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From The President

Tim Deckard



Greetings,

What are you here for? Why have you chosen the fire service? It's more than a job. Have you asked yourself, what am I here for? Commitment to your community, hard work, unique passion. Its passion that creates purpose, which in return creates focus and focus, leads to results. Do you have a purpose? Knowing what that is gives abundant life in the fire service. Don't be a frantic person spinning all around but never going anywhere. Do you want your fire service life to impact others? If so then focus on it. Quit yakking and don't be one of those who has to do it all, but focus on what matters. Cut back on activities. Know your purpose. As the new generation

comes on board of serving their communities are you passing on to them positive behaviors and showing them what is the fire service purpose. Focusing for the next generation, let's show our passion for the job we do and define our purpose and show what positive effect will that lead tomorrow's fire service.

As we have helped lead a walk against the stopping of local government reform there is much more hard work to be done. Remember it starts with our passion to educate our communities on what an impact that we have in our community. What great impact would happen if our local government was taken away? As the IVFA has not been called by the governor's table to discuss what impact the volunteers play in our community what will happen to the volunteer firefighters if his plan goes into law. We were invited to one meeting in December of '08 and the questions were asked about his plan and the fire service. NO answers were given so that leads me to believe this is NOT a well thought out plan, or just pass it and we will make it up as we go and we have seen way too much of that and have paid dearly for it. The Kernan Sheppard report states many changes that they recommend, but never states any fact or addresses how this will help us or our communities. Now many negative radio ads are airing point figures at legislators how they have stood up for us and our communities and against the governor and his group and plan. This "one shoe fits all

plan" will NOT work, and we all know it. Is it time for a change in the fire service? In some areas, yes, we need to take a long hard look at our purpose, focus and deliver a good plan of action behind our word. It is up to us to educate our communities of how this plan will not work in rural communities across Indiana, and encourage them to help make that voice heard to your local legislators, we put them in the office to represent us and help protect us. What ever happened to "we the people"? As our '09 legislative sessions comes to an end the IVFA can be very proud of our efforts this year. We are now working on the 2010 session and we need to hear from you on what you would like the IVFA to work on. Please contact me or email me with your thoughts for the legislation committee to focus on for the organization for the next year.

Please mark your calendars for the '09 convention in Indy and come be part of the week.

Continue to have faith, keep up the great work you do in protecting rural Indiana communities and always remember to train, for there is no tomorrow and bring everyone home for our families count on that.

Sincerely,

Tim Deckard, President

2011 Convention bids

The following districts are bidding on 2011 Convention to be voted by the membership on Friday morning, June 19, 2009 during the annual business session at the 2009 Convention.

1. Districts 4 & 5 - South Bend, IN
2. District 8B - Muncie, IN
3. District 16 - Clarksville, IN

David Israel

Convention Committee

Chairman

Slate of nominees for 2009

IVFA election

The nomination committee for the 2009 annual meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn North, in Indianapolis, on Friday, June 19, 2009, do hereby submit the following names for your consideration:

- President: Tim Deckard
Vice President: LeMoyné 'Buz' Koehler
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Heroes honored

Medal of Valor presented to three
volunteer firemen; paramedics,
police officer also recognized



MEDALS OF VALOR AT LIGONIER FIRE - Left to right: Ben Weidner, Charlyn Bishop, Bob Geller, Andy Hastings, Kent Moser and Mike Crossley. Photo by Ligonier firefighter Lauren Bishop. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

LIGONIER - Special recognition for bravery and daring rescue work was given to several local emergency responders during Monday night's meeting of the Ligonier City Council.

A Dec. 5 fire at a Ligonier residence on Ravine Park Drive was the background for the acts which were called "heroic" by Dave Elick, vice president of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association (IVFA). Elick and Ligonier Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver handed out the awards to rescuers representing three agencies: Ligonier Fire Department, Noble County EMS and Ligonier Police Department.

Receiving honors were:

- Ben Weidner and Charlyn Bishop from Noble County EMS;
- Lieutenant Bob Geller, firefighter Andy Hastings and Captain Kent Moser from the Ligonier Fire Department; and
- Mike Crossley, Ligonier Police Department.

During the blaze, which virtually destroyed the home, a large exhaust fan fell from the upper part of the house and struck Hastings on his back, rendering him unresponsive, according to Weaver.

Geller and Moser pulled Hastings from the fire and dragged him to safety. Hastings is Geller's son-in-law.

Hastings was taken to Parkview Noble Hospital and was placed under observation for a couple of days before being released. Geller, Moser and Hastings all received the "Medal of Valor" from the IVFA. It is the highest honor and award that the IVFA can give, according to Elick. It is a new award and only three other Indiana firefighters have earned this new medal, he added. In addition, Moser and Geller received the fire department's "Distinguished Service Citation."

Also on hand for the presentations was Kristen Wylie, the IVFA's 2008 Miss Flame; Buz Koehler, IVFA vice-president; and Jerry Sprague, assistant chief for the Ligonier Fire Department, and the IVFA district chairman.

Elick and Sprague re-told the story of the fight against the Ravine Park Drive. The weather was extremely cold and firefighters were faced with the worst of conditions. First units arriving found heavy smoke and flames spreading from an attached garage into the home.

Hastings and Geller were one of the first attackers. They headed into the heart of the blaze to stop it from spreading. The smoke was heavy and Geller lost verbal contact with Hastings. He found his partner lying face down on the floor and unresponsive. Hastings had been hit by a large forced-air furnace fan.

Geller put the out call "firefighter down" and Moser was there within seconds, and the two men carried Hastings to safety. A call went out to Noble County EMS for additional help as Hastings continued to be unresponsive. Geller and Moser were successful in getting Hastings breathing again, as additional rescue workers arrived on the scene.

Noble County EMS paramedic Bishop, and EMT Weidner, also worked on Hastings and transported him to the hospital, with Ligonier Police Officer Crossley also helping. All three of those people received special recognition and an award from the IVFA for their help in bringing a positive outcome to an otherwise dire situation.

"Thanks for helping us honor those that unselfishly go out of their way to keep not only us, but our families, friends and neighbors safe," Elick told those assembled for the council meeting.

Convention June 17 - 20



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.

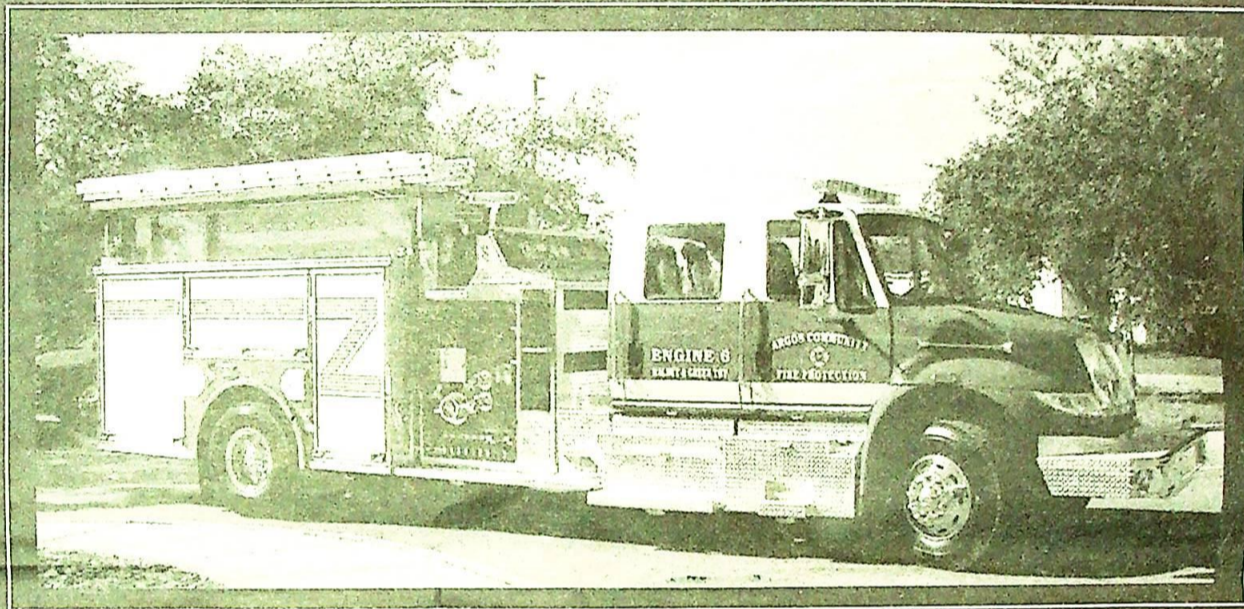
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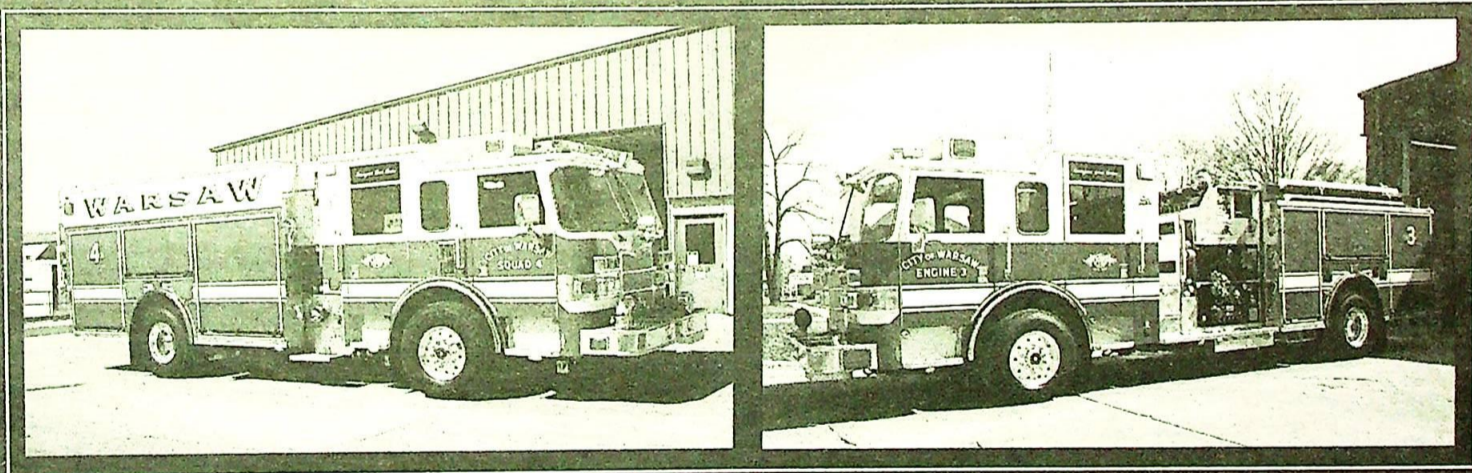
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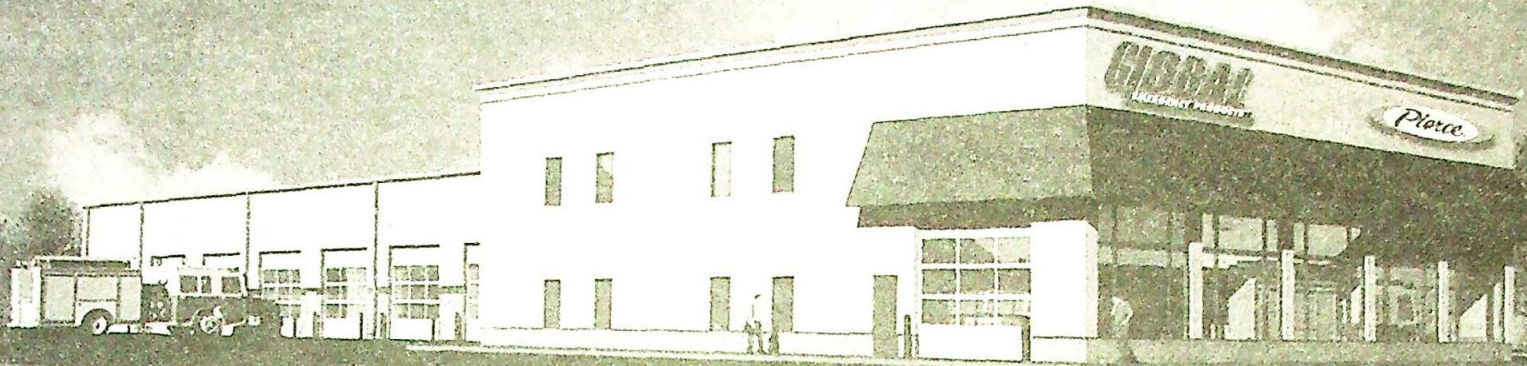
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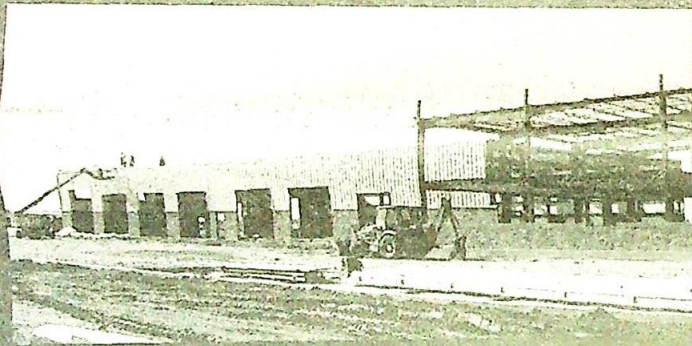
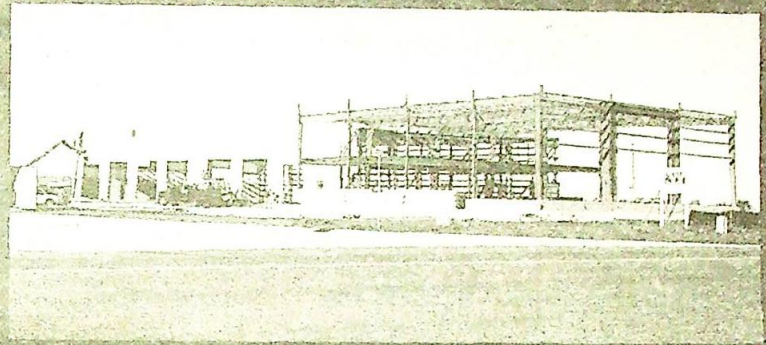
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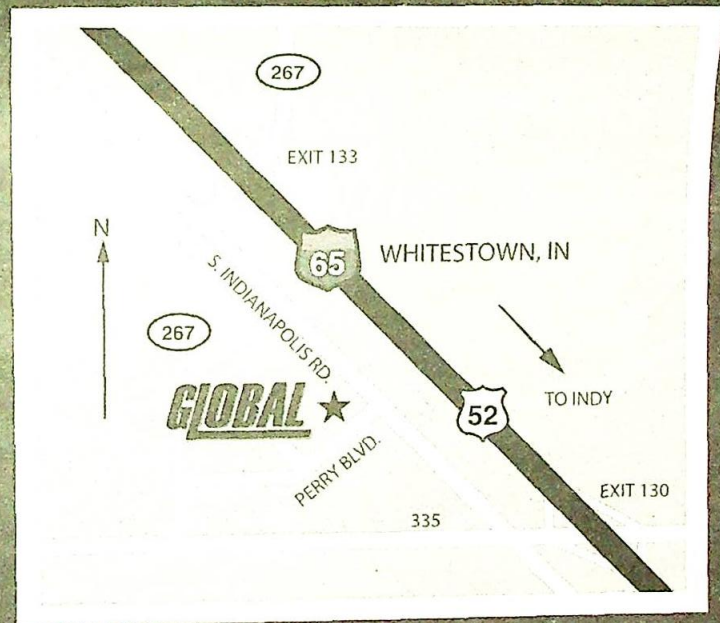


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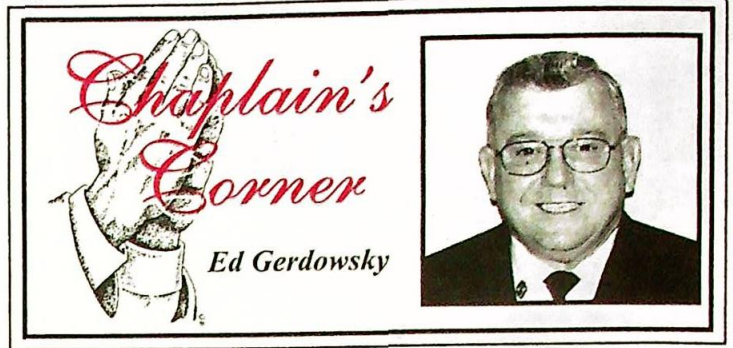
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As we look to the warm days of spring and summer where we can be outdoors to enjoy all the beautiful colors God has given us to enjoy, let us be mindful of all those who may not get to enjoy His earthly treasures.

Let us hold our loved ones and our fallen firefighters in our hearts as we remember them in prayer. Let us also remember our military people who are willingly giving of themselves so we can enjoy this great United States of America.

I'd like to leave you with this Bible verse: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11.

I hope to see you at the convention in June if you are able to make it.

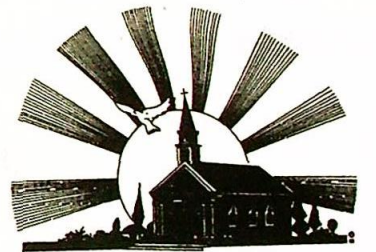
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God's Love Has Painted The Summer's Refreshing Colors.....

The blooms of spring have gone away,
And warmer breezes fill the air;
While sunlight heats each longer day
And life is teeming everywhere.
So let's postpone those humdrum

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That we have done throughout the year;
And let's be moving out of doors;
The time for having fun is here,
With swimming, picnics, barbecues
And every kind of outdoor sport,
Whatever brand of fun you choose,
At home or at some posh resort.
Your chosen faith will recommend
You study nature close at hand;
You know God's love will never end,
When life-filled summer warms the land. - Gloria Nowak



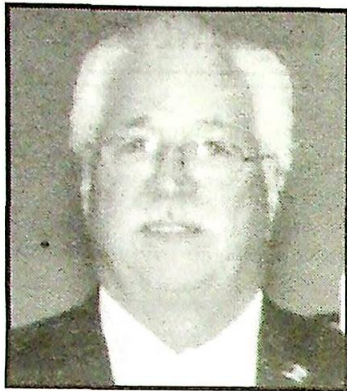
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From The Vice President

L.E. "Buz" Koehler



April 10, 2009

their time to come to the State House when bills were being heard to show support for our firefighters.

On the national scene, eight (8) of the Association's officers attended the Congressional Fire Service Institute Dinner in Washington D.C. and met with several congressmen and senators to discuss fire service issues important to Indiana firefighters as well as firefighters across the nation. At the same time our two delegates to the National Volunteer Fire Council were hard at work just a few miles away in Alexandria, VA.

The Public Education committee has begun work on a new power point program and several events to help us become a little more visible to the public. FDIC should be excellent again this year and we are planning for the State Fair. We also have new benefits pamphlets printed and they are being circulated.

The awards committee will be ready for the June convention and we ask that everyone plan to attend and congratulate this year's winners.

Many changes have been made to the Web Site as we continue to improve our ability to pass along information to our members. The Web Master met with the district chairmen at the last officer's meeting and many excellent suggestions came out of that meeting.

Convention is just around the corner and everyone should try to attend and enjoy the events and gatherings and vist with old friends and make some new ones.

Please be safe out there.

L.E. "Buz" Koehler

If you haven't noticed many things are changing in our Association at a very rapid pace. At the last officer's meeting our new president asked all the committees to work towards a set of objectives and they have responded very well.

The legislative committee has been working very hard and they have a new notification system set up and working. We have two (2) pieces of legislation that should be going to the Governor's desk for a signature very soon and may have been completed by the time you read this article. Many pieces of legislation were offered to government reform but none have been successful to date thanks to many of our members who gave of

Awarded plaque for years of fire service



On April 2, 2009 the Portland Volunteer Fire Department held their service awards banquet. Presenting Ernie Gierhart with a plaque for his 40 1/2 years with the department is Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

Miss Flame program update

Programs and activities are in the works for the 2009 Miss Flame contestants. The convention committee and the Miss Flame committee are busy planning what we feel will be a time that they will remember as fun and rewarding.

This year we have 20 girls representing districts around the state. Each one of the contestants come with many accomplishments on their resumes. Judging will not be an easy task.

I hope the girls are as excited as I am and are ready to have a great time in Indy.

Activities will begin on Wednesday, June 17th. We will meet after our outing to receive schedules for the activities that we will be involved in thruout the convention. We would like for at least one parent to attend this meeting so we will all know what is expected out of each contestant.

REMINDER: Make sure you have made your hotel reservations and that you have told them you are a Miss Flame contestant. There are rooms set aside for you and your parents or chaperone. No chaperones will be allowed under the age of 18.

Thanks to all district chairmen who have given their assistance and support for this program. We have a great group again this year and we hope they are able to have a rewarding experience by their participation.

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame Chairman 2009

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Indianapolis FD to host state water ball competition

Indianapolis Fire Department will be hosting the State Water Ball Competition (men and women) at the ESEC Wayne Twp. Training Grounds (700 North High School Rd., Indianapolis) on July 18, 2009 starting at 10:00 a.m.

This is in celebration of our 150th anniversary.

All proceeds will go to the Indianapolis Fallen Firefighter Bereavement Fund.

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Obituaries

Howard "JR" Slifer

Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department laid to rest one of their own. Final services were held for Howard "JR" Slifer at McClain's Funeral Home on January 31, 2009 on a cold, windy day.

JR had been a firefighter at Twelve Mile for 50 years, 1958 - 2009. A plaque honoring his service had been presented late in 2008.

For the first time in Twelve Mile Fire Department history, the department was involved in an IVFA memorial service for an active fire department member.

The department was very involved in the service. Fourteen members were present. The district chaplain conducted the official IFVA portion of the service. Pascal Moon, the highest ranking officer present, and the district representatives, presented the IVFA Bible and stone marker of "Last Call" to the family.

Truck One, driven by Pascal Moon and Scott Homburg, led the procession past the fire department.

Other members placed all fire trucks outside the station with lights on and stood at Parade Rest beside the trucks.


At the conclusion of the gravesite service, the Last Call was produced by Cass Co. Central Dispatch.

-respectfully submitted, Tim Cowell, Department Historian

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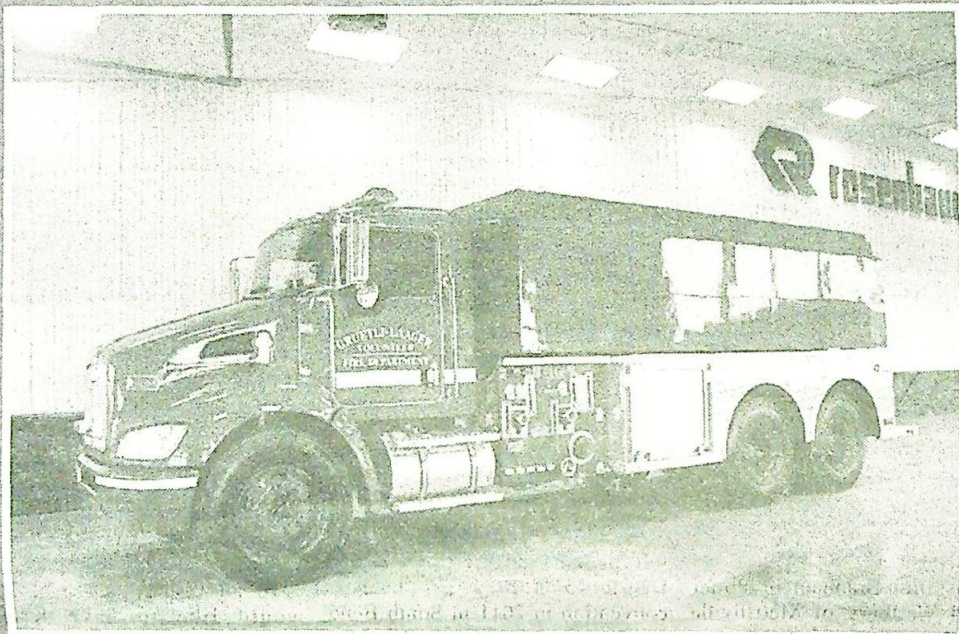
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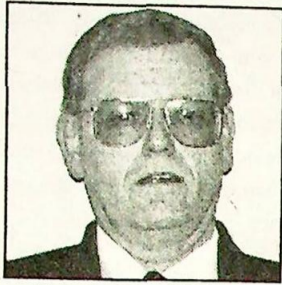
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

01-21-2009

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. and vice president Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 37 members and one guest of eight departments in District 1 with Ross Township as the trophy winner, and by 13 members of five departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township as the trophy winner.

Guests: VP Koehler, Past President Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, Associate Chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 secretary/treasurer Diana Orrell, IVFAA District 1/2 chairperson Phyllis Vargo, IVFAA District 1 Miss Flame Mary Fazekas, Bill Casbon head of PC Fire Association, Emil J. Duffala and Don Hudcock, both 50 year members of Munster FD, Jim Daly of Hoosier FD, and Brian Podsiadlik of TFF.

Program: Brian Podsiadlik of TFF.

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

Communications: Koehler discussed legislation and the Kernan/Shepard report and the "silver alert".

Bradford discussed the 2009 dues, newspaper, VHF radios to 800 MHz in 2013, physicals, smoke detectors, novelty lighters, new high visibility apparel, and the National Fire Council.

Mary Fazekas is collecting pop tabs and cans for a service project to be donated to Riley's Children's Hospital.

Treasurer's report: \$1,774.62.

No old business.

New Business: Orrell, Koehler and Bradford presented Gold cards to Emil J. Duffala and 25 year-pins to Frederick Herman Sr., Chief Knesek and Mark Hajduk.

No deaths in districts.

Good of order: None

Next meeting: February 18th, in Wheatfield.

50/50: Bob Sztot won \$62.

Bill Casbon made a motion, seconded by Wally Cook to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Passed.

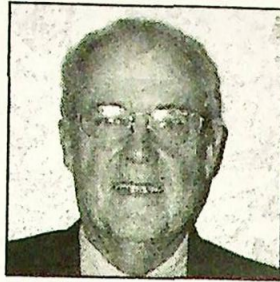
Wheatfield Fire Department
02-18-2009

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by six members of four departments in District 1 with Beverly Shores Fire Department as the trophy winner and by 47 members of eight departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township as the trophy winner.

Guests: Vice president Koehler, Past President Parish and wife Jean, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland,

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

District 21 chairman Don Fultz, Districts 1/2 secretary/treasurer Diana Orrell, Paul Patterson of PC EMA, retired Wheatfield members Warren Roberts, Ivan Robbins, Bill Davis Sr., Dave and Bruce Bierma, 43 year member Darwin Whited, and Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire.

Program: Paul Patterson of PC EMA discussed the new communications trailer and encouraged walk through.

Minutes: Bob Sztot made a motion, seconded by Bub Wise to dispense with the reading of January's minutes. Passed.

Communications: Koehler discussed legislation and several House/Senate bills.

Bradford announced if not receiving newspaper, see your district chairman, dues packets out in April, physical programs, and smoke detectors.

Treasurer's report: \$1,677.21.

No old business.

New business: Watland discussed by law amend for Art 15, section 7. Ralph Knapp made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to accept. Passed for District 2.

Watland issued 25 year pin to Ted Donovsky of Wheatfield FD.

Deaths: Warren "Skip" Highwood of Chesterton FD and Edward Westbury of Merrillville Station #1. A moment of silence was observed.

Good of order:

March 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, Duneland Fire School.

March 14th, Rolling Inferno brotherhood bash at Porter VFW following fire school

March 15th, retirement party for Ike Wrench of Lowell FD from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 4th, Lincoln Township spring auction

May 27th, Crown Point Fire/Rescue hosting a bike ride for the burn camp.

Next meeting: March 18th at Burns Harbor Fire Department.

50/50: Jim Bradford won \$76.50.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Dan Becker at 8:32 p.m. Passed.

Burns Harbor Fire Department
03-18-2009

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. Vice president Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 24 members plus 3 guests of five departments in District 1 with Union FD as the trophy winner and by 14 members of five departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township as the trophy winner.

Guests included: VP Koehler, past President Parish, PR Northwest Bradford, Associate Chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 chairman Orrell, District 2 chairman Watland, Districts 1/2 secretary/treasurer Diana Orrell, IVFAA District 1 secretary Marge Baumgardner, District 1 IVFAA Miss Flame Mary Fazekas, Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz, Tom Steindler of Fire Service. Jim

Daly of Hoosier Fire, Mike Bucy of Delmar/Red Devil Training, Jack Eskridge of 1-800 Board Up, Phil Griffith and Jim Flanigan of PC EMA, Greg Eckhardt of Hazmat and Deputy Director of F.I.S.T, Bill Casbon, President of PC Fire Association, BH Council member Cliff Fleming, and Burns Harbor Clerk Treasurer Jane Jordan.

Program: Phil Griffith of EMA briefly spoke on the new Command Vehicle and Mike Bucy discussed Red Devil Training.

Minutes: Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Mike Schilling to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Passed.

Communications: Buz Koehler discussed legislative bills and announced Board of FF Standards/Education meeting in Rensselaer on April 27th at 6 p.m.

Parish reminded everyone next paper deadline is April 10th.

Bradford advised dues packets will be out in April, dues \$20/person. Discussed HR 3648, FDIC is April 23rd -26th (IVFA will have a booth).

Mary Fazekas advised she was collecting pop tabs and cans for Riley's Children's Hospital, also requesting teddy bear donations for the same.

Treasurer's report: \$1,720.62 with a pending deposit.

New business: Tom Orrell discussed the proposal/addition to by-law, Art. 15 sec 7. Wally Macchiarella made a motion, seconded by Diana Orrell to accept proposal. Passed.

No old business.

Deaths: Jim Branham of Porter Fire, Ed Westbury of Merrillville (Ross Township), and Herman Buchfurer of Ainsworth/Deep River; a moment of silence was observed for all.

Good of order:

Saturday, March 21st, Ogden Dunes St. Patty's dance/fundraiser

Wednesday, March 25th, Med Flight Training in Knox

Saturday, April 4th, Lincoln Township spring auction

Saturday, April 18th, Kouts 2009 classic car/bike show

Sunday, April 19th, Boone Grove pancake breakfast

Wednesday, May 27th, Crown Point sponsoring a bike ride.

Next meeting: April 15th at Keener/DeMotte FD

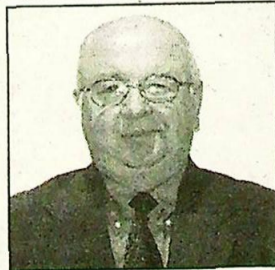
50/50: Mark Baumgardner won \$69.50.

BHFD donated a bag of stuffed animals to Mary Fazekas for Riley's Hospital.

Bob Casbon made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Passed.

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

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was held February 18, 2009 at the Harrison Township Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by chairman Terry Smith. The prayer was given by Russ Peterson and the Pledge was

led by chairman Smith. There were six departments present with 15 members and two guests. The number of calls reported were 425.

Chairman Smith discussed a possible bylaw change for the I.V.F.A. Article XV, Section 7, "Any Section of an Article of the Bylaws that is proposed and addressed by the Board of Directors shall not be revisited for a period of two (2) years, with the exception of an emergency vote in the affirmative of 2/3 of the directors present". After discussion with the body, it was approved by the 4th District.

The I.V.F.A. website was also discussed which was shown to chairman Smith at the last officer's meeting in Indianapolis.

The body discussed the Kernan and Shephard Report and wondered as to when it would come up for vote and what the affect Senate Bill 512 would have on our department, how department's funds would be controlled by the County Council, how this bill would do away with Township Trustees, and how it could go to a one county fire chief. This Senate Bill could also do away with some of the smaller fire department altogether and how after July, 2009, there will no longer be no new territory fire departments made.

PRNE Mort Sorg informed the members about the I.V.F.A. license plate and how the five dollars (\$5) for the plate goes to the Bridgeport Fund for inline duty death and scholarships.

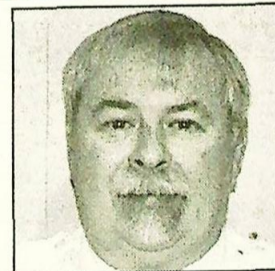
Chairman Smith brought forth the information about District 4 and District 5 hosting the I.V.F.A. convention in 2011 in South Bend and how important it will be for volunteers to help with committees needed to put this convention on.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by
Terry Smith, Chairman
District 4

I wish to take this time to inform everyone that fellow firefighter, Paul Kuntz, passed away on February 19, 2009. He was a member of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Department for over fifty years. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6. It is now May and winter is gone for sure. It's great to see spring in full bloom.

Hope that everyone is staying safe out there.

Thanks to the Thorncreek Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in January. I would also like to thank the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Dept. for hosting our district meeting in March. My sincere thanks to the men and women of those departments for their hospitality and the food and refreshments they provided. I also need to thank Ivan Nevil for his presentation at our March district meeting on what has been going on in the State Capitol with legislation.

To all of the District 6 members: you missed a very informative presentation. You might also try to attend our meeting on May 26 in Howe. I am planning a special presentation by Elkhart Brass. I might add that if possible, try to schedule a couple of vacation days in June to attend the IVFA Convention in Indy. It's not only a good time, it's informative and you get to help select our state IVFA officers.

A big thank you is in order for all of the men and women who were able to make it to Indianapolis in February to support the IVFA in our endeavor to get House Bills defeated that were going to have a major negative effect on the Volunteer Fire Service in Indiana.

It has been a busy time with attending fundraisers and fire department functions the last few months. I, along with our IVFA state Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie were fortunate enough to attend the Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner in Washington D.C. on April 2, 2009. The keynote address was given by our United States vice president Joe Biden. It was good to hear that he is behind the fire service nation wide. He is an avid supporter of the Fire Act Grants and the Safer Grants and any other programs that provide help to the fire service. While in Washington, we were able to visit all nine of our Congressmen's offices and both of our Senators' offices. This was a time to thank them for their support in the past and to ask for their continued support in issues that affect the Volunteer Fire Service in the future.

To all district chairmen, if you would like to have Kristen's attendance at your events, you can reach me at spiralawn@ligtel.com or Kristen at missflame08@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. It is going to be held at the Howe Volunteer Fire Department in Howe, IN.

E.G.H.
Jerry
Sprague(Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Walt Reiter - Chairman

January 19, 2009 @ Monroe V.F.D. Guests: Ivan Nevil - past president I.V.F.A., Terry Bowling - Donley Safety representative, Mort Sorg - P.R.N.E I.V.F.A., Larry Curl - Legislation Representative for the I.V.F.A.

Meeting for the 7th District of the I.V.F.A. was called to order at 8:19 p.m. by chairman Walt Reiter with Pledge to the Flag. First roll call answered by 32 members from 9 departments.

Minutes from last meeting were approved as read.

Terry Bowling from Donley Safety Company (also a member on the Berne V.F.D.) spoke briefly and has product sheets available for personnel to take back to individual departments if they would be interested in safety equipment.

Walt gave the floor to Larry Curl

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address this financial stress is to work with ESBC to try to get reimbursed.

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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.

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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-

ment in equipment, training, updating technology, etc. ESBC can help your department lighten the strain on your budget and local community through our billing services. In many cases, all of our fees can even be paid by the insurance companies we work with!

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DISTRICT 7 ...

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who spoke about the Shepherd Legislative Issues. He explained that this bill is about 43 pages in length. Please look at and read Recommendation #5, it is very important. It is recommended to read the entire bill so you can understand it entirely and to come up with own view.

Bill 1406 is an introduced bill mentioned by the body. A website was offered it is WWW.HOOSIERFORDEMOCRACY.ORG. This is to sign petition that you are against consolidation. It was also mentioned of a dinner being held Feb. 9, 2009 in Indianapolis. If interested in going, Larry has info.

Any additional questions or concerns about the legislation please contact Ivan Nevil or Larry Curl.

Ivan spoke in regards to the bills as well and offered some bills he printed off that he feels that we will be interested in. They are available after meeting to look at.

Ivan Nevil spoke about the wildland firefighter workshop going on; if you'd like information please contact Ivan.

Mort Sorg spoke about the license plates. \$5.00 goes to Bridgeport scholarship and Line of Duty Death. The Bridgeport scholarship is now giving away three \$1,500 scholarships. The Junior FF Cadet Program will also have a scholarship available. If your department is a member of National V.F. Counsel, \$5,000 goes to cadet and \$5,000 to the department to continue the program.

Upcoming Events:

April 29: Baskin Robbins ice cream fundraiser portion of proceeds to support Junior Firefighter Programs.

Feb 7-8: there is a 2 day program Public Safety NE Indiana hosting called "Beyond Hoses and Helmets."

Feb. 10: Berne hosting a grant writing workshop at Station #1 from 7-10 p.m.

Fire Leadership is Feb. 28 at IU @ Richmond.

HAAA Pancake and Sausage is Jan. 25, 2009;

Poe Pancake and Sausage will be March 22, 2009;

Chili Supper at Poneto March 21-4:30-7 p.m.;

Preble Pancake March 7-6 a.m. - noon at Preble Park;

Convention 2009 at Indy June 17-20, 2009. Registration is available now.

Walt announced that the District #7 Women's Auxiliary has graciously agreed to pay for two tickets to the dinner. The keynote speaker will be Timothy E. Sendelbach "Going Beyond Status Quo." The two men going will be Jeremiah Lipsomb from Berne, and Chris Burkhardt from Monroe.

Walt presented Kenny Straub with a 25 year pin; the other firefighter is Billy White -- not available this evening.

Please have nominations submitted by the following dates:

- Mr. IVFA by Feb. 1st
- Lois Boaz by Feb. 1st
- Sandberg award by Feb. 1st
- Angel Award by Feb. 1st
- Global Award by Feb 1st
- Bridgeport Scholarship by March 1st

Walt thanked Monroe F.D. and Preble for helping Decatur on house fire.

Next meeting March 16 at Monroeville. Remember bake sale!!!!

Meeting ended at 9:27 p.m. Second roll call answered by 33 members representing 9 departments.

Beverly Lockwood (fill in for secretary).

Meeting of the 7- District was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by district chairman Walt Reiter.

Minutes of the Jan. 2009 meeting approved as read.

March 16, 2009

Guests: IVFA Past Pres. Ivan Nevil, IVFA PRNE Mort Sorg, Donnelly Sales: Terry Bowling, Fire Gear Repair Certified morning Pride repair Tech Leo Feasel.

Walt announced Gerhart Werling passed away; he was a lifetime member of the Preble V.F.D. and was a 50 year gold card member.

Looking at by-law change Article 15 Section 7; the change will be that any by law changes that are voted on and changed, will not be able to be brought up for change again for at least two years. This will prevent a by law from continuously flipping back and forth.

The district had to vote in favor or against the by law change. District 7 voted in favor of the change.

Ivan Nevil spoke about the Shepherd Report. Bill 1362 refers to how much will be paid out if you are injured. The amount will increase to \$262/wk. then should increase again to \$290/wk. in June. Ivan encouraged everyone to get ahold of their legislators to let them know if you are in favor or against the Bill.

Ivan spoke of a "phone tree" that is being initiated so that important info can get down to the firefighters. PR representatives will call district chairmen or secretary, they will contact the district fire chiefs, and the chiefs will contact their local firefighters.

Walt spoke about officers' meeting, discussion about new rules for instructors including 6 hours of continued education. Also if firefighters have not yet gotten PSID# they need to go to IDHS website to get this #.

Mort Sorg, PRNE emphasized that the PSID # is each firefighter's tracking #. Mort also spoke about funds available for families needing assistance when a line of duty death occurs. Contact Mort for more details.

April 22-25 FDIC Show IVFA booth #6022.

The IVFA currently has 16,600 members.

Help Support Bridgeport Scholarship! Buy a license plate!!!

In case of a line of duty death, please make sure names, addresses, and beneficiaries are up-to-date. Money goes to whoever is on file.

Walt reported of a fire extinguisher recall. Go to www.kiddie.com for complete list.

Terry Bowling brought a few samples of what he can provide; flyers and brochures are available.

Leo Feasel also has brochures available.

Baskin Robbins 31-cent scoop firefighter night on April 29, 2009 from 5-10 p.m.

Monroeville F.D. hosting a Fireball Run on April 25. Sign in is at 9 a.m. Will run from Monroeville fire station to five other fire departments. Must follow the clues to get there!!!

Questions: please call 623-3903

Appreciation Dinner April 4 from

4-7 p.m. at Geneva -- free of charge.

Pancake and sausage: March 22 -- 9-1.

Next meeting May 18 at Mt. Etna.

Becky Sorg spoke about Emitsburg, Maryland Indiana weekend. Free of charge. Worth the while!!

Beverly Lockwood

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting on February 11, 2009 at the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department in Selma, IN.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Roll call was taken with nine departments in attendance.

The District had 70 fires and 155 E.M.S. runs.

The Miss Flame contest was held. We had six girls to participate. They were from Liberty Twp., Salamonia, Montpelier, Dunkirk, Pennville, and Redkey. Lindsey Current from the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department was crowned District 8B Miss Flame for 2009. Kylee Bell from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was named first runner-up.

The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2009 at the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department, Cowan, IN.

The meeting was adjourned and a lite lunch was served.

The March meeting of District 8B was held on March 11, 2009 at the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department in Cowan, IN. The meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary/treasurer's reports were read and approved. Roll call was taken by answering with how many runs the departments had made. There were nine departments present. They had a total of 47 fires and 77 E.M.S. runs.

We also had two guests present, Allen Keen from Emergency Services Billing Corporation and Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame.

Lloyd talked about some changes in the state by-laws. The district agreed on the wording of the change.

Eaton Volunteer Fire Department will be having a hog roast and car show on Memorial Day at their station. If anyone is interested, they may contact Clay McDaniel at 765-396-9190.

The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2009 at the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was enjoyed by all.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

When approaching an intersection, slow down and make sure the coast is clear.

DISTRICT 9B REPORT



Randy Denton - Chairman

District 9B

November 13, 2008

Brookston Vol. Fire Dept.

Training and refreshments were served prior to meeting.

Randy Denton called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Roll call: Brookston 15, Chalmers 3, Earl Park 2, Goodland 1, Medaryville 1, Remington 3, Rensselaer 3, Wolcott 2. Total number of alarms - 141 with eight departments answering roll call.

Guests: Don Fultz, District 21 chairman, Mitch Parish, past IVFA president, Buz Koehler, past IVFA president, Jim Bradford, Public Relations NW, Jerry Cohen, past chaplain, Brad Idlewine, Crossroads Fire Equipment.

Don: Went to meeting on Legislation recently and learned they are working on banning novelty lighters and bottle rockets.

Brad: Wants to thank everyone for their support over the last year.

Jim: Reiterated lighter legislation. States newspaper is out with next paper due out in February January 10th deadline for paper. Noted convention in Indy this year. Reminder VHF to be phased out in 2013. Finally neither bylaw changes pass vote.

Jerry: Bruce Yonkers is in hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Mitch: Told us that out of 222,000 grant applications 1700 were given out.

Buz: Fire Service Caucus Dinner February 9, 2009. Buz also spoke on the Shepard Kernan report and the Indiana Twp. Government report and encourages all of us to speak with our legislators about this subject. Buz also spoke on the Firefighter Standards hearing in Ft. Wayne.

Randy: If your departments have members who are in the military, please let the IVFA know. Randy also reminded us that \$3 of every \$5 that you send in for IVFA license plates goes to the Bridgeport Scholarship. Also every IVFA member has \$3000 accidental death benefit.

Fundraiser: December 6th, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. - Pork burger and chili dinner at Remington Fire Station. Also Miss Flame collecting pull tabs from cans for Riley Hospital and she could use all of our support.

Two IVFA Gold Cards were presented, Willis Johnson from Brookston Fire Dept. and Wayne Christopher from Wolcott Fire Dept. were the recipients.

The Chief introduced host department and meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting January 9th at Buffalo.

JANUARY 9, 2009

BUFFALO VOL. FIRE DEPT.

Training and refreshments were served prior to meeting.

Randy Denton called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Roll call: Brookston 1, Buffalo 13, Francesville 2, Medaryville 1, Remington 1, Rensselaer 3, Wolcott 2. Total number of alarms was 168 with seven departments answering roll call.

Guests: Mitch Parish, past IVFA president, Buz Koehler, past IVFA

president; Jim Bradford, Public Relations NW; Brad Idlewine, Crossroads Fire Equipment; Daryl Myers - Fire Service.

Brad: Glad to be here.

Jim: Kernan-Sheppard read a list of 12 questions to ask. Convention in Indy. IVFA dues are due. IVFA website has a list of fundraisers.

Mitch: Last year lost 117 firemen in the line of duty. Paper goes to press Monday; if you have anything to get in it.

Buz: 18th annual Fire Service Dinner and Seminar February 9, 2009. The cost is \$100.00 a plate. Mentioned insurance benefits. Buz has sheets to distribute. State is working on a bill that changes Workers Comp. Volunteer firemen cannot be fired due to an injury from a fire.

Kernan-Shepard Report. Buz answered Jim Bradford's 12 questions. Buz ended by saying, "please understand and spread the word about the Kernan-Shepard Report." The IVFA will keep you updated. Any questions, please e-mail or call Buz. New IVFA membership pamphlets coming out.

Daryl Meyers: Glad to be here.

Randy: Everyone getting newspaper. Please keep website updated for departments. Let Buz or Randy know if there are any Miss Flame candidate. A selection will need to be made by next meeting. Convention in Indianapolis this year. Newspapers will be out the first of February.

Does anyone want to go to Fire Caucus Dinner? Motion by Mitch to send two members. Seconded by Kenny Burns.

Two IVFA Gold Cards were presented. Willis Johnson from Brookston Fire Department and Wayne Christopher from Wolcott Fire Department were the recipients.

Next meeting March 12th, Burnettsville.

Fundraiser: Fish fry, Francesville, March 7th from 4-8.

Meeting adjourned.



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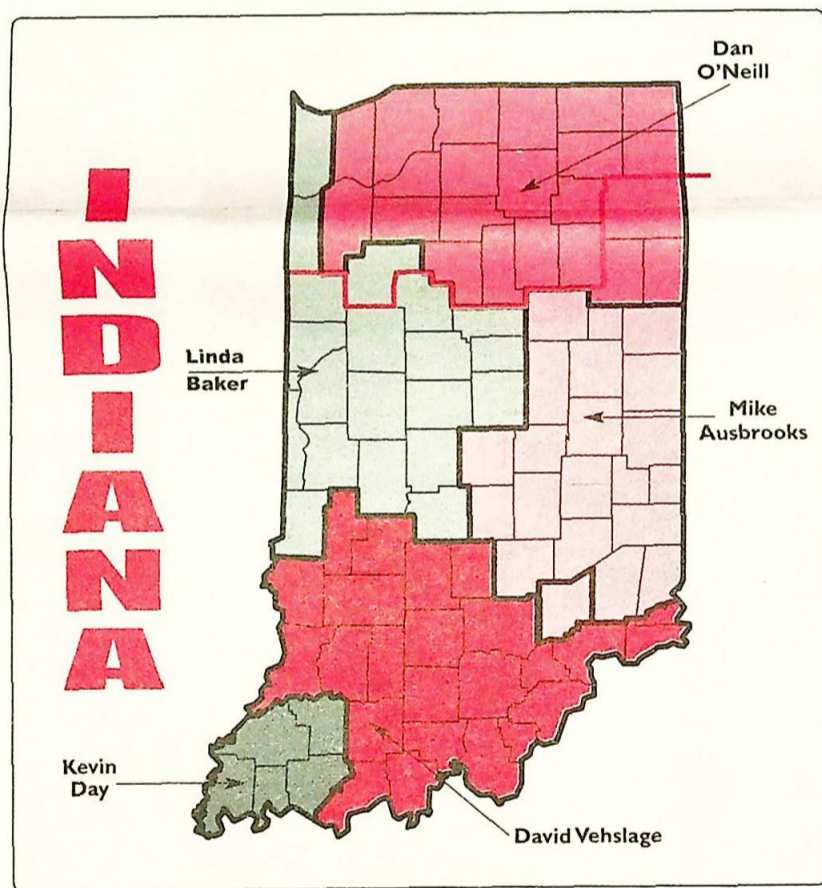
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



David Israel - Chairman

Winters is almost over and waiting on summer. Congratulations to Danielle Mathews our District 10 Miss Flame for achieving her goal of raising \$1000.00 for the Hoosier Burn Camp. I hear she is going to try and raise another \$1000.00. If your fire department is having a fund raiser, Danielle would enjoy the opportunity to help at the event. Good Luck at Convention, Danielle.

A lot of departments are having their fund raisers; good luck and get them posted on the IVFA web site (free advertising). I would like to thank all the departments that when called responded to the call about Legislation action; it did make a difference. The Bills the IVFA had introduced should pass at this time.

There have been two deaths in the District, both from Anderson Twp. VFD, Milroy, IN. Rush Co. Earl Brown and Chuck Wildley, both 50 year members of that department.

IVFA Convention is coming up June 17-20, 2009 at the Holiday Inn North just off 465 on the north side of Indianapolis. District 10 has had a strong showing for the last several years; hope that continues. Remember each department is allowed three voting delegates to vote at the annual meeting held Friday morning. But only one delegate receives mileage reimbursement to and from. Check the web site for the latest happenings at Convention.

Thanks for your support. If your department needs something or wants me to attend your meeting give me a call.

The rest of the 2009 meeting schedule is: May 20, 2009 New Point VFD Decatur Co., June and July NO MEETING, August 19, 2009 Hartsville Comm. VFD Barth. Co (district elections), September 16, 2009 Greensburg Fire Dept. Decatur Co., October 21, 2009 Trafalgar VFD Johnson Co., November 18, 2009 German Twp. Taylorsville Barth Co. (Miss Flame contest), December NO MEETING - Merry Christmas.

See you at the meetings -- be safe.
David Israel
IVFA Dist. 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A, Our January meeting was held at the Cory Fire Department. I want to thank Jay and all of the folks at Cory for the hospitality and good food. Our guest speaker was Alan Keen from Emergency Services Billing Corporation.

Arrangements were made for the Miss Flame dance.

The fire service lost a good friend on January 30th and I lost a great personal friend, Jack Harker. Jack spent many years in service to the Vincennes Township Fire Department and to the IVFA. Jack will be missed. Our sympathy goes out to Bev, Dusty, Ariana and the rest of the Harker family.

Our Miss Flame dance was held on January 31st. We had four contestants, congratulations to all of them. Miss Flame was Micajah Green from the Wright Twp. Fire Department, runner-up was Ariel Bose from the Prairieton Fire Department; other contestants were Camey Yocum from the Posey Twp. Fire Department and Jessica Leslie from the Otter Creek #2 Fire Department. Congratulations, you all did a great job.

On February the 11th we went to Indianapolis to hear testimony on Senate Bill 512. To say the least it

was very interesting. For those of you who thought it was over, it is not. This is going to be continuing as long as we have the current governor.

I have had the pleasure of presenting several 25 year pins this quarter. Congratulations to Shannon Gibson of the Jasonville Fire Department, Chief Redgie Pinkston of the Turman Township Fire Department, Larry Schelle from Otter Creek Station 2, Ed Bose of the Prairieton Fire Department.

Our March district meeting was held at the Linton Twp. Fire House in Pimento. We had a very good turnout. Thanks to Bill Nicoson and all of the folks for the hospitality. Larry Curl was our guest speaker. Larry did a great job. Several township trustees were in attendance. They said it was nice to be at a meeting where they were allowed to talk and ask questions. Remember our meetings are open to the public. After all that's who we

serve.

Mike Pruitt talked about the upcoming Supporting Heroes golf scramble at Idle Creek Golf Course on June 13th, 2009 to raise money for Supporting Heroes. The scramble is being held in memory of Enrico Garcia Jr., a local fallen hero.

A collection was taken for Jim Rodgers who was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia and has been off work since November. I'm sure Jim and his family would appreciate any support that we can give them. Jim has served with the Reelsville Fire Department. For further information contact Bruce Wolf 765-592-4514.

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On March 17th Wright Township firefighter Tom Felker passed away. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Wright Township Fire Department and the Felker family.

Our next meeting will be May 17, 1:00 p.m. at the Patricksburg Fire Department and July 19th 1:00 p.m. at the Farmersburg Fire Department.

Until next time, brothers and sisters, be careful out there.

Jack McFarland
District 11-A chairman

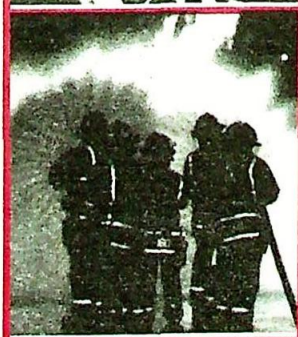
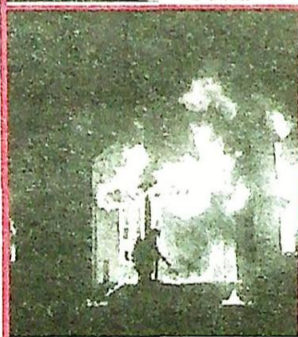
DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

District 11-B
Bainbridge Vol. Fire Dept.
January 11, 2009
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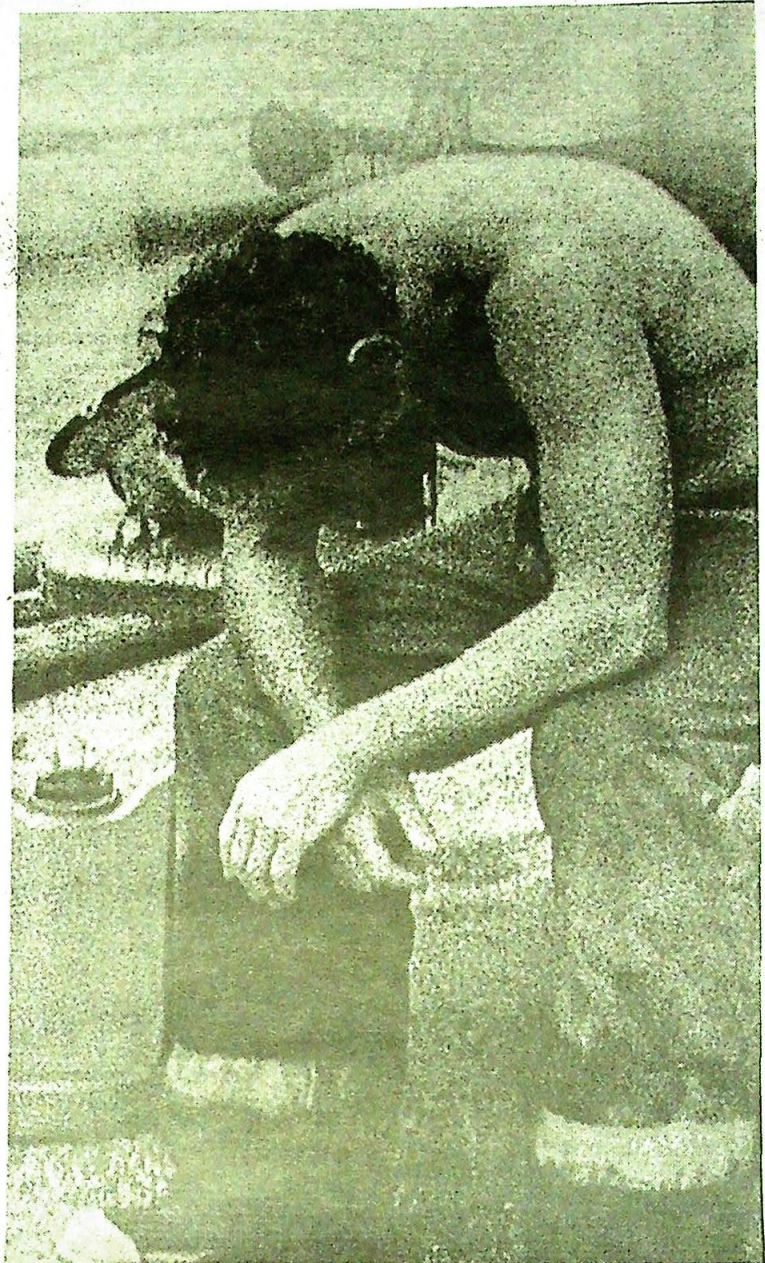
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April 15: E - F	Aug. 15: P - Q	
April 30: G	Aug. 31: R	
May 15: Ha - Hn	Sept. 15: Sa - Sn	

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.**
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 11-B

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chairman Southard. The invocation was given by Maxine Davies, district auxiliary Chaplain and the Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush. A moment of silence was held for the fallen firefighters of District 11-B.

Roll call was taken with 24 members from 11 departments and 4 guests present. Chairman Southard presented Bainbridge Firefighter Chuck Cope with his 25 year membership pin. He then introduced his guests, Nancy Michael, Bill Newgent and Larry Curl. The district auxiliary chairperson Barb Ketchem introduced her guests. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report was made, seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Southard introduced Nancy Michael, State Representative from District 44 who spoke on the needs of the state during this session, following her presentation, a question and answer session followed. The next guest, Larry Curl spoke about two bills in this legislature that pertain to the fire service and his efforts to see that they are passed and become law. The final guest was Bill Newgent, Fire Chief of Greencastle Fire Dept. who spoke on the training program within District 7. He stated that Terre Haute had been named the training site for District 7 along with Greencastle as a second training site. All three presentations were well received by those in attendance.

Bill Bush, co-chairman for Convention 2010 stated that since the finances of the district had been revamped before the first of the year and with additional funds made available with this change, would the district write a check for \$250.00 that is the balance to the convention committee. A motion was made by Paul Curry, seconded by Nick Hall to pay the \$250.00. The motion passed.

The Public Relations Director West Central, Diane Harrison gave an update report on what is going on in her area for the coming year.

Chairman Southard announced that the next meeting will be held at the Wallace Fire Department and it will be our Miss Flame contest. Secretary John Davies stated that the remaining district meetings have been put on the web site. May's meeting has been changed from Sunday to Wednesday, May 13th at 7 P.M. This is because Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day.

Under announcements, the Fire Services annual dinner will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis on February 9, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.

Convention 2010 committee will hold a meeting at the Holiday Inn in Terre Haute on January 25th at 2 P.M. Nick Hall from the Clinton Vol. Fire Dept. thanked the district for their support following the untimely death of Capt. Bob Brandon of their department.

The meeting was adjourned by chairman Southard.

John Davies
Secretary

District 11-B
Wallace/Jackson Twp.
March 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Southard. The roll was taken and the guests present were introduced.

Chairman Southard presented three 25 year pins to Roger Foster

Phil Hester and Stephen Shonkweiler.

Jack Kerney spoke on the bills in the House at this time. Gary Roberts talked about new grants and the new firehouse software. Other district meeting dates were announced at this time. The 2008 Miss Flame spoke about saving pop tabs for Riley Hospital. Jack Giles spoke on the District 11-B Honor Guard. He will be the president for this project. He also introduced a slate of officers for this project.

Chairman Southard mentioned that if you are missing your newspaper, call your chairman another state officer. Concerning the new by-law change, add Article XV, Section 7. Any Section of an Article of the ByLaws that is proposed and addressed by the Board of Directors shall not be revisited for a period of two (2) years, with the exception of an emergency vote in the affirmative of 2/3 of the directors present. Dwayne Osborn made a motion; 2nd by John Morphy to accept this change. Motion passed.

Allen Keen from ESBC Emergency Service spoke about his company and about the billing for fire and hazmat runs.

Chairman Southard spoke on all Miss Flame in sash if with their parents should be fed free at all fund raisers as a courtesy as they travel a lot of miles each year.

Bill Bush spoke on the state meeting; also spoke on the 2010 convention.

Chief Hester was presented a clock for his department.

The candidates for district Miss Flame were introduced. Fund raisers within the district were announced.

The new district Miss Flame was announced; she is Hillary Prebble from Dana and the 1st runner up is Leslie Parrish.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Southard.

Submitted by Jeremy Mankin

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12. Our January meeting was held at

Brown Twp. Fire Department in Mooresville with 15 members present from five departments and three guests.

Discussion covered NFPA Standards for turnout gear, Morning Pride factory trip, free grant writing, Supporting Heroes banquet, Kernan-Shepard report, restrictions on 1st Responders, department info and announcements for the good of the order.

Our March meeting was held at Coatesville Volunteer Fire Department with 20 members present from eight departments and six guests. IVFA vice president Buz Koehler gave us an update on the status of pending legislation. IVFA Historian John Davies spoke with us about the benefits of American Income Partners quality discount health services available to all IVFA members free of charge.

Our next meeting will be held at Danville Volunteer Fire Department Station 92 on Monday, May 18, 2009 starting at 19:00.

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I want to take this opportunity to personally thank our firefighters in District 12 that contacted their legislators. Your voice and concerns were heard and it did make a difference in the way they voted on issues.

Larry Bruner
District 12 chairman

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Carol Thrawley - Chairman

Greetings from District 13A.

This past quarter has been busy visiting with departments in the district.

The Kernan-Shepard report has been a major topic of conversation in the district. With the help of president Deckard and vice president Koehler and I.V.F.A. Lobbyist Larry Curl, much

information was shared throughout the district.

Several trips to the State House and a strong show of opposition from both 13A and the other districts helped to keep Senate Bill 512 from becoming reality this session. Do not back down from the good fight. Keep letting your elected representatives in Indianapolis know how you feel about the elimination of local government, as we know it.

The 63rd Convention of the I.V.F.A. is in sight. As you all are aware of by now 13A is the host district. Many of you have stepped up to help in the planning of the Convention. We have worked hard to come up with some really good seminars on Thursday June 18th.

From the "To Hell and Back" series to one and a half hours in service for adult continuing education for fire instructors to a three hour live burn training in the I.D.H.S. Live Burn Training Trailer we hope we peek your interests.

We hope all of you have a good experience when you "Splash into Indy" June 17th through June 20, 2009.

Carol Thrawley
District 13A Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Charlie Moon - Chairman

Greetings,

Hello from District 14.

Here in southern Indiana the season is changing as Mother Nature makes her colors. Summer is here!

This quarter in District 14 there has been no major happenings. I am still traveling to departments for their fundraisers and meetings. I enjoy the time I spend you guys. Please keep me informed of events or meetings you have coming up.

The district Miss Flame, Tessa Stoner, is gearing up for convention and is excited. Also, I might add that she has served our district for the last two years very proudly. I wish her and all district Flames best of luck at '09 convention.

To wrap up for this quarter, myself and PR Al Williamson

traveled to D.C. along with six other IVFA representatives for the congressional Fire Service Institute. We spent time with congressmen and state Senators from Indiana to discuss issues pertaining to the fire service via grants and legislative decisions that would impact our home departments and also to help protect the National Fire Academy. I believe that this was time well spent and our concerns would be heard.

Be safe and see you all at '09 convention.

District 14 Chairman
Charlie Moon

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Steve Anderson - Chairman

Let me start by giving a schedule update for the rest of 2009:

May 19 at Buckskin July 21 at Marrs Twp. Sept. 15 at German Twp Nov. 17 at Chandler.

Good luck to District 15 Miss Flame Emily Girten (Newburgh VFD) at this year's state Miss Flame contest. It will be held in conjunction with the IVFA Convention June 17-20 in Indianapolis. I hope to see good attendance from many of the districts at this year's event.

I would like to congratulate several departments on delivery of new trucks so far this year. These include: Alcoa (Ambulance), German Twp. (Rescue), Lynnville (Tanker), McCutchanville (Engine), Perry Twp. (Command), Pigeon Twp. (Tanker), Wadesville (Engine). If I have missed any, send me a note so I can recognize you next time.

I encourage everyone to pay close attention to the results of this year's legislative session. It looks like the two IVFA bills will pass giving extra protection to our members.

Until next time, be safe.

S. Anderson



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2412 S. E. Browning Rd., Evansville, IN 47725 - (812) 867-2641	
MARY MACKIN (Deceased)	2000-2002
FAYE SALLEE	1998-2000
434 S. Maple Street, Galveston, IN 46932 - (574) 699-6545	
LOU BARTLOW	1996-1998
Box 12, Montezuma, IN 47862 - (765) 245-2125	
PHYLLIS VARGO	1994-1996
7756 Durbin Street, Schererville, IN 46375 - (219) 322-4286	
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5 Brookside Street, Fillmore, IN 46128 - (765) 246-6220	
NANCY NEAL	1990-1992
749 Walnut Street, Hope, IN 47246 - (812) 546-5391	
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14430 Comer Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46819 - (260) 639-3969	
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3091 Dumas Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34609 - (352) 686-8905	
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BARBARA PARKER	1982-1984
403 N. 11th Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107 - (317) 783-9293	
BARBARA SURBER	1980-1982
2003 Flamingo Way, Franklin, IN 46131 - (317) 738-4786	
LUCY STOFER	1978-1980
718 So. Inomar Street, Indianapolis, IN 46241 - (317) 241-1946	
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MARY BOYD	1975-1976
92 Golfview Circle, Umatilla, Florida 32784 Cell Phone: (352) 223-2972	
JOAN (SHANABARGER) KELLER	1973-1975
108 Windsor, Churubusco, IN 46723 - (260) 693-3645	
CAROLYN McCARTY	1971-1973
P.O. Box 57, Union Mills, IN 46382 - (219) 767-2549	
ROSELLA BOUSMAN	1969-1971
MARY STAFFORD	1967-1969
234 Progress Rd., Apt. A75, Shelbyville, IN 46176 - (317) 398-4553	

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

**2009 IVFA Convention
June 17th - June 20th
Indianapolis, Indiana**

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

Sunday, February 8, 2009
IVFAA Quarterly Meeting
Clarion Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana
Call to order: President Martha called meeting to order at 8:52 a.m.
Prayer: Chaplain Joann led ladies in prayer.
Pledge to Flag: Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam led the ladies in the Pledge to the Flag.

Barb Kerney reported that our recording secretary, Tammy Hungate, has resigned from this position. Lou Bartlow will be filling as recording secretary with the help of June Cahill until convention. Let's work together as a team and we wish Tammy all the best.

Minutes: Lou Bartlow read minutes. They stand as read.
Roll call: Lou Bartlow - officers 27, guests 4.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy read report stand as read

Membership: Lou Bartlow - 804.
Chaplain's Report: Joann explained to ladies what their dues entitle them to by belonging to the IVFAA. Joann has new Bibles, please get them after the meeting. Joann showed us a new Bible that is like a family Bible and wanted to know if we would be interested in this replacing the other ones we have. A motion by Faye with a second from Betty S. Motion carried. Barb Parker made a motion to reimburse Joann \$30.00 for expense of mailing a Bible. Leona seconded; motion carried.

Correspondence report: Malinda had none at this time

Auditing: Barb Kerney says everything okay.

Installation: Barb Parker says she is ready.

Financial Study: Lou Bartlow reminded ladies to turn in your expenses to her for each position you hold.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney reminded everyone March 10th is deadline for getting application in to her. She had received more applications this weekend.

V.P. Project: V.P. Beth has tickets. Nothing has changed on this project; so far four items.

COMMITTEES FOR 2008 - 2009

AUDITING
Barbara Kerney - Chm
Jean Parish
Carolyn Zeeks

BUDGET & FINANCE
Lou Bartlow - Chm.
Dorothy Reiter
Barbara Kerney

GAMES
June Cahill

CHINESE AUCTION
Barbara Parker - Chm.
Pam Gerdowsky
Lora Parker

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Toni Sorg

VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT
Beth Caudill - Chm.
Beverly Taylor
Maxine Davies
Rhonda Moon
Nancy Neal

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY
Phyllis Vargo - Chm.
Lou Bartlow
Toni Sorg

LOIS BOAZ
Jeanette Dunsford
Wanda Johnson
Marie Emery

NOMINATING
Susie Lewis - Chm.
Carolyn Koehler
Angela Brandenburg

HISTORIAN
Joann Hays - Chm.
Phyllis Vargo

INSTALLATION
Barbara Parker - Chm.
Maxine Davies
Faye Sallee

MEMBERSHIP
Leona Uryga - Chm.
Patty Fultz
Angela Brandenburg

Bylaws: Toni Sorg - no changes.

Convention Report: Ask if anyone not using their water passes to please give them to someone who will. Last count, 63 registered for convention.

Jewelry: Marlene Poling giving jewelry to district chairmen to sell, whatever price you get will be greatly appreciated. A motion by Leona to give district chairmen at least five of the 25 year pins, so they can give to their ladies at their district meetings. Seconded by Pam G. Motion carried. It is the state IVFAA pins.

Nominating: Susie said all ready.
Historian: Joann and Phyllis need pictures.

President's Advisory: Phyllis says okay.

Lois Boaz: Jeanette said they have selected a recipient.

Parliamentarian: Toni said doing just fine.

Old Business: Barb Kerney made motion that we don't sell baskets until after convention, then will discuss again with a second from Toni. Motion carried.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker, reminded all district chairmen to bring their items to her at the May meetings. Please make sure and put District # on item.

Miss Flame Kristen came in and shared her activities with ladies. Her project is Riley Children's Hospital. She is saving pop tabs; if you have any please save for her.

New Business: Malinda reported the tape recorder that she uses for recording the minutes is no longer working properly. A motion by Phyllis for Malinda to buy a new tape recorder with a second from Faye. Motion carried.

Marilyn Dever, former district chairman, has been in rehab center since December 16th. She is at Heritage Park Rehab, Room 904, 2001 Hobson Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Phone: 260-471-4352.

Lou discussed what our SOG's says about if there is a death what our agreement is. Took up flower money for the Flower Fund.

Took about ten minute break from 10:10 to 10:20.

Carol Curl discussed shirts: she made up design for all ladies to see. Carol also had price sheet.

Martha reminded all district chairmen to turn in their reports on what has been going on in their districts.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: did not get to.

Entertainment and next meeting date: May 2nd and 3rd, 2009 at the Clarion Hotel, Indianapolis, IN. Phyllis and Martha will be host for the entertainment on Saturday at the hotel starting at 4 p.m.

Adjournment: Phyllis motioned to adjourn with a second from Faye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Closing prayer: Joann gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Corresponding secretary
Malinda Bell

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo
District 1 - 2 chairman

Minutes of the meeting 6, 2008 District 1 & 2 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 & 2 chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge was said.

Prayer was said by retired chaplain Jerry Cohen.

Phyllis thanked Lowell Dept. Auxiliary for hosting the meeting and Phyllis gave them a check for \$100.00 for reimbursement for hosting meeting.

Donna Szafranski gave department history.

Minutes were read and passed.

Phyllis introduced guests in attendance: Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Jerry Cohen retired chaplain for IVFA, Tom Orell, District 1 IVFA Chairman, and Michelle Baxter from Insurance Co.

Treasurer's report was given by Phyllis Vargo with \$1,156.46 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis had Michelle Baxter talk about the benefit; this policy is \$3,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy. If you have not received a yellow card in the mail, please let Michelle know and she will pass them out. Please fill them out and return to Michelle before you leave tonight.

Old Business:

Phyllis explained to the group about how the state secretary's computer was stolen. After a discussion on the floor, the group voiced its opinion NOT to purchase a new computer for the state secretary. Phyllis will take our wishes back to the state.

State Convention will be June 17-20 at Indianapolis. Get your reservation in. Miss Flame, remember you are responsible to make your own reservation at the hotel.

New Business:

Miss Flame is doing a service project for Riley Hospital - Project Pop Top, save your pop tops!

Phyllis talked about the 2009 schedule for meetings. We need to have a department step up and host a meeting next year. They are as follows:

March - Lake of Four Season
May - Lake Dale
September - Cedar Lake
November - Lake Station
Marge will make a list and send it out to all the departments.

Phyllis has a supply of 50 year I.V.F.A.A. pins, if you don't have one; please take them for you and your department.

Winner of Miss Flame for District 1 is Mary Ann Fazekas of Lake Station. Congratulations, Mary Ann!

Phyllis advised the group that

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DEADLINE
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District 1 & 2 ladies report

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district elections should have been in September, but because there was not a quorum, elections were tabled into this meeting.

There was a motion by Barb Wilkening, seconded by Marge Baumgardner to have Phyllis Vargo serve as District 1 & 2 chairman. Motion passed. Motion made by Linda Abraham, 2nd by Barb Wilkening to have Marge Baumgardner serve as secretary. Motion passed.

Department announcement: Silent auction winners were announced. There was \$209.00 profit from silent auction. Thank you to all who donated and participated in the auction.

50/50 winner was Theresa Shockley.

Next meeting is March 5th at Lake Of Four Season.

Motion by Barb Wilkening, 2nd by Theresa Shakley to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner

Minutes of the March 5, 2009 District 1 & 2 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 & 2 chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge was said.

Prayer was said by Chaplain Bob Kulesa of L.O.F.S.

Phyllis thanked Lake Of Four Season Auxiliary for hosting the meeting and Phyllis gave them a check for \$100.00 for reimbursement for hosting meeting.

Bob Kulesa gave department history.

Phyllis introduced guests in attendance: Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Martha Thomas, President of I.V.F.A.A., Ike Rench, and retired Lowell Fire Dept.

Motion made by Martha Thomas and 2nd by Jackie Rench not to read the minutes of the November 2008 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Phyllis Vargo with \$856.46 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis introduced Miss Flame for District #2 - Amber Little. Amber told the group a little about herself.

Old Business:

Phyllis explained to the group about that the state secretary's computer was stolen. The Board of Directors of the state asked her to step down from her position. Lois Barlow will step in as interim secretary until convention.

Membership list - Phyllis asked every department if they would send her a current list of all their members before the May meeting. Since there is no computer they are trying to put together a list of all members.

New Business:

Phyllis advised the group she will pick up new stickers for card and will have them at the next meeting.

Phyllis passed out state raffle tickets to each department. They are \$1 each or 6/\$5.00. Money is due to Phyllis by May state meeting.

Motion was made by Martha Thomas and 2nd by Ann Moss to purchase (2) \$25.00 gas cards for the Chinese auction at the convention.

Phyllis reminded everyone the deadline for the I.V.F.A.A. newspaper is April 10th. Ladies get your pictures in there of your department!

50/50 winner was Jim Bradford.

Next meeting is May 7th at Lake Dale.

Motion by Melissa Flutka, 2nd by Jackie Rench to adjourn. Motion

passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec., Dist. 1 & 2

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Susie Lewis
District 7 Chairman

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association met on January 19, 2009 at the Monroe Volunteer Fire Station. The meeting was opened by Chairperson Suzi Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was answered by 12 ladies from 8 departments. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Mort is working on making up a district roster, listing location and contact persons for the departments in the 7th District.

Tammy Wenger, Monroeville will be working on a lottery tree for the Chinese Auction.

There was discussion about the fact that some had still not received their stickers or cards for the 2008/2009 year. We assured them that we would bring it up at the February officer's meeting.

Larry Curl, who had spoken with the men regarding the Kernan-Shepard bill and other legislative issues. He also spoke of the Indiana Fire Service Institute dinner coming up in February. The men told Larry the ladies have the purse, go talk to them. After Larry spoke on the same topics, Joyce Nevil made a motion that if there were two members present at the district meeting who would like to attend the Fire Service Institute Dinner, the District Auxiliary would purchase tickets for them. Seconded by Dianna Gray. Motion carried. Chris Burkhart of Monroe and Jeramiah Lipscomb of Berne will be attending the meeting.

Next meeting will be on March 16 at the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Station with our annual Bake Sale.

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary met on March 16, 2009 at the Monroeville Fire Station. After a delicious supper served by the auxiliary, Suzi Lewis, chairman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was answered by 16 ladies from 7 departments.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

We immediately went to discussion of the state recording secretary issue. Everyone was very understanding of the action taken. We assured them that we would be sure that their memberships would not lapse. Several checks had cleared since the January meeting.

The men were anxious to get to the Bake Sale/Auction. The proceeds enabled us to assist Miss Flame with her convention expenses as well as the expenses of the auxiliary district chairman. We also sent two members from the men's Association to the Indiana Fire Service Institute Dinner. The auction was very successful. We raised about \$900 despite the fact that the host department was called out on a grass fire in the middle of the auction.

Antoinette Sorg, District 7
Secretary

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



Barbara Parker
District 10 chairman

February 18, 2009

IVFAA District 10 meeting was held February 18, 2009 at Flatrock, IN.

The meeting was called to order. Pledge of allegiance was said. Introduced Shelby Murphy and Brigitte Murphy. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Old Business -- IVFA 2009 convention held at Holiday Inn North Carribbean Cove in Indianapolis June 17 - 20. Registration is \$75.00 then will go up to \$85.00 at convention. It is easier to just attend the Friday afternoon women's meeting, that will be fine.

New Business -- Old convention charms are available for sale - cost is \$2.00. Need auxiliaries and individuals to give Barb information on members who need cards and stickers. Bake sale will be held at the May 20th meeting in Newport. Discussed and voted on submitting an Amendment to Article I Section 10 and the addition of Article I Section 11.

Cletta Buttry made motion to adjourn meeting with Carol Moody, second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cozette Howell

DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



Barbara Ketchem
District 11B chairman

The District 11-B January meeting was held on January 11, at the Bainbridge Fire Department, at 1:00 p.m.. The catered meal was delicious! The guest speakers were Bill Newgent, Chief of the Greencastle Fire Department and Nancy Michaels, former Mayor of Greencastle and current State Representative.

The March 8th meeting was held at the Jackson Township Fire Department in Wallace. This was also our district Miss Flame Contest. We had four contestants. I'm sure the judges has a very difficult time. The young ladies all looked pretty in their long dresses.. The newly crowned Miss Flame is Hillary Peebles from the Dana Fire Department. First Runner-Up was Leslie Parish from the St. Bernice Fire Department. Ariel Newnum represented the Hillsdale Fire Department and Lacey Harvey represented Jackson Twp - Wallace. All four young ladies are winners.

I want to thank our previous Miss Flame, Ariel Newnum for a job well done during her reign. She was very faithful in attending our district

meetings and fundraisers. Good luck in the future, Ariel.

The May district meeting will be held May 10 at 7:00 p.m.. As Mother's Day falls on the our regular meeting date, this is a change. Please note that this is an evening meeting with no meal, just refreshments. Oh, I guess I should let you know the location ... it will be held at the Kingman Fire Department, just across the Fountain County line on State Road 234. Hope to see a good attendance.

Don't forget to send in your reservations and registration for Convention. Forms are in this paper. Date are June 17 - 20 at Caribbean Cove Indoor Water Park in Indianapolis. After May 21, the registration price goes up. Hope to see you there. Have a great summer.

Barbara Ketchem District 11-B
Chairman

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Heather Martin - Chairman

I would like to start off this article by apologizing to the members of the Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department. In the last paper I published some pictures of their truck that was wrecked on January 1st. I published those pictures, not to harm or embarrass the department, but to celebrate the fact that six people

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Antique fire truck show

The Pompier, Pump & Playpipe Society of Indiana is hosting a National antique fire apparatus show and flea market.

Come to Indianapolis on July 18, 2009.

The event will be at the Wayne Twp. Fire Dept Training Grounds on the Westside of Indianapolis.

Join us for a fun day of pumping, sights and sounds from years past and static displays of antique firefighting apparatus from all over the world. In 2001, we had over 150 rigs for this show. The flea market opens at 8:00 a.m. and the show starts at 10:00 a.m.

Does your department have an antique fire truck they like to show off? Do you have a rig? Bring it to the show! Registration is only \$20 and includes a commemorative plaque and dash plate.

Do you have fire related flea market items to sell? A flea market space 8' X 40' is only \$10

For more info e-mail Clyde Pfisterer muster2009@pppsi.org or call Scott Rollins 317-439-8425. Visit our website pppsi.org

Spectators are free!!

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2009 CLARION
HOTEL AND CONFERENCE
CENTER
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

President Tim Deckard called the Officers meeting to order at 2:20 P.M. Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the Invocation.

Vice-President Buz Koehler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Deckard called for the reading of the minutes of the November 2008 meeting. Bill Pape, District 8A made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Carol Thrawley, District 13A made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer Report: Bev Harker - explained the 2008 budget. The actual expenditures against the amount we had budgeted. The major overage included the Committee Expenses, the Funeral Fund and the Public Relations expenses. Even with these overages and other cost cutting measures we had a Net Ordinary Income of \$11,976.23. Not enough action on 2009 to see any trends.

Carol Thrawley, District 13A made motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Tom Orrell, District 1 made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORT

PRESIDENT TIM DECKARD: Been busy the first month with a lot of meetings for Legislative issues. Been to several events so far.

VICE PRESIDENT BUZ KOEHLER: Been to two department meetings, five county meetings and seven memorial services. Send him your meeting dates and he will try to attend.

CHAPLAIN ED GERDOWSKY: Been to one Firehouse Dedication, two meetings and one memorial.

SGT-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH: Absent. (Recovering from bad fall on ice).

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD LARRY KEFCHEM: Pass.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS REPORTS

PRNW JIM BRADFORD: Attended seven district meetings, four memorial services, three awards ceremonies, one Firefighter Benefit, one Miss Flame Judging, one trip to Printco for the newspaper.

PRNE MORT SORG: Attended two funerals, two open houses, three fundraisers, six district meetings, two Gold Card presentations and two "25-Year Pin" presentations.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON: Attended seven district meetings, two Miss Flame judgments, one "Medal of Valor" presentation, one memorial service, three county meetings and one fundraiser.

PREC DON CUSHMAN: Attended three district meetings and four county meetings.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS: Attended six district meetings, three memorial services and two Miss Flame contests.

PRSE AL WILLIAMSON: Attended two memorial services, three chiefs' meeting and two district meetings.

PAST PRESIDENTS REPORTS

BUZ KOEHLER: Pass.

JACK ZEEKS: Pass.

RICHARD GLANT: Pass.

WILLIE PARISH: Pass.

IVAN NEVIL: Pass.

CARL BRUNS: Pass.

JIM PARKER: Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL: Next meeting March 18, 2009 at Burns Harbor Fire Department.

DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND: Next meeting February 18, 2009 at Wheatfield Volunteer Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN: Next meeting March 19, 2009 at Springfield Twp Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4 TERRY SMITH: Next meeting February 18, 2009 at Harrison Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 5 TONY FARRER: Next meeting March 12, 2009 at Syracuse Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 6 JERRY SPRAGUE: Next meeting March 24, 2009 at Jackson Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7 WALT REITER: Next meeting March 16, 2009 at Monroeville Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A E.W. PAPE: Next meeting March 11, 2009 at Green Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT: Next meeting March 11, 2009 at Monroe Twp Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A LEIGHANNE ELLIS: Next meeting March 26, 2009 at Russiaville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON: Next meeting March 12, 2009 at Burnettsville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL: Next meeting February 18, 2009 at Flatrock Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A JACK McFARLAND: Next meeting March

15, 2009 at Linton Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11B LARRY SOUTHARD: Next meeting March 8, 2009 at Jackson Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER: Next meeting date TBA at Coatesville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13A CAROL THRAWLEY: Next meeting March 17, 2009 at Pendleton Correctional Facility.

DISTRICT 13B DENNIS SPEARS: Next meeting February 12, 2009 at Centerville Fire and Rescue.

DISTRICT 14 CHARLIE MOON: Next meeting March 18, 2009 at Crothersville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON: Next meeting March 17, 2009 at Alcoa

DISTRICT 16 PAUL HOLCOMB: Next meeting March 10, 2009 at site TBA.

DISTRICT 17A SAM EMERY: Next meeting site and date to be announced.

DISTRICT 17B LUKE KLUENDER: Next meeting at Indiana Creek Fire Dept. Fayetteville.

DISTRICT 18 JOHN SMITH: Next meeting March 19, 2009 at Santa Claus Community Center.

DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE: Next meeting March 26, 2009 at Switzerland Co. EMS in Vevay.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ: Next meeting March 30, 2009 at Wabash Vol. Fire Dept Station #1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY: Down 7 1/2 days due to ice storm. Membership stands at 16,621 for this year. License plate sales for year is 3415, this figure is down from previous years and we need to encourage this plate as it is also funding for the Bridgeport Fund. Also 266 address corrections this quarter. Need to get these corrected. The 1-800-Fire Line is not being answered in Indiana at this time.

Our Trademark Logo registration will expire and we need to get registered and updated as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE - TIM DECKARD: Pass.

INSURANCE - BEV HARKER: The committee met last night with Lona Huffman and went over our current insurance policy looking for items that need changed. She is getting the figures for the Policy.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING - DIANE HARRISON: They met this morning; discussed ideas on what they need to do. Also plans for FDIC.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE - DAVID ISRAEL: Meet this morning and have two sites wanting Convention 2011, they are District 4 and 5 at South Bend and District 14 at Jeffersonville.

AWARDS - BUZ KOEHLER: All Mr. IVFA letters have been turned over to that committee. He has letters for Angel Award and Ollie Sandberg

Award. Needs each to turn in name for the Global Award this weekend if possible.

MR. IVFA - BUZ KOEHLER: They have a form for the information about the person they want to nominate for Mr. IVFA. This form will be put on the website so everyone can get it.

BRIDGEPORT - BEV HARKER: Had one death claim presented and it was denied, as person was not a paid member the previous two years.

CLOTHING CLAIMS - TONY FARRER: Had two claims for damaged clothing - one for \$40 dollars and one for \$50.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD: Total run for the last issue of newspaper 16,838 papers. Please check paper for correct address, phone numbers, e-mail address if any corrections are needed. Deadline for the next paper is April 10, 2009. Please make corrections of "bad address" labels from the Central Office.

AD-TAKER - WILLIE PARISH: Had two companies go out of business this quarter. One owed us \$300 and the other \$600. At the present time it would cost more to recover the money than what is owed.

WEB MASTER - BUZ KOEHLER: Discussed presentation by Web Master this morning. Can have your personnel address removed from the District Web Page by contacting the Web Master and having it removed.

LOGO - JOHN SMITH: If you need to use the Logo contact him.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION - JACK McFARLAND: Had meeting this morning. Discussed the importance of our taking part in FDIC. The date this year is April 22-25, 2009. Will have newspapers and pamphlet to pass out during FDIC. Also have a Power Point presentation to be running. Need volunteers to man the booth and a sheet is being passed around if you want to help. The booth number is 6022.

Also we will be present at the Indiana State Fair again this year. Will have more information on this at May meeting.

BYLAWS AND SOG'S - BUZ KOEHLER: Had two Bylaws changes submitted that were rejected because they were not presented in proper form (not voted on at a district meeting to submit them).

Bylaws change submitted by the By-Law committee to add to Article XV Section 7 the following:

Section 7: Any Section of an Article of the Bylaws that is proposed and addressed by the Board of Directors shall not be revisited for a period of two (2) years, with the exception of an emergency vote in the affirmative of 2/3 of the directors present.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER to

FIRE COUNCIL - WILLIE PARISH: Meeting March 31 to April 4, 2009 in Washington D.C.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY: Last meeting held in Richmond. The new rules for instructors was passed that require 6 hours of continuing education for instructors. The Training Division of IDHS is to put together a program for instructors and will include it in the Fire Schools in the state. As of this date none listed for Jasper or Duneland Schools.

If you still do not have a PSID number you must go to the IDHS web site to get one. No phone calls. Essentials 5 to be the teaching curriculum after July 2009.

FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE - BUZ KOEHLER: The dinner is February 9, 2009. A seminar on the Charleston, S.C. furniture warehouse fire will be at 1:00 P.M.

LINE OF DUTY DEATH - DIANA HARRISON: They have had nothing this year. Talked of some of the things they want to do in the future.

SUPPORTING HEROES - ERIC JOHNSON: Spoke about the Supporting Heroes Banquet that will be March 7, 2009 at the Galt House in Louisville, KY.

HISTORIAN - JOHN DAVIES: Article in newspaper.

LEGISLATIVE - IVAN NEVIL: Let lobbyist speak.

LOBBYIST - LARRY CURL: Gave his impression of being a lobbyist and the way things work. There were 736 Bills and 11 Joint Resolutions introduced in the House and 582 Bills and 15 Joint Resolutions introduced in the Senate. Of those the IVFA got two introduced. We are currently monitoring 40 bills that relate to Fire Service in some way. All bills we are following will be on the IVFA website. Discussed ways the IVFA should be more proactive to some legislation and less reactive. We need to study the Kernan-Shepard Report to streamline local government and make recommendations on each of the 27 points in the report. Kernan-Shepard Report was done and printed by December 2007. The IVFA and Chiefs Association were not asked for any input into how this would effect the fire services in Indiana until the middle of January 2009.

S.B 512 is the main carrier of the Kernan-Shepard Report and it comes for committee hearing this Wednesday. We need to have several people in uniform to appear at this hearing to support our lobbyist in our opposition to this bill as written.

Our two Bills: H.B. 1205 - Protection of employment rights if injured in line of duty while responding for Fire or EMS. This bill comes up for committee hearing this week.

H.B. 1352 Accident and Health Insurance required for Volunteer Fire Service to be adjusted to the minimum wage rates for the state of Indiana. This bill has passed out of committee with a

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Do Pass recommendation. Need to start thinking about next year's legislation now and have our program put together by August.

CONVENTION 2009 - CAROL THRAWLEY: Gave update on this years Convention; have some seminars planned, meeting will be outside in a tent. Registration \$75 until May 1, 2009 after that date it is \$85.

CONVENTION 2010 - LARRY KETCHEM: Had meeting two weeks ago and plans are progressing.

CONVENTION 2007 - STEVE ANDERSON: Presented checks to treasurer for the remainder of the loan from the IVFA for Convention 2007.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M. President Deckard reconvened the meeting with the morning message by Chaplain Gerdowsky.

President Deckard introduced Rusty Terrell from 1-800- Board-Up. He explained how they work on securing fire scenes and do restoration work for property owners. This phone number is answered 24/7 365 days a year.

MISS FLAME - KRISTEN WYLIE: Spoke on the many activities that she has attended and her project to raise funds for Riley Children's Hospital.

President Deckard stated for the May meeting for all district Chairmen to list the number of Bibles, grave markers and "25 Year" pins that each one has. Use the new district chairman report form that has a place on the bottom of them for this information. Also the form will be put on the Web Site so you can download it from there.

Discussion on having the "Fire Side Cafe" to be open at the May meeting. Charlie Moon, District 14 made to have restaurant open for noon

on Saturday. Willie Parish, past president made the second. Motion passed.

CHIEF OF STAFF IDHS - MIKE GARVEY: EMS is not taking away from 1st Responders. Only making sure the curriculum is right so that 1st Responders can maintain their present level of care. EMS Commission is opposing the H.B.1052 for Licensing of Paramedics. Talked on changes being talked about at the Federal Level.

MICHELLE BAXTER-AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INSURANCE: Would answer any questions from the group.

Benediction by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M. Next meeting May 2 & 3, 2009

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Meeting called to order by board chairman Jack Kerney.

Called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Bill Pape, District 8A made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Terry Smith, District 4 made the second. Motion passed.

Chairman Kerney called for a motion to elect Larry Ketchem as the new Chairman of the Board. Jim Bradford, PRNW made the motion to elect Larry Ketchem as Board Chairman. Terry Smith made the second. Motion passed.

Agenda:

(1) 1-800-Fire-Line: This number was originally answered in the State Fire Marshal's office. It is not being answered at this time. Charlie Moon, District 14 made a motion to activate the line and it is answered in the IVFA Office. Carol Thrawley, District 13B.

Motion passed.

Vice president Buz Koehler made a motion to spend up to \$1200 per year to operate the 1-800-Fire-Line. Past President Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

(2) Registration of IVFA Logo as trademark. Cost \$1100 to \$1200 to bring Logo up to date and re-register. Past president Willie Parish made a motion to keep the Logo registered with copy of procedure in Central Office. Jim Bradford, PRNW made the second. Motion passed.

(3) Award of Valor - Two plaques costing \$69 presented with the Award of Valor as directed by President Ketchem. Presidential request to be done: legal expense.

(4) Clock for FDIC give away - Jack McFarland, Chairman of FDIC committee requests we give one clock not to exceed \$100 this year. Charlie Moon, District 14 made motion to purchase one clock not to exceed \$100 for FDIC. Past president Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed.

(5) NVFC - Willie expressed concern of the cost of going to Washington D.C. for the spring meeting. He recommended that the president send a letter to the NVFC about this expense. Consensus is that we will continue to send delegates to the NVFC; we have seats on four committees and could lose them.

(6) \$1000 for the Burn Camp. Motion by Charlie Moon, District 14 that we make \$1000 donation to Burn Camp at the Fire Services Dinner tomorrow night. Larry Bruner, District 12 made the second. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow
Secretary*

District 15 ladies report ...

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walked away uninjured. I also did so without prior authorization from the Chief. For any embarrassment I caused the department, I apologize.

I attended the New Harmony Fire Department bean and sausage supper in January. I would have liked to be able to attend the one at Vincennes as well, but since they were on the same night I decided to stay closer to home. I know several people attended the Vincennes dinner and they all agree that it was a great time and money well spent. I personally think any fundraiser you can attend to help your local departments is worth the money. I just wish I was able to make more functions like this.

The January District 15 IVFA meeting was held at Perry Station and hosted by Ohio Valley Search and Rescue. We had three contestants for our Miss Flame title. They were Emily Girten, representing Newburgh, Richelle Garrison, representing Chandler and Kimber Hunt, representing Pigeon Township. I don't envy the judges having to decide who gets the privilege of representing District 15. They chose Emily Girten to represent our district at Convention this year. Emily seems like a lovely young lady and I think she will do our district proud. Congratulations, Emily.

Unfortunately we lost a great man in January. Jack Harker from District 17A passed away. I attended his showing in Vincennes. It was a sad occasion as it always is to lose someone you admire and look up to. He will be greatly

man with a big heart and a love for the fire service. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.


I attended the state meeting in Indianapolis in February. With the new location, of course, it's a little different. The main part is the same friendly faces. I know I am still new and learning the ropes of the IVFAA, but I really enjoy spending time with all the people I have met through this organization. I appreciate all the patience that you guys have had with me. I hope to be involved in this organization for a long time. It is an honor for me to be able to represent District 15.

I attended the March District 15 IVFA meeting at Alcoa. We had a good turnout. I for one have never been to Alcoa's department so for me it's always a treat to go to another department. We discussed several items that evening ranging from Miss Flame to what's going on with the Legislators. I must say sometimes it all overwhelms me, but I am glad to be a part of what is going on, even if I don't understand it all. I have a great respect for people like Jack Kerney who keeps up on this information and present it to us. I think it is amazing the amount of time he spends just to make sure our firefighters are safe and taken care of. I would like to extend a "Thank You" to all the people who give their time to help out our firefighters. To all the ones who speak for those that can't. You have my great admiration and respect, not to mention my gratitude.


I wish I could make it to FDIC in April. I'm embarrassed to say I have never made it. Scheduling so far has not permitted it. I am determined to one day make it up there. Even if it is for one day.

I am looking forward to attending

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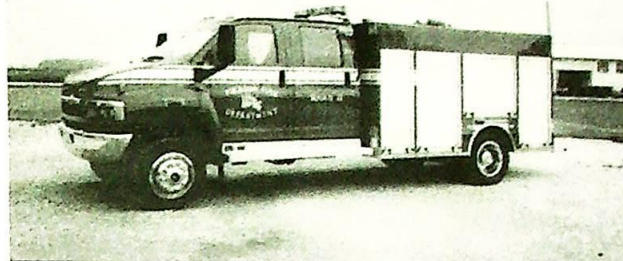
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the state meeting in May and of course Convention is coming up in June. I have my registration in and my hotel reservations made. I am looking forward to helping with Miss Flame this year. If you haven't registered, there is still time. If you have never attended a Convention you should attend at least one. I think you will find it very enjoyable and informative.

The next IVFA District 15 meeting is Tuesday, May 19 at Bucksin. Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.

*Heather Martin
District 15
IVFAA Chairman*

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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hi everyone,
I hope this finds you well and ready for sunshine and spring time.

The last state meeting was held February 8th at the Clarion in Indianapolis. Saturday we played Yahtzee and cards. We had a good time and had snack foods and guessing games. We all had a good time. We discussed the upcoming convention to be held in Indianapolis in June and the Chinese Auction to be held during convention.

District 19 held their IVFAA meeting at Sunman on February 10th

at the Fire House with 12 members present. We had a nice meal and a video of how to make a cake with Vi Bruns and Marilyn Smith in charge. It was very entertaining and we all had a good laugh.

Batesville told of an upcoming bowling tourney on February 14th and Morris will have a breakfast coming up in March. Sunman and Blooming Grove told of upcoming fish fries. Our local departments will give money for the basket to be raffled off at convention in June for the Chinese Auction.

Hope you can join in the fun at convention as we always have a good time.

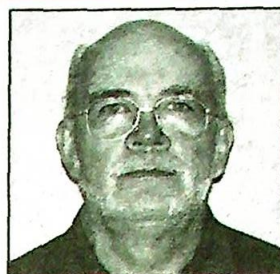
In the meantime if you have any suggestions, issues or concerns, please feel free to contact me before the next state meeting to be held May 3rd in Indy.

Have a blessed day!

*Pam Gerdowsky
District 19*

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DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

January 7, 2009, I went to the South Patoka Twp. FD and presented a Bible and grave marker to Laura Carlton, daughter of deceased South Patoka member Wilbur Fiscus.

I also presented South Patoka Chief Edward Schuessler his 25 year pin.

Sunday, January 11th, I attended District 17A's Miss Flame contest at Richland-Taylor VFD (Scotland Station). Ladonna Ferguson, representing Richland-Taylor, was runner-up and Amy Byers,

representing Highland Twp. FD, was crowned queen and will represent us at the convention.

Saturday, January 17th meeting was held at the annual sausage dinner put on by the Vincennes Twp. FD. District 17A Miss Flame Amy Byers was presented. Kristen Wylie, IVFA 2008 Miss Flame was in attendance.

February 1st a memorial service for Jack Harker, Vincennes Twp. FD, who had over 45 years services was held. I presented a Bible and grave marker to his wife, Beverly. I wish to express my condolences to Bev and the family.

February 5th I attended officers' meeting in Indianapolis.

February 28th I attended an appreciation dinner put on by Harvest Community Church near Bloomfield. Several fire departments in the area were in attendance. Many thanks for their effort and thanks for their support.

March 5th a memorial service was held at Odon for Elnora-Elmore Twp. FD. member David Kohlman. I presented a Bible and grave marker to his son. Condolences to the family.

March 9th IVFA District 17A and the Greene County Firefighter Association held a joint meeting at Fairplay Grant FD at Switz City. Many thanks for hosing the meeting.

I had the privilege of presenting Jerrell Holtsclaw his 50 year Gold Card. He was also presented a white helmet by his department.

March 19th I attended a memorial service for Thomas Felker of Wright Twp. FD, District 11A at Midland.

*Sam Emery
District 17A chairman*

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from the 18th District.

The meeting of 15 January was held in Otwell, with the Jefferson Twp VFD as host.

Jack Kerney from the Central Office spoke on legislation that is in progress. Michelle Baxter, American Income Life Insurance Co., explained about the insurance benefits that are available from her company and about the accidental death benefit that is available to all IVFA and IVFAA members.

District members were then introduced to Chris Hill, the new News Director at one of our local radio stations. Fifty (50) members answered roll call representing nineteen (19) departments and reported answering three hundred fourteen (314) calls.

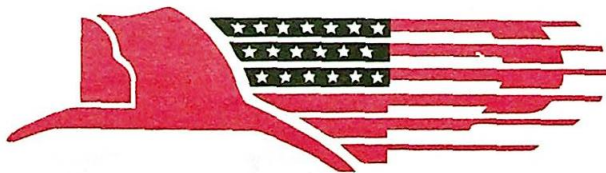
The meeting of 19 March was held at the Santa Claus Community Center with Santa Claus VFD as our host. District Chaplain Bro. Giles Mahieu, O.S.B., gave the invocation. A prayer was given and a moment of silence was observed in the passing of Gail Witte, former Dale Fire Chief; Dan Edward Stewart, Grandview Fire Dept; Janet Goodwin, widow of former State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin; and Jack Harker, Mr. IVFA 2008, past District 17A Chairman and Southwest P.R. Director. Jack was a member of the Vincennes Twp. VFD and a friend to all he ever met. I will miss him. Our guest speaker was Mr. Mike Garvey, Chief of Staff for Indiana's Department of Homeland Security who addressed the membership and spoke on the EMS

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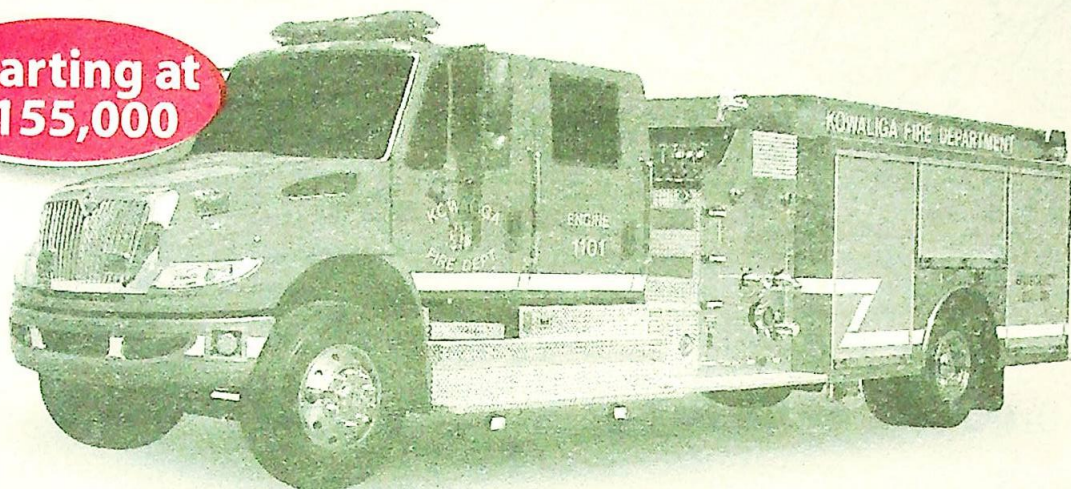
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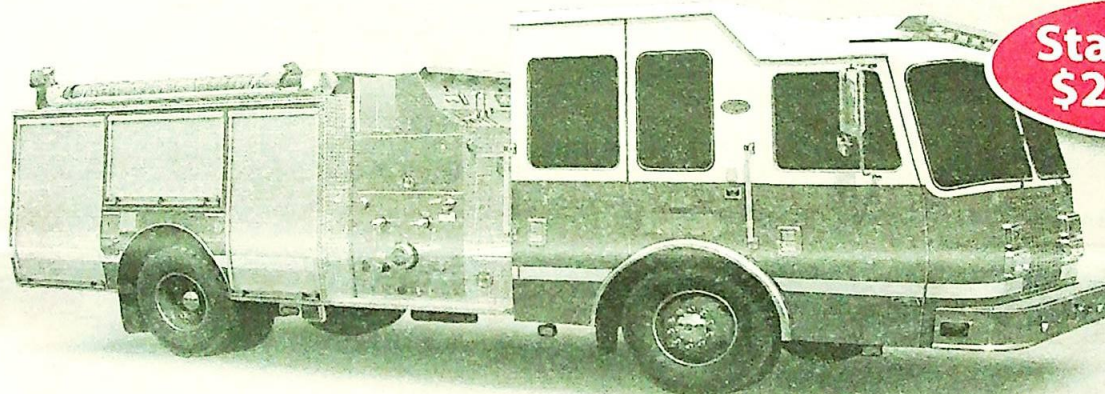
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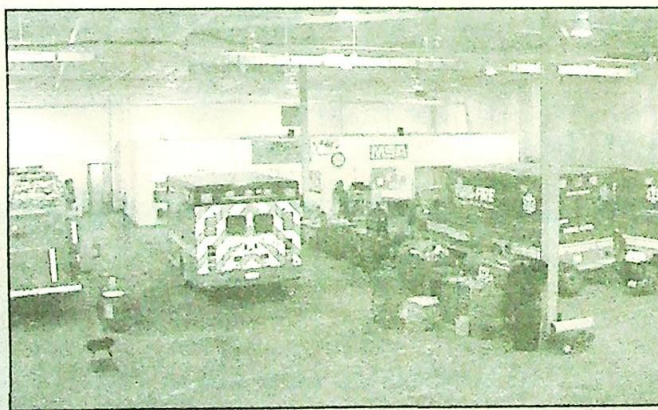


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Scope of Practice issues that are being discussed around the state. Accompanying Mr. Garvey to the meeting was State Fire Marshal James Greeson, who spoke on fire service grants.

Also in attendance at the meeting from IDHS & ISFM were Mr. Stan Capoblanco, and Mr. Carl Deel. My thanks to all of these gentlemen for taking the time to attend and address our meeting. My thanks also to IVFA State President Tim Deckard for joining us and speaking on bills currently in the legislature.

It was announced that the Jasper Fire School would be held on March 21 & 22 and 28 & 29, (check out the accompanying article).

Sixty-eight (68) members representing eighteen (18) departments answered roll call and reported answering two-hundred-eighty-one (281) calls.

*Until next time-
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*John C. "Bull" Smith,
Dist. 18 Chair*

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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ed Scheele - Chairman

As I am writing this letter we are having some severe storms in our area. Tomorrow they are calling for some snow flurries. Winter should be over soon and will be enjoying the nice weather.

Hope everyone had a very Happy Easter. Looking forward to this year's convention at Indianapolis. It will be an enjoyable time for families. Good luck to Rachael Butt, our district Miss Flame who will represent Sunman Rural Fire Department and Sunman Rescue 20.

Congratulations to Randy See, Switzerland Co. EMS; Jeff Darling and Mark Driver, East Enterprise VFD; Tim Huntington, John Pruss and Keith Sieverding, Friendship VFD on receiving 25 year pins. Thanks for your service to your communities.

*Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman*

The city of Gary, Indiana, was built on fill brought from the bottom of Lake Michigan through suction pipes.

Mooreville Police Dept. receives two AED's



Pictured (left to right) are State Auto representative Janice Brown, Officer Kevin Julian, District 12 chairman Larry Bruner, and State Auto analyst David Webster. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

Morgan County EMS Assoc. receives AED



Pictured (left to right) are State Auto representative Janice Brown, State Auto analyst David Webster, District 12 chairman Larry Bruner, John Trimpe and Scott Urban, Morgan County EMS Assoc. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



I hope everyone enjoyed Easter and is looking forward to summer.

The yearly audit is underway. It is done by Kemper CPA Group.

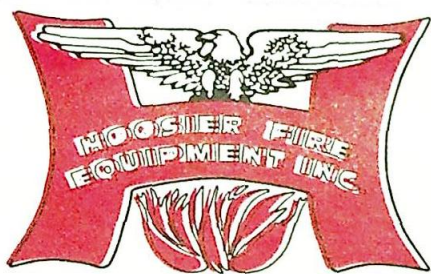
Soon it will be time for the convention and time to pay dues. Be sure and get your dues sent in on time so you will qualify for all the benefits of the organization.

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, gifts, food and visits at the time of Jack's death. It was a great tribute to Jack and I really appreciated it.

*Beverly Harker
IVFA Treasurer*

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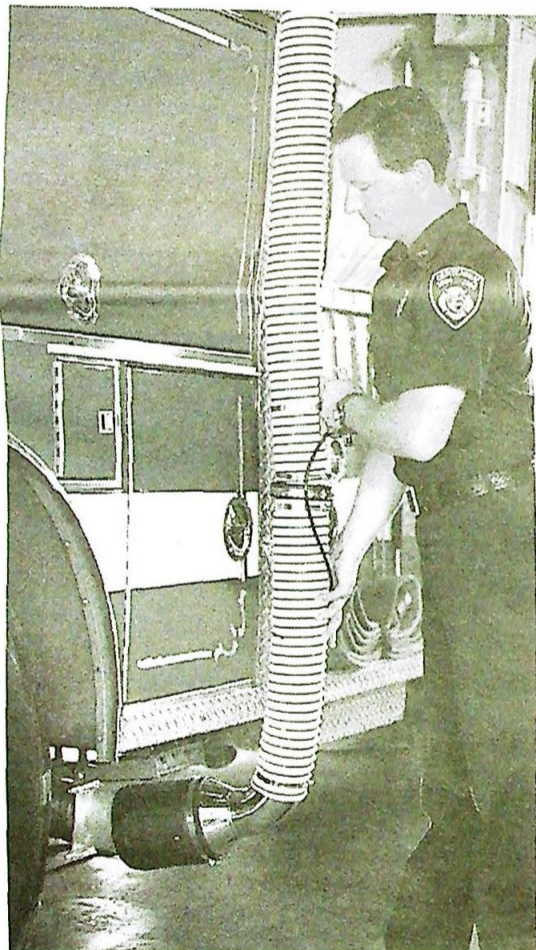
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5. Questions??? Contact Carol Thrawley @ cthrowley@yahoo.com



Celebrates 50 years as department; pork chop dinner held



(Pictured above): The Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department (Cowan) held a pork chop dinner October 18, 2008. They were celebrating 50 years as a fire department.

Shown here are the firefighters getting ready to serve the dinner.

(At right): shown here are the firefighters of the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department (Cowan) cooking the pork chops

Guess some have to work and some have to watch to make sure they are doing it right! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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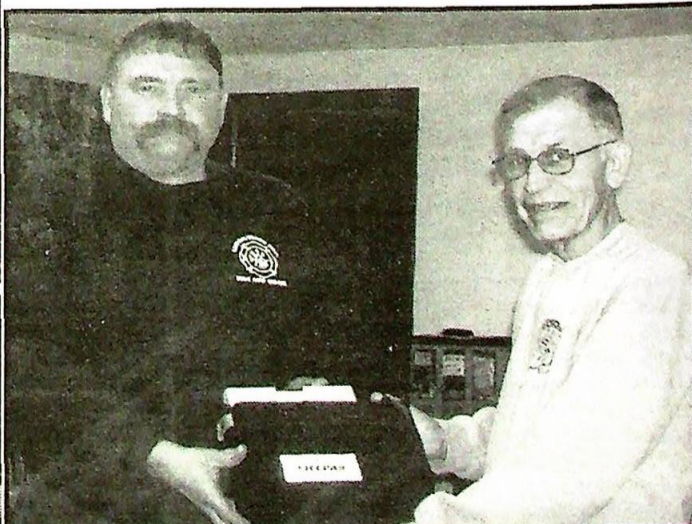
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Jamestown VFD receives AED



Pictured - left to right: District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and assistant chief Steve Leeke. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

Lizton Union Twp. VFD receives two AEDs



Pictured - left to right: Chief Jon Joseph and District 12 chairman Larry Bruner. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

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Miss Flame Kristen Wylie writes . . .

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I hope you all had a great Easter and spring break. I can't believe that the convention is less than two months away. The past few months have been very busy for me with fundraisers, dinners, breakfasts, and various fire departments functions. A special thanks goes out to the District 6 Miss Flame Jordan Gorsuch and the Albion Volunteer Fire Department for their help with the fundraiser for my Riley project. I need to thank the IVFA for allowing me to tag along to Washington D.C. I had a very informative and good time representing the Volunteers of Indiana while visiting with our Representatives and Senators from Indiana.

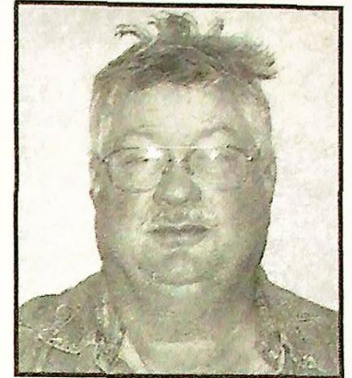


Part of my project for Riley is to collect pop can tabs. For all of the departments that are helping with the pop tabs, I appreciate all of your help! Please bring them with you to the convention in June. If you can not attend the convention, please send them to me. My address is 6100 S. 970 E., Wolcottville, IN 46795.

I want to say congratulations to all the new Miss Flames. I can't wait to meet you at convention in June. Good luck with making your posters for the Chinese auctions. I hope you have a great time making them. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 260-351-3045 or email me at missflame008@yahoo.com

Good bye for now. Hope to see you at convention.

*2008 IVFA Miss Flame
Kristen Wylie*



Hello all from the central part of the state. Hope all is going well.

Now that we have gotten some rain, the grass fires will slow down.

Hope a lot of you went to FDIC last week. A lot of good things to look and wish for.

Keep it safe out there.
Till next time,

Don Cushman - ECPR

IVFA goes to Washington, D.C.

Nine members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association traveled to Washington, DC grabbing the happenings on Capitol Hill. Our mission was carrying the request of the Volunteer Firefighters from Indiana, and be a part of the 21st Annual National Fire Emergency Services Seminar and Dinner.

The team of IVFA members were able to meet with the following Congressional members or their staff from Indiana: Dan Burton 5th District, Steve Buyer 4th District, Andre Carson 7th District, Joe Donnelly 2nd District, Brad Ellsworth 8th District, Baron Hill 9th District, Mike Pence 6th District, Mark Souder 3rd District, Pete Visclosky 1st District, Senator Evan Bayh - D IN and Senator Richard Lugar R-IN.

The IVFA carried several key points to each member of Congress.

1) Fire/Safer Act Grant Program asking for full support in continuing this program along with grant appropriations should increase annually to approach their full authorization level of \$1 billion per year.

2) Continued funding and full support of the USFA National Fire Academy. 'From President Bush's 5.5 percent decrease in the USFA budget, ask reauthorize of the USFA in support of H.R. 4847 and S. 2606.

3) Job protection for Volunteer Firefighters and EMS. Urging full support of H.R. 1643 and S. 2240; which will prevent employers from firing or demoting volunteer firefighters deployed Act defined emergencies or major disasters. Showing the progress that has been made in the state of Indiana by the bill in which IVFA introduced in the '09 legislation.

4) Tax Incentives for Retrofit of Fire Sprinkler System. Urging Full support of H.R. 1742 and S. 582; which will provide economic incentives to building owners to retrofit their buildings with fire sprinklers.

5) Continued support of volunteer firefighters of Indiana.

We understand that many on Capitol Hill do not have an accurate understanding of the mission of the local fire department and the

deficiencies in terms of training and equipment in many departments across the nation. The forming of the fire caucus was formed and continues to play a vital role on Capitol Hill and we encouraged the Indiana members who were not part to become a partner of the caucus.

Tim Deckard - President

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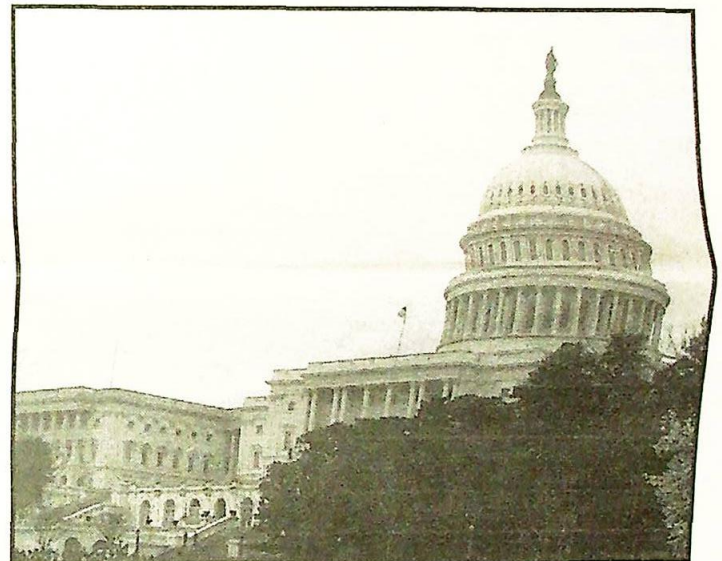
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With this passing from the Senate it went to the House of Representatives where it was not passed out of committee. Take a look at the legislator from your area and see how they voted.



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U.S. Department of Homeland Security



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Department
Ryan	P.	Jackson		Argos Vol. Fire Dept.
Joey		Cope		Bainbridge Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	K.	Fairchild		Batesville Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown		Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael		Demo		Bloomington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dessen	James	Miller		Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Beau	Steven	Gish		Cannelburg Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth		Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Luke	Jacob	McDonald		Cicero Vol. Fire Dept.
Jason	A.	Dean		Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Matthew	W.	Ladd		Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Deana	Yvonne	Hakes		Concord Twp. Fire Dept.
Justin	Wayne	Miracle		Concord Twp. Fire Dept.
Paula	J.	York		Cordry-Sweetwater Vol. Fire Dept.
Andrew	C.	York		Cordry-Sweetwater Vol. Fire Dept.
Aaron	Dean	Myers		Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.
Frank	S.	James		Decatur Twp. Fire Dept.
Jered	Alan	Stetter		Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker		Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.
Rusty		Oeth		Elberfeld Vol. Fire Dept.
Joseph	L.	Sunday		Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Michael	Alan	Tobin		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.
Jason	Leland	Meinhardt		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin		Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
Bryan	Howard	Allen		Forest Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	Edward	Stahly		Geneva Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Brian	A.	Napier		Glenwood Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Brandon	Buckner		Hamilton Twp. Fire Dept.
Nichlas	Charles	Bohm		Hanna Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Larry	Dean	Strait	II	Hartford City Fire Dept.
Eric	Joseph	Vonderheide		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Richard	Joe	Hamilton		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Nicholas	Paul	Meyer		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	E.	Shaw		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Berger		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas		Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	R.	Schillke		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Sabo		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
William	Wallace	Weaver	Jr.	Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Co.
Odis	Ray	King		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
Brandon	Joe	Johnson		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
Tony	Errol	Nunley		Markle Fire Dept.
David	C	Perry		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #2
Brandon	M.	McVade		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #2
Blake	Todd	Soller		Michiana Shores Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner		Milford Fire Dept.
John	Henry	Flowers	III	Milton-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.
Jeffery	Ryan	McClain		Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder		New Chapel Fire Dept.
Michael	B.	Dickey		New Washington VFD
Dallas	William	Hutts		Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
William	Jason	Goings		Ohio Twp. V.F.D. (Paradise VFD)
Frank		Galvan		Ohio Twp. V.F.D. (Paradise VFD)
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Philip	J.	Murphy		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
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Luke	Albert	Peters		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
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Jordan	H.	Craig		Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc.
Anthony	D.	DiMeglio		Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc.
Terry	Lynn	Miller	Jr.	Topeka Vol. Fire Dept.
Gregory	Gilbert	Beard		Toyota Fire Dept.
Harold	Eugene	Gieselman	Jr.	Toyota Fire Dept.
Brandon	James	Harris		Ward Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dalton	Roy	Harris		Ward Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Joshua	Lester	Sorrels		Waveland Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Ty	Bryant	Mercer		Webster Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Lisa	Dawn	Ellis		White River - Hazleton V.F.D.

Beyond Hoses and Helmets Leadership Class to be held

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The support offered by Pierce Fire Apparatus allows VCOS instructors to present this course throughout the nation in an effort to support the VCOS mission - to provide chief officers who manage volunteers within the fire/rescue/delivery system with information, education, services and representation to enhance their professionalism and capabilities.

Our vision is to be the leading international organization with sustained performance in representing the interests of the professionals who staff Volunteer and Combination Fire Departments. We will be a dynamic organization, characterized by our integrity, customer focus, membership growth, the value placed on people and superior application of technology. We will be the best at generating and applying new ideas and learning faster than other organizations.

"Beyond Hoses and Helmets" offers instruction in the following areas:

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- Retention
- Leadership
- Team Building
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- Conflict Resolution
- Principles of Negotiation
- Verbal Communications

The instructor for this class will be Fire Chief Shane Ray of the Pleasant View (TN) Fire Department. Shane Ray began his fire service career in 1984 as a volunteer fire explorer with the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department. He currently serves both career and volunteer agencies and is active with local, state and national organizations.

Shane worked through the ranks of career and volunteer organizations serving as firefighter, engineer, lieutenant, captain, training officer, shift commander, deputy chief, and chief. Shane currently serves as Chief of the Pleasant View, Tennessee Volunteer Fire Department and Associate Director of Public Fire Protection for the National Fire Sprinkler Association.

Chief Ray received a Bachelor of Science in Fire Protection Administration from Eastern Kentucky University and a minor in Political Science. Chief Ray currently serves on the Board of the Fire & Life Safety Section as well as being a member of the Human Relations Committee for the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He also serves as the chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Tennessee Fire Chiefs' Association and as president of the Cheatham County Firefighters' Association.

Chief Ray also serves as a fire service instructor at the Tennessee Fire & Codes Enforcement Academy as well as the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Shane is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government State and Local Program, and University of Maryland's National Leadership Institute Development Program. Shane realizes the importance of training and has worked his entire career to enhance his own training while exchanging it with others.

This class will be offered May 16 at the Vincennes University campus in the Technology Building on Chestnut Street, in the auditorium. Class will be from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., with lunch being on your own.

This class is free of charge.

To register:

1. Log on to <http://www.indianafiretraining.com> <<http://www.indianafiretraining.com/>>

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3. Click on "Click here to sign up"

4. Once you are registered on the website, scroll down the list of trainings until you find "Beyond Hoses and Helmets".

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To register by phone, call Tony Knight - Training Coordinator - at 812-439-6952.

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Diane Harrison



Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I have been able to attend three Miss Flame contests. I wish all the girls the best. Remember to support these young ladies; invite them to your fundraisers. Also on the same note, state Miss Flame Kristen Wylie has made her project the Riley Children's Hospital. She is in hopes of having enough teddy bears for her and all of the 2009 Miss Flames to go to the hospital and give one bear per child. I am sure she would appreciate any help that we could give her for this cause.

Convention is getting closer. Remember registration deadline is May 21 and then registration raises \$10.00. Hope to see everyone there.

Our Lobbyist Larry Curl was at District 11-A meeting. He was very informative. Remember just because session will be over we need to invite our senators, representatives to our fundraisers to let them know what we do for our communities, and where we stand on issues. We don't like to talk about ourselves but we must let our communities know what we do.

I was able to attend the annual Supporting Heroes banquet on March 7. It is a very good way of paying our respects to the heroes' family and department or agency. To let them know that their hero is not forgotten. I would recommend everyone try to attend next year's banquet.

I attended memorial services for fighters Ralph Williams and Tom Felker. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

I would like to congratulate Estel Shidler for his retirement from the Hymera Fire Department after serving 30 years.

I encourage all members to attend their district meetings. There is a lot of good information at these meetings and we often have speakers and dealers sharing information with us.

Until next time, everyone stay safe.

Diane Harrison
 WCPR



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Liberty Twp. VFD holds chili supper

Redkey VFD holds chicken & fish fry



Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department (Selma) held a chili supper on October 4, 2008. Looks like Fire Chief Rick Compton and his wife are in line to get their food. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



The Redkey Volunteer Fire Department held a Chicken & Fish Fry on October 4, 2008. Serving the fish (from left to right) are Richard Current and Gary De Voss. Gary makes sure he is serving the right amount of pieces! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Twenty-five year pins presented to Montpelier VFD members



On November 6, 2008, District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented 25 year pins at the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured from left to right, are Ton King, Gary Elkins, Ron Baker and district chairman Lloyd E. Wright. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

2009 IVFA Convention -
June 17th
thru June 20th -
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Pennville VFD hog roast held



Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast on October 18, 2008. Pictured here is fire chief John Corwin. Guess maybe even the fire chief has to help out. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

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Jim Abrams**



I attended District 17A sausage supper at Vincennes Twp. Vol. Fire Department.
I missed District 18's meeting at Otwell. I had the flu.
I attended District 15's meeting at Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. at Evansville. Their new Miss Flame is Emily Girten of Newburgh Vol. Fire Dept.
I attended District 17B's meeting at Ellettsville Vol. Fire Dept. on Feb. 4th. Next meeting is May at Indiana Creek Vol. Fire Dept.
I attended the memorial and funeral services of Jack Harker of

Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. Jack was district chairman of 17A for three terms, P.R.S.W. and treasurer of the I.V.F.A. Jack was on the Board of Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. His loss will be felt by everyone who knew him. Jack received Mr. I.V.F.A. at our last convention and it really touched his heart. He and Beverly were very active attending all meetings and memorials. Jack will be truly missed by his department, the IVFA and all of his many friends!

I attended District 15's meeting on March 17, 2009 at Alcoa at Newburgh, IN. Their next meeting will be on May 12th at Buckskin Vol. Fire Dept.

I attended 17A's meeting which was a joint meeting with Greene County Firefighters Assoc., held in Switz City, IN.

I attended a memorial service for Thomas Felker of Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. at Jasonville on March 19th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and department.

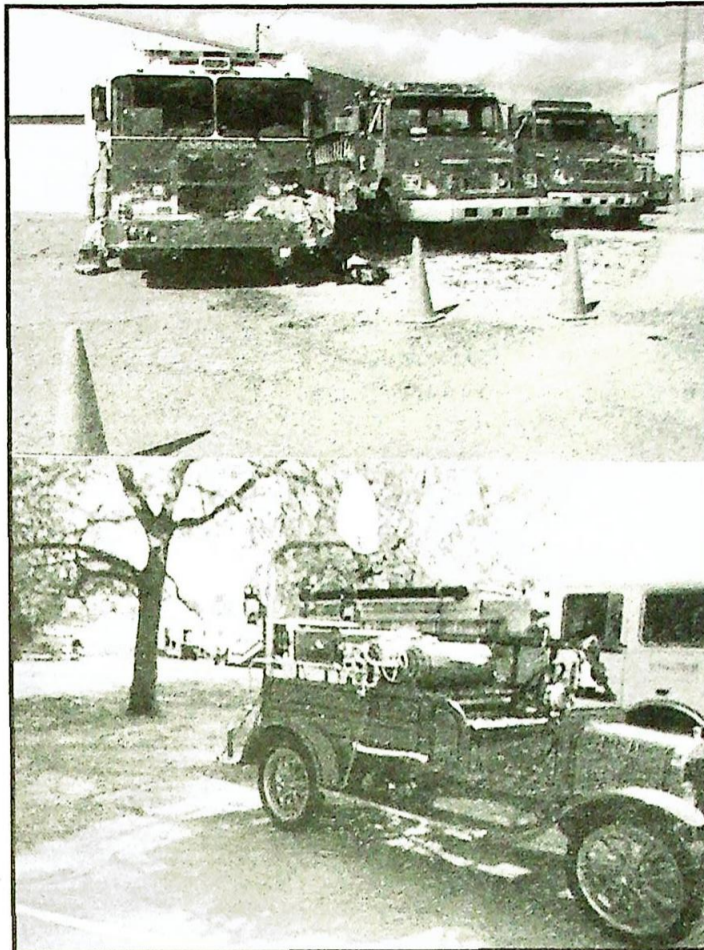
I missed District 18's meeting at Santa Claus to attend the memorial. District 18's next meeting will be May 14th at St. Henry.

I also attended the district meeting of the IVFA in Indianapolis. I also went to the Statehouse to show support to the IVFA against Legislative Bill 512.

See you all at the May meetings!

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

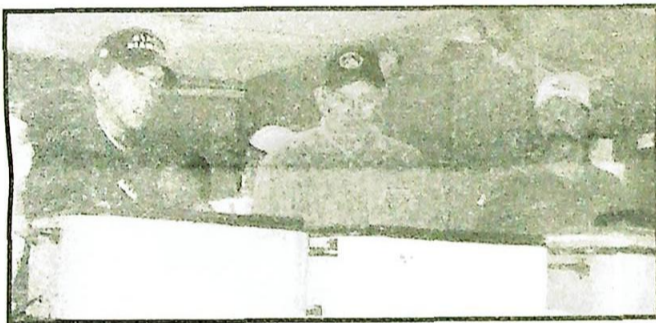
**Fire truck show held as part of
fifty
year
celebration**



The Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department (Cowen) celebrated 50 years as a department on October 18, 2008. As part of the celebration they held a fire truck show.

Shown here are the trucks from their station. Also pictured is a truck from the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Chicken and fish fry held at Salamonia VFD



The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and fish fry on October 25, 2008 at their fire station.
Serving the food (from left to right) are Zack Hudson, Tom Jacobs, and Doug Hudson.
Sure hope they know what they are doing! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Helping to serve at the chicken and fish fry held at the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department are Kristen Wylie, IVFA Miss Flame and Ashley Theurer, District 8B Miss Flame.

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Public Relations Director Northeast Maurice "Mort" Sorg



The calendar says that spring is here! With nice weather on the way, we will be faced with more and more runs related to grass fires. Also, we must all be aware of farmers and their large equipment on the roads. People will also be anxious to get out and walk or ride bicycles. Please drive carefully.

Since the last letter, I have attended many district meetings, fundraisers and traveled to Indianapolis for the Fire Service Institute Dinner. I just recently returned from Washington D.C. Members of the IVFA spent three days speaking with the senators and representatives from Indiana about

issues important to the volunteer fire service.

At the Congressional Fire Caucus Dinner, our guest speaker was vice president Joseph Biden. He is a long time supporter of the volunteer fire service. When he was a senator and now as vice president, he mentions in his speech, "There are three political parties, Democrats, Republicans and Volunteer Firefighters."

The current session of State Legislature has ended. I thank you for your backing of the Legislative committee. Any time you are asked to contact your legislators, please do so promptly. It is one way to let them know the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association is out there in the fields.

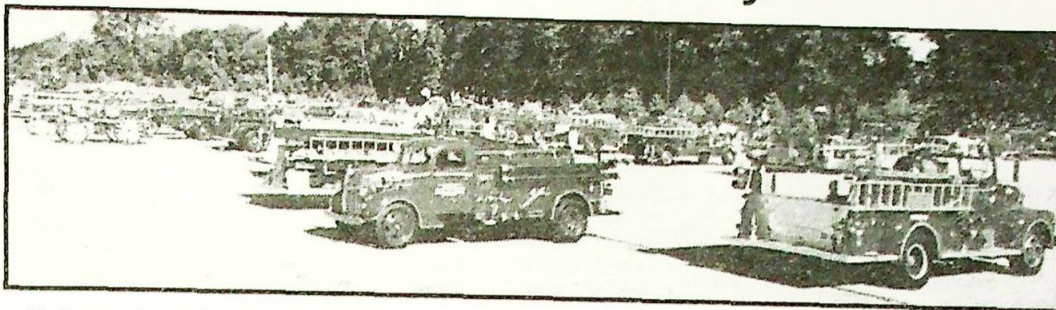
The 2009 convention will be held in Indianapolis on June 17, 18 and 19. It will be held at the Holiday Inn/Caribbean Cove. The Caribbean Cove is a water park that will make convention a very family friendly event. You still have time to make reservations and get your registrations sent in. Complete information appears elsewhere in the paper.

Again, I ask you to contact me with any problems, concerns or fundraisers in your area. I will try to make as many as possible.

See you at the next district meeting in your area or at convention.

Maurice "Mort" Sorg, PRNE

PPPSI to host national show for antique fire trucks July 18th



To the members of the Pompier, Pump and Playpipe Society of Indiana (PPPSI) it is all about the noble tradition of being a firefighter and the tools used to fight fire. Whether it is a bed key from the 1800s or a Scott airpack from 1970, one of our members is interested in its history. Though we are loosely based in central Indiana, we have members from South Bend to Madison to Evansville, and everywhere in between.

Many of our members focus on antique fire trucks. In our group there are several rigs with a proud history of serving volunteer departments in Indiana including: a 1916 Ahrens-Fox pumper (ex-Washington Hose Co 2, Madison, IN), a 1920 American LaFrance pumper (North Liberty), a 1934 Diamond TjGeneral pumper (ex-Van Buren), and 1956 American LaFrance pumper (ex-Otterbein).

On Saturday, July 18th of this year PPPSI will be hosting a national show for antique fire trucks and a firematic flea market as well. The show is the culmination of a four-day conference held annually by our national organization, the Society for the Preservation & Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America (I know it seems all these type of clubs like long names, we'll shorten this one to SPAAMFAA). SPAAMFAA has over 3500 members in North America. When PPPSI hosted this show in 2001, we had over 170 antique rigs show up from all over North America.

Join us for a fun day of fire trucks pumping water as well as static displays of antique firefighting apparatus. The show will be at the Emergency Services Education Center and Wayne Township conference facility; 402 N. High School Road Indianapolis, IN 46214. The flea market will open at 8 a.m. and the fire truck show opens at 10 a.m. Both events will end at 3 p.m.

If you have an antique or your department owns one, please consider bringing it to the show. Contact one of the people below for more information on this event if needed.

Clyde Pfisterer
muster2009@pppsio.org
Scott Rollins 317-439-8425

Photo artline: A view of our 2001 show in the afternoon.



District 8B holds Miss Flame contest

On February 11, 2009 District 8B of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association recently held their annual Miss Flame contest.

This year's event was hosted by the Liberty Township (Selma) Volunteer Fire Department.

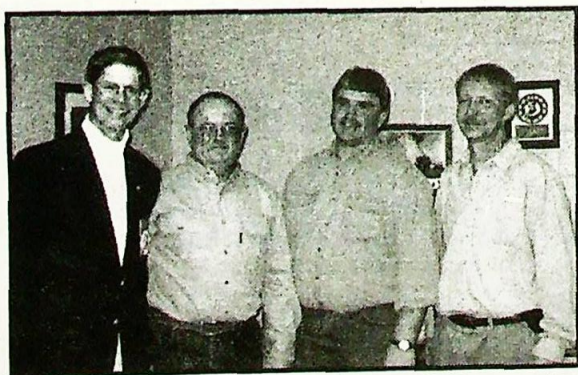
District 8B consists of Jay County, Randolph County, Blackford County, and Delaware County.

The purpose of the Miss Flame contest is to select a Miss Flame to represent the district at the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association convention in June which will be held in Indianapolis.

Lindsey Current from the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department was chosen District 8B Miss Flame for 2009. Kylee Bell from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was chosen first runner-up.

Pictured - from left to right - Ashley Theurer, Miss Flame 2008 Kylee Bell from Pennville VFD, Lindsey Current from the Redkey VFD, Courtney Willoughby from Dunkirk VFD, Heaven Smith from Montpelier VFD, Megan Karn from Salamonia VFD, and Michelle Gardner from Liberty Township (Selma) VFD. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Presented 25 year pins



At their annual dinner on Saturday, January 31, two members of the Schnellville VFD (District 18, Dubois Co.) were presented with their IVFA 25 year membership pins.

Jack Welp (center, left) and Bernie Gutsell (center, right) are pictured with Schnellville Chief Mark Fischer (far right) and District 18 chairman John C. "Bull" Smith. -- article and photo provided by John C. "Bull" Smith.



Amber Little chosen District 2 Miss Flame

Amber Little wins title of Miss Flame for District 2.

District 2 of the I.V.F.A.A. would like to wish Amber good luck at state.

Pictured with Amber is Phyllis Vargo, chairman of District 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A. -- submitted by Marge Baumgardner, Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept. ladies' auxiliary.

Mary Ann Fazekas named District 1 Miss Flame



Mary Ann Fazekas wins Miss Flame for District 1 of the I.V.F.A.A. District 1 & 2.

We want to wish her good luck at state.

Pictured with Mary Ann is Jim Bradford, P.R. Northwest, Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman for the I.V.F.A. and Phyllis Vargo, District 1 chairman for District 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A. -- submitted by Marge Baumgardner, Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept. ladies' auxiliary.

**Public Relations
Director
Southeast
Al Williamson**



Hello to all,
I have been getting in some miles this past quarter with trips to Indianapolis for a show of force against SB512, district meetings and going to Washington, D.C.

We are preparing for the Thunder over Louisville event here in the southern part of the state which brings a lot of people to our Indiana shore line.

I know everyone is looking forward to summer and I hope planning on attending the I.V.F.A. convention in June in Indianapolis.

My apology to District 16 for not being able to attend their last few meetings but I will get back on track with that.

See you in June if not before.

*Al Williamson
P.R.S.E.*

**IVFAA
Chaplain**

Joann Hays



The auxiliaries have lost a number of their members and I know these ladies have been such a great part of their auxiliary.

These ladies will be remembered at the memorial service and a rose will be placed as their name is read by the chaplain. Rosemary Smith - Lake of the Four Seasons - District 2, Jane Ferro - Elkhart (Cleveland Twp., District 4), Janet Goodwin - Angola - District 6, Marjorie Brames - Hoagland - District 7, Frieda Butlemeir - Poe - District 7, Dorothy Brentlinger - Prairieton - District 11A, Charaletta Bulter - Prairieton - District 11A, Maxine Mays - Prairieton - District 11A, Mary Ellen Parks - Prairieton - District 11A, Martha Madge Thorne - Dana - District 11B, Ruth Fillmore Federle - Batesville - District 19 and Eleanore Nordmeyer - Morris - District 19, Velma Brinkman - Adams-New Haven - District 6.

My love and prayers goes out to all of these families and their departments for their loss.

The IVFA has lost several of their members who have been a great help to the Association.

My sympathy and prayers go to the families of past president Jack

Cox; District 17 chairman Jack Harker and past treasurer; and Roy Richardson, past Public Relations.

I know I have mentioned the names of some of those who I have known over the years, but I know there have been many more IVFA members who have passed on and they will be named on the cross and a rose will be placed for each of them. My love and prayers goes out to all of their families and departments.

My blessings go out to all of our members of the IVFA and IVFAA families and friends. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow.

For you attending convention, please attend the memorial service on Friday, as I have said before.

This is the only time we can be together and united as one organization to pay our finale respects to those who have served this organization well.

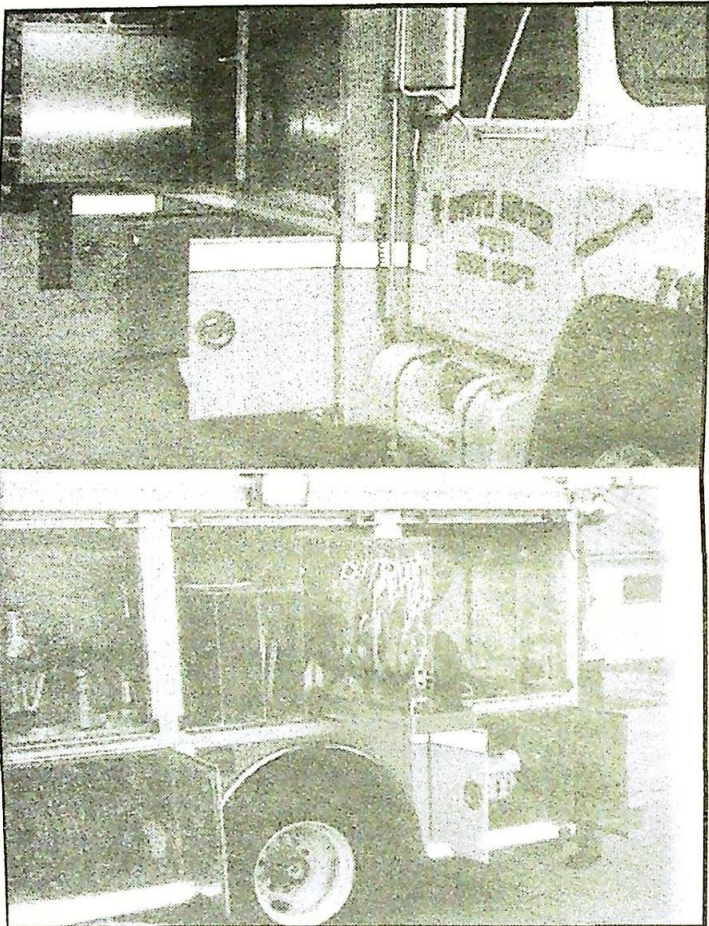
Until we meet again, may the good Lord bless you and keep you in His care.

Have a good convention and a safe trip home.

Love and prayers,

*Joann Hays
IVFA chaplain*

**White River Twp. VFD
receives rescue truck**



Shown here is the new rescue truck that White River Township Volunteer Fire Department received - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

**White River Twp. VFD
receives rescue truck**



The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party on December 13, 2008 at the station.

Shown here is part of the crowd enjoying the carry-in supper. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Welcome everyone to Convention 2009.

I have had several memorial services lately and it hasn't been very easy because some of these have been very close to me and have known them for many years.

My sympathy and prayers go out to all of you who have lost a loved one. Bless you.

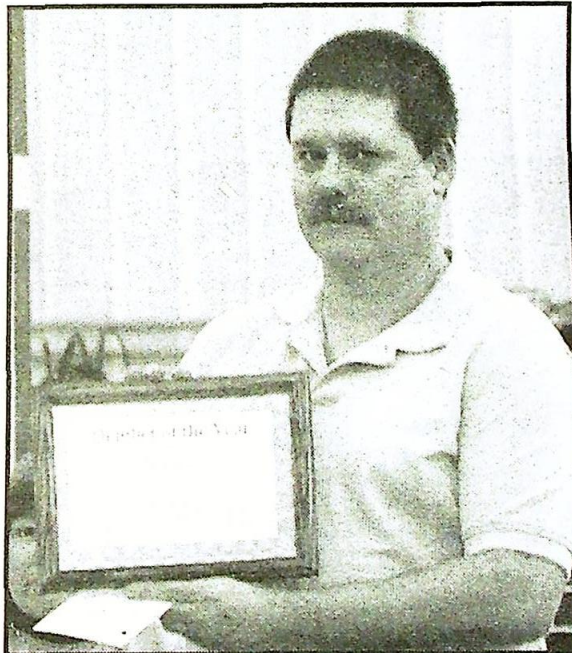
Members receive 25 year IVFA pins



Green Township Vol. Fire (Hancock Co.) members receiving their 25 year IVFA pins.

Left to right are Mark Wischart, Ronnie Mohr, Robert Holland, John Moran and Jack Duncan.

Ronnie Mohr, Robert Holland and John Moran were original members of the department when it was formed in 1981. - submitted by Jerry Titus, Captain/Secretary, Green Twp. Vol. Fire Department.



**Rob Day
receives
Member of
Year 2008
award**

Green Township Vol. Fire member Rob Day is shown receiving an award for being the department's Member of the Year for 2008.

Rob was the most active member for the year and also contributed a lot of hours doing maintenance and other jobs around the station. - submitted by Jerry Titus, Captain/Secretary, Green Twp. Vol. Fire Department.

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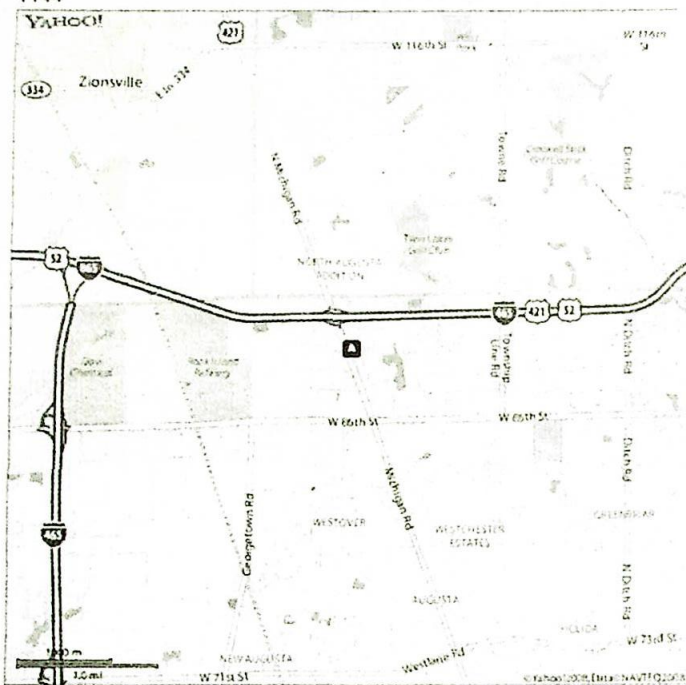
Hello to all for Convention 2009

Hello all. The 63rd Convention of the I.V.F.A. is just around the corner. The theme this year is "Splash into Indy". As most (if not all) of you know it will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Caribbean Cove Water Park in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention dates are June 17 through June 20, 2009. The Hotel is located at 3850 Depauw Blvd, Indianapolis, IN. That is just South of I-465 at Michigan Road on the Northwest side of Indianapolis.

The Convention Committee has worked hard in the planning of this year's Convention. We hope to make it a family event this year with plenty of time for play in the Water Park. We will have child care available for your children during the day. Susan Lewis and her foster daughters provide this for you. These girls have much experience in baby-sitting and are looking forward to you and your children's attendance. This service is to allow both mom and dad the chance to attend the events without the stress of watching the kids at the same time.

We are bringing two training opportunities to you this year. For those Fire Instructors who attend, we have an Adult Continuing Education Seminar on Thursday. You should get one and a half hours credit for this Seminar. Also on Thursday, we are offering for the

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first time that we know of at a Convention, a Live Burn Training. The I.D.H.S. Live Burn Training Trailer will be there and we will have a Live Burn for three hours on Thursday. In order to attend this session you must sign up on line at www.ivfa.org to assure you a spot. Further information is available there.

We are looking for a splashing good time in 2009 at Caribbean Cove Water Park and are awaiting you and your Family.

See you there, Carol Thrawley; "Splash into Indy" Convention Chairman

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 17th, 2009

08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	Registration	Lobby Area
10:30 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.	Chinese Auction	Vendors Area
10:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.	Golf Game	Coffin Golf Course
06:00 p.m. - 08:00 p.m.	Meal	TBA
07:00 p.m. - 09:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Mixer	TBA
09:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Auction	TBA
07:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Room 161
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Entertainment	TBA

Thursday, June 18th, 2009

08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	Chinese Auction	Vendor's Area
08:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Pre-Judging	Terrace Room
09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Firefighter Board of Education	Monte Carlo
09:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m.	Hell and Back	Grimaldi Room
09:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	Vendor's Open	Pool Area
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Adult Education	Monaco Room
12:00 p.m. - 01:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Rendezvous Room
12:00 p.m. - 03:00 p.m.	Live Burn Trailer	Parking Lot
02:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.	Miss Flame final Judging	Tent
03:30 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.	IVFA Officers Meeting	Monte Carlo Room
03:30 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.	IVFAA Officer Meeting	Monte Carlo Room
04:00 p.m. - 06:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Room 161
05:00 p.m. - 06:30 p.m.	Hot Dog & Beer Bust	Atrium
07:30 p.m. - 09:30 p.m.	Open Meeting	Tent
09:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room	Room 161
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Family Movie	Casino
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Fun in the Water Park (ADULTS ONLY)	

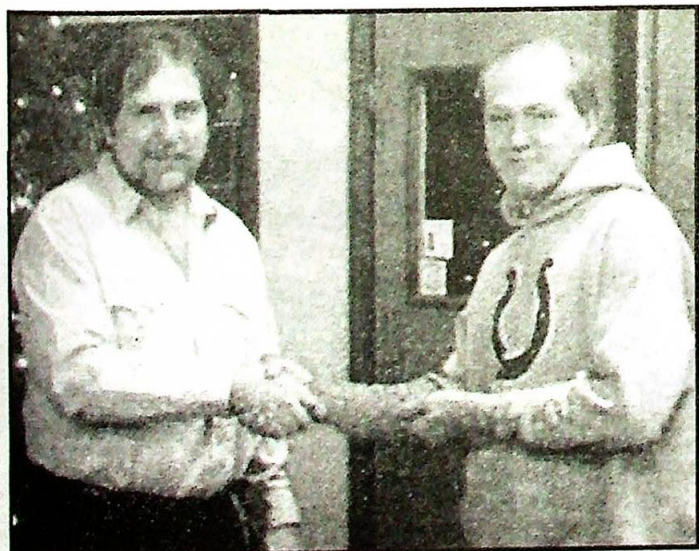
Friday, June 19th, 2009

07:00 a.m. - 08:00 a.m.	Coffee Klutch	Rendezvous Room
07:00 a.m. - 08:00 a.m.	Registration	Lobby
08:00 a.m. - 09:00 a.m.	Memorial Service	Monte Carlo Room
09:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	Chinese Auction	Vendor's Area
09:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	IVFA Business Meeting	Tent
09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	IVFAA Business Meeting	Grimaldi Room
09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Vendor Open	Pool Area
10:00 a.m. - 04:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Outing	Lobby
01:30 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.	IVFA Officers Meeting (If needed)	Tent
01:30 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.	IVFAA Officer Meeting (If needed)	Grimaldi Room
12:30 p.m. - 04:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Room 161
06:30 p.m. - 09:00 p.m.	Children Party	Rendezvous Room
06:30 p.m. - 09:00 p.m.	Banquet	Tent
09:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room	Room 161
10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Fun in the Water Park ADULT ONLY	Water Park



John Clark awarded 10 year pin

Fire chief Mike Osgood, Farmland Volunteer Fire Department, presented John Clark his 10 year pin. - submitted by Bill Sunday.



Brant Jones receives 5 year pin

Fire chief Mike Osgood, Farmland Volunteer Fire Department, is shown presenting Brant Jones his 5 year pin. - submitted by Bill Sunday.

Ten year pin awarded to Molly McGuire of Farmland VFD



Molly McGuire, Farmland Volunteer Fire Department, is shown receiving her 10 year pin from fire chief Mike Osgood. - submitted by Bill Sunday.

August deadline will be 12:00 Noon July 10, 2009

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Peggy Sue Nifong
Bourbon F.D. – District 5



Jordan Gorsuch
Albion Fire Dept. – District 6



Kaylea Kongar
Berne F.D. – District 7



Lindsey Current
Redkey F.D. – District 8B



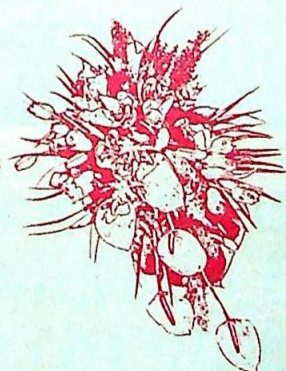
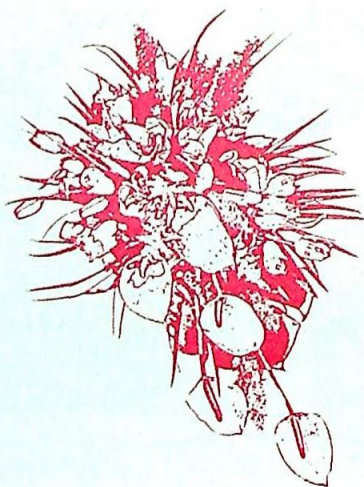
Amber Blackburn
Burrows/Liberty Twp. – District 9A



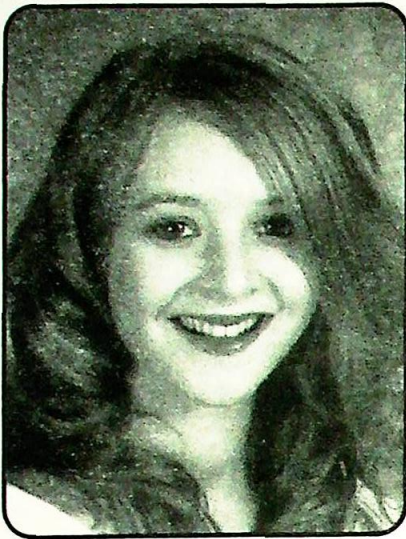
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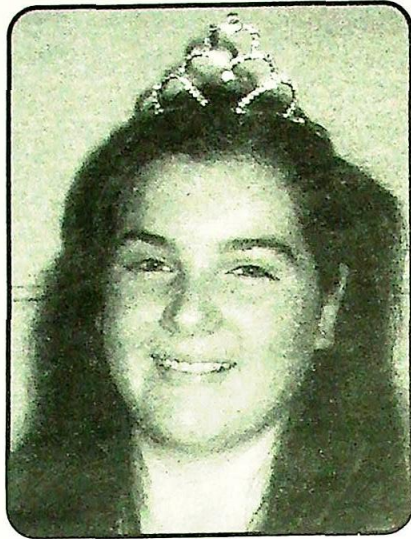
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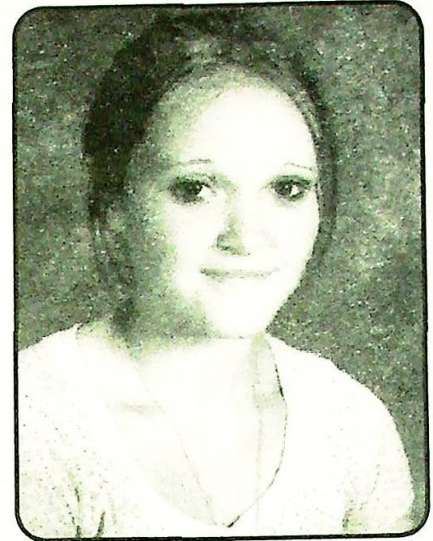
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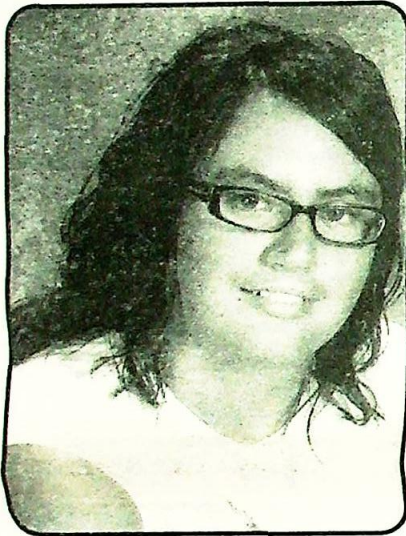
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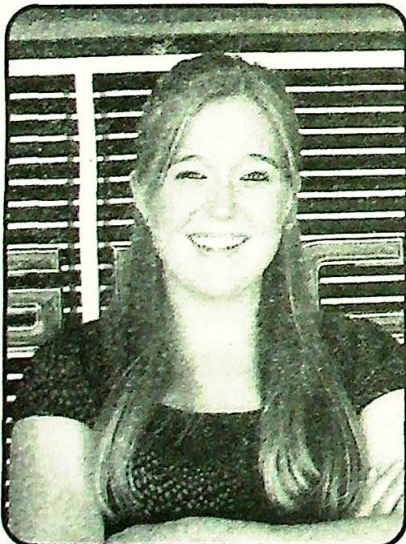
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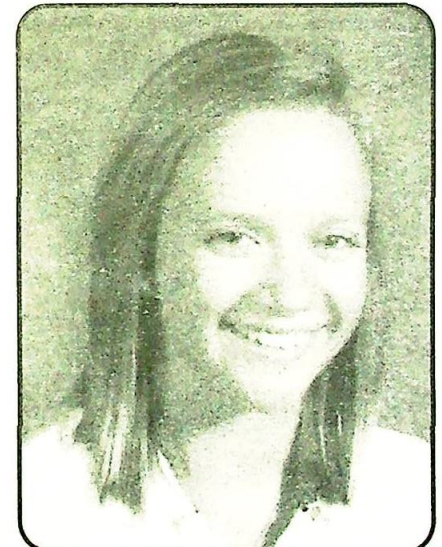
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Success story of the Dana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary

The Dana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary was organized in June of 1970. This effort was started because a group of energetic ladies just knew that the firemen needed their help. They could use help with purchasing fire equipment, supplies and developing a firehouse that would be conducive of being able to hold fund raising activities.

Without one dime in the treasury, an industrial size stove that cost \$500 was ordered. Wow, what a lot of money in 1970! It was to deliver in 3 months. We had to get busy earning money. We had bake sales every Saturday on Main Street in Dana and would have rummage sales frequently. Through a lot of effort from these ladies and community support, we had the money for the stove when it delivered.

This was the beginning of a very active and vibrant Auxiliary. We have had members come and go but most have been active for many, many years. We still have three of our charter members. All have played an active part in the success of the Auxiliary. If you do the math you will know that the auxiliary has been in existence for 39 years. Much of that is attributed to the fact that, we have always worked together as a team and have set goals to work toward. We have also encouraged the fun times. We go out for a Christmas party each year as well as have family Christmas dinners at the firehouse.

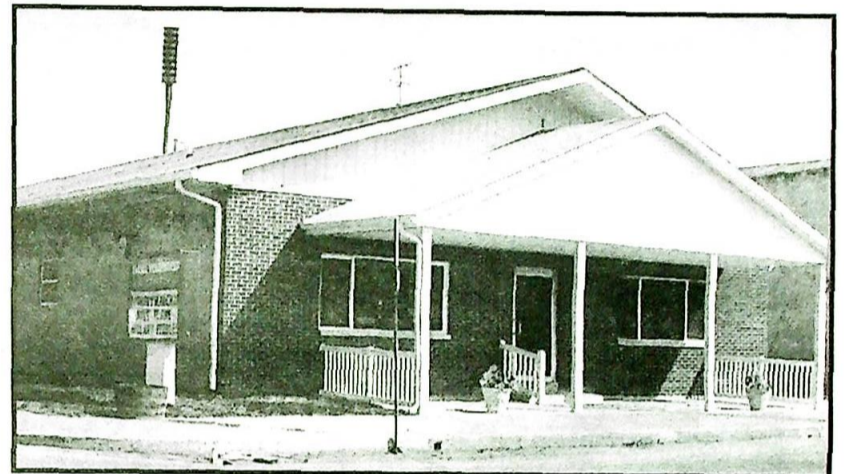
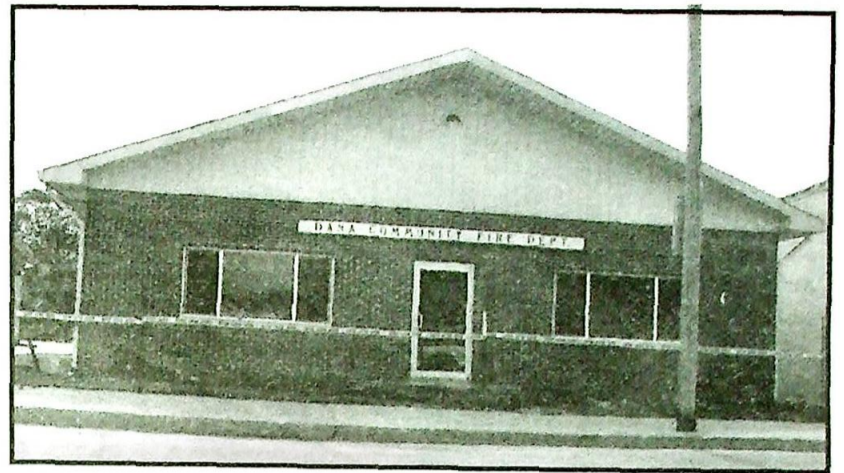
Over the years numerous fund raisers as aforementioned baked goods and rummage sales as well as raffles and various types of dinners were held. We served food at auction sales. It always seemed like the weather was extremely cold or very hot but had a great time doing them. Our most successful dinners are the chicken and noodles. We have noodle making evenings at the firehouse and have made as many as 12 dozen eggs up in one evening. We always have a chicken noodle dinner at our Dana Firemen's Festival and the community seems to look forward to that. They also like our pies that we sell at the firemen's fish fry.

Thousands of dollars have been earned and has gone toward buying appliances, equipment and supplies for the firehouse kitchen as well as tables and chairs and other equipment. A few years ago, the auxiliary paid for a new heating and air conditioning system in the firehouse. We have also given several thousand dollars toward the purchase of a couple of fire trucks.

Our most recent endeavor was to make the front of the firehouse more attractive. Over a two year period, a porch was added to the front and a new sign. The photographs (before and after) in this paper show a great improvement in the front entrance.

As you can see in this brief summary, the Dana Firemen's Auxiliary has a great success story. We are very much appreciated by our firemen and they say that they could not get along without us. We appreciate our firemen for their help and the wonderful support that Dana and the surrounding community gives to us.

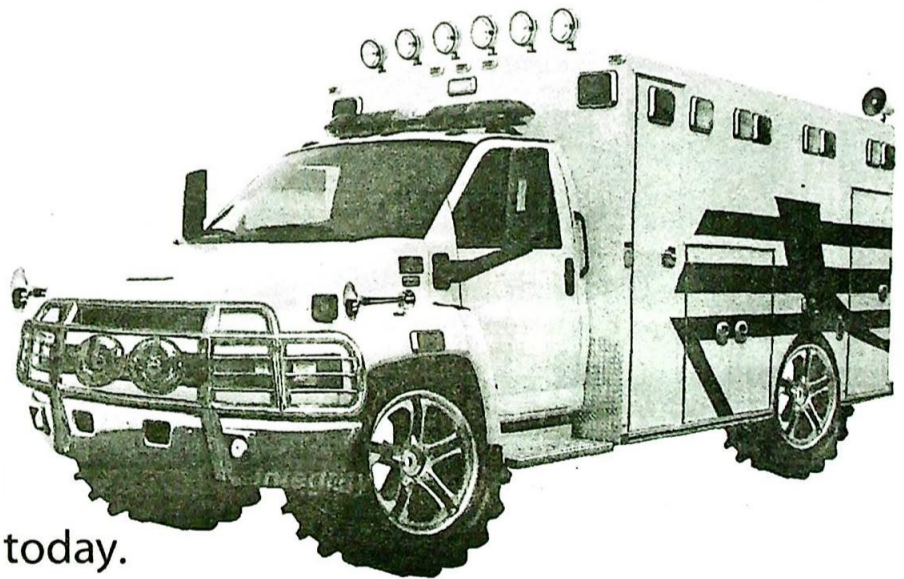
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Students complete course

The Dubois Co. Fire Trainer's Association has announced that students enrolled in the Firefighter I/II have completed their course of study. The students pictured had just completed a day of "live burn" training. The students represented departments from Daviess, Spencer, and Dubois Counties. Departments represented were, Birdseye, Ferdinand, Haysville, Jasper, St. Anthony, St. Henry, St. Meinrad, and Southeast Daviess. The course was funded through the Indiana Fire Training Systems Dist. 10, and hosted by the Dubois Co. Fire Trainer's Association. - Article and photo provided by John C. "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chairman

St. Meinrad VFD members receive awards



At the annual awards dinner of the St. Meinrad VFD (Spencer Co.) held on 5 February, two members were recognized for their service to the department and community.

Ray Vaal is pictured receiving his 50 Year Gold Card from District 18 chairman John C. "Bull" Smith. Ray Vaal has been on the St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Dept. since 1959. He presently serves as the Assistant Fire Chief. He is also an Instructor II/III, and served as Fire Chief for 12 years. He enjoyed building a toy miniature fire engine and ladder truck which he enjoyed driving in parades. He also served as a volunteer EMT with the Spencer County Ambulance when it was stationed at the St. Meinrad VFD.

One of his greatest accomplishments was installing a 750gpm pump on a brand new 1975 Chevy ¾ ton 4-wheel drive pickup truck to draft from lakes or streams. That truck was also loaded with 1400' of 4" hose. This was some of the first large diameter hose in this area.

Fire Chief Tom Kloeck announced the retirement of Randy Schaefer. Randy has been on the St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Dept. since 1981. He served as Fire Chief for 5 years, and during his tenure, instigated 2nd class fire training for everyone on the department. He also spearheaded the move to the department's new firehouse so that all department apparatus could be at one location. He has been very instrumental in coordinating the "Early Days Antique Club Tractor Show" in conjunction with the annual St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Dept. Open House every October since 1999.

Randy, pictured center, is holding a plaque presented to him by the department. Randy is joined in photo by St. Meinrad Fire Chief Tom Kloeck (left) and District 18 Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith (right). The department has many memorable stories about Randy, but we cannot talk about them here! - Photos and article provided by John "Bull" Smith and the St. Meinrad VFD

Poe VFD members awarded certificates during Appreciation Dinner



At an Appreciation Dinner held at the Poe Volunteer Fire Department on February 15, 2009, these four gentlemen were given certificates for their 238 years of service.

Pictured (left to right) are Marvin Stoppenhagen - 66 years, Ellis McFadden - 60 years, Gerald Sorg - 57 years and Maurice "Mort" Sorg - 55 years.

These gentlemen still actively participate in fundraisers and activities held at the Poe Fire Station.



Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman, presented Dave Rudney and Richard Sorg their 25 year I.V.F.A. pins.

Pictured (left to right) are Mort Sorg, PRNE, Richard Sorg - 26 years, Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman and Dave Rudney, 27 years.

Stan Crickmore, 28 years and Carl Crickmore, 26 years, were not present for pictures. - pictures submitted by Becky Sorg.



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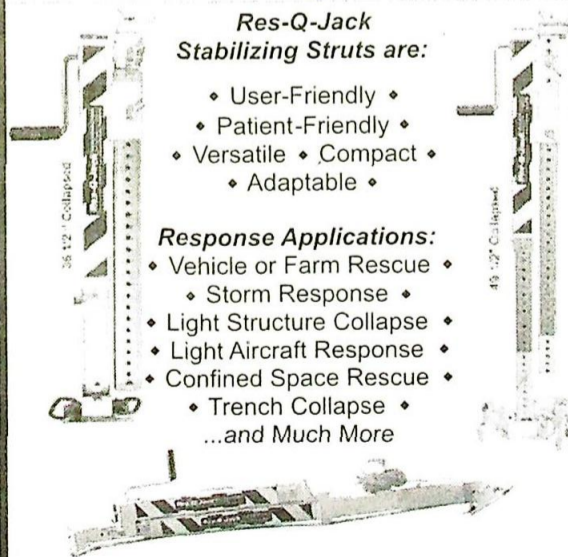
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Poe VFD auxiliary members presented 25 year pins

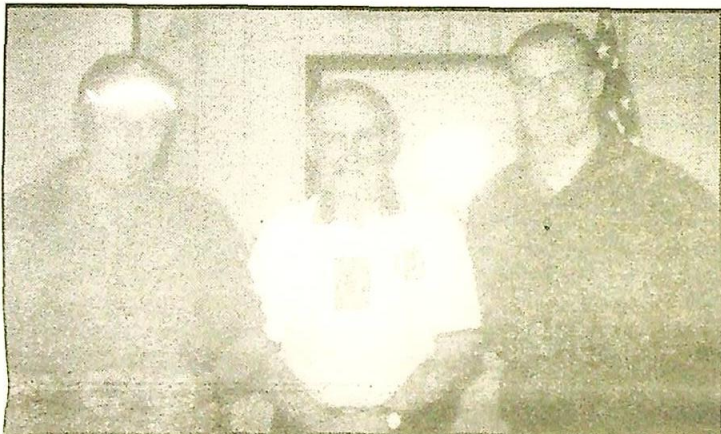


At our December meeting of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Suzi Lewis, 7th District chairman, presented the following ladies with their 25 year I.V.F.A.A. pins.

Left to right, in front: Antoinette Sorg, Marilyn McFadden, Joleen Andorfer, Dot Cole, Viola Smith, and Becky DeKoninck.

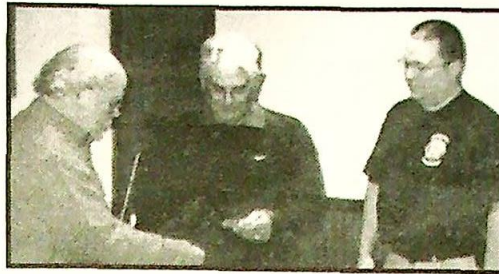
Back row: Sandra Sechler, Mary Gallmeyer, E.J. Smith, Virginia Wilson, Deb Gallmeyer, Alice Sanders, Joyce Crockmore, Carla DeKoninck, Mary Bradtmueller, Christine Bultemeier, Pam Thiele and Ann Michael. - picture submitted by Beverly Lockwood.

Randy See awarded 25 year service pin



Randy See, Switzerland Co. EMS director, received a 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele and Chris See, Switzerland EMS. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman

Jerrell Holtsclaw honored with awards

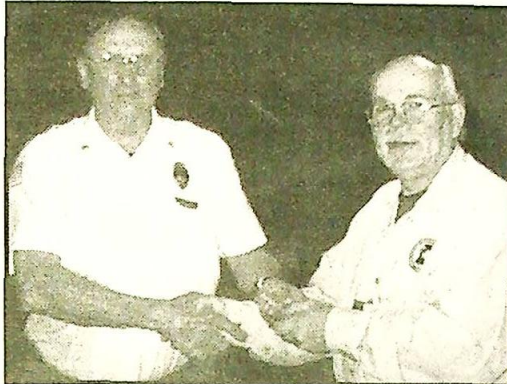


Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents a 50 Year Gold Card to Jerrell Holtsclaw of Fairplay Grant Switz City FD as chief Bryan Woodall looks on. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



Jerrell Holtsclaw of Fairplay, Grant Switz City FD, 50 Year Gold Card member, was presented a white helmet by Chief Bryan Woodall. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

Presented with 25 year service pin



Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents Edward Schuessler, chief of South Patoka Twp. FD, his 25 year pin. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

Friendship VFD members receive pins



Keith Sieverding and Tim Huntington of Friendship V.F.D. received 25 year pins from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

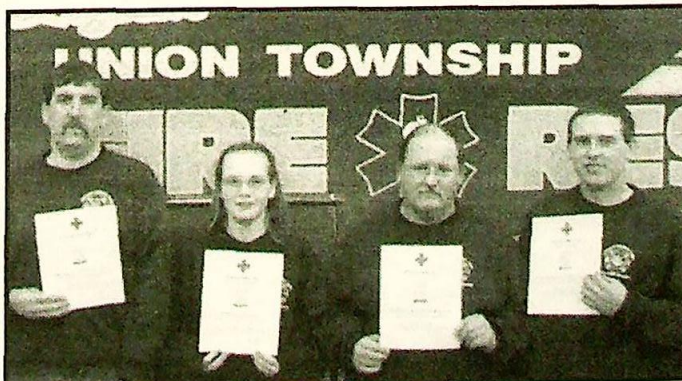
Also receiving a 25 year pin was John Pruss. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman

Driver, Darling receive service pins



Jeff Darling and Mark Driver of East Enterprise V.F.D. received 25 year pins from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman

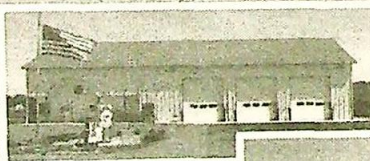
Union Township members awarded Red Cross certificates




Four members of Lizton-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Department were submitted for the Red Cross Hall of Fame for their role in the accident recovery of Jamestown firefighter Fred Long during an interstate 174 accident in December 2008.

Pictured (left to right): Mike Scott, Brian Edwards, Jaclyn Joseph and Brian Shugars. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

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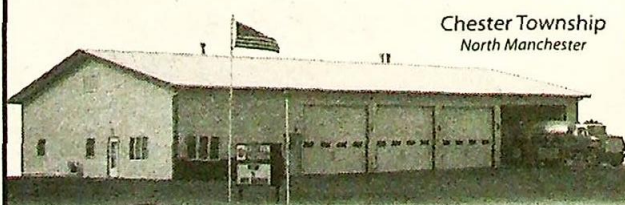


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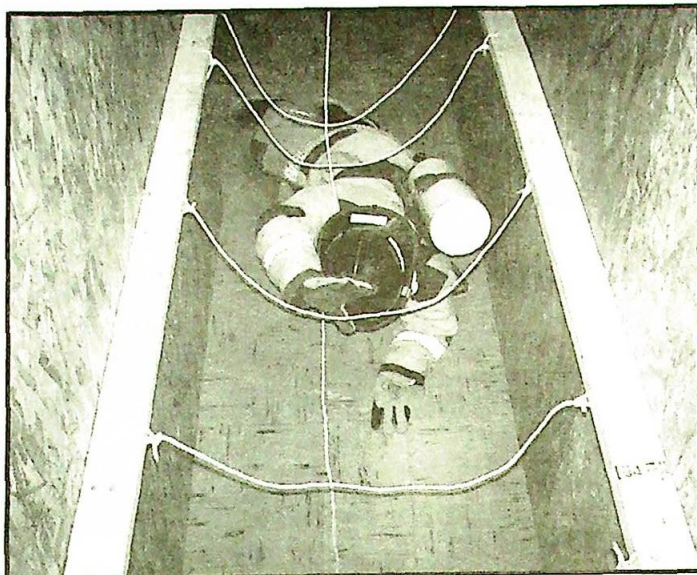
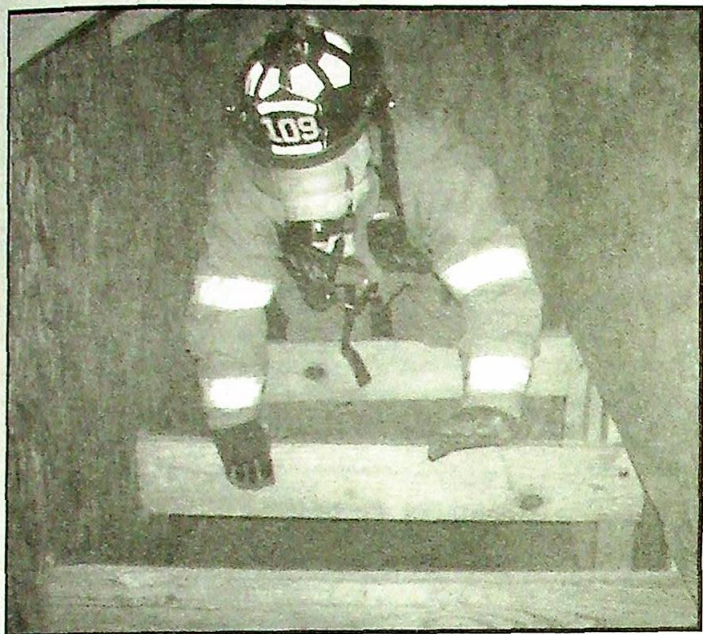
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Search & Rescue class recently held for District 10 Firefighter I/II

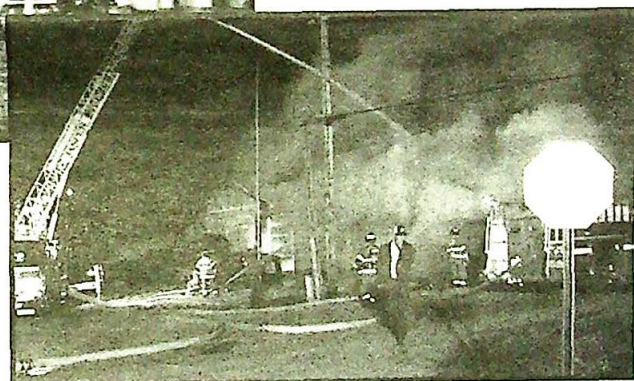
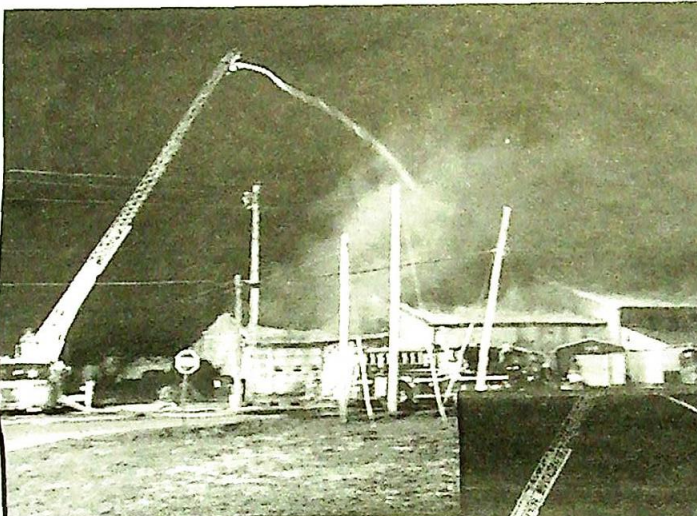


Search & Rescue class held on March 16th for a District 10 Firefighter I/II class being hosted by Jefferson Township Fire Department in Otwell.

Class consists of firefighters from South Patoka FD, Winslow FD, Lockhart Twp. FD, Petersburg FD and Jefferson Twp. FD, all from Pike County and three firefighters from Washington Twp. in Daviess County. - Pictures taken by Connie Whitehead and submitted by Captain T.J. Skelton, Jefferson Twp. Fire Department

Extrication drill held

Department responds to morning hardware store fire



Extrication drill held on March 7th for a District 10 Firefighter I/II class being hosted by Jefferson Township Fire Department in Otwell.

Class consists of firefighters from South Patoka FD, Winslow FD, Lockhart Twp. FD, Petersburg FD, Jefferson Twp. FD all from Pike County and three firefighters from Washington Twp. in Daviess County. - Pictures taken by Connie Whitehead and submitted by Captain T.J. Skelton, Jefferson Twp. Fire Department

Fire at the Otwell Mercantile Hardware store on Friday morning, March 20th at 2:15 a.m.

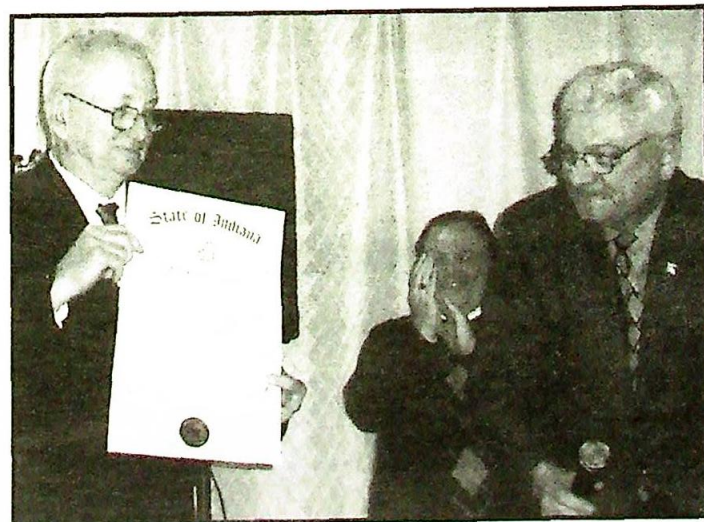
Departments responding to the fire were Jefferson Twp. FD, Jasper FD, Ireland FD, Petersburg FD and South Patoka FD. - submitted by T.J. Skelton, Jefferson Twp. Fire Department.

Several attend Congressional Fire caucus held in Washington, D.C.

Honored with Distinguished Hoosier Award from State



Pictured above is the IVFA group who attended the Congressional Fire Caucus annual awards and dinner held in Washington, D.C. on April 2, 2009. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



Chief William Casbon of Porter Twp. VFD received the Distinguished Hoosier Award from the State of Indiana.

It was presented by State Representative Ed Soliday. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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Jasper Fire School held in March

The Jasper School of Fire & Emergency Services concluded on March 29.

The school, now in its 13th year drew 380 students from across Indiana and neighboring states. The school actually ran for two weekends, March 21 & 22 and March 28 & 29 to accommodate the number of classes being offered (24 in all) and the students in attendance.

The school was held at the Jasper High School located in Jasper (Dubois Co., IVFA Dist. 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 lead to Certification ranged from Mandatory Firefighter to Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics, FO I, and FO II, Driver/Operator Apparatus, Fire Instructor I and Fire Instructor II/III were also offered. A wide variety of courses dealing with apparatus included: Engine Company, Ladder Company, and Pump Operations.

For students that wished to "get their gear dirty", Rope Rescue and Advanced Auto Extrication provided a real workout for their students. Live fire classes such as the 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 Phil Schmidt bravely took on what this author feels is the most challenging class ... teaching Fire Safety for Kids!!! Can you imagine 33 kids, 6-12 years old for most of the day?? What courage!!

I'm kidding of course, Chief Hochgesang reported that a great time 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!! Fire School Chairman Scott Schnell of the Ireland VFD, commented, "I had to undergo surgery in January and was unable to follow through on many of the duties that needed to be done". "Co-chairman Adam Vaal and the rest of the committee picked up the reigns and through their efforts, we had another great school". "My most sincere thanks to all of them".

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



Receives 20 year pin

Melvin Nott, Farmland Volunteer Fire Department, is shown receiving his 20 year pin from fire chief Mike Osgood. - submitted by Bill Sunday

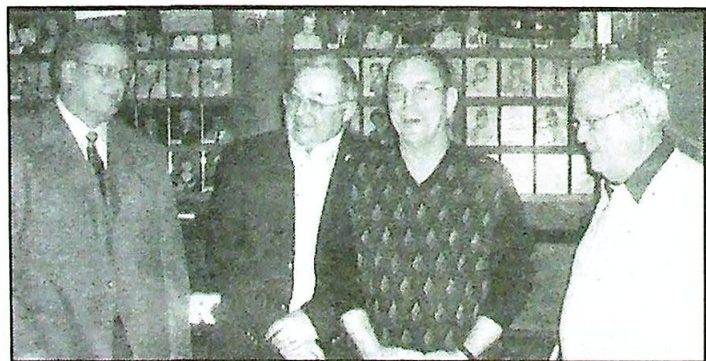
St. John member, Monix, receives Gold Card



Pete Monix (center) of the St. John VFD, is presented with his 50 year Gold Card.

The presentation was made by Paul Watland (right), District 2 chairman, Jim Bradford - PRNW and chief Fred Willman of St. John VFD. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

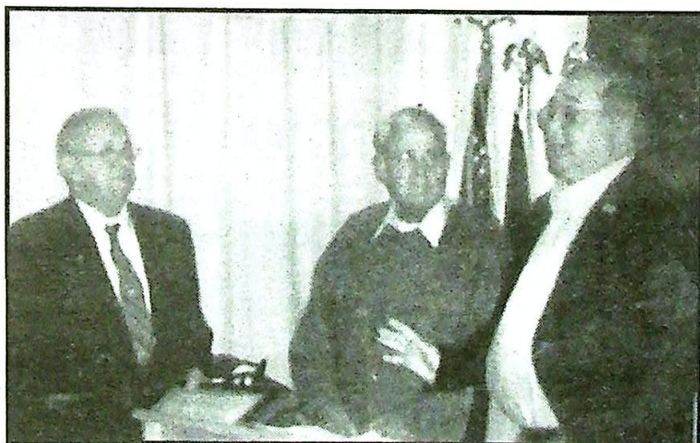
St. John VFD members receive 25 year service pins



David Bielski and Robert Jacobson of St. John VFD receive their 25 year service pins.

The award was made by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman and Jim Bradford, PRNW. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

William Casbon receives 50 year Gold Card



Chief William Casbon (left) of the Porter Twp. VFD was awarded his 50 year Gold Card and Certificate of Appreciation at a recent dinner.

Paul Watland, District 2 chairman and Jim Bradford, PRNW made the award. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Adams Twp. FD members receive awards

A 25 year pin was presented to Tom Vachon and a 50 year Gold Card was presented to Richard Mackin. Both are on the New Haven-Adams Township Fire Department in New Haven.

Pictured (left to right): Mike Mackin, IVFA state Miss Flame Kristen Wylie, Tom Vachon, District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague, Richard Mackin and PRNE Mort Sorg. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



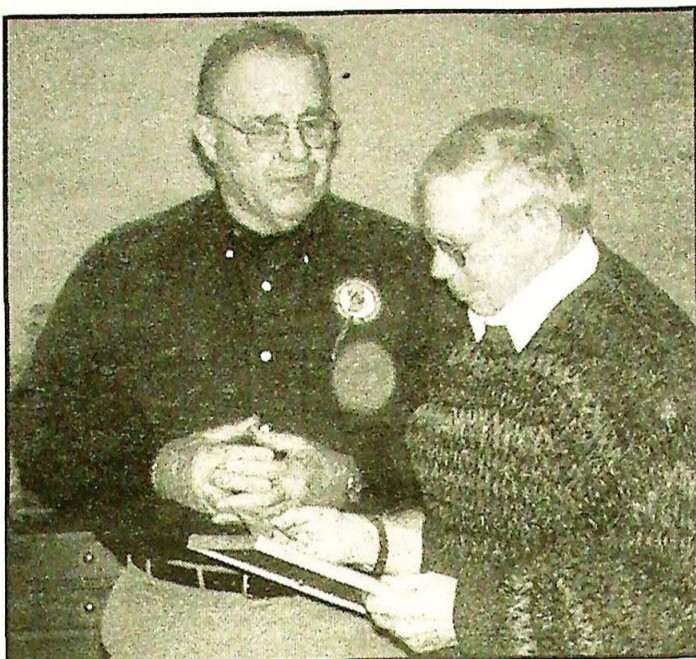
Bud Harris honored with awards for service



Bud Harris of the White River Volunteer Fire Department, Winchester, IN, celebrated 50 years on the department.

Shown in the picture (from left to right) front row: Ralph "Bud" Harris and his wife Norma Harris.

Back row: Brandon Barndollar, Stacey Lewis - Fire Chief, Lloyd Wright - District 8B chairman, and Rick Constable, State Fire Marshal's office. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman



Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman presented Bud Harris of the White River Volunteer Fire Department, Winchester, IN, with his 50 year Gold Card.

He was also presented with a plaque from District 8B. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Rick Constable from the State Fire Marshal's office presented Bud Harris, White River Volunteer Fire Department, Winchester, IN, with a certificate and a medallion from the State Fire Marshal's Office. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

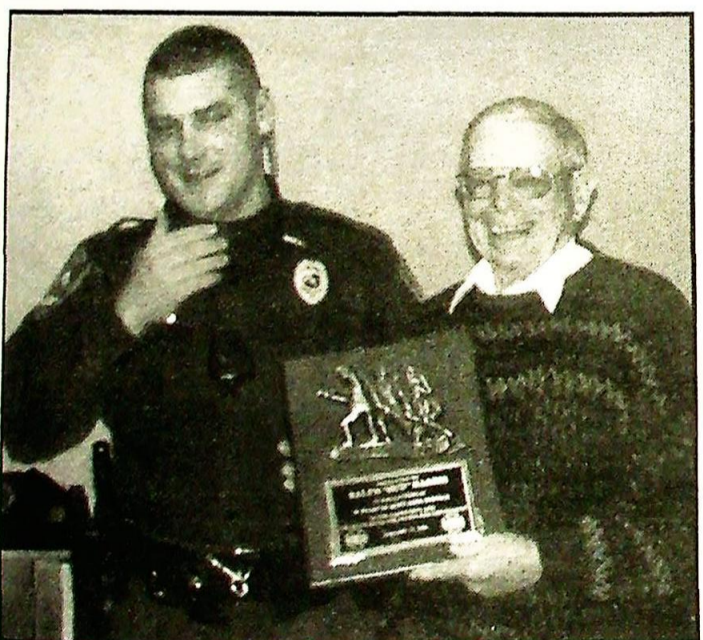
District 8B Miss Flame chosen



District 8B held their Miss Flame contest on February 11, 2009 at the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, Selma, IN.

Lindsey Current of the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department was named Miss Flame 2009, and Kylee Bell from Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was named first runner-up.

Pictured (from left to right) Lindsey Current, Lloyd E. Wright - District 8B chairman, and Kylee Bell. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Brandon Barndollar from the Winchester Police Department and the White River Volunteer Fire Department, presented Bud Harris with a plaque from the fire department for his 50 years of service. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

Portland VFD holds awards banquet



On April 2, 2009 the Portland Volunteer Fire Department held their annual awards banquet.

Receiving awards were Aaron Sanders - five years, Tyler Reidt - five years, Chris Bemis - ten years, and Ernie Gierhart with 40 1/2 years.

Pictured (from left to right) Aaron Sanders, Ernie Gierhart, Lindsey Current - District 8B Miss Flame and Chris Bemis.

Not present was Tyler Reidt. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

Twenty-five year pins awarded



On January 8, 2009 Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, presented Robert Thornburg and Terry Wright from the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department with their 25 year pins.

Pictured (from left to right) Robert Thornburg, Terry Wright and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

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Bryant VFD holds training

The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held training on February 7, 2009 at a barn east of Bryant. Thirteen firemen, two cadets and two firemen that just finished their basic training were in attendance. The purpose of burning down the barn was to better prepare the fire department with some hands-on training. Pictured (from left to right) – Front row: Josh Kimmel, Amanda James, Brandon Liechty, Scott Twigg, Corey McIntire, Mike Kimmel, Brad Brinkerhoff. Back row: Jesse James, Kim Twogg, Seth James, Randy Coleman, Andrew Storie, Krista Hofstetter, Brian Smith, Eldon Morrival. – submitted by the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

A family of firefighters . . .



Here is proud father, Jesse James, standing with his son Seth and daughter Amanda.

Jesse is the assistant chief of the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

Seth is a lieutenant and Amanda has just completed her mandatory training for the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (from left to right) Seth James, Jesse James and Amanda James. – submitted by the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

Never burn toxic materials!

Shannon Gibson receives 25 year pin



On February 18th, Shannon Gibson of the Jasonville Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

Pictured (left to right) are Jasonville Chief Harold (Pude) Keller, District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland and Shannon Gibson. – submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

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