.00 used to continue to cover pensions and auto excise tax relief, and also fund college scholarships and recruit professors to Indiana universities, was passed by the Republican controlled Senate but was prevented from moving forward by Democrat House Speaker Patrick Bauer. The Governor's proposal to increase cigarette tax by \$0.25 per pack and his plan for health insurance coverage for low income Hoosiers have thus far failed in both chambers, but they may be amended into other bills in some form before the session is over.

While the General Assembly has not been able to agree yet regarding such significant measures as the budget and property tax relief, mostly voting along party lines, some unusual measures have received consideration, as well as passage. For example, a bill was introduced to make the Monarch butterfly the official insect of the State of Indiana. While this bill was not heard, a bill was passed recognizing water as the state "official beverage". I'm not sure how Indiana distinguishes itself by this action, since most states seem to have adequate water supplies, and water was not invented in the State of Indiana. I am writing about these actions in this article not to be critical, but to illustrate the tone and demeanor of this legislative session. State Representatives and Senators seem to have had their own agendas this year, or have concentrated on the agendas of their parties rather than emphasizing bipartisan cooperation on some very difficult policy issues. This is sometimes the case, especially when leadership changes occur, as they did in the Indiana House this year. I am hoping the legislators will make significant progress over the next

couple of weeks. Despite the difficult and unpredictable environment, if you've been following along on the website with the weekly letters and bill status reports, you will see that the Association has had some success. Bills related to transfers of property to volunteer fire departments were sponsored in both the House and the Senate, but it is the House bill, 1058, which has momentum. We are still lobbying on this bill as amendments have been made to it. Another bill with which we've had some success is Senate bill 9, regarding fireworks regulations. Multiple bills were introduced in both the House and the Senate regarding consumer fireworks to narrow the law as it was enacted last year. Senate Bill 9, which has been amended many times as well, in its present form has given counties and municipalities the ability to adopt ordinances regulating the time and use of fireworks, and these ordinances have to be at least as strict as the State law. Counties and municipalities may not limit the use of fireworks between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and midnight on July 4 and December 31, and between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. on July 2, 3, 5, 6, or 7. Fireworks may be discharged between 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M. on New Years Day. I am pleased with language in the current version which allocates 50% of the Public Safety fees generated from the sale of fireworks as grants to all volunteer fire departments on a pro rata basis. If this language is enacted into law, it would really be a coup for volunteer fire departments because it would be the donation of state funds to private non-profit corporations. The bill does

not contain a reference as to how the funds are to be used. We'll discuss this in greater detail as an Association if the language remains in the bill.

Another bill which continues to move in the Association's favor is Senate Bill 190 relating to sanitary requirements for serving food. This bill exempts out functions such as fire department pancake breakfasts and chili suppers.

The session began with the filing of 1,420 bills, and at this time about 150 of those bills have passed out of both the House and the Senate. Conference Committees will begin on Thursday, April 12th, to allow Senators and Representatives appointed to serve on the committees to draft language regarding bills of identical topics passed by each chamber to advance for consideration to the full legislature. The only way the legislative session could extend beyond April 29th, 2007, is if the House and Senate cannot agree on a budget. There will be a flurry of activity between now and April 29th, with many compromises being made among the legislators to both pass and defeat legislation this session. It is an exciting and unpredictable time in the session. I will provide Association members with a summary of the legislative session during the convention in June. Please discuss with your district chairs, members of the Legislative Committee, or officers of the IVFA, any items of concern you have which may be addressed legislatively as leadership works to put together the legislative agenda for next session. I'd like to thank the Legislative Services Committee members for their hard work this session: Larry Ketchem; Jack Kerney; Buz Koehler; Jim Parker; David Israel; Larry Bartlow; and David Elick.

IVFA Past President



L. Norman Crocker

Ariel Newnum chosen District 11B Miss Flame



Pictured (left to right) are Marissa Deiner - 1st runner up, Ariel Newnum - Miss Flame and Brittany Short - 2nd runner-up.

The girls were chosen at the District 11-B Miss Flame dance which was held February 11, 2007 in Clinton, IN. -- submitted by Barbara Ketchem, District 11B IVFAA chairman.

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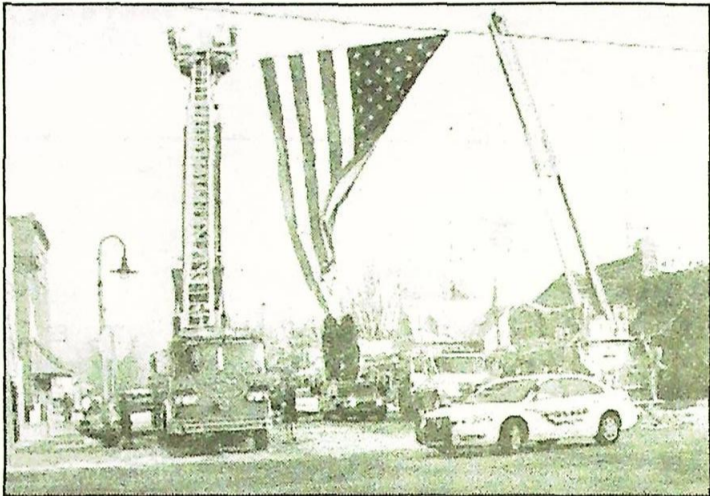
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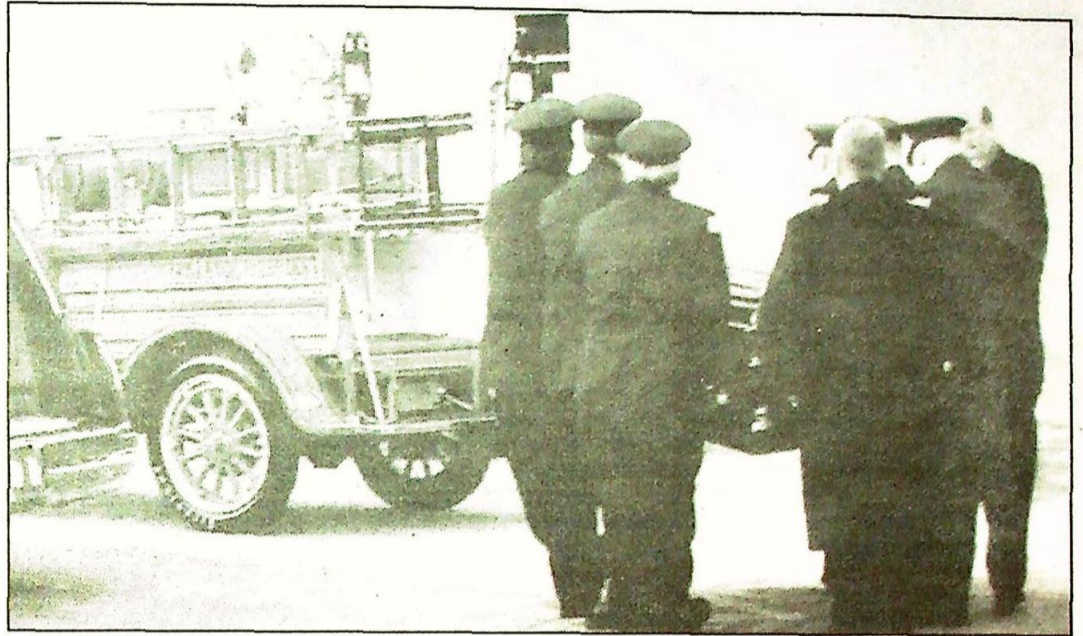


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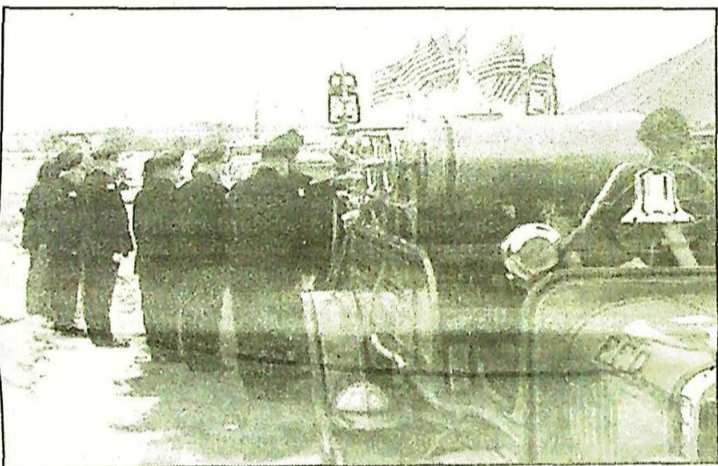
Farmland says good-bye to long time friend and 25 year fire chief



Farmland says good-bye to a long time friend and 25 year fire chief. Center Twp.-Winchester & Parker firefighters helped make Chief Bennett's last alarm a memorable one. Farmland placed Chief Bennett on his favorite truck, a 1922 Model T for his last alarm. -- submitted by Billy Sunday.



Farmland firefighter remove Chief Bennett from the hearse onto the 1922 Model T fire truck for his last alarm to his final resting place. -- submitted by Billy Sunday.



Firefighters stand at the final resting place of Chief Bennett while the American Legion Post 353 of Farmland had a full military service. -- submitted by Billy Sunday.

Special thank you

Farmland firefighters would like to say a special thank you to the Winchester Fire Department, the Center Twp. Fire Department, and the Parker Fire Department for raising the flag over the street in Farmland and covering the station during our time of need.

Thank you all -- you will not be forgotten.

Farmland Firefighters

Monte Wright presented 25 year pin



Farmland Fire Chief Mike Osgood, right, presented Monte Wright a 25 year pin at Farmland's regular monthly meeting. -- submitted by Billy Sunday.

Walker receives 2006 Firefighter of Year award



Eric W. Walker received the 2006 Firefighter of the Year Award for the Oakland City Fire Department. Eric has been a member of the department since 1994 and holds the ranking of Captain. He is also a certified investigator and diver and is on the Rapid Intervention Team. He is a full time firefighter with Princeton Fire Territory. Eric was chosen for his dedication to the department and his community. (Left to right) Walker with plaque and Mayor Hugh Wirth presenting the award at the city council meeting. -- submitted by James Deffendall, Chief - Oakland City Fire Department, Oakland City, Indiana

Happy Birthday

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May 4 - Christine Stephens
May 5 - Jane Ferro



JUNE
June 6 - Barbara Ketchem
June 15 - June Cahill



JULY
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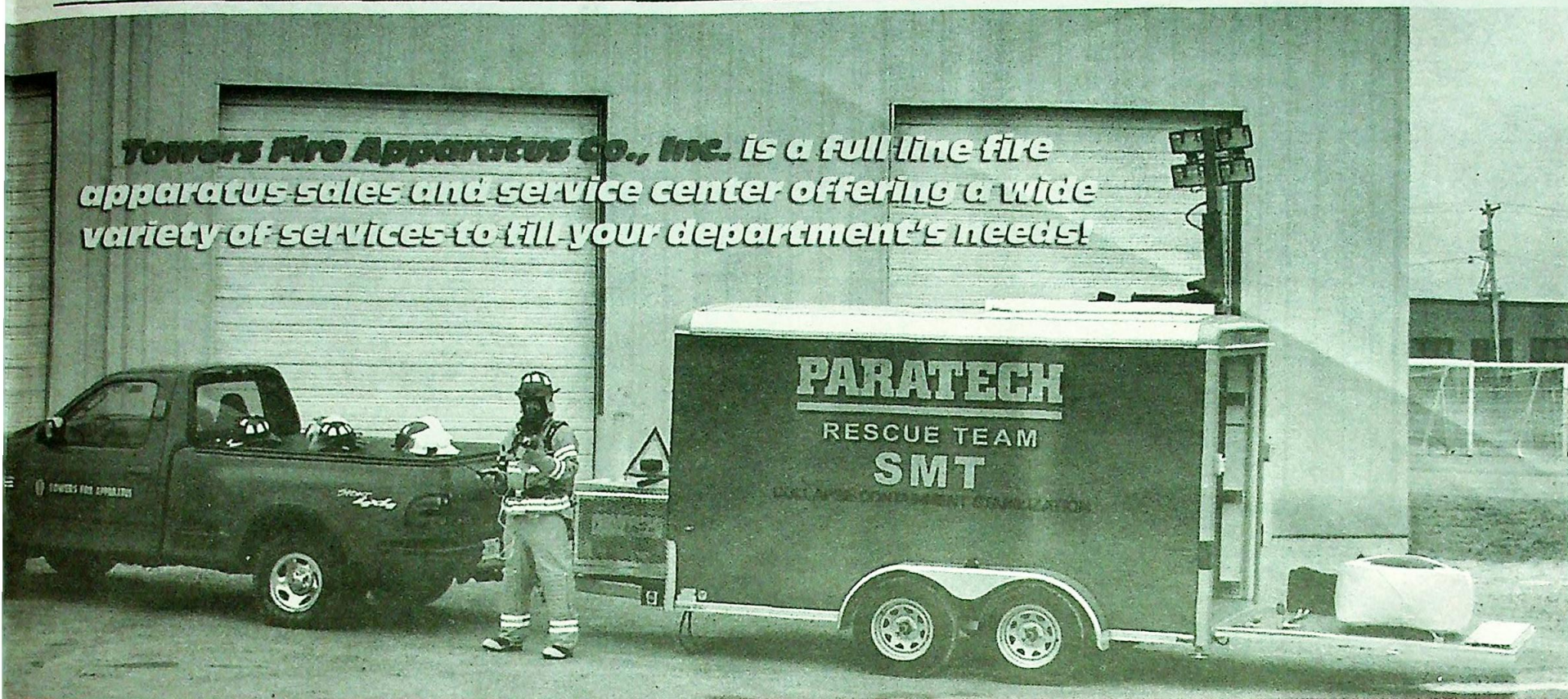
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2007 COLUMBUS, IN

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Ketchem at 2:00 p.m. Associate chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the invocation. Vice president Dave Elick led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President introduced our first speaker, Gary Robison, from Department of Homeland Security. He talked about the Assistant To Firefighters Grant that is coming up in mid March. There will be 15 Grant Workshops throughout the State. They are posted on the website. Need to attend a workshop if you are planning to apply for a Grant. Also talked on other Grants that are still running.

He also discussed the e-mail change that is coming soon. He will no longer be sending e-mails. They are setting a List Server to handle all E-Mails. You will be able to go to the Server and check E-mails that you want to see. DHS.In.Gov. is going to be remodeled in April.

Working with Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, I.V.F.A. and other Fire organizations to establish a Firefighter Memorial team to respond on Line of Duty, active Firefighter and retired Firefighter deaths to assist the Fire Department with the necessary procedures and information that they need to follow for all benefits the individual is entitled to. This will be an advisory group.

There is no State death benefits payable to emergency personnel. All fire departments are required by law to carry Workman's Compensation and Death Benefit Insurance in the amount of \$150,000 and a \$6000 death benefit payable directly to the funeral home. The Federal Public Safety Officer Death benefit is \$292,000 payable to all emergency services personnel for Line of Duty Death.

Putting together an IOSHA checklist for department. All posters are available on line from the Department of Labor. IOSHA has a program called INSAFE that will come and help you find your problems. They will not site a violation unless it is major.

Marshal Roger Johnson was the next speaker. He reported that he will report to Counter Terrorism Committee next week as to where firefighting needs to be in the next five years. The main issue is more state funding for Firefighters in Training and Safety areas. He spoke on things that need to be studied to improve the program.

Chief John Buckman was the next speaker. Stated the mandatory

training student manuals will still be provided free upon request. Need to check IDHS Web site for courses on training. You can download Instructors Guides, Student manuals and Power Point presentations from the site. There are about 60 different training courses on the web site. Fire Chiefs' Seminars will start about March 17, 2007. Date and locations will be on the web site. Also doing re-evaluation on the missed test questions. If a question has a less than 70% pass rate the questions are checked to see why and rewritten.

Working with IOSHA to find out what the top 10 things they are citing Fire Departments for and working to educate departments on how to prevent these problems.

CONVENTION 2007 - STEVE ANDERSON: Plans for changes to the Games to increase interest. They are adding a Pumper Pull contest and a Bucket Brigade contest. The schedule for convention is in the paper. On Wednesday those that are arriving after 4:15 will be able to register at the fairgrounds. The vendor show will be held at the hotel. The large meetings (opening meeting, IVFA business meeting and banquet) will all be with round tables. The hotel will start sending confirmations about Feb. 15, 2007. Issued a challenge to all district chairmen to get a gift basket of products that represent your district to be used as door prizes.

GAMES - STEVE LANE: Presented some of the changes that the Games Committee thinks are needed. Those being doing away with the Cart Race and the Hose Replacement and replace them with a Bucket Brigade and a Pumper Pull. The Cart Race and the Hose Replacement have not had a contest the past two years. They will have Men/Women Waterball and Men/Women Bucket Brigade. They would also like to purchase the trophies as needed. This would eliminate the cost of the unused trophies each year. Also would like to purchase Games Patches as needed and presented later, again this would eliminate the expense of unused patches.

President Ketchem called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Bill Pape, District 8A made motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and except them as printed. Paul Watland, District 2, made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

PRESIDENT LARRY KETCHEM: Not done much since becoming president due to heart surgery. Will not be able to go to Washington, D.C.

VICE PRESIDENT DAVE ELICK: Attended Line of Duty Death. Attended retirement party and a department awards presentation. Looking at possibility of new award for (Jr. Firefighter, Cadet or Rookie of the Year), need input on desire to pursue this idea. If the idea is doable the guidelines and qualifications will be established.

CHAPLAIN ED GERDOWSKY: Attended several memorial services, fundraisers and district meetings.

SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW: Attended two district meetings and a Miss Flame dance.

TREASURER BEV HARKER: Attended two memorial services, five district meetings, two fundraisers and two open houses. Explained Profit and Loss sheet for 2006. Explained the 2007 Profit and Loss sheet and a printout of all deposits and checks for 2006. Bill Pape, District 8A made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Bob McKenzie, PRSE made the second. Motion passed.

SGT-AT-ARMS BRENT BUSH: Reported that Bill is doing good following his surgery. Brought the supplies that had been ordered.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRNW JIM BRADFORD: Attended six district meetings, two Porter County Fire Association meetings, one fundraiser, two trips to Printco for newspaper, one Gold Card presentation and one station dedication. Driven a total of 1297 miles this quarter.

PRNE JEAN SMITH: Attended eight district meetings and two memorial services.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON: Attended four district meetings and one Greene County Firefighters' meeting.

PREC SCOTT HARRIS: Attended four district meetings, one station dedication, one Line of Duty Death service. Been in contact with all district chairmen in the PR area.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS: Attended five district meetings and visited three departments.

PRSE BOB MCKENZIE: Attended six district meetings and visited three departments.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

JACK KERNEY: Pass.
BUZ KOEHLER: Pass.
JACK ZEEKS: Pass.

MITCH PARISH: Attended two dinners and traveling with Buz.

IVANNEVIL: Pass.
CARL BRUNS: Pass.
JIM PARKER: Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 - TOM ORRELL: Next meeting is March 14, 2007, at Schererville. **PROBLEMS:** Several complaints received that the I.V.F.A. has not been represented at Duneland School of Emergency Response and at I.F.I.A. meetings. Money shortages and personnel "burnout" (from increased training, meeting and responses) reported to be increasing in some departments; causing shortages at calls and lower attendance.

DISTRICT 2 - PAUL WATLAND: Next meeting February 21, 2007 at Hebron Volunteer Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3 - DAVE KAUFMAN: Next meeting March 15, 2007 at LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4 - TERRY WRIGHT: Next meeting April 25, 2007 at Bennton Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 5 - TONY FARRER: Next meeting March 8, 2007 at Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Grass Creek.

DISTRICT 6 - JERRY SPRAGUE: Next March 27, 2007 at Waterloo Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7 - MORT SORG: Next meeting March 20, 2007 at Warren Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A - BILL PAPE: Next meeting March 14, 2007 at Atlanta Fire Dept. Had concern from district why Green Light authority was not included on the back of IVFA membership cards? The reason being the Blue Light Law as printed on the card is courtesy to the Fire Chief where he can use as a permission letter to run a "Blue Light" as required by Law. The authority to run "Green Light" can only be granted by the Director of Homeland Security.

DISTRICT 8B - LLOYD WRIGHT: Next meeting March 14, 2007 at West Union Volunteer Fire Dept. in Losantville.

DISTRICT 9A - JON RANDLE: Next meeting March 22, 2007 at Cutler Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9B - RANDY DENTON: Absent.

DISTRICT 10 - DAVID ISRAEL: Next meeting February 21, 2007 at Jonesville Volunteer Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A - BOB MEYERS (PETE TAYLOR): Next meeting March 18, 2007 at Wright Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. in Midland.

DISTRICT 11B - BRENT BUSH: Next meeting March 11, 2007 at Dana Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 12 - LARRY BRUNER:

Next meeting March 19, 2007 at Eel River Volunteer Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13A - CAROL THRAWLEY: Next meeting March 15, 2007 at Buck Creek Station #2 in Mount Comfort.

DISTRICT 13B - DENNIS SPEARS: Next meeting February 18, 2007 at Centerville Fire/Rescue.

DISTRICT 14 - CHARLIE MOON: Next meeting March 7, 2007 at Madison Twp. Fire Company.

DISTRICT 15 - STEVE ANDERSON: Next meeting March 20, 2007 at Pigeon Twp. Fire Dept. in Selvin.

DISTRICT 16 - PAUL HOLCOMB: Next meeting March 7, 2007 at Marengo-Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17A - JACK HARKER: Next meeting March 12, 2007 at Lyons Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17B - TIM DECKARD: Next meeting February 15, 2007 at Bedford Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 18 - CHARLES PARKER: Next meeting is March 15, 2007 at Dubois Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19 - ED SCHEELE: Next meeting March 22, 2007 at Otter Creek Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 - DON FULTZ: Next meeting April 30, 2007 at Michigantown Fire Dept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION - DAVID ISRAEL: New guidelines are passed out today. Bids for Convention 2009 are due this weekend. At this time we have possible three sites wanting Convention 2009.

BUDGET - BEV HARKER: Pass.
INSURANCE - LARRY KETCHEM: Pass.

BRIDGEPORT - CARL BRUNS: Applications are due with deadline of March 1, 2007 very near.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD: Latest issue of paper was 17,700 copies. Some startup problems with Shepard's Services with bad addresses (1200). Deadline for the next issue of the newspaper is April 10, 2007. Paper cost per paper for 2006 was 28 cents.

AD-TAKER - MITCH PARISH: Need to improve quality of pictures being sent to paper. Has three unpaid ads filed in Small Claims Court for February 4, 2007 totaling \$488. One outstanding ad for November.

AWARDS - DAVE ELICK: Committee met this morning and selected an Ollie Sandburg and Angel Award winners. Need the names from each district for the Midwest Award today.

CLOTHING CLAIMS - JIM BRADFORD: Has three claims quarter; two for glasses were paid and one for jewelry that was denied.

Recessed at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.
Associate chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave morning message.

LEGISLATIVE - JIM PARKER: Of our seven priorities for Legislative action only one made it into the process. That is tax exemption for volunteer firefighters. Two bills support this and they are H.B. 1174 and H.B. 1409. They are in committee. (Support).

H.B. 1058 and S.B. 143 deal with a town or city can donate equipment to a volunteer fire department with no strings attached. (Support).

S.B. 190 to remove expiration date on exception to Food Handler permit. (Support).

S.B. 483 remove billing for all fire runs. (Oppose).

H.B. 1645 would allow the Cumulative Equipment Fund to be used for General Budget items. (Oppose). Similar bill H.B. 1413 was withdrawn by the author of the Bill.

HJR 4 is an Amendment to the State Constitution to allow county government to appoint or abolish any

of the local government units in the county. (Way to do away with township trustees.)

Several other bills involving public safety about fireworks and sprinklers are being watched by us.

ERIC JOHNSON - Representing Fallen Heroes - Group started September 2004 to give support to Line of Duty Deaths. Covers all of Indiana and Kentucky Police, Firefighters and EMS personnel. Provide survivors with a check for \$3000. Also now providing additional help as needed to the families. Operates mostly on individual sponsors. They have been involved with Indiana Firefighters four times this past year.

BY-LAW & SOG - JIM PARKER: New copies were to be passed out today but an error was found in the new printing; so they will be reprinted and passed out in May.

LOGO - CHARLIE PARKER: Pass.
MEMBERSHIP - STEVE ANDERSON: the IVFA pamphlet needs updates made and reprinted in March.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - JACK KERNEY: Next will be in Washington, D.C.

FIRE INSTRUCTOR'S ASSOCIATION - JACK KERNEY: Question why IVFA not represented at Instructors Conference in North Indiana? Jack Kerney stated he did not know anything about it. Seems to be failure in communications.

FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE - BUZ KOEHLER: Seminar at 1:00 p.m. February 5, 2007. Dinner that evening.

IVFA OFFICE - JACK KERNEY: Starting to put together dues packets for next year.

FDIC - JACK KERNEY: It is April 19, 20, 21, 2007. If you can help, call Jack for a time.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY: Last meeting was at Wayne Twp. with seven members present. They reviewed 197 variances and suspend two instructors.

WEB SITE - BUZ KOEHLER: Web master is doing great job. Keep the information coming to him so he can keep the site current.

The next Fire Caucus meeting is May 3, 2007 at Rensselaer Fire Department at 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Aflec Insurance proposal. At this time nothing happening.

The telemarketing program - nothing.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Elick wanted input into a new CADET AWARD program if we wanted to pursue this issue. Steve Anderson made a motion that we establish a committee to make recommendations. Bill Pape made the second. Discussion followed. Much concern about details and guidelines and maybe trying to rush this program to happen. Bill Pape withdrew his second and Steve Anderson withdrew his motion.

The awards committee to review program. Steve Anderson will be an assistant to the Awards Committee for this program.

Meetings for 2007 are the first weekend of each quarter. May 5 & 6, August 4 & 5 and November 3 & 4.

Motion made by Jim Parker we adjourn and go to board meeting. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2007

Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler called the meeting to order. He asked immediate past president Jack Kerney if he would accept the job of Chairman of the Board? President Kerney answered, "Yes".

Chairman Kerney then called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Jim Bradford to accept them as printed. Paul Watland made the second. Motion passed.

1. Trophies and patches for 2007 Games. A motion by Jim Parker that we

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use the games chairman suggestion and only purchase trophies as needed. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

2. Support the Hoosier Burn Camp. Paul Watland made the motion to donate \$1000 to the Camp. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

3. Supporting Heroes. Decided on individual support of this organization. Allow them free booth space at convention and let them join us at the FDIC if they so desire. We will pass the hat at Convention for donations.

4. Money to print IVFA information pamphlet. Jim Parker made motion to print 2500 pamphlets. Bob McKenzie made the second. Motion passed.

5. Pay voucher for Memorial Service by Pete Taylor. Ivan Nevil made the motion to pay this claim. Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed.

6. Purchase for giveaway at FDIC. Paul Watland made a motion to purchase two clocks, as in the past, to be given away. Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed.

Motion by Jim Parker to adjourn. The second by Mitch Parish. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow,
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2006 Convention Minutes

MINUTES OF THE 62ND ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING

FRIDAY JUNE 30, 2006

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

President Kerney: I call the 62nd Annual Convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association to order. After the invocation by Chaplain Jerry Cohen. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Vice President Larry Ketchem. Chaplain Cohen.

Chaplain Cohen offered prayer.

President Kerney: Delegate mileage forty-four and half cents. We will have the Pledge to the Flag.

Vice President Ketchem: Pledge to the Flag.

President Kerney: Secretary Bartlow, I need the reading of minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting

David Elick: Mr. President, I make a motion that we suspend with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed.

President Kerney: Chairman David Elick makes a motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes of 2005. Bill Pape: Bill Pape, District 8A, second.

President Kerney: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say "aye". Opposed same sign. We have a couple of individuals who would like to address the body.

President Tom Hanify of the Indiana Firefighter's Union.

President Hanify: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to touch on a couple of things. First and foremost, I want to thank Jack Kerney for his friendship, his guidance, his leadership and his cooperation. I want to talk about that for just a moment. His cooperation, the efforts we have made in the last four years at the statehouse was a combined effort between the IVFA and the Fire Chief's Association, the IFA and the career of the professional firefighter's union. No longer can the legislators turn to us and say 'We can't do that'. The reason is before we do anything, we all know each other doing. We are not here to tell you thanks for that cooperation, thanks allowing your leadership. We work with everybody and it has always been there. We are changing the culture of the fire service in Indiana. Changing it from 'me' to 'us'. And I thank you for that. Recent legislation or not, that is politics. We sat around for ten years in the fire marshal's office, sued the fireworks industry and for ten years, they lost. After ten years, you have to think of another strategy. If you cannot get rid of them, let's regulate them. And that is what we did in the last General Assembly. We put some regulations on the fire personnel. Now we have to go back and be sure that that five-percent tax and make sure it goes back to the fire service. We have to go back and speak to our legislator's back in our communities and say that is imperative. If you don't know it, the fire service training has been funded in the past when you pay your homeowner's insurance there is a fee that used to go to the fire service. The governor took that money from the fire service, from the fire marshal's office and put into the general fund. We as a group together, cannot allow that to happen again. I leadership and I need you to say make sure that money gets dedicated to the fire service supplement the training. Next, I want to talk about the training. I want to complement your leadership on representing your interests. We need assistance, we don't need mandates. We need help getting the job done. We don't need training that you do in Indianapolis, in McCutchanville. We need to provide for our communities. We know best how that works. We should make that clear. They are out looking for your interests, these

people that you send out in Indianapolis, they make it abundantly clear. The last thing will be on communications. I came to the body several years ago and spoke for a few moments and I said you know it is amazing that we agree on some things and disagree on others. There is nothing wrong with that. The fact of the matter is that I have been doing this for four years and really have not found an issue that we disagree on. I am sure there is going to be something on some issues. As long as you know it's there is nothing wrong with it. I am sincere; I have not found the first issue. We are all in this together. We want to send everyone home at the end of the fire run and that is the most important thing. Thank you for giving me a few minutes and I look forward to working with you. Thank you, thank you, Jack.

President Kerney: Larry Curl, do you want to address the body?

Larry Curl: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to let you know the words you just heard from Tom are true and honest. If we are going to make a difference in the fire service, we should follow those guidelines. We need to make sure that our legislators do not take our money. It is our money. If we are going to continue to improve we have got to make sure that those folks know that we need our money. I have been to conventions as many of you have. I have had the opportunity to host the event. We have attended many conferences. In my perspective, event. I come to you this morning representing the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the volunteer combination officers section. Many of you are members of that, I am aware of that. Unfortunately, not all of you. We have produced in the last six months, our second document. It is titled *Lighting the Pathways to Evolution* talking about the Volunteer fire service, combination fire service what we need to do to get our legislators involved. I do have a half dozen copies with me. I would be happy to share that with you. As part of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and as a joint venture between the National Volunteer Fire Council, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Firefighter's Association we have developed a program called FIRECORE. Have you heard the term FIRECORE? Not nearly enough hands went up. FIRECORE is the opportunity for us in the fire service to seek out, gain, and to request and ask for assistance participation. It is a way to bring our communities closer to the citizens and the citizens closer to our departments. How many of you have a strong relationship with your community? I am surprised that many hands went up. We don't have a strong relationship with our communities. They know we are there. They call when they need us and we respond when they call. But to have a good strong healthy relationship FIRECORE is nothing more than citizens helping EMS and the fire service. What we are trying to do is introduce the program into the nation's fire service thus allowing you folks to go out and listen to a group of citizens to do non-operational type activities. We are not asking the citizens to come in and be firefighters or EMTs. We are asking them to come in and participate on a non-operational basis. About seventy five percent of your time is in non-operational activities. You do fund raisers, public relations, you do the accounting, all of those things that truly does not take a skill level are provided. Why do we continue to utilize our time in non-operational activities? Why don't we go out and seek out the folks in our communities and have them do that. And we do that

in a basis of fire service, not volunteers, not careers, not combination, but as a fire service. We are looking to implement, assist to help out in the fire service. Many peoples in our communities would be willing to give you some time, they just don't want to take the time that it takes to be a firefighter. Why is that? Because to be a firefighter in today's business, you have to be a jack of all trades. In time we get what is called burn out. We fall short of being able to provide all that is needed in the time that we have to provide. Where do our short comings fall in at? Usually in the to do that. At an event where there is a lot of public relations we will show up but where we fail to show up is at those trainings and at those emergency calls. That is when we need you and that is what we train you for. What we are proposing to do is and we have a full program schedules and I will be happy to come to your district meetings. What we are proposing is to implement, look at and evaluate of your department needs and raise up the concept of the fire corps. Bringing citizens in to do what their skill levels allow them to do and allowing us to evaluate what we need to do. It is working all across the country. We have large metropolitan departments participating. LA is doing the FIRECORE program; Phoenix, Arizona is doing the FIRECORE program. Chicago is looking at doing the program. We also have some rural departments looking at the program. It is good for all sizes and all levels regardless if they are volunteer or a combination or a career department. Please call today, I would love to talk to you about the FIRECORE program. I brought some brochures with me and I would like for you to take one with you when you leave. I invite you to go to our website www.firecore.org. Look at it and if we can be of any assistance, please call.

Thank You.

President Kerney: I would like to thank Larry and Carol for stepping in and taking care of our outerwear that we sell. So, Larry and Carol again this year have donated their time to do that for us. I want to personally thank Larry and Carol for doing that. At this time, we have the Miss Flame contestants arriving. What do you think guys.

Barbara Kerney: Good Morning. These girls have had a busy time in the sunshine. We want to share with you this morning, our thoughts and thanks for things that the IVFA has provided to the girls during this week. As you know, we crowned a new queen last night. Katelyn Rickelman is from District 18 and our runner-up is Micajah Green from District 11A. Every one of these girls are winners. Be sure and invite them and include them in your activities during the year. They are proud to represent your district and they want to be a part of it. Be sure and include them when you have an event. Katelyn, would you like to say something?

Miss Flame Katelyn Rickelman: I just want to say thank you for all of your support. I could not have done this without you guys. I am honored to be the Miss Flame for you guys and I want you to invite me to anything that you can. I would love to come to all of your open houses. I think you should be so proud of these girls because they are amazing and they all deserve to be winner. Thank you.

Barbara Kerney: There are some people that I need to thank. Larry and Barb Ketchem for providing the trophy every year for these girls. Jack and I give them their albums each year. This year, we need to thank Larry and Carol Curl for the beautiful sashes that were given to the winners.

Be sure to thank Carol for the great job that she did on those. We also want to thank you for your gift to the girls that we are getting ready to give. Thanks for your help this year.

President Kerney: I would like for all district chairmen to distribute their delegate vouchers. See that they are filled out properly, remember only one delegate from each district is entitled to mileage from their home to Indianapolis and back home. One member from each department. Districts, poll your delegates and get them recorded on the roll call sheet. I need the mileage and credentials committee to come forward and report to Treasurer Bev Harker. That will be Bev Harker, Ivan Nevil, Mitch Parish, Don Cushman, and Jim Bradford. I also need the roll call committee to come forward and report to Larry Bartlow. Roll call committee, Larry Bartlow, Carl Bruns, Jim Abrams, Richard Glant, and Robert McKenzie. Would you come forward and report to your respective chairmen. Again for all of you who where not in here, mileage is forty four and one half cents for you delegates from each department. We will go on with our business at hand.

President's report: I have traveled 23,190 miles this year since last convention. The district chairmen have been very busy. I appreciate your help. I appreciate all of the work you have done trying to get new members. The membership of this association as of 2005, when we closed the books was 17,390. We have lost a few but keep in mind we got some departments that are going combination and we are going to have that. We got some departments that are joining each other, becoming consolidated. We are seeing a lot of that. Like it or not, we do not like to lose our identity. That has created some problems and we have lost some older members that no longer want to be associated with a combined department of maybe three or four departments. They don't like the idea losing our identity. We have some projects ahead of us and some challenges to get these people back. We got quite a few departments out there that still does not belong. We got to get the word out what we can do. We have added some new benefits at no cost to them. We need to tap those and we are going to be looking at some more benefits that we can also offer. Our lobbyist, Shokrina Beering has done a terrific job again for us this year. Keep in mind that the agenda of the governor was not our agenda. We did not fare too well but hope we make up ground in the session this year. Last of all, I would like to thank everybody for your encouragement and support. You do not know how good it feels to have someone come up to you and say -- I think you have done a great job. It really does make me feel good. It makes you think that the effort you have put into it was worthwhile. I want to thank all of you for your support. Vice President Ketchem would you like to give your report?

Vice President Ketchem: Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have seen more of Indiana in these last few months than I have seen for years. I have traveled the state all of my life but not near as extensively as I have with this organization. Not in the right places possibly with a mission that was put upon me by Homeland Security. I have been in your areas, I just have not been in your firehouses. We have more of that to face us, everybody in every place that I go, they keep talking about the career and the volunteers. We were all volunteers at one time. Every firefighter in this country is a volunteer firefighter. I hope that what we were doing is for the betterment of the fire service. If we can continue to strive and goal as we are today, with your inputs and if we can get

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**Public Relations
Director
West Central
Diane Harrison**



Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

It's been a very busy quarter. Fundraising season is getting in full swing. Be sure to put your upcoming fund raisers on our website.

I have been appointed to the State Fire and Emergency Services Memorial Team by President Larry Ketchem. This committee was established to set guidelines for Line of Duty Deaths, active members' memorials and retired members' memorials. Of course it is always the family wishes that we do. We will be forming teams to help families and fire departments that experience a Line of Duty Death. There are representatives from each Fire and EMS organization on this team.

I am very excited about the auction for Hoosier Burn Camp. It will be on Wednesday night at Convention. If you have anything you would like to donate to the auction please let me know or bring it with you to Convention. Let's make it our goal to send three children to camp that is \$3,000.00, so bring lots of money and come and have a good time.

The Convention Committee has been working very hard to make sure we have a great convention so come and support their efforts by attending Convention.

I also became a district coordinator for Supporting Heroes. I would be happy to attend any of your meetings to talk. Supporting Heroes is a very worthwhile organization to help honor our fallen brothers and sisters, and assist the families and the fire department in a line of duty death, plus so much more.

Until next time, stay safe.

Diane Harrison
PRWC

Have a safe summer!

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

District 13-A Term: Jan 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2007

District 21 Term: Jan. 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2007

District 2 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

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the attention of our lawmakers. If we can ring their bells and get them starting to hear us, we are going to get some attention. It is going to take the effort of all of us in this room. It is going to take the effort that you go back to your firehouses, to your stations and your home communities and say we are going to be heard. There are power in numbers. And we got the numbers. We are just not getting their attention. I have had the opportunity to travel for this organization into other states. I thought we were head and shoulders above the rest. Ladies and Gentlemen, let me tell you we don't know a thing. There are states out there that are head and shoulders above us. But we can do the very same thing. We have got to get the attention of our lawmakers. People are taking us for granted. We are there, your neighbors, they know you are firefighters. You would be surprised at some of the communities that would say, 'I didn't know Tim Deckard was fire chief'. Because it is not important until they need you. I have said it before and I will say it again, I think if we would poll our general assembly and you would say to any senator, 'Where is your fire service coming from, or where does your coverage come from, he would say I don't know, I just dial 911.' We got to get the word out to those people that when you dial 911, yes, we are going to provide the service; it is not a career, it is a professional firefighter is going to show. Everybody in this room is a professional. Gene Goddard would stand up and make that statement. Everybody in this room is a professional. The only difference between you and our career buddies is that one of us is getting paid for it. We all do the same job. We all train from the same hose and what have you. I have had a challenge this past year. I don't know if I have driven as many miles as our president. I am sure that I have not. But I have driven a bunch of them. I have a long road ahead. We can be successful if you people will make it happen. Ring my bell, tell me where I need to be, tell me where we got the fire and let's go see if we can put it out. I thank you for your support. But let's let the people know that we prime organization in the State of Indiana. Thank you.

President Kerney: Mr. Parker.

Jim Parker: Jack, in that same vein to the message to the group, I would like to cite an example of something that occurred in a neighboring state. Eight years ago, in Kentucky the volunteer firefighter group went to their legislators and asked for things such as we asked for. They were turned down. The legislators, like our legislators, a lot of them did not recognize what it takes to keep a volunteer fire service going. The volunteer fire service got real busy. A third of the legislators in the next election were not reelected. When the election was over and things settled down, a couple of months later, the legislative leaders came to the volunteer leadership and said what can we do for you? The volunteers did not go to them, the legislators came to

the volunteers. We wheel a big stick if we use it, and we use it right. They got their attention down there. Jack will tell you some of the things that are happening in Kentucky today as far as training is concerned. Guys, they are ahead of us. Way ahead of us.

President Kerney: I might elaborate on that a little bit. I have met with some of the Kentucky delegates quite often. One thing that they did is reviewing certain number of hours that each department does in training. And looking at other reports, they get eighty six hundred dollars and is going up to ninety two hundred dollars. That is just for doing their training and also doing their reports. They have just taken delivery on a fire trailers. These are not propane, these were made by Dreagor and one of them was here at FDIC. They took delivery on four of those. They just wrote a purchase order for a trailer for driver's training. It will be their first trailer. They are going to see what they need to do with this one before ordering some more. You will be able to train four firefighters at one time in this trailer in driver's training, it is a simulator. There will be a custom chassis, it will be a conventional chassis, there is a brush truck type chassis and also a command vehicle type chassis. They will be able to do driver's training in the trailer. They wrote the purchase order for them and they are being built now. When they get this completed, and anything they need to add, they will order more of those for the state of Kentucky. They have also started with the software people to do a trailer; their first one to do strategy and tactics. The software company says it can be done, no problem. They will be able to sit there and actually squirt water. Now, it won't be real water but it will be like shooting in a video game, shooting that gun. The software people said they can do it. As soon as it is done, they are going to be writing a purchase order for that. This is all funded through the legislature, it is not from anybody else. They have got their ducks in a row. Some of the stuff we steal from them, the bill that we are going to introduce this time pertaining to the firefighter injury and not being released from his job. They went to that the first time and got it. We are going to be looking at that. If you get a chance, some of you guys that neighbor Kentucky, go over and talk to them and get some ideas from them, they are good people to talk to. Chaplain Cohen, would you like to give your report?

Chaplain Cohen: I just want you to know that is a real honor for me to be your chaplain. I have tried real hard to chair the duties with my associates. If you noticed this morning during the memorial service I had several of the associates helping me. We have been very fortunate up until a week ago, we have had a very good record. So far, we have only had one man killed in the line of duty. I just want you to know that in Indiana now we have a Fire Chaplain's Association, we have thirty members. Thirty chaplains and we bring training into the state to train

chaplains through the Federation of Fire Chaplains. If there is anybody out there who would like to become a chaplain, please see me or any of my associate chaplains. Thank you very much and God bless you all.

President Kerney: Thanks, Jerry. Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Bush. Would you like to give your report?

Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush: I got a good one, Jack. I appreciate all of the concerns that I had regarding the fire house clocks. A gentlemen walked up to me a while ago and said they would need a new clock. The clock is on order and will be in the mail today and it will be there at his house when he gets home. I really appreciate this job, I think I have done the best that I could. I have done the best that I could; some of the supplies that you have wanted do not have with me. I do not haul them with me like I did. I am sure in future time what materializes from today on it will be handled in a very mannerly way. If I can be a guest of yours and eat a steak supper or leave the money at my door.

President Kerney: Larry Bartlow, do you have a report?

Larry Bartlow: Pass.

President Kerney: Treasurer Bev Harker, do you have a report?

Bev Harker: Pass.

President Kerney: I call on all district chairmen to turn in your delegate vouchers. Public Relation reports. Northwest, Jim Bradford. Do you have a report?

Jim Bradford: Pass.

Northwest, Jean Smith:

Jean Smith: Pass.

President Kerney: PR West Central, Diane Harrison. That's right Diane went to the funeral.

East Central, Don Cushman:

Don Cushman: Pass.

President Kerney: Southwest, Jim Abrams.

Jim Abrams: Pass.

President Kerney: Southeast, Robert McKenzie.

Robert McKenzie: Pass.

President Kerney: District chairmen reports. District 1, Tom Orrell.

Tom Orrell: Pass.

President Kerney: District 2, Paul Watland.

Paul Watland: Pass.

President Kerney: District 3, Dave Kaufman.

Dave Kaufman: Pass.

President Kerney: District 4, Terry Smith.

Terry Smith: Pass.

President Kerney: District 5, Don Kissinger.

Don Kissinger: Pass.

President Kerney: District 6, David Elick.

David Elick: Pass.

President Kerney: District 7, Mort Sorg.

Mort Sorg: Pass.

President Kerney: District 8A, Bill Pape.

Bill Pape: Pass.

President Kerney: District 8B, Lloyd Wright.

Lloyd Wright: Pass.

President Kerney: District 9A, Jon Randle.

Jon Randle: Pass.

President Kerney: District 9B,

Randy Denton. Randy is not here, he had to go back to work.

District 10: David Israel.

David Israel: Pass.

President Kerney: District 11A, Robert Meyers.

Robert Meyers: Pass.

President Kerney: District 11B, Brent Bush.

Brent Bush: Pass.

President Kerney: District 12, Larry Bruner.

Larry Bruner: Pass.

President Kerney: District 13A, Carol Thrawley.

Carol Thrawley: Pass.

President Kerney: District 13B, Dennis Spears.

Dennis Spears: Pass.

President Kerney: District 14, Al Williamson.

Al Williamson: Pass.

President Kerney: District 15, Steve Anderson.

Steve Anderson: Pass for now.

President Kerney: District 16, Mike Holcomb.

Mike Holcomb: Pass.

President Kerney: District 17A, Sam Emery.

Sam Emery: Pass.

President Kerney: District 17B, Tim Deckard.

Tim Deckard: Pass.

President Kerney: District 18, Charles Parker.

Charles Parker: Pass.

President Kerney: District 19, Ed Scheele.

Ed Scheele: Pass.

President Kerney: District 21, Don Fultz, he went to the funeral.

Past President's reports, Jim Parker:

President Jim Parker: Pass.

President Kerney: President Bruns.

President Bruns: Pass.

President Kerney: President Nevil.

President Nevil: Pass.

President Kerney: President Parish.

President Parish: Pass.

President Kerney: President Glant.

President Glant: Pass.

President Kerney: President Zeeks.

President Zeeks: Pass.

President Kerney: President Koehler.

President Koehler: Thank you, Mr.

President. I would like to respond to the body that it has been my pleasure to serve as your board leader for the past two years. I look forward to continuing on after I step down from that position to inactive past president. Thank you.

President Kerney: Thank you, President Koehler. President Koehler, did your audit committee get all of their business completed? Committee reports.

Legislation, Jim Parker:

Jim Parker: Jack, I have something to add to Shokrina's report from last night. I would like to remind all of you we are looking for several changes in the legislature this year after the elections. We won't know who exactly to contact yet about our legislation. After the election we will. I would like to remind you once we have our agenda in the legislature and have bill numbers, Jack will keep everyone informed, at least the district chairmen, informed through e-mail what is transpiring down there. Each of you are more than welcome and I hope you do tune into our website. It

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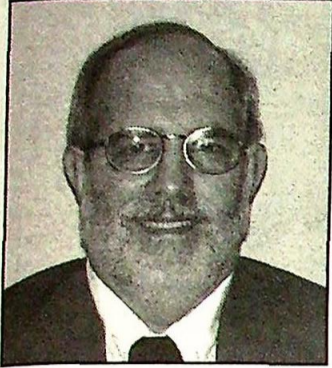
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Spring is upon us as summer is close by. We have changed our clocks to daylight savings time. This also would be a good time to change the batteries in our smoke alarms.

IVFA Convention 2007 will be June 13th-June 16th, at Executive Inn, Evansville. This year at convention they our bringing back the Bucket Brigade contest. They also will be trying a new event, Pumper Pull, you only need five individuals to pull a fire engine a designated distance for time.

I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the districts in Public Relations Area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates, Shelby Leech, District #4 - Penn Township, Amber Farrer, District #5 - Bremen, Kristen Wylie, District #6 - South Milford, Amanda Myers, District #7 - Monroeville.

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will be updated as to the position of the bills that we are sponsoring also bills that can pop up that we don't know about yet.

President Kerney: Those of you that attended the seminar that Shokrina had on how a bill becomes law, we had some other discussions in there, one of them was who are the key players. Who is your legislator next to? Who in your area places calls to your legislator? Who goes to his BBQ's? Who shakes his hand? Who follows him around? That's the person we need to know. We are going to be looking for these people. We will be sending out some questionnaires who is that key person this is with your legislators. The reason we are going to do this, these might be the people that we need to do to make the call on that has the contact with that legislator. We are going to try this. There was a pretty good discussion about it and we are going to give it a shot and see what happens. I also might mention that the questionnaires, the National Fire Council questionnaires, on what you are worth to your community are coming in fairly well. I would say we got sixty of them already back. We are going to use this information to help our legislative cause. Those of you who have not filled them out, if you are a chief, please try and get them back. If you know your department has not filled them out, try to convince your chief to get them sent back so we can come up with what the word of what the fire service is in the State of Indiana. Try to get those done.

Convention Committee, David Israel.

David Israel: Just a couple things, Jack. Would like to commend Larry Curl for what he said this morning. The marshal does have a lot of obstacles to overcome to put on this convention and I thought they have

done a great job. Also today, we will be selecting a 2008 site. At this time, I know of two districts that is going to put in a bid 17B, Tim Deckard's in Bloomington and District 19, Ed Scheele and Steve Mackey to bid for the Belterra. That is all I now at this time.

President Kerney: Thanks, David. Do you know of any other that is going to bid for the convention? If you would have them get with David so we are not hit blind sided. Have them get in touch with David. I need the executive committee to meet following this meeting. We have an emergency meeting that we need to get conducted. As soon as we get done with this meeting, the exec meeting will meet right up here. Budget committee, Bev Harker, do you have anything?

Bev Harker: No, I do not.
President Kerney: Insurance committee. We are going to be meeting on some more benefits that we are going to be looking at. We will be doing that prior to our August meeting. So the insurance group will be meeting on some more benefits. Bridgeport Scholarship Committee, Carl Bruns.

Carl Bruns: Yes, we have three winners, they will all be here along with their parents.

President Kerney: It is very important that the dues are paid on time. I think we had two that we had to reject. Four or five applications if I remember right because their dues was not paid on time. So, it is very important that the dues are paid by July 31st. One of the benefits, I will go back to the insurance committee, one of the benefits that we were exhibiting at our convention. One was the firefighters credit-union a lot of you she said have already started signing up. They are really pleased with the activity we are getting from the firefighters in the state of Indiana joining the firefighter's credit union. If you haven't done that and you would like to join, they are in the exhibit area. Urban Mortgage has become a very good partner. They have also have had a lot of inquiries and they have also been a good partner on some of the things that we need financial help on. They set the plate and helped us with the Miss Flame luncheon. Provident Insurance stepped forward and helped us with the Miss Flame luncheon. Jones and Associates also helped us with the Miss Flame luncheon. These are some of the partners and the players that we are dealing with. Hopefully we can extend that to a bigger group. Editor's assistant, Jim Bradford, do you have anything?

Jim Bradford: Pass.
President Kerney: Again, don't forget your articles due by July 10th, make sure you get them in. Ad Taker, Mitch Parish.

Mitch Parish: Pass.
President Kerney: Clothing Claims, Jim Bradford.
Jim Bradford: Pass.
President Kerney: Awards Committee, Larry Ketchem.

Larry Ketchem: I probably should pass. I think the awards committee this time have done a fine job. Ivan Nevil, I know Ivan is busy back there but I think we should recognize him as the newest member of the red jacket club. As far as the awards go, Ladies and Gentlemen, we do not do enough. There has got to be other things out there that can be given as an award. No one likes to be reprimanded but everyone likes to be recognized. We don't do enough of it. I just came back from down before we started the meeting here to pick up the traditional Midwest awards. As many of you know, all of you know may or may not know, that Midwest is under a new ownership. I have asked one of their representatives or all of them that are here to be present tonight to hand out the awards to the recipients who are present. Tonight at the banquet, when it comes time to present the Midwest awards, I will

read off traditionally your district number. I will then ask you if you want the name read and make the presentation here and it is either yes or no. If it is no, then the name that is on the plaque will not be revealed to break the ultimate of surprise. When you go back to your home station or districts and make that later on. I do wish we could come up with more awards. I am sure there are things out there that if we work on them long enough we could figure what we would like to do. Mr. President, if I may, while I am here let me finish the other categories that I have. On schools and training, that program is changing so fast for those of you in the meeting yesterday morning. You can see what is a happening to us coming down the pike. I think we got to stand back, take a long look at it and see what we need to do now to benefit our firefighters. We cannot be all things to all people but we got to get them started in that mandatory level so we can get them up and move them out. I think that it is the education departments not getting the stuff out to you so that you can do your job. If I am wrong, I will stand corrected but they are going to have to prove to me that I am wrong. Public Education, we opened it up and we have not done a thing on public education. In working with the communities and talking to them about the fireworks and what have you. We are going to have more people hurt, burned or mauled during this fourth of July weekend than we ever had before based upon the law now reads. Some of these repellants in these aerial devices you can hold them in the palm of your hand, you have got a pound, pound and a quarter of black power in your hand When it goes boom, your hand is going to be gone. People are not aware of that. That falls under our element of public education. In conjunction with the people pass the bill they did not put any training safety factors with it either. I guess that is all I have, Mr. President.

President Kerney: Annual meeting and digest.

Larry Bartlow: Pass.
Mr. IVFA committee, Mitch Parish.
Mitch Parish: Pass.

President Kerney: By-Laws and SOG's, Jim Parker.

Jim Parker: Pass.
President Kerney: Logo committee, Chuck Parker.

Chuck Parker: Pass
President Kerney: Membership, Steve Anderson.

Steve Anderson: By the numbers, 17,004 the question is where are they at? How can we go and get them. Anybody that has suggestions or ideas, stop by and talk to me, Buz, Carl Bruns, Jim Parker I think is on that committee, Al and Ed Scheele, if you guys would give us some ideas on other benefits, other things that we can come up with to look for those members we would appreciate it.

President Kerney: One thing we might mention too is that we are looking at trying to bring the EMS into our SOG's and bring them into the mix. This is a program that the National Volunteer Fire Council has started, they are rewriting their bylaws SOG's and bringing in the volunteer EMS service into their membership. Associate membership, all of us have individuals and companies, corporations in your districts that would be willing to pay twenty dollars and become an associate member. Buz, I think got four of them. Contact them and make them as associate member that will be money in our program.

Buz Koehler: Mr. President, I would like to challenge every fire chief in this room to get six people in his community to become associate members. I believe that is an easy thing to do. I spent about two days at the most. The only thing I gave them right away is a receipt for their check with a thank you certificate. They can be printed right off of your computer, just sign it and give it to them. They

were "Very willing to help out. So I challenge every district and every department in the state to try to get six people in their communities to be an associate member.

President Kerney: We also have a window decal that we will be sending out and Buz will get six of those. We will be sending those associate member decals out. Parliamentarian, Tim Deckard.

Tim Deckard: Pass.
President Kerney: Photographer, Don Kissinger.

Don Kissinger: Pass.
President Kerney: Games, Steve Lane, Steve is not here. National Volunteer Fire Council, Mitch Parish.

Mitch Parish: Pass.
President Kerney: Board of Firefighter Personnel Training and Education, again, I want to thank everybody who came to the meeting. The mandatory program is in place. They are now cutting the CD's. All you have to do is request one, they will give you all of the information. Fire Service Institute, Mitch Parish.

Mitch Parish: Pass.
President Kerney: Historian, John Davies.

John Davies: Pass.
President Kerney: 2006 Convention, Dave Martin.

Dave Martin: Pass.
President Kerney: 2007 Convention, Steve Anderson.

Steve Anderson: I just got some disappointing news. I heard that you guys did not go home and tell the ladies who are in the other meeting things that we told you last year. They did not know an eighty-dollar hotel bid or hotel price that you guys voted on last year. This year, we are going to add a couple of things, our price and we will register out here by the 06 registration booth. We will be giving out registration forms, hotel registration forms, you can either contact the hotel yourself or you can leave the form with us. We will take them back and turn them in for you. We are not going to have a drink badge individually sold. They will be included in our price. Our registration fee will be fifty-five dollars, with that we are going to add lunch on Friday. We are now up to five meals, Wednesday night, Thursday night and the three meals on Friday. Drinks are included and an additional meal fifty five dollars flat fee. Be thinking of events that you would like to see. We were in this room last night to do some brainstorming; they had a dance going on and there was forty-three people in there. I know there was District 18 hospitality room and also District 17A hospitality room plus whatever we

want to call this here. Ivan had his truck and the trailer out in the parking lot. I was really disturbed about the events that were planned for the evening. It is the things that we are going to throw into our event that is going to make it exciting and things to remember. I did lose some enthusiasm last night when there were two hundred and fifty seats there with only forty-three people sitting in them. Be thinking of some things that we want to plan for everyone where you guys can have a great time. If you have any ideas on what you would like to do, I know there are things that we have not thought of yet. Let us know and we will try coming up with some neat things that will give you a great time. Any questions? Thirteen through the seventeenth or it will be Wednesday through Saturday, June the thirteenth through the seventeenth if I am right. Executive Inn in Evansville the same place we were in 2002. Everything will be there or we will haul you to the locations. There will be a sixty-dollar registration fee after June 7th of next year. The fifty five-dollar is the early bird special. We also are having a drawing for those who registered today. We got a one night hotel stay plus an associated hotel that are nationwide; we also have a Jack Daniels replica fire truck from their distillery plant. So if you sign up with us today, or tonight, we will draw during the dance at the banquet after everybody had a chance to register. Any other questions? We will be in the lobby next to the shirts. Stop by and we will answer your questions. Thank you.

President Kerney: Our committee has been working very hard on that convention. I would say we are far enough along right now that we could probably do the convention next month. This is the fifth one that we have done Steve? A lot of our committees has taken place. We have a fund raising committee that is out beating the doors and getting some funding, we have some good things planned. We are going to try a couple of different things. Election committee report. Richard Glant, will you please come forward. While Richard is coming forward, we will take a ten minute break.

President Kerney: We need a report from the audit committee.

Buz Koehler: Mr. President, the audit committee met yesterday. We thoroughly went through the audit that was given to us by the financial auditor. Everything was found in order. At this time, I would ask that we have a motion to approve that audit.

President Kerney: We need a motion to approve the audit report. Carol Thrawley moves that we accept the audit

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report. We need a second. Tom Orrell: I second the motion.

President Kerney: Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman. All in favor aye, opposed same sign.

Buz Koehler: Thank you. Mr. President.

President Kerney: We will go ahead with the nominating committee. We need the election committee to report in the back corner back here. Jack Zeeks, Jerry Cohen, Jim Parker, Jean Smith.

Richard Glant: As chairman of the nominating committee, we are going to start with the office of president. Nominating committee places in the hands of the body for president. Larry Ketchem. Are there any further nominations.

Jack Conway: We want to nominate Jack Kerney.

President Kerney: I am honored and flattered that you would consider me as your president. I have to graciously decline. My body told me I need to slow down and I intend to do that. Sol have to decline, thank you.

Richard Glant: Are there any further nominations? Third and final call, are there any further nominations? I move that nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Ketchem for President 2007.

Larry Ketchem: OK, now you got me into this. I need your help. Let's take this organization back to where we used to be. We can do it with your help. I will do my best. Thank you.

Richard Glant: For the office of vice president, nominating committee

places in the hands of the body, Dave Elick. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations?

Unknown voice: I would like to nominate Chuck Parker.

John Ferro: John Ferro, District 4, I would like to nominate Mike Mackin for vice president.

Richard Glant: Are there any further nominations? Move that the nominations be closed. District chairmen, poll your districts. Secure the doors, Sgt-at-Arms. If you go out during the vote, you cannot get back in. I have a request for the nominees to stand up. Dave Elick. Dave. Do you want to say anything? Go to one of the mikes if you do.

Dave Elick: My name is Dave Elick. I am district chairman for District 6. Four years ago I was asked to run for that position. I have done my level best to represent the IVFA in my district. If given the opportunity to serve as your vice president will do the same in that capacity as well. Thank you.

Richard Glant: Chuck Parker.

Chuck Parker: I don't have a whole lot to say. I have been district chairman since 1998. I will do my best if I get elected. That is all I've got to say.

Richard Glant: Mike Mackin.

Mike Mackin: I am Mike Mackin from District 6. I have been District 6 chairman for two years. I was Public Relations Northeast for seven years. I was on the games committee for about ten years. I believe in this association. I have been a member of

this association for twenty eight years. I have talked with Larry and I had a nice little conversation on the phone. We agreed on a lot of things. We would like to see this association with help from you, the members, so that we can get this association going where it needs to go. How it is going to go. We need your help to help us. I like to talk with Larry, something that they were talking about, help getting the members going. I would like to see maybe if the board would approve with the help of the members, maybe start a traveling trophy or plaque for the districts. For your meetings, most attendance, take it back to their stations, wait until the next district meeting. The most attends will come and get it and they will have to bring it back. Try to get the district meetings going again. Try to get involvement from you the members. This is one way we can get this association back on the ground and get it rolling. Thank you.

Richard Glant: Poll your districts.

Bill Howe: Last night, I mentioned Bob Esserman. Those people in here I think you guys might be interested. Bob Esserman has missed his first convention in forty-five years. He had a little accident at home in Florida. He was on the phone to 911 and he fell and busted his head. He got a concussion fracture and he was bleeding. He stayed in the hospital about two and one half weeks. He stayed in a nursing home and rehab for about three weeks. He is home now and is doing pretty good. He said he wished he could be here.

President Kerney: Thank you, Bill.

Richard Glant: The Recording

Secretary informs me there 161 delegates, 162. We will drop the lowest count. and vote on the two remaining candidates. The remaining candidates are Elick and Mackin.

Richard Glant: For the office of Secretary, the nominating committee places in the hands of the body, Larry Bartlow. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations? Final call, are there any further nominations from the floor?

Unknown voice: I move that the nominations be closed.

Richard Glant: Dave Elick. For secretary, we place in your hands, Larry Bartlow. Are there any further nominations? Any further nominations? Third and final call, are there any further nominations? I move that nominations be closed, Mr. President.

President Kerney: As president of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, I cast one unanimous ballot for Larry Bartlow for secretary for the IVFA.

Richard Glant: For the office of treasurer, we place in your hands the name of Bev Harker. Are there any further nominations?

Don Kissinger: District 5, Don Kissinger. I think the secretary needs to check the votes for vice president.

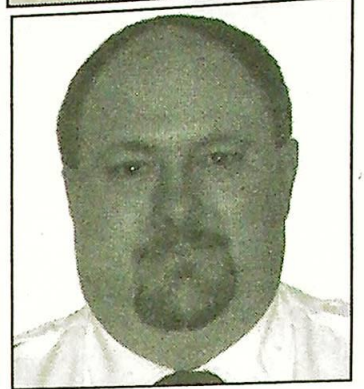
President Kerney: It was a counted vote.

Don Kissinger: OK, sorry.

Richard Glant: Are there any further nominations for the office of treasurer? Are there any more nominations? I move that nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary.

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Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Bev Harker for treasurer.

Richard Glant: For the office of Sergeant-at-Arms, the nominating committee has the name of Bill Bush. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any further nominations from the floor? I move that nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary.

Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Bill Bush: I got to give a speech. When this year is over, twenty five years ago, I was appointed to this job. Next year I will retire. Get out and campaign for my job because it pays a lot of money.

Richard Glant: The next office is that of chaplain. The nominating committee has the name of Jerry Cohen. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any further nominations from the floor? I move that nominations be closed, Mr. Secretary.

Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jerry Cohen for chaplain.

Jerry Cohen: Thank you.

Richard Glant: OK, the office of PR, PR Northwest, the nominating committee has the name of Jim Bradford. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? This is Districts 1,2,3, 9A and 9B. Third and final call, are there any further nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed, Mr. Secretary.

Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Bradford PR Northwest.

Richard Glant: PR Northeast. The nominating committee has the name of Jean Smith. This is Districts 4,5,6 and 7. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any further nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed, Mr. Secretary.

Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jean Smith, Northeast.

Richard Glant: PR West Central. The nominating committee has the name of Diane Harrison. This is 11A, 11B, 12 and 21. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any further nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed, Mr. Secretary.

Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Diane Harrison, West Central.

Richard Glant: PR East Central. The nominating committee has the name of Don Cushman. This is districts 8A, 8B, 10, 13A and 13B. Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor?

Paul Smith: Paul Smith, I nominate Scott Harris.

Richard Glant: Any further nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Poll your districts. Close the doors. I am sorry.

President Kerney: July 22nd we will have the PR Northwest summit that will be in Rensselaer. I don't see any problem with that. We did pretty well with the pot we just passed around. We will pass the hat at the banquet and see if we cannot get the other one hundred and sixty eight dollars we need.

Buz Koehler: Mr. President, I had a conversation with the webmaster this morning. He apologizes for not being able to be at the convention this year.

He did want me to apologize to the members for not being able to get the information of the fallen firefighters on the website prior to about seven o'clock last night. He has been out of state and was unable to change that website.

President Kerney: I think we can oversee that because keep in mind this is no cost to us. This gentleman does this at no charge; he also works at another job. There are some things that are beyond his control. We appreciate all the time and effort that he puts into that website. As you travel around, and when we go to the National Volunteer Fire Council, that is one that the website talks about. It is a very informant and very good website. I don't know what our hits are now. They have to be astronomical on that website.

Richard Glant: The nominating committee has the name of Jim Abrams, PR Southwest. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any further nominations from the floor. Nominations are closed, Mr. Secretary.

Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Abrams, PR Southwest.

Richard Glant: The nominating committee has the name of Bob McKenzie, PR Southeast. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Third and final call, are there any further nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed, Mr. Secretary.

Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Bob McKenzie, PR Southeast.

Richard Glant: Scott Harris is the new PR East Central. This is all the nominating committee has so back to you.

President Kerney: At this time I will release all convention committees. You are released from your position. At this time, I would like to call David Israel to the podium to present the bidding for the 2008 convention. Guys, I don't want to come back and reconvene at one o'clock; we are going to go ahead and continue this while we get finished. We won't have to reconvene.

David Israel: Like you heard earlier, we have another bidder out there. Another district is going to bid for the 2008 convention. At this time, I am going to have Tim Deckard from District 17B step up here and to name the individual who is bidding on this from his area.

Tim Deckard: Good morning, Tim Deckard from District 17B. We want you to hold your convention in 2008 in Bloomington. The last time the convention was in Bloomington was in 1984 under the leadership of Pete Lockhart, the late Pete Lockhart. Once again we want to bring it back to Bloomington in 2008. I would like to introduce the representative from the Bloomington Business and Visitors Bureau, Julie Cassidy.

Julie Cassidy: My name is Julie Cassidy and I am from the Convention and Visitors Bureau in Bloomington. First off, I want to thank you for allowing me to come and visit with you and making a proposal for your conference in 2008. I also want to say thank you to Tim Deckard for working with me for about a year and a half to try to get this conference moving. I can tell you, he is very dedicated for putting together a wonderful conference. I want to tell you a little bit about Bloomington. It is a great place to visit and meet, now I want to tell you about some of the attractions and activities in Bloomington. We have a lot of wonderful art and history. Bloomington in June has a lot of outdoor activities, we have numerous state parks in the area. We also have three beautiful lakes. You can go swimming at the state recreational park or rent a pontoon for a day. You

can even go hiking. We also have two excellent wineries in Bloomington, if you are looking for some more adult activities. You can sample the different varieties of wines; you can tour the facility. There is a lot of shopping opportunities downtown within walking distance of the business center. The nightlife is also a big activity. We have a number of good nightclubs, where you can hear live music. There is a comedy club that have shows four times a week. Whatever type of activities you are into or your family is into, we have something for you. I want to talk about the actual facility where the conference will be held at the Bloomington Convention Center. Tim and I have gone over all of the logistics of where the meetings will be held. Where the vendors will be displayed, there is 21,000 square feet of meeting space. It will be a really great facility for this conference. There is plenty of parking, there is catering outside. Everything is housed in one facility. They have complimentary phones and it is in walking distance to the downtown area, where you will find numerous shops and restaurants; all the activities you are looking for. It is a beautiful center. For the health facilities, the primary hotel will be the Courtyard by Marriott, which is attached to the convention center. It is an excellent hotel; it has all the pools, spas with a wonderful bar for your evening entertainment. They have several rooms for storage or can be used as a hospitality rooms. They have a very good room rate of eighty-nine dollars. If there is an overflow of rooms needed, the room rate is still eighty-nine dollars in these other facilities. They are also just a few blocks from the convention center. Thirdly, I think one of the most important things to me is the help you get from the convention and census

bureau. We help all of you to plan your convention. We do have local vendors and we do set up the tours, get all of box lunches and all of those kind of things. We have printing services, name tags, packaging and all of this is free. The biggest thing for us is to be there to help during the conference. We really take an interest in each of the conferences that are held in Bloomington. We also take our jobs very personally. It is definitely a priority to make sure your conference is successful. We also donate gifts. We are really excited about the opportunity to have this conference in Bloomington. I have worked with Tim on this for awhile and I would love to see you guys come to Bloomington. You have a great organization and I think you would have a wonderful time in Bloomington. Thank you,

David Israel: Mr. Parker.

Jim Parker: One question, are the room rates frozen for 2008?

Julie Cassidy: Yes, they are.

Dave Israel: Next up, we have District 19, Steve Mackey. He is the spokesperson from District 19 on the bid for the 2008 convention. Steve.

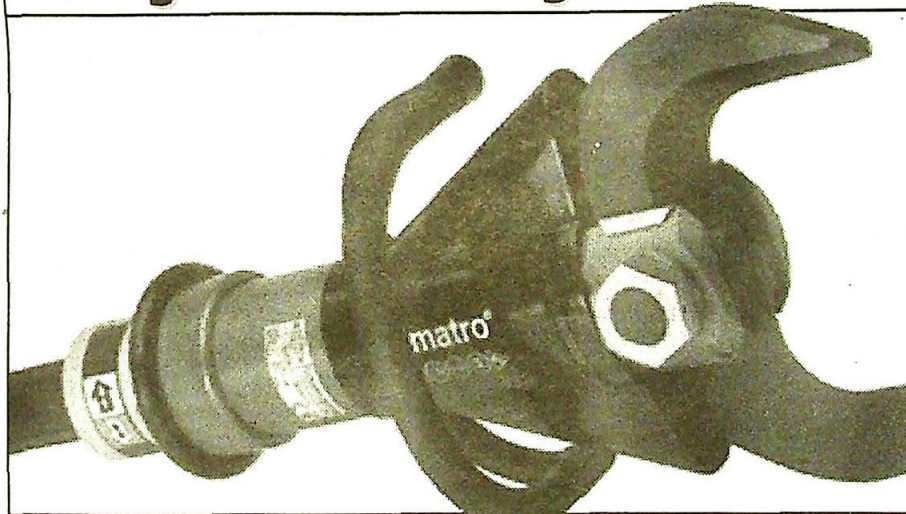
Steve Mackey: We are going to try our best to host the 2008 convention. It has never been done in our district before. Belterra does give a lot to our department. They help with the funding to our department. If given a chance, they want to show what they can do for us. I would like to introduce Kim Hutcheson from Belterra casino who is here to give her presentation.

Kim Hutcheson: Hi, my name is Kim Hutcheson. First off, I want to say thank you for allowing me to make my presentation to the group. I am originally from southeastern Indiana. My degrees are all from Purdue. I am a farmer. I do believe in the area and when Steve first came to me, he told me that they had never been able to do anything in southeastern Indiana

because there was never a facility. I am really excited because I work a lot of conferences. We have always had a good relationship between my family and the local fire department. Right now, we have six hundred and eight hotel rooms, right there at the facility. By 2008, we will possibly have eight hundred and fifty rooms. We will start construction this fall for our third tower. The rates that I have been able to get as of right now where we stay are seventy-nine dollars. On that Friday, they are one hundred and nineteen dollars. That average right there comes out to be ninety-two which is what Steve and I figured. I got the casino last night to put in a ten dollar gaming coupon for every attendee. So if we put that twenty dollars for each room it brings the average to eighty-five. The hotel director has also told me in the third tower, if the rates go down, I can lock it in where I am right now, but I can't go backwards with the third tower. I do like that option as well. I can lock you in right now, but if the rate goes ten or twenty dollars lower, I want to make sure that I can call Steve and say the rates have dropped. The golf course is right there on the property. It is an eighteen-hole course. It ranks fourth in *Golf Digest* for best in public courses in the United States. The golf manager also said that he would work with me on any rates on any programs that we want to do there. The meeting space is thirty three thousand square feet of space. We have all walked it. I have come up with a lot of creative ideas. The instructors' association has had a spring meeting with me. The attendance has been the highest that it has been in the last six years. The guys were really excited about it. I work with the Kentucky Speedway, and I work with all of the NASCAR teams. The track is thirteen miles from us. They have said that the BUSCH is usually there about the same

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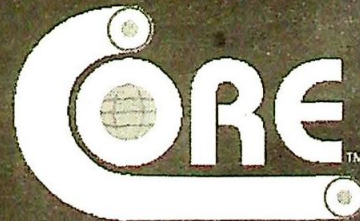
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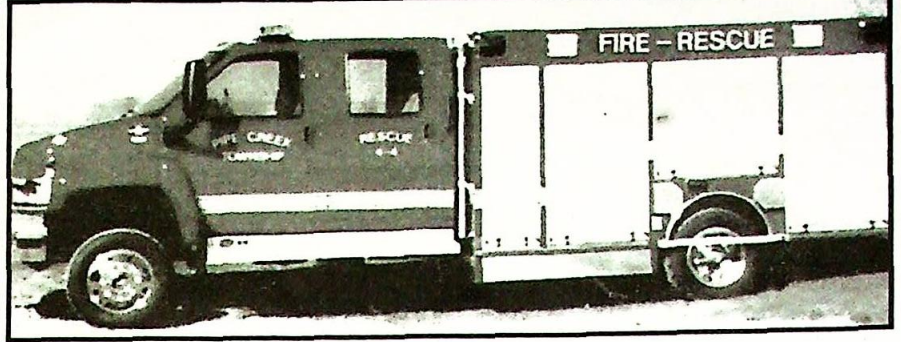
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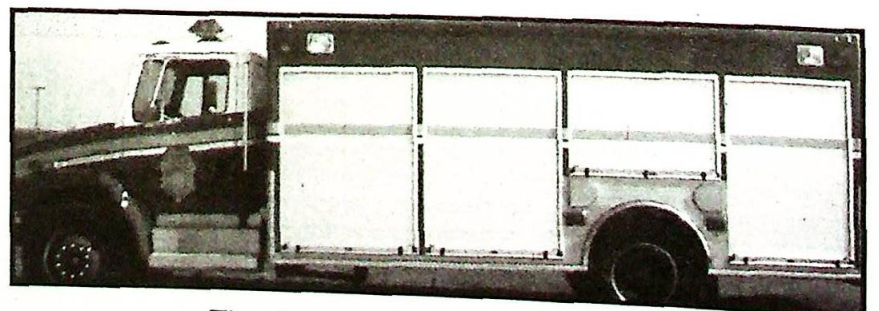
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time. So it would not be any problem sending out programs where some of you guys could get with some of the fire crews.

You can go over and take tours of the track. We have another hotel in town. It is not only Belterra, there are some other hotels around us when they can offer great rates as well. The area, Kiley Creek Farms will do programs for all of the children and their families. The tourism board can offer money to increase tourism for the area which comes from the casinos. They have to send that money back into the program. I have already done more programs with the association that went to the board and said, we would like a sponsor for XYZ. This amounts into the thousands. Not just six hundred for a dinner or a lunch, it goes into the thousands. I would work with Steve to get a lot of that accomplished. I am on the board right now so I can try to get that done. The other thing that is very interesting about Belterra is that everything is right there. You don't lose people. It is not a city. Our tax line is based upon the culture. It is a beautiful property that is in a cornfield by itself. You have a captive audience and they are right there where you can find them. We've got huge parking areas. We have a huge amount of parks right there. There are two state parks within traveling distance. Madison has offered up its historical association to us. They have two museums. The riverboat museum which is packed with information that tells the story of the Ohio River. They will give free passes to anyone that wants to come to any one of those museums. The town will give a free shopper coupon book to anyone that is not actually attending meetings. We have not been able to host a lot of conventions so we are excited. We would love to have you guys down there. I will do my best and I can come up with some pretty crazy ideas. I can work with different distributors and everything with the casino and I work with a lot of different companies and I would be proud to make sure that your cost will be as low as it could possibly be. We would love to have you come to Belterra. Any questions? Belterra, Indiana is actually our address. If you look at the map of Indiana in the far southeastern part as you can go in my front yard if I look north, I see Kentucky. I am on the most eastern spot in Indiana. Even Cincinnati is north of our farm. It is only a two-hour drive from Indianapolis and a five-hour drive from South Bend. We will make it worth your while to come to Belterra. Thanks a lot.

David Israel: Are there any other bids for the 2008 convention? OK. You have heard the presentations from District 17B and District 19. District chairman, poll your districts. One thing that the convention committee guidelines we have when we start in in changes anybody going to any district once you have been on the convention. We need to know by February of 07 those who wants to bid on 2009. We try to leave the two years the same so we know where we are going. We need to know that at our February state officer's meeting so that we can make arrangements to come and visit the

sites and see if those people can accommodate our convention. So, anyone who wants to bid on the 2009 convention, please have that turned in at our February state officer's meeting.

President Kerney: While we are waiting on the tally, I would like to congratulate all of the officers that were elected. I think we are in good hands for another year, Don't forget the banquet staff set up this evening. I think they have a pretty high class band coming for the evening dance. Please try to attend that. The committee is going to need some help getting the cross down. All those who helped set it up would help him out again.

Bill Pape: District 8A and the convention committee are raffling off the little red pedal car back here. It was given to us this year from John Ross; we are selling tickets one dollar a ticket or six for five dollars. We are going to award it tonight. I have tickets, the car, you can look at it as it also comes with a certificate of authenticity. Please see me between now and the banquet tonight. I will have tickets at the banquet also. Thank you.

President Kerney: Is there anything we need to know about the banquet tonight? How are you going to handle getting in? **Bill Pape:** Do not forget your registration card; also everybody has got a blue ticket given to you at the registration. We are also selling banquet tickets for those who just want a banquet ticket for thirty five dollars. See Marlene, Carol, Phil, or myself, Tom, David we will get you tickets for the banquet for thirty five dollars a head. It is a buffet, there will be four lines, they have guaranteed us they will not run out of food. Jack, who do you have for a speaker tonight, do you know?

Jack Kerney: Chief Buckman recently had a stroke. He is doing fine. He wants to speak about the way he has slackened down compared to the way he was doing. So Chief Buckman will be here tonight.

Bill Pape: I want to thank everyone for attending. We appreciate everyone being down here; hopefully you have had a good time.

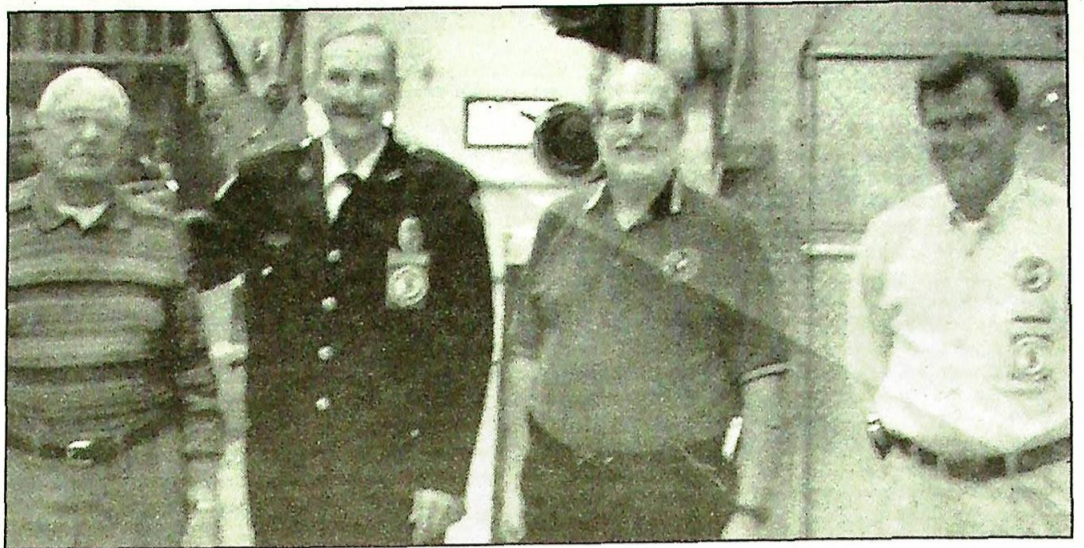
President Kerney: Also don't forget that I need the executive committee to meet up here as soon as we adjourn.

David Israel: The count is in, it looks like we are going to District 19 in 2008. I would like to see Tim try again. Is there anyone here that would like to bid on the 2009 convention? We do need to know in February at the state officer's meeting. Thank you.

President Kerney: The February meeting is the cutoff. We have put into place guidelines that we will visit these convention sites and make sure that they can meet our needs. Is there any more business to be brought before the body? We have a motion to adjourn; do I hear a second? We have a motion and a second to adjourn this meeting. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed same sign. This meeting is adjourned with the Benediction by Chaplain Cohen.

Benediction: Chaplain Cohen.
Transcribed by: John Davies, District 11B

Marion Smith receives 50 year Gold card



Marion Smith, District 5, from Mentone Fire Department, receives 50 year Gold Card from District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, PR Northeast Jean Smith, vice president David Elick, at Kosciusko County meeting March 13, 2007. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

Crowned District 4 Miss Flame



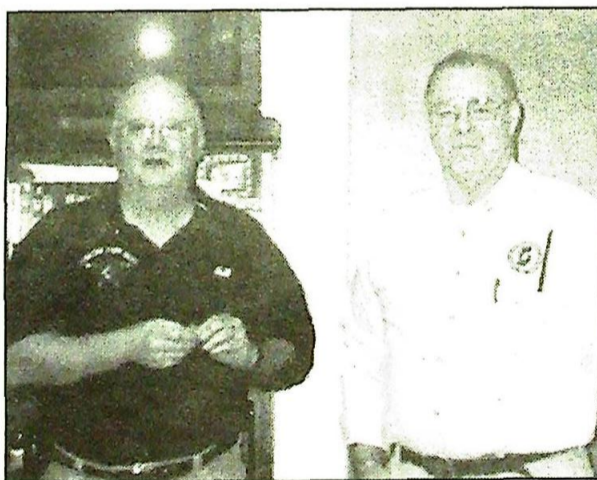
Shelby Leech, District #4 Penn Township, is crowned 2007 Miss Flame at New Carlisle Fire Department. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

District 7 annual bake sale auction held



Amanda Myer, District 7 Miss Flame, distributes baked goods at a bake sale auction, at the District 7 meeting held at Warren Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

Bill Curts awarded 25 year service pin



On January 8, 2007 Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman presented Bill Curts of the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department with a 25 year pin. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

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Parker VFD responds to factory fire

Parker Vol. Fire Department responds to a pallet factory fire. -- submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations



Message from Indiana State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson



Recently we completed the 2007 Indiana Fire Leadership Conference. Previously known as the Fire Marshal New Chief Orientation. This was a joint venture not simply state government, but a partnership with all Indiana Fire Organizations leading to successful conferences in five communities throughout Indiana.

These annual forums are open to anyone in the fire service; and provide an opportunity for presentations by all segments of Indiana Fire and Emergency Services.

Indiana Chiefs' President Bill Newgent asked if I would present an overview of Indiana's fire services at each of the five forums.

Our message is fairly simple. Indiana is in the midst of a new direction in fire services training, mutual aid, specialized rescue, mass casualty response, WMD planning, with more currently on the drawing board.

With that comes opportunities to improve how firefighters perform daily assignments they respond to increasing personal safety awareness not only for themselves but for everyone at fires or emergency activity scenes.

Cultural change is catching on. How fire services safely operate during emergencies, training and routine operations must be the primary effort every person connected with emergency services.

"So Everyone Goes Home" is the call of the national fire service. Safety initiatives like the Fallen Firefighters Foundation effort unveiled in Indianapolis at this year's FDIC, drive home the need to enact safety at every

junction of how we function. Sadly Indiana has lost four brave volunteer firefighters, killed in the line of duty (LODD), in the last year. Nearly 200 have been injured during emergencies and in training operations.

Our efforts to promote safe operating procedures are testimony to their sacrifice.

In two short years since this initiative began, we have changed the direction how we educate basic firefighter, firefighter 1-2 and fire instructor 1-2. We have instituted immediate preparations for statewide and beyond mutual aid response for fire, EMS and emergency services.

Established a homeland security training division bringing all aspects of emergency operations under one umbrella and expanded state Emergency Operations Center (EOC) aiding all emergency services.

Standardized curriculums provide identical student guidelines in every area of the state. That issue was identified at an initial forum held at Wayne Township Training Conference center in early 2005.

Indiana firefighters had not received state funded fire training in the past. Our state was one of only a small handful of states not supporting fire and emergency service training.

Governor Daniels made fire service training a top priority for public safety when he took office in 2005.

Today we have identified and established 10 regional training at

programs based on state Homeland Security districts. In each of those districts, local fire services are deciding the direction of how training and educational opportunities will be provided.

State government's mission is to assist in that process. However the end result remains in the hands of local fire and emergency service representatives.

By insuring revised curriculums, standardized training becomes an operational reality, benefiting everyone in public safety.

More and more we see regional and statewide mutual aid responses to major emergencies. It is vital that fire and emergency services understand each other and comply with National Incident Management (NIMS) guidelines.

Last week I listened to Chief Tim Smith of Vincennes Township ask fire leadership conference attendees, "Where would you find 50 ambulances if you needed them?" Statewide mutual aid preparation is addressing those issues and all areas that may require large numbers of resources during an unusual or large event.

Hoosiers will be called on during national emergencies to support other states, we responded to Hurricane Katrina with a self-sustaining deployment of full emergency service agencies. That challenge will present itself again some day, our mission is to be even better prepared when called.

It is gratifying to see technical rescue efforts like high angle, swift water, trench or collapse, MVA's and all rescue disciplines working to improve their expertise.

Thanks to efforts and team work by Indiana Fire Chiefs' Association, Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana, Indiana Fire Instructors Association, Indiana Firefighters Association, Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Institute, Inspectors, Investigators, Prevention groups and many others, we are working toward a common goal on most of these projects.

The goal is to have fire departments and emergency services uniformly prepared for emergency operations.

We know our services will be needed for large-scale scenarios in the future.

Recent events like the conflagrational fire in Shelbyville, February of 2007, bringing 42 fire departments to the city to support the firefighting efforts and protect the city. Water supplies had diminished to dangerous lows, most commercial businesses were closed, the hospital nearly on emergency water. In event of another fire, sprinklers would have failed and hydrants were unable to support additional fire apparatus.

Mutual aid was key to resolving the emergency, Shelbyville had trained with surrounding departments to prepare for events they faced that day. Because of their preparation, operations easily occurred and no one was seriously injured.

Tornadoes in southern Indiana, like Vanderburgh County, with fire and rescue squads from Kentucky and Illinois supporting our responders.

Those responses and many more were terrific, but we must not rest on our laurels, it remains important to ramp up our preparation for the next emergency by supporting the programs currently taking place.

The spectacular train derailment, explosion and fire in suburban Louisville earlier this year are another example of what lies ahead. Kentucky's pre-planning and immediate institution of NIMS, state mutual aid, joint resources command and control all combined to successful mitigation of a dangerous fire and chemical emergency.

Another area of grave concern is the loss of over 100 Hoosiers in mostly home fires last year. Every fire en

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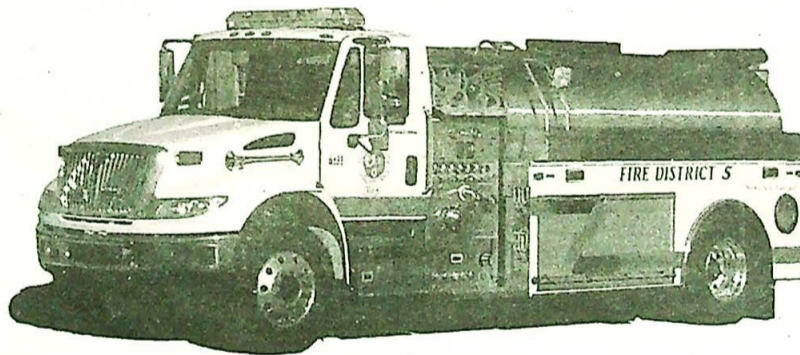
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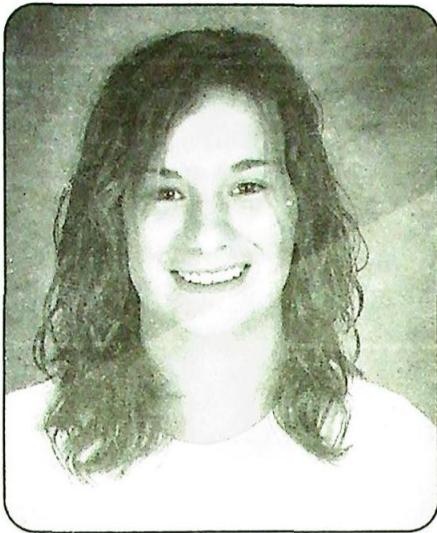
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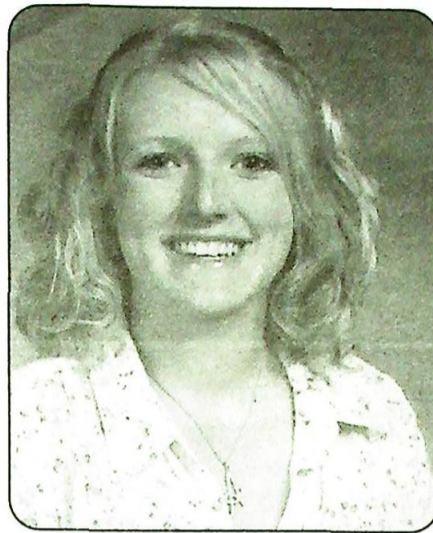
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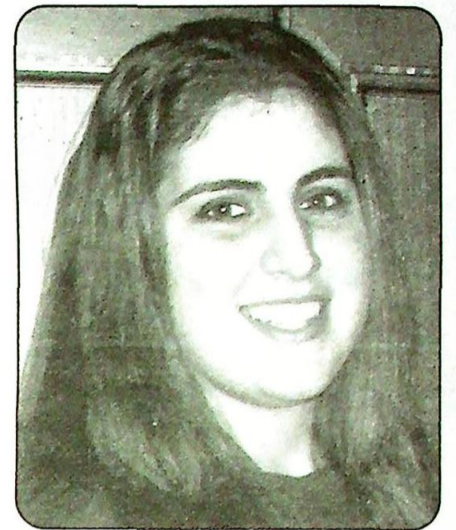
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Lowell Vol. Fire Dept.



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Autumn Schumacher
San Pierre Vol. Fire Dept.



District 4
Shelby A. Leach
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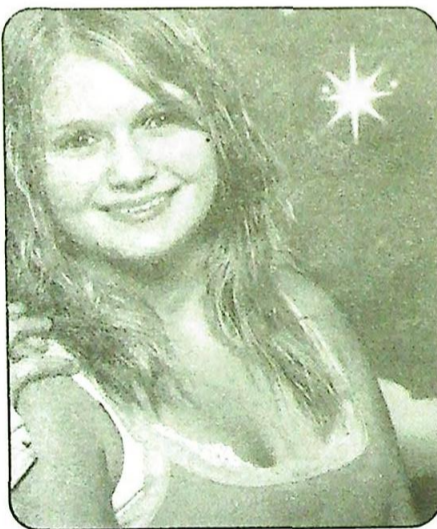
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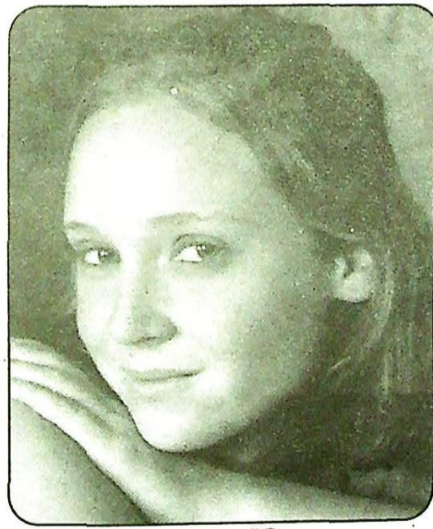
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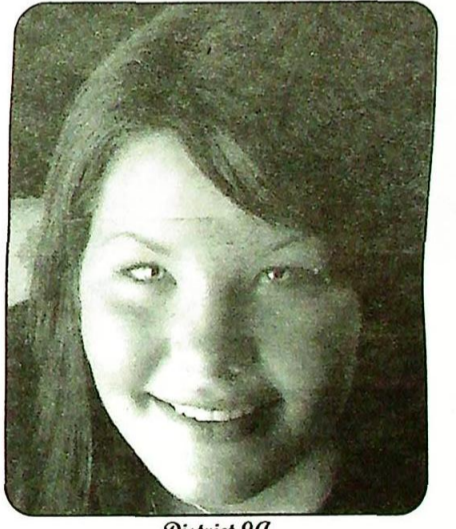
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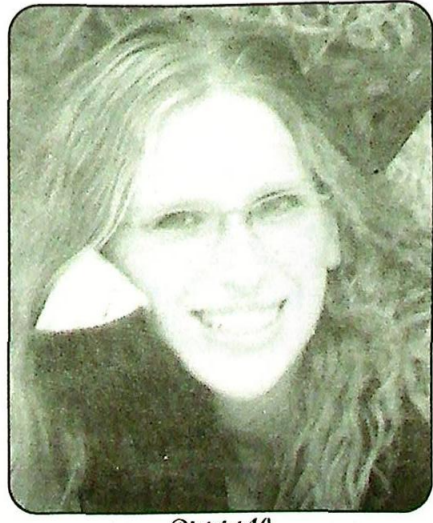
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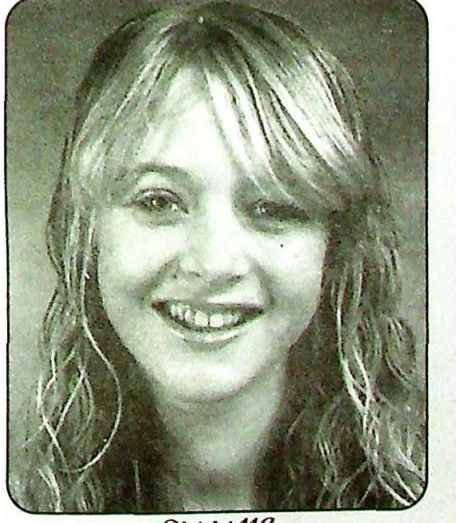
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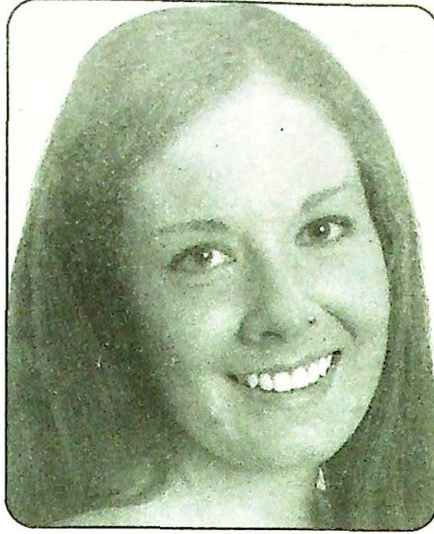


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Micajah Green
Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

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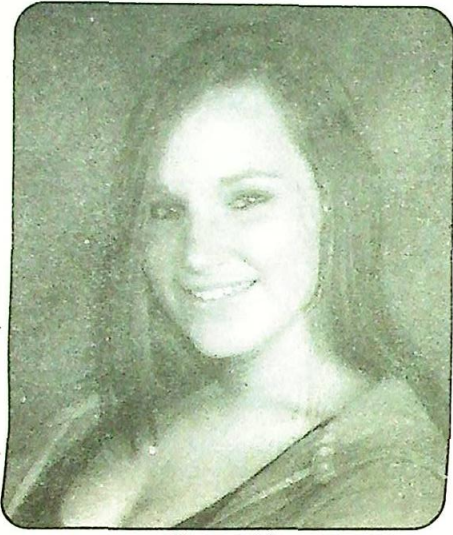
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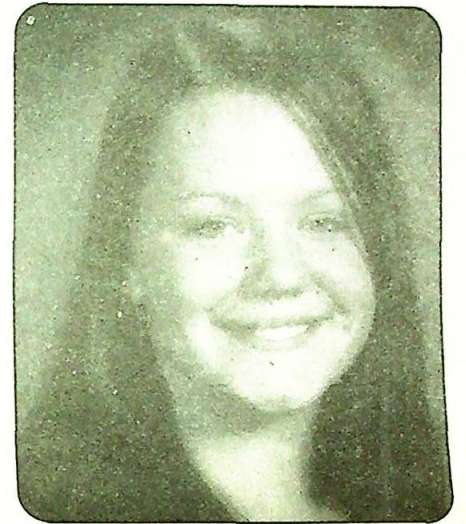
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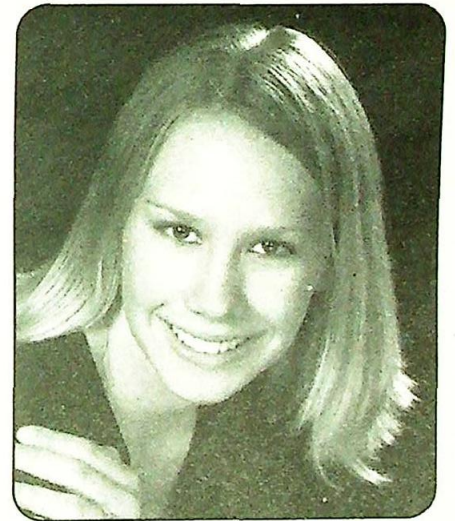
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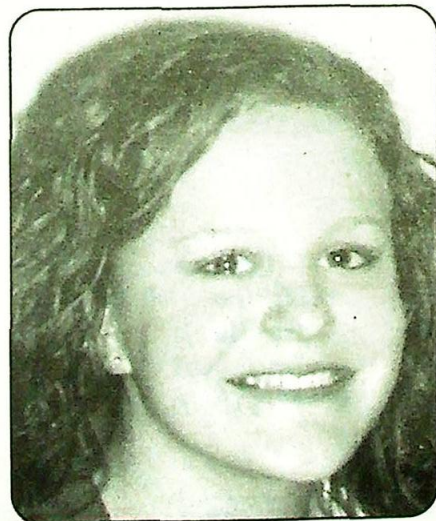
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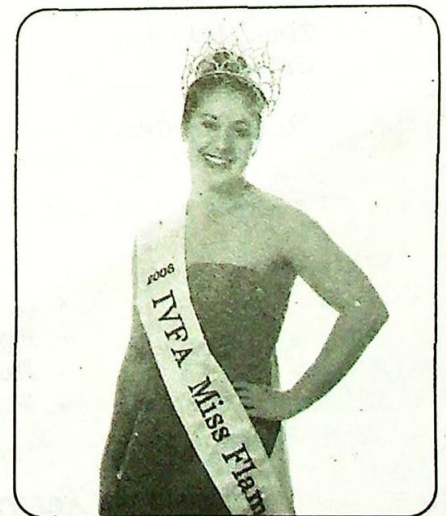
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Lydia Bittles
Tippicanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



2006 Miss Flame
District 18
Katelyn Rickelman

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



By the time this paper comes out we will be in the fifth month of the year.

Things seem to be going well so far. License plate sales are good.

Kemper, CPA is auditing all of 2006 financial records at this time, and the report will be ready for the annual meeting in June.

The convention will be here in about six weeks and it sounds like there will be a lot to keep us busy. After convention, it will be time for dues to be paid. Hopefully, we can increase our membership this year.

There are so many benefits from being an IVFA member, and the dues are so reasonable compared to other organizations. Be sure and send your dues in by July 31st. If you are late, it disqualifies you for some of the benefits.

Have a good summer and hope to see a lot of you at the convention.

*Beverly Harker
Treasurer*

Fire marshal's column

department should review and increase their Fire Prevention programs. Sadly many of the losses might have been prevented if the victims had a working smoke detector in their home.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) must be available to all responders in the state. Efforts like the Chaplain's supported.

Association, and others should also be supported. In times of unfortunate trauma, it is vital to support the mental health of our brothers and sisters just like we support their physical health and well being.

The message today is, Indiana is moving in the right direction. You demonstrate a willingness to face future challenges of fire and

emergency services together. Every firefighter, emergency technician, specialist, and support person should feel good about the progress Indiana is making.

Many programs are still in infancy but we are witnessing improvements.

Continue and you will be supported by not only 30,000 firefighters and responders from 856 departments but

also from state government and the citizens throughout Indiana.

The people of our great state appreciate your vigilant duties and dedication to quality protection for all Hoosiers.

Thank you for what you do.

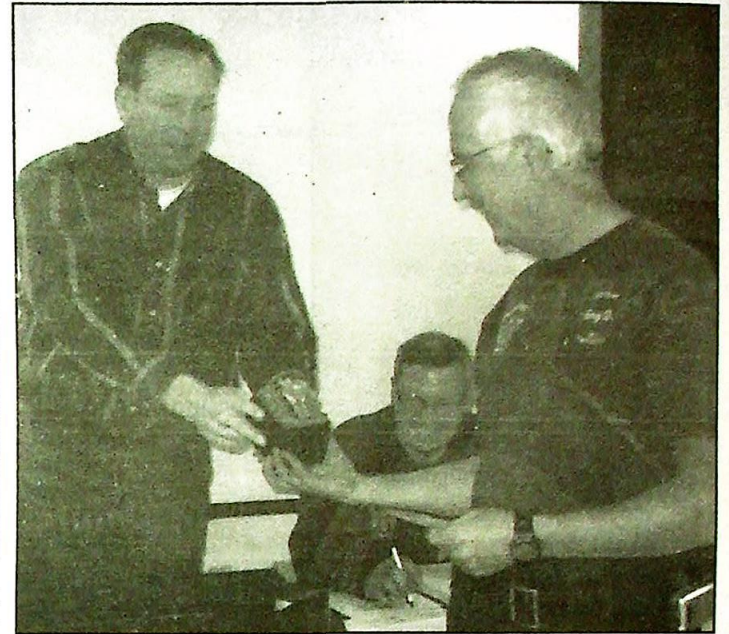
*Roger Johnson
Indiana State Fire Marshal*

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Gibbs and DeLor presented watches for 15 years of service with department



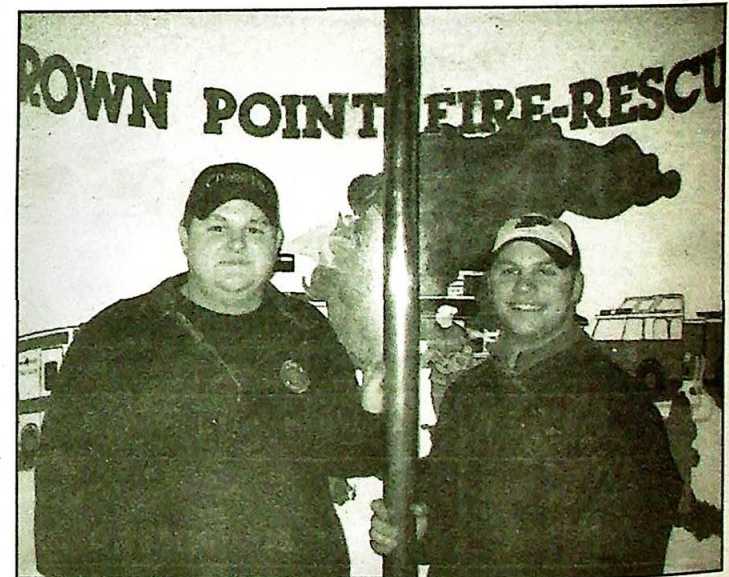
President Mark Schweitzer of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department presents Mitch Gibbs with his watch for 15 years service with the department. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



President Mark Schweitzer of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department presents Greg DeLor with his watch for 15 years service with the department. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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New members of Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department



Matt Kodicek and Tim Fercik were recently voted on as new members of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



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I attended a memorial service for Arnold Heim of Ireland Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts go out to his family and fire department.

I attended District 17A meeting hosted by Lyons Volunteer Fire Department on March 12th. Tim Smith, chief of Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department was speaker.

Gene Hardesty received his 50 year Gold card. He is a member of Lyons Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Larry Russell presented Gene with a badge and plaque.

I attended a memorial service on March 3rd for Edgar Nigg of Hayesville Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts go out to his family and fire department.

I attended District 18's meeting on March 15th, hosted by Dubois Volunteer Fire Department. Eric Johnson spoke on Supporting Heroes, Line of Duty Deaths. Steve Anderson, District 15, spoke about 2007 convention in Evansville.

I attended District 15's meeting on March 20th at Pigeon Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

Jack Harker had a kidney transplant and is recovering at home. We're so glad Jack did great with his surgery.

I attended Indiana Fire Chief's Seminar on March 30th at Vincennes University. Indiana Fire Chief's Assoc. presented a very good program.

I'm looking forward to Fire Convention in Evansville in June. I hope all of you attend.

*Jim Abrams
P.R.S.W.*

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2007 South Haven firefighter's ball recently held

On the evening of March 31 the South Haven Fire Department of Porter County held their 3rd annual Firefighter's Ball at the Duneland Waters Banquet Hall. The formal affair began with cocktails and socializing at followed by the presentation of our nation's colors by the fire department's Honor Guard and the playing of our National Anthem. Department Chaplain James Menditto then gave the Invocation followed by a wonderful catered meal provided by Masterson Catering.

Once the meal was completed the Culver Military School Pipe & Drum band entered the hall playing traditional Irish march music. Following their entrance the firefighters of the department entered in formation and took their place on the stage. After the pipes stopped, Chaplain Menditto asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of the 23 United States firefighters who had made the supreme sacrifice since the beginning of the year. The pipe band then played "Amazing Grace" before retiring for the evening.

Once the band had left the hall Captain Ron Brehmer, this year's ball chairperson introduced department President and EMS Assistant Chief Ron Reed Jr. who then recognized the following:

Township Trustee Joyce Webster
Advisory Board Members
Edward Momola, Sue Lynch and Larry Wiedner

Porter County Sheriff David Lane and Patrol Sgt. Ed Clapp

State Representative Duane Cheney

Past Fire Chiefs Ed Trinowsky, Bill Spicer and Randy Wilkening

President Reed then introduced Auxiliary President Dawn Mosley who asked all members of the auxiliary to join the firefighters on stage. President Mosley then presented Jami Reed with the "Auxiliary Member of the Year Award". President Reed then made two very special presentations. The "Newlin-Ford Award", named for two children of our community who tragically lost their lives is presented to a person who steps forward and takes action that assists the department in saving a life. This year's award was presented to Sgt. Ed Clapp of the Porter County Sheriff's Department for providing initial care to a shooting victim until paramedics from the department arrived on scene. The "Andy Lesnick Award", named after an Assistant Chief of the department who died in the line of duty, is presented to a citizen or agency that through their work best supports the

mission of the department. This year's award was presented to Advisory Board Member and department liaison Edward Momola.

President Reed then turned the microphone over to Deputy Chief John Kepshire who presented awards for training. "Iron Horse" Awards presented to members accumulating a minimum of 100 hours of training during 2006 were presented to:

Firefighter/EMT Jennifer Collette - 101 hours

Firefighter/EMT Steve Weiss - 124 hours

Captain/EMT Boe Jones - 128 hours

Asst. Chief Ron Reed Jr. - 146 hours

Firefighter David Czapl - 165 hours

Firefighter Frank Van Autreve - 176 hours

Firefighter/EMT Brad Collette - 205.5 hours

"Most Training Hours - Firefighter": Firefighter Brandon Smith - 220 hours

"Most Training Hours - Fire Officer": Deputy Chief/PM Kepshire - 176 hours

Deputy Chief Kepshire introduced Operations Assistant Chief Craig Morris who presented awards for call participation during the previous year. Awards were presented to:

Chief/EMT Doug Patton - 282 calls for 30%

Lieutenant/EMT Al Jones - 302 calls for 33%

Asst. Chief/EMT Craig Morris - 344 calls for 37%

Firefighter Brandon Smith - 347 calls for 37%

Captain/EMT Ron Brehmer - 362 calls for 40%

Captain/EMT Boe Jones - 382 calls for 41%

Deputy Chief/PM John Kepshire - 452 calls for 48%

"Most Calls - Firefighter": Firefighter/EMT Brad Collette - 527 calls for 69%

"Most Calls - Fire Officer": Asst. Chief/EMT Ron Reed Jr. - 506 calls for 54%

Asst. Chief Morris then introduced Chief Doug Patton, who began by presenting a personalized desk set to Deputy Chief Kepshire for writing grants that over the last two years had secured over \$300,000 in new equipment for the department. Next Chief Patton presented the "Eagle Leadership Award" to Firefighter/EMT Brad Collette for his unselfish service to the department over the last year. Chief Patton then presented several awards that had been voted on by the members of the department:

"Probationary Firefighter of the Year" - Probationary Firefighter

Stephanie Ratloff
"EMT of the Year" - Firefighter/EMT Brad Collette

"Paramedic of the Year" - Deputy Chief/PM John Kepshire

"Firefighter of the Year" - Firefighter Tim Leyden

"Fire Officer of the Year" - Deputy Chief/PM John Kepshire

Once these awards were handed out Chief Patton had several "Chief's Choice Excellence Awards" for support of the department that he presented to the following:

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Portage Township Advisory Board Members Sue Lynch, Edward Momola and Cortie Wilson Jr.

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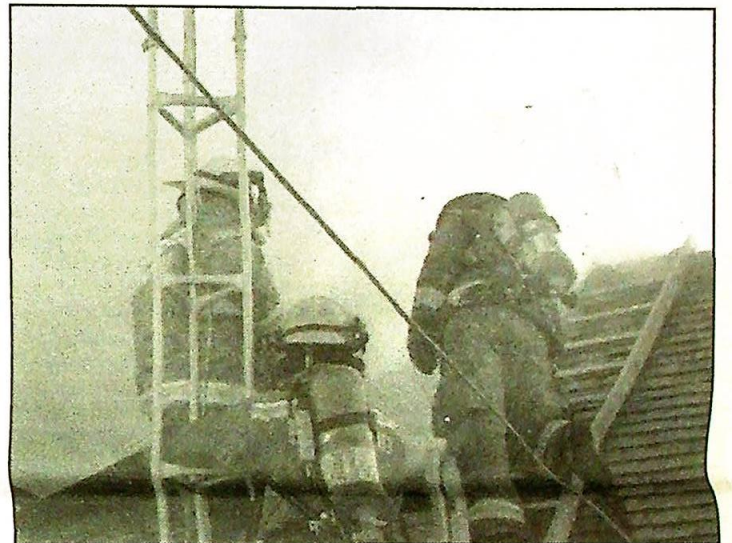
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Porter County Sheriff's Department
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Assistant Chief Morris then took on final turn at the microphone and presented Chief Patton and his wife Melanie a gift certificate for a weekend getaway in appreciation for all the hard work both had put into keeping the department strong over a very tumultuous 2006. At that point it was time to relax a little and enjoy the wonderful dance music and refreshments until the wee hours of the morning.

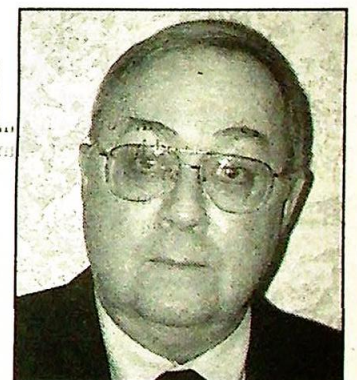
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Parker VFD fights early morning house fire



Parker Vol. Fire Department fights an early morning house fire with help from Farmland and Liberty Township. -- submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations

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From the desk of the Historian

John Davies



Well, I sincerely hope that each and every one of you made it through the nasty winter that we experienced this season. Now we can concentrate on the brighter things in life. I would like to talk this time about a very important part of our every day activities. That is just one word. LEADERSHIP. I have been blessed over the years in belonging to organizations that had strong leaders, leaders who looked out for every, and I mean every member of that particular organization. New ideas were a top priority to discuss and tear apart to see if they would actually work if put into place.

During my time spent as a member of the IVFA, I can look back on all of the leaders we have voted in to lead this great group of men and women on to newer heights. I am not disappointed. We have had some outstanding leaders, who have in my estimation, put the organization above everything else. Times have changed and the IVFA has changed and it is only

through our continuous strive to make this group the best it can be. One person cannot make that change. It has taken the best we have to offer to get us where we are today.

In our last district meeting, President Ketchem spoke about an adventure he had just witnessed in a trip to Columbus, Ohio.

He talked about the observation he made during the state of Ohio's Emergency Response plan full scale exercise that was conducted. The state of Ohio is the first state in this great country of ours to come up with this type of program. As he spoke, I was thinking to myself, where have we been? Why is this just now being done? I know everything we do takes money. States in this day of age sets their priorities, this is just common practice to do it that way. This program that President Ketchem spoke about would be the greatest thing since ice cream if every state could adopt a program like this in their state.

Once again, Leadership would play an important role in seeing that the Ohio Emergency Response Plan was implemented. If you are asked to participate in a project on a district level, do it; you don't know if it will work unless you make an attempt to try. We live in a great nation. We are lucky, there are a lot of people in the world who do not have the opportunities that we have.

Take advantage of every chance that you have. Support the leaders of this wonderful group of men and women firefighters who give up so much in order for us to live the way we are accustomed to living. They are out there to serve you in any way they can. I am grateful for being a member for so many years and I hope, if the creeks don't rise, I will be for many more.

Until the next time. I remain, your friend and historian. Thank you.

John Davies



Eugene Hardesty receives 50 year Gold Card for years of fire service

Eugene Hardesty of Lyons Volunteer Fire Department receives his 50-year Gold Card for 50 years of fire service.

Pictured, left to right, are Eugene Hardesty, PRSW Jim Abrams and District 17A chairman Jack Harker. -- submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman

Sunman Rural VFD sends off another member to the Navy

On Monday night, March 26th the Sunman Rural Volunteer Fire Department sent off another of Indiana's finest to the Armed Forces. As a farewell the department had a



dinner and all present offered Yeoman DiMeglio good luck in the Navy. A fine Italian meal was prepared by Anthony's parents, Mike and Tina DiMeglio along with the help of one of his brothers, Bryon, who is an aspiring chef. His younger sister, Shaye and youngest brother, Nico were also invited to the festivities of the evening. Chief Dave Smith gave a short talk about Anthony's accomplishments as a Sunman firefighter. He was a member of the first class of cadets and completed his probationary period in March to become a member of SRVFD. In his short time as a member he completed his Mandatory, Weather Spotter Cert. and First Responder Certification. Also in attendance was IVFA District 19 chairman Ed Scheele who gave his well wishes to the Naval recruit.

Life has dealt Anthony many blows. Having to overcome many things in his life to get to this point is quite the credit to this young man's determination. Anthony battled and won over cerebral meningitis at birth, attention deficit disorder for many years and the loss of his mother to a rare blood disease at a young age of seven. These hardships helped to shape him into the fine young man seen today. Anthony considers all of the fire department and many people around Sunman as family. This is truly a young man whom a community of people helped raise, and it shows in his polite demeanor and mannerisms.

He always had a desire to enter the service and is excited to be in the Navy. Yeoman Anthony DiMeglio shipped out to the United States Navy on April 10th. He will spend boot

camp at Great Lakes Naval Base and has elected to take submarine training in Groton, Connecticut after graduating from basic. His goal is to work with computers and complete his college studies while in the service. If given the opportunity he would really

like to enter the Navel IT Program and make a career out of it.

Anthony's parents are extremely proud of their son and his accomplishments. Mike, a 22 year member of SRVFD and his step mom Tina who is a member of the ladies' auxiliary wish him the best in his new adventure. They know the Navy is getting one fine young man and hope he accomplishes all the goals he has set out to chase.

Good Luck and Godspeed Son. -- submitted by Ed Scheele

IN THE ABOVE PHOTO - The Dimeglio Family -- left to right: Mike, Bryon, Shaye, Nico, Tina and Anthony. -- submitted by Ed Scheele, district chairman

IN THE PHOTO AT RIGHT - The Sunman Rural Fire Department.

Anthony Dimeglio, fifth from the left. -- submitted by Ed Scheele, district chairman



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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.**

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| March 31: D | July 31: Mf - O | |
| April 15: E - F | Aug. 15: P - Q | |
| April 30: G | Aug. 31: R | |
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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.

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- Thank you for your cooperation.



Twenty five year service pin awarded to Frank Franklin

Frank Franklin, Otter Creek V.F.D., Holton, receives his 25 year pin from district chairman Ed Scheele and PR Southeast Bob McKensie.

Pictured, left to right, Bob McKensie, Frank Franklin, Ed Scheele. -- submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

Chaplain shares about ethanol

Besides being a chaplain, I am a partner in a marine business. The Westerbeke Generator Co. sent out a service bulletin about ethanol, I thought I would share with you.

Most VFDs have portable generators and fire pumps that 10% ethanol in gasoline will affect.

Since 1990 the U.S. Government has mandated the use of oxygenated fuels to reduce the amount of CO emission into the atmosphere. Congress had previously mandated the use of MTBE.

This legislation expired in May 2006 because MTBE is known carcinogen and is also a ground water contaminant. Since then Congress's new energy bill now mandates the use of ethanol as the oxygenate to be used. Ethanol is a more environmentally friendly product, an alcohol based product made from corn. E10 is a blend of 10% ethanol and gasoline and is the mixture now offered at most fuel stations. The use of E10 in your cars and trucks have no real effect on its operation. The use of E10 in generators and fire pumps, however, will cause us to take some precautions.

Ethanol, being an alcohol-based product, is quite different from ETBE which is an ether-based product. Ethanol is sort of double edged sword when it comes to its ability to mix with water.

E10 can hold up to four teaspoons of water per gallon and can hold only .15 teaspoon of water in solution per gallon. This is good and will allow your engine to burn water that finds its way into your fuel tank, up to 4 teaspoons per gallon limit. The problem comes when one gets beyond the saturation point. With MTBE one could simply pump the water out from under the fuel or open the drain on the sediment bowl and drain the water from the bottom as gasoline floats to the top. For this reason the two fuels should not be mixed during transition, from MTBE to E10.

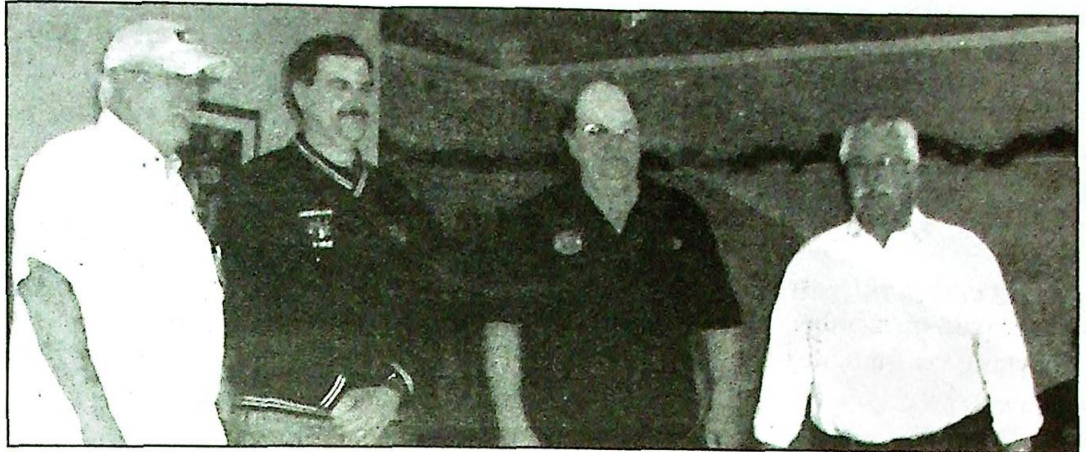
Ethanol is a solvent and tends to clean any dirt or contaminants it comes into contact.

This means that any dirt currently in the fuel system will be mixed into solution and scrubbed out by fuel filters. This results in the need to replace fuel filters frequently.

The shelf life of E10 is only 60-90 days. This means it will start to break down over time and leave deposits in the fuel system. E10 will also lose its volatility very quickly. It is recommended using a NON-ALCOHOL based fuel stabilizer in your fuel. The reason it is

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Hebron firemen recently awarded 25 year IVFA service pins



At a recent District 2 meeting, John Galloway and Tom Rust of Hebron VFD were presented with their 25 year IVFA pins.

Making the presentation were Buz Koehler, past president of IVFA and past board chairman and Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

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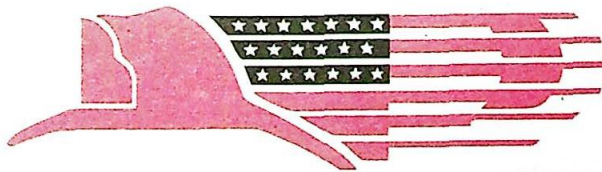
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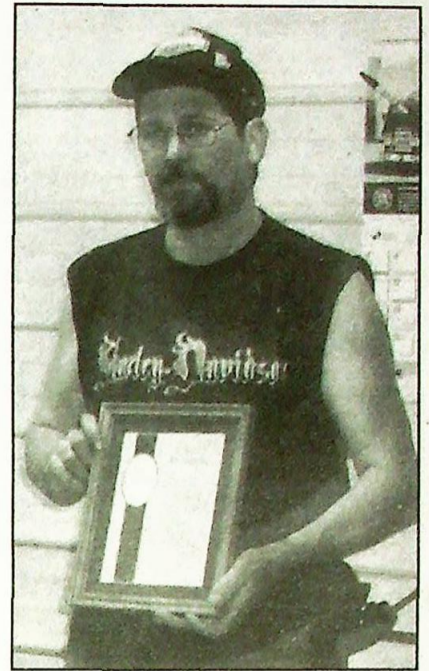
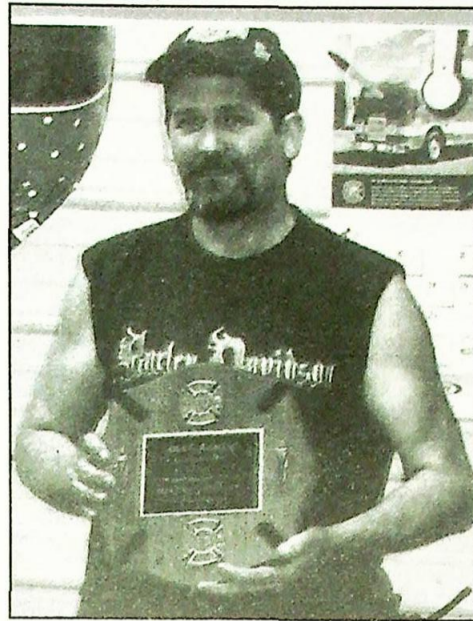
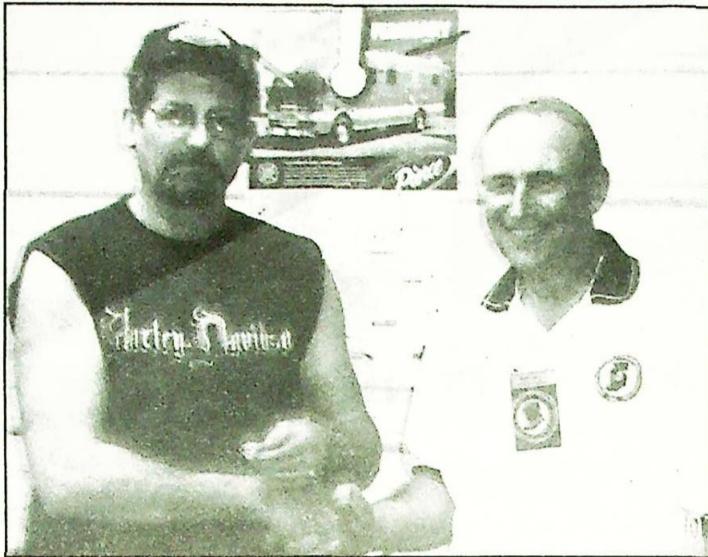
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Doug Reagan receives awards



Doug Reagan, Fire Chief of Jefferson-Craig Twp. Fire Department, Vevay, receives a 25 year pin from district chairman Ed Scheele. He also received plaques from the department for his many years of service to the community. -- submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

Allen Franklin awarded 25 year pin from district chairman



Allen Franklin, Otter Creek V.F.D., Holton, receives a 25 year pin from district chairman Ed Scheele and PR Southeast Bob McKensie. Pictured (left to right) Bob McKensie, Allen Franklin, Ed Scheele. -- submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

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Students enroll in training course

On Saturday, January 27 students enrolled in the Dubois County Fire Trainers Association's Mandatory, Basic Firefighter, and Firefighter I/II course completed a live burn training session at the Jasper Fire Tower. In addition to the Firefighter certifications, the students, who have attended weekly classes since July

2006, also received certification in Hazmat Awareness. The students represented the Dubois County fire departments of Birdseye, Dubois, Ferdinand, Haysville, Huntingburg, Schnellville, and one department from Spencer County, Santa Claus. All of the above mentioned

departments are part of the IVFA District 18. -- article and photo courtesy of D.C.F.T.A.

Ethanol ...

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recommended using a non-alcohol based stabilizer is to avoid adding even more alcohol to the fuel.

There are several good petroleum based products on the market.

Another characteristic of E10 is its ability to absorb water from the atmosphere through the tanks vent system in just 100 days at 70% humidity. E10 can absorb enough water to reach its "phase separation point". To avoid this from occurring, one should use up the fuel as quickly as you can.

My thoughts are to buy your fuel from a station that sells a lot of products since the shelf life is so short. If you buy gasoline from a station that sells very little, the fuel you buy may be 30 days old before you get it. There is nothing more embarrassing than to be on a fire scene and not be able to get your equipment running.

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-- submitted by Jerry Cohen

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Rescuers' bravery recognized



Photo by Connie Schrombeck
Matt Austgen, his father Mike Austgen, George Schilling, and Lake County Sheriff's Department Officer, Mike Aquihua, hold their Certificates of Bravery, which were awarded for their efforts in rescuing Angela Brown from a fiery auto accident on January 30. Lowell Fire Department president, Steve Babusch, (back row) and chief Ike Rench (right) presented the certificates and recognized their heroic acts. -- submitted by Dwight "Ike" Rench, Fire Chief, Volunteer VFD, Inc. and re-printed with permission from Lowell Tribune.

By Connie Schrombeck
Editor, Lowell Tribune
On February 17, four brave men were recognized for the part they played in rescuing Angela Brown of Hebron from her burning car after she hit a tree on 181st Avenue, west of Rt. 41. The humble heroes are Matt Austgen, Mike Austgen, George Schilling, and Lake County Police Officer Mike Equihua.
Sixteen-year-old Matt Austgen saw

Brown's car in flames near his home and called his father, Mike, then approached the vehicle. Brown was trapped under the steering wheel and was conscious, asking for help.
Matt tried to break the driver's side window to get the door open and get her out. When his father, who had called 911, arrived, they tried to force the door open, but were unsuccessful. Matt Austgen removed his shirt and gave it to Brown to cover her face for

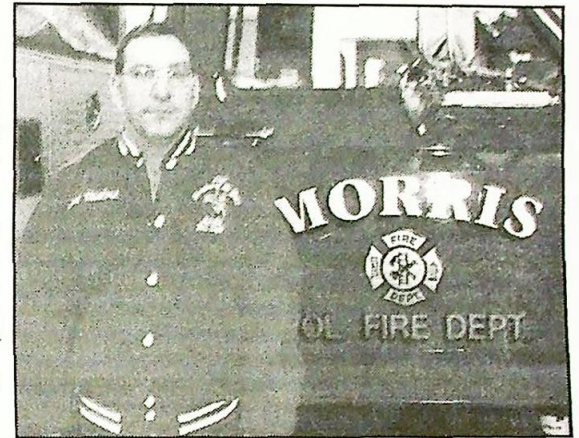
protection from the smoke and flames. His parents used fire extinguishers to fight the flames but the fire kept coming back. A neighbor (George Schilling) gave them a shovel to throw snow on the fire and a wet blanket to help protect Brown. Another neighbor broke the passenger side window to try to get her out of the flaming car.
EMS paramedics and the Lake County Police arrived and pulled

St. Anthony Medical Center. She had five or six broken ribs and burns on her stomach and legs. Lake County Police officer Michael Equihua suffered from smoke inhalation and was also taken to St. Anthony's. Equihua said, "We went around to the passenger side of the car, and she was trapped under the dash board. I grabbed her and pulled her out. Two minutes after we got her into the ambulance the car exploded. I was glad to get home that night."
Fire Chief Ike Rench said, "Everybody was hollering and screaming. When you use a dry chemical fire extinguisher the fire

goes out and then comes right back. Water puts the fire out. It was a horrendous crash. Charlie (Scott) and Dennis (Yuhasz) helped pull her out of the car."
The award ceremony was held at Lowell's fire station to recognize the men's contributions in helping to free Angela Brown from her burning vehicle. They received a Certificate of Bravery from the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department and will be also lauded by the Lake County Council in March. -- submitted by Dwight "Ike" Rench, Fire Chief, Lowell VFD, Inc. and re-printed with permission from the Lowell Tribune.

Vankirk named 2006 Firefighter of the Year

Jim Vankirk, Morris Vol. Fire Dept., was named Firefighter of the Year for 2006. Jim is assistant chief and very active on the department. -- submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.



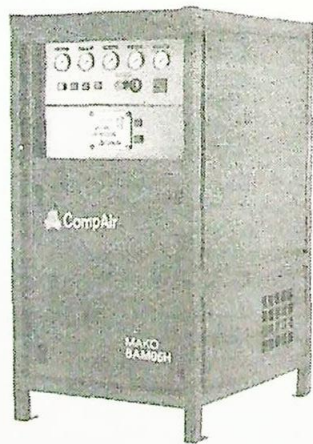
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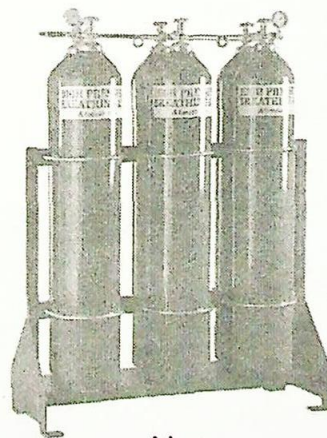


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Fire Chief Eskridge resigns



Photo by Connie Schrombeck
Jack Eskridge, Lowell Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief of 14 years, has resigned his position as Fire Chief but will still answer fire calls. He leaves to take a position with United Services in Griffith.

By Connie Schrombeck
Editor, Lowell Tribune
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Jack Eskridge, Lowell Volunteer Fire Department's Chief for a total of 14 years, has resigned his position as Fire Chief. "I think I've reached the top of the mountain, I've made it to the summit," says Eskridge.

"I was approached six months ago by a private firm to consider coming on board with them. There's been a lot of decision making; I'm doing what's best for me. My visions for the betterment of the department and community have come true with hard work from the firemen. I've had a good tenure in this job. I can't see the visions I still have becoming reality. I can see this happening with the new company."

"I'm still a member of the department; I've just resigned as chief. It's been a good thing. The Town Council that's in place now is, in no uncertain terms, the best I've worked with. I've been an officer for 36 of my 40 years on the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department. It's a bittersweet decision to make but I feel I'm leaving at the top."

Eskridge has taken a job with United Services in Griffith. Ike Rench will be the new Fire Chief, and Charlie Scott is the new assistant Fire Chief. Eskridge says he will still answer fire calls when he's in town.

You'll be missed, Jack!



Saco donates infrared camera to fire department

Photo by Connie Schrombeck - Editor, Lowell Tribune

Saco Industries donated an infrared camera to the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department. The camera, which retails for around \$10,000, shows heat to aid in rescue efforts and finding hot spots in fire response. The fire department got the new camera, and Saco got the department's old camera. Pictured are Saco's Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Kidd, Lowell Fire Chief Ike Rench (holding the old camera) and Jack Eskridge, retired Fire Chief. Eskridge called the camera his "last big donation success." -- submitted by Dwight "Ike" Rench, Fire Chief, Volunteer VFD, Inc. and re-printed with permission from Lowell Tribune - January 9, 2007.

Torch sparks Heritage Street fire

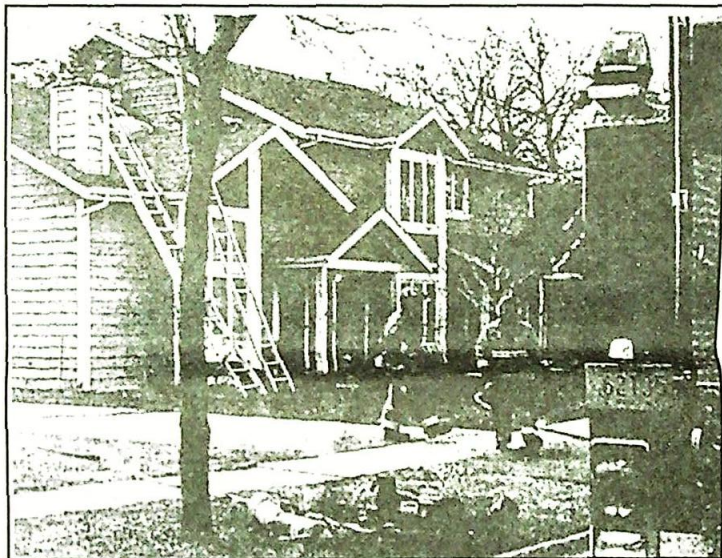
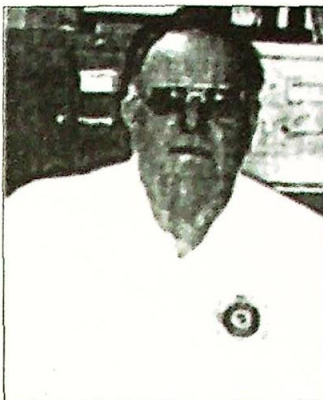


Photo by Connie Schrombeck

Fast response by the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department last Thursday, March 24, 2007, helped keep damage to a minimum at a fire at the home of Richard and Vivian Boer's home, 1618 Heritage Street. An employee of Randy's Plumbing was soldering plumbing with a torch when insulation paper caught on fire. There were no injuries, but there was some interior bathroom and smoke damage. -- submitted by Dwight "Ike" Rench, Fire Chief, Volunteer VFD, Inc. and re-printed with permission from Lowell Tribune.

Meet Lowell's new fire inspector



Former Cedar Lake Fire Chief Dennis Wilkening is Lowell's new Fire Inspector. The Lowell Town Council adopted a new fire prevention code in 2005, establishing the inspector position and duties. -- submitted by Dwight "Ike" Rench, Fire Chief, Volunteer VFD, Inc. and re-printed with permission from Lowell Tribune.

By Connie Schrombeck
Editor, Lowell Tribune

Two years ago, Lowell adopted an ordinance requiring fire inspections on all commercial buildings annually and on all new commercial and multiple-tenant developments. Former Cedar Lake Fire Chief Dennis Wilkening has been hired as Lowell's Fire Inspector. He is a part-time employee of the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department. There are four LVFD

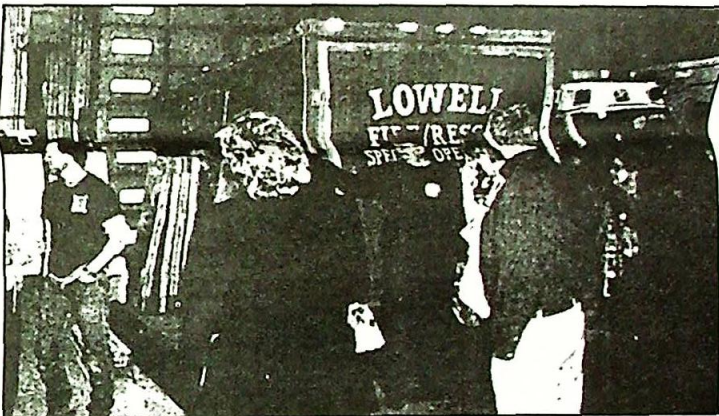
members certified or in the process of being certified as fire inspectors. There are 32 active members in the fire department.

Fire Inspector Dennis Wilkening knows his first year in office will be hard. "We're here for fire prevention. I'd like the public to not resist me. I want to work with Lowell residents, not against them. I will look for fire hazards, check for extinguishers." All businesses will develop a plan for their building, and it will be kept on file in case of an emergency. It will show special hazards and exits, showing where problems may arise. The firehouse has a program to keep track of inspections and follow-ups. A building department representative and the fire chief will sign all future certificates of occupancy.

Wilkening said, "I'm not here to cost money. I'm here to keep businesses in operation. The ordinance covers businesses and multiple family new construction of four or more units. Please be cooperative, I'll work with people. I'm here to make buildings safer for Lowell residents and people who use them."

Fire inspections of every commercial structure will be conducted on a regular basis to reduce the risk of fires and increase the safety of Lowell residents. The fire code of February 28, 2005 will also authorize the fire chief and his inspectors to make a thorough fire inspection of all new construction and require installation of a smoke detector in all residential structures.

Lowell Chamber of Commerce breakfast held in March









Photos by Connie Schrombeck

Fire Chief Ike Rench gave Lowell Chamber of Commerce members a tour of the Lowell Fire Station after the monthly Chamber breakfast on March 21. The breakfast was hosted by the Fire Department. -- submitted by Dwight "Ike" Rench, Fire Chief, Volunteer VFD, Inc. and re-printed with permission from Lowell Tribune, March 21, 2007.

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Lowell Postmistress Linda Silverlo and Judi Nuestr from the Drifting Dunes Girl Scout County got a ride in Lowell Volunteer Fire Department truck after the Chamber of Commerce breakfast. -- submitted by Dwight "Ike" Rench, Fire Chief, Volunteer VFD, Inc. and re-printed with permission from Lowell Tribune, March 21, 2007.

August Deadline: July 10, 2007

Glen Martin honored for 35 years of fire service



Glen Martin receives a plaque for his service from his department and 25 year service pin from the IVFA.

Presenting the awards - pictured (left to right) Shelby Leach, District 4 Miss Flame, Glen Martin, Amber Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame and Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman. -- submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman

Glen Martin has served the Foraker Fire Department for 35 years.

He began his career at the age of 28 on April 15, 1972. During his years of service he served on the board, assistant chief and chief.

Glen has served on many fund raising committees and acted as chair several times. As a member Glen

obtained his first responder certification and also is a certified firefighter.

The Foraker Fire Department wishes to thank Glen for his many years of service and dedication to Union Township. -- submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman

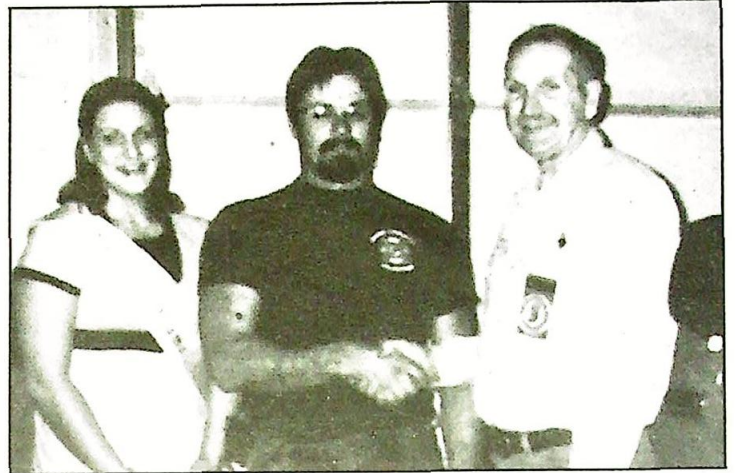


Bill Hess receives 25 year pin

Foraker Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Bill Hess receives IVFA 25 year pin.

From (left to right) - Tony Farrer - District 5 chairman, Amber Farrer - District 5 Miss Flame, Bill Hess, Sheldy Leach - District 4 Miss Flame.-- submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman

Herrold awarded pin



Firefighter Mark Herrold with the Grass Creek-Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Department receives IVFA 25 year pin from IVFA District 5 chairman Tony Farrer and District 5 Miss Flame Amber Farrer. -- submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman

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Devine awarded 25 year pin



On February 10, 2007 Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman presented Brent Devine of the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Selma, Indiana with his 25 year pin. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman.

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On April 5, 2007, Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman presented Tom Jacobs of the Portland Volunteer Fire Department with his 25 year pin. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

**IVFAA QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2007**

Call to order: president Joann called meeting to order, Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Ladies got warmed up some by doing the Wild Thing dance.

Prayer: Chaplain Beth gave opening prayer.

Pledge to the flag: Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam led the ladies in the pledge.

Joann had ladies to pass their Valentine cards to their friend on the right and wish them a Happy Valentine's Day.

Joann passed out new officers, directors, committees, emergency call list, and past president's information. Had ladies to take all old ones from their briefcases and hand in to her. Joann explained about our new bylaw books, they only go to the members who have paid their dues. District chairmen need to check that their ladies are paid to receive bylaw book. At district meeting make sure and pass out the new bylaw books before leaving and any ladies not there be sure and get bylaw book to them. "Remember, ladies, new bylaw books go only to members who dues are paid." Toni said with small print got more into book. Thanked Toni and Crystal for doing a fine job with the books. Toni made a suggestion for district chairmen to sign for how many they take and at their district meeting to have ladies sign when picking up book. Bring list back to her.

Minutes: president Joann asked if wanted to dispense with reading of minutes? Motion was made by Lou Bartlow to dispense with reading of minutes with a second from Susie

Stout.
Roll call: Tammy -- there were (6) six guests and 26 officers in attendance.

Rhonda Moon, District 14, sitting in for Sharon Angel.

Treasurer report:
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VP Project.....40.00
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Total Disbursements - 1242.50
Balance on hand Feb. 2, 2007.....\$17,365.51

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Reiter, Treasurer IVFAA

Stand approved as read.
Correspondence secretary:
Malinda, there were none.

Joann said make sure and send to Tammy "only".

Membership: Tammy - we have 51 departments, 89 individuals, 24 life, 709 paid by departments for total of 820.

Be sure and get current members to her and make a note when you have new member. Please make sure up to date. Tammy has plenty of forms if ladies need any.

Joann personally wanted to thank Chaplain Beth for a memorial service she did for District 14. Doing a good job.

Chaplain's report: Beth reported three deaths, District 7, 14 and 19. Sent flowers to IVFA president Larry Ketchem and a bunch of Thinking of You and Get Well cards. Beth reported she has no Catholic Bibles. Barb Kerney made a motion for Beth to buy six Catholic Bibles with a second from Pam Gerdowsky. Motion carried. Beth will order six Catholic Bibles. Dorothy had a question about the mileage amount that the chaplain is to receive. Still same pay, 32 cents a mile. Beth said flower fund okay. Please let her know of any illness.

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**IVFAA
President
Joann Hays**



Well, spring has finally arrived, but too sure winter hasn't returned.

Convention is getting close, so hope you have your room reservation and registration in. I'm sure Evansville will show us a good time. Thanks to the committee for their hard work.

Barb Kerney tells me she has 23 Miss Flames. That's great! Thanks, Barb for the wonderful job you are doing as the chairman. I know you and your committee has some surprises up your sleeves. Barb, you quoted to me you are having fun and really enjoying putting this together.

Our sympathy goes out to Rosie Johnson, District 12 chairman (she lost her husband, Don who was a past district chairman and PR. Also, we extend our sympathy to Miriam Schaeckel, Sgt.-at-Arms (she lost her husband, Calvin). Calvin was a past district chairman. Our hearts and love goes out to both of these ladies and their families. Keep them in your prayers.

Also we extend our sympathy to Harrold Harrison, District 11-A, at the loss of his sister and sister-in-law to Diane Harrison, PRSW.

The IVFAA will be presenting 25 year pins to those who have been a member for 25 years and kept their dues up to date. After convention, the district chairmen will be presenting the pins at their district meetings or go to the auxiliary. Congratulations to all of you who will be receiving one. It's been a long time coming. I'm sorry it took so long.

This is a great organization and I pray you will all back your new officers for 2007-2008, both IVFA and IVFAA. They are here to serve you and you are here to give them your help. Do your best to serve one another.

As this is my last time to write to you all as the IVFAA president, I want to thank all of your department, auxiliary, districts, IVFA and IVFAA, past presidents and to my family (especially to Jennifer, who in the past said, "Grandma, you made it") and to Bob who seen to it I would get where I was going, in my years as district chairman, chaplain, vice president and president, I thank him with all my heart and say "Happy 60th Anniversary". Thanks for the memories. I love you.

It's been my pleasure to serve this great organization, and to meet old friends and make new ones. You're one great bunch.

Have fun at convention and "until we meet again" may the good Lord bless and keep you.

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays,
IVFAA president

**August
Deadline:
July 10,
2007**

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

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hospitalization, births, any deaths. Barb Parker had question about rules on flowers. Beth read the guidelines concerning this.

Jim Bradford brought in newspapers. Make sure names and addresses are correct, to let him know if any corrections need to be made, not the newspaper.

Past president Buz Koehler checking to see if any questions about webmaster?

Convention: Steve Anderson said need to get things in before April 14th so they can get paperwork done and know how much food to order and etc. Steve said on schedule. Also if arriving after 4 p.m. on Wednesday can go straight to 4-H center, will be taking reservations there. Hotel is sponsoring door decorating contest for Miss Flames. Credit card machine all set up.

Auditing: Barb Kerney, nothing. Games: There will be games, will be some new ones.

Installation: Barb Parker said she would be ready.

Financial Study: Lou says everything okay. Make sure everyone knows that the insurance IA accidental and dismemberment not life insurance. Joann did sign paper and sent back into insurance company. Barb Kerney said insurance company will be getting with Joann about this.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney said districts need to get Miss Flame's registrations in to her. She has only eight so far. There are a lot of activities planned.

VP Project: Martha will be just fine.

Bylaws: Toni not received anything. Said make sure districts have new bylaw books. Have one case at all times. She will get with Tammy about districts that do not have chairmen, she will make sure members get them.

Jewelry: Chairman Leslie had to resign. Marlene Palling will be taking over. Leslie gave a letter to be read why she was resigning. Corresponding secretary Malinda read letter.

Jane Ferro passed on information to Joann about 25 year pins. Must belong to state auxiliary and dues must be paid to be eligible for 25 year pins. A motion by Lou to order 300 25 year pins, seconded by Rosie Johnson. All was in favor.

Nominating: Susie said everything ready.

Historian: Ann and Phyllis both absent. No report.

President's Advisory: Phyllis absent.

Lois Boaz: Eula Ashbury said they have a Lois Boaz winner. Had a lot of letters. Talk up your ladies about this

award.

Parliamentarian: Toni -- nothing. Back on bylaw books, be sure and take back to districts. Make sure get to ladies. Joann said to make sure and get bylaw book before leaving today. Make sure and keep bylaw book in briefcase at all times.

Broke for a ten minute break at 10:20 a.m. Resumed at 10:30 a.m.

Old business: District chairmen were supposed to have taken back to districts about draft on SOG's. Lou said ask anybody if want to table until next meeting. Joann signed contract about A & D Insurance. Sent papers to Jack Kerney.

New business: Toni says have new auxiliary coming in from Mexico. Susie attended their meeting. They have no district and Toni said their meeting is close to them so they can attend this district. Joann has had several calls about new auxiliary, sent information to them and will be following up. Gaston Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary having first anniversary. Local newspaper did a write up on them. Barb Kerney says have new auxiliary in her area. Barb said the Upland firefighter that was killed in a house fire was first to receive the A&D Insurance benefit. We have some new district chairmen. A discussion was held on Miss Flames' conduct, behavior and chaperones at convention.

Convention report: Barb and Tammy wanting to have more things for ladies to do at convention. Gave some very good ideas. Left it up to committee to take care of this. This would be on Thursday. Also talked about entertainment for Thursday and Friday nights. Maybe a different type. There will be activities going on each night for the children.

A beautiful handmade item was donated for the Chinese Auction from Ron Bell.

Barb Parker did a roll call for how many districts will be donating, there were 16. Barb will be setting up when registration opens Wednesday morning.

Winner of the door prize, which was a lovely singing monkey, was Miriam.

Barb Ketchem thanked everyone for the cards, phone calls and flowers during Larry's recovery. He is doing great. Bill Bush is doing great after his back surgery.

Entertainment and next meeting date: Susie and Tammy will be hosting the entertainment on Saturday. Should be very exciting.

Next meeting dates May 5 and 6, 2007. Sunday meeting starting at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Joann have a "Happy Valentine's Day". Adjourned

at 11:15 a.m.

Closing prayer: Beth closed meeting with prayer.

Submitted by:

Corresponding Secretary IVFAA Malinda Bell

DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



Juanita Owen
District 11B chairman

Greetings from District 11-B.

As of this writing, the sun is trying to shine, but seems to be losing the battle. The weatherman promises that better (warmer) days are ahead.

Our November meeting was held at Reelsville. The attendance was very good, with several departments and auxiliaries present. Reelsville continues to outdo themselves each year with the dinner menu consisting of turkey and all the trimmings.

The January meeting was hosted by Veedersburg with good attendance, also the meal was outstanding.

Dana Fire Department and Auxiliary hosted the March 11 meeting. A very nice chicken and noodle dinner was served to a large group.

St. Bernice will be host of our next meeting on May 9 at 7:00 P.M. This is just about the time you will be receiving this issue of the newspaper.

If you haven't made your reservations and registrations for the convention, you are running out of time! From all reports, Steve Anderson and his convention committees are pulling out all the stops. They have planned lots of activities. The forms are in this paper. June 13 - 16 are the dates.

Ladies, if your husbands are not yet members of the IVFAA, get them signed up. It's to your advantage. We all hope and pray that they are safe, but it pays to be prepared. Contact your district chairman if you need additional details.

Our Miss Flame dance was February 10, with Ariel Newnum of Hillsdale, being crowned Miss Flame to represent this district at convention. Marissa Deiner of Dana was first runner-up and second runner-up was Brittany Short of Clinton. All three girls are winners. I didn't envy our judges one bit.

Please remember to invite Ariel, District 11-B Miss Flame, to your functions and fund raisers. She cannot attend these events if she doesn't know when and where they are scheduled. Her parents are Scott and Bonita Newnum of Hillsdale.

Again, don't forget to make your Convention reservations of June 13-16. Hope to see you there.

Barbara Ketchem

District 11-B Chairman, IVFAA

A light lunch was served and officers were installed.

This year's officers are Pam Gerdowsky - chairman, Pam Scheele - secretary/treasurer, Roberta Streuwing - chaplain.

The state meeting from February was discussed and talk of the convention was encouraged for June 13-14-15-16 in Evansville. Should be a fun time for all.

Bloomington is having a fish fry on Good Friday, April 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Batesville is having a bowling fund raiser May 5 at East Bowl in Batesville.

Sunman is having their annual festival June 8-9.

Morris is having their annual festival June 16.

District 19 Miss Flame, Rachel Butt attended and offered her services to any department who would like to have her for their upcoming events.

Would like to thank Crystal Armbruster for all her hard work the past two years. Crystal was instrumental in getting the By-Laws to the printer for us.

Had a nice time visiting with all. Next meeting will be May 8 at the Morris Fire House.

Pam Gerdowsky

District 19 IVFAA chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky
District 19 chairman

The IVFAA meeting for District 19 was held March 13 at the Sunman Fire House with members from Batesville, Bloomington, Morris and Sunman.



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2007 convention registration forms

What is included in your registration fee?

1. Access to all events on the convention schedule.

Exceptions: Miss Flame preliminary judging and luncheon
Also, games participants must sign-up with the State Games Committee

2. 5 meals are provided with each registration.

Wednesday: Dinner at the Welcome Party (transportation available to 4-H Center)
Thursday: Dinner at the Southwest Fire & Safety Hot Dog / Beer Bust
Friday: Breakfast at the Coffee Clutch
Lunch with the Vendor's
Buffet style Banquet Dinner

3. Drinks (beer, wine, & soft drinks) throughout the convention.

Drinks will be available in the Hospitality Room, with most**

meals, and at locations of convention sponsored events each evening. This does NOT include the hotel Lobby Bar or Time-Out Lounge. Cash bars will be available at certain events for other types of refreshments.

**Beer and Wine may not be available with the Friday lunch

Individual tickets are available for certain events and can be ordered in advance. These include (price listed)

Friday's Banquet \$25.00 each
Wednesday's Party \$10.00 each



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GET YOUR ENGINES R-EVV-INN EVANSVILLE 2007—CONVENTION UPDATE

Things are progressing smoothly as the start of this year's event quickly approaches. We are now making the final plans with what we hope to be one of the best conventions ever. New this year will be the Friday "Lunch with the Vendors." This light lunch will also give you the opportunity to meet each of our participating vendors. Rumor has it there may even be a chance to win a door prize. We also have a different lineup for the Saturday games. A Pumper Pull and Bucket Brigade are replacing the hose replacement and cart race. Look for the rules for these events in this issue of the paper and on the website.

In your spare time, we are setting up tours of the LST #325 docked near Evansville's riverfront. These ships were built in town during WWII. The ship also has other war memorabilia to see during the tour. After the banquet, be prepared to spend the night twisting and turning to the sounds of "The Duke Boys", a 50's and 60's rock & roll band. This group just celebrated their 25th anniversary. Finally, we are also looking into the possibility of a Texas Hold'em tourney for Thursday night.

For those that will be in town by 1 PM Wednesday afternoon, we are hoping to host a meeting of the Integrated Public Safety Commission. This meeting will be on the state 800 MHz public safety radio system. These meetings are scheduled every Wednesday in one of four locations (Evansville just happens to be the location for the 2nd week each month). Check the IPSC link on the state website for other meeting locations. Don't forget the golf scramble also for Wednesday. Further information is also included in this issue. Remember, registration will move from the hotel to the 4-H Center around 4 PM. For those that are arriving late afternoon, you can report straight to the 4-H Center and we will handle your registration needs. Back by popular demand will be the meal catered by the Schnitzelbank of Jasper.

There is so much more to mention, but I have been told by my committee that I cannot tell you about everything. You will just have to wait until convention arrives to find out the rest!! See you in June!!

Steve Anderson,
Convention 2007 Chairman

I.V.F. A. Convention 2007 Registration Form Downtown Evansville at the EXECUTIVE INN June 13 - 16

Pre-registration Fee: \$55.00 per person (after June 7, 2007 price jumps to \$60.00)
PRICE INCLUDES DRINK TAG and 5 MEALS
(dinner W/Th/Fr, lunch Fr, & breakfast Fr)

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(Print as you want it to appear on your badge)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) - _____ - _____ IVFA District: _____

Fire Department / Company: _____

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): _____

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

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

EXTRA Banquet Tickets Can Be Ordered: I need _____ EXTRA tickets at \$25 each

EXTRA Wed. Night Meal Tickets Can Be Ordered: I need _____ EXTRA tickets at \$10 each

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Make check payable to Convention 2007)

To register by credit card, circle type of card Mastercard or Visa

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IVFA STATE GAMES

We added two new games to the state convention this year to replace the hose replacement and cart race. The new games are men's and women's Bucket Brigade and a Pumper Pull. Waterball is still on the schedule. We would like to see your department represented. Contest entry forms are in the February and May newspaper. It is \$15.00 per team for each event. Those that are not

registered at the convention will also be charged a \$5.00 games-only registration fee on Saturday. If you have any questions contact:
State Games Chairman Steve Lane at 812-208-6101 or
2007 Convention Chairman Steve Anderson at 812-425-0727

PUMPER PULL RULES

- Teams must consist of 5 individuals.

- All individuals must be members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association.
- Teams will pull a fire engine a designated distance for time. Team time determines advancement and placement.
- Team members must wear a shirt, shorts or pants, tennis shoes or rubber boots.
- Each team must have 1 captain. The captain is the only person that can talk to the games committee regarding a decision.

- Teams may consist of males and females.
- All team members must sign a release of liability.
- State games committee has final decision on all rulings.
Revised: 3/5/07

INTERNATIONAL BUCKET BRIGADE

Bucket brigade consists of filling a 55 gallon drum setting on top of a platform 10 feet high. The water tank will be 30 feet from the platform. A ladder will be set up and tied to the

platform. Plastic pails will be used to fill the barrel until the water runs out of the hose and fills a gallon jug.
RULES
1. 6 members per team.
2. 5 buckets to be used. Buckets will be placed in line at base of ladder.
3. Platform to be 10 feet high.
4. Fill tank will be set 30 feet from platform.
5. Starting line is even with the fill tank 30 feet from platform for all 6 members.
6. Everyone must wear a protective helmet.

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2007 Convention Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH

| TIME | EVENTS | LOCATION |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 10 AM TO 4 PM | REGISTRATION OPEN | CRYSTAL ROOM |
| 11 AM TO 4 PM | GOLF SCRAMBLE | EAGLE VALLEY GOLF CLUB |
| 1 PM TO 4 PM | INTEGRATED PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION | SALON A |
| | 800 MHZ RADIO TRAINING MEETING | |
| 1 PM TO 4 PM | HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN | ROOM 839 |
| 4 PM TO 6 PM | SHUTTLES START TO 4-H CENTER | LOAD IN LOBBY |
| 4:30 PM TO 7 PM | REGISTRATION | 4-H AUDITORIUM |
| 4:30 PM TO 9 PM | PRE-CONVENTION PICNIC | 4-H AUDITORIUM |
| APPROX 7:30 PM | BENEFIT AUCTION | 4-H AUDITORIUM |
| APPROX. SUNSET | BLUE LIGHT CONTEST | 4-H AUDITORIUM |
| 8 PM TO CLOSE | SHUTTLES START BACK TO HOTEL | LOAD AT AUDITORIUM |
| 10 PM TO MIDNIGHT | HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN | ROOM 839 |

THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH

| TIME | EVENTS | LOCATION |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 7:30 AM TO 11 AM | VENDOR SETUP | SALON B & C |
| 8 AM TO 4 PM | REGISTRATION OPEN | CRYSTAL ROOM |
| 8 AM TO NOON | MISS FLAME JUDING | STATE ROOMS |
| 9 AM TO NOON | BFFPSE MEETING | ATRIUM |
| 9 AM TO NOON | WOMEN SEMINARS | STATE ROOMS |
| 11 AM TO 4 PM | VENDORS OPEN | SALON B & C |
| TBA | TOUR OF LST #325 (COST \$8) | LST RIVER DOCK |
| 11 AM TO 4 PM | HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN | ROOM 839 |
| NOON TO 1 PM | MISS FLAME LUNCHEON | WABASH ROOM |
| 1 PM TO 2 PM | IVFA OFFICERS' MEETING | STATE ROOM TBA |
| 1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM | MISS FLAME JUDGING | SALON A |
| 3 PM TO 4:30 PM | SEMINAR #1 | SALON A |
| 3 PM TO CLOSE | IVFAA OFFICERS' MEETING | WABASH ROOM |
| 3 PM TO 4:30 PM | WOMEN SEMINARS | STATE ROOMS |
| 4:30 PM TO 6 PM | HOT DOG & BEER BUST | ATRIUM |
| 6:30 PM TO 9 PM | OPENING MEETING | ATRIUM |
| 9 PM TO CLOSE | ENTERTAINMENT | ATRIUM |
| 9:30 PM TO CLOSE | TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNEY | TBA |
| 10 PM TO MIDNIGHT | HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN | ROOM 839 |

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

| TIME | EVENTS | LOCATION |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 6:30 AM TO 7:45 AM | KOFFEE KLUTCH | TRINITY UMC |
| 7 AM TO 2 PM | REGISTRATION OPEN | CRYSTAL ROOM |
| 8 AM TO 9 AM | MEMORIAL SERVICE | TRINITY UMC |
| 9:30 AM TO CLOSE | IVFA ANNUAL MEETING | ATRIUM |
| 9:30 AM TO CLOSE | IVFAA ANNUAL MEETING | SALON A |
| 10:30 AM TO 2 PM | VENDORS OPEN | SALON B & C |
| 11 AM TO 4 PM | MISS FLAME OUTING | MEET IN LOBBY |
| APPROX. NOON | LUNCH WITH THE VENDORS | ATRIUM |
| APPROX. 1:30 | DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS | SALON B & C |
| 2 PM TO 4 PM | SEMINAR #2 | SALON A |
| TBA | TOUR OF LST #325 (COST \$8) | LST RIVER DOCK |
| 2 PM TO 4:30 PM | HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN | ROOM 839 |
| 2 PM TO 4 PM | BINGO | WABASH ROOM |
| 5 PM TO 10 PM | CHILDREN'S PARTY/BABYSITTING | STATE ROOMS |
| 5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM | BANQUET | ATRIUM |
| 9 PM TO CLOSE | THE DUKE BOYS (50's & 60's BAND) | SALON A, B & C |

SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH

| TIME | EVENTS | LOCATION |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 7 AM TO 7:30 AM | GAME REGISTRATION | EVSC PARKING LOT |
| 8 AM TO CLOSE | GAMES | EVSC PARKING LOT |
| | NEW THIS YEAR - PUMPER PULL & BUCKET BRIGADE | |
| | PLUS WE STILL HAVE WATERBALL | |
| 8 AM TO CLOSE | EQUIPMENT DISPLAY | EVSC PARKING LOT |
| TBA | TOUR OF LST #325 - IF NEEDED (COST \$8) | LST RIVER DOCK |

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- or -

STEVE ANDERSON AT
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2007 IVFA CONVENTION GOLF SCRAMBLE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH
AT EAGLE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

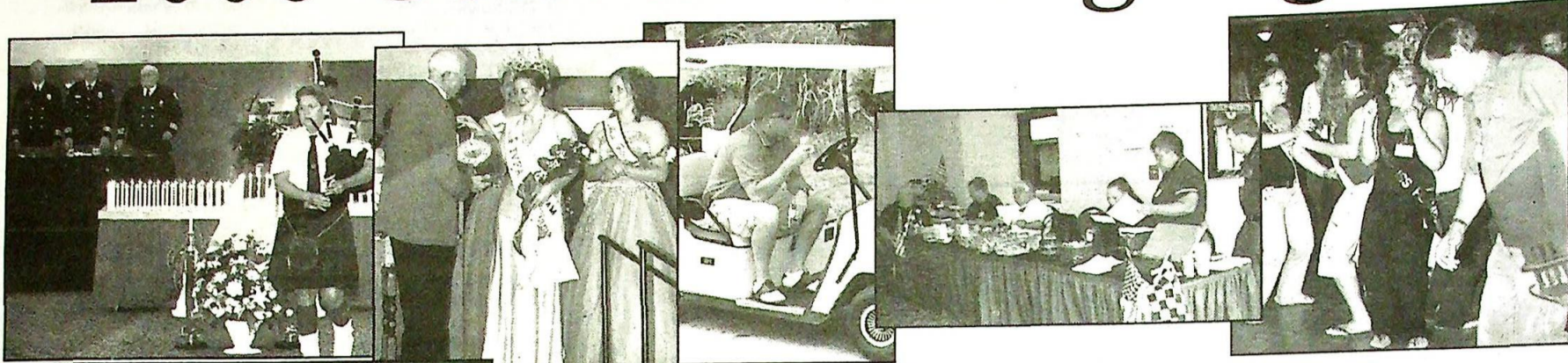
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JACK KERNEY AT
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To register or for further information.

2006 Convention highlights



Bucket brigade rules ...

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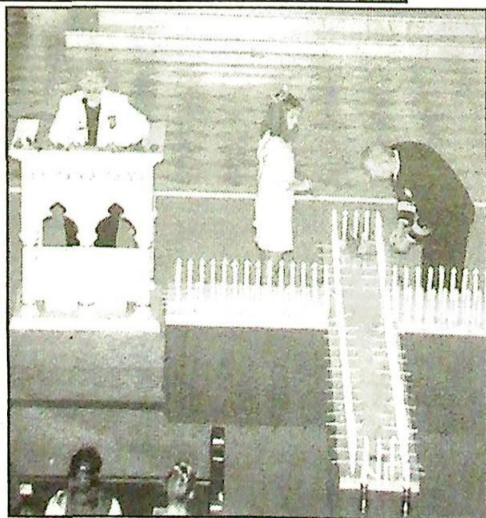
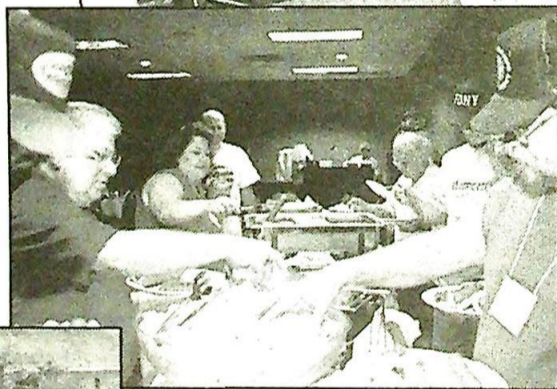
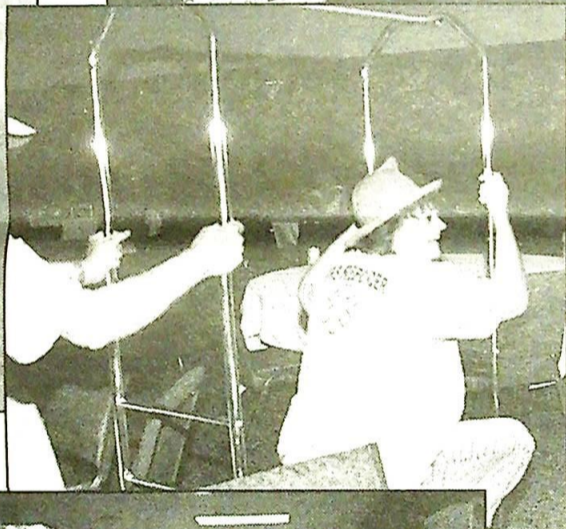
7. Barrel to be filled to 50 gallons for men and women.

PENALTIES

- 1. 10 second penalty for carrying more than 1 bucket to or from fill tank.
- 2. 5 second penalty for dropping or not catching a bucket.
- 3. 5 second penalty if the 3 persons on the ladder do not stay in contact with the ladder once they get on the ladder.
- 4. Disqualified if anyone goes in the fill tank.

JUDGING

- 1. One judge on platform to start game, and to stop game when the one gallon jug runs over.
- 2. One judge on ground to watch for dropped buckets and the three persons stay in contact with the ladder.



IVFA STATE GAMES CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

- Men's Waterball Men's Bucket Brigade
 Women's Waterball Pumper Pull
 Women's Bucket Brigade

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

Contest to be held Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Evansville, Indiana.

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

Department Name _____

Team Captain: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

All Contest Entry Blanks should be postmarked on or before June 1, 2007.

All Departments that plan to enter team(s) should complete entry blanks for each team.

Please include check or money order made to: IVFA Games.

Please mail Entry Blanks, along with check or money order, to:

Steve Lane
 471 S. Lincoln St.
 Clinton, IN 47842
 Cell: 812-208-6101

Please bring raingear for each event. Trophies will be given for Water Ball, Bucket Brigade, and Pumper Pull. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position will be Friday night at 9:00 p.m.

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

2007 Convention – June 13 thru June 16

Notes from an old volunteer

Here I sit, surrounded by clippings, photos, letters and a flood of memories. I am trying to squeeze 29 years as a volunteer firefighter/EMT into a scrapbook. Don't even think of trying this yourself, you will need more scrapbooks.

People ask me all of the time if I miss being an emergency responder. Since my retirement from Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department last August, I haven't missed it at all. Well, unless you count the times when I have heard a siren in the distance, or glimpsed a fire engine passing, or met an ambulance on the highway.

I confess that my car still wants to whip into the fire station drive when I see vehicles there. Unbelievably, there are days when I actually miss the guys and their banter, even miss hearing the arguments about who parked the truck straightest in the bay. Oh yes, I often feel left out when they are off on adventures that I can no longer share. But then, I am out of scrapbook pages!

Now that I am no longer a responder, I can brag about emergency workers as long and as loudly as I like. I testify to the little known realities that most citizens don't comprehend. Most have no clue how much it would impact the economy of a community if suddenly there were no trained and equipped firefighters nearby. Any idea what it would cost to train and equip a single firefighter? You think gasoline and insurance is expensive at your house? Try keeping a fleet of fire apparatus on the road. Insurance on the trucks, on the human force, on the liability inevitable in any emergency scene...eats up a budget pretty quickly. Proper firefighting gear including self contained breathing apparatus for every firefighter is essential, but it isn't cheap. Yet we expect those dollars to come magically from fish fries and chili suppers. How much fish and chili can you eat? If the lives and safety of my family depend upon fundraisers, I intend to be present and spend my money at every single one the firefighters host.

The efficient and seamless working relationship between emergency responders and response agencies is hard won. There is no dividing line in a crisis where paid professionals stand apart from unpaid professionals. Watch them work and you won't be able to tell who gets a paycheck and who just goes home tired.

The education demanded to be a qualified emergency responder is the same whether paid or unpaid personnel are involved. When your life hangs in the balance that quality assurance should be a comfort. Our firefighters spend hundreds of hours in training and preparation. Years ago (when Grand Dad was a boy) firefighters fought fire, period. Fire then was usually normal combustibles like wood, natural fabric, straw, hay etc. Fire now is rolling over synthetics in all forms and fashions. Materials like plastics produce deadly toxins in terrifying amounts when heated. Quick, check your house for plastic

items. Can't find a room without plastic can you? Today in a "routine", "average", "normal" structure fire there are enough toxins in one burning plastic trash can to kill off all Grand Dad's fire horses. Fire just ain't what it used to be and neither can be the people who battle against fire's destruction.

Watch the chemicals that travel up and down your highways. Who do you call when a tanker truck of ghastly gunk rolls over? Who do you call when there is a "funny" odor in your neighborhood? Who do you call when Uncle Fred spills his load of pesticide on the way to the field? Chances are you are calling and expecting a response from the fire department.

When there is a horrific traffic accident on our scenic roadways it is very likely that a volunteer fire unit will be the first help to arrive. They are the closest responders because they are part of your community. You expect them to arrive with the expertise and the equipment necessary to free an entrapped victim, stop the bleeding, help the paramedics, and set up a landing zone for the medical helicopter.

Volunteer emergency responders are unreasonable. They get really intense when they speak of public safety issues. They sometimes have little patience with those who are less committed to excellence and preparedness. There is little grace given for those who take money ahead of public welfare or politics above true progress. Emergency people are not the voices of compromise because they deal so frequently with death and disaster. Death gives us little room for compromise. Don't expect anything but the unvarnished truth when discussing an issue with emergency people.

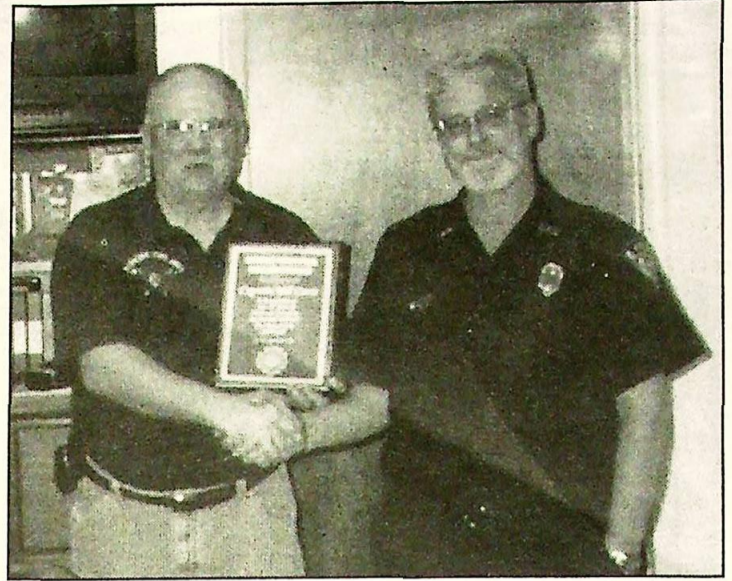
Even with their radical opinions, on

you will find volunteer emergency workers good teachers for your children. Young people who become cadet firefighters learn more than you might imagine. Mom and Dad, did you know that math and science are vital subjects in the fire service? Hydraulics, pump pressures, friction loss computations, flow rates, engine operations, chemical properties, and basic fire behavior are tools of the trade. Weather science, vapor density, specific gravity, lower and upper flammability limits, vapor expansion rates, all are part of foundational firefighter training. Business skills and practices are critical to manage the limited assets emergency agencies have at hand. Community development, public speaking, and governmental involvement are frequently the realm of the firefighter. Many a professional path has been launched from the lessons learned in a volunteer fire department.

Finally to my brothers and sisters who are still making the good fight, I wish you well. Treasure the time you are living, take satisfaction in the work of your hands, reach ahead toward your goals and never look back. Do all you can, as often as you can, and leave the result in the care of the Almighty. Your best is all He asks and all you should ask of yourselves.

I believe that all who are truly called to emergency service never really leave it behind. You may not see us racing onto your scene or hear us lifting your safety before God in our prayers but we are still with you. We rejoice in your every success and feel the pain of your failures. We never fail to be proud of you.

-- submitted by Rebecca Scott, recently retired volunteer firefighter/EMT with the Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department, Freetown, IN



Plaque given to Bill Curts for retirement from fire department

On January 8, 2007 Steve Fields, fire chief of the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department presented Bill Curts with a plaque for his retirement from the fire department. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

2007 Convention Evansville, IN June 13th - June 16th

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Portland VFD holds annual awards supper



On April 5, 2007 the Portland Volunteer Fire Department held their annual awards supper at the Portland Fire Station.

Receiving pins for their years of service are as follows: from left to right, Tom Jacobs 25 years, Gary Johnston 20 years, Ron Somers 15 years, Matt Aker 10 years, Clay Christal 5 years, and Gary Dennis 5 years.

Not pictured: David Green 20 years, and Stacy White 5 years. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

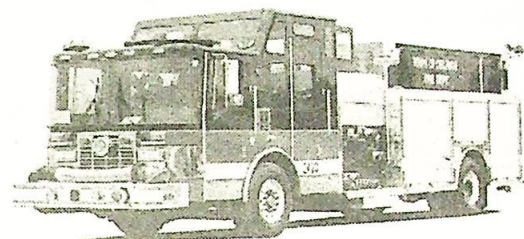
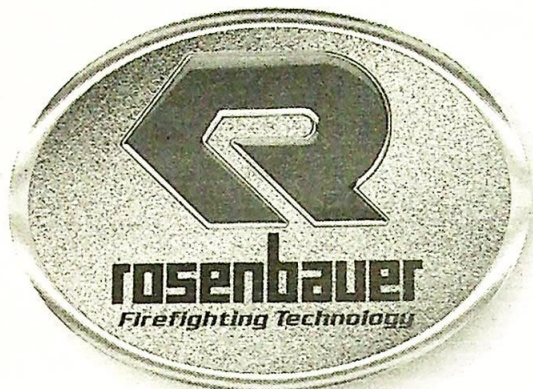
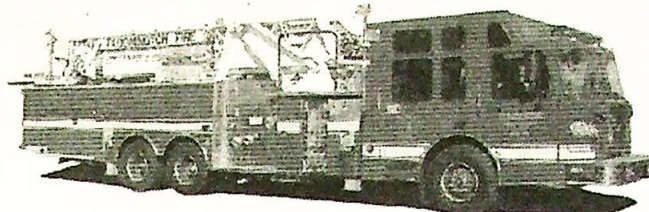
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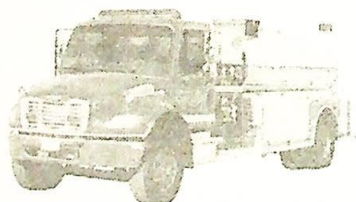
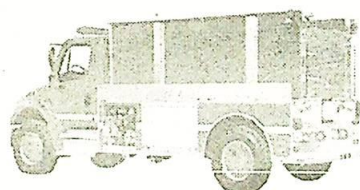
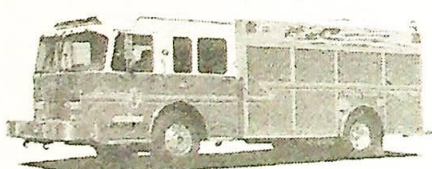
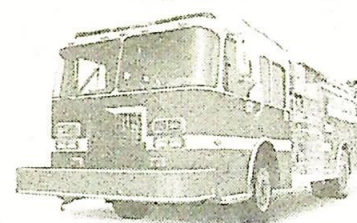
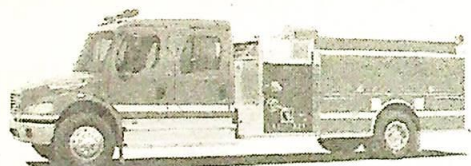
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Sears' recently honored with plaques

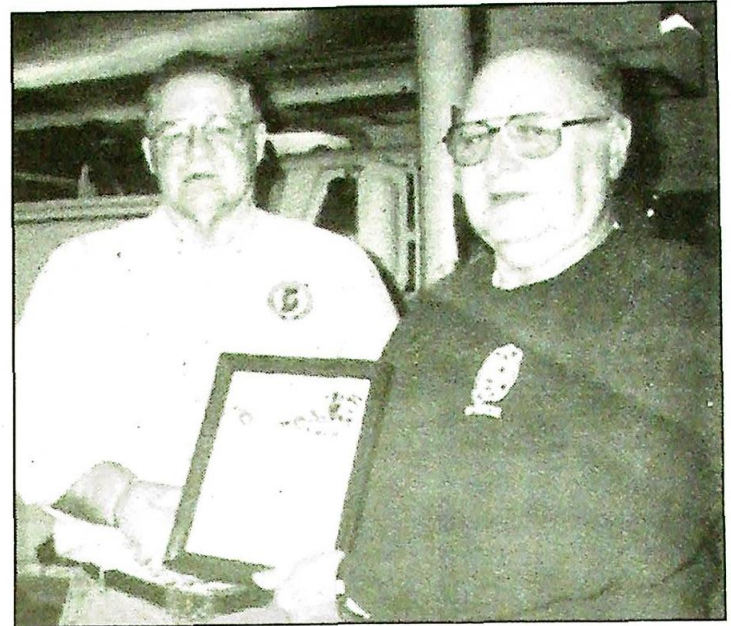
(At right) - On April 3, 2007, Sharon Wright, wife of Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presented a plaque of the Fireman's Wife Prayer to Rosemary Sears, wife of Bud Sears who is retiring after 37 years of service from the White River Volunteer Fire Department, Winchester, Indiana.

Pictured, from left to right, Bud Sears, Rosemary Sears and Sharon Wright. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B



(At far right) - On April 3, 2007 the White River Volunteer Fire Department, Winchester, Indiana held a ham and bean supper.

After the supper, Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presented a plaque to Bud Sears who is retiring after 37 years of service. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B



IVFA offering shirts, caps and jackets for sale

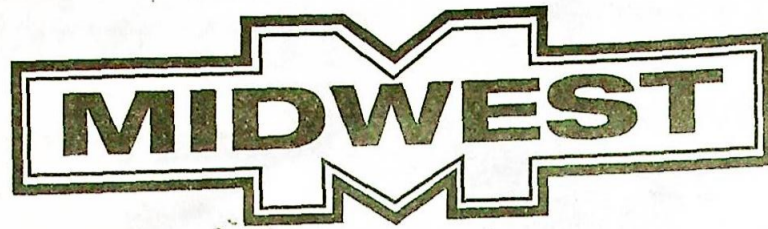
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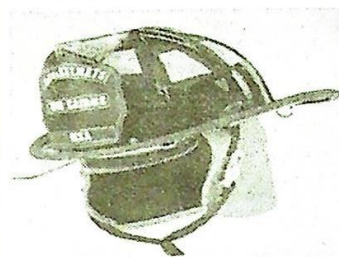
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Presentation of District 12 Midwest Award



The District 12 Midwest Award was presented to Chief James Hieston of Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department during their monthly meeting, February 5, 2007. -- submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman



Miss Flame
contest held
at Ward Twp.
VFD on
January 10th

Miss Flame contest was held on January 10, 2007 at the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department, Saratoga, Indiana.

Pictured, left to right: front row -- LeeAnn Blumenhorst - Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, Miss Flame 2007; Kylee Bell - Pennville Volunteer Fire Department.

Back row -- Jessica Ramseyer - Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department, Tiffany Clevenger - Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, 2nd runner up; Lindsey Current - Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, Ashley Theurer - Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, Melinda Harris - Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department, Miss Flame 2006. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

New station dedication and clock presentation held at North Salem



District 12 chairman, Larry Bruner, presents an IVFA clock to Chief John Berry of Eel River VFD in North Salem during their open house on March 3, 2007. -- submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman



Eel River Volunteer Fire Department new station dedication and open house were held Saturday, March 3, 2007. -- submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

The American Firefighter — the True Hero

Fire betrays man like a pet dog gone mad, Rampaging flame lashes to destroy possessions, home and life itself. People are frightened, bewildered, crying for aid. Neighbors race to save what they can snatch from the blaze. Spectators crowd to watch the misfortune of others.

A call for help is sent. A fire engine thunders forward as sirens scream their warning to the opponent -- fire! Quickly hungry pythons of hoseline team to make the attack. Sparks swirl and steam belches in response to the blow. A dozen helmeted minutemen advance toward the last remnant of the enemy. The firelight dies, the conflict ends.

Battle weary arms reach to encircle the victims of disaster. Tears fall upon broad shoulders. Fear is eased by compassionate voices. Rough hands

are extended in kindness.

The scene is enacted every day. The towns are different, the faces are not the same. However the suffering caused by fire is universal. Each victim faces the task of sifting through the ashes to salvage his identity. Human need waits for no one. Across the land seemingly ordinary people stand ready to answer the challenge of fire prevention and suppression. Can there be anything ordinary about lives willingly jeopardized on behalf of another! Can we define valor without a pulsation of pride in these silent watchmen of safety? Can we even speak of heroism without seeing an image of the American firefighter?

-- submitted by Rebecca C. Scott, retired volunteer firefighter/EMT with Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department, Freetown, IN

Lynn VFD members receive 25 year pins



Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, presenting a 25 year pin to Gerald Price of the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department on January 2, 2007. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B



Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman presenting a 25 year pin to Scott Johnting of the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department on January 2, 2007. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

Winners of Miss Flame contest at Ward Twp VFD



Winners of the Miss Flame contest held at the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department, Saratoga on January 10, 2007.

Left to right, Tiffany Clevenger, Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, 2nd runner; LeeAnn Blumenhorst, Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, Miss Flame 2007. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

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