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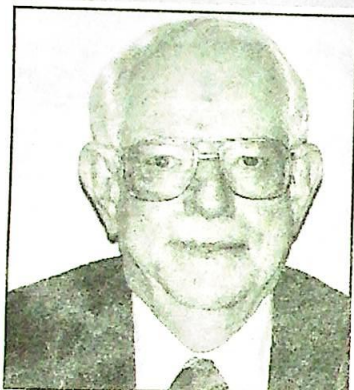
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**From The
President**

Larry Ketchem



By the time you receive this issue of the paper, the General Assembly will be looking ahead to the next session.

Listed below are some of the bills that may be of interest:

HB1105 -- Deals with various public safety matters.

HB1114 -- Police and firefighters residency DOES NOT include volunteers, we are excluded from this new law.

HB1187 -- Nonprofit Corporations: Effective July 1, 2008, Not only will the IVFA be affected, so will each department which has been legally formed as a nonprofit corporation in the state of Indiana.

There were many more items covered this Legislative Session

than is listed in this article, but these are the ones we as an Association all need to keep in check.

As a reminder, don't forget to make your reservations and send in your registrations for Convention. Steve Macke and his committee have put together a great time for us at Belterra Hotel and Casino. Let's all plan on attending, and making this a huge success. Hope many of you can enjoy the fun in southern Indiana.

*Larry D. Ketchem
IVFA President*

**FROM THE IVFA OFFICE
DUES INCREASE
FOR 2008 and 2009**

The IVFA Board of Directors has voted to increase the Membership dues for 2008 and 2009. This will be a two tier increase. The IVFA has not had a dues increase since August 1, 1994, although expenses and benefits have increased during this time.

The INACTIVE membership has been eliminated.

All members are now ACTIVE @ \$16.00 per member for 2008 and \$20.00 for 2009.

IVFA 50 year GOLD CARD Members are NO CHARGE.

IVFA Members on MILITARY LEAVE are NO CHARGE.

IVFA PAST PRESIDENTS are NO CHARGE.

INDUSTRIAL Members will pay the same as ACTIVE members.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS will be \$25.00.

A new category called, INDIVIDUAL, has been added for firefighters that are no longer affiliated with a fire department, but would like to continue to belong to the IVFA. Their dues are the same as the ACTIVE member \$16.00 for 2008 and \$20.00 for 2009.

This is a list of BENEFITS each member category receives.

ACTIVE MEMBER

- Membership Card
- Damaged Clothing Replacement, as prescribed by Damaged Clothing Committee
- Indiana Volunteer Firefighter publication
- Memorial Benefit
- Bible
- Grave Marker
- Service of the Chaplain, if desired

- IVFA License Plate Purchase
- Bridgeport Death Benefit, as set forth in the Bridgeport guidelines.

- Bridgeport Scholarship Benefit, as set forth in the Bridgeport guidelines.

- Voting rights as set forth in the Bylaws. (Article VI)
- Other Benefits as approved as the Board of Directors

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- Membership Card
- Indiana Volunteer Firefighter publication

HONARY MEMBER

- Membership Card
- Indiana Volunteer Firefighter publication

ARMED SERVICES

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- Service of the Chaplain, if desired

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- Service of the Chaplain, if desired

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*Barb Kerney
Office Administrator*

**Miss Flame
update**

Convention time is fast approaching. There will be 22 young ladies vying for the title of Miss Flame 2008.

Thanks to all district chairmen for assisting us in putting together this year's Miss Flame program. Many months of preparation go into making this program a success.

I hope the girls are as excited as I am and will be looking forward to a great time at Belterra.

Activities for the Miss Flames will begin on Wednesday, June 18th. We will get together on Wednesday evening after the Bar-B-Q to get our schedules for the activities that we will be involved with throughout the convention. Parents are invited to attend so they will know what is expected of each girl.

I have been to a number of district contests this year and I have been amazed at the talents and experiences this year's contestants bring to the state competition. Judging will indeed be difficult.

Thanks to all the convention Miss Flame committee for their preparation.

REMINDER: Make sure you have made your hotel reservation and that you have told them you are a Miss Flame as there are rooms set aside for you and your chaperone.

*Barbara Kerney
Miss Flame chairman*

**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 18 to June 21, 2008.

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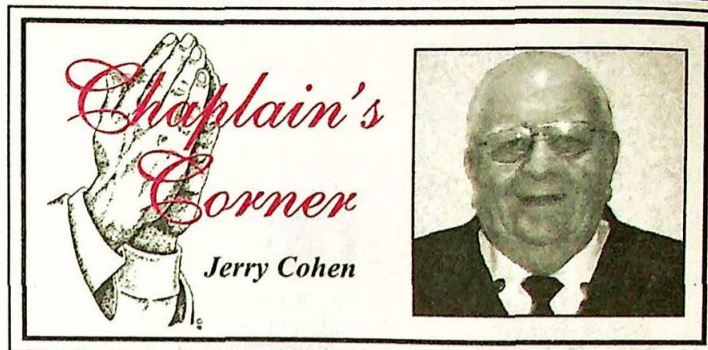
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In several issues of the paper I have talked about prayer and from some of the response I have gotten I am asked, "how do you know when God is talking to you?"

Well, I must confess, I have never heard a loud thunderous voice from heaven. I haven't even heard an audible sound that I can say it was God talking to me.

What I do feel is a peaceful feeling with the answer to my questions as to what He wants me to do. I have found that if I pay attention to these gentle thoughts and feelings things usually go well.

If I just rush into things and make commitments without TALKING to GOD, I usually shoot myself in the foot so to speak.

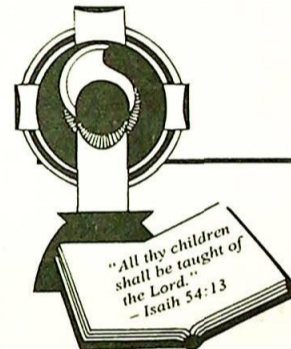
This has taken me many years to learn and understand what was happening when God is in my thoughts. I guess I was a slow learner.

I don't shoot myself in the foot as often as I used to sometimes, I still goof up once in a while and forget to pray.

When my time as your chaplain is over and I am not around I would want to be remembered as the one who got you to know and to talk to God.

If God is calling you to become a chaplain, the Indiana Fire Chaplains Corps has brought chaplain training to Indiana.

Contact me I can help you get started.



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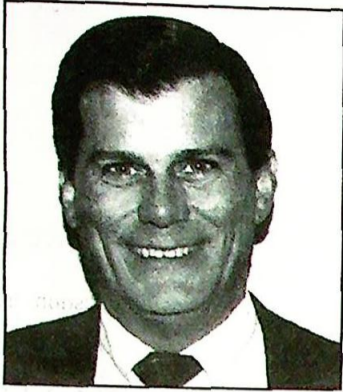
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From The Vice President

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 everyone that stopped by our booth at FDIC. Even if you are unable to attend the classes that are offered, there is a lot of valuable information to be had through the vendors and networking with other firefighters from across the country and the globe.

Six of your officers had the privilege of representing the IVFA at the Congressional Fire Services

Institute in Washington, D.C. While we were there, we were able to meet with over half of Indiana's elected officials. We could not meet with all, due to scheduling conflicts. 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.

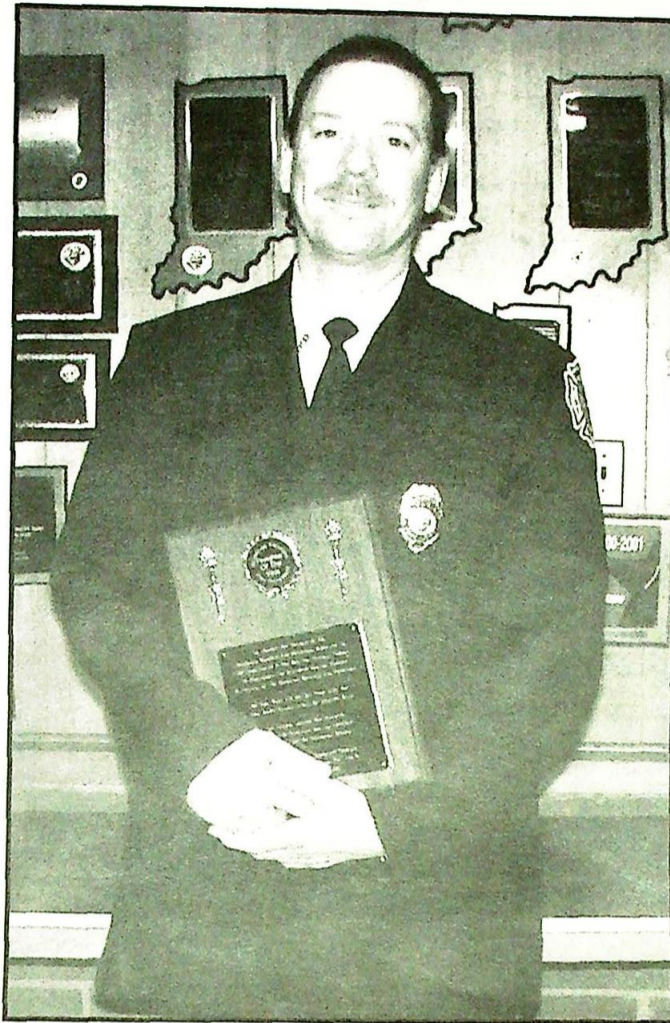
Your legislative committee has been working hard to stay on top of all of the bills and amendments affecting the volunteer fire service this session. A lot of the session was spent dealing with property taxes, so there were other issues that did not get the attention they deserved. One bill that did pass makes sweeping changes to not-for-profit corporations. 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 at Belterra.

Stay safe!

Sincerely,
Dave Elick
IVFA Vice President

Greg Leuck receives Firefighter of the Year award



During the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department annual Awards Banquet, Mr. Greg Leuck received the Firefighter of the Year Award based on performance, dedication to the community and assistance to members of the department.

Greg has been a member of the department for four years and was a member of the Boswell/Grant Twp. Volunteer Fire Department for eight years prior to joining the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by L.E. "Buz" Koehler, Chief, Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department.

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Nominating committee chooses slate of officers for 2009

The nominating committee, consisting of chairman past president Jack Zeeks, PRNW Jim Bradford and PRSW Jim Abrams, have chosen the slate of 2009 officers to be elected at the 2008 convention.

President-Vice President David Elick OR District 17B Chairman Tim Deckard.

Vice President - District 14 chairman Charlie Moon.

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PRSE - Al Williamson - Districts 14, 16 and 19.

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

This is the recommendation of the committee.

District 18 events

District 18 upcoming events are as follows:

May 15, 2008: District 18 meeting, Fire Station - West Baden, IN

June 18-20, 2008: IVFA Convention, Belterra Casino - Vevay, IN

July 17, 2008: District 18 meeting, Birdseye Fire Station

August 21-24, 2008: Town of Birdseye 125th Centennial Celebration

October 5-11, 2008: Fire Prevention Week

District 18 meetings will start at 8:00 p.m. E.S.T. or E.D.T. (Dubois County time). -- submitted by Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary

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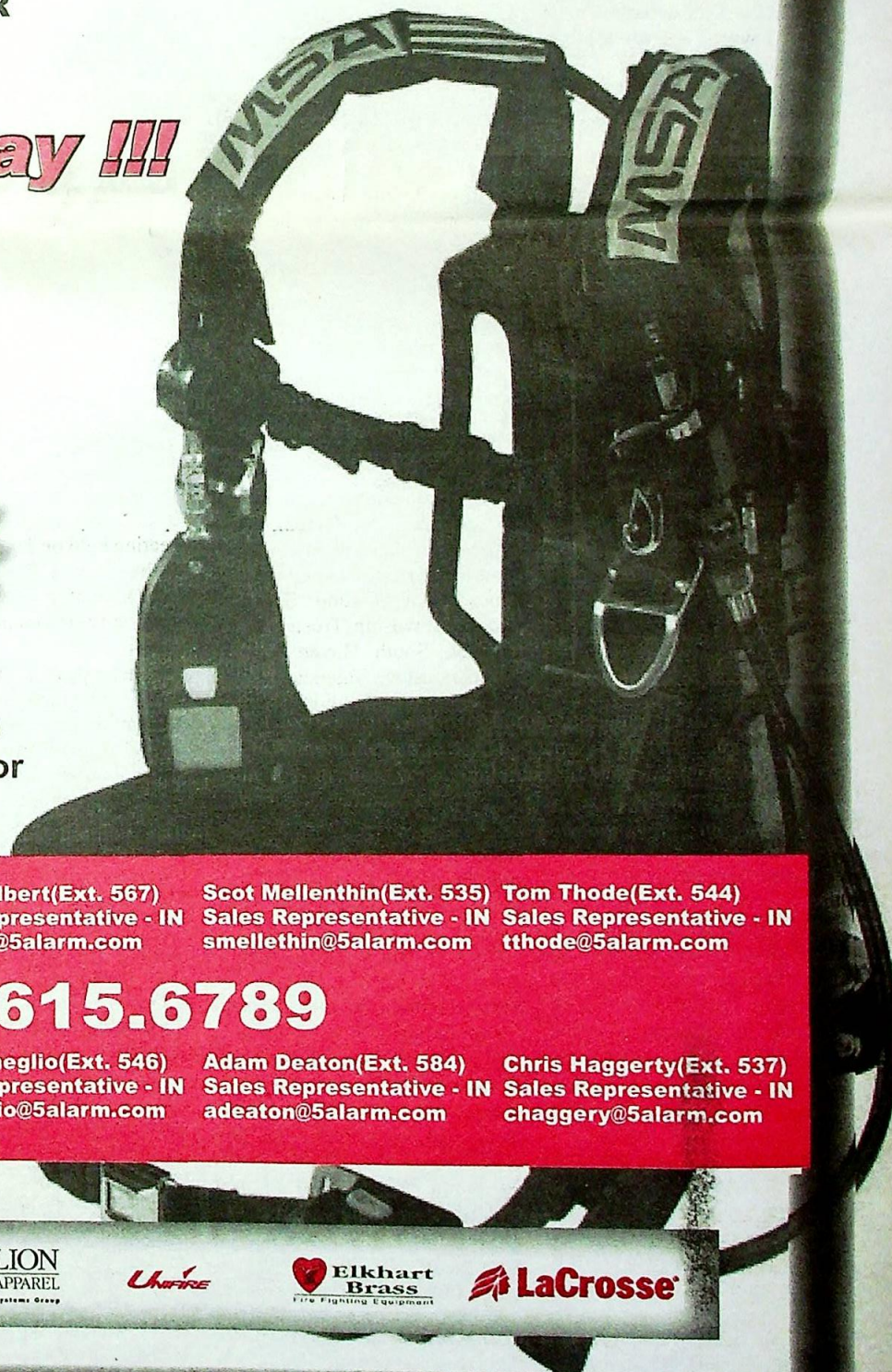
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 CHAIRMAN



Tom Orrell

DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN



Paul Watland

IVFA Districts 1/2 Union Fire Department 01-16-2008

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Past president Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 25 members of eight departments in District 1 with Ross Township as the trophy winner, and by 16 members of seven departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township as the trophy winner.

Guests included: Past presidents Buz Koehler and Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 Chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 Secretary/Treasurer Diana Orrell, John Kierzkowski of IDHS and Jim Daly from Hoosier Fire.

Chief Don Lamb gave a brief history of Union FD.

No program for the evening.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Szot to dispense with the reading of November 2007 minutes. Passed.

Communication:

Buz spoke on Legislation and advised the Emergency Service Fire Caucus Dinner was Monday, February 4th, 2008.

Jim Bradford discussed HB3648, NFPA changes, Bridgeport Scholarship, grants, upcoming fire schools, and Convention dates/times and reminded everyone that the next paper will be out in May; article and picture deadlines are April 10th.

John K. from IDHS announced new people in office for 2008 and advised that the American Legion is looking for firefighters (must be sponsored) for Firefighter of the Year award.

Tom Orrell announced that nominations for the various awards are due by February 1st (except Bridgeport, due by March 1st).

Treasurer's report: \$1655.12.

Old business: None.

New business: Diana Orrell made a motion, seconded by Kim Perry reference a proposed by-law changes for section 6, 7, 8: to get away from "inactive members", making 50 year members, past presidents and individual members active for life and

members, and that members of dual departments can only be counted as 1 vote. Passed.

Ralph Knapp made a motion, seconded by Bill Casbon that IVFAA request to combine meetings with IVFA once a quarter continue as is and not be combined. Passed.

No deaths in districts.

Good of order:

March 3rd, Rensselaer FD hosting a Grant Writing Class presented by FEMA from 7-10 a.m.

Next meeting: February 20th, at Lowell FD.

Bob Grady of Lake Station FD won \$64 in the 50/50 drawing. Several other items donated by Hoosier and Global were also won in the drawing.

Diana Orrell made a motion to adjourn at 9:00, seconded by Paul Watland. Passed.

Diana L Orrell,
Secretary/Treasurer
IVFA Districts 1/2

IVFA DISTRICTS 1/2 SOUTH HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT 03-19-2008

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. IVFA Chaplain Jerry Cohen led "The Pledge of Allegiance".

Roll call was answered by 43 members of eight departments in District 1 with Ross Township FD as the trophy winner, and by 16 members of six departments in District 2 with Lake of the 4 Seasons Fire Force as the trophy winner.

Guests included: Past president Mitch Parish and wife Jean, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, IVFA Chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 Chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 Secretary/Treasurer Diana Orrell, IVFAA Districts 1/2 Secretary Marge Baumgardner, PCFA president Jim Branham, Mike Orrico of Global, Ken Nemes of Memorial Med Flight, Scott Gilbert of Donley Safety, James Tudor of Tudor Services, Portage Township Trustee Joyce Webster, South Haven Charter members, Steve Valencic and Ed Trinowski, and South Haven Life member Bill Lake.

Chief John Kephire gave a brief history of South Haven FD and introduced its members.

Program: Kephire spoke on evidence collection on a fire scene and PC F.I.S.T. James Tudor spoke briefly on Hoosier Burn Camp.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bub Wise to dispense with last months minutes. Passed.

Communications:

PR Northwest Bradford discussed NIMS, dues increase, IVFA convention, next paper deadline of April 10th for the May paper, LODD, NFPA 1500, legislation changes, and advised for District 1 Homeland Security training, go to www.district1firetraining.com

Past president Parish discussed the Federal Death Benefit and announced that as of February 26, Dietz resigned from DHS and was replaced by Wainscot.

Chaplain Cohen advised of a Chaplain course on April 8th and

9th.

Treasurer's report: \$1733.60.

Old Business: None.

New business: Bill Casbon made a motion, seconded by Keith Austin to donate the \$500 that is usually given to the Miss Flame candidates to the Hoosier Burn Camp. Passed.

Deaths: Eric Forster of Ross Township/Lake of 4 Seasons and Lake County Sheriff's Department, and IVFAA Districts 1/2 chairperson Phyllis Vargo's mother (former IVFAA member). A moment of silence was observed.

Good of the order: Portage FD station #1, Hazmat awareness class on March 22nd. Memorial Med Flight-EMS night out training on March 26th in Knox, IN. Boone Grove pancake breakfast on April 13th from 7 to 1. South Haven Firefighter's Ball on April 19th from 6-12. Rolling inferno brotherhood bash at Porter VRW on April 19th from 6-12. See: www.rollinginferno.com

Next meeting on April 16th at Lake of 4 Seasons Fire Force.

James Tudor of Tudor Services, Inc. won \$89 in the 50/50 drawing and donated back to IVFA to give to the Burn Camp.

Jim Branham made a motion, seconded by John Clapp to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell,
Secretary/Treasurer
IVFA Districts 1/2

DISTRICT 4 CHAIRMAN



Terry Smith

There were five departments represented at the 4th District meeting held on January 23, 2008 at the Warren Twp. Fire Dept. with a total of fourteen which consisted of ten members and four guests.

Guest speaker, Tracy Dugan from American Income Life informed us concerning the \$3,000 death and dismemberment insurance, our provider, and the family information guide.

District 4 held their Miss Flame contest with I.V.F.A. State Miss Flame, Amber Farrer, announcing Shelby Leach as the 2008 District 4 Miss Flame. Shelby is the daughter of Rick Leach of the Penn Township Fire Department.

Public Relations director, Mort Sorg, informed the body about the legislation being discussed down state. Ways to put the word out about the benefits the I.V.F.A. is offering was discussed. Chairman Terry Smith informed the members that a new I.V.F.A. benefit brochure was being updated and would soon be available.

Chairman Smith presented a 50 year Gold Card to Russel Peterson from Baugo Township Fire Department and a 25 year pin to Frank Bertolan and John Milliken, both from Warren Township Fire Department.

The next 4th District meeting will be held on April 24, 2008, at Elkhart Township Fire Department. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Note from the Chairman:

I have been the 4th District chairman for two years, and I have to say I have been very disappointed in the attendance at the meetings and the response I receive when asking departments to host the meetings and serve refreshments. If you do not wish to host a meeting, just let me know instead of acting like it is a chore. When hosting, it would be nice to have your members in attendance to show the I.V.F.A. support.

Terry Smith
District 4 chairman

DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Tony Farrer

This last quarter has been a busy time for our state IVFA Miss Flame.

On February 4 was the 17th annual Indiana Fire Service Institute and Fire Caucus dinner which was held in Indianapolis.

We also attended meetings and tours of both 2008 and 2009 convention sites. In Louisville, KY on March 1, we attended the Supporting Heroes dinner.

We held three memorial services in District 5 for firemen Walter "Bill" Bradbury, Atwood Vol. Fire Dept. - 65 years of service, North Webster Vol. Fire Dept. William Melcalf - 75 years of service, Robert "Bob" Whisel, Bremen Vol. Fire Dept. - 24+ years of service.

We also attended lots of district and country meetings and fundraisers.

From our family, we would like to thank all the firemen and their families that we have met along our journey throughout the state this past year.

P.S. -- Amber said she is going to miss the windshield time.

The Farrer's
Tony & Diane - 5th District
chairmen
Amber - 2007 IVFA Miss
Flame

January 10, 2008

Location: Polk Township Fire Department, Tyner, IN.

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 19:32 hours by district chairman Tony Farrer with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

IVFA Assistant Chaplain David Sichelka (PRNE) offered the invocation.

Roll Call: 14 members representing six departments.

Guests: Mrs. Mort Sorg - District 7 chairman and PRNE Rep., Amber Farrer - 2007 Miss Flame, Olivia Eyrich - 2008 Miss Flame candidate.

Thanks were expressed to Polk

Township for hosting the meeting. Guests were introduced.

Minutes of the November meeting were amended to include the motion to approve the September minutes and to include that Bill Goodwin, who passed away in 2007 was the first volunteer to be appointed State Fire Marshal. Approved as amended.

Old Business: Denver Fire Station is behind schedule and will probably be done in April. Bourbon's new truck chassis will go into production on Monday, January 14.

Tony Farrer reported that the 17-Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner will be in Indianapolis February 4 at 6:30.

IVFA Convention is coming up in June (18-21) and Fallen Hero day will be March 1 in Louisville, KY.

Bridgeport Scholarship deadline is March 1 and IVFA plates are still available.

New Business: District 5 Miss Flame candidate Olivia Eyrich spoke briefly to the group. 2007 IVFA Miss Flame Amber Farrer talked about her experiences as Miss Flame. She will be doing a fundraiser for Hoosier Burn Camp. Mrs. Sorg suggested that firefighters attend visitor's day at the camp.

PRNE Rep. Mort Sorg reported that burn camp also has folks bring motorcycles and fire apparatus. The Regional Public Training Academy, a \$26 million facility was dedicated in Ft. Wayne. Mort added some information about the firefighter plates. February 1 is the deadline for IVFA awards. A news reporter for Channel 15 in Ft. Wayne said that when her home burned she was grateful to the volunteer fire departments involved in fighting the fire.

PRNE Assistant Chaplain David Sichelka announced a Fire Chaplaincy training Institute April 8 & 9 in Indianapolis.

Good of the Order: Bremen Firefighter Scott Holderman was hospitalized in December. Bremen Spring Stagg will be held in April. Roann is holding a pancake dinner the 2-weekend in March.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Alan Durst of Denver who then moved to adjourn the meeting.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Urbana Fire Station in Urbana, IN March 13, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sichelka,
IVFA District 5 Secretary

March 13, 2008

Location: Urbana Community Center, Urbana, IN.

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 19:26 hrs. by past district chairman Don Kissinger in the absence of chairman Tony Farrer with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

IVFA Assistant Chaplain David Sichelka (PRNE) offered the invocation.

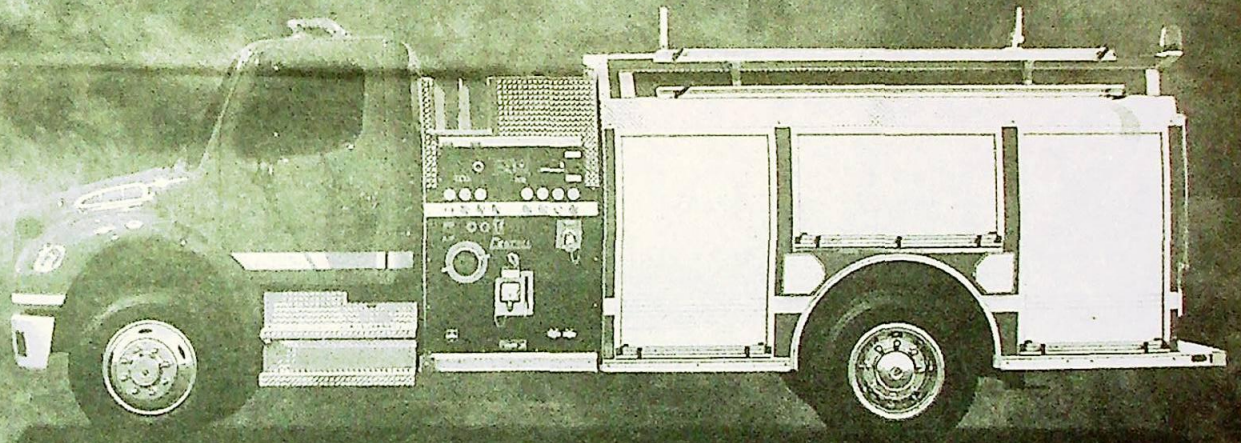
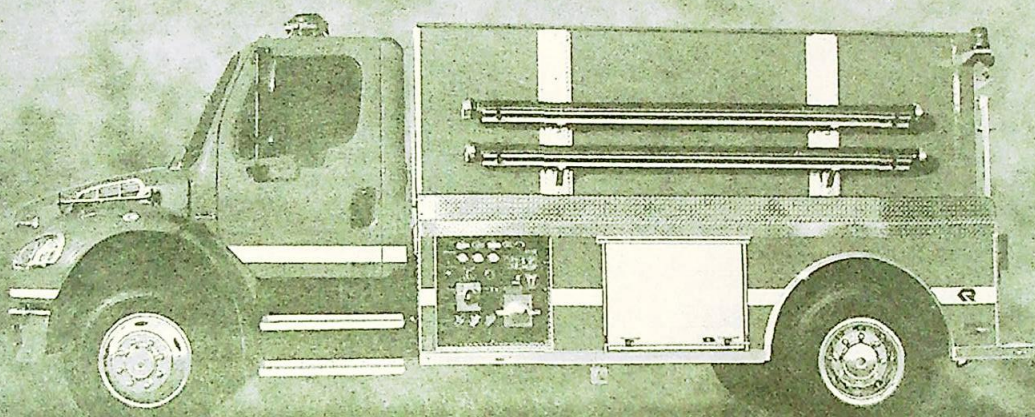
Roll Call: 12 members representing 7 departments.

Guests: Mort Sorg - PRNE Rep. with his wife, Toni and Olivia Eyrich - 2008 District 5 Miss Flame Candidate.

Thanks were expressed to Urbana Fire Dept. for hosting the meeting.

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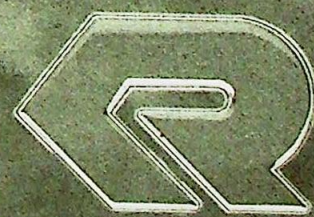


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DISTRICT MEETINGS

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Guests were introduced. Minutes of the January meeting were amended to remove the title "District 7 Chair" from guest list. Approved as amended.

PRNE Rep. Mort Sorg reported that there was discussion at the quarterly meeting on cutting the budget and increasing the dues. The last increase in dues was in 1993. The increase is justified by: An additional Bridgeport Scholarship, the addition of 6 Associate Chaplains, the addition of industrial fire brigades, EMS, and Hazmat teams to IVFA membership, addition of the Angel Award, expanded delivery of the IN Vol. Firefighter publication to inactive firefighters, insurance policies, \$5.00 re-imbursment for firefighter classes, license plates, legislation prohibiting penalties for coming to work late due to a fire call, station clocks, name change to "firefighters," renewed involvement in the Indiana State Fair, Line of Duty death benefits, more pages in the paper, the cost of providing representation on the Governor's appointment to the Board of Standards and Education, Delegates to the IN Fire Institute. This year, dues will increase by \$3.00 and next year by \$4.00 to reach a total of \$20.

Classes are being offered on recruitment and retention of ut for

firefighters. A Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) is an example of a plan to provide a small payout for retired firefighters.

Grants are once again being made available, and a cadet program is one example of how a department might get additional funds.

Legislation is having to take a back seat until the property tax proposal gets ironed out.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: Bourbon has some portable radios with chargers available for anyone who wants them. There are Radius CP 200s and HT 1,000s for \$50 and \$25 respectively.

Mort Sorg added to his report, saying that life insurance cards were mailed out recently. One claim in Wells Co. has already been paid out. Don Kissinger added that the insurance company will attempt to sell more insurance to us but that we need not make any purchases.

FDIC will be April 7-12 with exhibits being April 10-12.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Doug Eyrich of Bourbon.

It was then moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Pierceton Fire Station in Pierceton, IN May 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted, David Sickelka,

IVFA District 5 Secretary

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Walt Reiter

January 21, 2008

Chester Township

Guests: Mort Sorg, Public Relations Northeast; Mark Sale, Global Emergency Products.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Reiter 8:08. Chairman Reiter led the body in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first roll call answered by 35 members representing 11 departments.

Chairman Reiter discussed proposed by-laws changes. Motion to accept Article VI changes passed. Motion to accept Article XV changes passed. Motion to accept Article III changes failed.

Chairman Reiter stated that the Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy is coming up. The state is picking up the food and transportation expense this year. The 17th Annual Fire Caucus will be February 4th. Nominations for State Awards are due in by

February 1st. Annual convention will be June 18-21.

Mort Sorg, PRNE discussed legislative actions concerning the county taking over the duties of the township officers. License plate forms are available from the Central Office; a portion of the proceeds goes to fund the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Next meeting will be March 17, 2008 at Decatur. It will be the bake sale.

Final roll call answered by 36 members representing 12 departments.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Reiter at 8:53.

Program "Changing the Fire Service Culture" presented by Jeremy Daugherty, Chief of Liberty Center Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Richard Sorg Secretary

District #7

March 17, 2008

Decatur F.D.

Meeting called to order at 8:12 P.M. by Chairman Reiter. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call answered by 47 members representing 13 departments.

Minutes read and approved. An amendment to the November 2007 minutes, Amanda Meyers, Monroeville VFD will represent District #7 at the 2008 State IVFA Convention.

GUESTS: Dan Jordan - 1-800-

BOARDUP, Allan Keen - Emergency Services Billing Corporation, Larry Hamby - Indiana Department of Homeland Security Hazmat Division, Mort Sorg - Public Relations North East, David Elick - Vice President Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Mark Sale - Global Emergency Products, Tony Farrer - District #5 Chairman IVFA, Amber Farrer - 2007 IVFA Miss Flame, Amanda Meyers - 2008 IVFA District #7 Miss Flame, Charly Hill - Auctioneer.

Chairman Reiter presented information from the February quarterly meeting report. All proposed by-laws changes were passed at the state level. Dues increase will occur with increase to \$16 this year and going to \$20 next year. At the meeting John Buckman stressed the importance that all run reports need to be entered into NIFRS. Local fire department chiefs will be responsible for members getting appropriate level of NIMS training. The State will adopt the Brady Book for their Strategy and Tactics Course. 2008 IVFA Convention will be June 18 - 21 at Belterra. No games this year at the convention. There will be an auto extrication class offered at the convention. Turn out gear will be required to participate. Chairman Reiter also encouraged everyone to watch the web site to stay abreast of upcoming legislative actions.

Chairman Farrer gave a report on

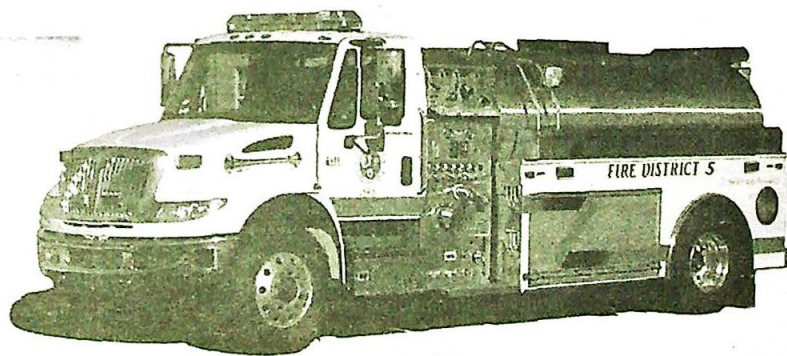
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upcoming convention and also the 2009 Convention which will be held in Indianapolis.

Vice President Dave Elick stated that benefits paid to volunteers must be reported as income. Federal Bill is proposed to mirror law that covers National Guardsmen. Dave discussed current legislative bills. Anyone can look at IN.GOV/DHLS and see who is submitting their NIFRS reports. All members need to submit letters for persons to be recognized for these awards.

Mort Sorg, PRNE, announced to support the IVFA license plate forms which in turn support the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. American Income Life Insurance cards should be coming to the members. Members are encouraged to send cards back in and take advantage of free benefits provided to our members. Program will be at the Training Institute about recruitment and retention of volunteers. Cadet programs are eligible for grants for both the program and the cadets. Poe Pancake Breakfast March 30, 2008.

Larry Hamby, DHLS, announced that they will have a

three hour program to be presented at Belmont Middle School on April 15 at 6:30 P.M. It will cover OSHA and the Fire Department. He advised to take a look at published NIOSH reports concerning firefighter injuries and deaths to see how in depth the investigations go. They also offer to make a pre-inspection of OSHA rules and regulations. Larry also stated that Joe Wainscott took over as the head of Indiana DHLS. Also contact Gary Robinson at DHLS for information on grant applications.

Alan Keen - Emergency Services Billing Corporation, presented services that they provide. Alan will gladly schedule a meeting with individual departments or groups.

Mark Sales - Global Emergency Products, encouraged members to get nominations in for the Global Award. This award can go to anyone, they do not need to be a member or in the fire service. Mark also stated that anyone looking at grants for or outright purchase of a new rig that the new NFPA regulations will add 7 to 10 thousand dollars on new rigs.

Dan Jordan - 1-800-BOARDUP, a division of Pro Tech, presented their services providing board up services to the

area. They are also planning a fund raiser in the spring with proceeds to go to the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Chairman Reiter announced that a class on Highway Transportation Emergencies Involving Flammable Liquids will be at Belmont Middle School March 20, 6:30 - 9:30. Visitors Day at Hoosier Burn Camp will be May 28. All are encouraged to attend, also bring a piece of apparatus for the apparatus parade!

Next meeting will be at Geneva May 19, 2008.

Second roll call answered by 45 members representing 12 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Bake sale to help out Miss Flame expenses following meeting.

DISTRICT 8A CHAIRMAN



E.W. Pape, Jr.
Hello I.V.F.A. members,

We are entering into our summer months. This is the time of crops and fish fries. Please be careful with both.

I just got the e-mail about the appointment of our new State Fire Marshal. I hope we appreciate the man and men that have held this position. We need a good representation in that office for the "Emergency" Responders of this state.

This is also the time of the year we think of vacations. Please be careful out there. Please remember our families need us.

Please attend the department meetings and participate in all the things that your departments and officers are doing to keep you safe.

I will leave you now hoping to see you all at your department meetings and district meetings.

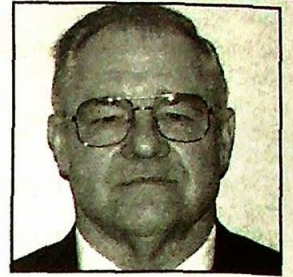
All for now.

Bill Pape

P.S. Dues are due soon, please make sure you get your secretaries the update info on your phone numbers and beneficiaries.

District 8B held their January meeting at the West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk, IN. The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department hosted the meeting. The meeting was opened with

DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

chairman Lloyd Wright leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 10 different departments in attendance.

The Miss Flame contest was held. There were six girls competing for the title of Miss Flame 2008 from District 8B. They were as follows: Ashley Theurer - Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, Kylee Bell - Pennville Volunteer Fire Department, Elisabeth Poti - Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, Michelle Gardner - Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department (Selma), Lindsey Current - Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, Taylor Stewart - Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. Ashley Theurer of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department was named the 2008 Miss Flame, and Kylee Bell of the

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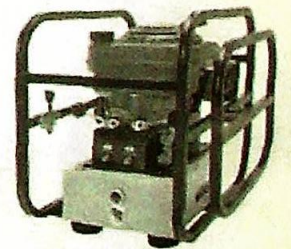
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Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was named the 1st runner-up.

During the meeting the by-laws changes were discussed and then the men voted on them. The second roll call was held with 76 fires and 345 EMS runs for the different departments. The meeting was adjourned and a light lunch was served.

I wish to say thanks again to the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department for hosting and all the hard work they've done for the Miss Flame contest.

Next district meeting will be held at Eaton Volunteer Fire Department on March 12, 2008.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

The Eaton Volunteer Fire Department hosted the March 12, 2008 District 8B meeting.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were eight departments represented with 32 members present. There were two guests present, Ashley Theurer, District 8B Miss Flame and Scott Harris, PR Director.

Lloyd reminded the men that the convention will be held the week of June 18th to 21st. It was mentioned that the games will not be held this year because of lack of

participation. A discussion was held on why the games couldn't be held on Thursday instead of Saturday at the convention. PR director Scott Harris said he would bring it up at the convention meeting. Also told the men about the dues would be raised on the next dues billing, and some of the benefits they received with their dues. The men were reminded that the American Life Insurance Company would be sending out new cards for them to fill out and return.

The different fundraisers that are being held by the departments are as follows:

1. Redkey Volunteer Fire Department will be having a breakfast on April 5, 2008 from 6:00 to 10:00 A.M.

2. Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department will be having an all you can eat chicken and fish fry on April 19, 2008 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

3. Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department will host a parade on May 31 at 3:00 P.M. and waterball to follow around 4:00 P.M.

4. Eaton Volunteer Fire Department will be having a car show on May 26 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. For information call Clay McDaniel at 765-396-9190.

The second roll call was taken with 60 fire runs and 102 EMS runs.

The meeting was adjourned and a light lunch was served which

was very good. Thank you, Eaton Fire Department, for hosting the district meeting.

Lloyd E. Wright District 8B

DISTRICT 9B CHAIRMAN



Randy Denton

District 9B January 10, 2008 Winamac Volunteer Fire Department

Wally Cook of Walter Cook Insurance Agency spoke about L.G.S.A.P. programs prior to meeting.

Randy Denton called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Roll Call: Boswell 1, Fowler 1, Francesville 4, Medaryville 1, Rensselaer 3, Winamac 8. Total number of alarms 97 with 6 departments answering roll call.

Guests: Bruce Yonkers, Jerry Cohen - Chaplain, Jim Bradford - Public Relations NW, Buz Koehler - past IVFA president, Mitch Parish - past IVFA president.

Minutes from the last meeting read and approved.

Bruce: American Legion award is now available for volunteer fire fighters. There are 11 Legion districts in Indiana and Bruce gave Randy a list of the Legion Posts in the 9B district. To have someone eligible for award they must be sponsored by local post.

Jerry: There will be a two day Chaplain's course April 7th & 8th at Lawrence Twp. Fire Station.

Jim: Volunteer responder incentive protection passed 12/08/07. Fire Institute Dinner Feb. 4th in Indy. Bridgeport scholarship applications due March 1st. There are 3 - \$1500.00 scholarships available. Jim also stated in 2005 & 6 one half the firefighter deaths were due to heart attacks and for a department to be eligible for grants in 2009 all members of department must have a physical. IVFA paper will be out in February.

Mitch: IVFA accidental death benefit increased from \$2000 to \$3000. IVFAA members have an additional \$3000. Mitch also spoke about a Missouri firefighter charged and found guilty of manslaughter for reckless driving on way to station and being involved in accident killing 7 year old boy.

Buz: Also reminded us about the Fire Institute Dinner in February. Buz also spoke on the four key points the IVFA is ve

working on to get into the legislative short session coming up.

Randy: If anyone has interest in Miss Flame contact Buz Koehler. Randy also stated Kentland Fire Chief passed away recently. If anyone needs a color guard, please contact Randy. He works with Monticello Fire Department who has all the equipment and is willing to help train department for color guard if needed. Randy also asked if there was any interest in starting district color guard. Finally, Randy mentioned he has received a couple of responses on ways to improve district meetings.

Meeting adjourned. Refreshments served immediately following meeting.

March 13, 2008 Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department

Training on natural gas was given prior to the meeting.

Randy Denton called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Roll Call: Chalmers 4, Francesville 2, Goodland 1, Medaryville 1, Remington 5, Rensselaer 3, Reynolds 2, Wolcott 11. Total number of alarms 174 with 8 departments answering roll call.

Guests: Mitch Parish - past IVFA president, Brad Idlewine - Crossroads Fire Equipment, Buz Koehler - past IVFA president, Don Fultz - District 21 chairman, Jim Bradford - Public Relations NW and Bruce Yonkers.

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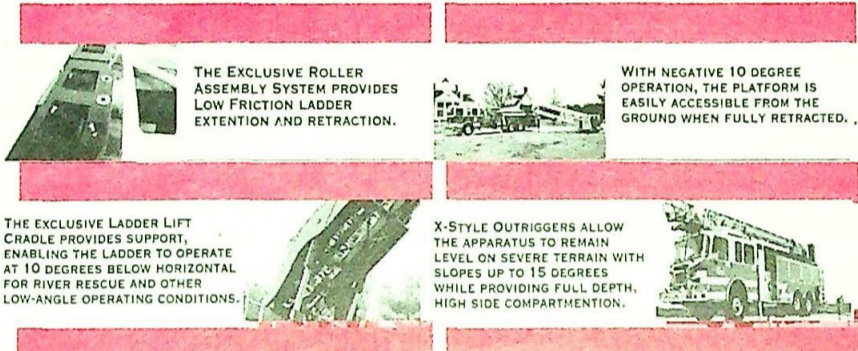
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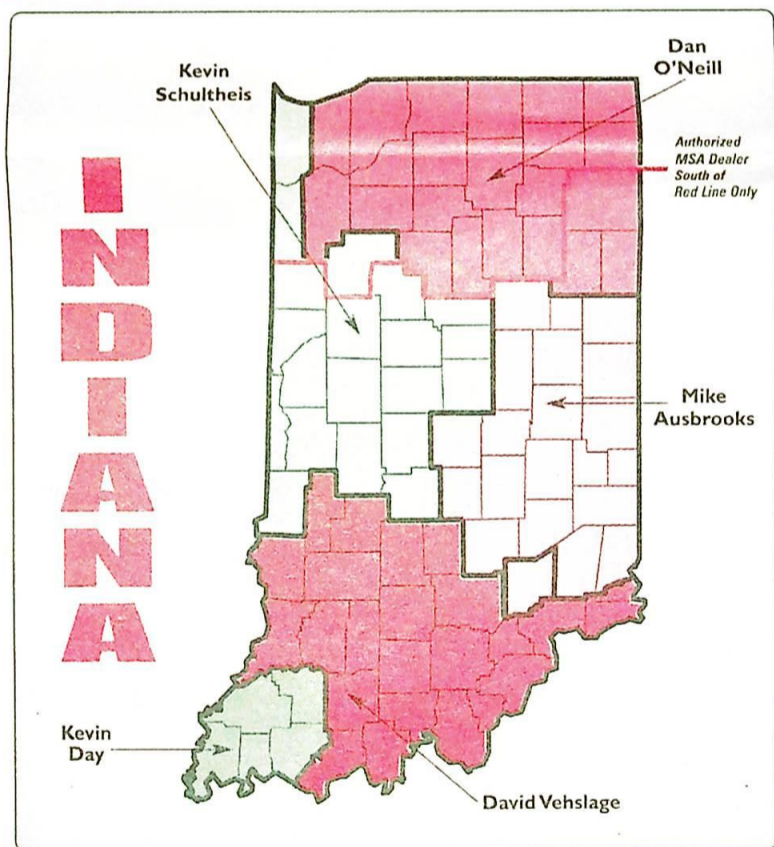
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Minutes of the last meeting read and approved along with the treasurer's report.

Mitch: Spoke about the institute dinner.

Buz Koehler: Spoke about House Bill 1114 Police and Firefighter residency, House Bill 1171 autism training for EMS personnel, and Senate Bill 241 department of Homeland Security. Buz then talked about the runoff between Arin Denton and Jennifer Miller for Miss Flame for District 9B. Buz was happy we had two very good candidates but we could only choose one. This year's Miss Flame for 9B is Arin Denton. Rensselaer will be hosting a mandatory fire training March 29; contact Kenny Haun or Buz Koehler for more information. Buz then went on to talk about instructors and the certifications they hold and what they would have to do to keep instructor status. Buz urged chiefs to speak up about this issue and training issues. Discussion followed about how to fix the problem. Some of the ideas were to start an e-mail chain and make sure everyone writes or calls congressmen to get the point across. The other idea was for the IVFA to spend more money on lobbyist. The last point brought up was the caucus dinner which is where we get to meet with some of the legislators. Buz then answered the question about where all the money goes in the

IVFA.

Don: spoke about the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education meetings and urged people to attend; closest meeting is in Lafayette; agenda as well as meeting sight is posted on the internet.

Jim: NIMS report gets it and read it. If you don't have it, go to Dept. of Homeland Security for a copy www.In.Gov/DHS click on NIMS link. NFPA dropped fire hose over ten years but did not drop apparatus over ten years old. Then Jim went on to talk about changes in the IVFA membership. As of this year inactive members are no longer in the IVFA; everyone is now an active member. The next thing Jim had to talk about was an increase in the dues. The dues will be 16 this year and 20 next year. The reason for the increase is due to an increase in the operating costs as well as an increase in the benefits provided to you through the IVFA.

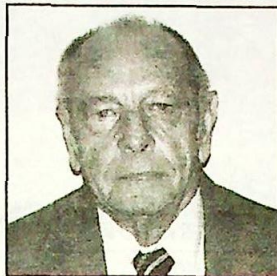
Bruce: American Legion Award is still available; see Randy for a copy of the application and information.

Randy: LOSAP handout as well as license plate applications are available. Randy then stated if you would like to have his daughter help at a department function let him know. She is the 9B Miss Flame. Randy mentioned a website called firefighterclosecalls.com. He went on to talk about recent deaths and accidents listed on this site. He just wanted everybody to be

aware and careful.

Chief introduced his department. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is May 8 - Ambia -

DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

The next meeting for District 11A will be held at Shepardsville Fire Department on May 18, the July meeting will be at Van Buren Township (Carbon Station) on the 20th and on September the 21st Districts 11A and 11B will have a picnic at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute.

All meetings start at 1:00 p.m.

Convention is only six weeks away, register before June 1 and save on registration fees.

Robert Meyers
District 11A chairman

PERRYSVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPT.

JANUARY 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bush. He then recognized the guests present. Roll call was taken with 21 members from 10 departments answering the roll. The minutes of the previous meeting were read

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Wm. Brent Bush

and approved.

President Ketchem discussed the state bills, the lobbying for the new bills and the federal tax break as this is a short term legislature session. He also talked about the township trustees office and the problems they have; also the problems with the fire marshal's office, we can't operate without them. He also talked about the fire districts.

They talked about supporting the heroes program by Chairman Bush and he also talked about the American Insurance Policy for death and dismemberment and also the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation by Gary Robison. It was brought up to those present that your workmen's comp. will not be good if you cross state lines.

Chairman Bush discussed the bad address problem and what we can do to correct it. There will be a class on disaster planning, go and register at the Federal Fire Chaplains on the Internet. Dwayne Osborne talked about a lady that has been burnt over forty percent of her body. There will be a benefit held on Saturday, February 9th until 7:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Fire House.

Our next meeting will be at the New Goshen Fire Department on March 9th. Chief Talbert of the Covington VFD talked on the car and clothing allowance being taxed. Also a reminder of the convention on June 18 - 21 at the Belterra. Auxiliary chairperson Barb Ketchem talked on the Miss Flame contest at the New Goshen Fire Station. She then presented 25 year pins to two Perrysville auxiliary members. Bill Bush talked about holding another convention in 2010 at Terre Haute. Discussion was held about the loss of funds of the games at last year's convention.

Reelsville VFD is hosting a breakfast every second Saturday of each month. State Rep. Dale Grubb wants input on doing away with the township government offices.

The meeting was dismissed.

District 11-B
New Goshen Vol. Fire Dept.
March 9, 2008

The meeting was opened by chairman Bush followed by the prayer given by Chaplain Marion Pastore of the Clinton VFD. The

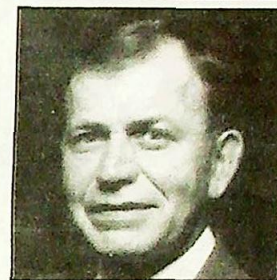
IVFAA district chairman Barb Ketchem introduced her guests present then chairman Bush introduced his guests that were present. The secretary's report was presented and approved.

The chaplain stated that he had held two memorial services.

NEW BUSINESS: Diane Harrison gave an updated report from the last quarterly officer's meeting held in Columbus. Jack Kerney gave his report on the insurance program recently mailed out to all the members. He also reported on the certification program, the National Volunteer Fire Council. He then talked about the dues increase this year from \$13.00 to \$16.00 and next year from \$16.00 to \$20.00. All members will be on an active member status. Following his report, a question and answer session was held. Chairman Bush presented the host certificate to Chief Schoffstall of the New Goshen VFD.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by Chaplain Pastore. The district Miss Flame contest followed.

DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

Greetings from District 12.

With winter behind us and spring upon us it is that time of year for new beginnings. Whether the challenge is training, recruitment, or retention, we should look forward to these challenges as untold opportunities that we are about to embark upon.

Our January meeting at the Advance Fire Department with 12 members present from six departments and three guests. Gary Robison of IDHS gave us an update on changes within Homeland Security, workshops, training, and grants.

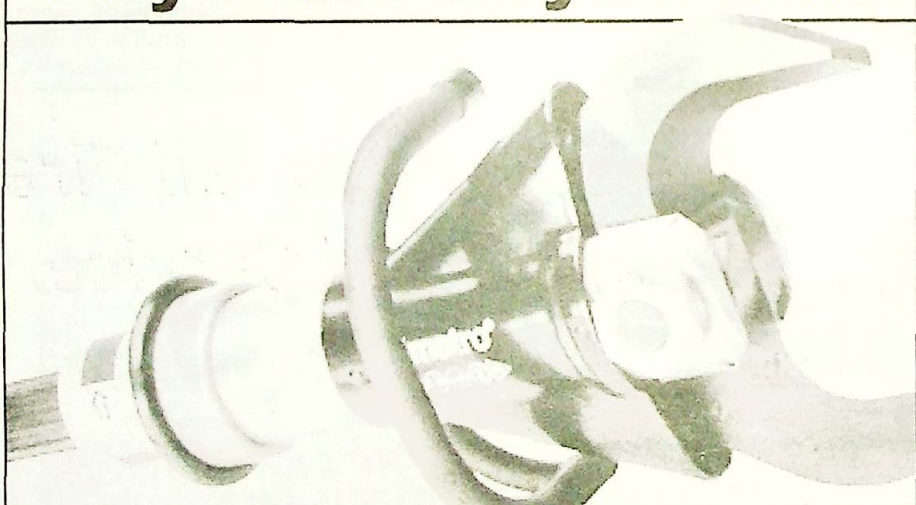
Our March meeting was held at A & A Twp. Fire Department with 12 members present from five departments and three guests. Allen Keen of Emergency Billing Services spoke to us about MVA billing.

Our May meeting will be held at Amo Volunteer Fire Department on Tuesday, May 27th. A foam demonstration is planned for that evening. As always, with safety first, train to stay alive!

Larry Bruner,
District 12 chairman

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DISTRICT 14 CHAIRMAN



Charlie Moon

Hello All,
After a harsh winter we're now receiving major rain with flooding down here in southern Indiana. I promise summer is almost here. Hope everyone is surviving the weather.

The district is still moving forward with attendance being up at meetings. A huge training was held on March 29th.

To all, please watch for e-mails on up and coming events happening in our area. The district will be putting on a car extrication class on June 28th & 29th, you must pre-register for this class. At this time there will be a \$20.00 fee per student. Please RSVP with me.

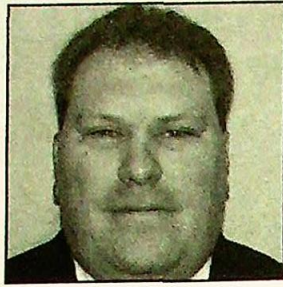
The next District 14 meeting will be May 15th at Sellersburg Station 5 located in Clark County; meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Dinner will be served.

Remember to contact me with any special events. I enjoy traveling to your departments and events. If you would like our Miss Flame to attend any function, feel free to contact me on her behalf, too.

Stay Safe,
Charlie Moon
District 14 chairman

Convention: Belterra

DISTRICT 15 CHAIRMAN



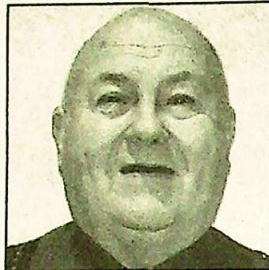
Steve Anderson

District 15 report -- Last meeting cancelled due to flooding from 6-10 inch rainfall.

Next meeting will be May 20 at Scott Twp. VFD Station 1 (Baseline Rd.)

S. Anderson

DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Jack Harker

Since my last article, District 17A met on January 19th at the annual Vincennes Township sausage supper. We had 448 people sign in that night. Hopefully everyone had a good time.

On Feb. 16th, I presented an Award of Valor to Captain Dave Gray of the Washington Township Fire Department for saving the life of a young woman after her car had hydroplaned and ended up in a rising flooded creek.

On Feb. 28th, I had the honor of presenting Russell C. Burris of the

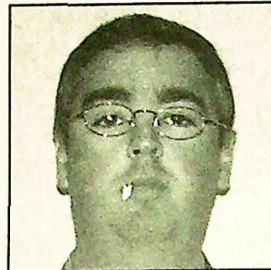
Washington Township Fire Department with a Gold Card for his 50 years in the fire service.

On March 10th, Switz City Volunteer Fire Department hosted a District 17A meeting. We had 21 members present representing nine departments.

The date of the next District 17A meeting will be announced later.

Jack Harker,
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings!
District thanks to Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department, Lawrence County, for hosting our last district meeting.

Congratulations to Kara Crane, our District 17B Miss Flame. Sponsoring fire department is Van Buren Twp. Fire of Monroe County.

I was recently in Washington, D.C. along with fellow IVFA officers, meeting with members of Congress on issues that affect us as a whole.

This trip to Capitol Hill was a very productive trip for the fire service of Indiana. We visited the following Congressmen: Joe Donnelly, District 2, Steve Buyer, District 4, Dan Burton, District 5.

While in Congressman Burton's office, had a chance to sit in on a teleconference with the Indiana

National Guard 76 unit at Camp Cooke in Taji, Iraq, Andre Carson, District 7, Pete Visclosky, District 1 and Mark Souder, District 3.

Thanks to each Congressman for supporting our efforts and continuing supporting the Fire Act Grant program.

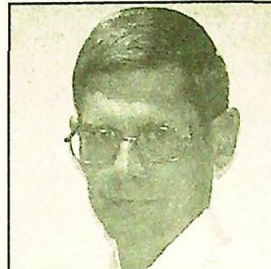
As the '08 state convention nears, asking each one to come be a part of the convention.

Our next meeting will be held May 15 at the Nashville Volunteer Fire Department of Brown County.

Keep safe and bring everyone home.

Tim Deckard, District 17B

DISTRICT 18 CHAIRMAN



John C. "Bull" Smith

Greetings from the 18th District.

The January 17 meeting of the Dist. 18 was held at the St. Anthony Community Center, with the St. Anthony VFD hosting. A moment of silence and a prayer was observed in the passing of three firefighters. Ben Brinksneider, Tell City; Ray Brown, Grandview; and Al Betz, St. Anthony answered their "Final Alarms" since the November, 2007 meeting.

The membership voted to support the proposed changes to the State By Laws. It was my pleasure to present three members of the Schnellville VFD were

presented their IVFA 25 Year Pins. The worthy recipients being Firefighters Brett Gutgsell, Charlie Betz, and Dept. Chief Mark Fischer. 83 members, representing 19 departments, answered roll call, and reported 263 calls.

The St. Meinrad VFD at the St. Meinrad Community Center hosted the March 20, 2008 meeting of the 18th District. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the opening prayer by Chaplain Bro. Giles Mahieu, a moment of silence, a prayer, and playing of bagpipes were observed in the passing of two district firefighters. Irvin Schroeder of Rockport, and Alva Kleaving of Anderson Twp. answered their "Final Alarms" since the January, 2008 meeting.

District Secretary Kenny Lau represented the District at the State Officers Meeting in Columbus on February 1 & 2, and gave a report on the meeting. Scott Schnell of the Ireland Fire Dept. gave a report on the Jasper Fire School. The school was a great success and has become the largest in the state. Check out the associated article and photos.

Jefferson Twp. VFD of Otwell graciously accepted the task of hosting the Annual District 18 Fire Prevention Parade and District Miss Flame Contest on Sunday, October 12. Jim Anderson, who has been a faithful guest at our meetings for many years as WBDC News Director announced he has taken a sales position with Uebelhor & Sons Chevrolet in Jasper. I have worked with Jim for several years myself in reporting our Dept. runs and activities. He is a true supporter of the District and the Fire Service. Our best wishes go with you, Jim!!

Seventy-seven members answered roll call representing

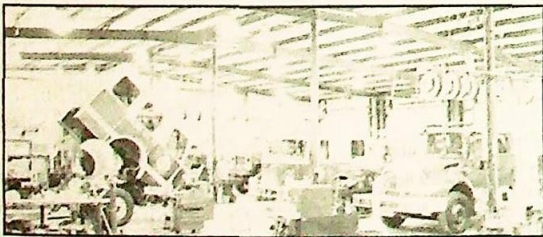
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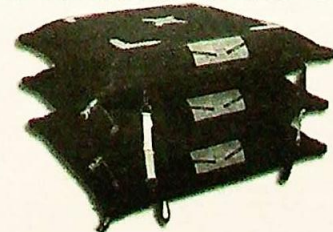


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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



Quarterly meeting
February 2, 2008
Columbus, IN

Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m. by president Ketchem. Associate chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the Invocation. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Ketchem announced that due to the amount of business that needed to be acted upon this quarter that the district reports would be turned in to the secretary. A paper was passed around and each district chairman would list the date, time and place of their next district meeting and we would make copies and pass out to everyone.

President Ketchem announced the names of the people going to the National Fire Caucus Dinner at Washington, D.C. They are Larry Ketchem, Dave Elick, Terry Smith, Walt Reiter, Tim Deckard and Jerry Sprague.

GAMES CHAIRMAN Steve Lane: Explained problems with games at the present time. Last year only had five people total interested in waterball. Tried to have two new games last year, the *Bucket Brigade* and the *Pumper Pull*, and got the equipment to do them and nobody was interested. Takes a lot of time and money to set up for the games. They had to cancel last year because nobody interested. The committee will meet later today and make a decision for this year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: President Ketchem: Committee met last night discussing the events of the last quarter. The main issue was the cash flow of the IVFA. With the spending reductions we have already put in place we are not solving the problem. The cost of doing business has increased rapidly in the past year. Dues have not increased since 1993. Decided to bring problem to the meeting today and have everyone has input in how to solve this problem.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bev Harker: Gave a detailed financial report for last year. Our income was in line with what was expected (actually \$2286 over what was budgeted.) The expenses have continued to increase due to increased cost of doing business. Some of the coverages were Committee Expenses, Convention Delegate Expenses, Funeral Fund, Total Officers Expense, Professional Fees and Publishing Expense. Some of these expenses cannot be predicted and over the past years we have taken measures to cut our Operating Expenses without cutting service to our members. A long discussion was held on ways to increase revenue.

Jack Kerney made a motion to raise dues \$3.00 per year for the next four years. Carol Thrawley made the second. All in favor of motion stand (19). All opposed stand (14). Motion failed for lack of 2/3 majority.

Carl Bruns made a motion to raise dues \$3.00 next year and \$4.00 the next year. Terry Smith made the

second. Motion passed by standing vote.

Games Committee: The committee decided not to have any games at convention 2008 due to lack of interest.

Meeting recessed for each PR area and district chairmen to list benefits members that have come about since the last dues raise in 1993. The results will be listed by the Central office and sent to all officers. Some of the benefits increases last dues raise: Lobbied the bill that increased car/clothing allotment to a minimum of \$100 each, added \$3000 AD&D insurance program, increased number of Bridgeport Scholarships to 3, add Associate Chaplains through the state, make membership in Firefighter Credit available for our members, more involved with members Line of Duty deaths as needed, participate in Indiana State Fair, added the Angel Award, station dedication clocks, Web Site (IVFA.org), participation in FDIC, \$5.00 Fire School reimbursement, Logo Clothing, and mileage for Convention delegates increased.

Central Office will compile all this information and send the rough draft to everyone February 7, 2008. Review the information by everyone and return, with comments, to the office by February 11, 2008.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Dave Elick: Committee met this morning and selected the Ollie Sandberg Award and Angel Award winners. They will be announced at Convention. Need Global Award winners turned in this weekend.

Tom Orrell, District 1, made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as printed. Willie Parish, past president made the second. Motion passed.

Jim Bradford, PRNW, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Larry Bruner, District 12 made the second. Motion passed.

BY-LAW & SOG: Jim Parker: Needed roll call vote on the three amendments to our By-Laws. (1) **Article III - Members: Section 1:** The membership of the Association shall consist of classes: Active, Associate, Armed services, IVFA past presidents, Individual, Gold Card (50 year Life Member), and Honorary. **Section 6. Gold Card member. (50-Year Member).** A member with 50 years or more of service in the Emergencies Services shall be an **Active Member for life. Section 7. Past Presidents - A past president will be an Active Member for life. Section 8. Individual Members - Members who have been Active Members of this Association who are no longer affiliated with Emergencies Services.**

Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8A, 9A, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13A, 13B, 18, 19, and 21 voted yes (16). Districts 7, 8B, 14, 15, 16, 17A and 17B vote no (7). The change passed.

(2) **Article VI - ANNUAL MEETING -** The proposed change is to Section 6. Members belonging to one or more regularly organized **Emergency Services in their respective city, town, or township can only qualify as a delegate or alternate from one or the other and NOT from both departments.**

Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13A, 13B, 14, 15, 16, 17A, 18, 19, and 21 voted yes (22). District 17B voted no (1).

(3) **Article XV - AMENDMENTS Proposed Changes:**

Section 1. The amendments may be presented by a district or the By-Laws Committee.

Section 2. An amendment presented by a district must be in writing and passed by the District.

Section 3. An amendment submitted by the By-Law Committee must be in writing.

Section 4. The amendment then must be presented in writing at the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors for review by the Bylaw Committee.

Section 5. Upon approval the amendment then will be taken to all districts for a vote, before action can be taken, on the amendment at the next regularly quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The district chairman must vote the way their district instructed them.

Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13A, 13B, 14, 15, 16, 17A, 18, 19 and 21 voted yes (22). District 17B voted no (1).

Jim Parker passed out SOG changes that will be acted on tomorrow.

Jack Sprague, District 6, made a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of having second reading of the dues increase. Charlie Moon, District 14, made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Jim Bradford, PRNW, made motion to raise dues \$3.00 next year and by \$4.00 the next year. Willie Parish, past president made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - Jim Bradford: Total run of papers for 2007 was 69,509 papers. Average cost per paper was 26.5 cents. Still have some bad addresses. If you do not receive a paper, please check with your district chairman to see if your address is correct.

CLOTHING COMMITTEE - Jim Bradford: Had five claims for glasses this year.

Meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

Morning message by Chaplain Gerdowsky.

State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson addresses the group and introduced John Buckman from IDHS.

Chief Buckman reminded us of things that need to be done. The IDHS Training calendar has several dates for Grant Writing Classes. Need to be doing the NIFRS report and submitting to IDHS as this is one requirement to get a grant. About 88% are doing the report. A NIMS briefing document will be sent out electronically. State the local Fire Chief will decide who needs to be trained to the NIMS 300 and 400 level. If the Chief decides no one needs the training he may have increased liability at an incident. The IDHS Training Areas are now using the training funds that are currently available. IDHS still has 1.92 million available for training in the State. Having problems with Instructors, Proctors and Evaluators sending the proper form for Certification. About 41% being held up waiting on all paper work to be sent in.

CONVENTION 2008 - Steve Macke: The schedule for the convention is mostly set. They will have a walk-thru at Belterra on March 1, 2008 to make sure everything will work. Still have rooms available. Miss Flame rooms will be in one block.

CONVENTION 2009 - Carol Thrawley: They will have a meeting this afternoon. They are planning for an extrication class at the Convention.

MISS FLAME - Amber Farrer: Attended many district meetings and Miss Flame contests. She encouraged this year's contestants to go to district meetings and talk to the group.

LEGISLATIVE - Jim Parker: Legislative as of today is very vague. All that are moving should have changed Chambers Thursday. Bills that did not change are supposed to be dead. The Bill to reform County Government did not crossover. Bills still alive that we are watching are: I.B. 1198 Not-for-profit corporation, requires notification for payment of Administrative people. S.B. 26 - Smoke detector in rental property, S.B. 28 - Fire safe cigarette, S.B. 152 -

Inspection ADF in Health Clubs, S.B. 280 - Marion County Government, S.B. 297 - Transfer of money between department of a political subdivision, S.B. 312 - Provide counties other than Marion County for a board to take over the duties of certain elected officers, does not include the Trustee and S.B. 359 - Effect 911 Dispatch Centers, allows for only one Dispatch center per county with no back location if main dispatch goes down.

BY-LAWS & SOG - Jim Parker: Need to approve/disapprove proposed SOG changes.

(1) **ARTICLE III - SECRETARY:** ADDITION: Section 6 - The Secretary shall chair the Credentials Committee at the annual meeting. Jim Bradford, PRNW, made motion to accept the change. Willie Parish, past president made the second. Motion passed.

(2) **ARTICLE IX - DISTRICT CHAIRMAN,** Proposed changes: Section 1 - District chairmen shall hold a minimum of six (6) meetings per year. ADDITION: Section 6. Any district chairman not fulfilling their duties may be asked to resign by the Executive Committee. Jim Bradford, PRNW, made motion to accept the changes. Larry Bruner, District 12, made the second. Motion passed by show of hands.

(3) **ARTICLE X - DUES:** Now reads: Section 5. Retired or resigned members of organizations (as outlined in the Bylaws) dues shall be seven dollars, fifty cents per member per year. (\$7.50 to General Fund). Section 6. Industrial fire department member's dues shall be fifteen dollars per member, per year. (\$15.00 to General Fund). Proposed changes: remove Section 5 & 6. Additions: Section 5: Gold Card (50 Year member) dues shall be \$0.00. Section 6. Past presidents dues shall be \$0.00. Section 7. Individual members dues shall be thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per member, per year (\$13.00 to General Fund).

Jim Bradford, PRNW, made motion to accept the changes. Tom Orrell, District 1, made the second. Motion passed by show of hands.

(4) **ARTICLE XI - EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES:** Now reads Section 6. The Editor shall have an allowance of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year with an additional allowance of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for each issue of the *Indiana Volunteer Firefighter* published. Proposed change: Section 6. The Web Master shall have an allowance of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year.

Steve Anderson, District 15, made motion to accept this change. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed by show of hands.

(5) **ARTICLE XII - BENEFITS.** Move Section 1 Damaged Clothing - Move to Article XVI COMMITTEES - SECTION 7 REMOVED Sections 2-3-4-5-6-8-8.

ADDITIONS:
ARTICLE XII BENEFITS:
ACTIVE MEMBER: Membership Card, Damaged Clothing Replacement (as prescribed by Damaged Clothing Committee), Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Publication, Memorial Benefit (Bible, Grave Marker, services of the Chaplain, if desired), IVFA License Plate Purchase, Bridgeport Death Benefit (as set forth in the Bridgeport Guidelines), Voting rights as set forth in the Bylaws (Article VI), other Benefits as approved as the Board of Directors.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Membership card and Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Publication.

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ARMED SERVICES MEMBER:

Clothing Replacement, Indiana Volunteer Publication, Memorial Benefit (Bible, Grave Marker and Services of Chaplain, if desired), IVFA License Plate Purchase, Bridgeport Death Benefit (as set forth in the Bridgeport Guidelines), Voting rights as set forth in the Bylaws. (Article VI) and Other Benefits as approved as the Board of Directors.

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PAST PRESIDENTS: Membership Card, Damaged Clothing Replacement, Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Publication, Memorial Benefit (Bible, Grave Marker and Service of the Chaplain, if desired), IVFA License Plate Purchase, Bridgeport Death Benefit (as set forth in the Bridgeport Guidelines), Bridgeport Scholarship benefit (as set forth in the Bridgeport Guidelines), Voting rights as set forth in the Bylaws (Article V) and Other Benefits as approved as the Board of Directors.

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Steve Anderson, District 15, made motion to accept this change. Dave Elick, vice president, made the second. Motion passed by show of hands.

Jack Zeeks, past president, made motion that Associate members' dues to be set at \$5.00 more than Members' dues. The second was made by Scott Harris, PREC. Motion passed.

Jack Zeeks, past president, made motion that Individual dues will be same as active members' dues. Leighanne Ellis, District 9A, made the second. Motion passed.

Michelle Baxter, American Income Life Insurance Co., announced that the AD&D Insurance increase to \$3000. New mailing will be sent soon but only one card per household. Answered any questions anyone had.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Jack Zeeks, Jim Bradford and Jim Abrams. If interested in serving in an office for the next year, send a written notice to them before April 1, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS
Bill Pape, District 8A, has been asked why the IVFA does not present a 50 year pin? Some discussion was held on this and will be looked at in the board meeting.

Don Fultz, District 21, asks about an IVFA Flag to be displayed at the Fallen Heroes Parade in Emmitsburg, MD.

BOARD FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - Jack Kerney: Meeting dates for this year are: February 25 at Indianapolis, April 14, 2008 at Jasper at 6 p.m., May 19, 2008 at Anderson at 6 p.m., June 19, 2008 at IVFA convention, July 28, 2008 at Lafayette at 6 p.m., September 15 at Plymouth at 6 p.m., October 27, 2008 at Fort Wayne at 10 a.m., and December 18 at Firefighter Union Hall, Indianapolis.

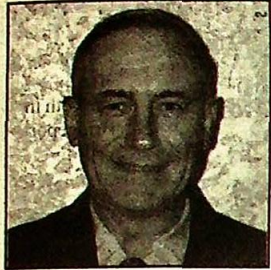
Need to have a good turnout of volunteers at these meetings to get our voice heard. Several rule changes being proposed that would affect many of our instructors and firefighters. If you are not certified in a topic, you cannot instruct that class. Certified under the

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twenty-two departments and reported three hundred fifty-four calls. Our next meeting will be held on May 15 at West Baden Springs Firehouse in West Baden Springs.

Until next time-
"Let's all be careful out there".
John C. "Bull" Smith
Dist. 18 Chair

DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

Spring is here now and is the busiest time of year. We need everyone to take time

to be very careful. Two firefighters from Colerain, Ohio have just lost their lives in a fire when they fell through a floor. Our deepest sympathy to their families and their fellow firefighters. Be very careful, we are losing too many firefighters.

Now for a happier note, we are looking forward to meeting everyone at the IVFA state convention June 18 thru 20 at the Belterra Casino, Florence, Ind., near Vevay. All the events are at the Belterra. There will be a lot of activities. Bring the family and enjoy your convention.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

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old system, you can only instruct the mandatory class.

Jim Bradford, PRNW, made a motion to adjourn and proceed to the board of directors' meeting. Willie Parish, past president, made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2008
Meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Jack Zeeks, past president, made a motion for Jack Kerney to serve as chairman of the board. Carol Thrawley, District 13A, made the second. Motion passed.

Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of last meeting. Jim Parker, past president, made motion to accept minutes as printed. Paul Watland, made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Request for donation to the L.A.S.T. Team for \$2000. Motion by Tim Deckard, District 17B, to take the \$1,000 for Burn Camp donation and give to the L.A.S.T. Team. Motion

passed. Bev Harker, treasurer, made a motion to take \$1000 from the convention auction for the other of the donation. If convention auction exceeds \$1,000, donate that to the Burn Camp. Tim Deckard made the second. Motion passed.

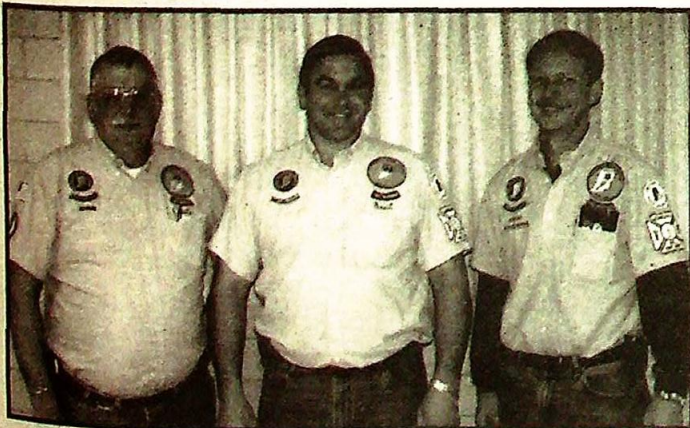
(2) IVFA Flag Traveling Flag. Jim Parker, past president, made motion to use our retired IVFA flag for loan out. Paul Watland, District 2, made the second. Motion passed.

(3) Need to order new 25-year pins. - Jim Parker, past president, made a motion to table this until the May meeting and get sample of pins. Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed. Bring in a count of how many pins are in each district.

Jack Zeeks, past president, made motion to adjourn the meeting after release by the Chaplain. Charlie Moon made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, secretary

Schnellville VFD members receive 25 year pins

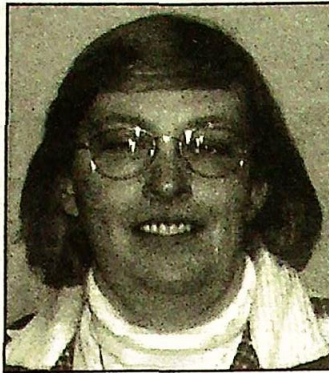


At the January 17 meeting of the IVFA Dist. 18, District Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith presented 25 year membership pins to three members of the Schnellville Vol. Fire Dept.

Receiving the awards were (L-R) Firefighter Charlie Betz, Firefighter Bret Gutsell, and Schnellville Fire Chief Mark Fischer.

Article and photo provided by John C. "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chair

Public Relations Director West Central Diane Harrison



Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

Fund-raising season has started. Be sure to get your fundraiser on our website.

I was able to attend all my district meetings this quarter. Everyone needs to make an effort to attend their district meetings or at least send a representative. The district chairmen are working hard to get speakers and demonstrations in the meetings.

I would like to thank Lewis Twp.

Fire and Rescue for letting me use the station and kitchen equipment for a fundraiser for Supporting Heroes. And also a huge thank you to those departments helping me pull it off. Lewis Twp., Jasonville, Wright Twp. and McCutchanville Fire Departments. A big thank you to everyone who came out and supported the cause.

Hope to see everyone at

lots of money with you for the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction on Wednesday night. If anyone wants to donate anything for the auction just bring it with you to convention. If you are not able to attend convention but have something to donate just give me a call and we can make arrangements to get it there.

Stay Safe,
Diane Harrison

Holland to host celebration

Holland, Indiana was founded by Henry Kunz, who settled here in 1855, when the land was covered by native forest. His original plot was dated May 20, 1859. It is believed the town was named Holland because the neighboring settlements referred to the early German settlers as Dutchmen.

To celebrate the town's founding, the Fire Department is continuing the tradition of a town celebration, held each year on the third Saturday of September. The Holland Fire Department has a proud history reaching back to its founding in June 1891. This small town department boasts nineteen state certified volunteer firefighters, one tanker, two new

pumpers, one field fire unit, and an EMS/rescue vehicle.

The celebration was moved to the Town Park in 2006 to allow for expansion in preparation for the 150th anniversary in 2009. The 2008 event will be a two-day celebration beginning Friday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. to midnight and on Saturday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to midnight. The Community Fest will conclude with a Church Service on Sunday, September 21, at 10:00 a.m. at the Holland Elementary School. Order of the day includes food, fun, games, and a Beer Garden. Free parking, free admission, camping, and fishing available.

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Many firefighters think, "I'm an emergency responder. This is just what I do!" But the community your department serves shouldn't be forced to "volunteer" to cover increased costs caused by increasing calls for responses they didn't cause, especially for out-of-area auto owners!

Local tax-payers are paying to maintain the costs that keep your department open and ready to respond to community emergencies. When you have to use more-and-more of those funds to aid

auto owners, many of whom are from outside the area, your community suffers. ESBC believes that volunteer departments have a duty to get some of that money back if possible, and can help show you how to accomplish cost recovery.

With the ever-growing amount of traffic on the roads and highways that surround local communities, more-and-more accidents involve tractor trailers and business/delivery traffic that is passing through. It is unfair for your department, and community, to be saddled with all the expense of dealing with the accidents and emergencies caused by those

passing through to another city or town.

Many states have authorized fire departments to bill for these calls to try and address this escalating problem. It's unfair for your community and department to bear the burden of footing the entire bill for these types of calls while the insurance companies continue to collect premium payments to cover the same accidents.

The billing of auto accident responses, for both paid and volunteer departments, is a much needed tool. Not billing takes money away from your invest-

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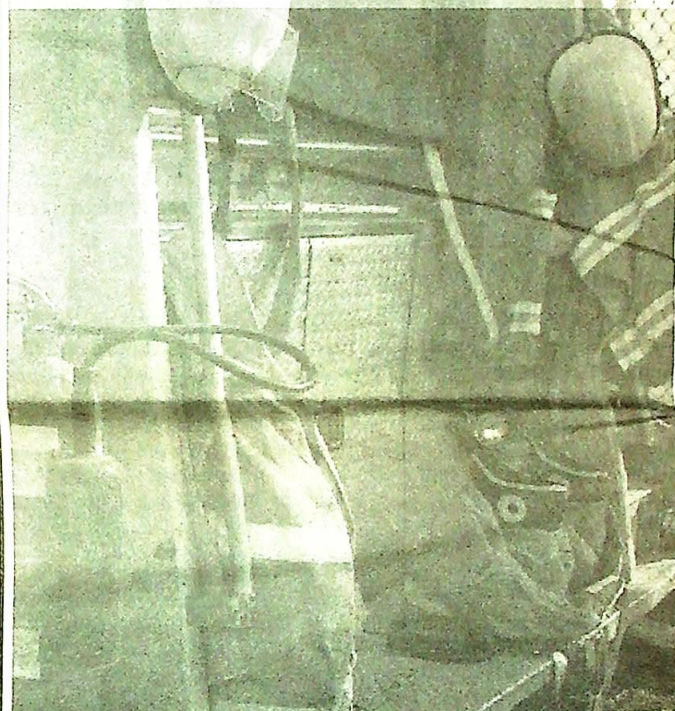
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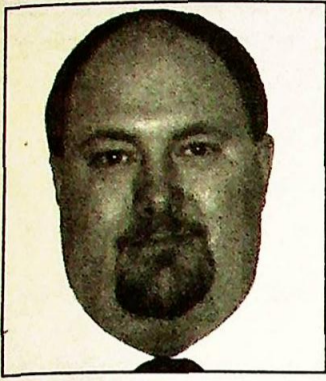
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Scott Harris**



Where has this year gone? It seems like yesterday we were celebrating the New Year.

The convention is just around the corner and will be here before you know it. If you are thinking about attending, you still have time to register.

The summer is quickly approaching so be sure to drink plenty of fluids in the heat as this

summer is expected to be hot. Now is the time to look for different grants that are available to your department as the budgets are being cut due to the property tax cuts in the State.

The Presidential and Governor's election is just around the corner. I encourage everyone to get involved and conduct research on each candidate that is running. Find out who really does support firefighters and other emergency responders in the state and country. Send your candidates an email and ask them questions and opinions about Emergency Responder's issues as they affect all of us.

Be thinking of legislation that is needed in the state and share that with your district chairman.

I want to encourage all of you to attend your district meetings so that you can stay informed of what is going on around the state.

Keep up the training and stay safe this summer.

I'll see you at a district meeting soon.

Scott Harris, PR East Central

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Booths will have a varied selection of food for sale including: fish sandwiches, grilled chicken sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, homemade pie, ice cream, Raider fries, and walking tacos. A Pork Chop dinner, catered by Sander Catering and sponsored by the Fire Department will be served at 4:00 p.m. EST.

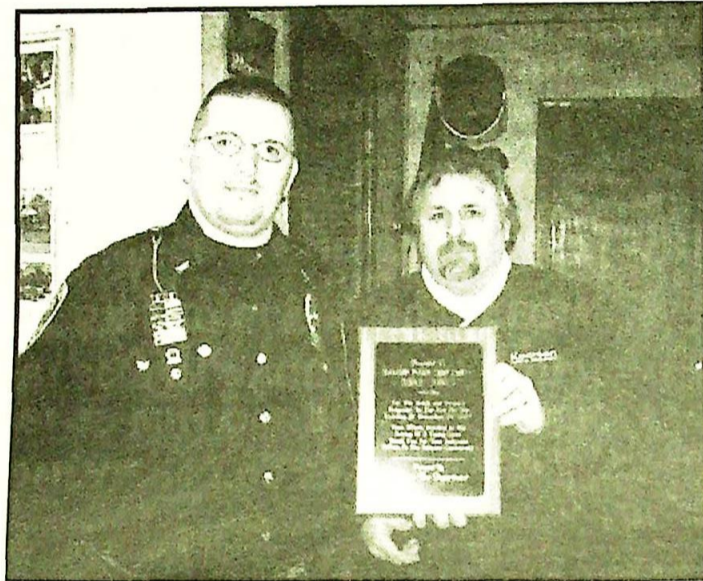
Some of the games include athletic events such as: 3-on-3 basketball, horseshoes, volleyball,

kickball, and whiffleball. Many free events are planned including: a kiddie tractor pull, dog show, sack race, egg toss, cake walk, dance for the middle school/high school age kids, antique tractor display, and a live band on the Main Stage.

Directions: Holland is located halfway between State Road 64 and Interstate 64, on Hwy. 161. Take Interstate exit 54 north three miles or travel south from State

Road 64 three miles. The Community Fest is held at the Town Park located at the Windmill at the north edge of Holland. The park offers primitive camping, shaded areas, picnic tables, free parking, and handicap parking spaces. All times are Eastern Daylight Savings. Holland is a short drive from Holiday World and Splashin' Safari in Spencer County.

Swayzee deputy chief saves three young lives



On January 21, 2008 at the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department Headquarters.

Fire Board Member and Swayzee Fire Fighter Brian Hall presented to Swayzee Deputy Chief Mike Jones a plaque honoring him for his quick and decisive response to an apartment fire on the evening of December 29, 2007.

Deputy Jones' efforts resulted in the saving of three young children's lives.

The Swayzee VFD thanked Deputy Jones for his dedicated service to the Swayzee Community. - submitted by David Prickett, Public Relations officer, Swayzee VFD, Swayzee, Indiana.

State provides Fire Service Training to all Indiana firefighters

All Indiana firefighters and EMS personnel are now being provided an opportunity to participate in a comprehensive and consistent training developed by the Indiana Firefighter Training System (IFTS). The IFTS is built around local firefighter training councils developing and implement a training plan to meet their needs. Hoosier firefighters are provided this training to increase their education and certification without adding "contact" hours. In addition, the development and use of web-based training for various modules of the certification levels will increase the availability of training throughout the state without additional costs to the state, the department or the student.

This training system was developed by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) in August 2005 and provides a unique opportunity for Indiana's firefighters that is not available throughout the country. The state training system enhances the capability of a firefighter to assist during domestic emergencies and terrorist events. IDHS also expects firefighter recruitment and volunteer fire service to increase because of the local availability of the training.

"We want to do all we can to offer firefighters the training and tools they need to do their job," said J. Eric Dietz, IDHS Executive Director. "This really is about dropping the barrier and encouraging each district to work together for one common goal, the safety of Hoosier firefighters."

Each of the 10 IDHS districts is eligible for funding to present the training in their area. The funding will be used for the delivery of certification training as well as making improvements to the training infrastructure. A fire training council in each district has been established to develop a training agenda, support training facilities, develop infrastructure plans, disburse money, oversee adjunct instructors, evaluate course delivery, evaluate instructors, etc.

"The process of developing a state firefighter training system requires a long-term commitment from firefighters and elected officials," said Joe Wainscott, IDHS Director of Training. "We have used a process that encourages innovation and creativity at every level while determining where financial resources can be best utilized for the greatest return."

The firefighter training is offered to ensure that national fire standards are met, quality of training and experience of fire instructors are sufficient, and the core elements and foundation of an effective fire training system is established and maintained for future generations of firefighters.

On December 29, 2007 the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a grease fire at a three story residence in Swayzee at 21:17.

The Swayzee Deputy Chief Mike Jones heard the dispatch on his patrol car radio and being only a block away responded to the scene.

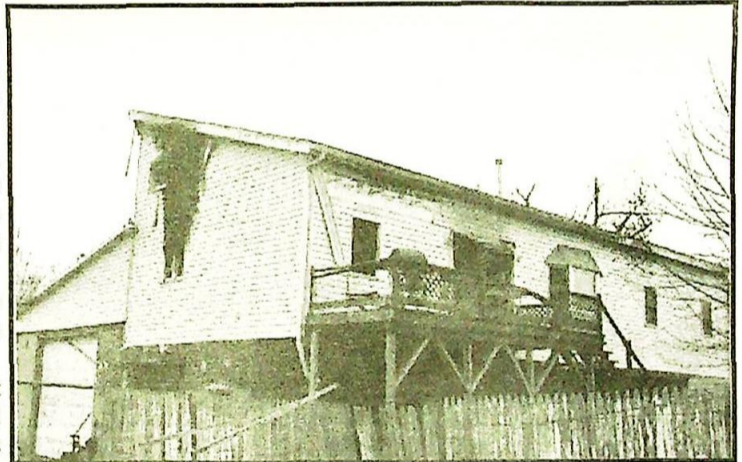
Upon arrival he was met outside by an adult who informed him there were three children still in the house.

Still thinking just a grease fire, he got his fire extinguisher from his squad car and proceeded up the outside stairs only to find flames and heavy smoke.

Deputy Chief Jones entered the structure twice to remove the children.

The Swayzee VFD arrived just after he had come out the second time at 21:22. Deputy Chief Jones informed Fire Chief Jeff Duncan that everyone was out of the burning structure.

Without the heroic deed by Deputy Chief Mike Jones the Town of Swayzee would surely be mourning the loss of three young children. - submitted by David Prickett, Public Relations officer, Swayzee VFD, Swayzee, Indiana.



Students complete Firefighter I/II training

In July of 2007 the Dubois Co. Fire Trainer's Assoc. began the course of Firefighter I/II. The course culminated with a Live Burn training session held at the Jasper Fire Training Center of Region 10.

The students, represented departments from Dubois, Pike and Martin Counties. Those departments represented were;



Dubois, Ferdinand, Ireland, Jefferson Twp. of Otwell, Martin Co. Fire/Rescue, St. Anthony, and Schnellville. Photo and article provided by John C. "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chair

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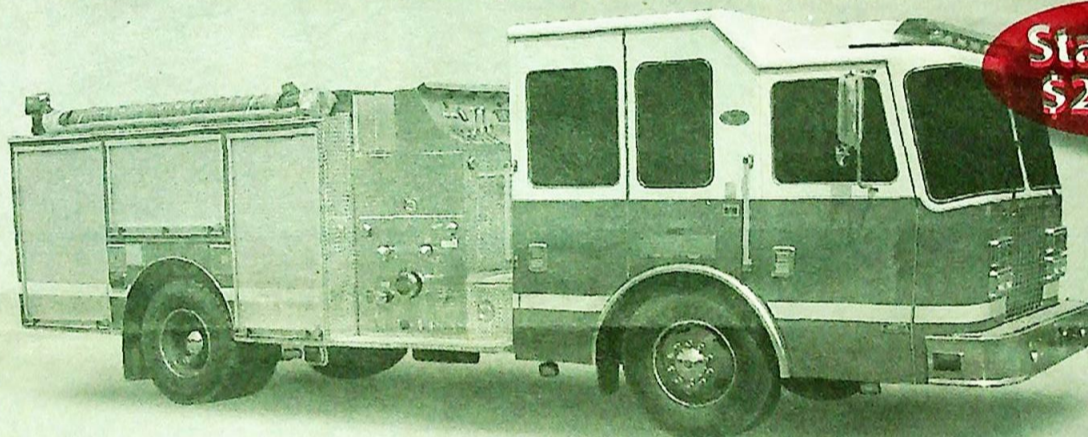
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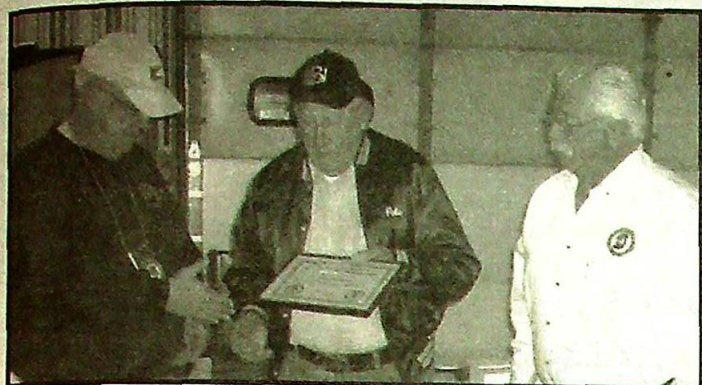


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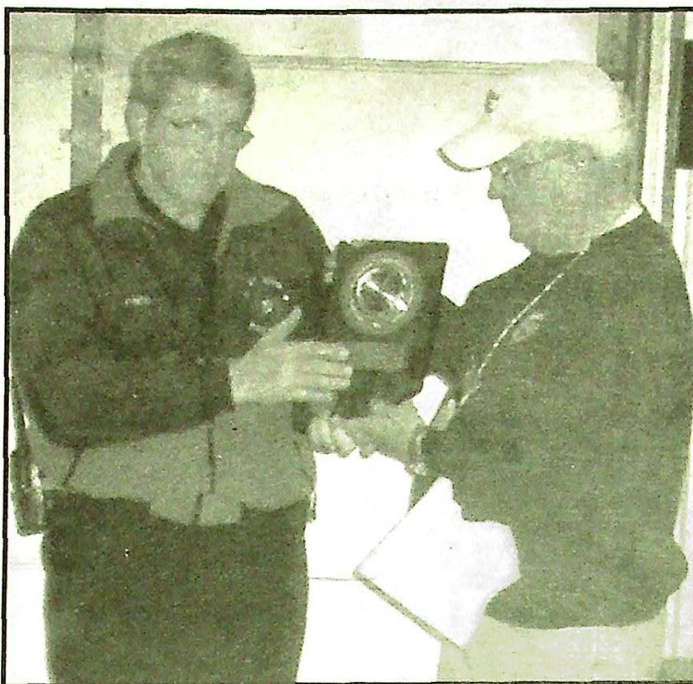
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Pete Monix awarded 50 year Gold Card



Pete Monix, St. John VFD accepts a 50 year Gold Card and certificate for James Halfman, St. John VFD, who was unable to attend, which was presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman and Buz Koehler, past president. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

St. John VFD fire chief presented station clock



District 2 chairman Paul Watland presents Chief Fred Willman of the St. John VFD with the station clock for their new fire station. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



The IVFA convention will be here soon. I hope many of you are planning to attend.

I toured the hotel not long ago, and the facilities are very nice. I am looking forward to being there and seeing everyone.

Enjoy the spring and summer. I think everyone is ready for it!

Beverly Harker,
IVFA Treasurer

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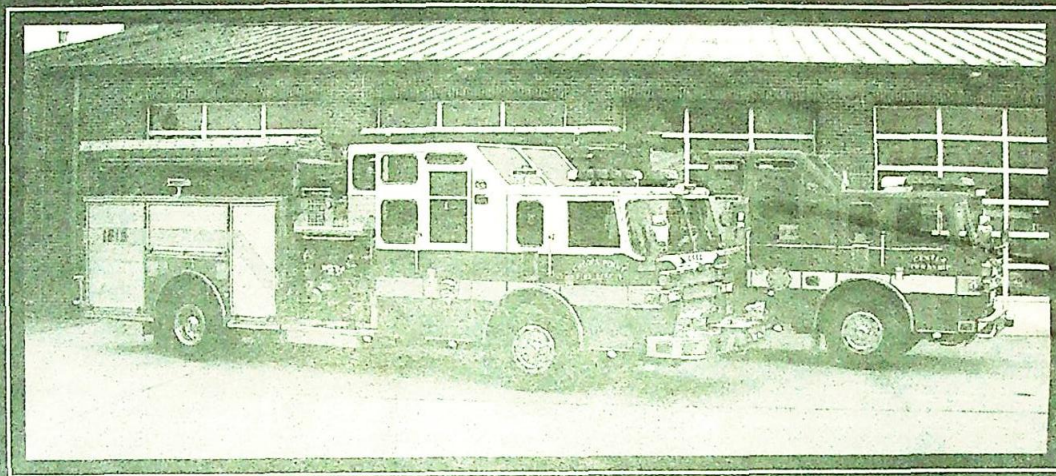
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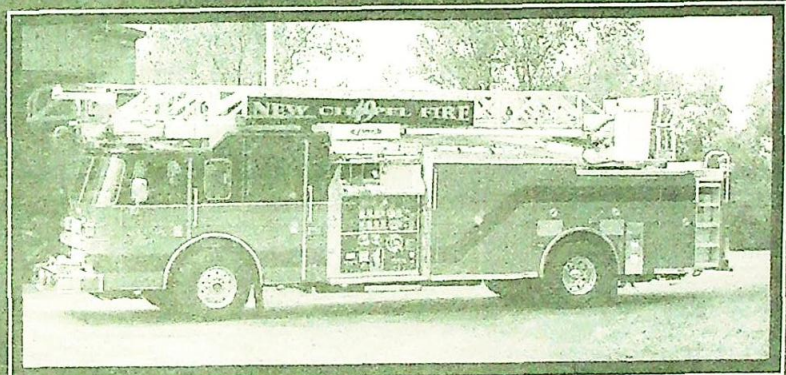


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I attended District 15's meeting January 15, 2008 hosted by Sommersville Fire Dept.

The Miss Flame contest was held and Mallory Hornbrook won Miss Flame for District 15. Their next meeting is March 18 at Mt. Vernon.

I attended District 18's meeting at St. Anthony Community Center. Their next meeting is March 20 at St. Meinrad.

I attended District 17A's meeting at Vincennes which was their sausage supper held by Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. and District 17A. Their next meeting is at Switz City March 10th.

I attended District 17A district meeting March 10th at Switz City, which was a joint meeting with Greene County Firefighters Assoc.

I attended 17A's Miss Flame contest hosted by Richland Taylor Fire Dept. Scotland Station. Amy Byers is Miss Flame for 17A.

I attended 17B's Miss Flame contest at Blgt. Van Buren Vol. Fire Dept. Kara Crane is Miss Flame for 17B.

I attended District 18's meeting hosted by St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Dept. Next meeting is May 15th at West Baden, IN.

I attended a memorial service for Alva Kleaving at Tell City. My thoughts go out to his family and fire department Morgan Twp.

I attended District 17B's meeting at Shawswick Vol. Fire Dept. on March 26th.

I attended a fundraiser by Lewis Twp. Fire Dept. for Fallen Firefighters Supporting Heroes on March 30th.

District 15's meeting on March 18th at Mt. Vernon had to be postponed due to high water at Mt. Vernon. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

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

Pins awarded at annual Christmas party



At the recent Christmas party of the Lowell VFD, (left) Randy Small, V.P. of the Lowell VFD, presented Michael Ham with his 10 year service watch. Dwight "Ike" Rench, Chief, looks on. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



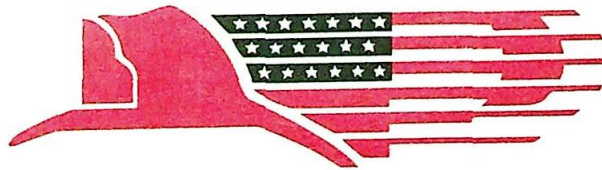
At the Lowell VFD Christmas party, Randy Small, V.P. of the Lowell VFD (left) presented Rick Laumeier with his 35 year service award and Dwight "Ike" Rench with his 38 year service medal. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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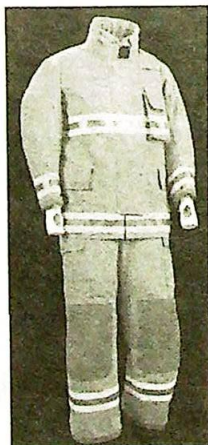
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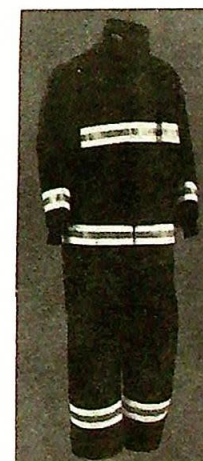
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Legislative Report

by SHOKRINA RADPOUR BEERING, ESQ.
IVFA LOBBYIST AND COUNSEL

The 2007/2008 Legislative Session officially ended on March 14, 2008. As I am sure you are aware, the major focus of this "short" session was property tax reform. The Governor's plan was introduced in HB1001. The bill was over 900 pages long and was amended over 120 times throughout the session. Due to the length of the bill, and the frenetic pace at which changes were made to it during the final days of the session, the impact of the bill is still being studied. Already legislators are working on language for amendments to introduce next session. Although HB1001 was not a bill which the IVFA lobbied, the Legislative Committee did informally follow it due to its impact on funding for the provision of fire and emergency services.

I am sure all of you are aware of the major provision in the new law placing caps on property taxes of 1% of assessed valuation for owner occupied homes, 2% on other residential and agricultural properties, and 3% on businesses. These caps are being phased in over a three year period and could be placed into the State constitution beginning in 2012. In order for the caps to be placed in the constitution, the legislature must pass them a second time in the 2009 or 2010 session, and they must be ratified by voters in 2010. The new law provides an immediate average decrease in property taxes for homeowners statewide of 27%. In order to help offset these reductions in property taxes, the State sales tax increased from 6% to 7% effective April 1, 2008. The costs of healthcare for the indigent, child welfare, pre-1977 police and fire pensions, as well as school general funds will be shifted to the State.

The second major issue on the Governor's legislative agenda for 2007/2008, government consolidation, had a lot of momentum initially, but in the end saw very little action with legislators choosing to focus on property tax reform instead. Many bills were introduced to abolish the office of township trustee, as well as other local governmental positions. The only position which was eliminated this session was that of township assessor for those townships having fewer than 15,000 parcels of real estate, as well as in townships where there is a trustee-assessor. Their duties are transferred to the county assessors. For townships containing more than 15,000 parcels, voter referendums will be held in the November election to determine whether or not to transfer the duties of the township assessor to the county assessor. The new law also provides that a person running for the office of township assessor must have attained a certification of a level 3 assessor-appraiser before taking office. I expect to see many bills regarding government consolidation introduced in the next session.

We won a major victory by working with legislators to have residency requirements for police and firefighters proposed in both the House and the Senate exclude volunteers. I was able to persuade the Indiana Professional Firefighters Union, the Police Chiefs Association, and Cities and Towns to agree to the IVFA's position, although each group supported the bills as originally introduced. Enactment of the proposed residency requirements on the volunteer fire service would have made it impossible for some areas of the State to receive adequate coverage. The bill as originally proposed would have required volunteers to reside within the county, township, or town in which they were providing services and maintain the member's residential telephone

service in the town in which the volunteer was providing services. Obviously, this would have severely limited the ability of volunteers to serve more than one department, as well as limit the location of a volunteer's residence. We were successful in excluding volunteer departments and volunteer firefighters from these residency requirements. The bill as originally proposed would have had consequences on the provision of firefighting and emergency services which I am confident the legislators did not understand nor intend. The House bill, 1114, which is the bill which advanced, amends Indiana Code Sections 36-8-4-2 and 36-8-9-4, and creates two new sections, IC36-8-4-5 and 36-8-13.5, if you would like to read the new laws. They go into effect on July 1.

EMS personnel will be required to complete a course of education and training on autism after January 1, 2009, as the result of the passage of HB1171. The EMS Commission will certify coursework for the training. According to my conversations with both the EMS Commission and the Governor's office, it is not anticipated that there will be any cost to departments; rather, course materials are anticipated to be provided by groups which support autism education, such as the Indiana Commission on Autism. It is the intent that autism training be conducted in the same manner as SIDS training. The EMS Commission is also being required to adopt rules concerning triage and transportation protocols for the transportation of trauma patients established by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma pursuant to the passage of SB241. The EMS Commission will publish the rules once they have been adopted. This year we also saw the passage of a bill we've monitored for the past several years, requiring smoke detectors in rental property. A bill regarding standards for "fire safe cigarettes" was also passed.

One bill which was passed which will impact not only the IVFA but every nonprofit corporation throughout the State is HB1187. This bill as it was originally proposed was extremely burdensome for all nonprofit corporations and imposed numerous restrictions. Through our lobbying efforts, we were able to get many restrictions eliminated; however, the bill does create some requirements which must be followed. One significant requirement is that the new law requires ballots to be maintained for a year. The new law also sets forth provisions related to conflicts of interest regarding members, officers, and directors, and establishes circumstances under which contracts or transactions that involve conflicting interests are not void or voidable. The new law also allows electronic methods of providing notice and guidelines for the use of electronic records and electronic signatures. Another provision of the new law which may be of interest is the allowance of the appointment of alternate committee members by members present at a committee meeting. These new requirements go into effect July 1, 2008. Several provisions of the Indiana Code are amended: IC23-17-2-27; IC23-17-10-5; IC23-17-13-1; IC23-17-13-2.5 (a new section); IC23-17-15-6; IC23-17-27-1; IC23-17-28-5; IC26-2-8-104; and IC26-2-8-106. Some of the new statutes have a limiting provision, stating that the new law applies unless, "the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws provide otherwise". Therefore, it may be time

for nonprofit corporate departments to review their articles of incorporation and by-laws to determine whether or not they want to amend them to include provisions detailing how they wish to govern themselves, or let the new laws apply to them in the event articles of incorporation and by-laws do not contain provisions related to the numerous topics covered by the new law.

If you would like more information about any of these new laws, or other bills which the IVFA monitored, please check the IVFA website and review the IVFA weekly letters and Bill Status Reports, or feel free to call me. I can be reached at (317) 636-2495, Ext. 218.

The next legislative session will be a "long session", in which the legislature will adopt a new budget. Immigration was a focus until the final week of this session. In addition to government consolidation bills, more immigration bills will be filed as well. The IVFA Legislative Committee worked very hard on this year's agenda, and Jim Parker's testimony to the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee on the House firefighter residency bill was instrumental in persuading the Senate committee to amend the bill to exclude volunteer firefighters and volunteer departments. Please thank this year's committee members for all their hard work and effort they put in on at least a weekly basis for the past several months; Larry Ketchem, David Elick, Jack Kerney, Larry Bartlow, Jim Parker, David Israel, and Buz Koehler. The committee will soon begin to formulate its agenda for the next legislative session, so please contact a committee member if you have suggestions of items for their consideration and discussion. Additionally, please take every opportunity to speak with your state legislators. They appreciate direct input from constituents, and IVFA members are very effective in informing legislators of the problems volunteers face. Please invite them to your department meetings, as well as to any pancake breakfasts, chili suppers, and other fundraising events. I very much appreciate the opportunity to be your lobbyist and counsel this year and look forward to

some IVFA members, and if so, those would be qualified. A "qualified payment" means any payment provided by a State or political division thereof related to the performance of services as a member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization. For example, the car and clothing allowance mandated by the State to be paid by local units of government would be a "qualified payment" (as long as that payment is not made by departments instead; some departments have contracted away their right to receive these payments from local units of government), as would "run pay".

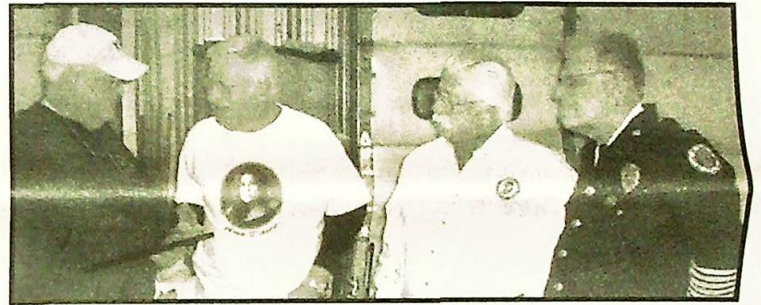
This law, which is in effect only for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010, creates an income tax exclusion for these "qualified state or local tax benefits" and "qualified payments" in the amount of up to \$30.00 per month for each month of the year that a firefighter or emergency responder provides services. For example, a member who provides services each month for a year may exclude \$360.00 from his or her gross income, if the person received \$360.00 or more in qualified payments. If a volunteer only provides service for ten months, the volunteer can only exclude \$300.00. The language of the new law infers that the qualified payment

may be paid in a lump sum rather than paid on a monthly basis. If the qualified payments received are less than \$360 in a year, only the amount actually received can be excluded from gross income.

Under the new law, qualified emergency response organizations are limited to volunteer organizations which are organized and operated to provide firefighting or emergency medical services in State or local political subdivisions and are required by written agreement with the State or political subdivision to provide firefighting or emergency medical services. Therefore, under a strict interpretation of this new law, it is imperative that departments have contracts with political subdivisions in effect in order to benefit from this new tax exclusion. It may be possible to make contracts effective January 1 of this year for those departments which are providing services under an expired contract, or which do not currently have contracts in place in order to allow volunteers to use the exclusion.

This new law took effect January 1, 2008, and sunsets on December 31, 2010. However, efforts are being made in the U.S. House of Representatives to extend these provisions through at least December 31, 2015.

Smith awarded 50 year pin



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, presents Dale Smith, Lowell VFD, with his 50 Year Gold Card and certificate.

Buz Koehler, past president and Dwight "Ike" Rench, look on. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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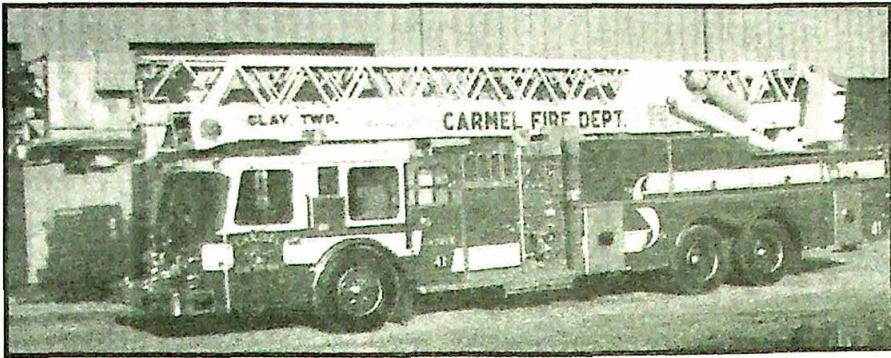
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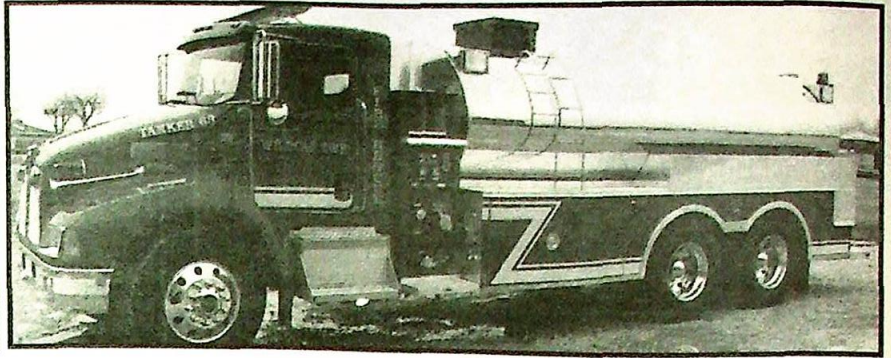
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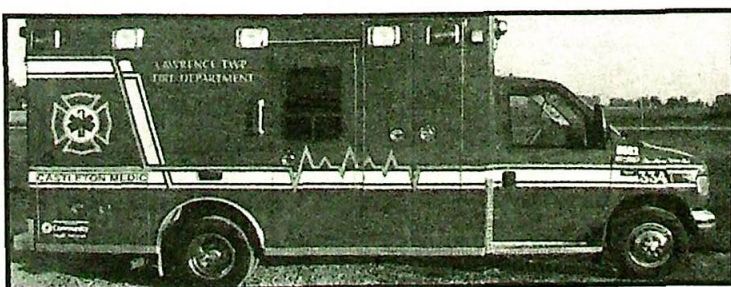
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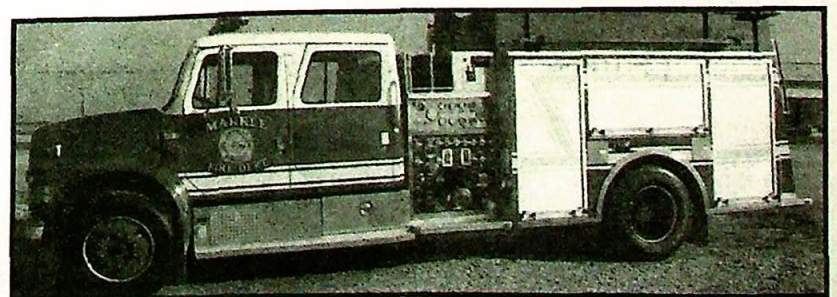
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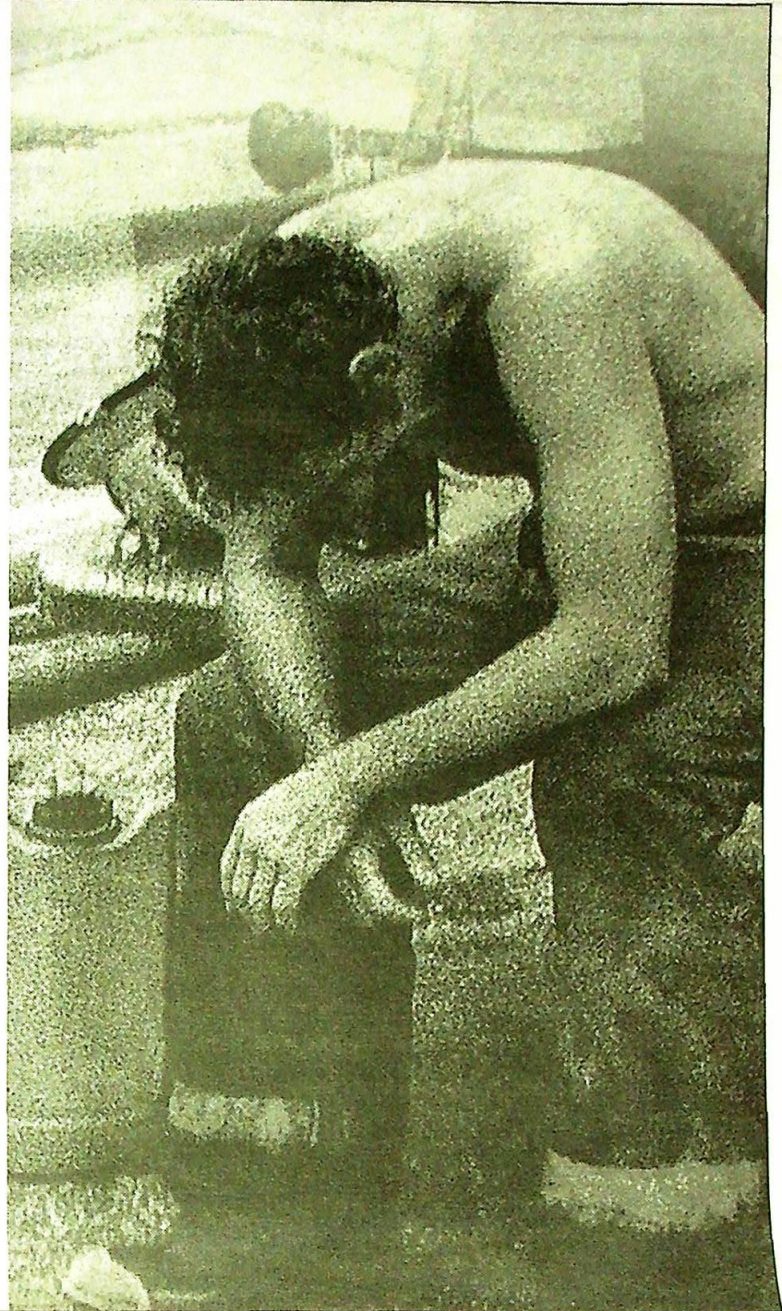


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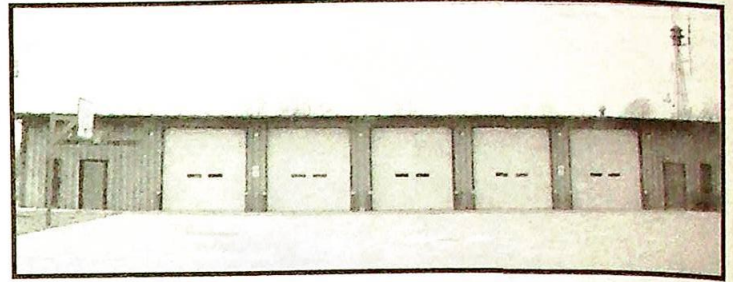
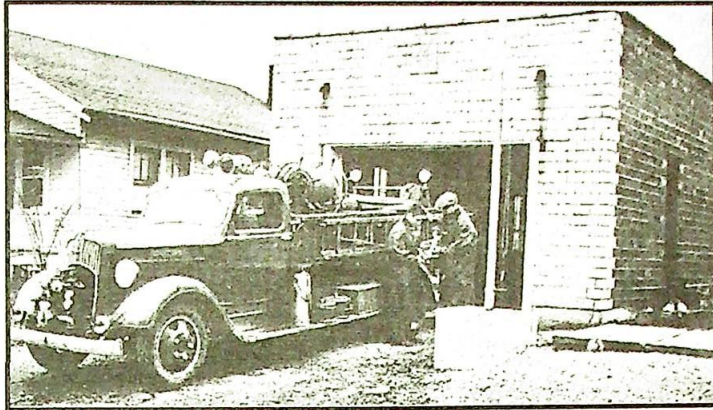
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Poe Volunteer Fire Department celebrates 70 years of service



*At left – Poe Fire Department then
At right – Poe Fire Department now*

Hello everyone in PRNE!
Spring has finally arrived, at least the calendar says it is here.

The 2008 session of Legislature is currently over. The 2009 session of legislature will be the long session. If you have any concerns that you would like addressed in this session, please contact the Central Office in the near future.

The annual convention will be June 18 thru 21 at Belterra. If you have not made your convention plans, now is the time to get them set up.

The Board of Firefighter Standards and Education will be holding a meeting at convention. Everyone is encouraged to attend. In addition, there will be other sessions of interest during the convention. Also, take time to visit the exhibits and talk with the vendors while you are there.

The Hoosier Burn Camp Visitors' Day is May 28, 2009, during Burn Camp Week. The Burn Camp is held at Camp Tecumseh near Delphi, Indiana. The kids look forward to seeing their heroes, the firefighters, as well as the fire trucks and motorcycles that participate in the Visitors' Day Parade. Be sure to support any Burn Camp fundraisers in your area. There will be a Ride In and other activities held on May 24, 2008 in Fort Wayne. If interested, contact me and I will get more information on times and events taking place that day.

Since becoming PRNE in January, I have attended all of the district meetings, as well as some fund raisers in the area. If you have any concerns, fund raiser information or items of interest, please E mail me at msorg7@netzero.com or call me at 260-639-3969.

Hope to see you at your next district meeting or at convention.

*Maurice "Mort" Sorg
PRNE*

Fireman's festival to be held August 22 and 23, 2008 in Poe. Friday evening starts with a benefit auction, bingo, home made kettle caramel corn and other activities for the young and the old. Also Poe's famous pork and sauerkraut sandwiches. Saturday will be filled with back yard volleyball, horseshoes, BBQ chicken dinner, flea market, bingo, kid's tractor pull, motorcycle poker run, dance, and plenty of food and refreshments.

Poe Fire Department was first established in 1938 with a single bay fire station 44' x 18' x 14' with a 1936 Dodge Pumper. All of the

construction was accomplished by the members except for the masonry work. Fire alarms were first given by the telephone operator on crank type telephone. The operator would ring all telephones with five long rings. In 1964 notification was done by radios and monitors. The fire was reported by calling the fire number which would be answered by Wayne Township Fire Department Station #1 fireman, as it was manned 24 hours a day. They would set off the radio alarm and monitors and the siren. Since 1978 the department has been dispatched by the Allen County

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Fifty years later a new fire station was built. This is the third station for the department. July 1978 the building was dedicated. The new building 110' x 50' x 14' consist of five front bays and one side bay. To keep costs to a minimum, various items were constructed by the members as all outside drainage, concrete entrance, all interior painting, installation of ceiling tile, drywall, insulation, install of overhead doors, landscaping and other miscellaneous items.

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*Poe Fire Department Secretary
Jean Smith*

District 2 members receive pins and awards

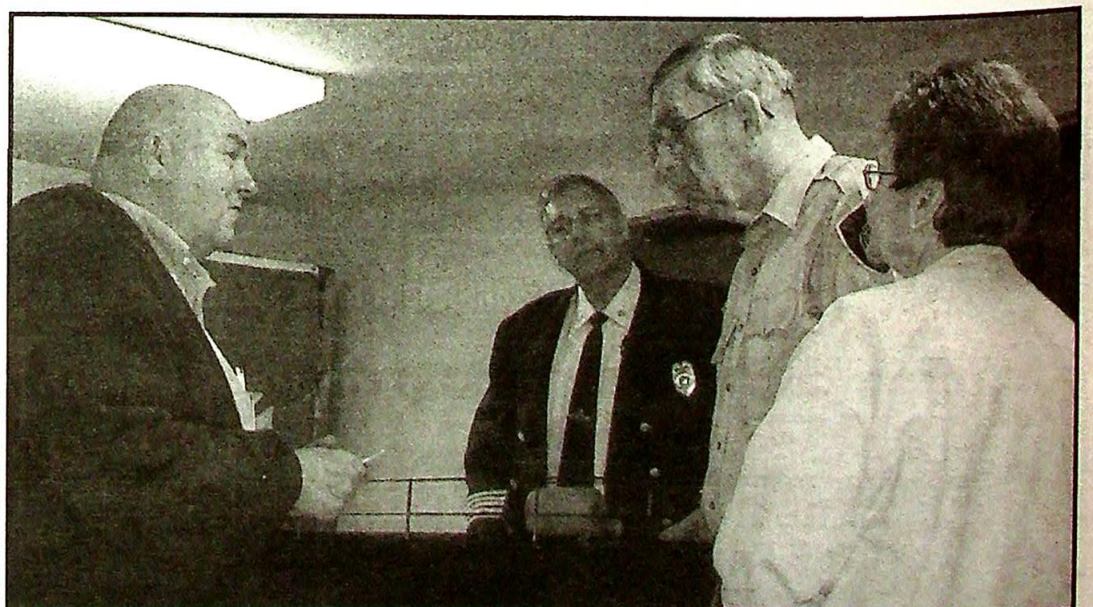


At a recent District 2 meeting, 25 year pins and 50 Year Gold Cards were presented to: (left to right) - Dwight "Ike" Rench, Chief of the Lowell VFD, who made the presentation to: Steve Echterling, Alex Eszenyi, Charles Scott - Assistant Chief, Philip May, James Purkey, Joe Mika - 50 Year Gold Card, Dan Reed, Ken Kender, Paul Watland - District 2 chairman and Dale Smith - 50 Year Gold Card. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Russell Burris presented 50 Year Gold card

On February 28th, Russell C. Burris, a member of Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Washington, IN, was presented a 50 year Gold card for his years of dedication to the fire service.

Shown, left to right, are District 17A chairman Jack Harker, Fire Chief Tony Wichman, Russell Burris and his wife Mrs. Burris. -- submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman.



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Greetings to all,

I suspect everyone is glad to see springtime finally get here. Now all we need is for those leaky clouds to dry up for awhile.

I have been attending district meetings and there has been a good turn out for all the meetings. It is important for you to attend all the district meetings you can and participate in the business that concerns your district and the IVFA.

I have also attended some of the convention meetings and the committee is doing a great job of preparing a fun and fruitful time for all. Hope to see you there.

We are rapidly approaching tornado season, so let's all be prepared and careful.

Submitted by
Al Williamson, PRSE



Jasper Fire School sets new records

The Jasper School of Fire & Emergency Services concluded on March 9 and set new attendance records for the event now in its 12th year. The school which drew 431 students from across Indiana and neighboring states, actually ran for two weekends, March 1 & 2 and March 8 & 9 to accommodate the number of classes being offered (22 in all) and the students in attendance. The school was held at the Jasper High School located in Jasper (Dubois Co. IVFA District 18) and was operated by the Indiana Fire Instructors Association with members of the Dubois County Fire Trainers Association serving as the School Committee. Courses that led to Certification ranged from Mandatory Firefighter to Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics, FO I, and FO II. Fire Instructor I and Fire Instructor II/III were also offered. A wide variety of courses dealing with apparatus included Aerial, Engine Company, Ladder Company, and Pump Operations. For students that wished to "get their gear dirty", Rapid Intervention, Confined Space Rescue, Rope Rescue and Advanced Auto Extrication provided a real workout for their students. Live fire classes such as the Flashover Survival and Manufactured Home Fires (mobile homes) presented true-to-life fire fighting experiences, in a challenging and exciting environment. Jasper Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang and Jasper Firefighter Jared Reinbold bravely took on what this author



At left: Rope Rescue
Above: Auto Extrication
Below: Mobile Home Fires

feels is the most challenging class, teaching Fire Safety for Kids!!! Can you imagine 25 kids, 6-12 years old for most of the day?? What courage!! I'm kidding, of course. Chief Hochgesang reported that a great day was had by all, and of course, a pizza party for lunch and an afternoon swim at the Jasper High School Swimming Pool always helps!! In his first year as Fire School Chairman, Scott Schnell of the Ireland VFD remarked later, "It truly was a great experience. The Committee members were so on top of everything, that in most cases, before I could finish telling someone to do something, they would say, it's already done". On behalf of the IFIA and the DCFTA I wish to extend our thanks to everyone who helped make this year's school a huge success. To



the instructors for their expertise and professionalism, to the vendors, who made the Vendor Show portion of the school the very best ever, and especially to the students, who brought their excitement, their enthusiasm, and

their thirst to learn. We hope to see all of you next year, and to any of you that have not yet attended one of our schools... "Come On Down... It's A Great Time"!!!
Article and photos courtesy of John C. "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chair

Keener Township Fire Department honors 20 years of service

In the photo at right - Pictured (left) Bob Bryan, (center) Terry Schultz, (right) Doug DeVries.

The Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department honored Bob Bryan and Doug DeVries in February for 20 years of service. Congratulations! -- submitted by Matt Bristol.



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

Renewal Months by First Letter of Your Last Name

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

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

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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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IVFA INDIVIDUAL LICENSE PLATE REQUEST FORM APPLICATION

(Year of Plate Renewal)

Name of IVFA Member _____ IVFA Membership # _____

Department Name _____ Department # _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Date Your Plates Renew _____

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

County of Residence _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____
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2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to [Rensselaer Printco: printco@nwiis.com](mailto:printco@nwiis.com) or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization - the information needs to be in writing.
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2007 CONVENTION MINUTES

DIGEST OF MINUTES OF THE IVFA ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2007 EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Good morning. I welcome you all to the 61st business meeting and with that, we're going to get started here and I'm going to ask Chaplain Cohen if he will lead us in prayer.

PRAYER BY CHAPLAIN COHEN

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Thank you, Chaplain. Vice-President Elick, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: First of all, take your papers and your phones and put them on vibrate. Now, again, as we were in the same boat as we were yesterday and our speakers have cleared the area.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: It seems like a lot of them had to go back to Indianapolis for some other meetings that is more important than ours. Now, Bev wanted her Mileage and Credentials Committee over underneath the chandelier there. Those people being Beverly Harker, Ivan Nevil, Willie Parish, Dick Glant and now we've got a problem because Gene Smith's filling in as a district chairman. Jim Parker?

MR. PARKER: What?

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Would you join this lady over here in the corner. The Roll Call Committee, Larry Bartlow, Carl Bruns, Jim Abrams, Buz Koehler, Scott Harris. Where do you want them, Larry?

MR. BARTLOW: Back there at the back table along the wall.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Okay, one of the round tables next to the wall. If you'll bear with me, we'll start on through this. If for some reason or when you are called upon to go to the microphone, please sound off with your name; identify yourself and your district because the young lady that's doing our recording for us has no other way of knowing. She doesn't know us and she asked that we make that announcement, so when you go to the microphone, please let us know where you're from, who we're talking to. I'll start out with my activities that happened here the first six months of the year and as I made mention last evening when we was all together, why, you know I had some problems healthwise right before I stepped into the office. Everything is fine now. I feel great and I really feel fortunate to be able to stand here before all of you as your president. As far as travel, there has not been a great deal of travel on my part, but I will tell you that I think the organization is stronger in Homeland Security than we have been in the past three years. Now you've got to realize this is a new organization basically to them and to us, but we have been selected, we, as the IVFA, to sit on the decision boards. We get to work with them on budgeting and on training. We're involved in that, but that's where you fire chiefs have got to come into play because at the task force areas, there's task force sites throughout the state, and when we all become active, it will be up to the fire chief to state what training he wants his department to have and how he wants to go about it because if we don't, it will continue to be mandated by Homeland Security and we're going to have to buckle down and take what they have to offer. Now, everything that they have to offer in the program that they put together for us is not necessarily going, as we very well know, going to fit from one end of the state, one site to the other. So, therefore, we've got to become very active and state no, here's what I need in my area. Here's what I want my firefighters to have. And there's no doubt in my mind that if we will do it from that standpoint and Director Dietz has made the statement that he will bend over backwards to work with us on making that happen. So with that, let's buckle down and see what we can do and let's make an attempt to do that. Before we leave here today we're going to talk about some activities that we need your support with in conjunction with Homeland Security, but at this point in time let's get the officers' reports out of the way and so I'll relinquish the microphone to my vice-president.

SGT.-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH: Mr. President, we have an audience at the back door.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Okay. Mrs. Kerney, would you bring your Miss Flame court forward?

JIM PARKER: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I've been trying to get your attention for the last fifteen minutes.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Well, you've got to talk into the microphone because I didn't hear you until just then. We can't hear without a microphone.

JIM PARKER: Listen up, guys, you're going to be given a delegate voucher from your district chairmen. The way we want it filled out is today's date at the top, June 15th, 2007, your name, whatever it might be, and however you normally sign it, don't do that, print it, so we'll know how to fill out the check. Put your district number on there otherwise we'll be looking all over the place on where to bring the check. But anyway, we need the district number on there. Today's date, your name printed and your district number, where you're coming from and the mileage. The mileage, round-trip, you get paid for coming and going. The rate the IRS has established for the mileage is 48.5 cents, but we'll figure your check over here. You just get the mileage down round-trip. Any questions?

BARBARA KERNEY: Good morning. You can see these beautiful smiling faces are still smiling this morning. I'd like to introduce you to our new 2007 State Miss Flame, Amber Farrer from Bremen Fire Department District 5. Our runnerup, who's important if Amber can't fulfill

her duties, then we're going to have a great runner-up, Keri Jo Davis from District 10, and here's the rest of the court. And I'd like to thank the IVFA for providing funds for a small token gift to each of the girls. Remember they're a representative of your district. Be sure to include them in your activities, involve them in the fire scenes and the service that you do to your communities because all these girls are ready and willing to do that. So thanks for your help, thanks for your support and have a great day.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: We'll continue with our officer reports and Vice-President Elick?

VICE-PRESIDENT ELICK: Thanks, Mr. President. My first job as vice-president was to take part in a line-of-duty death in Upland and I had a lot of good help in seeing to other fire departments' needs and for that I am eternally grateful. Thanks for everybody that helped. It's been an honor and a privilege to represent the IVFA and serve as vice-president so far. Part of my duties is chairman of the Awards Committee and you guys need to get the word out throughout your districts that everybody -- everybody in the volunteer fire service is deserving of those awards we have available and when we only get six people out of eighteen thousand that are nominated, there are more deserving people than that and please get the word out. Also, I've been invited and had the opportunity to travel around quite a bit. Kurtz, Indiana dedicated a new fire station about a month ago. Charlie Moon had me down and they have a really nice house. If you guys need me for anything, if you would like me to come to any of your department meetings or functions, please let me know, but I will tell you that for the next five and a half weeks my plate is pretty well booked up. Anything you need me for please feel free to give me a call. Thank you.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Where did the chaplain go? Would you like to give your report at this point in time?

CHAPLAIN COHEN: Chaplain passes.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Okay, the Chaplain passes. Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Bush.

SGT.-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH: I got two questions. The fire departments that built new structures this year did you get your clocks? Were they all right? Okay, we're going to change. We're going to make it a little more modern and I think you'll like it much better. So please give me two weeks when you call the order. It's hard to get it in twenty-four hours. Carol Thrawley called me Sunday and I think we had it on Thursday. Last year at this time I said, guys, go to campaigning for somebody. Since that time I have had a back operation. I get up early in the morning, I still do my duty, and I raise tomatoes. That's my report.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Thanks, Bill. Larry Bartlow?

MR. BARTLOW: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Beverly Harker?

MS. HARKER: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Beverly Harker passes. P.R., Jim Bradford?

MR. BRADFORD: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: P.R. Jean Smith?

MR. SMITH: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: P.R. Diane Harrison?

MS. HARRISON: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: P.R. Scott Harrison?

MR. HARRISON: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: P.R. Jim Abrams?

MR. ABRAMS: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: P.R. Robert McKenzie?

MR. MCKENZIE: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Moving on to the districts. District 1.

TOM ORRELL: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 2.

PAUL WATLAND: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 3.

DAVE KAUFMAN: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 4.

JOHN FERRO: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 5.

TONY FARRER: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 6.

JEAN SMITH: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 7.

MORT SORG: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 8A.

BILL PAPE: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 8B.

LLOYD WRIGHT: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 9A.

JON RANDLE: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 9B.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 10.

DAVID ISRAEL: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 11A.

ROBERT MEYERS: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 11B.

BRENT BUSH: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 12.

LARRY BRUNER: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 13A.

CAROL THRAWLEY: Pass, sir.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 13B.

DENNIS SPEARS: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 14.

CHARLIE MOON: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 15.

STEVE ANDERSON: Everybody having a great time down here? Is it really good? I understand there's three groups that want to do this in two years. This is a fun time. It's a great time and we've been honored to be your hosts. On behalf of the entire district, I thank you for coming and we'll talk to you again later today

and later tonight and hopefully you'll be here for the games tomorrow morning to send this thing off with a bang. Again, thank you.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Thanks, Steve, and thanks for the good work you've been doing. Going on. District 16.

MIKE HOLCOMB: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 17A.

JACK HARKER: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 17B.

TIM DECKARD: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 18.

CHARLIE PARKER: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 19.

ED SCHEELE: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: District 21.

DON FULTZ: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Thank you, gentlemen. That's take care of all our districts. Now, I'll ask for any past presidents that might want to step forward. Jim Parker?

MR. PARKER: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Carl Bruns.

MR. BRUNS: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Ivan Nevil.

MR. NEVIL: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Willie Parish.

MR. PARISH: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Richard Glant.

MR. GLANT: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Jack Zeeks.

MR. ZEEKS: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Jack Kerney.

MR. KERNEY: I had a question raised why we singled out to honor one firefighter in our parade back to the hotel. Those of you that have put on a convention, this is a two-year operation. Jim Hungate was part of this committee and that's why we honored Jim Hungate today in the funeral procession, and if any of you want to know why we singled out one person, that's why.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Now we'll move on into the various committee reports. I'll start out with the legislative committee reports. Jim Parker first.

JIM PARKER: As most of you know, we had a real donnybrook in the legislative session this year. There was very little cooperation between the two parties on anything. Most of the session was spent arguing about the budget and who could spend the most money on the most sports. We did have three bills that we didn't originate but they were brought in by someone else. We supported these bills and they passed. One of them is a bill to allow any municipal department to donate equipment to volunteer fire departments. Mayor Peterson in his power grab amended the bill that would not allow any department in Marion County to donate any of their equipment to volunteer fire departments. We were able to get that amendment changed so that it will be in -- the amendment will be in at the end of June, July 1st of next year, so from that point on, any municipality will be able to donate equipment to any of the volunteer fire departments. Another bill that we supported was to allow local jurisdiction on when fireworks could be lit off and that was passed and signed by the Governor. So it started out with the times being mandated by the state and like most of you know, one shoe doesn't fit everybody, but it was amended down finally after a lot of argument to allow the local jurisdiction to set the times when fireworks could be displayed. The Homeland Security Bill was amended, if you recall, last year. Fireworks taxes was to go to Homeland Security and a piece of that was to go to volunteer fire training throughout the state and they put a limit on it. That was to begin July the 1st of this year. We objected to that. We thought it should have been a permanent fund. Also, if there was any money left in it, it was to go in the General Fund. Well, believe me, guys, when a dollar goes in the General Fund, it don't come out, so we were able to get that amended this year. So the money generated by fireworks sales will go to Homeland Security period. It doesn't go in the General Fund. It accumulates there. I think they were talking about two million dollars a year, but right now that could change depending on how much they collect on fireworks. Also, in the same bill it was amended to read that there would be a portion of that money set aside to be allocated to the volunteer fire departments throughout the state. So sometime in the near future they're going to start writing checks to volunteer fire departments just out of the goodness of their heart. Let me ask a question, guys. Are you a legitimate not-for-profit corporation? If you don't have your ducks in a row, you may not be included in this. Now we don't go into criteria for when they pass these taxes out, but I have a feeling they're going to be based on whether you are a legitimate not-for-profit corporation. Now this money will only go to volunteer fire departments, but I think you have to prove that you're legitimate. Now if you've got any questions about being legitimate or not, go talk to your (inaudible) that you have filed your filing with the Secretary of State each year confirming that you're continuing to be a not-for-profit organization. Make sure you've got your ducks in a row because I've got a feeling that's the only way you'll get this money. If you've got any questions, rather than take up a lot of time here, I'll be over here in the corner for a while it looks like. Are all the vouchers in? I don't see any hands up. Got to get your voucher in, guys. That's it, Larry.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Okay, thank you, Mr. Parker. Dave Israel, Convention Committee.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Just a second before you get started. The Mileage Committee is laying some paperwork on the district chairmen. Bev just came up and they told me to remind you all to get it in so they can get it worked on. Thank you. Go ahead, Dave.

DAVID ISRAEL: When it comes time to decide IVFA Convention 2009, we have three districts bidding for this convention in '09. We'll go by District order when we get to that part.

District 1, 2 and 3, Tom Orrell, Lake County, Radisson Hotel, Lake County Visitors Bureau; District 13A, Carol Thrawley, Holiday home north side Marion County, District 14 and 16, Charlie Moon, Paul Holcomb, Clarksville Holiday Inn. So we'll do that when the time comes. Steve, you guys did a great job.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Thank you, David. The Budget Committee, Bev. I'll answer that one for her. The committee that she had, you heard they went over the books last evening and she said the only thing when the auditor, I think, came by and audited the books said I believe she was -- they were short on one expense voucher was short a charge slip like for dinners or meals or something like that. So working with all those people and in this room and this organization, if we have an omission of one I think that's to be commended. Scholarship Committee, Carl Bruns.

MR. BRUNS: We've got three winners and they'll be announced tonight.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Got three winners and they'll be announced tonight. That's good enough for us.

Jim Bradford, you got time to talk about the Editor's assistants?

MR. BRADFORD: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Ad Taker, Willie Parish. Willie's going to pass. Awards Committee passes. Larry Bartlow on the Annual Meeting and Digest.

MR. BARTLOW: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Charlie Parker on your Logo Committee?

MR. PARKER: Pass.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: John Davies, Historian, you got anything?

JOHN DAVIES: I'll bring you up-to-date with what I know about the project that the president gave me in trying to come up with the departments in our state that's got over 100 years of service. There are over eight hundred departments, as you know, in our state. So far, I have received only four confirmed. One spoke to me last night and I told him to put it in writing, get it to me, my name is in the paper. I have an address. I also have an email and in working with the webmaster there's seventy-three department surveys out right now and twenty 100-year department surveys are out. Of the twenty, I have not seen them yet. That's my report right now, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Okay, thank you, John. Based on my losing my notes this morning before I got down here and started off with, I think that we have covered everything of importance up to this point. Question?

MR. KERNEY: Audit.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Would you like to come forward?

MR. KERNEY: President Ketchem mentioned we did go through a financial audit as prescribed by our bylaws. Had two discrepancies, both of them being receipts. I told Bev that if that's the only thing we've got deficiencies on, she's done a pretty good job in keeping the books for this association. The Kemper Group audited the books and said she was doing the job in accordance with standard business practices. We are solvent. We are in good shape and at this time I would entertain a motion to accept the audit was presented by the Kemper Group. Somebody step up to the mike. John Randle, District 9A.

MR. RANDLE: 9A.

MR. KERNEY: District 9A makes a motion we accept. Tim Deckard, District 17B seconds. All in favor aye, opposed same sign. That's all I have Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Thank you, Mr. Kerney. Any other announcements or what-have-you. So if you want to take a short break. Because when we start the elections and things, then we'll go under lockdown.

BREAK TAKEN.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: David Israel you will be the Election Committee. If you will go over there where Mr. Kerney is there on the side, please. At this point in time I would like the Nominating Committee to come forward and take care of the election.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: I need a motion to accept the minutes of the last convention.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: I make the motion.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: A motion's been made and seconded, to accept as read. Question? Motion carries. Mr. Zeeks.

MR. ZEEKS: At the last bylaws change a word was added to Article 4, Section 10, inadvertently now reads the delegates of the active members of the association shall elect the officers of the board at the annual meeting. Mr. Parker is still looking to see how it got in there but we have several inactive members of this association with a ton of years that will not be able to vote and will not get reimbursed for their mileage. Now at this meeting we can make the change to the bylaws. We run the organization. We need someone to make a motion Article 4 and Article 5, Section 10 to eliminate that one word, make it the delegates of the members of the association shall elect the officers of the board.

TIM DECKARD: From District 17A, I make the motion that we amend the word.

JIM PARKER: When specific amendments are made to the Bylaws, they're submitted to the Board of Directors at a quarterly meeting and vote is taken at that meeting. If the amendment is

in proper form it goes to the districts around over the state for their vote. Then it goes back to the next quarterly meeting where the district chairmen can vote on that amendment the way their district advised that they vote. I hate to say this, but the only way you can make an amendment at this meeting is to suspend the bylaws and I suggest you not do that. If you want this change made, do it the way the bylaws ask that it be done.

JIM BRADFORD: Okay, Jim, did you find where the change was made and the date of that?

JIM PARKER: Pardon?

JIM BRADFORD: Did you find the date, when it was changed?

JIM PARKER: I was looking through my notes on motions and I didn't find it, but I've got my old amendments at home and Jack has copies of the amendments that were made over the years. I don't remember when it was made, but I know it was made.

MR. ZEEKS: So as it stands today the inactive members can't vote and can't get mileage reimbursement.

JIM PARKER: The new printing of the bylaws was passed out at the February meeting and the district chairmen have copies of those, so the only thing I can say, guys, is read them.

MR. ZEEKS: So (inaudible) if you want it changed, write it up and give it to your district chairman and we will get it changed. You guys make the changes.

MR. HOWE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Parker is partially right. To do that, we would probably need to suspend the bylaws but this is not broadcast very well throughout the state and I recommend that we suspend the bylaws and do that for this meeting only and reinstate the bylaws, and I make that as a motion if you get enough votes.

UNIDENTIFIED: Got a motion on the floor. Need a second.

UNIDENTIFIED: Jack, you've got two motions. One from him and one from him.

MR. ZEEKS: Wait a minute. What's the other motion?

UNIDENTIFIED: When he started on the first motion.

MR. ZEEKS: Go to a mike.

UNIDENTIFIED: (inaudible) scratch out the wording. Now you got his motion. Somebody's got to rescind the motion.

MR. ZEEKS: Who made the motion to scratch out the wording?

UNIDENTIFIED: (Inaudible).

MR. ZEEKS: Okay. We got a motion on the floor to scratch out the wording. I need a second. If I don't get a second, it dies. I need a second to the motion. Last call. Motion's dead. Got a second motion on the floor to suspend the bylaws for this meeting only. I need a second for this motion.

MR. URYGA: My name is Bob Uryga, Third District, IVFA, been a member for thirty-two years, retired from active duty and called inactive. I second Bill Howe motion.

MR. ZEEKS: Okay, everybody understands the motion and the second? All in favor signify by raising your right hand. I want to see hands.

BUZ KOEHLER: Point of order.

BUZ KOEHLER: Point of order is that an inactive member cannot make a motion at this time.

JACK ZEEKS: Good point, Mr. Uryga? Okay, you need to rescind your second.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Mr. Chairman, discussion.
 Mr. Chairman?
 MR. ZEEKS: Yes.
 UNIDENTIFIED: Keith Selmer, District 14, it's my understanding the bylaws currently state that only active members can vote. Is that correct?

MR. ZEEKS: Correct.
 KEITH SELMER: And this motion is to suspend that rule so that inactive members can vote?

MR. ZEEKS: Correct.
 We need a second for this motion.
 KEITH SELMER: If we suspend that rule today, we're not only doing a disservice to the active members that are in this room, but the active members in this association as a whole.

MR. ZEEKS: Then you want to vote no.
 MR. ZEEKS: Gentleman, ladies, I'll ask you one more time, when you advance to the mike to speak, speak loud enough and clear enough so this lady can understand who you are. I'm having trouble myself hearing who you are. Like I said, if you want the inactive members to vote, vote yes. If you don't, vote no. Plain and simple.

MR. BARTLOW: Have all the district chairmen bring your ballots to the table in the rear.

MR. ZEEKS: All district chairmen when you collect your ballots, take it to the table in the rear.
 JACK KERNEY: Apparently there's some question of what is inactive. Inactive is if you pay \$7.50 dues or you pay \$13.00 dues. It has nothing to do if you're active or inactive in your department. It's just a dues structure.

MR. ZEEKS: While we're waiting for the vote, have all the district chairmen turned their vouchers in? If you have not turned your voucher in, you'd better do it because they're getting ready to disband.

MR. ZEEKS: If this happens again on a vote, make sure you sign and a witness signs it. If you don't, it will be brought back to you and it just drags this kind of thing out because what's taking so long now, when you turned in your things, you didn't follow procedure, district chairmen didn't sign it and a witness didn't sign. So dot your T's and cross your Y's.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: While we figure out who's on first, we're going to allow the group from up in the corner, the Lake County area to come in and make their presentation because if not, we're going to be tied up here for some time. So David Israel, you're the chairman of that committee.

DAVID ISRAEL: At this time we're just going to have the 2008 Convention Committee show up and tell us what they've got for us. Randy Merkel and Josh Shutte, Steve Mackey is the other and he's stuck outside and the doors are locked, so Randy, you and Todd can kind of give us what's going on down there.

RANDY MERKEL: Randy Merkel, from District 19, we're hosting the 2009 convention at the Belterra Casino next year. A few things we've got, the rooms are \$89.00. We got them down to that. Your registration, early registration is going to be \$60.00 which includes your meals, the drink ticket, late registration goes to June 4th and then it will go up to \$70.00. The Belterra boat is going to give each person when they come a \$10.00 gift card. It will be in the packet. You can take it out on the boat to gamble. If you don't want to, you just put it in a machine and collect \$10.00 off of it. Each person will get one of them. Registration will be tonight between 3:00 to 5:00. We'll be out here in the hallway where they've got the registration tables now. Then we'll be around after the banquet. We've got a few hats we're going to sell for \$15.00. We've got a good number of them, so if you want to buy a hat, it looks like this, so if anybody's wanting one, they've only got a couple of them to sell, so we'll be there when you register. We've got a door prize we're going to give away tonight for everybody that preregisters. Belterra was nice enough they gave us a real nice gift to give away tonight, so whoever registers early, you've got a chance to win that tonight. We'll give that away. So if you've got any questions, we'll be out at the registration out in the hallway and we can answer anything you've got. Thanks. The dates will be June 18th through the 21st. The meals, right now we've got to include your Friday night meal and we got two other meals and possibly a few more will be included in the packet, so we're working on that right now. The rooms, we got it down to \$89.00, but it broke down to 75, 75, and 119, which broke down to 89 total. Well, originally they said the Friday rate would be a little bit higher, so we got it down to 119 on Friday night.

Any other questions?
 MR. ZEEKS: Okay, need your attention and listen up. We got a 177 that can't vote. Now, the voting should be by the active members only. I know it's going to upset you inactive members, but only active members can vote on this suspension. According to the people, we got 177 delegates. This vote is 97 yes, 61 no, which is a 158 total votes. It has to be a two-thirds vote either yes or no. District chairmen, poll your districts again.

MR. SELLER: Mr. Chairman?
 MR. ZEEKS: Go ahead.
 MR. SELLER: Okay. Explain this motion to me so I'm clear before I get up here and make an asinine statement. Was it not to suspend the rules, in essence, to suspend the rules?
 MR. ZEEKS: It was not to suspend the rules, Mr. Seller. It's to suspend the one section saying that a delegate has to be an active member to vote. That's the only part of the rules to be suspended. It's not been suspended yet. If they don't vote it - if I don't get a two-thirds vote this time, it's done.

MR. SELLER: I'm Tom Sellar, District 14, McCullough Fire Department, I'm trying to clarify this now. It's to allow the active members

MR. ZEEKS: Inactive members to vote.
 TOM SELLER: The inactive members to

vote.
 MR. ZEEKS: Right.
 TOM SELLER: And we didn't get two-thirds on the first motion?

MR. ZEEKS: No, sir.
 TOM SELLER: This is a dead issue then.
 MR. ZEEKS: It's a dead issue but I was not informed and I did not know, so we're voting again. Once the vote is done, it's done. You are correct.

MARK SALE: Sir, Mark Sale, District 7, I still don't understand what we're (inaudible).
 MR. ZEEKS: Because I did not know it had to be two-thirds. I called for a second vote.

MARK SALE: So why would people change their vote just because they didn't know it was two-thirds?

MR. ZEEKS: It's been known to happen. I'll guarantee you.

MARK SALE: You already voted. It's a dead issue. You're out of order.

MR. ZEEKS: I made a mistake and I've been called on it. So be it. We will proceed with this. Now, as we're going along, I'm going to ask you to be quiet so everybody else can understand what the devil is going on. If you want to make a motion from the floor, go to a mike, pronounce your name very plainly so the lady up here can hear. State your district and what you're going to do. Is everybody ready? The Mileage and Credentials Committee is dismissed. This committee, for president of this association presents the name of Larry Ketchem to be president for 2008. Are there any other nominations from the floor? (Called three times) Mr. Secretary?

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Ketchem for President.

MR. ZEEKS: For vice-president, the nominating committee presents the name of David Elick for vice-president. Is there any other nomination from the floor? Is there any other nomination from the floor?

STEVE NOLAN: Steve Nolan, Little Run Fire Department, District 17B. I put Tim Deckard name in, District 17B, for vice-president.

JIM BLOCK: (Inaudible) Fire Department, 17B, I second the motion.

MR. ZEEKS: Mr. Bush, lock down doors.

UNIDENTIFIED: Got one more nomination.
 MR. ZEEKS: As he's locking down the doors, are there any other nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. District chairmen, poll your districts. Tim Deckard, everybody wants to see what you look like. Come up to the mike and introduce yourself.

TIM DECKARD: Tim Deckard, District 17B, Chairman -

MR. ZEEKS: Hold it down in here.

TIM DECKARD: Twenty-three year member of IVFA, currently Fire Chief of Van Buren Township Fire Department.

MR. ZEEKS: If you're done, sit down. We will go on to the next one.

STEVE ANDERSON: I'd like to give the vendors an opportunity to come up here, introduce themselves, welcome you to their booth and things like that. I want to recognize Bob Stark this morning. He didn't know this was occurring until about fifteen minutes before we started, but Bob drove the truck in the memorial service parade this morning and I want to thank him personally. I want to give him an opportunity to have a couple of seconds, fifteen, twenty seconds, thirty seconds if he stretches -

BOB STARK: Thank you for the appreciation for our participation in the parade this morning. We're glad to do that anytime. Just ask us. We're the Rosenbauer America dealer for Southern Indiana and Rosenbauer America should not be any stranger to you. We're a multi-national fire apparatus manufacturer. We have fifteen fire equipment manufacturing facilities worldwide in ten different countries. We have four here in the United States, the Central Division, the General Division, the Arcade Aerial division, and Rosenbauer Motors. We build crash trucks, aerials, pumpers, any type of apparatus that is used in the fire department arsenal and we have on display out in the yard a four-door Kenworth pumper commercial and seventy-five-foot air ladder, and one thing that we do, we service what we sell and we only sell what we can service, so we're as close as your phone. Thank you very much.

MR. ZEEKS: John Ross?

MR. ZEEKS: John Ross front and center. Your vice president for year 2008 is Dave Elick.

MR. ZEEKS: The Nominating Committee presents the name of Larry Bartlow for secretary. Are there any other nominations on the floor? (Called three times).

MR. KETCHEM: As president of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous ballot for Larry Bartlow for secretary.

MR. ZEEKS: For treasurer, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Beverly Harker. Is there any other nomination from the floor? (Called three times). Mr. Secretary?

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Bev Harker for treasurer.

MR. ZEEKS: For chaplain for the year 2008, the Nominating Committee presents the name of Jerry Cohen for chaplain. Is there any other nomination from the floor? Is there any other nomination from the floor?

JEFF BLANTON: Jeff Blanton, I nominate Mel Camp.

MR. ZEEKS: Is there any other nomination from the floor?

MR. ZEEKS: District chairmen, poll your districts, lock down the doors.

UNIDENTIFIED: Is he going to introduce himself?

MR. ZEEKS: Yes.

MELVIN CAMP: Melvin Camp, District 17A, Petersburg Fire Department, current associate IVFA chaplain, PR West Central District.

MR. ZEEKS: Chaplain Cohen, would you like to address the body?

CHAPLAIN COHEN: I've been your chaplain for about three years now. I'd like to serve one more year. I've got fifty-three years as a member. I'm a gold card carrier. I'd like to retire after one more year. I'd appreciate your vote.

MR. ZEEKS: Can I have your attention, please? Chaplain for 2008, Jerry Cohen. The Nominating Committee presents the name of Bill Bush for sergeant-at-arms 2008. Is there any nomination from the floor for sergeant-at-arms. (Called three times). Mr. Secretary.

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Northwest, the Nominating Committee presents the name of Jim Bradford, PR Northwest. Is there any other nomination from the floor? (Called three times) Mr. Secretary.

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Bradford for PR Northwest.

MR. ZEEKS: The Nominating Committee for the PR Northeast presents the name of Jean Smith. Is there any other nomination from the floor? Is there any other nomination from the floor?

MIKE MACKIN: Mr. Chairman, Mike Mackin, District 6, I nominate Mort Sorg for District 7.

MR. ZEEKS: Is there any other nomination from the floor? Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7, poll your chairmen. Lock the doors down. For PR West Central, we will continue. The Nominating Committee presents the name of Diane Harrison. Is there any other nomination from the floor? (Called three times) Mr. Secretary.

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

MR. ZEEKS: PR East Central, the Nominating Committee, presents the name of Scott Harris for PR East Central. Is there any other nomination from the floor? Is there any other nomination from the floor?

BILL PAPE: Bill Pape, we nominate Don Cushman out of Fortville.

MR. ZEEKS: Is there any other nomination from the floor? Districts 6A, 6B, 10, 13A, 13B, poll your districts. PR Southwest, the Nominating Committee presents the name of Jim Abrams. Is there any other nomination from the floor? (Called three times)

MR. BARTLOW: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Abrams for PR Southwest.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Southeast, the Nominating Committee presents the name of Bob McKinzie. Is there any other nomination from the floor? Is there any other nomination from the floor?

CHARLIE MOON: Mr. Chairman, Charlie Moon, District 10, submits Al Williamson.

STEVE MACKAY: Mr. Chairman, Steve Mackay, District 19, we'd like to nominate Ed Scheele, District 19.

MR. ZEEKS: Is there any other nomination from the floor? District chairmen, poll your Districts 14, 16, 19. The district chairmen representing the areas that will be bidding for the 2009 election need to see Steve over here in the back corner. That will be Clarksville, Merrillville, and wherever the other one was. PR Southeast, Al Williamson. PR East Central, Scott Harris. PR Northeast, Mort Sorg. Elections are done. Mr. President, it's up to you.

MR. KETCHEM: They're trying to make a determination over there on whether we're going to move the -- okay. We're going to recess the meeting and have the presentations of the conventions because we've got some people that's got to travel and then reconvene for vote according to the -

STEVE ANDERSON: That's not what we left here with.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Okay, come up here. Come up here.

STEVE ANDERSON: We're going to keep the meeting in session. We're going to get the three presentations done and we're going to vote and then we're out of here and then everybody's done with business; is that correct?

UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, sir.

STEVE ANDERSON: District 13A, Thrawley. That's correct. That was what we decided. I understand. Yes, we're not going to reconvene.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Okay, I stand corrected.

DAVID ISRAEL: The 2009 convention bidding process is going to start right now. Districts 1, 2, 3 will be first up. Tom Orrell, bring your people up here, present your program.

TOM ORRELL: This is for Districts 1, 2, and 3. My wife, Diane Orrell, she's in charge.

DIANE ORRELL: Hello. My name is Diane Orrell. I'm the District 1 and 2 secretary for the very northern parts of the state. We're coming back to try for Convention 2009 in Merrillville. Districts 1, 2, and 3, are the ones who will be hosting it. I will be the chair. We're looking at making it more family oriented, a lot of fun. We've got a lot of ideas, lot of activities planned and we hope we'll get your vote. Here with me today is Deanna Patina. She's with the Radisson Hotel where we would be staying and Katherine Hernandez, she's with the Lake County Visitors' Bureau.

DEANNA PATINA: I just want to thank you so much, Diana, for allowing us to bid for your 2009 convention. We appreciate your support and dedication to Lake County. The IVFA has not been to The Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza since 1996 and since then we have been through several great changes. The Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana enjoyed serving you in 1996 and we want to do it again in 2009. Thank you so much for your consideration. I'm going to turn the mike over to Katherine Hernandez, the sales manager with the Lake County Convention and Visitors' Bureau and then we have a short video.

HERNANDEZ: Everyone looks so familiar in here from 8:00 a.m. until now. In 2009 you had a great time in Lake County. Throughout the time I've been working with Diane, we, Lake County Convention and Visitors' Bureau, has put a ton of activities for your group to do in Lake County. What we did was put a video together that will showcase all the family-oriented activities there are to do in Lake County and you can doubly appreciate the convenience that we have with Radisson Hotel with all these premier attractions that we have. So we'll show you a video and we believe that will entice you guys to come see us in '09. Thank you.

VIDEO PRESENTATION
 PATINA: Thank you very much. Does anybody have any questions?

UNIDENTIFIED: Room rate?

PATINA: \$95. Does somebody have a question in the back? We have a flat rate of \$95 and we've done 25 upgrades and 1 per 50 complimentary rooms.

HERNANDEZ: I've worked with businesses of Lake County Visitors' Bureau. My idea is to give you as much as I can for the least amount of money, trying to set a registration fee, because the rooms are a little bit higher than what you've been paying, but we have a lot more to offer. I'm trying to set the registration fee at a lower rate as possible and I'm trying to get a lot of free stuff. That's my goal is to work and get a lot of free stuff. We do have a lot of things to offer. The first night we're hoping to have a free picnic for firefighters. We're just hoping that you'll see the effort we've put in and that we really want you guys there.

PATINA: If you look in your Radisson pamphlet, the tri-folds, on your table, if you open to the center and you have a sticker, a white sticker below the discover in the center page, I have three sets of tickets to Deep River Waterpark for anybody that has a sticker in their tri-fold. Did anybody find a ticket? There's three of them out there. Okay, well, thank you for your consideration. Once again, think of Lake County when you're making your decision for 2009. We sure would love to have you back with us in the northern part of the state. Thank you.

DAVID ISRAEL: Next up we have 13A, Carol Thrawley.

CAROL THRAWLEY: Good afternoon, fellow firefighters. I am Carol Thrawley. I'm District Chairman of 13A. Today I have with me Matt Rose, Director of Sales of the Holiday Inn North, Indianapolis. We're here to present a program for you to come splashing into Indy in 2009. I've got my grandkids out here with the balls and key chains passing out. Matt, have you got it set up, ready to go?

MATT ROSE: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Matt Rose and I am the director of sales at the Holiday Inn North and Caribbean Cove Waterpark in Indianapolis, Indiana. The first thing I'd like to do is say thank you. My hotel is a little different. I am currently the only hotel in the State of Indiana that actually has a Waterpark attached to it. We're a business hotel, a meeting hotel, but we're also a very fun hotel.

We've got a lot of meeting space. The first shot you see here is actually a shot of our Waterpark. The Waterpark is only two years old. It's fifty thousand square feet. We are actually located on the upper northwest side of town. We sit right at 465 and Michigan Road. So we're easy to find, easy to get to. We've got plenty of parking. Bring snacks, order pizzas in. Question was can you bring beer in? Absolutely. You can play hard, you can have a good time. This shot is actually of a room called Rendezvous Room. Great spot for lunch. I mentioned a little bit about the flexibility of our meeting space. Our big ballroom downstairs in the grand hall can be divided up into four smaller rooms, if needed. We've also got four additional of these rooms that are located on the second floor, if you don't want to walk up the stairs, you have the elevator, for smaller size meetings, and actually three of those four rooms can also be divided by either two or three, so very flexible meeting space, good size meeting space and more than enough to accommodate your current agenda. You know we've got the flexibility with our meeting space to be flexible with the type of setup you need. If you would like to set up rounds, if you want to do theater style, classroom style, leave it up to us. We've got plenty of room to accommodate everything. We have a person named Bernie, and Bernie is actually our banquet manager and it's important to know that Bernie has been in our hotel for twenty-one years. Bernie oversees everything that has to do with what we're doing right now in our hotel. He oversees everything there. Just a quick snapshot, we actually put this in there. It's based on your current agenda and the available space of our hotel. We've got plenty of room. Your program is in our system. We've got space blocked off for you. We've got plenty of rooms at 344 total to accommodate single or doubles, smoking, non-smoking. We are extending an offer of a firm rate in 2009 of \$86.00. That's a decent rate. If you come to our hotel and if you would like to stay in a Waterpark room, during the week today our rate is \$159.00. On weekends typically a Waterpark room is \$199.00 on Friday night, \$229.00 on a Saturday. With that rate confirmed in 2009 of \$86.00 it includes two wristbands to the Waterpark. I think Katherine has actually worked out you can actually purchase additional wristbands if you'd like to for \$20.00. The neat thing about that is if you've got kids, grandkids or friends that want to use the Waterpark, you don't have to pay that room rate each and every night. You can get a couple extras that day and have a good time. The neat thing about our hotel is everything is under one roof. You don't have to go outside the hotel. We've got all kinds of food and beverage in the hotel. You don't have to go outside to get something to eat. Much more than a hotel. Everything's under one roof. Vendors are actually meeting in this atrium.

UNIDENTIFIED: What time does your pool

close, the Waterpark close?
 MATT ROSE: The Waterpark actually closes down at eleven o'clock at night.
 MATT ROSE: The question is Marion County taxes. With your tax status, you're tax exempt.
 UNIDENTIFIED: \$86.00 is \$86.00.
 MATT ROSE: 86 bucks is 86 bucks. You're tax exempt. There's your program.
 DAVID ISRAEL: Thanks, Dave. Next up is Districts 14 and 16b, Charlie Moon and Paul Holcomb from Clarksville.
 PAUL HOLCOMB: I'm going to start by saying that District 16 really appreciates along with District 14 to give us a chance to host the convention. 16 has not hosted a convention in 43 years. I'm going to cover basically a few of the convention things, the items that people want to know about. Our registration will stay at \$55.00 with a June 1st deadline. It will not increase. We will include 6 meals with your registration. Provide free hospitality and snacks and drinks, soft drinks to the membership. During our annual banquet we have secured and we will serve prime rib and chicken and also along with the water and tea, we will have soft drinks available to all the membership. I'm going to turn it over to our co-district chairman Charlie Moon.

CHARLIE MOON: We have kept our prices almost exactly the same as 2004. You guys come out you had a price of \$77.95 per hotel room. Again, this year we have a secured rate of \$77.95 per room. We actually went down a couple dollars on that for a \$109.00, so we actually kept some of the prices the same on that end and dropped some. One of the big things that we've heard over and over is the Belle of Louisville. The Belle of Louisville has offered their services to us in 2009 to take a cruise on the Ohio River. At this time I'm going to ask Jennifer Abbott to come forward and make a presentation for the Visitors Center.

JENNIFER ABBOTT: Our hotel, Holiday Inn Lakeview, and our Convention Bureau is very familiar with this organization. We hosted your 2004 convention. Charlie mentioned, you will be taking a cruise on the Belle of Louisville. We represent the communities of Clarksville, Jeffersonville, New Albany, and, of course, we are part of the Greater Louisville Metropolitan area. We have the second largest Bass Pro Store in the nation. It is very hot attraction. We do have a family farm that you can visit and there are activities there for adults and children. We have a winery and there are plenty of children activities there. We have two Fuzzy Zeller golf courses. We have a candy store, Jim's Confectionary. Here you can see chocolates being dipped and you may get to sample some chocolate. This is a great attraction for kids and also a great attraction for everyone. The museum and exhibit is free and helps everybody's budget. We also have a Waterpark and it is part of Holiday Inn Lakeview Complex and the Holiday Inn Lakeview will offer you discounts to their Waterpark and at this time I'm going to have Debbie Gilliat speak on the Waterpark and so forth.

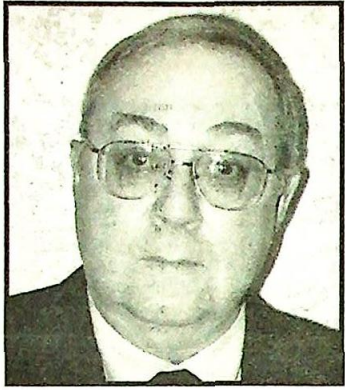
DEBBIE GILLIATT: Come on, come on, we've got to get excited about this. I'm Debbie Gilliat from the Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville, Indiana. We're a 356-room hotel. You were there in 2004. We want to have you back for 2009. We can accommodate all of your needs from meetings to parties to family things. Everything is on the same complex. You have your housing, your meetings, your banquets, all the food is there. Our Waterpark is attached to the same complex. So we don't want to forget that we have that for you plus then all your games that you do can be right there on the property. As Charlie was saying earlier, our rate is going to be guaranteed for you at \$77.95. You're tax exempt, obviously just bring that along with you. We're going to try to make this a fun year for you if you choose us and Clarksville, Indiana. We know you've been there before, so you should know what our facility can offer you. We've got a great deal there with our swimming, we have our restaurants there, fitness center. Got an indoor and outdoor pool and we also have a 13-acre lake, so water, water everywhere including the Waterpark. Folks, we want to have you in Clarksville, Indiana for 2009. We have put together a whole program for you with the conference and in addition to working with Floyd and Clark County Visitors' Bureau, we also have the Harrison County Visitors' Bureau has been working very hard with us and we want to do a special thing for the Miss Flame and I have Jeremy that's going to be coming up and give you a little bit on what they're going to be doing over in the Corydon area just for the Miss Flames for a special event that Charlie and Paul has put together to put them on. But thank you, again, I appreciate your time and your attention and we want to have you in Clarksville, Indiana.

JEREMY HARRISON: We've got a special day trip planned for the Miss Flame contestants in 2009. We've got a great day of fun and adventure set up for them in Harrison County. We've actually got a limo set up for them when they come to Harrison County. They're going to be able to tour Churchill Countryside farm for the tour, lunch and games. We've got a tour scheduled for Marengo Cave, which is a U.S. National Landmark. Then we've got a chance to go to downtown historic Corydon and visit Indiana's first state capital and the governor's home and headquarters. We're going to have an opportunity for them to visit Zimmerman Art Glass factory in historic Corydon and to visit our Gulf Shores Fun Center with miniature golf, arcades, indoor and outdoor miniature golf as well. So we would love to have the Miss Flame contestants come to Harrison County in 2009. I want to mention Harrison County is home to the world's largest riverboat casino there at Caesar's. Thank you very much for your time.

PAUL HOLCOMB: I'd just like to point out that on the tables is all the information of our facilities, outings and such that was distributed before the beginning of the meeting, and I'd just like to say one more time, on behalf of District 16 and 14 and everybody up here, we'd really like to have the convention back in Clarksville in 2009. Thank you all.

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Public Relations Director Northwest
Jim Bradford



Spring is finally here, and as I'm writing this article it's 38 degrees and trying to snow.

Remember that you get a five dollar discount for every class you take at the upcoming fire schools.

The annual convention will soon be here. The dates are June 18 - 21 at the Belterra Casino. Registration info is in other parts of the paper. The convention is where the officers of the IVFA are elected. You as a member should try to attend.

This is the season for fire department pancake breakfasts. Try to attend your neighboring department's fundraisers. I'm sure they would appreciate your support.

If you are having any fundraisers, put the info on the IVFA web site.

*Jim Bradford
PRNW*

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DAVID ISRAEL: Does anybody have any questions for these people?

DEBBIE GILLIATT: Nobody has any questions?

DAVID ISRAEL: Thank you very much. Get ready to vote. Close the doors and poll your districts. The way I've got it wrote down is Merrillville, Indy, or Clarksville. Keeping in mind that we have three that is bidding for this. After the doors close, it takes two-thirds majority to pick one. Districts, polls your districts.

VOTETAKEN
DAVID ISRAEL: The vote count was Merrillville 43, Indianapolis 71, and Jeffersonville 42. No site had a majority of the votes. Jeffersonville was eliminated.

DAVID ISRAEL: The second vote was Merrillville 47 and Indianapolis 71. Convention 2009 will be at the Holiday Inn North Indianapolis.

PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Released all 2007 Convention Committees. Max Hurray, Honey Creek Fire Department, made motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Thrawley, District 13A, made the second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Digest submitted by the Digest Committee
Larry L. Bartlow
Larry Ketchem
David Elick
Bev Harker



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2008 Indiana NFA weekend trip held in March

March 11, 2008
2008 Indiana NFA Weekend Trip

This year's trip was held on March 7, 8, and 9, 2008. We had 119 students and three IDHS staff members attend the National Fire Academy campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland weekend trip. There was a good mixture of career and volunteer firefighters from the state. In addition to our students we were able to have 16 students from Anna Maria College from the state of Massachusetts join us. The college students were part of a fire science program that was looking to experience a "NFA State Weekend Program". They were thrilled to sit in the classes with our students and hear about the fire service in Indiana.

John Buckman, James Bennett, Brenda Kendrick, and Steve Walters attended the weekend trip as representatives of IDHS. We had no problems with the trip. The weather on Friday was bad for some of the attendees due to a snow storm that hit eastern Indiana and most of Ohio. On Saturday we had rain early and it cleared off in the afternoon but turned cold. Sunday was sunny and the roadways were clear on the ride home. The charter busses were on time and they did a good job taking care of us.

The busses arrived at the NFA at approximately 4:15 p.m. and students were checked in, ate and met for the orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. Myrna Mood from the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) welcomed the group and reviewed the rules and information for the campus. Officials from Anna Marie College introduced us to their group and provided an overview of their program.

Steve Walters welcomed everyone to the NFA and asked for show of hands from the attendees on number of years they have attended the NFA trip. A majority of attendees were first timers, and there were a couple of attendees who have attended more than ten times. Steve stressed the importance of attending class and acting like adults while on the trip. He thanked the group for coming and hopes to see them on future trips.

James Bennett, Assistant State Fire Marshal spoke on his role in the Marshal's office and informed of changes in the office along with new personnel. Jim advised of new legislation related to smoke detectors being required to be installed and maintained in single and multi family dwellings. Jim also inquired if the group would be interested in a SOP template on the website that would provide local fire departments with a template of some of the more commonly used SOP/SOG's. Attendees were very interested in the proposal and Jim will be working on this project in the coming months.

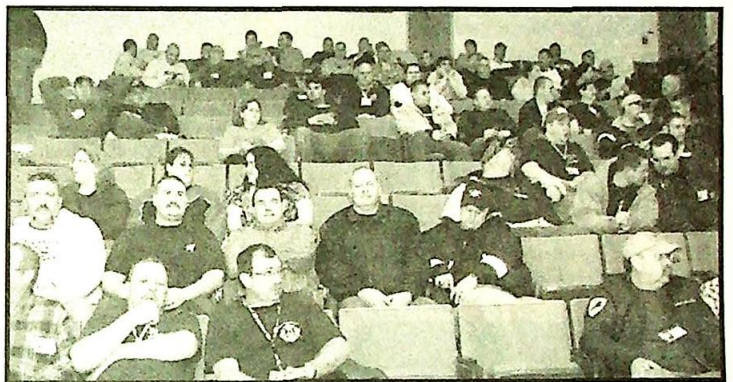
John Buckman, Branch Chief, Firefighter Training System spoke first on news update on the two firefighters who died in a South Carolina lumber yard fire earlier in the day. John explained the support Governor Daniels has given the fire service with funding

for training and fire service related programs. He explained the NFA trip was paid for through the firefighters training funding. John announced that Joe Wainscott is becoming the new Executive Director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security as of next week.

Myrna finished up going over some security issues and reviewed the schedule of events. The attendees were furnished a steak dinner on Saturday evening. There were several comments from the students on how good the instructors were. Several first time attendees expressed their thanks for the opportunity to attend and that they enjoyed the trip.

Classes held for this year's trip included: "Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents", "Preparation for Initial Company Operations", "Shaping the Future", "Marketing Fire Prevention in Your Community", and "Prevention and Mitigation Advocacy for Small Department Responders". Students' comments on the class instructors were that they were very good; they had a lot of knowledge and experience in what they were teaching. The classes were very interesting and the instructors kept them focused.

The trip was a great event for the fire service personnel that attended this year's Indiana NFA Weekend Trip. The state funded the busses and meals for each attendee on this year's trip. It is



the second year that we have been able to fund it. The funds are part of the Indiana Firefighter Training System which is funded by fireworks taxes.

We look forward to next year's trip.

Steve Walters, Fire Training Program Manager - NFA State Coordinator

National Volunteer Council fall meeting report given

RHODE ISLAND

NATIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING

1. The National Mutual Aid Plan is in the process of being implemented.

2. The plan is being implemented by regions.

3. 3 regions have already been set up, with the areas with the most probability of needing mutual aid being first.

4. An insurance problem has been discovered, as workers compensation insurance does not follow you across state lines in some states.

5. A comment was made that in order to receive DHS grants, your medical physicals will need to meet NFPA 1582 Health & Safety.

CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION

1. I attended this committee meeting to express the concerns of the IVFA of the cost of attending the NVFC meetings in Washington, DC.

2. I was told that the office staff has been working on the cost of the DC meeting.

3. The Spring 2008 meeting is being held Thursday thru Sunday to reduce the room rates to \$169.00.

4. Those in attendance were given a proposed budget for the Rhode Island meeting.

5. The proposed budget was for

\$31,945.00.

6. I stated this was nice, but where is the proposed income sheet. I was told that it will be emailed to me.

7. Fall 2009 meeting will be in Grand Rapids, MI.

1-800 FIRE-LINE

1. 48 Possible States
32 States are currently answering in their home state.

15 are actively and seriously engaged in getting hooked up.

2. 1-800-FIRE-LINE will not work if you do not advertise it, or if the phone is not answered in the proper manner.

3. FIRE CORP has received a grant to develop a Tool Kit for advertising and how to answer the 1-800-FIRE-LINE phone.

LOSAP

1. The LOSAP bill has been named the "Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2007."

2. It has been introduced to the 110th Congress 1st session.

3. The House Bill (H.R. 2160) was introduced on May 3, 2007.

4. It has the same language as the bill introduced to the 109th Congress 2nd session.

5. At present the bill has only 5 co-sponsors.

6. Hillary Clinton introduced the bill (S. 1840) in the Senate, with the same language as the House Bill.

7. At the present time the bill only has 7 co-sponsors.

8. All states are asked to pass a referendum supporting these bills, and encouraged to contact their Representatives and Congressman to sign on as co-sponsors.

9. As it stands right now, with this few of sponsors, the bill will not move out of committee, and is doomed for defeat.

RADIO WIRELESS

1. No movement on the issue of digital signals being transmitted over power lines.

2. It is feared that these transmissions will interfere with communication on emergency scenes.

3. The committee is still monitoring the progress of relocating the 700 mhz spectrum and the Nextel/Sprint re-banding of public safety users on the 800 mhz.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES - NVFC.ORG

1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

2. Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act

3. Length of Service Award Program

4. Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Job Protection Act

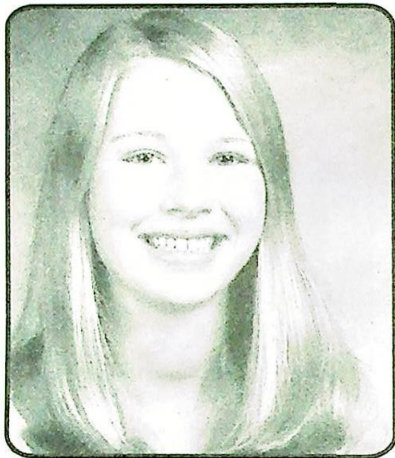
5. US Fire Administration Funding

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7. Supporting Emergency

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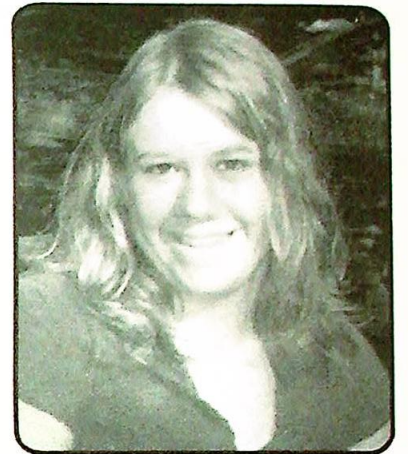
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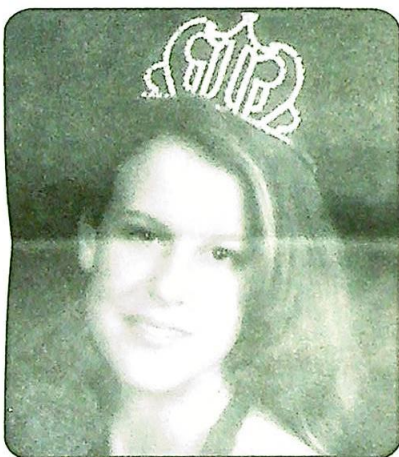
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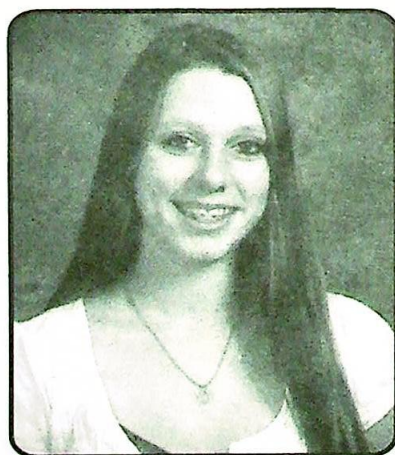
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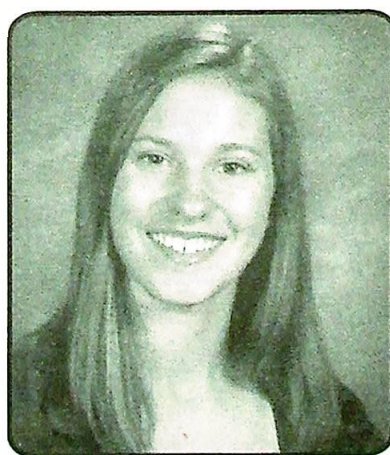
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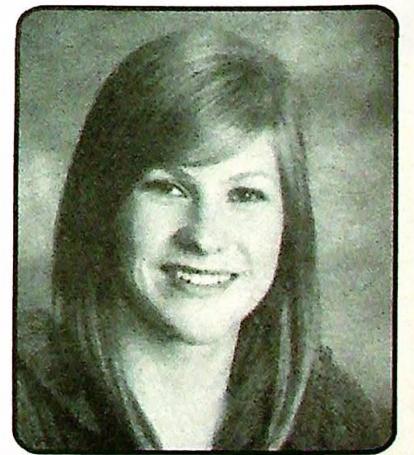
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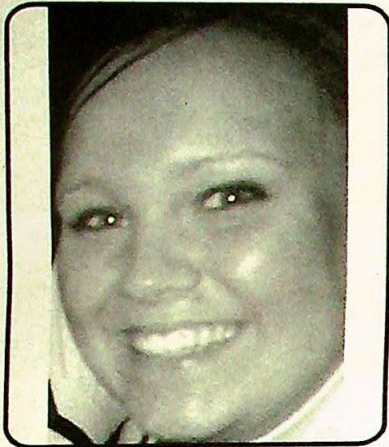
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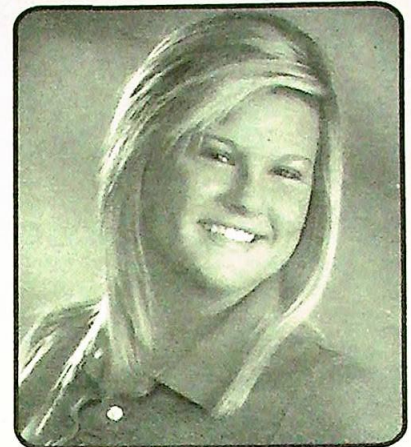
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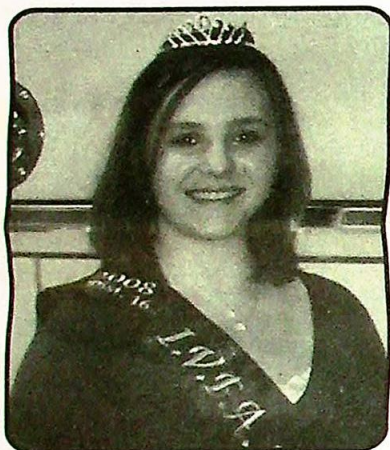
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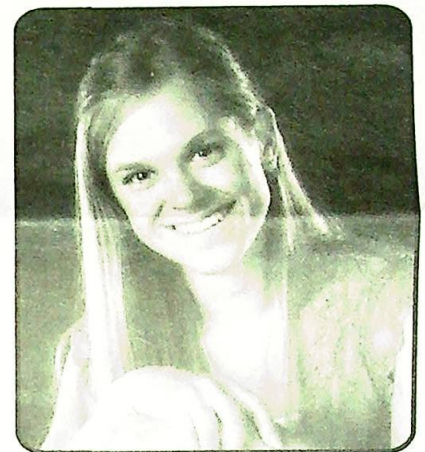
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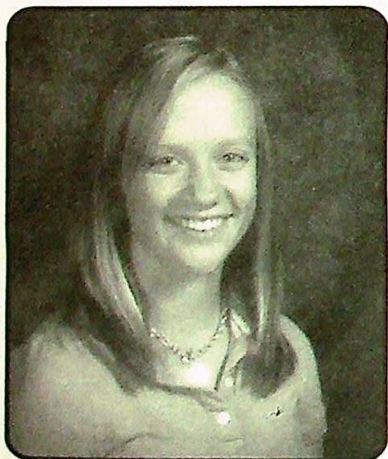
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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

IVFA Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, February 3, 2008
Columbus, Indiana

Call to order: President Martha called meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Prayer: Chaplain Bette opened the meeting with prayer.

Pledge to the flag: Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam led the ladies in the Pledge. Our new flag was donated anonymously. We say "Thank You".

Roll call: Tammy - there were 24 officers and six guests in attendance. Several officers were absent due to illness.

Minutes: A motion by Susie Stout to dispense with reading of the minutes with a second from Rhonda Moon. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy.

Correspondence: Malinda reported Jane Ferro, Ann Moss, Faye Sallee on the sick list. Phyllis Vargo's mother is ill. Ladies, please send them a card letting them know you are thinking about them. Thank you card from the family of William Goodwin and Martha Thomas family was received. Correct e-mail address for Rosie Johnson: rmj634@sbcglobal.net.

Membership: Tammy - membership totals for February 2008: Pd. Dept. 5, Pd. Ind. 8, Pd. by Dept. 69, Life 10. Total for February 2008: 87, Year Total 778.

Chaplain's report: Bette reported no deaths in January. Sent out several cards. Two cards were sent around to be signed to be sent out. A motion by Pam Gerdowsky to send Willow Tree Angels instead of flowers; seconded by Rhonda Moon. Motion carried.

Auditing: Joann - nothing at this time.

Games: Marlene standing in for Marilyn. There is not going to be any games at convention this year. Men decided this due to lack of interest.

Installation: Barb Parker - she will be ready. Barb encouraged all ladies to please stay around for the installation and support the ladies.

Financial study: Lou Bartlow absent, no report.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney - there are eight girls so far.

Convention report: Chairman Steve gave an update on progress. Any problems on booking rooms, please

call Steve on his cell # 812-212-5647 or his e-mail: safety415@hotmail.com or at the Batesville Fire Station 812-934-2230 - can leave a message with Todd or Brian for him. March 1st doing a walk-thru at 10:30 a.m. at Belterra. Steve will send a tentative schedule to e-mail addresses and again after 3-1-08 this will be the schedule for the convention. There is going to be a tour to downtown Belterra on Thursday for the ladies.

Five minute break: 10:02 a.m.

Resumed at 10:07 a.m.

V.P. Project: Beth was absent. Pam Gerdowsky taking names and how many tickets districts want and will give this information to Beth and she will be sending out tickets to the district chairmen.

By-Laws: Toni - one actual By-Law Proposal for Changes. Article II Election of Officers. Section I - To be eligible for an Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary Office, a person must be an active member in good standing with the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary and a local auxiliary unit if available, for a period of more than one year.

Change To Read: Article II Election Of Officers. To be eligible for an Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary office, a person must be an active member in good standing with the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary and a local auxiliary unit if available, for a period of one year. A. Line Officers should have first held the position of District Director, for a period of one year. This is a proposal from District 12. This will be brought up at convention. There will also be a change on Miss Flame qualifications also at the convention.

President Martha explained why there was a mix-up at the November meeting, of us ladies not having a room to have had our meeting in.

I.V.F.A. president David Elick brought in a list of district meetings coming up for men. None for District 17A yet.

Jewelry: Marlene has convention charms; they are very nice.

Nominating: Susie says okay.

Historian: Joann and Phyllis have been working on the albums. Joann has some newspapers given to her. Please share your photos and any newspaper articles with them. Joann said would like to have a table at convention to display albums on. Joann has a picture of Thelma Lester from 1981 memorial service for the convention book.

President's Advisory: Phyllis absent. Toni stepped in for her, says everything is fine.

Lois Boaz: Carolyn Zeeks says they have made their decision and have a winner.

Parliamentarian: Toni says okay.

I.V.F.A. Miss Flame Amber, said she has been traveling a lot going to parades, meetings, Miss Flame contests and. etc. Her Miss Flame project is Fill The Boot for Burn Camp. She would like to be able to send at least one child to camp this summer.

Old business: President Martha spoke some on the room amount being paid for the ladies. Toni spoke on this subject, also. An idea of possible raising dues was a suggestion. The accidental & death benefit insurance went to \$3,000.00 first of year.

Insurance rep. Michelle said doing some things different. - 1. Increasing benefit to \$3,000.00 as of February 2008; 2. Some people didn't get mailing. A. 1 per household getting a card with a letter. Also can go on-line to register. A number will be assigned to you. B. She will print extras and bring to May meeting. Even if you do not receive anything, you are covered. C. Doing a second mailing 60 to 90 days, if you did not respond the first time.

Drawing was held for door prize. Barb Parker was the winner of a stuffed bear.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker told everyone to be sure and bring your items to the May meeting. Put a note in sack with district it is and what is inside. Barb took a list of districts that will be donating.

New business: Leona Uryga asks if pictures will be taken of officers? Susie made a motion to go back to districts and discuss about raising our dues to \$10.00 a year. Seconded by Malinda. Motion carried.

All district chairmen are to turn in their reports to President Martha at each state meeting.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Jane absent. No report.

Tammy talked about our Theme Baskets. District 15 has come up with a prize for the district that sells the most tickets. Tammy has tickets, can get them from her. Very nice baskets. They are: Gift Wrapping, Candles, Sewing, Avon, Cooking, Summer Picnic and Tools. Drawing will be held at May state meeting.

Entertainment and next meeting date: Thank you to Marlene and Dorothy for the entertainment on Saturday, February 2nd; had a good time. Susie and Tammy will be in charge of the May 2nd Saturday entertainment. Theme will be "Beach Party" 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Next meeting Sunday, May 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Joann made motion to adjourn with second by Rhonda.

Prayer: Closing prayer by Chaplain Bette.

Submitted by:
IVFAA corresponding secretary
Malinda Bell

DISTRICT 7



Susie Stout
District 7 Chairman

District 7 Auxiliary meeting
The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association Auxiliary met on March 17, 2008 at the Decatur Fire Station.

Meeting was opened by chairperson Suzi Stout with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 14 ladies from 6 departments and 5 guests. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

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Bette Sellmer | |

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The treasurer's report was given. Miss Flame, Amber Farrer, was a guest.

Tickets for the upcoming basket raffle in May were discussed and sold.

District 7 Miss Flame, Amanda Meyers was presented a charm for being District 7 Miss Flame. She will also be getting a new sash in the near future.

A great discussion on the dues increase followed. We were very fortunate to have a large number of the auxiliaries in our district represented at the meeting. Their main question was WHY? The large increase when the state has such a large amount in the treasury. After much discussion, a vote was taken. The results were unanimous to DENY any raises at this time. They also felt this should be brought before the convention floor to allow a larger representation to give input.

Judy Sheets of the Decatur Fire Department was presented her 25 year pin.

Meeting was adjourned. After the meeting, we had a very, very successful Bake Sale Auction. Thanks to the departments that provided all the goodies from caramel apples to cookies to cakes and pies, beef jerky, cucumber and onion salad. We had a little of everything.

*Thanks again,
District 7
Suzi Stout and Toni Sorg*

DISTRICT 11-B



*Barbara Ketchem
District 11-B Chairman*

Our February meeting was held at Perrysville with a good turnout of both men and women. I presented 25 year pins to Helen Brannin and Katherine Watt. The ladies had prepared chili soup and hot dogs, along with dessert, as it was a cold day, it was appreciated.

The March meeting was at New Goshen. This meeting was also the day of the Miss Flame contest. Our 2008 Miss Flame is Ariel Newnum of Hillsdale and Marissa Diener of Dana is runner up. The judges stated they had a very difficult time in selecting the Miss Flame. Thank you to all the departments that contributed monetarily to the Miss Flame contest by buying raffle tickets.

Please invite both of these girls to your department functions and please don't charge them to eat!

Convention is coming soon, so if you haven't made your reservation or paid your registration, please don't delay. Convention is June 18 to June 20 at Belterra Hotel and Casino.

Our next district meeting will be May 14 at Greencastle firehouse at 7 p.m. Please mark you calendar and plan to attend.

As I write this article, the Indiana weather can't decide if it wants to give up winter or go to

spring. Our family, kids and grandkids gathered at our house to have Easter dinner and an Easter egg hunt. We all sat in the living room and watched it snow, flakes nearly the size of silver dollars. In Indiana, if you don't like the weather, just wait around for 10 minutes, it will change.

I want to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls I received after my total knee replacement surgery in December. Each day is a little better. I'm not fully recuperated yet, but I hope to be by the time convention is here.

*Barbara Ketchem
District 11-B chairman*

DISTRICT 14 REPORT

*Rhonda Moon
District 14 chairman*

Hello to all.

I hope all have survived the snow and rain.

District 14 has been busy as usual, doing many different events. We started this quarter out with a station dedication at Sellersburg Station 2 on Feb. 5th, then on Feb. 12th, 25 year pins were presented to 3 members of Monroe Township VFD.

On March 1st, Spencer Township VFD had a Chili Supper, as well as a Supporting Heroes Annual Banquet that evening.

Deputy VFD held a Fish Fry on March 15th, then off to Spencer Township VFD again on March 21st for their Fish Fry. The morning of March 22nd Charlestown VFD held a pancake breakfast to raise money for this year's WHAS Crusade for Children. Then that afternoon it was off to Lovett VFD for their annual egg hunt and fish fry.

It has been busy but very enjoyable to go socialize and help out other departments.

On April 18th I will be visiting Crothersville Auxiliary to inform them of the benefits of being in the IVFAA.

Our next district meeting will be at Sellersburg Station 5 on May 15th at 7:00 P.M. Mark your calendars and hope to see you there.

*Sincerely,
Rhonda Moon
District 14 IVFAA Chairman*

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



*Pam Gerdowsky
District 19 chairman*

Hi Ladies,

Hope you're all doing well after a wonderful Easter with family and friends. Just wish the weather would get a little warmer but will soon.

We had our IVFAA meeting at Sunman on March 11 with members from Morris, Sunman, Blooming Grove and Batesville present. They served a nice lunch and played games enjoyed by all. We discussed the state meeting and increase on insurance. We sold tickets for the basket raffle

and also for the big raffle. The next meeting will be held at Batesville on May 13 with a white elephant sale. So come and bring some things in a bag to auction off. Miss Flame, Rachel Butt, was there and told everyone she is getting ready for the Belterra Convention in June and would be willing to come to any fire department functions if they let her know where and when if she is available. Blooming Grove held a fish fry on Good Friday and Morris is having a breakfast on April 6th. Napoleon held a breakfast March 30th to help their fellow Firefighter.

District 19 is working hard on getting ready for the June convention in Belterra. Hope you can come and enjoy the fun. If you have questions, please contact someone on the committee. Thanks to all who have worked so hard already in getting things going. Vi Bruns, Carolyn Scheele, Beth Caudill, and Pam Gerdowsky are working on getting some bags together for the ladies' meeting and Vi Bruns and Bert Struewing have gotten things for the Chinese Auction and basket raffle. Many departments in the 19th district have donated to that. We have also worked on getting goody bags for the convention for all to enjoy. Still lots to do so if you can help please let someone know. Most of 19th district on committee are listed in the newspaper. Will be going to state meeting May 3rd and 4th.

Have a great day!

*Pam Gerdowsky
District 19
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Amo fish fry set for June 5 - 6- 7 with many activities to be held

The 58th Amo fish fry, sponsored by the Amo Fire Dept. & Ball Association of which both are non-profit organizations, will be held on Thursday, June 5, Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 2008.

A parade will be held on June 7, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. sharp. All participants are asked to be in Amo at 1:00 p.m. for line up. Line up is at the ball diamonds northwest of the school in Amo.

There will be live music with Nashville Connection and joining in the event will be Steve Stewart and the friends and neighbors of WFMS 95.5 and the crew of Hank FM 97.1.

Activities include games and bingo with an Antique Tractor show in memory of Eddie Cox. Fireworks will be displayed on Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 p.m.

The committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone or make changes at any time.

Below are entry forms to be sent to Julie Bacon, PO Box 37, Amo, IN 46103 or Carla Henderson, PO Box 116, Amo, IN 46103 before May 15, 2008.

Name _____

Number of Units _____

The Antique Tractor Show will be all three days if you have or know of anyone that would like to bring out their tractor. Fill out the form below and send to either Julie Bacon, PO Box 37, Amo, IN 46103 or Carla Henderson, PO Box 116, Amo, IN 46103 before May 15, 2008 so that they may proceed with getting the line up ready for that day.

Name _____

Number of Units _____

Also if anyone would like a commercial booth space, please call Annette Reach at 317-539-6774 for more information.

2008 Convention June 18-21

IVFA CONVENTION 2008 SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

TIME

8a-6p
10:30a-5:00p
6p-10p
7p-9p

WEDNESDAY

EVENT

Registration
Chinese Auction
Meal
Miss Flame Mixer

WEDNESDAY

ROOM

Pre Function Area
Pre Function Area
Pool & Ball A
Cedar

THURSDAY

8a-6p
8a-5p
8a-12p
9a-11a
11a-12p

THURSDAY

Registration
Chinese Auction
Miss Flame Judging
BFPSE
Seminar John Buckman
Instructor what to do & not do
Miss Flame Luncheon
Miss Flame Final Judging
Vendors Open
IVFA Officers Meeting
IVFAA Officers Meeting
Hot Dog & Beer Bust
Open Meeting
Dance

THURSDAY

Pre Function Area
Pre Function Area
Buckeye/Poplar/Cedar
Ball A, B, C
Ball A B C

12p-1p
1p-3p
10p-4:30p
3p-4p
3p-4p
5p-6:30p
7p-8:30p
9p-12a

Cedar
Ball C
Oak/Maple
Ball A, B
Ball C
Pool Area, Ball A-C
Ball, A, B, C
Ball A, B, C

FRIDAY

7a-8a
9a-5p
8a-9a
9:30a-4p
9:30a-12p
9:30a-12p
10p-2p
1p-4p
1:30p-close
1:30p-close
6:30-9p
6:30-9p
9:30p-12a

FRIDAY

Coffee Klatch
Registration
Memorial Service
Chinese Auction
IVFA Business Meeting
IVFAA Business Meeting
Vendors Open
Miss Flame Mixer
IVFA Business Meeting - if needed
IVFAA Business Meeting - if needed
Children's Party
Banquet
Dance

FRIDAY

Cedar
Pre Function Area
Center Stage
Pre Function Area
Ball A, B
Ball C
Oak/Maple/Ball A
Cedar
Ball A, B
Ball A, B
Cedar
Ball A, B, C
Ball A, B, C

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Washington Township firefighter receives Medal of Valor

By Ken Showalter, WTFD and Sally Petty, Washington Times Herald

Washington IN - February 16, 2008 -- Captain David K. Gray received the Medal of Valor, for the rescue of Linda Griffin, from the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, presented by Chief Deputy Marshal Michael B. Bigler.

January 8, 2008 - The weather in Daviess County was heavy rains, up to 2.5 inches of rainfall, in two hours, windy, and with flash flood warnings issued for our county, and at the same time, just south of Daviess County, tornado watches and warnings were being issued.

Linda K. Griffin was driving home from work (Princeton, Toyota Plant) in a 2006 Toyota car, east on old S.R. 50 when she hydroplaned and ran off of the roadway on the north side of the road down the embankment hitting a tree before her car plunged into the rapidly rising flooded creek, just west of County Road 200 W. (Clark Road) south of the Perdue Plant. Linda was disoriented and did not know her location, just that she was trapped in her car, wedged under the tree she had hit, with water coming into the car. She made the call to the Daviess County Sheriff dispatch for help.

Linda was disoriented and could not tell the dispatchers where she was located at.

At 17:29, D.C.S.D. traced the 911 signal to a creek north of the Perdue plant, or just south of the Washington City Waste Water plant on Clark Road. Due to distortion from the heavy rainfall at the time of the crash, the county's tracking system showed

her vehicle northeast of the actual crash site.

Washington Township Fire Dept. was paged at 17:30 to this area, which was northeast of the crash in the wrong area.

While other emergency responders were searching for the accident, the car started to float, making the rescue more dangerous. At 17:34 the dispatchers were able to get the correct location of the crash site. Captain Dave Gray of Washington Township Fire Dept. found the crash at approximately 17:35, and jumped into the rising flooded creek to aid Linda out of the car. Linda states that the flood water was above her mid-section of her torso. When Capt. Gray arrived on scene, (by himself), he was able to calm her down, and then able to pull her from the car. When further help had arrived Capt. Gray already had Mrs. Griffin out onto the driver's door window, and then up onto the car. Capt. Gray had her out of the car at 17:39. Mrs. Griffin definitely feels that Capt. Gray did save her life.

Washington Township's Fire Chief Anthony "Tony" Wichman, and the board of volunteer fire department made the recommendations for the award from the fire marshal's office and from the IVFA Organization.

Wichman is proud that one of his firefighters did an exceptional job. "It is a great honor for him and the fire department, too."

"Captain Gray was able to pull Linda from the car without being swept away himself, in the fast rising and flowing creek. Captain Gray displayed personal bravery above and beyond the call of duty. He risked his own life to save

Linda's."

The IVFA presented an award to Capt. David K. Gray, which was presented by District 17 A Chairman Jack Harker. Also on hand for the presentation was IVFA president Larry Ketchem. Also attending was IVFA Chairman Jack Kerney. Over 100 people attended the presentation at Washington Township's Station 2.

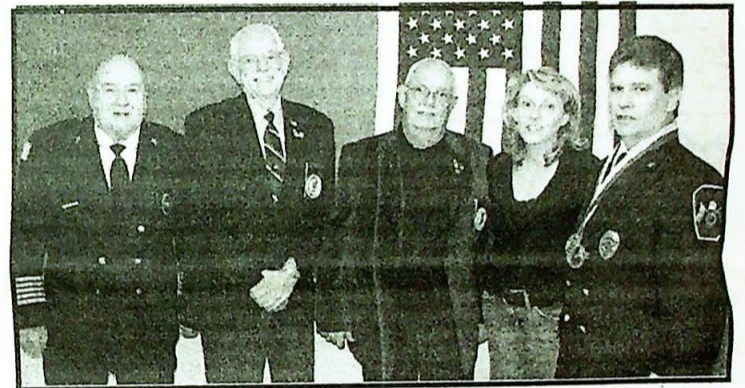
Pictured below - Chief Deputy Indiana State Fire Marshal Captain Dave Gray, IVFA District 17A chairman, Jack Harker, presents award from the IVFA. -- submitted by Ken Showalter



Linda Griffen and Captain Dave Gray.



Linda Griffen giving Captain Gray a heartfelt thank you hug.



Jack Harker, IVFA 17A, IVFA president Larry Ketchem, IVFA chairman Jack Kerney, Linda Griffen and Captain Dave Gray, WTFD.

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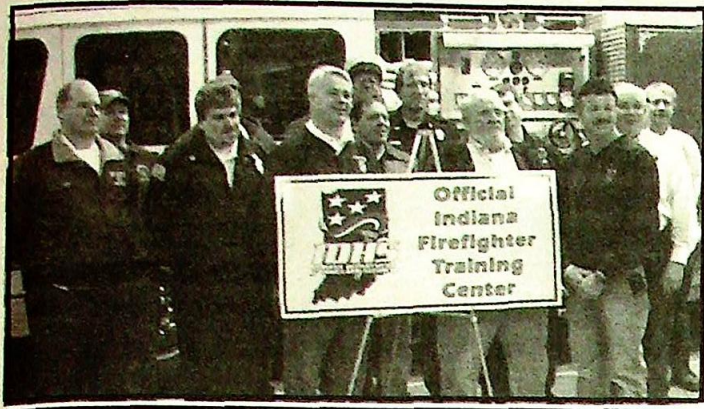
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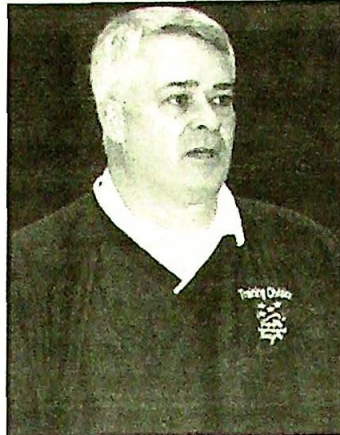
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Jasper Fire Dept. designated as training center for Region 10



John Buckman



Joe Wainscott

hopes the designation of Jasper as the training center and the grant money will allow the training program to expand, he said. Jasper Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang addressed the group, and reported that representatives from all 12 counties within the Region 10 met a year ago to discuss the matter. Hochgesang reported that it was a unanimous decision to designate Jasper as the Region's training center. Fire departments from all 12 counties will be able to use the Jasper Fire Department's burn tower and other facilities. Hochgesang mentioned that Jasper already hosts an annual fire training school, which bring over 400 firefighters to the city every spring. This year's school is scheduled for March 1 & 2 and 8 & 9. The Region 10 includes the counties of Dubois, Spencer, Pike, Crawford, Daviess, Gibson, Know, Martin, Perry, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick.

On Wednesday, 20 February a ceremony was held designating the Jasper Fire Dept. (Dubois Co. Dist. 18) as the training center for the State's Region 10. John Buckman, Branch Chief of the Indiana Firefighter Training System, and Joe Wainscott, Chief of IDHS Division of Training addressed those assembled for ceremony. Wainscott informed the group that the designation entitles the Region to be eligible for a

\$100,000.00 grant for training and infrastructure. Wainscott commented that although Jasper is a central location, that isn't the only reason it was chosen. Community support for fire Departments in Dubois County is outstanding. Many businesses allow firefighters to respond to emergencies and still pay them while they're on runs. "That's something that's unique in the state," Wainscott said. The IDHS

Article and photos courtesy of John C. "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chairman

Still time to sign up to play golf at convention

You can still sign up to play golf. We need to know by May 16. A round of golf is \$77.00 per person. You can call 812-934-2230 or email to: Safety415@hotmail.com

Fire members meet with Congressmen in Washington, D.C.



(L to R) Vice president Dave Elick, Jerry Sprague (D-6), Congressman Mark Sauder, Tim Deckard (D-17B), past president Buz Koehler, Terry Smith (D-4), Walt Reiter (D-7), and president Larry Ketchem while visiting Congressman Sauder in Washington, D.C. -- submitted by Dave Elick, IVFA vice president.



(L to R) Jim Axt, Jerry Sprague - District 6, Vice President Dave Elick, Congressman Joe Donnelly, Terry Smith - District 4, Tim Deckard - District 17B, past president Buz Koehler, Walt Reiter - District 7, and President Larry Ketchem while visiting Congressman Donnelly in Washington, D.C. -- submitted by Dave Elick, IVFA vice president.



Jerry Sprague (D-6), Tim Deckard (D-17B), Congressman Andre Carson, Vice President Dave Elick, past president Buz Koehler, Walt Reiter (D-7), President Larry Ketchem, and Jim Axt visiting Congressman Carson in Washington, D.C. (L to R).

Not pictured is Terry Smith (D-4). -- submitted by Dave Elick, IVFA vice president.

(L to R) Front row: Walt Reiter (D-7), President Larry Ketchem, Jerry Sprague (D-6), Congressman Peter Visclosky, Vice President Dave Elick.

Back row: Jim Axt, Terry Smith (D-4), Tim Deckard (D-17B), past president Buz Koehler on the Capitol Building steps after a visit with Congressman Visclosky. -- submitted by Dave Elick, IVFA vice president.



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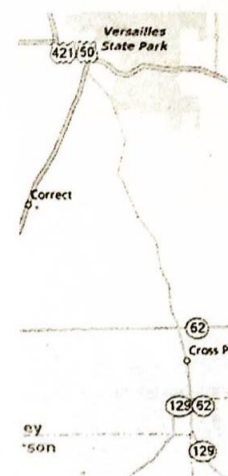
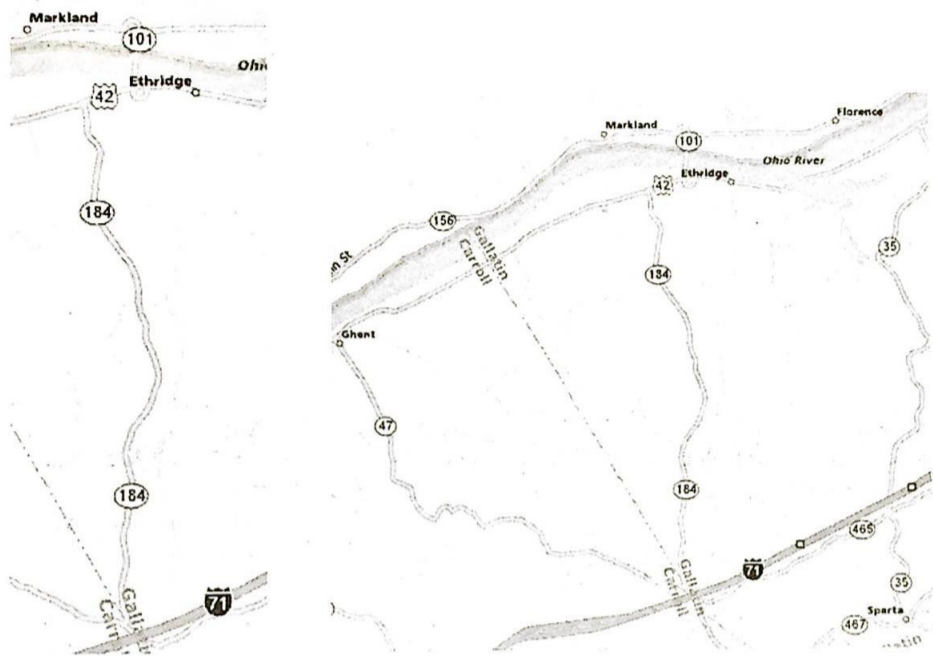
Support Hoosier Burn Camp

How to get to Convention 2008, Belterra Casino

Directions to Belterra Casino

Belterra Casino sits between Florence and Vevay in Switzerland County. If you are coming across the southern part of the state using I-64, the best route is to take I-71 to exit 55 which will bring you out at Markland Dam. You will be able to see the casino and hotel off on the right.

If coming from the central or northern part of the state, take I-74 east to either of two exits. If you exit 134 at Greensburg, follow SR 3 to second stop light. Turn left toward the Ford dealership. Follow this to the T which is SR 46, turn right on SR 46 to first stop light then left on US 421. Take US 421 to Versailles. At Versailles turn left on US 50/421. At the McDonalds in Versailles turn right on US 421 to the State Police Po st. Turn left on SR 129. This part of SR 129 is now under construction but is scheduled to be completed before the convention. Take SR 129 to SR 56 though Vevay. Stay straight on SR56 which will turn into SR156. The casino will be on your right approximately 6 miles.



You can also exit I-74 at the Batesville exit. Take SR 46 to SR 129. Follow SR 129 to Delaware and SR 350. Take SR 350 east to Aurora. In Aurora you will pick up SR 56. This will take you along the river, which is a very scenic route. SR 56 turns right. Stay straight which is now SR 156 all the way to the casino.



IVFA Convention 2008 Registration Form Belterra Casino, Vevay, Indiana June 18-21, 2008

Pre-registration Fee: \$60.00 per person (after June 1, 2008 price jumps to \$70.00)
Price includes drink tag and 3 meals (luncheon Th/F and dinner Fr)

Name: _____
(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 \$30.00 each

Extra Wed. night meal tickets can be ordered: I need _____ EXTRA tickets at \$10 each

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Make check payable to Convention 2008)

To register by credit card, circle type of card Master Card or Visa Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Code _____ Signature: _____
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Batesville, IN 47006

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Farrers support heroes Three earn Firefighter

of the Year awards



(L to R) District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, 2007 Miss Flame Amber Farrer, District 14 Miss Flame Terra Stoner, and Vice President Dave Elick representing the IVFA at the Supporting Heroes dinner in Louisville, Kentucky. -- submitted by Dave Elick, IVFA vice president.



Johnson Township Fire Department, Wolcottville, presented their 2007 Firefighter of the Year awards to (L to R) Justin Thompson, Dawn Bragg, and Jaye Rebman. -- submitted by Dave Elick, IVFA vice president.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

TO ALL IVFA/IVFAA MEMBERS ... DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS IN THIS ISSUE, NOT ALL ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, BE PUBLISHED IN FUTURE ISSUES. PLEASE BE PATIENT! THANK YOU!

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- Henley Shirt - Blue - \$20.00
- Tee Shirt - Blue - \$10.00
- Denim Jacket - \$48.00
- Wind Shirt - Blue - \$35.00

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ORDER INFORMATION

Quantity	Description	Size	Price Each	Total Purchase
	Denim Shirt Long Sleeve - \$25.00			
	Denim Shirt Short Sleeve - \$25.00			
	Henley Shirt - Blue - \$20.00			
	Wind Shirt - Blue - \$35.00			
	Golf Shirt Blue with Pocket - \$20.00			
	Golf Shirt - White with Pocket - \$20.00			
	Golf Shirt - White with Red/Blue Trim - \$28.00			
	Tee Shirt - Blue - \$10.00			
	Baseball Cap - \$15.00			

SHIPPING INFORMATION

BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SIZE FOR EACH GARMENT INCLUDED	Order Subtotal	\$
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DATE OF ORDER

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO IVFA

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2008 IVFA CONVENTION

JUNE 18 THRU JUNE 21 BELTERRA

NVFA . . . continued from page 31

Responders Volunteer Efforts
8. Good Samaritan Volunteer Assistance Act

LEGISLATIVE MONITORED ITEMS - NVFC.ORG

1. Additional Radio Spectrum for Public Safety
2. SAFER Program
3. Rural Fire Department Equipment Priority Act Implementation
4. First Responders Funding Formula
5. Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program
6. Department of Interior Rural Fire Assistance Program
7. Cigarette Fire Safety Act
8. Citizen Corps Funding
9. Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefits Act Implementation
10. HRSA's Rural and Community Access to Emergency Devices Program
11. Christopher Kangas Fallen Firefighter Apprentice Act
12. Pandemic Influenza
13. The Volunteer Emergency Responder Fair Mileage Act (H.R. 606)
14. The Firefighters Special Operation Task Force Act (H.R. 1351)
15. The 9/11 Comprehensive Health Benefits Act of 2007 (H.R. 1247)

Legislative Notes

1. AFG program received \$547 million in 2007, up from \$545 million in 2006
2. President Bush in 2008 budget asked for a reduction to \$300 million
3. HR 2638 requests \$570 million for 2008
4. S 1644 requests \$560 million

for 2008
5. The VRIP program has cap of \$360/year

6. The LOSAP Bill was moved from 6* to 3* on the priority list

7. The SERVE Act requires a department to have an SOG or Guidelines for what constitutes an Active member. The department is to certify that the individual firefighter is an Active Member.

8. Any PSOB claims that have been turned due to heart attack should be appealed. The lobbying by the NVFC to this administration has paid off, and the first 2 denied have received their checks.

9. The 10 year medical history that is to be provided on the application is to be used by the DOJ to approve the claim, not disapprove.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Minnesota representation challenged. KEPT SAME ORGANIZATION

a. The members committee suggested a policy change that the challenging organization must have been in existence for 3 years.

2. The 2007 Life Time Achievement Award went to Robert Bettenhausen from Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department outside Chicago.

3. Membership continues to increase in all categories, with an increase of 131 personal members, 43 department members and 12 corporate members since the Spring Board Meeting. Additionally, membership packets were updated earlier this summer. New heavy-weight membership cards have been designed and will be

utilized beginning with 2008 members. Renewal invoices will be sent out by December 1 and are to be returned by January 1, 2008. Overdue notices will be sent out in February. If payment is not received by April 1, 2008, membership will be terminated.

4. NVFC membership numbers as of October 1, 2007 are as follows:

- a. Personal (\$30): 929
- b. Department (\$50): 700
- c. State (\$500): 49
- 5. Corporate Members: 68
 - a. Affiliate: 17 members
 - b. Sustaining (\$1,000): 33 members
 - c. Advocate (\$2,500): 10 members
 - d. Champion (\$5,000): 4 members
 - e. Chairman's Club (10,000): 4 members

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

1. Bylaw amendment: Motion Carried

a. Add 2 Members to the Executive Committee - ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2, LINE 46 - Add - A Representative from a national EMS Organization, as determined by the Executive Committee, add EMS Chairman.

2. Policy manual reviewed and approved with no changes.

ATTENDANCE

1. 42 States Represented
 - a. 38 delegates
 - b. 24 alternates

BUDGET 2008

1. Approved

SPEAKERS

1. Bill Webb - CFSI
2. Fred Brower - ISO

3. Judith Woodall - COM CARE

4. Kyle Blackman - NIMS - DNS

HEART HEALTHY PROGRAM

1. Preparing for Phase 6 of program

2. Over 14,000 screenings have been performed.

3. Heart Healthy Cook Book is now available

4. Received a \$988,000 grant

5. Partnering with John Hopkins University to apply for an R&D grant to process the information gathered in the Heart Healthy Program.

FIRE CORP

1. Preparing Phase 3
2. 689 programs
10,892 volunteers
44 states

NVFC/EMS

1. EMS Section has been added in the DISPATCH

2. Looking for a National EMS Organization to serve on the Executive Committee, there are 44 EMS associations.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

1. NVFC has sample programs and policies for your program

2. NVFC is working on a Jr. Firefighter Award

FIREFIGHTER SUPPORT FUND

1. During the Katrina Disaster \$470,568.00 was received by donations

2. Total disbursements \$441,206.00

a. 900 checks were presented to

Vol. Firefighters during Katrina
3. Total remaining \$29,362.54

NVFC OFFICE MOVE

1. Metro Greenbelt, Maryland
2. Same Phone Number
3. 6,000 sq ft

CREDENTIALING

1. You must have an NFPA 1582 Physical Examination in order to be credentialed.

2. National credentialing is a voluntary program, to be used in intra-state response.

DISASTER RELIEF - MOTION

1. Funds would be made available to any Active Volunteer Firefighter, who is a department member of an NVFC State Member who sustains an uninsurable loss in excess of \$5,000.00 to his household caused by a catastrophic event, including but not limited to earth quakes, floods, wildfires and etc. Eligibility for payment will be made pending an approval of a declaration of a disaster by a Governor or the President. All payments will be based on funds available up to \$250.00. Claims must be authorized by the chief of the department and the NVFC Board Member. Motion Carried

FOUNDATION AUCTION

1. \$7,112.00

STATE CONCERNS - NEW YORK

1. GICO Insurance is sending out letters to volunteer firefighters, that due to them being a volunteer firefighter they are no longer insured by GICO. New York has contacted their Insurance Commission, and have had some over turned.

Reported By
IVFA Indiana Director
Jack Kerney



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New Albany School of Fire & Emergency Services

August 2008 - Exact dates to be announced

Indianapolis School of Fire & Emergency Services

November 1, 2, 8, & 9, 2008



The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and noodle dinner at the station.

Pictured is Lloyd Wright, Fire Chief, taking care of the trash during the clean up.

I guess we found something that he could do! - submitted by the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, District 8B

**2008
Convention
June 18-21**

Jefferson-Craig Fire Department helps department in Missouri



Mark Pumper given to Missouri FD



Members of JCFD and 2005 Rescue Truck

The JCFD had a 1980 Mack pumper that they were trying to sell after they purchased a new CAFS truck.

They heard of a fire department in Pickering, MO that had completely burned out.

The JCFD called their department to find out what had happened and how they could help.

Since JCFD had an extra truck and they were without, the department donated the truck to their department.

You can help, too, by calling the Union Township Fire Protection District (660) 582-1653.

Following is some information about the department: Due to the loss of the Union Township Fire Protection District's building, trucks and all equipment to a fire on January 2, we are seeking donations to rebuild a building and replace the equipment and trucks.

The building, trucks and equipment were insured, but it was not a replacement cost policy. Therefore, the insurance recovery amount will be very inadequate to rebuild and replace the loss.

Any monetary amount that could be donated would be greatly appreciated. - Union Township Fire Protection District, Jubal Smith, Firefighter/EMT, UTFPD Building Committee, 27944 185th St., Pickering, MO 64476, 660-582-1653. - submitted by Jefferson/Craig Fire Dept., Doug Reagan, Chief, PO Box 152, Vevay, IN 47043 - 1-812-216-2440.

Quilt raises money for Burn Camp

(The following letter was sent to Don Fultz, District 21 chairman)

February 6, 2008

Hi Donnie,

Enclosed you will find a check for the Burn Camp at Camp Tecumseh. The money came from two raffles for the same quilt. The first raffle was held during Kirk's Crossing Festival last summer. The person who won the quilt gave it back to the Fire Department and told us to raffle it again. During October's Fish Fry, we raffled it off a second time. On top of that, the members of the Fire Department voted to add an additional \$250 from the Fire Department and EMS. The total of the three events was \$839. Would you please forward this to the appropriate people at IVFA? As our representative for District 21, I couldn't think of a better person to handle this.

The quilt was a beautiful Fire Department theme quilt made for us by the Kirklin Christian Church Quilt Guild. The quilt had various types of department designs on it (i.e. fire trucks, the FD Maltese, ladders, etc.). We thank the women of this group for doing such a beautiful job and for their hard work and dedication.

I would also like to thank you and your wife for coming to the fish fries. It is always good to see you there. We appreciate your support very much, and look forward to seeing you soon. If you would like, you can use this as a news article for the May issue of the IVFA newsletter.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Robert Jay Smith
KVFD

South Haven firefighter awarded 25 year pin



PR Northwest Jim Bradford and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell present South Haven firefighter Al Jones with his 25 year pin. -- submitted by Diana Orrell, District 1

August 10, 2008
deadline is
July 10, 2008

IT'S THE LAW - as of July 1, 2007 - you must wear your seat belts in trucks.
No more saying trucks are exempt.



Judy Sheets awarded 25 year pin in District 7

Judy Sheets, a member of the Decatur Fire Dept. Auxiliary, received her 25 year pin from District 7 chairman, Suzy Stout.

The meeting was held on March 17 at the Decatur Fire Department. -- submitted by Dorothy Reiter

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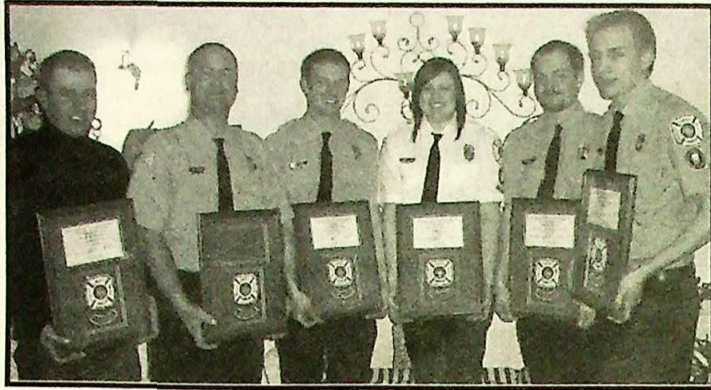
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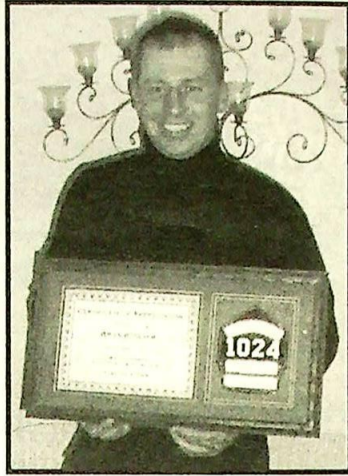
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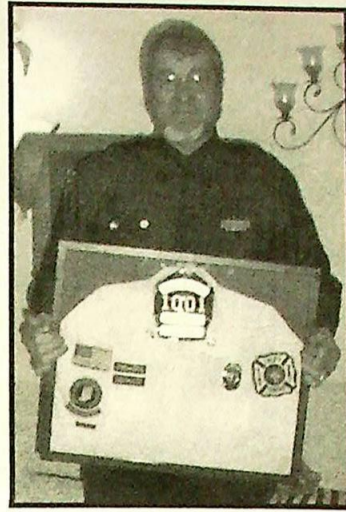
Awards presented at Liberty VFD dinner



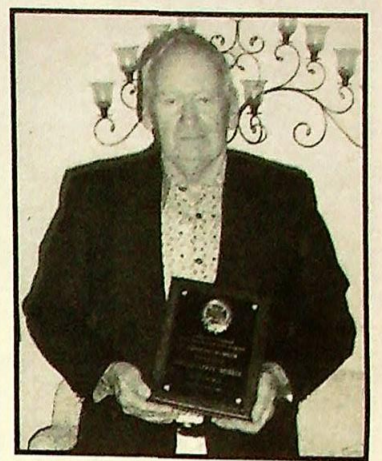
Firefighters with their FFI-FFII certificates. (Left to right) Brian Blosser, Chris Hahn, Jonathan Knepp, Jeniece Albright, Jameson Brown, Casey Pritchett. -- submitted by Bryan Albright, chief, Liberty Twp. FD.



Firefighter Brian Blosser with his certificate of appreciation award and helmet shield.



Gene Patrick with his shadow box containing chief's shirt, badge, and helmet shield.



Ron "Lefty" Howell with Honorary Membership award.

The Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department held its 5th Annual Awards Dinner on February 9, 2008 at the Sweete Maidens shop in North Liberty.

After a delicious meal the awards program began.

Firefighter Allen Albright received a plaque for 35 years of service to the department. Allen is also treasurer for the department.

This past year we had six members of the department complete their Firefighter I-II

class and were presented with their certificates. They are Jeniece Albright, Brian Blosser, Jameson Brown, Chris Hahn, Jonathan Knepp, and Casey Pritchett. We are all very proud of these members for all of their hard work it took to accomplish this.

A special award this year was given to our former Chief, Gene Patrick. Gene has been a member of the department for 39 years and served as Chief on two separate occasions for a total of seven

years. He was presented a shadow box with containing his Chief's shirt, complete with badge and helmet shield. Thanks Gene for all of your dedication and service for the past 39 years!

This year's honorary member award goes to a lifelong resident of North Liberty who has supported the department with donations of equipment and the support of our fund raisers for many years. Ron "Lefty" Howell

is the 2008 Honorary Member Award winner. Thanks Ron for all of your support.

Brian Blosser and Ryan Taylor resigned this year due to changes in their work careers. They each received a certificate of appreciation for their years of service which also included their helmet shield. Brian and Ryan, you will be missed.

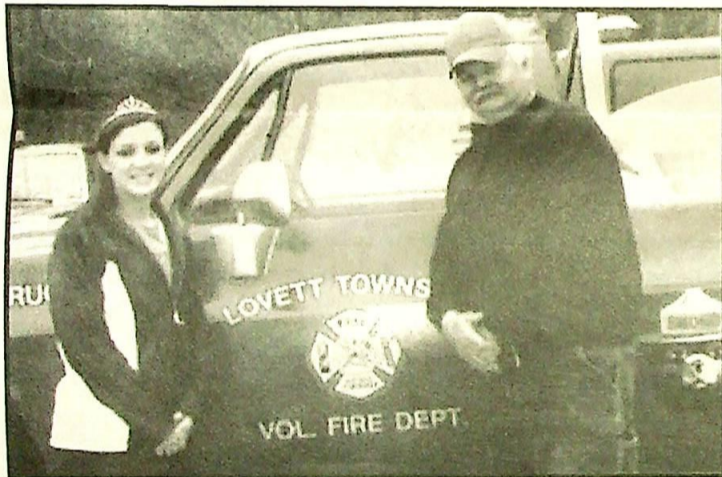
At the conclusion of the awards

program, John Dooms, Assistant Chief, presented each of the wives and/or significant others, red and white carnations for Valentines Day.

Thank You to the Awards Dinner Committee (John Dooms, Paul Williams III, and Bryan Albright) for the preparations of another successful banquet.

Submitted by Bryan Albright, Fire Chief

Lovett egg hunt and fish fry held



Pictured are District 14 Miss Flame Tessa Stoner and Chief Don Thomas of Lovett VFD during their annual Easter egg hunt and fish fry on March 22nd. -- submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman



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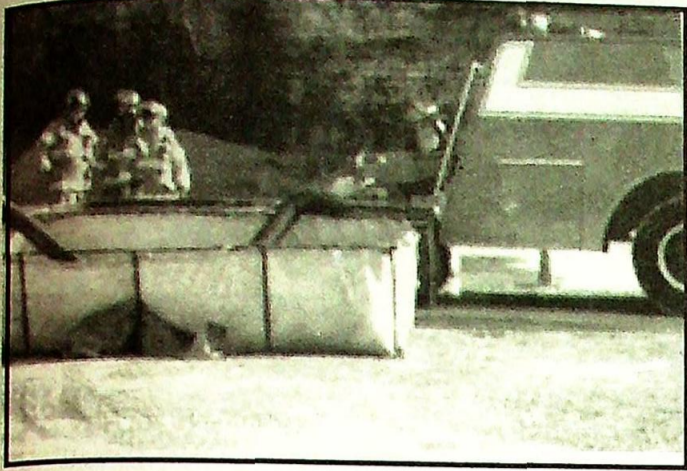
Supporting Heroes banquet held

Supporting Heroes Banquet was held on March 1st.

Pictured above is (left) Dave Elick, IVFA VP, (center) Eric Johnson, Supporting Heroes representative, (right) Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman, posing for a picture after the banquet. -- submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman

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District training held



District 14, along with New Washington VFD, hosted a drafting and water shuttle class in Charlestown on March 29th.

Several departments and firefighters trained at a local quarry on drafting from moving water, then using tanker shuttles to haul water to supply Monroe Township Aerial Ladder truck. -- submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman



Department welcomes new engine

Bean Blossom Stinesville Volunteer Fire Department of Monroe County welcome their New Engine 61. The Spartan engine from Ferrara, a 1000 gal. 1250 engine, was obtained through a 06 Fire Act Grant along with a local South Central REMC grant for equipment. The members put the new engine in service January 1 of 2008. -- photo submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B

My Hero ... My Mentor ... My Daddy

Nine thousand one hundred and twenty-five! Does that number mean anything to all of you? Well, 9,125 days, 219,000 hours, and 1,314,000 minutes means the world to my dad. That is the number of days, hours, and minutes in which my dad has volunteered to put his life at risk for you and me! My dad, Gregory Wayne Clevenger, has been a volunteer firefighter for Ridgeville for 25 years now. My dad has shown the greatest amounts of strength, dedication, and courage of anyone I know.



Which is why today we have come to honor, my dad, with this plaque and statue engraved with his name and 25 years of dedicated work to community! These mementoes are not just materialistic items in which will be put on a wall or out in the yard. This plaque should be looked at every day as a reminder of the dedication and courage that has been put forth the past 25 years. It should remind us all just what a firefighter does every day by putting their lives in danger to save every possible human being. And this statue, cement strong, should be one of the greatest reminders of how physically and mentally strong a person has to be to hold the honorable position known as a Firefighter.

So today, we all honor, Gregory Wayne Clevenger, for the dedication, strength, and courage that you have spread throughout this community each and every day for the past 25 years. You sir, have an abundance of what the world lacks today, and we are all glad you have chosen to share that talent with us now and in the future. -- Author: Tiffany Clevenger

Invited to Colts' football at Dome

On December 30, 2007, the Blountsville Vol. Fire Department and Ladies' Auxiliary were invited to see a Colts' football game at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

This special invitation was from Bob Sanders (Colts' Defensive Player of the Year). We were treated to seating in Bob Sanders seating area, pizza, free T-shirts and our picture taken on the football field.

This was a special treat because this was their last home game at the RCA Dome before the scheduled emulsion this year.

Their next home game will be played in the new Lucas Oil Stadium. -- submitted by Cindy Riddle, District 8-B



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District 12 Miss Flame chosen









The District 12 Miss Flame contest was held February 29th at Union Township Volunteer Fire Department in Lizton.

This year's contest winner was Miss Katie Owens, representing Eel River Volunteer Fire Department of North Salem.

Katie will represent District 12 at the state convention in June at Belterra. -- submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

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(Left to right) - District 4 chairman Terry Smith, District 4 Miss Flame Shelby Leach, Russel "Pete" Petterson, State IVFA Miss Flame, Amber Farrer. - submitted by District 5 chairman Tony Farrer

District 8B holds Miss Flame contest



District 8B held their Miss Flame contest in January at their district meeting held at the West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk, IN.

The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department hosted the meeting. There were six girls competing for the title of Miss Flame 2008 from District 8B.

Pictured from left to right: Miss Flame Ashley Theurer, Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, Elisabeth Poti, Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, Michelle Gardner, Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department (Selma), Lindsey Current, Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, Kylee Bell, Pennville Volunteer Fire Department 1st runner up, Taylor Stewart, Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

Spencer Township VFD receives used pumper



Spencer Township received a used Ford pumper from Owen Township VFD.

This addition to their fleet will allow them to make mutual-aid runs with local departments. - submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman

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