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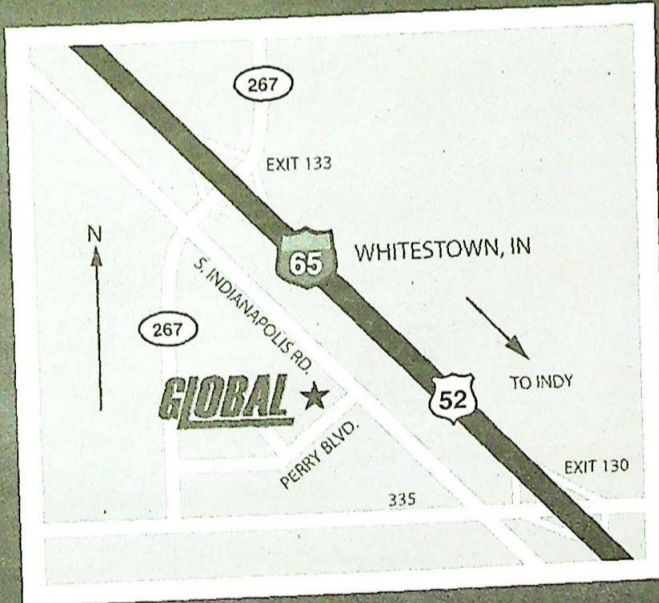
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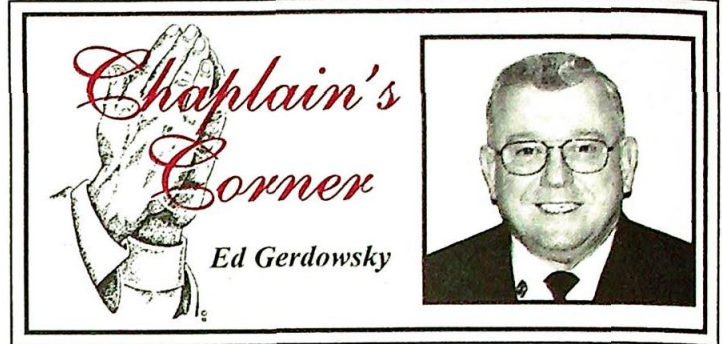
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As we look to the warm weather let's thank God for the beauty of the snow that really was a gorgeous picture for us to see despite the treacherous roads at times slowing us down.

The state meeting held at the Crowne Plaza in Indy by the airport was really a nice place to hold our meetings with lots of good buffets and friendly people helping us get to where we needed to be. The meeting rooms were well equipped and our personal rooms were much to our liking. Thank you, Tim for getting us this place.

I have been called to do several memorial services as well as my Associates have. Thank you all for helping me out. The Lord has many hands that are willing to serve Him. Our sympathy goes out to those losing loved ones. The weather has kept me from attending other meetings but I am hoping to be able to get to some as time and weather permit.

I am looking forward to the convention in June at Terre Haute. Jo Ann and I are planning a very nice memorial service for our fallen firefighters. It really is a very nice tribute to those firefighters we have lost. I hope you will be able to attend the convention and enjoy some time with other firefighters.

If anyone has any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any one of the Associates. We are here to be of service to all of you and thank you for your time and services to our organization.

May God's blessings be with each one of you as you serve the IVFA and your communities. I'd like to leave you with this Scripture:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." - James 1:5

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God's love has painted the summer's refreshing colors!

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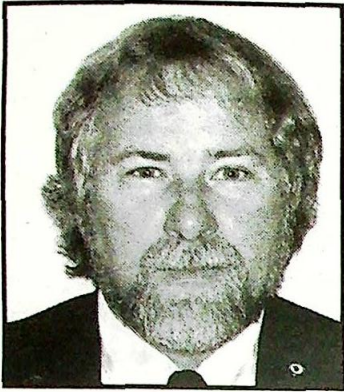
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From The Vice President

David Israel



Hello IVFA Members:

I can almost taste the elephant ears and smell the cotton candy at the fair, can't you?

It's been a busy last quarter and I don't think the rest of the year will be any easier. I would like for us to stop and remember our fellow firefighters who have passed away so far this past year. Thanks for the memories, Harold.

Legislation is over but coming back strong this fall. The IVFA needs your help by going out and educating the public what they do. The big thing would be do you want county government controlling your local fire department funding, township assistance, township burials, fence line disputes, the care of township cemeteries, the every day running of township buildings and property, just to mention a few. I don't think so.

We have already been told that doing away with local government will not save taxpayers any money, it will cost them more. The IVFA is coming out with a plan to help you and the local fire departments to get this job done.

So we need to invite the candidates running for Senator and House of Representatives to our fundraisers or attend a local candidate forum and ask their stance about doing away with local government.

The district chairmen should have a list of questions for you to ask them. PLEASE, if you know of any Political Forums coming up in your area, let Tim or myself or any of the legislative committee know so we can attend.

The IVFA dues packets should be out by the time you are reading this. PLEASE make sure that your department answers the added questions we put on the cover page. The legislative committee needs them for up-to-date information when we are asked questions to testify in committee hearings.

Also make sure the information is correct, your name, address, phone, year date joined fire service and beneficiary is correct if you have remarried, divorced or whatever.

I have traveled to several district meetings this last quarter and would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome and hospitality. I plan on making more in the next quarter; should make it farther up north. If you have something special going on you would want me to attend, let me know.

Seems like we still have a problem of districts getting meeting notices posted on the IVFA website; let alone getting them to Tim or I. We need more than a day's notice to attend; let alone plan where we are going that month.

I don't know if it's the chairman or the fire departments so as a challenge to the fire departments. If your department has not hosted a district meeting in the last three years, let alone seen your district chairman at one of your department meetings or county meetings, call him or her and ask to host a district meeting and ask them to attend one of yours and let Tim and I know so maybe we could attend.

I have a hard time understanding why the attendance and department numbers are better at some meetings than others. Could be timing or not enough hours in a day or week.

But, please try and get at least one or two from each department there to bring back the information. Sometimes it's the contacts down the road you make that makes it worth going to. If there is a problem let us know.

We need to get the numbers up in your area so that you are well informed of changes and what is going on in the fire service.

Sorry, got on the soap box again. But we do need an improvement of attendance to better serve you.

Hope you can attend the IVFA Convention June 16-19, 2010 at Terre Haute at the Holiday Inn. The host committee has worked very hard to put this together. Let's support them by attending.

Remember that each IVFA fire department with dues paid is allowed (more can attend) three voting delegates to the Friday morning annual business meeting and only one delegate gets paid mileage to and from the meeting.

Don't forget the memorial service Friday morning before the annual meeting to honor those who have passed on.

Thank you for taking the time and making the commitment to serve your community in which you live.

Be safe and attend the district meeting in your area.

David Israel

Miss Flame notes . . .

We are anticipating another great year in the Miss Flame competition. We have 23 beautiful and talented young ladies who have been chosen to represent their districts. I have had the honor to attend some of the contests and I would not want to be a judge.

A few reminders for the girls and their parents; it is the parents' responsibility to make reservations at the Holiday Inn for the convention. Tell them that your daughter is a Miss Flame candidate as the girls will all be in one area together. All those are attending the convention need to register with the convention. The girls will not be charged to attend the convention and its activities, but other family members will; however, you still need to register your daughter so they will have a count for the functions.

Our Miss Flame activities will begin on Wednesday evening. Please try to plan your trip so that you will be there for this activity with important meetings to be held following the meal.

You will be receiving in the mail information on Miss Flame activities and the clothing you will need for the activities.

I hope you have begun to make your plans for the convention and that you are preparing to participate in the business of our two organizations, have fun and fellowship with old friends and meeting new ones. The convention committee has been busy preparing a great convention for all of us to enjoy.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and I promise that you will have a great time in 2010. It is an honor to again serve as your 2010 Miss Flame Chairman.

Barb Kerney
2010 Miss Flame Chairman

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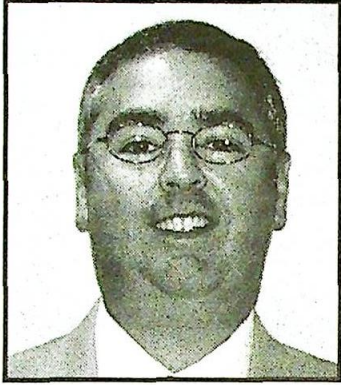
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From The President

Tim Deckard



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Emergency Medical Services EMS – Most of the fire departments offer some level of EMS – from basic life support to advanced life support. Many fire departments require that firefighters be trained to the Emergency Medical Technician – Basic level, with many firefighters training to the paramedic level. This allows fire departments to provide life-saving procedures such as advanced cardiac care. In many rural areas the fire department provides the first care given to the residents.

Fire Suppression – Fire suppression is the traditional role of the fire service today. Firefighters combat fires daily in residential, industrial, commercial and wildland settings. Our communities have become more dependent on the fire service requiring more firefighters to cross-train to cover an increased variety of threats and hazards.

Hazardous Materials – Hazardous materials response requires specially trained hazmat technician to have the knowledge of chemicals and firefighting skills. In addition, hazardous materials technicians train for weapons of mass destruction (WMD) preparedness and response. Hazardous materials incidents can range from many scales of incidents from small to very large.

Code Enforcement – The fire department is charged with enforcing building, occupancy and fire prevention codes. This involves enforcing the state law that prohibits the existence of conditions that are unsafe to the public health, safety and welfare.

Wildland Fire – Firefighters train and fight structural fires, wildland/urban fires, one of many trades that Indiana firefighters must prepare and protect is the land. Adapting to terrain firefighters must build or acquire the equipment to use for extinguishment. Working with the state DNR department is a must and added resource.

Fire Prevention and Education – One most important feature of the fire service is the fire prevention and education program. These outreach programs educate the public regarding fire prevention and life safety issues. Programs include smoke alarm installation, use and importance, fire safety for school children, public access defibrillation, CPR and first aid training for citizens.

For us to know where we are going and to move forward, we must know where we have been, so we do NOT make the same mistake again but learn from them. Politics and the fire service! Politics is the foundation of the form of government. Most elected officials share the same goal which is getting re-elected. This means taking care of the voters and those who contribute to their goal. We, the fire service, must share our goal with those around us and we serve about the importance of the need of local government and ask them to contact our legislators who decides on the futures of our communities. Think about the line "Show me the money". All revenues end up in the BIG pot. We have to fight for our share of the money. In many cases the township trustee is the one who is fighting to get our share of the money. Good communication between you, the fire service, in your community and the local government is a must. Does the trustee know the goals you have set for your department? If not, share them with them and their board. Show them the need for your services. This requires good record-keeping.

This is all about customer service. Know your customers and share with them your goals and needs. Establish good working relations with the customers, THE TAXPAYERS. Networking is a big plus in today's service. Don't stick yourself out on an island. Know those around you and how they operate. Do you share the same common goal? Can you join your resources together to serve the customer better? The bottom line is where are we going from here? Funding is the MAJOR problem. The IVFA is dedicated to helping the movement of funding, for you're the fire service within the state. Keeping the local government is the KEY issue to keeping your funding continuing to YOU. Please help share the word to those you serve about the responsibilities of local government and most important share your vision and goals and need for service in your community. The fire department is the heart of the communities across the state. Where will the help come if we are forced out of service? Volunteers give of their life to their communities. Communication and education is the key.

The Other Side of the Coin

Once again, we continue to find ourselves defending our jobs that we do for our community. The responsibilities of our local government, the Trustee and its three member board are a part of our every day activities. What does the local government do? How does the local government play a part in the Fire Service of the state of Indiana? If local government is eliminated what does it mean for the fire service within the state?

What does the local government do? The following are their responsibilities. Care of cemeteries, fire protection, poor relief, property owner disputes, recreation, noxious weed control. Indiana law requires all of these duties fall under the leadership of the township trustee, which are essential services to the residents. This system was designed to meet the needs of the community of the individual in an emergency.

Township Assistance (poor relief) – overseeing the poor of the township and distributing township

assistance. The trustee is in charge of caring for the needy of their township area by good means available. The system works well because the trustee has the freedom to discern whether or not the individual is putting out the effort to help themselves with the need.

Burials & Cemeteries – burial assistance is available when NO other means of payment is available. Trustees are to provide maintenance to cemeteries located with the township; this means cemeteries that have been left abandoned.

Fire Protection – the Indiana law states the trustee is given the responsibility of providing fire protection for the areas of the township not incorporated into a city or town. In doing so it could be contracting with an incorporation group established to give fire protection services, operating a township fire department or both. The law does not state that the trustee directs the fire departments or dictates policies. This should come from fire department leadership and good communication between both parties as we serve our residents.

Weed Control – to destroy detrimental weeds with the township. The law has steps in notification to the property owner of such when weed problem occurs.

Fence disputes – from time to time disputes arise when two landowners cannot agree on the maintenance of fences or location of them. The Indiana law charges the township trustee to make determination of such problem following the Indiana code.

Finances – August of each year the trustee prepares and submits the proposed money needed for the upcoming year. The chief financial officer, the trustee is responsible for ALL the township expenses and to keep accurate records and follow the financial guidelines of the state. The budget increases each year by growth factor between 3-5%. Unspent funds at the end of the year are applied to the next year reducing the amount of money to be raised. The only fund that never changes is the capital replacement fund. This fund is allowed to accumulate for years for the purpose of purchase of fire trucks and fire stations and equipment thus eliminating the need to borrow money.

Figures always tell the truth when you start to research them. If the local government responsibilities are gone, do you think that the county is equipped to handle those responsibilities now given to the township government? NO. Will it save the taxpayers by eliminating the local leadership in government? NO. Will local residents get emergency help fast as they are getting now? NO. Who knows more about what the needs are in the local area than the township trustee? No one does.

Tim Deckard
President

15 must-know tips for protecting your identity

More than half a million people find themselves victims of identity theft each year. If you're an ID thief's mark, you'll likely face years of lost money and added frustration as you work to clean up the mess.

The best protection is prevention. Here are some tips to safeguard your good name:

1. Be watchful of shoulder-surfers. At ATMs and phone booths,

thieves will stand close enough to see PIN numbers punched in by users.

2. Mind those credit card receipts, especially since only a few credit card receipts have stopped listing full account numbers and expiration dates. Put the charge slip copies in safe spot until your credit card bills arrive.

3. Buy a shredder and use it. Shred everything, including credit card receipts (after you've reconciled your bill), old bank statements, medical statements, every day bills, and pre-approved credit card offers. Any document that has personal financial information on it can give an identity thief a foothold into your life.

4. Write clearly on all credit applications. Consistently and completely fill in all credit and loan applications using your full name, first, middle and last. Every bill that comes to your house should be addressed exactly the same.

5. Monitor your credit accounts carefully, so you'll know if a bill's missing or unauthorized purchases have been made. Close out unused credit cards. Cutting them up is not enough.

6. Limit the number of credit cards you carry. The fewer cards you have, the easier it is to track them.

7. Get a credit report at least once a year and clean up any errors. Look for personal information and credit accounts that are not yours. Credit bureaus make mistakes.

8. Never leave paid bills in your mailbox for the mail carrier to pick up. Drop them off at a post office box.

9. If you're moving, contact all your creditors and update them of your address changes immediately. You don't want credit information and new credit cards being delivered to the wrong address.

Likewise, if your credit card expires and you don't receive a new one, call your creditor immediately.

10. Protect your Social Security number. Only give your Social Security number when absolutely necessary. Avoid using it as your account number whenever possible. If merchants demand it, ask for an alternate number and take your business elsewhere if they insist on writing it on your check. Likewise, don't print it on your checks.

11. Never carry your Social Security number and driver's license together in your wallet.

12. Don't provide your Social Security number, bank account number or credit card number to anyone who contacts you through telephone solicitations.

13. If you're shopping with an online merchant for the first time, look for the Trust-e symbol or a Better Business Bureau online seal. These indicate the seller has been independently audited and deemed trustworthy.

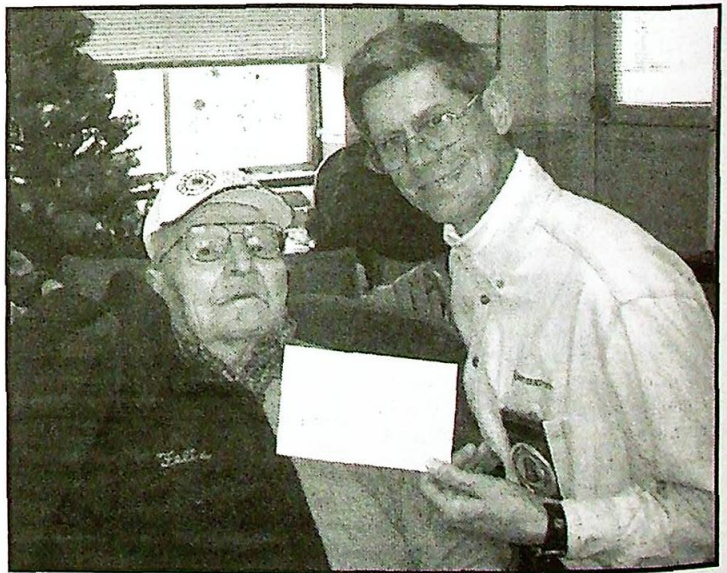
14. Make sure any online credit card charges are handled through a secure site or in an encrypted mode. You'll know you're on a secure site if the Web page on which you conduct your transaction begins with https instead of the usual http.

15. Only shop on Web sites that offer a privacy policy. Know how your personal information will be handled. Print out privacy policies, warranties, price guarantees and other important information.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association does NOT solicit for money. NO personal information should be given to NO one who represents the IVFA unless you are notified in writing from the IVFA President. All financial support is done in whole by our membership dues.

Tim Deckard, President

Felix Mundy presented 50 year membership pin



On January 17 Felix Mundy of the Ireland VFD (Dubois Co. Dist. 18) was presented the IVFA 50 year membership pin and Gold Card by District 18 chairman John C. "Bull" Smith.

Mundy, a charter member of the department served as Assistant Chief and in other positions for a number of years.

Also in attendance from the Ireland VFD for the presentation were Ireland VFD Chief Stan Seifert, Kenny and Tom Mundy who are Felix's nephews. Mundy's daughter Betty Keusch, her husband and family members were also present for the presentation. – (submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman)

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

Crown Point Fire Rescue
Feb. 17, 2010

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 13 members representing six departments of District 1, and by 49 members representing nine departments of District 2.

Chairman Watland introduced the guests: Mike Orico - Global/Pierce, Jim Dailey - Hoosier Fire, Jack Eskridge - 1-800-Board up, Don Fultz - IVFA District 21 chairman, Dale Hensley - 5-Alarm, Phyllis Vargo - IVFAA District 1 & 2 chairman, Jim Bradford - IVFA PR Northwest, Ed Morales - Porter Township trustee, Eldon Strong - Center Township trustee, Pete Monix - 50 year Gold card member, Bill Casbon - 50 year Gold card member, Roland Wise - 50 year Gold card member, Geo. Thiel - 50 year Gold card member, Ralph Schillo - 50 year Gold card member, Mary Fazekas - District 1 Miss Flame, Rachel Stenger - District 2 Miss Flame, Tom Orrell - IVFA District 1 chairman, Scott Gilbert - Indiana State Police District 13, Mike Parks - IDHS District 1 Training Coordinator, Harold Wente, Ken Blakeman and Barney Wornhoff were present to receive 50 year Gold card membership, Dr. Kevin Brunski and James Hickman from I-dent-fied.

Program: I-dent-fied - Dr. Kevin Brunski and James Hickman gave a presentation on a new system that would store health care information on a chip that could be set in a tooth and can be scanned by hospital and EMS employees, works similar to the chips that have been placed in family pets. St. Anthony Nursing Home and Crown Point Fire Rescue are current pilot groups. Dr. Brunski would like to expand this program throughout the area.

Due to the possibility that the state legislators may soon vote to change current law that would eliminate township government, several area township trustees spoke. Center Township Trustee Eldon Strong thanked all the firemen for providing fire protection to the respective communities. Trustee Strong also spoke regarding the efforts to eliminate township trustees and advisory board members (House Bill #1181 and Senate Bill #240). Trustee Strong stated that he appreciated the appearance of IVFA state president Tim Deckard and IFCA president for their testimony in support of the current form of township government. Trustee Strong stated that he was recently made aware that we have almost 20,000 members statewide and he feels that our voices were heard today through our President's appearance. All members were requested to contact their state representative or senator and ask to

vote against any effort to eliminate township government. Porter Township trustee Ed Morales also thanked everyone for the daily commitment to our communities and also requested that members call their respective state representative or senator to vote against the current bills and support the current form of township government.

IDHS District #1 Training Coordinator Mike Parks discussed the training efforts of the district and current and future classes that are scheduled. IDHS is auditing training records, if you did not proctor a skill do not "sign off". Discussed that some of the skills may be eliminated for various reasons. All area departments are encouraged to combine training efforts especially for classes such as Firefighter I & II, Instructor, Officer, Strategy & Tactics rather than individual departments attempting to do these classes on their own with limited participants and instructors. Contact Mike Parks at Crown Point Fire Rescue for any questions or assistance.

Minutes of the previous meeting held at Washington Township (1/20/10): Motion by Jack Eskridge, second by Ike Wrench not to read the minutes. Approved by voice vote.

New Business: Robert Gettler was presented a 25 year membership pin. Harold Wente, Ken Blakeman and Barney Wornhoff were presented 50 year Gold card memberships.

Old Business: None.
District deaths: Chairman Watland advised that Jack Carden, retired from Crown Point, has passed away since the last district meeting. Members stood for brief period of silence in memory of Jack Carden.

Public Relations Northwest: Jim Bradford announced that visitor's day at Hoosier Burn Camp will be on June 6th. There have also been 11,000 firefighters trained in Indiana in 2009. Convention will be in Terre Haute in 2010. Please call state representatives and state senators regarding HB #1181 and SB #240. The Association's membership information and list have somehow been taken and are out there for possible illegal use. Please be careful for any contact that a member may receive that may appear to be representing the Association.

Good of the Order:

* Cedar Lake Fire Department will have a Texas Holdem Tournament on Feb. 20th at the Eagles hall.

* Lincoln Township Fire Department will have a spring auction on March 27th.

* Hebron Fire Department will have a chili supper on March 20th.

* Lake Dale Fire Department and Auxiliary will have a pancake breakfast on March 21st.

* Duneland Fire School will be held at Chesterton High School on April 10, 11, 17, 18.

* District 1 Miss Flame Mary Fazekas talked about her pop can tabs fundraiser for Hoosier Burn Camp.

* District 2 Miss Flame Rachel Stenger was happy to attend and thanked everyone for their support.

50/50: \$224.00 was collected and \$112.00 was won by Jason Scott of Crown Point Fire Rescue.

Chairman Watland thanked Crown Point and Auxiliary for

hosting this month's meeting. Chairman Watland announced that the next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010 at Chesterton Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mark A. Baumgardner Sr.
Secretary Protem

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

Chesterton Fire Department
March 17, 2010

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Pledge was led by Buz Koehler. Roll call was taken by District 1 with 23 members representing six departments and District 2 by 18 members representing eight departments.

Trophy winner: District 1 - Washington Twp.; District 2 - Lincoln Twp.

Tom Orrell presented a 25 year pin to Chief Orlich.

Tom introduced the guests in attendance: 50 year Gold card members Jerry Miller of Merrillville Fire Dept. and William Casbon of Porter Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Buz Koehler - past president, Mr. IVFA, Mitch Parish, past president and Mr. IVFA, Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, Greg Eckhardt, Fist & P.C. Enniro, John Bryan, District 1 Homeland Security, Mike Bucy - Red Devil Training & Duneland Fire School, Scott Gilbert, Donley Safety Equipment, Dale Hensley - 5-Alarm, Wally Maarillo, Duneland Fire School, Mary Fazekas - District 1 Miss Flame, Rachel Stenger, District 2 Miss Flame.

Program given by: John Bryan, District 1 - Homeland Security District 1 administrator; talked about Task Force and how it is set up. Talked about recruiting members; trainer opportunities and how teams are forming. For any questions on what is going on, contact him. September 25th there will be a district wide disaster drill in Lake County. There will be about 150 victims at different sites and will use hospitals in the area for mass casualties. More information to follow.

Mike Bucy of Red Devil Training and Duneland Fire School talked about the upcoming school. Gave two certificates to be used for paying for the school. Won by John Clapp of Kouts and one other member.

Motion made and seconded by them to dispense with reading of the minutes - passed.

James Bradford - Township bill dead for this year. Probably will reappear in the fall. 54 deaths from heart attacks. New webmaster for I.V.F.A. Dues packets due out in April.

Buz Koehler - gave legislative report. Novelty lighters and manufactured lumber bills were not passed. April 13 - 6:30 p.m. CDT at Rensselaer Fire Dept. - Major Tom Melville of Indiana State Police will

talk about In-Time program. Talk about when shutting down highways and how long it takes to get traffic back moving again.

Treasurer's report: \$1,258.63. 50/50 winner of \$68.00 to Brendon Smith, Chesterton Fire Dept.

Old Business - None.
New Business - None.

Ray Chambers talked about the survey sent out by US Steel surveying resources and equipment to department.

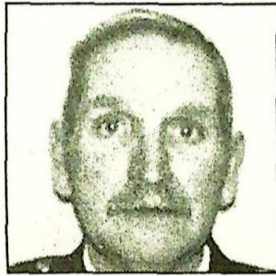
Good of the order: Boone Grove pancake breakfast 3/28/10 - 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.; Lincoln Twp. Spring Auction 3/27/10; two deaths: District #1 Ronald Evans, Munster and District #2 Leonard Kloss, Morgan Twp.

Numerous items from several vendors were given away at drawing.

Next meeting Kouts VFD - April 21, 2010.

Paul Watland
District #2 chairman

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Tony Farrer - Chairman

January 14, 2010

Location: Argos Fire Station, Argos, IN

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

Meeting was called to order by district chairman Tony Farrer at 19:35 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

IVFA assistant chaplain David Sichelka opened the meeting with a prayer. Thanks were expressed to the host department.

Guests: Riley Cripps, 2009 5th District Miss Flame. (Jean Smith was unable to attend due to car trouble.)

Roll call: 17 members representing four departments.

Minutes of the November 12 meeting were approved as read.

Chairman's report: Tony Farrer reminded the members that state IVFA award applications are due February 1. Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due March 1. IVFA fundraiser cruise will be in the fall. Details will be coming out soon. Clothing re-imburement claims can be submitted to Tony Farrer.

Legislation: Township Trustee level of Indiana government would be eliminated by a bill currently pending in the Indiana Senate. This legislation is the result of the Kernan-Shepherd Report. Larry Curl's contract as the lobbyist for the IVFA has been renewed.

Other Items: There will be a planning meeting on February 21 in Bremen for the 2011 convention which will be held in South Bend and which will be hosted by Districts 4 & 5. Medal of Valor awards will be presented to Brad Kyle and John Adams of the Bremen Community Fire Department for rescue at a house fire. Riley Cripps gave an impromptu presentation of her involvement in 4-H. Former IVFA state chaplain Jerry Cohen died of cancer in November.

Concerns: Township trustee for Claypool has had quadruple bypass surgery and there are complications

due to COPD.

Good of the Order: Bremen Fire Department Stagg will be April 29.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Mike Long of Bourbon. It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Denver Fire Station March 11, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sichelka, Secretary

March 11, 2010

Location: Denver Fire Station, Denver, IN

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

Meeting was called to order by district chairman Tony Farrer at 19:38 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA assistant chaplain David Sichelka opened the meeting with a prayer. Thanks were expressed to the host department for refreshments.

Guests: Karen Mayer, IVFAA District 4 & 5 chair and her husband, Ron; Jean Smith, PRNE and wife, E.J.; Riley Cripps, 2010 District 5 Miss Flame.

Roll call: 16 members representing seven departments.

Minutes of the January 14 meeting were approved as read.

Old business: The fund-raising cruise for the IVFA is now scheduled for the fall of 2011.

Chairman's report: Tony Farrer reported that the quarterly meeting was held and that there is now an inventory of items belonging to the IVFA. Brad Muskett is the new IVFA web-master. A career firefighter training competition will be held on May 8. The Indiana Fire Institute banquet featured a donation of \$1,000 from the IVFA to the Indiana Burn Camp.

There was a presentation from Indiana State patrolman Tom Melville on how to keep traffic flowing on state highways in the event of an accident or other incident involving fire departments. There is information available at www.intime.org that will help the local department to do this.

Riverwalk Insurance Solutions has a program that may be of benefit to members and spouses 65 years or older. IVFA license plate sales were up this year to over 16,000.

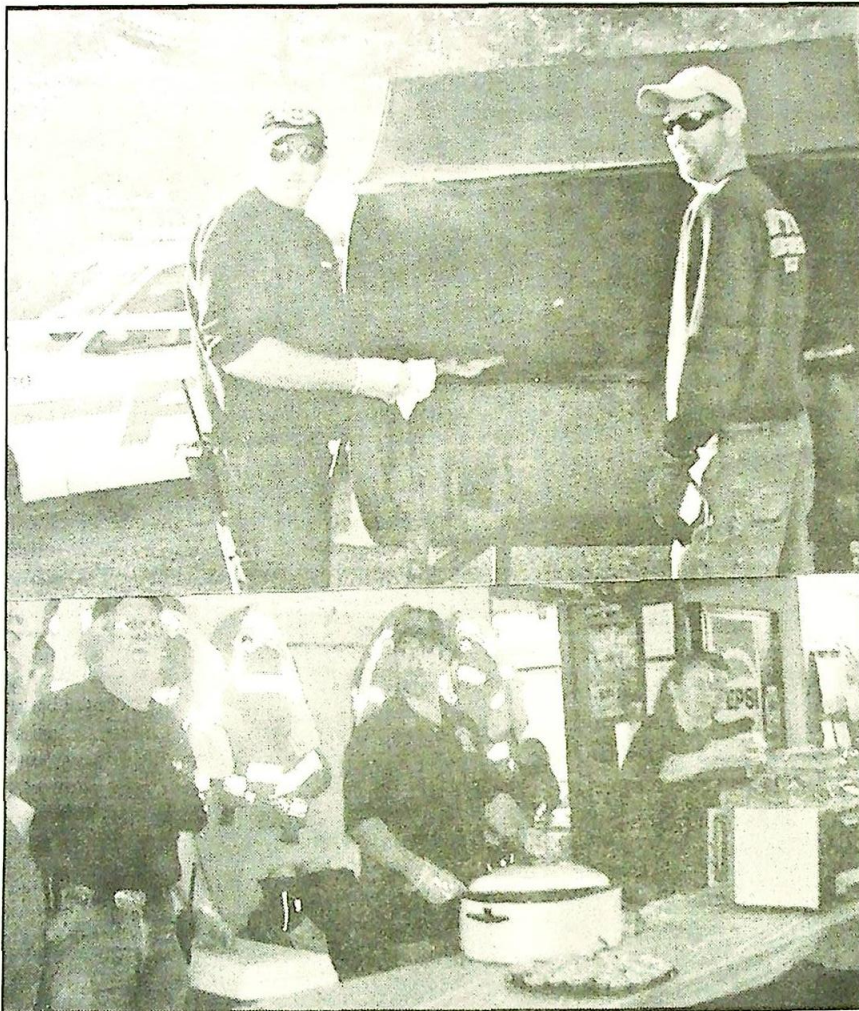
Legislative Report: IVFA lobbyist Larry Curl reported to the quarterly meeting that the novelty lighter legislation has been dropped. Legislation requiring building with engineered lumber components to be labeled has been tabled until administrative committees can work it into building codes.

Dues packets will be mailed out in April.

The Supporting Heroes banquet will be March 13.

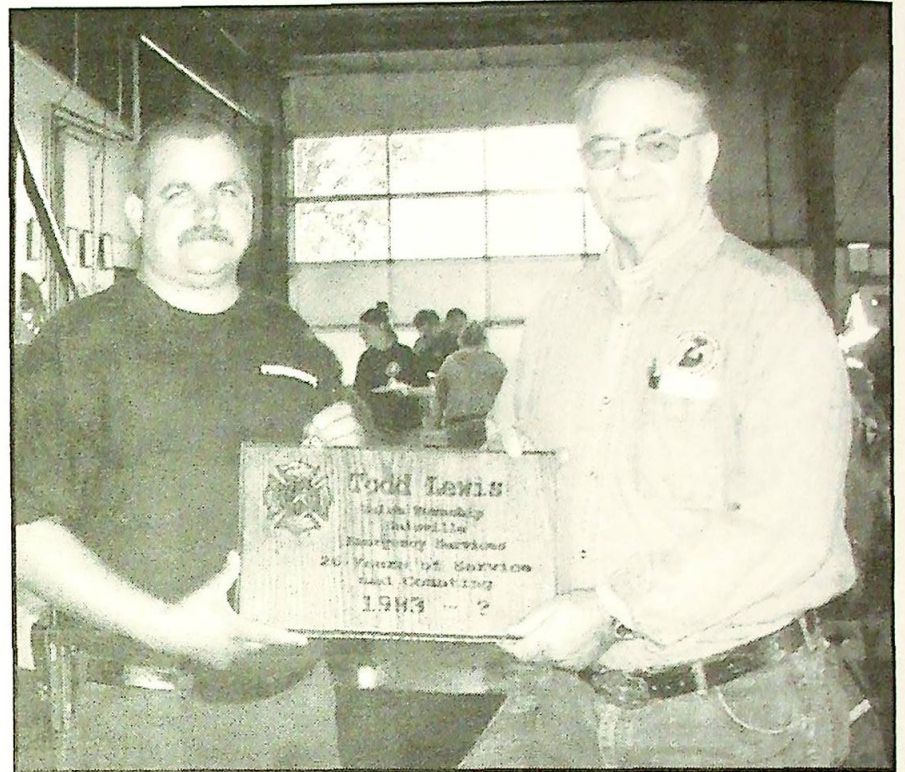
2011 convention: One planning meeting has been held. There are still some committees that need to be staffed by District 4 and 5 departments. The schedule includes a vintage fire truck show, a swap-meet (all day Thursday), a golf scramble (tentatively to cost \$35-\$40), and the memorial service on Friday morning. There may be fireworks on Friday night after dinner. All of the events can be held indoors. Friday will be open to the public for a small admission fee. (\$2.00?) Hospitality will be done by the Bremen Fire Department. There may be a demonstration of water rescue and/or dog rescue operations. The next 2011 convention planning meeting will be April 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bremen fire station.

Salem pork chop dinner held; Todd Lewis awarded 25 year pin



The Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department, Daleville, IN held a pork chop dinner on October 10, 2009 at their station.

Hey guys, we are fixing the pork chops as fast as we can! – (photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District B)



Todd Lewis of the Salem Township Volunteer Fire Department, Daleville, IN received his 25 year pin from District 8B chairman on October 10, 2009. He also received a plaque for his 25 years from the department.

Greg Hayes receives 25 year service pin



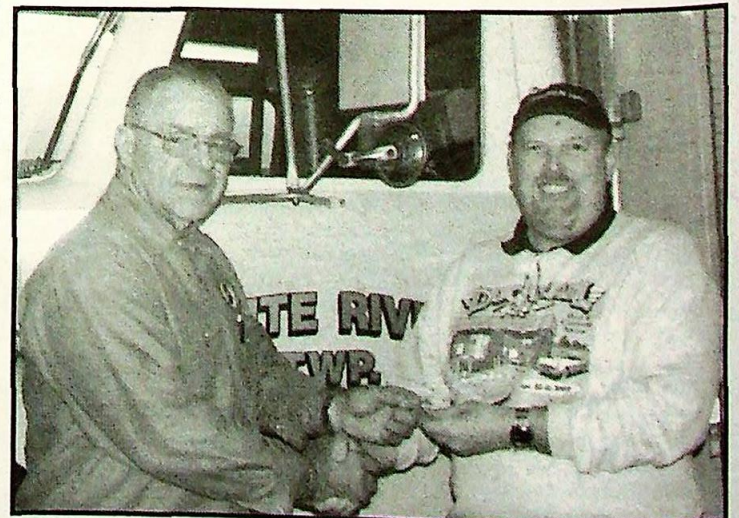
Greg S. Hayes from the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin from District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright on December 1, 2009. – (submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)

Twenty five year pins presented at Hartford City VFD Christmas party



The Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department held their Christmas party on December 12, 2009. District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright and Kylee Bell, District 8B Miss Flame runner-up, presented 25 year pins. Pictured (from left to right) are chairman Wright, Val Black, Bret Murray, Joe Ervin and Kylee Bell. Also receiving a 25 year pin was Ron Parrott. – (submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)

Stacy Lewis receives 25 year pin



Presenting a 25 year pin to Stacy Lewis from the White River Volunteer Fire Department is District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright. – (submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)

White River VFD hosts chili supper



The White River Volunteer Fire Department held a chili supper on March 13, 2010 at their station in Winchester, IN. Pictured are Jim Tharp, Fire Chief and his gang. Boys, this is the way that you do it! – (submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)

DISTRICT MEETINGS

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PRNE report: Jean Smith reminded members that the state is no longer notifying instructors when their certifications are about to expire. We will have to keep track and renew when necessary.

IVFA website has the district meeting schedules messed up. There has not been a legislative report recently.

Kewana-Union and Winona Lake Fire departments both received grants.

2010 convention will be June 16-19 in Terre Haute. The IVFA website has more information.

IVFAA: Karen Mayer, district chair for Districts 4 and 5 of the IVFAA gave a plea for departments to promote the IVFAA in their home communities. There are many benefits to membership including death and dismemberment insurance policies. Contact Karen if you would like help in promoting the IVFAA.

District 5 Miss Flame candidate, Riley Cripps, gave a short impromptu speech on the coming of spring.

Concerns: Glenn Kyle of Bremen fell and dislocated a shoulder and broke his collar bone. 25-year pins were presented to Nelson Bowyer of Mexico and Press Eudy of Roann.

Good of the Order: Roann will be holding Tech Awareness training on March 27. It will include ice/water rescue, trench rescue, confined space rescue and extrication. It will start at 8:00 a.m. and lunch will be provided. Contact Roann Fire Department by March 19 to reserve a spot. The Bremen Spring Staff will be April 29 and the Bremen Firemen's Festival will be June 30 through July 4.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Steven Johnson of Roann.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Monterey Fire Department, May 13, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sickelka, Secretary

IVFA District 5 meeting: Thursday, May 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments at 7:00) - Monterey Fire Department, Monterey, IN.

Bring fire incident and EMS run counts for March and April.

IVFA convention is June 16-19 in Terre Haute. There is a \$25 discount for registrations postmarked May 3rd or earlier!

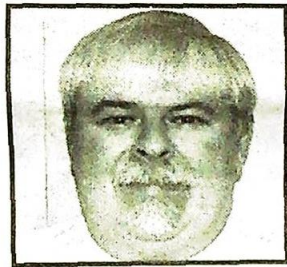
2010 Meeting Schedule
May 13: Monterey
July 8: Chester Township
Sept. 9: Fulton-Liberty
Nov. 11: Burket

District 5 Meeting Rotation Schedule

1. Aubbeenubbee - Fulton Co.
2. Atwood - Kosciusko Co.
3. Argos - Marshall Co.
4. Denver - Miami Co.
5. Monterey - Pulaski Co.
6. Chester Township - Wabash Co.
7. Fulton-Liberty - Fulton Co.
8. Burket - Kosciusko Co.
9. Bourbon - Marshall Co.
10. Macy-Allen Township - Miami Co.
11. Largo - Wabash Co.
12. Henry Township - Fulton Co.
13. Claypool - Kosciusko Co.

14. Bremen - Marshall Co.
15. Mexico - Miami Co.
16. Noble Township - Wabash Co.
17. Kewanna-Union - Fulton Co.
18. Etna Township - Kosciusko Co.
19. Culver-Union Township - Marshall Co.
20. North Manchester - Wabash Co.
21. Rochester - Fulton Co.
22. Mentone - Kosciusko Co.
23. La Paz - Marshall Co.
24. Pleasant Township - Wabash Co.
25. Wayne Township - Fulton Co.
26. Milford - Kosciusko Co.
27. Plymouth - Marshall Co.
28. Roann - Wabash Co.
29. North Webster - Kosciusko Co.
30. Tippecanoe - Marshall Co.
31. Urbana - Wabash Co.
32. Pierceton - Kosciusko Co.
33. Polk Township - Marshall Co.
34. Plain Township - Kosciusko Co.
35. Sidney-Jackson Township - Kosciusko Co.
36. Silver Lake - Kosciusko Co.
37. Syracuse-Turkey Creek Fire Terr. - Kosciusko Co.
38. Warsaw - Kosciusko Co.
39. Winona Lake - Kosciusko Co.

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6

Hello to all. It is May already, the snow is gone and grass and field fire season is upon us. Thanks to the Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in January and the Waterloo-Grant Township Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in March. My sincere thanks to the men and women from Woodburn and Waterloo-Grant Township for their hospitality and the food and refreshments they provided. They were great!

Special thanks go out to past IVFA V.P. Dave Elick for his help with our meetings. Dave has been filling in as our secretary. Our current secretary, John "Tugboat" Snyder has been transferred to a twenty-four shift on Tuesdays, our meeting night.

There is some sad news this time as Dave Elick and myself have attended three funeral viewings in the last two weeks. The Mongo Volunteer Fire Department lost Don J. Myers, a fifty year plus member of their department on March 18, 2010. Aboite Township Volunteer Fire Department lost Eugene D. Myers, a long time member of their department on March 20, 2010. Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Department lost Eugene F. "Gene" Lamboley, a forty-three year member of their department on March 27, 2010. These men and their contributions to these departments will be missed greatly. Let these families and departments be in our prayers.

It has been a busy time with attending fundraisers and Fire Department functions the last few months. It seems as though there is at least one and sometimes two events scheduled the same Saturday each weekend. There are still eight departments in District 6 that I do not have an e-mail address for. You know who you are and if you don't, here they are: Arcola VFD, Ashley VFD, Northeast Allen County VFD, Orland VFD, Salem Center VFD, Spencerville VFD, and Washington Township VFD (Allen County). Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spralawn@igtel.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 25 2010 at 7:30 P.M. It is going to be held at the Wolcottville -Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department on 1200 North (Noble County) or 800 South (Lagrange County) in Wolcottville. I am urging everyone that can attend to do so, so they can meet our District 6 Miss Flame, Katy Enfield.

If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on March 25, 2010. Please visit the IVFA website as the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

In closing I hope everyone had a good Easter holiday. Please be safe out there!

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Walt Reiter Chairman

November 16, 2009
Poe V.F.D.

Meeting called to order 8:45 p.m. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. First roll call answered by 24 members representing 10 departments. Minutes of the September meeting read and approved.

Guests: Mitch Parish, past president IVFA; Buz Koehler, vice-president IVFA; Ivan Nevil, past president IVFA; Mort Sorg, IVFA Public Relations Northeast; Mike VanZile, Chief of Auburn F.D.; Dawn Slessman, Team Leader Nature's Way Animal Response Team.

Buz Koehler, vice president IVFA discussed by-laws changes presented at the last meeting. Indiana Fire Service Institute Dinner is February 1. IVFA is still showing support to maintain township trustees, trying to get feedback from trustee associations in Indiana.

Ivan Nevil, past president IVFA: Legislation business on the state level. Discussion on governor's proposals regarding the fire service and the Indiana Fire Chiefs' Association rebuttal of the proposals. IVFA's proposals for 2010 to pursue law to ban novelty lighters in Indiana. Concerning light weight building construction, proposal would require the builder

to notify authorities that said structure is lightweight and a sign would be required to be posted next to the electric meter. Third proposal would serve notice to Building Contractors Association that all new homes would be required to have sprinklers - this would be phased in over several years. IPSC communications minutes discussed. Discussion on state statue that covers impeding roadways, law enforcement can cite you if you are told to move your apparatus and you do not.

Mort Sorg, IVFA PRNE: At quarterly meeting discussed a possible cruise as a fundraiser. Friends of New Albany are going to liquidate their fire museum. New Albany would like to raise funds to purchase and keep all equipment local. Mort spoke on the activity of the Poe V.F.D. Auxiliary and their fundraising efforts.

Chairman Reiter spoke briefly on last month's discussion of training problems in the state. They are now putting together a task force to work on correcting the problems at the state level. He reminded that award nominations need to be turned in. Dates, forms and rules are available on the IVFA website. He reminded the body that Convention 2010 will be in Terre Haute.

Next District 7 meeting will be January 18 at Ponto.

District 7 auxiliary chairman Suzie Louis presented District 7 Miss Flame competition candidates. Kaylie Kongar, representing Berne and Taylor Callow, representing Monroe. Our 2010 District 7 Miss Flame is Kaylie Kongar.

Chairman Reiter and Mort Sorg, IVFA PRNE, presented Ellis McFadden and Jerry Sorg with 50 year pins.

Second roll call answered by 24 members representing 10 departments. Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Richard Sorg
District 7 secretary

January 18, 2010

Poneto Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Reiter 8:09. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call answered by 30 members representing 11 departments. Minutes of the November meeting read. One correction to be made to minutes, presentation prior to meeting by Chief Mike VanZile had been omitted.

Richard Sorg, District 7 secretary presented that in 2009 District 7 had 174 members representing 19 departments attend. He also noted that Ivan Nevil, past president IVFA, was in Lutheran Hospital.

Guests: Mort Sorg, past Public Relations Northeast.

Chairman Reiter stated that there had been two deaths in our district since the last meeting; they were Vernon Stone from Poneto and Maynard Rich from Berne. He advised that there had been little new communications since the last district meeting. Efforts were still on-going concerning the local government in the state; could possibly come up to a referendum vote. He also spoke of ongoing efforts of the formed task force to evaluate training issues in the state; then evaluate and offer solutions to the Board of Standards and Education. Deadlines are getting

near for award nominations, check IVFA web site for details.

Mort Sorg, past PRNE spoke on attendance of district meetings throughout the state. He stated that by percentage District 7 has a pretty good representation. Also legislation committee is still working on addressing light frame construction.

Chairman Reiter presented Allen Smith, Poneto VFD, with 50 year pin and Tim Ford, Warren VFD, with his 25 year pin.

Next meeting will be at Preble Fireman's Park on March 15th. It will be the annual bake sale.

Poneto Chili Supper will be March 20th.

Second roll call answered by 30 members representing 11 departments. Meeting adjourned at 8:42.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

March 15, 2010

Preble Fireman's Park

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

First roll call answered by 36 members representing 8 departments. Minutes of the January meeting read and approved.

Guests: Chris Walker - District 3 Training Coordinator, E. J. Smith - presenting notes for Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Corbin Bultemeir - auctioneer, Charlie Bowers - auctioneer.

Chairman Reiter spoke on February quarterly meeting of the IVFA. It was stated that a person had sold IVFA information and mailing list for a profit. So if contacted by anyone claiming to represent the IVFA please verify with the Central Office before doing business with them!!! American Family Life Insurance is still contacting members to update beneficiary information for free death benefit. In the event that the representative is rude or overbearing please pass the word on to the IVFA so that the representative can be dealt with! Board of Standards and Education had noted that there is incorrect information in the IFSTA Essentials 5th Edition. It refers to

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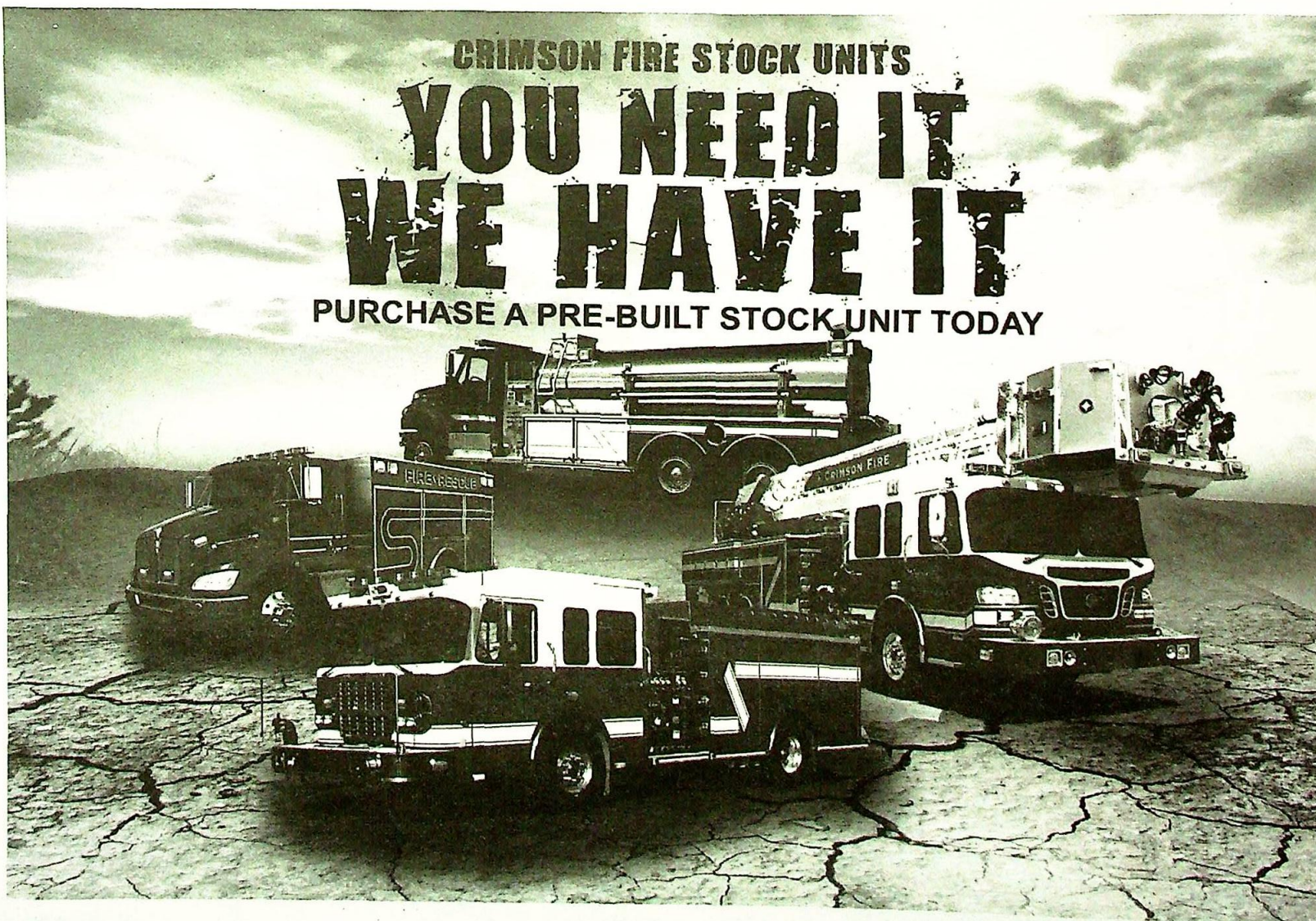
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DISTRICT REPORTS

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hydrostat testing of composite bottles. It is incorrect in the book and on the test both. It is being worked on to rectify this. There is still an issue with a billing company in the state charging fees that exceed state statute.

E. J. Smith also had information on the last quarterly meeting. Statistics of current IVFA membership were presented. John Buckman presented information in the meeting from the Board of Education and Standards he gave present number of firefighters that have taken fire classes. Also, effective March 15, 2010 any test that is given to a student that does not meet the prerequisites of the class will result in the test being invalidated.

Chairman Reiter added that the next meeting of Standards and Education will be April 12th at Seymore at 6 pm and the following meeting will be in June at the IVFA Convention. He included a brief on legislation that the novelty lighter and lightweight construction bills did not pass.

Chris Walker - District 3 Training Coordinator stated that requests for classes next year need to be in by the end of March. If you register for a class then please attend the class. No shows have resulted in classes being canceled at the start of class and budget money being wasted. The state is starting to track requests for classes. *Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy is scheduled for June 25-27 this year. Grant funds to pay for Command Training Center at the Public Safety Academy in Fort Wayne. It will offer Blue Card Certification for Command. A free class is being planned this fall and a schedule will be on the web site.*

Richard Sorg - District 7 Secretary presented information from Nature's Way Animal Rescue Team concerning their third annual meeting which will be at the Indiana State Fairgrounds during the Hoosier Horse Fair April 9. Free admission to the fair will be provided with registration to the meeting. And on April 15th Nature's Way will be hosting an organizational meeting for the DHS District 3. This meeting is to work toward expanding the team through Northeast Indiana. Information for both of these meetings is available on N.W.A.R.T.org and Indianafiretrainingdistrict3.com.

Upcoming Events - March 20 - Poneto Chili Supper 4:30 - 7:00, March 28 - Poe Pancake and Sausage Breakfast 9:00 - 1:00, April 3 - Poe Consignment Auction starting at 9am, April 3 Monroe Breakfast 5:00 - 10:00, April 10 Berne Pancake Breakfast 6:00 - ?, April 10 Ossian Pancake Breakfast 6:00 - ?.

Next district meeting will be at Roanoke May 17.

Second roll call answered by 38 members representing 9 departments.

Meeting adjourned 9:05.

Bake Sale Auction following the meeting.

*Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary*

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting on January 13, 2010 at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department in Ridgeville, IN at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairman Lloyd E. Wright with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary's report was read and approved. There were 10 departments with 32 members present.

The Miss Flame contest for

2010 was held with five girls vying for the title. They were Ashley Smith from the Liberty Twp. (Selma) Volunteer Fire Department, Chelsey Gettinger from Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, Courtney Willoughby from Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, Heaven Smith from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department and Megan Karn from the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department. Megan Karn from the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department was named District 8B Miss Flame 2010 and Heaven Smith from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department was named first runner-up.

The district had 65 fire runs and 120 EMS runs.

It was reported that the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department would be having a chicken and fish fry in February, March, and April.

Chairman Wright informed the f

members that one of the Pipeline meetings would be held in Muncie in January if anyone was interested in going.

The meeting was adjourned and a 50/50 drawing was held.

A light lunch was served by the fire department.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2010 at the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, Redkey, IN at 7:30 p.m.

*Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B chairman*

The Redkey Volunteer Fire Department hosted the March 10, 2010 meeting at their station.

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

Roll call was taken with 30 members from 10 departments present.

There were five guests in attendance: IVFA vice president David Israel, past vice president

Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, Cindy VanCordon from Donley Safety, and District 8B Miss Flame Megan Karn.

David Israel and Buz Koehler talked about the different things going on in the state. Cindy VanCordon told the members about some of the things that Donley Safety had to offer to fire departments.

A second roll call was taken with how many runs each department had made. There were 35 fire runs and 133 EMS runs.

The group held a discussion on what they wanted to do for the Miss Flame contest fundraiser next year.

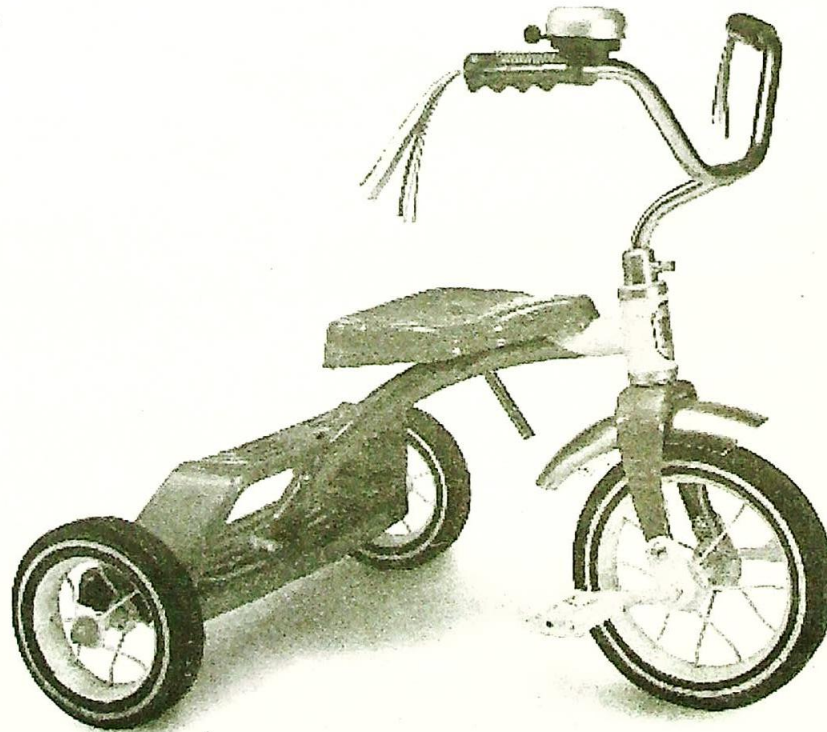
The different fundraisers going on in the district are as follows: Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department having a chicken and fish fry on March 13; White River Volunteer Fire Department is having a chili supper on March 13; the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department is having a dance on

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To Obtain Your License Plates You Must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Requests to the IVFA Central Office no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the number of plates you are requesting, along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.

Beginning	Ending	
Corporate fleet vehicles		Saturday, January 31
AAAA	ARNN	Saturday, February 7
ARNO	BATE	Saturday, February 14
BATF	BLAI	Saturday, February 21
BLAJ	BRID	
Rental fleet vehicles		Saturday, February 28
Heavy vehicles		
Trailers		
BRIE	BUSD	Saturday, March 7
BUSE	CHAN	Saturday, March 14
CHAO	CONN	Saturday, March 21
CONO	CURL	Saturday, March 28
CURM	DICE	Tuesday, April 7
DICF	EDDY	Tuesday, April 14
EDEA	FERG	Tuesday, April 21
FERH	FRYA	Tuesday, April 28
Personalized license plates		Thursday, April 30
FRYB	GLOR	Thursday, May 7
GLOS	GUMZ	Thursday, May 14
GUNA	HART	Thursday, May 21
HARU	HILE	Thursday, May 28
HILF	HUCH	Sunday, June 7
HUCI	JERR	Sunday, June 14
JERS	KEEL	Sunday, June 21
KEEM	KNUD	Sunday, June 28
KNUE	LAWR	Tuesday, July 7
LAWS	LOPE	Tuesday, July 14
LOPF	MART	Tuesday, July 21
MARU	MCKI	Tuesday, July 28
MCKJ	MILL	Friday, August 7
MILM	MUND	Friday, August 14
MUNE	NUNG	Friday, August 21
NUNH	PATT	Friday, August 28
PATU	PONT	Monday, September 7
PONU	REDM	Monday, September 14
REDN	ROBE	Monday, September 21
ROBF	SANC	Monday, September 28
SAND	SERM	Wednesday, October 7
SERN	SLON	Wednesday, October 14
SLOO	SPRI	Wednesday, October 21
SPRJ	SUCE	Wednesday, October 28
SUCF	THOP	Saturday, November 7
THOQ	VANO	Saturday, November 14
VANP	WALD	Saturday, November 21
WALE	WATT	Saturday, November 28
WATU	WILK	Monday, December 7
WILL	WRIG	Monday, December 14
WRIH	ZZZZ	Monday, December 21

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

BMV PROCEDURES

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. This form must be the 'original' form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$15 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow ALL directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is the general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates. Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates. **Please do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.**

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**August 5, 2010
deadline is July 5, 2010
12:00 Noon**

Top of Form

IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application (Print off and mail to the address below)

Name IVFA Membership #

Department #

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Month Your Plates Renew

Day Time Phone Evening Phone # Plates Requested

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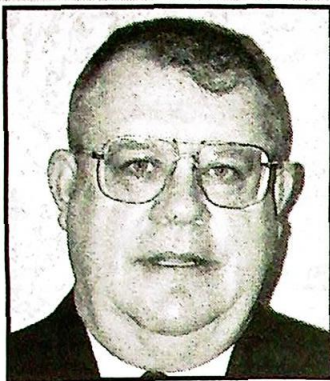
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



**QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2010
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President Tim Deckard called the quarterly meeting at 2:00 P.M. Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the Invocation.

Vice President David Israel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Deckard called for the reading of the minutes of the November meeting. One correction to the minutes as printed was the dates of the May meeting was wrong. The May dates are: April 30, May 1 & 2, 2010. Steve Anderson, District 15 made motion to accept the minutes as printed with corrections noted. Terry Smith, District 4, made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer Bev Harker gave the financial report and passed out copies to all officers. She passed out complete copies of all income and expenses for 2009. Reported that Interest and Royalty incomes were down considerably and Committee Expenses, Funeral Fund and Officers Expenses were over budget last year.

License plate sales for 2009 were 3620 plates.

Luke Kluender, District 17B, made motion to accept treasurer's report. Past president Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **IVFA INVENTORY LIST - SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW:** Inventory ID Tags have been purchased. Compiling a list of equipment the IVFA has so that ID Tags can be placed on each item. If anyone has IVFA equipment in their possession let me know so it can be added to the list.

2. **WEB MASTER - PAST PRESIDENT BUZ KOEHLER:** The new Web Master is Brad Mushett and Brent Lank is working with him to make sure everything gets changed over to him. Send information for the Web Site to IVFA.ORG.

3. **CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM TRAINING COMPETITION - CAROL THRAWLEY:** This competition has been moved from the Wayne Twp. training grounds to the Lebanon Fire Department training grounds on May 8, 2010. Teams expected from all regions of state, about 100-150 participants. They will have 5 Fire and 3 EMS competition stations to be judged on base on the 5th Edition of Essentials Manual. Also need judges for each station.

4. **PUBLIC EDUCATION TV - JACK MCFARLAND:** He has

TV/DVD in his possession and will check later this evening. Carol and Marlene Thrawley are updating the IVFA Power Point program.

5. **HOOSIER BURN CAMP - TIM DECKARD:** Presented check to Fred Hines of the Hoosier Burn Camp for \$1000 at the Indiana Fire Institute Dinner February 1, 2010.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 - TOM ORRELL: Next meeting March 17, 2010 at Chesterton Fire Department.

DISTRICT 2 - PAUL WATLAND: Next meeting February 17, 2010 at Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3 - DAVE KAUFMAN: Next meeting March 18, 2010 at Cass-Clinton Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4 - TERRY SMITH: Next meeting February 18, 2010 at Osceola Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 5 - TONY FARRER: Next meeting March 11, 2010 at Denver Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 6 - JERRY SPRAGUE: Next meeting March 23, 2010 at Waterloo Grant Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7 - WALT REITER: Next meeting March 15, 2010 at Preble Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A - BILL PAPE: Next meeting March 10, 2010 at Mill Twp Vol. Fire Dept. (Marion).

DISTRICT 8B - LLOYD WRIGHT: Next meeting March 10, 2010 at Redkey Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A - LEIGHANNE ELLIS: Absent.

DISTRICT 9B - RANDY DENTON: (Willie Parish reporting) Next meeting March 11, 2010 at Idaville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10 - JOHN RAY: Next meeting February 17, 2010 at Clifford Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A - JACK MCFARLAND: Next meeting March 21, 2010 at Nevins Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11B - LARRY SOUTHARD: (Larry Ketchem reporting) Next meeting March 14, 2010 at Rosedale Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 12 - LARRY BRUNER: Next meeting in March at Gregg Twp Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13A - CAROL THRAWLEY: Next meeting March 16, 2010 at Buckcreek Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13B - DENNIS SPEARS: Next meeting February 11, 2010 at Centerville Fire/Rescue.

DISTRICT 14 - RICHARD CANNON: Next meeting March

18, 2010 at McCulloch Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 15 - STEVE ANDERSON: Next meeting March 16, 2010 at New Harmony Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 16 - PAUL HOLCOMB: Next meeting March 17, 2010 at New Harmony Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17A - SAM EMERY: Next meeting March 18, 2010 at Petersburg Station #2.

DISTRICT 17B - LUKE KLUENDER: Next meeting March 22, 2010 at Marshall Twp Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 18 - JOHN C. SMITH: (Kenny Lau) Next meeting March 18, 2010 at Huntingburg Eagles Lodge.

DISTRICT 19 - ED SCHEELE: Next meeting March 25, 2010 at Moorefield Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 - DON FULTZ: Next meeting March 29, 2010 at West Lebanon Fire Dept.

President Deckard introduced Indiana State Police Major Tom Melville from the Operations Division.

Major Melville talked on the "IN-TIME" program of getting roads opened after an incident. For every minute that a road is shut down, it takes 4 minutes to get it back to normal. During this time frame a chance of a second accident is very high. The IN-TIME is a safety program for all Emergency responders with our number one priority being our own safety, the safety of the accident victim and the safety of those people stopped in traffic at the incident site. All agencies need uniform communications with each other - State Police, Fire Department, EMS, Wrecker Services and IDOT. If your services are not needed, do not unnecessarily block a lane of traffic. He also explained the new technology for measuring scene reconstruction.

IC. 9-22-1-32 is Hold Harmless law for clearing accident scene.

Power Point Training for scene deployment is available for anyone at IN TIME.org. Training available to everyone.

Talked about cable barricades that are being installed on Interstate Highway. These systems are saving lives. They have some problems: need gaps in system at shorter distance and large enough to get fire trucks through.

President Deckard introduced Tina Coffel representing RIVERWALK INSURANCE SOLUTIONS to explain a Retiree Benefits program offered through

Humana Medicare Advantage. The IVFA would need to sponsor this program to make it available to the retirees, spouses and widows. There is no cost to the IVFA. The Humana Medical Advantage plans are available to Retirees that are over the age of 65, have Medicare A and B and are members of an Association or Union.

This program will be discussed in further detail by the Membership and Marketing Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
EXECUTIVE - TIM DECKARD: Issues discussed last night will be brought in President's report.

CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY: Membership for year stands at 16,482. License plate requests are coming in. Have one Bridgeport Scholarship form returned to date.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING - JERRY SPRAGUE: Working on a cruise for this time next year; more information coming.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION - JACK MCFARLAND: John Smith will show the IVFA slide show at the Jasper Fire School.

BY-LAWS AND SOG'S - BUZ KOEHLER: Passed out new sheets with the changes to the By-Laws; remove the old page from your By-Laws and insert the new copy. There will be 3 certified copies of By-Laws and SOG's. The Central Office, Secretary and By-Law Committee Chairman Buz Koehler will maintain those copies.

HISTORIAN - JOHN DAVIES: Absent.

LOGO - JOHN SMITH: (Kenny Lau) Nothing to report.

AD-TAKER - WILLIE PARISH: Two outstanding bills at this time. All ads must be paid within 60 days. The newspaper is being audited by the Post Office.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD: Total run for the February paper was 16,910 copies. Cutoff date for the May paper is April 5, 2010. Total cost for the paper for 2009 was \$.38 per paper.

CLOTHING CLAIMS - TONY FARRER: Had 5 claims this quarter; 4 for glasses and 1 for a pair of boots. All claims were paid.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE - DAVID ISRAEL: One bid for 2012 Convention from District 14 and 16. Need any other bids turned as soon as possible.

CONVENTION 2010 - ter

BILL BUSH: Things are moving along. Room reservations should be made with the Holiday Inn in Terre Haute. Those that registered for Convention with a credit card; the cards will be processed after March 1, 2010.

CONVENTION 2011 - TERRY SMITH: Meeting February 21, 2010 to finish assignments to committees. This will be the IVFA's 65 Anniversary. Trying to get pictures and memorabilia of past conventions for display.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTERS STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY: Meeting at Greensburg. Jack Kerney elected chairman. Meetings for 2010 cut to six. Working on rule changes to meet NFPA standards. Mandatory skills to remain valid for 2 years instead of the present 180 days. Is IFSAC Accreditation important to Indiana Firefighters? Need Volunteer Firefighters to attend Board meetings when in your area.

TRAINING TASK FORCE -

TIM DECKARD: This is a new group looking into the training problems that were discussed at November meeting of problems in all areas of the state. Two issues they are looking at are instructor hours in adult education that have not been fully developed by the IDHS Training Division. The other issue at this time is looking at all practical skills requirements to make they can actually be done and are being done, not just checking "yes".

Dave Kaufman, District 3 chairman will represent the IVFA on the newly formed EMS Ambulance Service Board.

FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE DINNER - BUZ KOEHLER: About 200 in attendance; very good afternoon; seminar and speaker at the dinner. No Legislators as they were in a long session that night.

INSURANCE - BEV HARKER: Met last night and heard one price quote for our organization insurance. Have two more companies that want to present quotes. Committee will have meeting in March to go over all quotes.

AWARDS - DAVID ISRAEL: Had 4 nominees for the Angel Award and 4 nominees for the Ollie Sandburg Award.

The Committee did select a winner for each Award. Also need names of District Global Award winners.

LEGISLATIVE - LARRY CURL: Trying to keep Legislative update on Web site. This was busy o

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District 17A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

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**AUGUST 5, 2010
DEADLINE IS
JULY 5, 2010
12:00 NOON**

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

IVFA Auxiliary State Quarterly Meeting Sunday, February 7, 2010 Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport 2501 South High School Road Indianapolis, IN 46241
Call to order: President Beth called meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
Prayer: Chaplain Joann had a moment of silence for Jerry Cohen's family. Thanked everyone for the cards and prayers for her.
Pledge to Flag: Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam led the ladies to the Pledge to the Flag.
Beth introduced our new district chairmen, District 10 Janet Matthews, District 11A Debbie Vermillion, District 14 Janet Woodfill and District 21 Denise Routzahn.
Roll call: Recording secretary Lou - there were 23 officers and six guests.
Minutes: Motion was made by Barb Kerney to dispense with reading of minutes, seconded by June Cahill. It was asked if any additions or corrections needed to be made. There were none. Minutes stand. Motion was carried.
Beth said before we continue that there was some unpleasant business to discuss. Tim, IVFA president, will be discussing this with us a little later in our meeting. Our organization was sold twice. Tim wanted to give us a heads up on this.

Treasurer's report: Report stands as read. Copy sent to officers, district chairmen and committee members.

Correspondence report: Malinda thanked everyone for the planter she received while in the hospital and thanked Barb Kerney for filling in for her. List of district meetings and functions are to be sent to Beth not to Malinda.

District chairmen's reports: Make sure and get these turned in to Beth.

Membership: As of 2/1/10 - department 44, individuals 109, department members 654, life members 22 for total of 785.

Membership chairman Leona was absent. Barb Kerney talked how the committee could come up with a way of getting more members. Pam who is on the committee with Leona taking notes on this and will see the committee can come up with. Beth suggested district chairmen go to meetings, also men's meetings.

Chaplain report: Joann needs an update on any members that have passed away; so far only four ladies. Any men that are IVFA Auxiliary members, they are entitled to Bible or service from us.

Auditing: Martha - absent.

Installation: Faye - absent.

Financial study: Toni had a proposed budget for 2009-2010. Barb Kerney made motion to accept 2009-2010 budget with a second from Lou Bartlow. Budget approved. Thanks, Toni, for a job well done. Copy will be attached.

Miss Flame: Barb said March 10th deadline. Remember send \$25.00 check to the Mary Mackin Fund.

V.P. Project: Barb Parker said have Miss Flames from districts to sell the tickets.

By-Laws: Susie said working on it. If any changes, get them in by April 1st to Lou.

Jewelry: Marlene got the new district chairmen bars and passed them out to ones who were in attendance. Also a discussion was held on having a new design for the 50-year pins.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Phyllis - absent.

Convention 2010 report: Eula Bush said get resignations in and hotel reservation in - phone 812-232-6081. Have tours set up for ladies for 20 people, raffle. Offering shirts by order only; send to Barb Ketchem; Carol Curl will have them with her.

Nominating: June said they had a meeting on Saturday, doing okay.

Historian: Joann needs pictures and articles.

President's Advisory: Faye absent. Beth asked Barb Kerney how she was doing, she is doing okay.

Lois Boaz: Wanda Johnson said had meeting and had made a choice. District 16 will pay up to \$50.00 for Lois Boaz plaque from now on. That is great, thank you.

Parliamentarian: Toni - nothing at this time.

Chinese Auction: Lora absent. Barb Parker said she would take home with her any items that have been bought for the auction.

Toni said districts to pay for the \$25.00 entry for their girl, women can help also.

Lou said the Chaplain Flower Fund is depleted. Taking up a collection to replenish the fund. We collected \$99.00 for the flower fund.

Barb Kerney asks if she could go ahead and receive her \$300.00 for Miss Flames. Lou made motion to give her the \$300.00 with a second from Joann.

Took a break at 9:45. Started back at 10:00.

IVFA president Tim Deckard came and discussed with us what was going on, so if anyone came to us at our homes or we get phone calls and they were saying representing the IVFA or IVFAA, to be very careful and do not give out any personal information to them. Tim is taking care of this. We told Tim we were very pleased with where meetings are now being held.

We will meet April 30, May 1st and 2nd, August 6th, 7th, and 8th, November 5th, 6th, and 7th. We book our reservations ourselves.

Lou has new telephone # 765-592-2226. She has retired.

Old business: Beth getting birthdays up-to-date.

New business: Please keep dues up-to-date. Committee chairmen - contact your people if having meetings. Make sure when you pass on briefcase, make sure you have papers that say what you do and your meetings; four meetings a year, election one time a year - got to get voted in. District 13 trying to get started. Carol Curl talked to ladies in District 12.

Entertainment and next meeting date: Friday, April 30th usually men, Saturday, May 1st, some committee meetings and entertainment 3:00 p.m. Hostesses will be Joann Hayes and Debbie Vermillion; will have a pj party (watch for Buz, he may dance);

Sunday, May 2nd, 2010. Name of hotel and address is listed on top of article for anyone who does not know we have changed hotels.

Adjournment: Pam motioned for us to adjourn with second from Marlene at 10:35 a.m.

Closing prayer: Joann closed meeting with prayer.

Submitted by IVFAA
Corresponding Secretary
Malinda Bell

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the September 10, 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 7:10 p.m.

Pledge was recited. Prayer was given by Jason Kuiper of Cedar Lake Fire Dept.

Bill Missel gave department history.

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

Treasurer's report was given by Phyllis Vargo with \$649.60 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance: Tom Orrell, District #1 chairman and Paul Watland, District #2 chairman.

Old Business: Phyllis talked about convention. You parked your car and everything was there. Phyllis talked about the state secretary. They are in the process of still getting items back from the former secretary. Butter braids are here; please get them after the meeting. There was a profit of \$664.40 from the fundraiser. Phyllis thanked Marge for handing the fundraiser.

New Business: Phyllis talked about the new membership cards. You need to get these filled out by every member of your auxiliary. If you need forms see Phyllis after the meeting. Please send the completed forms in with your dues to Phyllis first. Do not send to state.

Phyllis advised the group that the state wants all auxiliaries to hold their election for district at their meetings in May.

Phyllis asked each auxiliary to go back to their department to see if there is anyone interested in running for Miss Flame. Phyllis has applications now. The applications are due to Phyllis by October 15th.

At our November we normally have a silent auction. Phyllis asked what was our pleasure was. Motion made by Jackie Rench, seconded by Yolanda Sobkowitz for each auxiliary to bring three items for the silent auction. Motion passed.

Phyllis presented a plaque to Cedar Lake Auxiliary in recognition of years and dedication of Barb Wilkening to not only Cedar Lake Fire but to the years of I.V.F.A.A.

Motion was made on the floor by Shellie O'Brian, seconded by Jackie Rench to have the hosting department

Quarterly minutes . . .

week at State House as all bills that survived committee hearings and passed their respective chambers were transferred to the other chamber for their vote. A large number of bills did not make it; but can be amended into other bills. Our bill on novelty lighters did not survive because it had a physical impact with that cost money. The bill will be reintroduced next year. Our bill on engineered lumber did not make it out of committee but was referred to the Building Code Division to be put in their rules. Local government reform has the bill active at this time. HB 1181 would hold a referendum vote on the issue on the November ballot. This bill would allow a township to vote if it wanted to keep the Trustee and Advisory Board or not. This bill passed out of the House. The other bill, SB 240 would retain the Trustee and eliminate the Advisory Board. The Trustee would submit the budget to the Commissioners to review and approve the budget. Now is the time to start an education program to alert our people of the outcome of this program. President Deckard has formed a "Local Government Reform task Force". This committee is going to be able to inform, educate, make aware, and promote our in this matter. We need to partnership with several organizations to achieve our goal.

Meeting recess at 6:00 P.M.
Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M.

Chaplain Gerdowsky gave the morning invocation.

President Deckard introduced Debbie Driscoll, the Executive Officer of Trustees Association. That Association wants to partner with the IVFA for a common good to improve good fire service and local government.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT TIM DECKARD - Traveled 1962 miles last quarter. He also reported on a training error that Luke Kluender found in the 5th edition of Essentials. On page 206 the book states that composite SCBA cylinders must be hydrostatically tested every 3 years. After checking several vendors it should be 5 years. This correction will be made in the next edition of Essentials 6. Trying to have this question removed from certification test. The Legislative Bill Tracking service that was approved in November will not be used this year but we will use it next year. New Beneficiary forms will be sent to all IVFA officers this month along with the quarterly minutes. Fill them out and sign them and return to President Deckard by the end of March. Also new dues packets will be mailed after April 15; remind everyone to check all of their information on the dues list including their address. The L.O.I.T. (Local Option Income Tax) information on this option will be put on the IVFA web site. The Fire Chiefs' Leadership Conference will be held March 12 and 13, 2010 at Brownsburg Fire Department from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Register for this conference at www.indfirechief.org. Supporting Heroes Banquet is March 13, 2010 at the Gault House in Louisville, KY. Motion made by Carol Thrawley, District 13A to appoint Al Williamson as PRSE director. Paul Holcomb, District 16 made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. President Deckard swore in Al Williamson as PRSE. President Deckard removed Charlie Moon as PRSE director for actions

detrimental to the well being of the IVFA and IVFAA. Buz Koehler, past president made a motion that Charlie Moon be banned for life from being an officer of the IVFA. Jim Parker, past president made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. Being one nay vote. President Deckard reported a problem in the state of companies that are billing for Fire and EMS runs excessive fees for this service. Carol Thrawley, District 13A made a motion these companies not be allowed to advertise in the IVFA newspaper. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed.

President Deckard introduced John Buchman of IDHS Training Division. He reported 10,777 students took part in training in 2009. This is a 21% increase. Mandatory training bridge to Firefighter I being tested. Most training now using the Essentials books. Developing a Power Point for instructors to use. Updating of Board rules are being done now. Required training is Mandatory, Basic (OSHA) and SIDS, Autism and Driving. January 1, 2010 each student must sign a form that they meet the prerequisites for a class. IFSAC certification will be renewed this year and requirements will be more controlled. Keep copies of all your training in your own file at home or the Fire House. President Deckard introduced Roxanne Dean and Doug Goldberg of California Casualty Auto and Home Insurance. This group only works with Associations and Unions. They currently provide insurance programs in 44 states. This could be another retention benefit to the IVFA; only members of the IVFA can take advantage of this program. This will be looked at.

VICE PRESIDENT -

DAVID ISRAEL: Traveled 1350 miles this quarter. Attended 7 district meetings, 1 county meeting, 2 fire department dinners, 1 50 year pin presentation, 2010 Convention meeting, Vincennes Sausage Supper and the Fire Institute dinner.

CHAPLAIN - ED GERDOWSKY: Driven 1002 miles. Attended 3 memorials, 2 district meetings and one chaplain's meeting.

SGT.-AT-ARMS - BILL BUSH: Attended 2 district meetings.

PRNW - JIM BRADFORD: Attended 6 district meetings, 2 Porter County meetings, 2 memorial services, 1 funeral, 1 IDHS Seminar, 1 fund raiser and 1 trip to Printco for a total of 1076 miles.

PRNE - JEAN SMITH: Attended 3 district meetings and the Medal Valor presentation.

PRWC - DIANE HARRISON: Absent.

PREC - DON CUSHMAN: Attended 3 district meetings.

PRSW - JIM ABRAMS: Attended 6 district meetings, 6 memorial services and 1 award presentation.

PRSE - AL WILLIAMSON: Attended 4 district meetings, 3 memorial services and 2 chief's meeting.

PAST PRESIDENTS REPORT
LARRY KETCHEM - Pass
JACK KERNEY - Pass
BUZ KOEHLER - Pass
JACK ZEEKS - Pass
RICHARD GLANT - Pass
WILLIE PARISH - Pass
IVAN NEVIL - Thanked everyone for cards.
JIM PARKER - Pass

NEW BUSINESS

Dates for 2010 quarterly meetings are: April 30 (Executive) Business meeting May 1 & 2. August 6 (Executive) 7 & 8 Business meeting. Need to make reservations for rooms now as hotel will be full that weekend; and the November 5 (Executive) 6 & 7 the business meeting.

Carol Thrawley, District 13A thanked everyone for the cards and e-mail. He brought up issues of building construction making fires hard to get to. Also has a possible problem with Worker Compensation over heart attack not covered for firefighters. Something to think about.

Ivan Nevil, Chairman of Nominating Committee opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2010. Jim Bradford, PRNW nominated Larry Ketchem. No other nominations were presented. Larry Ketchem elected Chairman of the Board for 2010.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**FEBRUARY 7, 2010
CROWN PLAZA
INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT**

1. Gifts for State Miss Flame Contestants - Buz Koehler, past president made motion to allow up \$1000 for gifts. Jack Zeeks, past president made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. Clock for FDIC. Carol Thrawley, District 13 made motion to purchase one clock for FDIC. Jack McFarland, District 11A made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. Legislature of the Year plaque. Jack McFarland, District 11A made motion to continue this program not to exceed \$150. Jim Parker, past president made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Bev Harker, Treasurer made motion that the budget presented in November be approved today. Willie Parish, past president made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Carol Thrawley, District 13A asked for IVFA help with the Hero Competition that will be held May 4, 2010 at Lebanon Fire Dept. This is a competition involving Career School fire cadets throughout the state.

a. Use of our Logo on flyers. Past president Jim Parker made motion to allow the use of our Logo for this event. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

b. Financial support for this event. Steve Anderson, District 15 made a motion we allow up to \$750 for the breakfast for the attendees. Past president Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Supporting Heroes Banquet - Jack McFarland, District 11A made motion that the IVFA purchase 2 tables for this banquet. Terry Smith, District 4 made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. Past president Jim Parker made a motion to allow the mileage for this event to be turned in. Past president Willie made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

7. NVFC - Past president Willie Parish brought to our attention the high cost to attend the NVFC meeting in Washington D.C. every year. We need to cut costs. Money is budgeted for this year so our delegates can attend this year.

Being no other business to discuss past president Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn this

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meeting. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

DISTRICT 8B REPORT

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April 10. Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department will have a chicken and fish fry on March 20 and April 17.

The meeting was adjourned and a light lunch was served.

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2010 at the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 9B REPORT



Randy Denton - Chairman

January 14th
Goodland Vol. Fire Dept.

Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Randy Denton called the meeting to order at 8:00 EST.

Roll call: Boswell 1, Brook 3, Fowler 6, Goodland 12, Medaryville 1, Rensselaer 3, Reynolds 3. Total number of alarms was 100 with seven departments answering roll call.

Guests: Buz Koehler, vice president IVFA; Jim Bradford, Public Relations; Mitch Parish, past president.

Mitch Parish: Fire Institute Dinner, not a lot of people signed up thus far. Safer Grant Applications due 1-15-10. Let Mitch know if you are not receiving your IVFA newspaper.

Buz Koehler: Legislation on novelty lighters and sprinkler bill were not passed. Discussed engineered lumber and how the size is correct but it reacts differently to fire. Placard needs to be placed on buildings and must notify dispatch of a home with engineered lumber. Talked about local government reform. As information becomes available, it will be posted on the website. If you like him to discuss with your departments or trustees, just let him know.

Jim Bradford: talked about local government reform and engineered lumber. Convention is in Terre Haute this year and in South Bend next year. Advised all departments to renew FCC license before 2013. Fire Marshal has hearing impaired smoke detectors. If you do not have a physical program, one needs to be established.

Randy Denton: need Miss Flame candidates to contact him. No candidates thus far. Does district want to send anyone to the Caucus Dinner?

Goodland Chief introduced his department. Motion and second was presented to send Randy to the Caucus Dinner.

Jim O'Neil received his 25 year pin.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting March 11, 2010 Idaville.

Submitted: James Wisley, 9B secretary

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

We here in District 10 have been faced with the loss of three of our fellow firefighters, who have gone home to be with the Lord. In January, Jim Kiefner, Chief of the Elizabethtown passed away after suffering from cancer. February brought the loss of Tom Hall from Anderson Township Fire Department. Mr. IVFA of 2007, Harold Cappel passed away at the end of March. Harold was a 55 year member of the Clifford Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their families, friends and departments.

With the spring season and field preparation for crop planting, has also come the threat of anhydrous ammonia release (?), such as the one most recently reported in Taylorsville, IN involving 800 gallons of anhydrous spreading a dense and dangerous fog throughout the area. Along with that was a large scale evacuation of the area, the closing of a portion of highway US 31 and 2 hour delay for local schools. It took several hours to clean up and secure the area. The perpetrators have since been taken into custody.

At our March district meeting, with Nineveh hosting, we heard from a member of the Johnson County Sheriff's Dive Team on how we as firefighters can be of assistance to them on a water search and rescue scene.

Our April meeting was held at Clay Township, and the program was presented by Major Thomas Melville of the Indiana State Police. His program was entitled "In Time", which informed us how we can better keep traffic moving and an accident scene more safe.

We hope you had a blessed and joyful Easter, and are enjoying the beautiful spring weather. This is a time of new life and growth with the budding of the flowers and trees across Indiana. Take the time to enjoy the beauty and fragrance! This is also a time of outdoor clearing and cleaning up around our homes and farms. Remember to keep safe and be

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A,

Our January 17th meeting was held at the Jackson Township Fire Department. I want to thank Troy and the folks for their hospitality.

Vice president David Israel discussed legislative issues that are being worked on. Engineered lumber, Novelty lighters, and sprinklers. There is still an issue concerning township government. David said he believes that they passed a bill to put it on the ballot as a referendum for public vote. Vice president Israel also talked about the awards.

It was discussed that if you need to

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DISTRICT 11-A REPORT

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block the highway, do it only as long as you need to. If there is a problem, get the officer's name and let president Deckard know.

Bev Harker said license forms need to be sent in ahead of time to the Central Office so they can get them processed.

Diane Harrison said that the state is no longer sending out notices of expiring certifications and that they will all be by mass e-mail.

There was discussion of a couple of emergency runs in the district. Jackson Twp. discussed a semi fire at the Pilot gas station under the awning and by the pump. They had trouble with the hydrants because of the cold weather and they were frozen but the biggest problem was getting people out of the way.

Jack McFarland discussed the after incident report of the grain bin incident that they had in Lewis Twp. One main thing was they needed several safety officers for a scene of that size. Mutual aid should have been called sooner, also front end loaders. The rescue was successful. They also had a person entangled in a drive shaft a few weeks earlier and they were able to get him free and he only had minor injuries. Jack discussed utilize your farmers because they know about the equipment and who has what type of additional equipment that you might need.

Prairieton will have a fish fry on May 1st starting at 3:00 p.m.

The 11-A Picnic will be on September 19th at Fowler Park at the new pavilion on the west side of the lake.

The next meeting will be at Holiday Inn on March 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

The Miss Flame contest was held at the Plummer's and Pipefitters Hall in Seelyville. Party Marty provided the music. There was a large crowd and six contestants. Grace Neiswenger from the Clay City Fire Department, Heather Whitesell from the Shepherdsville Fire Department, Amber Graham from the Seelyville Fire Department, Kim Yocum from the Posey Fire Department, Darion Wilson from the Wright Twp. Fire Department, and Olivia Sparks from the Dugger Fire Department. The judging was very close but at the end it was Olivia Sparks who was chosen as 11-A Miss Flame. Micajah Green, last year's 11-A Miss Flame assisted in the crowning of Olivia. If you would like to e-mail Olivia and invite her to your functions, her address is missflame2010@ymail.com. I'm sure she would be glad to attend.

Our March meeting was held at the Holiday Inn on Sunday the 21st. Vice president David Israel discussed legislation, insurance billing for runs. He suggested

staying within the Fire Marshal guidelines.

Discussion was held on an e-mail president Deckard sent out asking our members attend cracker barrel sessions with legislators and discuss the problems the fire service is facing including Engineered lumber, Novelty lighters and township government.

Discussion was held about next year's Miss Flame dance and it was decided to try to get the same DJ and building that we had last year.

State treasurer said this year's dues packets have been sent out.

The next meeting will be held at the Prairieton Fire Department May 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters, be careful out there.

Jack McFarland
District 11-A

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Perrysville
January 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The opening prayer was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies and the Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush.

Roll call was taken with 28 members from five departments answering the roll. Chairman Southard introduced the guests present. District auxiliary chairperson Barb Ketchem introduced her guests and presented Susan Morphy with her 25 year pin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Vice president David Israel spoke about the upcoming bills for this year's session. Also he talked about the benefits for being a member of the IVFA. Honor Guard representative Dwayne Osborne spoke on the activities of the district honor guard.

Misty Scholl from Hoosier Fire & Equipment and Craig Mulvaney from Smeal Fire Equipment each spoke about their activities with their respective companies. Chairman Southard spoke about the "Blue Light Law". He also covered problems with the 800 System. He then announced the training dates on the 300 & 400 schools that are upcoming. He then discussed the "Bad Addresses." He asked each

department to review their current addresses for problems, update them and notify the Central Office.

He then asked those in attendance if anyone had any fundraisers upcoming in the district. 2010 convention co-chairman Bill Bush reported on the convention activities and the updates now in progress.

Chairman Southard presented Perrysville Fire Department Chief George Powell with the host certificate.

The next district meeting will be at the Rosedale Fire Station on March 14, 2010 and this will be our Miss Flame contest. With no further business to transact, chairman Southard dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

Rosedale
March 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The opening prayer was led by auxiliary state chaplain Joann Hays. The Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush. There were 51 people from six departments present.

Chairman Southard introduced the guests present: Jack Kerney from the home office, Larry Ketchem - chairman of the board, Larry Bartlow - state secretary, Bill Bush - state Sgt.-at-Arms, Diane Harrison - West Central Public Relations director, Jack McFarland - District 11-A chairman, Jack Giles, president District 11-B honor guard and Bob Meyers, co-chairman of the 2010 convention. Chairman Southard thanked the host department for the preparation of the meal. The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were suspended with a motion by Brent Bush, seconded by Jack Giles.

The Miss Flame committee presented the chairman with a nice sash for his help. Past president Jack Kerney spoke on training and charging for runs made. He also spoke on legislation issues and the problems with our mailing list. State secretary Larry Bartlow spoke on a chemical suicide and the dangers to emergency responders. Chairman Southard spoke on training problems and instructor audits and permits for benefits and entertainment for fund raisers. Not for profit (501C3) should be exempt but call first to be sure. Talked about signing off and on and not doing them. Don't do this. Only sign off if it is actually done. Jack Giles talked about the honor guard; they have done four funerals and several parades and flag foldings or posting of the colors.

Chairman Southard presented the host department with the host certificate of appreciation. Bill Bush gave a convention report.

May 3rd postmark, right now registration is \$50.00 per person, after May 3rd, registration will increase to \$75.00 per person. We need pictures for the convention book. All meetings will be held at the Honey Creek School. The next convention meeting will be at 4 p.m. on March 21st at the Holiday Inn. At this time the meeting was turned over to the ladies' Miss Flame committee. The Miss Flame for District 11-B is Hillary Peebles from Dana. The other candidates were Paige Fetter from Rosedale and Leslie Parris from St. Bernice. The Miss Flame drawing winners were: Diane Harrison who won the photo package, Jack Giles, who won the camera and John Barber who won the \$25.00 gift certificate.

Jack McFarland announced that District 11-A will have their meeting on March 21st at 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. He also requested assistance with the security and unloading vendors. Hillsdale Junior Firefighters will help with the vendors.

Dates to remember: April 21-24 in Indianapolis; 2010 Indiana Emergency Response Conference is Aug. 11-14 at the Indiana Conference Center; Dana Fish Fry March 27th - 4 to 8 p.m. at the firehouse; Wallace Fire Department pancake and sausage breakfast 6-10 a.m. March 20; Rosedale breakfast serving 7-11 a.m. on Mar. 21, Apr. 4 and May 9.

A motion was made and seconded to dismiss the meeting.

Minutes taken by Jeremy Mankin

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner

Greetings from District 12,

Our November 23rd meeting was held at Liberty Twp. Fire Department Station 32 with 16 members present from five departments.

Guests were: Rod Pressel from Hoosier Fire & Safety, Lonnie Lagel from Indiana Dept. Homeland Security and Diane Harrison, PR West Central.

Rod spoke about NFPA 1851, records keeping and basic guidelines on care of PPE.

Diane gave us an update on state events and spoke about receiving FCC radio license.

Lonnie gave us a run down on IDHS personnel and activity.

Our next meeting will be held at Green Twp. Vol. Fire Department, 6475 East Maple Grove Road in

Morgan County on Monday, January 25 at 19:00.

Train well, be safe, and hope to see you at the next district meeting.

Larry Bruner
District 12 chairman

Our District 12 January meeting was held at Green Township Volunteer Fire Department with 20 members present from five departments and three guests.

Pat Wilmoth, public relations director for Firefighters Credit Union, gave us an update on what's new at our credit union and the benefits for our firefighters.

Diane Harrison, PRWC, gave us an update on state actions and upcoming events. She spoke about the IVFA convention and present legislation.

Three members of Green Twp. received their IVFA 25 year pin. Members were: Jon Fletcher with 26 years, Robin Sighting with 34 years and Steve Wappes with 26 years of service. Congratulations to all three.

On Sunday, February 7th, Union Township Volunteer Fire Department of Lizton hosted our Miss Flame contest for District 12. Joni Joseph from Lizton will be representing District 12 at this year's state convention. Congratulations and the best of success to Joni at this year's convention.

Our March meeting was held at Gregg Township Volunteer Fire Department with 13 members present from seven departments with three guests.

IVFA president Tim Deckard spoke to us about legislation affecting the fire service and the IN-TIME Guidelines program set up for emergency scene traffic control.


Diane Harrison, PRWC, talked about FDIC coming up on April 21-24 and the 2010 IVFA convention.

Kevin Schultheis from Towers Fire Apparatus Co. gave us some incite about following the NFPA standards. A film from The Peoples Burn Foundation was shown on cyanide poisoning; discussion followed.

Our next meeting will be held at the Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department on Monday, May 24th at 19:00 hours. Hope to see you there!

Larry Bruner
District 12 chairman

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DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome all to District 14,

Just wanted to let you know that the district chairman and the district Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon have been out trying to get to the different departments in the district. We have traveled 400 miles so far this quarter and if any department is having any meetings or dinners or fundraisers coming up, let me know by e-mail at rcannon3301@yahoo.com so I can get it on my calendar.

Also we are looking at getting some district trainings together, so e-mail me with your e-mail address so I can get the information out to the departments.

Also, the convention is coming up at Terre Haute on June 16-17-18, so come to convention and help support Districts 14 and 16; we are bidding the 2012 convention at the Horseshoe Casino boat in Floyd County on the river where we can have all the convention under one roof.

We have been sending pictures to the I.V.F.A. of anything we do in our district because we know that you want to see stuff in the paper for our district. Just to let you know, the next I.V.F.A. meeting is at Brownstown Fire Department on May 20, 2010 at 19:00 hours.

Thanks for all your support of District 14.

Rick Cannon

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Steve Anderson - Chairman

Let me start by giving a schedule update for the rest of 2010: May 18 at Knight Twp. VFD Co. 6

July 20 at Elberfeld VFD
Sept. 21 at Francisco VFD
Nov. 16 at Poseyville VFD

Good luck to District 15 Miss Flame Amy Hoefling (Haubstadt FD) at this year's state Miss Flame contest. It will be held in conjunction with the IVFA convention June 16-19 in Terre Haute. 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 in the last year. These include: Black Twp. (engine and two brush trucks), Elberfeld (trailer), Francisco (tanker), German Twp. (rescue), Griffin-Bethel (rescue), McCutchanville (command), Perry Twp. (ATV), Scott Twp. (Quint), Wadesville (command), Yankeetown (brush). Also, work has started on new stations at Haubstadt & Marrs Twp. If I have missed any, send me a note so I can recognize you next time.

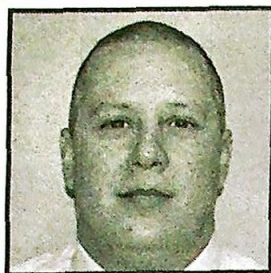
Please make sure your instructors know the procedures required for teaching, evaluating, and proctoring certification classes.

And make sure the firefighters meet the pre-requisites before they take a state certification test. There is a group currently reviewing all the skills for FF 1 & 2. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this topic.

Until next time, be safe.

S. Anderson

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Paul Holcomb - Chairman

Greetings All,

For those of you that are not aware as of yet it gives me great pleasure to inform you that District 16 together with District 14 will be bidding on the 2012 Convention at this year's convention in Terre Haute.

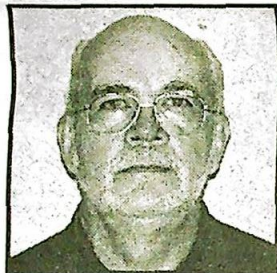
We hope that everyone can come out and offer their support.

The next District 16 meeting will be held at the Pierce-Polk Twp. VFD on May 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and if any of your departments have any events or fund-raisers coming up, please let me know about them so I may help get the word out and offer any support that I can.

Hope everyone has a safe and great summer and look forward to seeing you all at convention.

*Paul Holcomb
District 16 chairman*

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

January 10th District 17A held its Miss Flame contest at the Richland-Taylor VFD in Scotland. Miranda Baker will be representing District 17A at the convention.

Miranda is the daughter of Lee and Annette Baker of the Richland-Taylor VFD.

January 16th District 17A meeting and Vincennes Twp. sausage supper was held at the Eagles Lodge. There were 461 in attendance. District 17A had 234 members present, 30 District 17A departments were represented.

State officers in attendance were: VP Dave Israel, Treasurer Bev Harker, Board Chairman Larry Ketchum, PRWC Diane Harrison, PRSW Jim Abrams, 11A chairman Jack McFarland, 18A chairman John Smith, past president Jack Zeeks, 2009 Mr. IVFA.

State Miss Flame Micah Green was also in attendance and assisted in the auction and other things taking place. Many thanks.

Also in attendance were state senator John Waterman, state rep. Kreg Battle, lobbyist Larry Curl, and state fire marshal Jim Greeson.

Remarks were made by several those mentioned.

If I missed anyone who was in attendance or spoke, I am sorry.

Many thanks to the Vincennes Twp. VFD for another fine job and success at putting on the supper.

March 8th a memorial service was held for Edwardsport fireman

Roy Spanger at Bickness. I presented the Bible and grave marker to his wife. My condolences go out to the family.

March 18th District 17A meeting was held at Petersburg. State officers in attendance were: treasurer Bev Harker, state secretary Larry Bartlow, PRSW Jim Abrams, IVFAA recording secretary Lou Bartlow and IVFAA District 17A chair June Cahill.

Information from IVFA president Tim Deckard was presented to those present and remarks were taken from the state officers in attendance.

Many thanks to the Petersburg VFD for hosting the meeting and the meal was great. I, myself, would like to thank Cookie for the salsa she sent home with me. We enjoyed it very much—many thanks!

March 27th I went to the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. corn hole tournament and spaghetti dinner at the Greene County 4-H fairgrounds.

Upcoming April 10th Highland Twp. VFD bean dinner, and April 24th Edwardsport VFD bean dinner. At this dinner there will be a clock presented for their new station.

The next District 17A meeting will be May 10th at Eastern VFD in Solsberry. Hope to see you there.

*Sam Emery
District 17A chairman*

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Luke Kluender - Chairman

A District 17B meeting was held on March 22, 2010 at Marshall Township Fire Department.

This meeting was held in cooperation with the Lawrence County Firefighters Association.

Guests present included vice president David Israel and Lona Huffman of the Ezell Group.

Bills and enactments from the recent short session of the Indiana Legislature were discussed. There weren't many significant changes or impacts to the fire service, but some topics will likely be seen again in following sessions.

Education and training were discussed and departments were advised to participate in the meetings of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education.

Local Option Income Taxes for Public Safety were discussed.

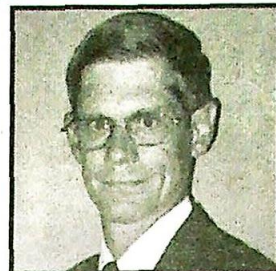
Lawrence County fire departments are trying to pursue some of this funding from the county. The importance of completing the 2010 census was discussed. The census will help determine how resources are allocated.

The recent development of hazmat suicides was discussed. First responders need to be aware of and alert to this threat.

The May meeting will be announced on the website and by mailed cards.

*Luke Kluender,
District Chairman*

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18, "Spring has sprung" as the old saying goes! Time to be ready for those "nuisance" grass and brush fires that seem to come with the season. Remember, no run is routine ... stay focused.

The 21 January meeting of the 18th District was held at the Grandview Civic Center with the Grandview VFD as host. 55 members representing 17 departments were present, and reported answering a total of 252 calls.

Joining us were State Fire Marshall Jim Greeson, IDHS Building Inspector Carl Deel, and Ross Riggins and Teri Seavers of Air-Evac. Our respective guests gave presentations on various topics.

The 18 March meeting of the District 18 was held at the Huntingburg Fraternal Order of Eagles, with the Huntingburg VFD as host. 91 members, representing 23 departments were present, and reported answering 364 calls. Scott Schnell of the Dubois Co. Fire Trainer's Association reported on the upcoming Jasper Fire School. The school will be held on the weekends of March 20 & 21 and 27 & 28. Look for the article on the event.

Bridget Gehlhausen of the Ireland VFD reported on the district parade and Miss Flame contest. The events will be held on Sunday, 10 October with the parade at 1300 hours Eastern time. Entry forms were distributed to the departments present.

Frank Daunhauer of the Carter Fire District, held a discussion on the annual District 18 Memorial Service. It was announced that the event will be held on Friday 8 October, beginning at 1930 hours Eastern time, at the CFD headquarters in Dale.

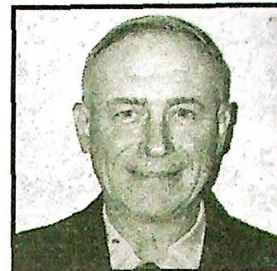
The evening's special program was presented by Indiana State Police Major Tom Melville of the ISP Operations Division. His presentation of the ISP's "In-Time" program was both informative, and reassuring to all individuals present. Also, joining Major Melville were several members of the ISP including Sergeant Chad Dick of the Jasper ISP post. Officers of the Fraternal Order of Eagles then made a presentation of \$5,000.00 to the Huntingburg VFD towards the purchase of equipment for the department's medical first response unit.

The next meeting of the District 18 shall be held on Thursday, May 20 at the Holland American Legion, with the Holland VFD as our host.

*Until next time-
"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff"*

*John C. "Bull" Smith Dist. 18
Chair*

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ed Scheele - Chairman

As I am writing this letter we are having spring weather and it is supposed to get warmer yet this week.

I hope everyone had a nice Easter. As the weather gets warmer everyone will get busier, so be safe.

The convention will soon be here. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention.

*Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman*

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

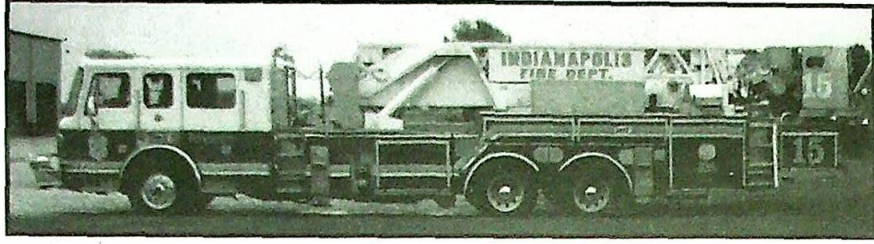
The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by chairman Terry Smith, which was held on February 19, 2010 at the Osceola Volunteer Fire Department which began at 7:30 P.M. The prayer was given by Russell Peterson and the Pledge by Ryan Deal. The roll call consisted of five departments with 18 members and three guests. The 4th District minutes from the December meeting were read by Ron Maier and approved.

PRNE Jean Smith reported on the Legislation (1) Novelty Lighter was put back on the shelf because of the impact on the State. The I.V.F.A. will take a look at the Bill and see how to rewrite it and present it next year. (2) Engineer Lumber - that there would be a placard letting fire departments know that the house was constructed of engineer lumber. There is a possibility this will move to administration where it could become part of the State Building Code. (3) New bill to watch for is House Bill 1181 - it was passed by the House. This is where the Township Government will be turned over to the County Government. The voters may be able to vote on whether they want this or not. Jean also mentioned the 2010 I.V.F.A. state convention which will be held in Terre Haute and to get your registration in as soon as possible. Jean discussed the test given for F.F. 1 & 2 and about how often S.C.B.A. bolts are tested. On the test, it states three years even though the right answer is five years. You still must answer three years on the test. The I.V.F.A. is trying to get the test question changed. Certification Instructors will no longer be notified of the renewal date.

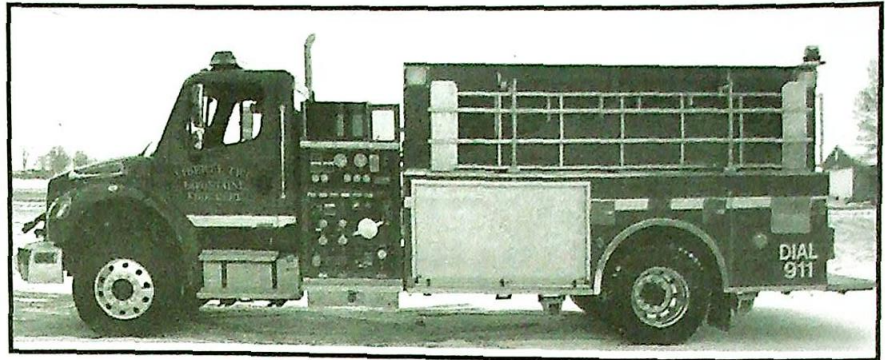
Chairman Smith reported on the new State Police Program call in time. It talks about how we (police, EMS, and firefighters) can help keep traffic moving at the scene of an accident. Discussion on the Police Photographic Program also took place. It was discussed how the Indiana Senate proposal would change the township government. Terry also informed the members that the N.S.A.E. stated that if a firefighter has completed his F.F. 1 & 2 and practical, he or she could go on calls before receiving their certificate back from Homeland Security.

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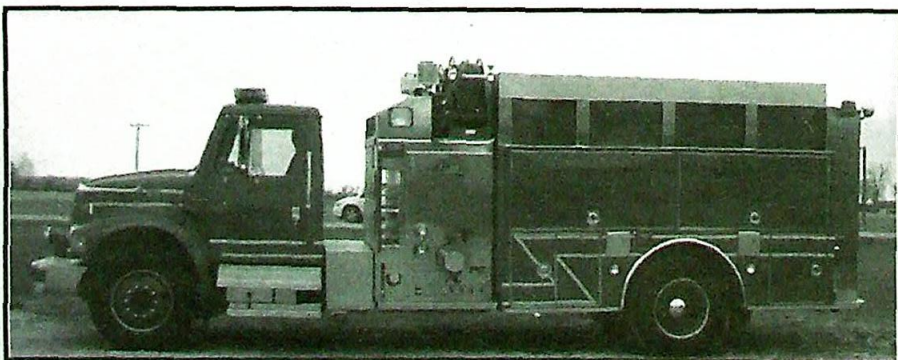
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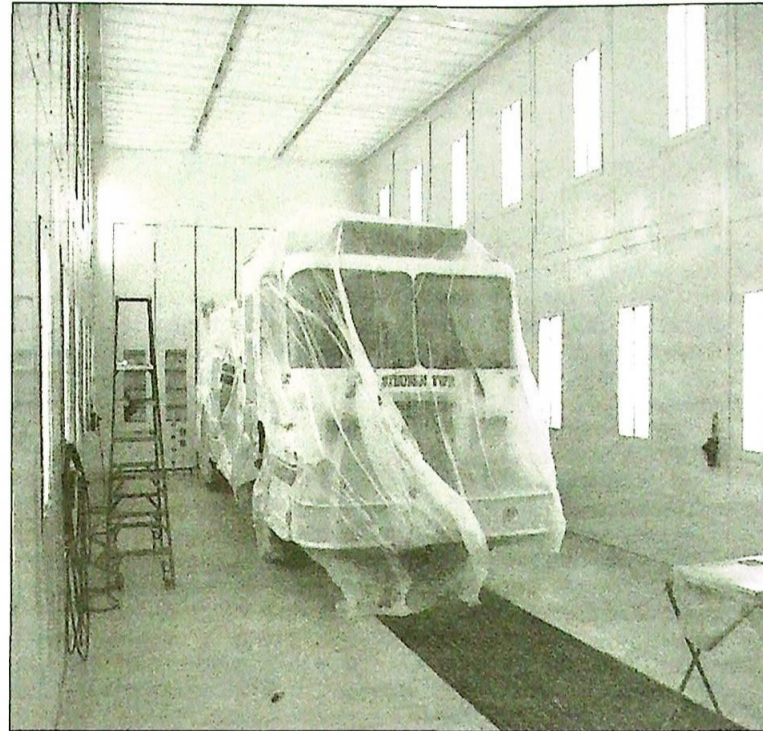


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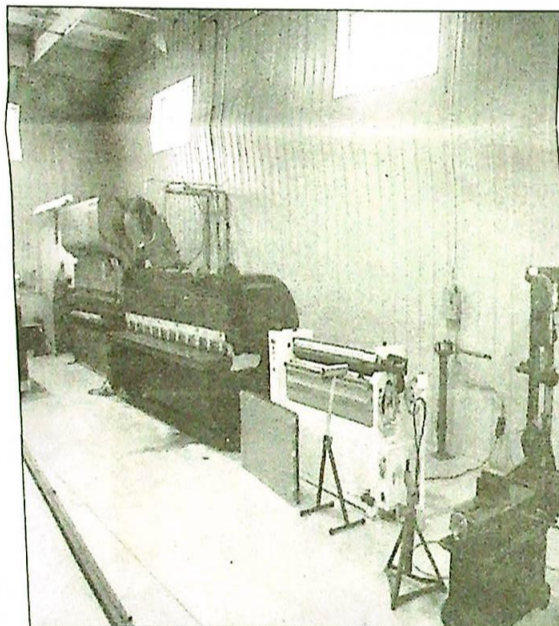
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DISTRICT 4 MEN

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Chairman Tony Farrer, District #5, gave a report on the 2011 convention which will be held in South Bend.

The next meeting will be held at Walkerton Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Note: Tony and I are working hard to make your 2011 I.V.F.A. Convention a success. We have accomplished a lot, but have a long way to go. A big "Thank You" goes to the departments who have sent in their donation, but to those who have not, these donations are needed to help us get started now and would greatly be appreciated.

As spring and summer starts, there will be field fires, grass fires, and brush fires. Please remember safety is important.

Chairman Terry Smith
District #4

DISTRICT 1 & 2 WOMEN

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only serve desserts and drinks for our meetings. Motion passed. This will start in 2010.

Motion was made by Shellie O'Brian, seconded by Jessica Shilling to give \$100 to the department that has the most in attendance at the November meeting.

Phyllis announced that Emma Kankowski celebrated her 90th birthday this past month. Emma is from Lake of Four Season auxiliary.

Department announcements: 50/50 winner was Marge Baumgardner.

Next meeting is November 5th at Lake Station.

Motion by Cathy Watkins, seconded by Louise Patenaude to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Secretary
District 1 & 2

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

The meeting called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 chairman at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Prayer was given by Charlie Scott.

Phyllis introduced the candidate for the Miss Flame: Mary Ann Faikas from District #1, Rachel Stenger from District #2, and Amber Little from District #2.

Roll call was taken by Marge Baumgardner with 33 members, 10 guests in attendance representing eight departments and three individuals.

Minutes from the September 10, 2009 minutes were read by Marge Baumgardner and approved.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Phyllis talked about how she had met with Cynthia Miller from America Life Insurance Co. and told the group how you should meet with American Life Insurance rep. every year. After d

some discussion on the floor it was noted that the agreement between American Life and the I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. is that they would not bother you every year once your yellow card was filled out. Phyllis is going to officer's meeting this weekend; she will get more information and bring it back to the group.

Phyllis thanks Lake Station for hosting the meeting and presents them with a \$100.00 check from the district.

Lori Sabo gave a brief department history.

Phyllis gave treasurer's report with \$679.36 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis introduced the guests: Jim Bradford, PR Northwest for the I.V.F.A. who talked about how 17,000 newspapers were printed and ready to mail. Also Jim reminded the group that if your department is doing any activity, please submit to the paper; we love reading about NW Indiana, this includes pictures. Tom Orrell,

District #1 chairman for the I.V.F.A., thanked for inviting him, and Paul Watland, District #2 chairman, who also thanked the group for the invite.

Phyllis talked to the group about the membership cards and how every member in your organization needs to fill one out. There is a lot of information on these cards and they need to be filled out completely. If you don't have your card number, Phyllis has a list she can look it up on. If you need more cards for your group, please see Phyllis after the meeting.

Phyllis introduced the judges for tonight's Miss Flame: Jennifer Abranson - from Lake Station's school, Donna Gonzales - from the Boys & Girls Club, Brian Williams - Detective for the Lake Station Police. Phyllis thanked them for helping us out this evening.

Silent Auction is closed; Phyllis asked Lake Station if they would collect the bid sheets and tally them up.

New Business: Phyllis asked the group about who would like to host 2010 meeting. They are as follows: March - Lake of the Four Seasons, May - Lake Dale, September - Crown Point, November - Lowell.

Thank you, ladies, for offering to host and we will send out the list to each department.

Marge announced the winners of the silent auction with a profit of \$245.00.

50/50 winner of \$54.00 was Lori Sabo from Lake Station.

Martha Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dee Kennedy. Motion passed.

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT

Debbie Vermillion - Chairman

I attended the January 17, 2010 district meeting at Jackson Twp.; the minutes were read and approved.

On January 30, 2010 we had our 11-A Miss Flame dance that was held at the Plumbers and Steamfitters in Seelyville. I am glad to announce that our Miss Flame for 2010 name is Olivia Sparks. (Very pretty girl).

I really hope that all departments will let her know when they are having any functions and invite her so she can try to attend them.

I also attended the 11-B Miss Flame crowning and their new Miss Flame is Hillary Peoples from Dana.

At the state meeting held February 6 and 7, 2010 we were asked to try to bring in new members and to make sure our dues are paid up.

Joann Hays and I are the hosts for entertainment at our next state meeting held 4/31, 5/1, 5/2.

The 11-A March 21, 2010 meeting was held at the Holiday Inn.

Guests were Joann Hays - state chaplain, Lou Bartlow - recording secretary and past president, Eula Bush - chairman for state Miss Flames, Barb Ketchem - District 11-B chairman, state Miss Flame Micajah Green and district Miss Flame Olivia Sparks.

After our district meeting we had our convention meeting directly afterwards. Everything is going well and hope to see everyone there at our 2010 convention held in Terre Haute.

Everyone please have a great summer.

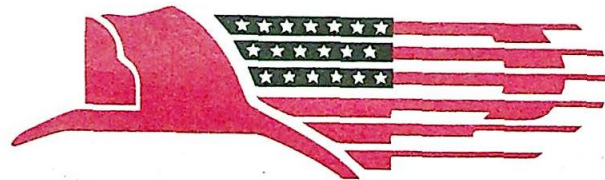
Thank you,
Deborah Vermillion
11-A District chairman

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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman
Hi everyone,

I am sorry that you didn't get a letter in February but I thought I sent one in to the paper. Pam never received it so I think I had a computer glitch. I have attended the state meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Indy by the airport on Feb. 6-7th and it is a very nice place to hold our meetings. We all enjoyed it very much despite the snow and slick roads.

We are going to try and get new members by having a district chairman contest to draw more people in. We have a very good organization with caring women who want to support their firefighters and communities, so hopefully we can get more interested to join. Leona Uryga will head up this committee.

We are getting ready for the convention in June at Terre Haute. I hope many of you will be able to attend. We always have a good time and really enjoy the time together along with fun nights, Memorial Service, Miss Flame contest and banquet. Check your paper for details.

We had our IVFAA meeting Nov. 10th in Morris and had a nice time. The ladies fixed some good

food and a nice time was had by all. Nov. 19 we had our Miss Flame contest where one girl didn't realize the age by a certain date so she had to be disqualified. Rachel Butt will once again represent the 19th District and we are pleased to have her. Thanks for accepting, Rachel.

Snow has really had us cancelling out meetings and we finally got to hold one at Batesville Feb. 17. They are hosting a bowling tournament Feb. 20th.

We held our IVFAA meeting in Sunman Feb. 25th due to Mother Nature calling it off Feb. 9th. We had a nice time with very good food for all to enjoy. Sunman had a fish fry Feb. 19th. Morris is having a breakfast March 14th and Blooming Grove is having a fish fry Good Friday, April 2nd. We presented 25 year pins to eight ladies from Sunman. Those present receiving pins were Elaine Weber, Kathy Eckstein, Wanda Retzner and Mary Nedderman and those not present were Raynell Smith, Debbie Miles, Shirley Harmon and Cindy Bruns. Congratulations to those ladies for all their years of service.

I have attended a couple of Memorial services with my husband. Our sympathy goes to the families who have lost loved ones.

I will be attending the state meeting in Indy at the Crowne Plaza May 1st and 2nd. Thanks to JoAnn Hayes and Debbie Vermillion for offering to host the get-together. I am sure by then we will have much nicer weather or one can hope. Thanks ladies for all your support and service to our organization. May God shower you all with many blessings.

*Pam Gerdowsky
District #19
2-28-10*

**IVFAA
Chaplain
Joann Hays**



Hello and welcome to "Back Again in 2010"

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

The convention committee has been very busy getting ready for 2010 convention. Hope you enjoy yourselves while here in Terre Haute.

Been busy with other things for the district.

We had our 2010 Miss Flame dance in January. It was a great success; I was very proud of my committee and also of those beautiful young ladies.

Olivia Sparks from the Dugger V.F.D. was crowned our district Miss Flame.

The other young ladies were: Darian Wilson - Wright Twp. VFD, Camee Renee Yacom - Posey VFD, Amber Marie Graham - Seelyville VFD, Grace Neeswinger - Clay City VFD, Heather Whitesell -

Shepherdville VFD.

Thanks to all of these young ladies; they are all looking forward to next year 2011.

Thanks also to their families for encouraging them to represent fire departments.

A special thanks goes to our special guest 11-B (2009) Miss Flame Hillary Peoples and our state (2009) Miss Flame Micajah Green for attending our contest.

Also a big thank you to our three judges: Tim Deckard - IVFA president, District 17 chairman June Cahill and District 11-A member and Honey Creek auxiliary Diane Held.

Thanks to the committee for all of your help.

The girls had a wonderful time and enjoyed dancing with Party Marty.

Attended 11-B's Miss Flame in March at Rosedale. Hillary Peoples was crowned 2010 District 11-B Miss Flame. Congratulations, Hillary.

They also had another presentation; they crowned another person who was deserving of being crowned, and presented a banner with the name (Old Burnt Ember). He wore his crown well. Congratulations, Larry. Jodi Rohr, you did a great job as chairman. You too, Barb.

I am so sorry and would like to offer our sympathy to the Con Mankin family.

I and Pete Taylor were asked to do a memorial for Peggy Mankin, wife of Connie Mankin. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

While at convention, I hope you will attend the Coffee Klutch before attending the memorial service. As I have said in the past, this is the only

time we can get together to unite as one group to pay our respects to those we lost and loved.

Thanks for attending the 2010 here in Terre Haute.

Have a safe trip and until we meet again.

God bless each and every one of you.

*Love and prayers
IVFAA chaplain
Joann Hays*

**District 4
crowns
Miss Flame**



Alyssia Smith, District #4 New Carlisle Fire Department, was crowned 2010 Miss Flame. - (submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

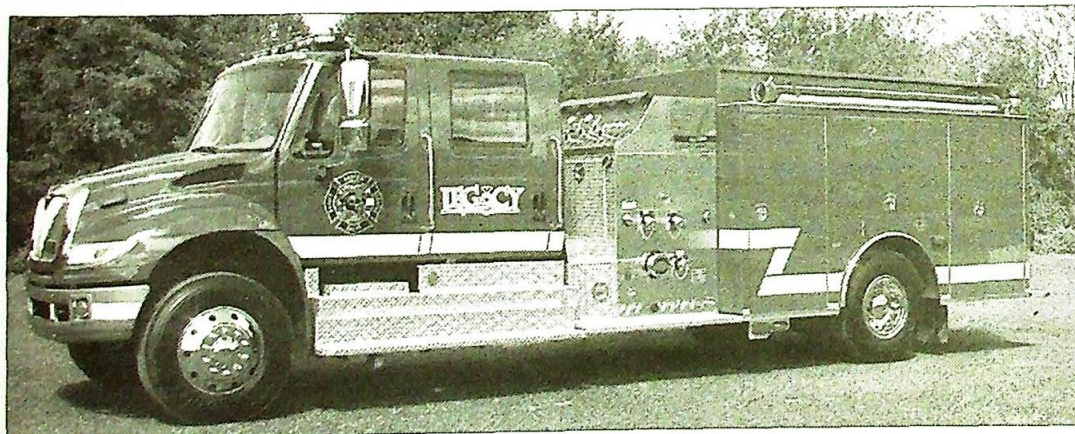


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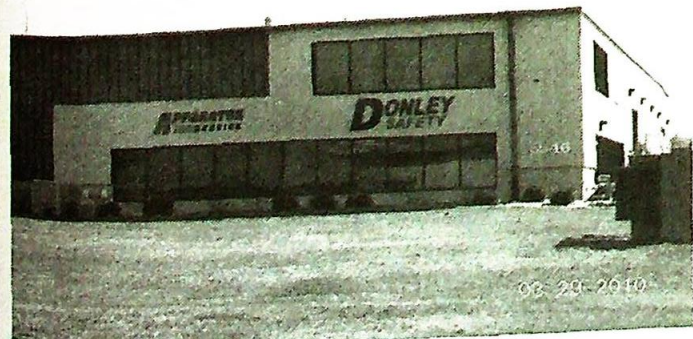
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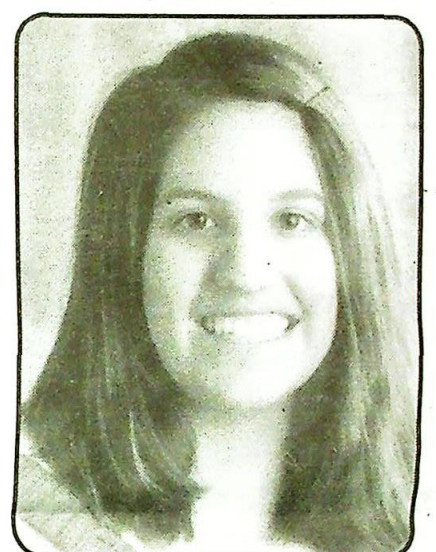
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San Pierre F.D. – District 3



Alyssia Kay Smith
New Carlisle Fire Dept. – District 4



Ryley L. Cripps
Bourbon Fire Dept. – District 5



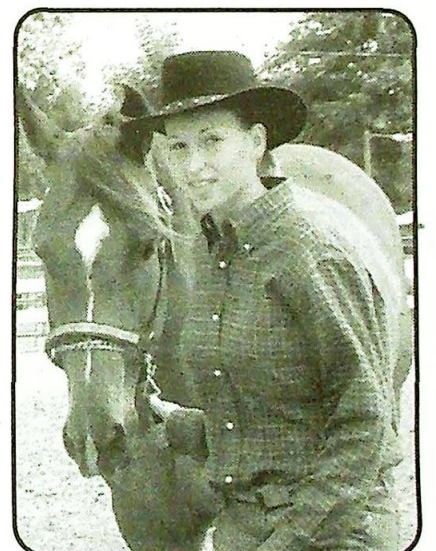
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Kaylea Kongar
Berne Fire Dept. – District 7



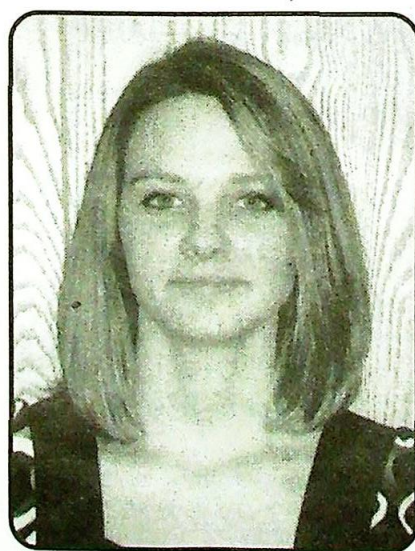
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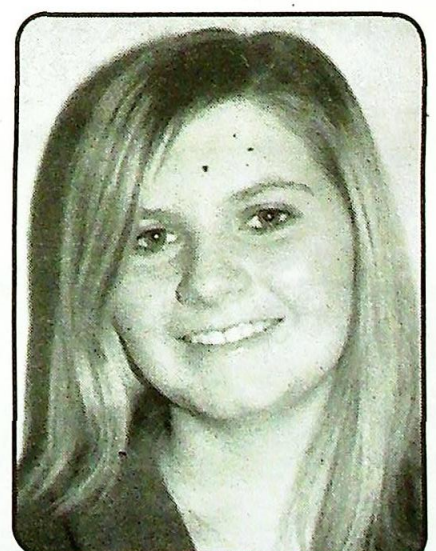
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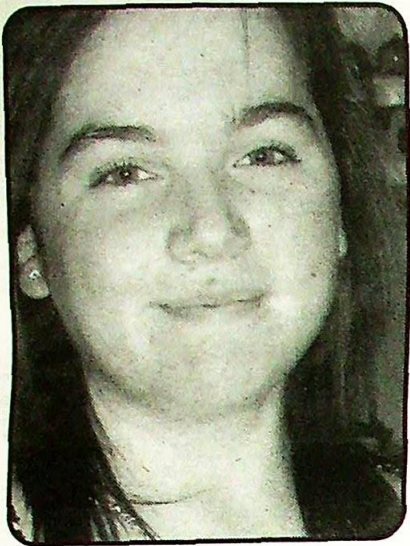


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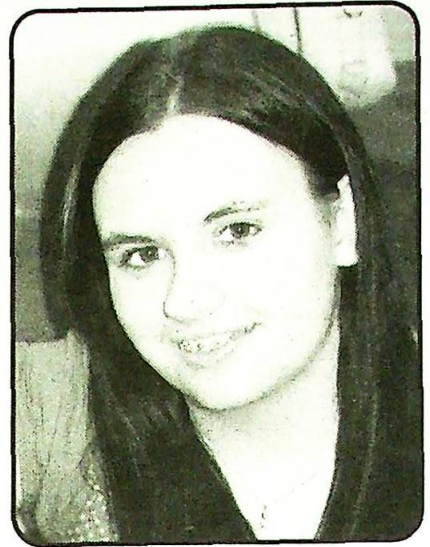
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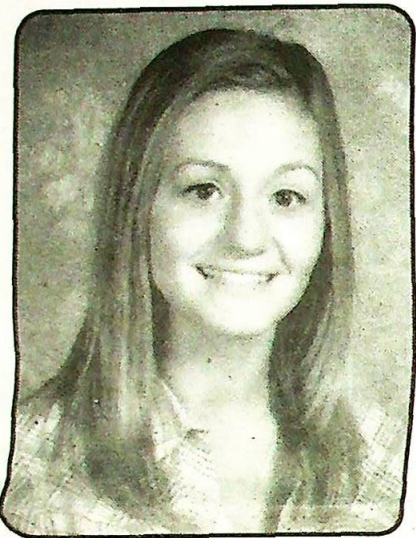
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Dana F.D. - District 11B



Joni Joseph
Lizton-Union F.D. - District 12



Jennifer Ann Dzuba
McCordsville F.D. - District 13A



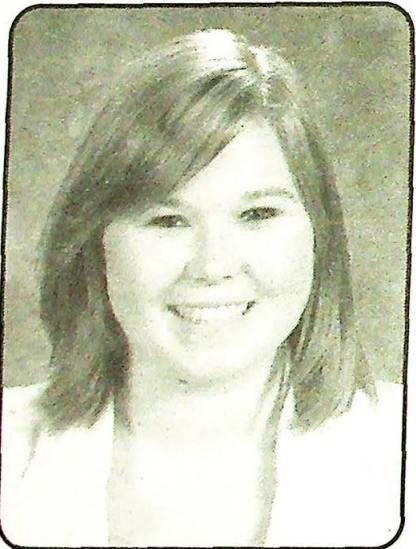
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Rebecca Cannon
Sellersburg Fire Dept. - District 14



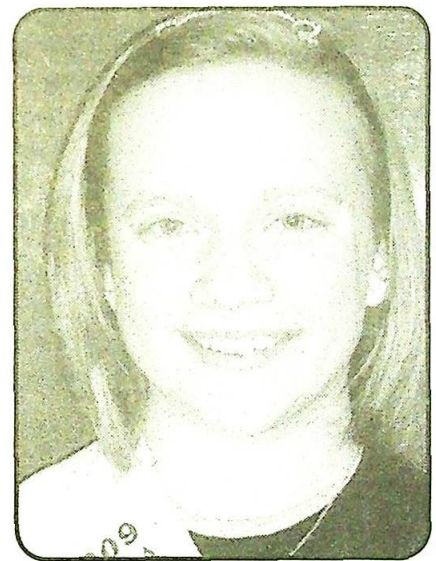
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Haubstadt Fire Dept. - District 15



Miranda Baker
Richland-Taylor Fire Dept - District 17A



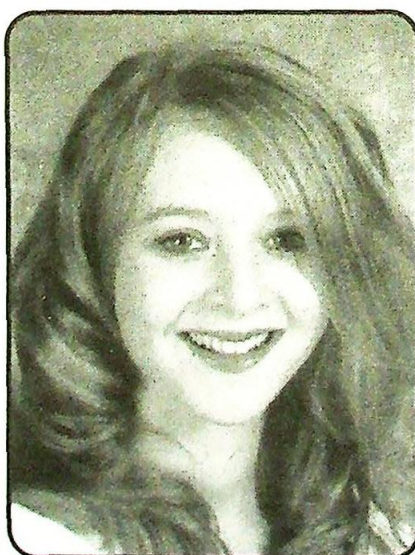
Riley Mehringer
Haysville Fire Dept. - District 18



Rachel Butt
Sunman Rural Fire Dept. - District 19



Jessica Taylor
Tippecanoe Fire Dept.
District 21



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Wright Twp. F.D.
- District 11A

From the desk of the Historian John Davies



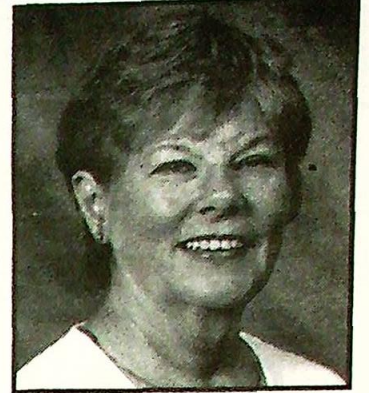
I hope this article finds everyone looking forward to spring and all that it brings to us. History is made up of all kinds of bits and pieces of everyday life. With the month of June just around the corner, the first thing that comes to mind for June is the annual convention of the Association. Many of the firefighters have never been to a convention. Let me tell you that is the most wonderful three days spent during the year that anyone could hope for. Conventions are the result of many hours of planning and discussions trying to put together some resemblance of what the public will be looking to see. At this year's convention there are 15 different committees all striving to make this convention one of the best. If you have never been to a convention, you should make a point this year to plan to attend. I guarantee you, you will not be sorry. Come and see all of the new equipment that will be on display along with numerous booths set up for the vendors to show off their products. The hospitality that comes with a convention is second to none. I and my wife have attended several conventions as well as worked several including this one. We keep going back to see what is in store for the next year and future years. The programs have always been a favorite of mine. The seminars put on by those representing the state will get their point across. The opening ceremonies are second to none.

You will not find an atmosphere equal to the one at the beginning of the opening ceremony. The awards program clearly shows those who have put forth the effort to make our organization what it is today. And, of course, there is the banquet on the last night that everyone looks forward to attending.

This year's convention is being hosted by the City of Terre Haute on the Wabash River. The Association has seen fit to honor the request of the convention committee by allowing Terre Haute to once again be the host for the 2010 Convention. This is a challenge to those of you who have never been to Terre Haute. It is a wonderful place to see and the "natives" are as friendly as you will find anywhere. The city has a lot to offer and I encourage each and every one of you to come and see this city. Many of the older members of our Association look forward to the month of June because they know that this means seeing some of the members that they have not seen since last year. Once again, I encourage those of you who have never attended a convention to fill out the registration form in the paper. Contact the Holiday Inn staff in Terre Haute and make your reservations to spend three days with us at what we hope will be a wonderful time for all.

*Let's keep it safe for all,
Your historian
John Davies*

From The Treasurer Beverly Harker



Below is the income and expenses for 2009.

Hope to see many of you at the convention in June.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Statements of Support, Revenues and Expenses for the Year 2009

SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Dues	\$ 334,865
Paper Advertising	34,185
Credit cards	7,256
License plates	18,762
Other Income	4,387
Bank Interest	5,377
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	\$ 404,832

EXPENSES

Advertising solicitor	\$ 8,043
Newspaper publishing expense	49,420
Clothing replacement for firefighters	240
Clothing - marketing	2,352
Committee expense	10,718
Convention expense	4,598
Delegates expense	15,696
District expense	2,542
Fire school expense	1,463
Funeral fund	9,740
Insurance - general	10,556
Other expenses	7,408
Officers' expense reimbursement	38,823
Officers' meeting expense	30,415
Officers' allowance	4,993
Public education and Public relations	6,598
Central Office expense	13,233
Professional fees - legislature	48,631
Professional fees - other	10,599
Office management fees	37,200
Scholarships	4,500
Fire Institute dinner	2,000
Washington DC trip	9,278
Depreciation expense	1,478
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 330,524

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 74,308
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	\$ 503,979
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 578,287

Partenheimer honored with funeral procession



Under the crossed aerials of Jasper and Huntingburg Fire Depts. passed the funeral procession of Doug Partenheimer of the Holland VFD (Dubois Co. Dist. 18).

Partenheimer, a 35-year member of the Holland VFD passed away on January 14 at the age of 54 following a long illness. Partenheimer had served as assistant chief, and currently held the position of department treasurer.

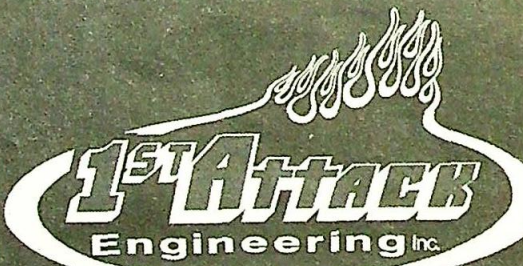
Holland Engine "Old 601", draped in black, provided Partenheimer his last ride, as his brother and sister members processed behind the apparatus.

Gravesite rites included a final salute as the bugle call "Taps" was played and then echoed on the bagpipes.

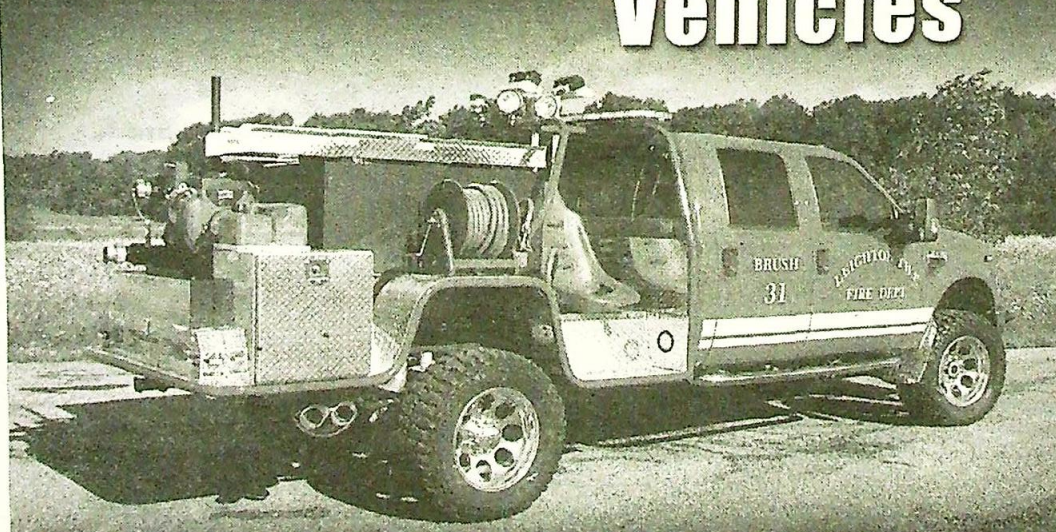
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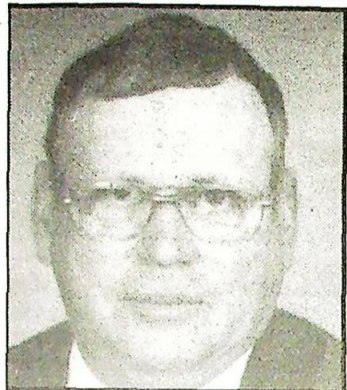
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Jim Abrams**



I attended 17A's district meeting January 16th hosted by Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended a memorial service in District 18 for Douglas Partenheimer. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his fire department.

I attended District 15's meeting at Oakland Cemetery. Their queen contest was held.

I attended District 18's meeting at Grandview.

I missed District 17B's meeting; it was the same night as District 18.

I attended the quarterly meeting of IVFA held in Indianapolis in February.

I attended a memorial service for Roy Spangler of Edwardsport Volunteer Fire Department at Bicknell March 8th. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

I attended the Fallen Heroes Dinner in Louisville, Kentucky on March 13th.

I attended District 15's meeting hosted by New Harmony Volunteer Fire Department on March 16th.

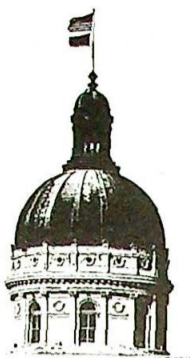
I attended District 17A's meeting hosted by Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department on March 18th.

I missed District 18's meeting; it was the same night as District 17A.

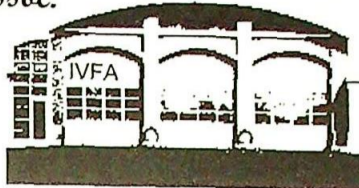
I attended an insurance meeting at Terre Haute on March 21st.

I missed District 17B's meeting on March 22 hosted by Marshall Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

Sincerely,
PRSW
Jim Abrams



*From the
State House to the Fire House
Your 2010
Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assoc.
Legislative Wrap Up*



The 2010 Indiana General Assembly adjourned *sine die* (a term used by the General Assembly meaning adjournment indefinitely without a day being fixed for a further meeting for this session) on Saturday morning, March 13, 2010.

During this "short session" hundreds of pieces of legislation were filed but many of them did not get a committee hearing meaning they died in committee and were not heard on the floor of either chamber. Many of those bills were fire service related or could have had an impact on the Fire & EMS services.

One such bill was authored by Representative Nancy Michael. House Bill 1316 which was a bill proposed by the IVFA addressing the awareness and notification of the use of engineered lumber did not get a committee hearing but has since been agreed that it will be redrafted and offered as an administrative code and heard by the Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission. The IVFA is working to get this redrafted and sent to the commission for a hearing. This topic has received endorsement from all fire service organizations and continues to be supported by Representative Michael, Indiana House District 44, representing all of Putnam County and portions of Clay County.

A second bill proposed by the IVFA was a bill that would have banned the sales of Novelty lighters in Indiana, a lighter with the look of a toy. These items have become the topic of conversation or legislation in many statehouses across America and we hope Indiana will become the next one that will join the expanding number of states that have banned the sale of them. Representative Bill Ruppel, House District 22 which includes all of Wabash County and the eastern portion of Kosciusko County has agreed to reintroduce this piece of

Legislation in the next session.

Also included during this session were several proposed bills addressing Local Government Reform in a variety of different forms such as Senate Bill 240 authored by Senator Connie Lawson, State Senate District 24, serving Putnam County and Hendricks County - which would have eliminated township boards and ended nepotism, and House Bill 1181, authored by State Rep. Bill Crawford, serving House District 98 (Indiana House District 98 is located within the city of Indianapolis in Marion County, generally including the near-northeast area of the city) would have given citizens of Indiana a voice through the referendum process. A question would have been placed on the November 2010 ballot asking voters whether or not to retain township government. Both bills died in this session leaving Local Government unchanged. The IVFA will continue to monitor this issue and have enjoyed our working relationship with and will continue our dedicated relationship with both the Indiana Fire Chiefs and the Indiana Trustees Association in an attempt to assure that we not only have a say in the direction of Local Government but that we maintain a system that works for us as well as those we continue to serve, our communities.

Other legislation of concern may be found on the IVFA website. Please visit your Association website for a full detail listing of all legislation addressed during the 2010 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Even though the 2010 legislative session has come to an end our work continues during the summer as we look at and hopefully get invited to work on a couple of summer study committees. We have offered and ask that we be a part of a study committee that

would address House Bill 1123 that died in committee in the 2010 2nd Regular Session. The DIGEST OF that INTRODUCED BILL was as follows:

Ambulance service territories. Authorizes the legislative bodies of at least two contiguous units to establish an ambulance service territory in the same manner as a fire protection territory is established. Amends the fire protection territory statutes to provide an ambulance service territory with the same powers and duties for emergency ambulance services or emergency medical services that a fire protection territory has for fire protection services.

We are hoping to understand the need, the desire, the benefit, the outcome, and the impact that such a bill would have on the membership of the IVFA as well as the communities we all serve.

Also we are asking to be a part of a summer study committee that we have been told would be launched this summer addressing the billing of fire service responses and would address Senate Bill 0145 which also died in committee during the 2010 2nd Regular Session.

DIGEST OF SB0145

Fire department and law enforcement service fees. Prohibits a township, a municipality, or the fire departments of these units (excluding a volunteer fire department) from imposing, collecting, or entering into a contract for the collection of an accident response service fee from: (1) the driver of a motor vehicle; or (2) any other person; involved in a motor vehicle accident. (Current law prohibits a political subdivision or local law enforcement agency from collecting an accident response fee.) Prohibits a township, a municipality, or the local law

enforcement agency or fire department (excluding a volunteer fire department) of these units from imposing or collecting, or entering into a contract for the collection of, a response fee for: (1) responding to a fire or hazardous material emergency; or (2) containing, controlling, or cleaning up a fire or hazardous material emergency.

Again our hope in participating in a study committee that address billing for responses would enable and allow us to share our input and need for continuing to allow billing under current law and share the impact it has on the services we deliver. We hope to involve some of you in the process as well as share the outcomes of both of these committees.

Now is the time to start thinking of issues that we want to propose for the 2011 session. I encourage you to write down your thoughts and concerns that you feel would improve our ability to better serve our communities and forward them to your IVFA Legislative Committee: Chair Ivan Nevil, IVFA president Tim Deckard, vice-president David Israel, secretary Larry Bartlow, treasurer Beverly Harker, board chairman Larry Ketchem, past presidents LeMoyné 'Buz' Koehler, or James (Jim) Parker. Contact any of these members and make your legislative concerns known.

Additionally your IVFA Legislative committee is asking for your assistance. We have developed an "Elected Official Data Collection Form" and we're asking every IVFA member to please look at it on the IVFA website and if appropriate fill it out.

The Elected Official Data Collection Form will allow us to contact legislators thru our members in a timely manner to increase our effectiveness when working with legislative issues.

When the Fire Service has legislation moving through committees and the two legislative chambers, it is sometimes important that we be able to talk one-on-one with legislators and it is most effective if they are talking with someone from their district. Your help in this process is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to meeting the membership at the district meetings, the annual convention, or special gatherings that the IVFA may host from time to time. If, however, you have some legislative concern or issue that you wish to address with me, feel

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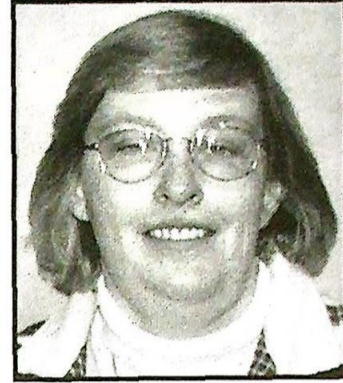
Honoring our military

We are exceptionally proud of our members that are serving in the military. They not only place their communities first, they also place their country first. We would like to thank them for their service to their country. Below is a list of military personnel who are members of the Association and on active duty around the world.



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.
Adam		Foster		Buck Creek Twp. Fire Dept.
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	II	Hanna Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Larry	Dean	Strait		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.	Shillke		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Sabo	Jr.	Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
William	Wallace	Weaver		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	III	Milford Fire Dept.
John	Henry	Flowers		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
Joseph		Donahue		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)
Aaron	Joseph	Bower		Onward Vol. Fire Dept.
Steven	Edward	Bowyer		Onward Vol. Fire Dept.
William	M.	Kendall		Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
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Robert	Woodrow	Lowe		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Miles	Stephen	Stutsman		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Christopher	George	Miller		Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
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Cean	L.	Pemberton		Sandborn Vol. Fire Dept.
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Casey	W.	Foye		Southeast Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
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Lisa	Dawn	Ellis		White River - Hazleton V.F.D.

Public Relations Director West Central Diane Harrison



I hope everyone will take time out of their busy scheduled to attend it next year.

Until next time, stay safe,
Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations

Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,
Spring is finally here and so brings the fundraiser season. Be sure to use our website to advertise your fundraisers.

Hope everyone will stop by and see us at our booth at FDIC.

We are working really hard to bring you a GREAT convention!! We have a lot planned as you can tell by the articles in the paper.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the Hoosier Burn Camp auction, please bring to convention or if unable to attend, give me a call and we will make arrangements to get the item.

I was able to attend the Supporting Heroes Banquet to honor the Fallen Heroes for 2009. It was a great honor to be there to support the families and agencies and departments.

From the Statehouse ...

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free to contact me via email at wtfdcurl@comcast.net. If you will simply put in the subject IVFA LEGISLATION I will do my best to get back to you in a timely manner and at least discuss the issue with you.

As we approach the 2010 election season, I encourage you to become active, be involved and stay informed on matters that will and does impact our ability to serve, LEGISLATION. Visit the General Assembly website at www.in.gov and take a look at the general assembly section. Watch your local newspapers to see when your representatives and senators are conducting a meeting in your area and attend, ask questions, get to know them and what they stand for. You may want to host a debate if you have contested races for the primary and certainly during the General Election. To see if your representative or senator has opposition, simply visit the website of the Secretary of State, <http://www.in.gov/sos/> and look on the left hand side of the homepage

for election division, click on it, then go to Candidate Information and then in the center of the page look at May 4, 2010 Primary Election Candidate List. If you need help in locating this information or setting up a local debate, contact me and I will try to get you the help needed to accomplish your desired task.

Most of all, remember this is election year for ALL members of the HOUSE and many members of the SENATE. Find out who is supporting those things most important to you, your department and your communities where you live, work and raise your families.

And lastly we should never, never, never forget the last line of the Gettysburg Address, *Gettysburg, Pennsylvania November 19, 1863 - the most famous speech by President Abraham Lincoln - government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth, and we should not let those elected to serve us forget that either.*

Stay safe and stay informed,
Larry W. Curl

Convention 2010 features exciting entertainment

Wow, do we have entertainment for those attending the convention in Terre Haute in June.

On Thursday night after the opening meeting, an evening of entertainment featuring the Boogie Heads will be in the Chestnut Hall at the Holiday Inn. The newest sensation is a video DJ who entertains guests by putting their heads in a live music video on top of professional dancers' bodies! They do not have to sing or even know the song - just bounce your head!

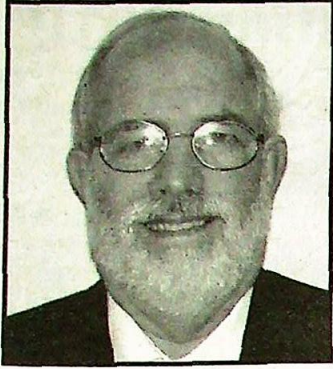
Meanwhile, the crowd will watch on a big screen monitor as it happens. Up to four people at a time sit in front of the camera as they "Bop" their heads to thousands of available songs!

Everyone will want to try it. All will be laughing hysterically. Persons who participate in a music video will receive a DVD of their performance, compliments of Convention 2010. What we need are lots of participants and a crowd to cheer them on. We hope everyone will join in on the fun.

On Friday evening, directly following the banquet, the Trench-Rowe Band will be playing for your dancing and listening enjoyment. They are a well known local band that plays "60's & 70's and then some" music.

Once again, we hope everyone will participate and enjoy the entertainment that the convention committee has arranged.

**Public Relations
Director
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Jean Smith**



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

IVFA Convention 2010 will be June 16th - June 19th at Holiday Inn, Terre Haute.

I would like to congratulate those girls that will be representing the districts in Public Relations Area Northeast as Miss Flame candidates, Alyssia Smith, District #4 New Carlisle Fire Dept., Ryley Cripps, District #5 Bourbon Fire Dept., Kaitlyn Enfield, District #6 Metz Fire Dept., Kaylea Kongar, District #7 Berne Fire Dept.

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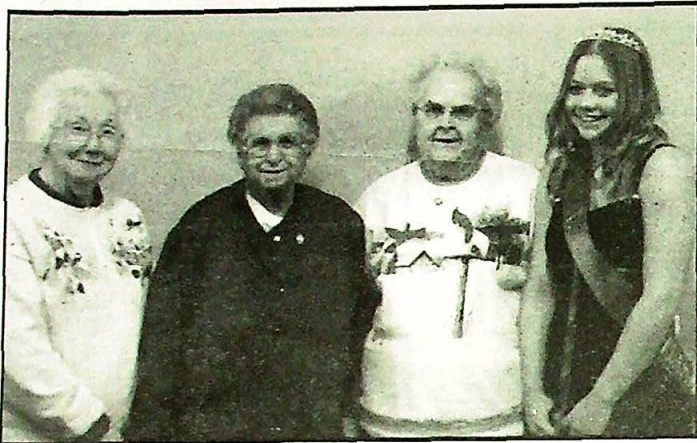
Dubois members receive awards from Memorial Hospital Health Care



Eight Dubois Volunteer Fire Department members were presented with a CPR Save A Life pin and certificate from Memorial Hospital Health Care for their quick actions on October 1, 2009 on a call for an unconscious, unresponsive person.

Front row: Greg Mehling, Cory Voegerl, Joe DeKemper, Mark Humbert.
Second row: Larry Schepers, Steve Kalb, Keith Kluesner, Zach Eichmiller. - submitted by Joe DeKemper

IVFAA District 4 members awarded 25 year pins



IVFAA District 4 twenty-five year members were recently awarded pins.

Mary Hohn, EllaMac Bectel and Marilyn Loucks are shown with Miss Flame Alyssia Smith. - (submitted by Karen T. Maier)

Kluesner Firefighter of the Year



Chief Steve Kalb presents assistant chief Jeff Kluesner with the "Firefighter of the Year" Award.

- submitted by Joe DeKemper.

Addresses for convention events

Not all Convention 2010 events will be held at the Holiday Inn headquarters. Bus transportation will be provided for those events listed in italics in the convention itinerary in another part of the paper. For those folks who wish to drive to the various sites the addresses are listed below. (There is plenty of parking at all locations.)

Headquarters:
Holiday Inn
3300 U.S. 41 South
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Picnic
Wabash Valley Fairgrounds
3901 S US Hwy 41
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Opening Meeting/Seminars/Business Meetings

Honey Creek Middle School -
Parking lot behind the school (west)
6601 S Carlisle Street
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Coffee Klatch/Memorial Service

The Good Shepherd Baptist Church
1200 E Davis Drive
Terre Haute, IN 47802

An additional bit of information for those who drive is to go south from the Holiday Inn parking lot and pass through the lot in front of Office Max/Books a Million and turn onto Davis Avenue. Turn left to go to the church and right to the stop light and go south to either the fairgrounds and/or the school.

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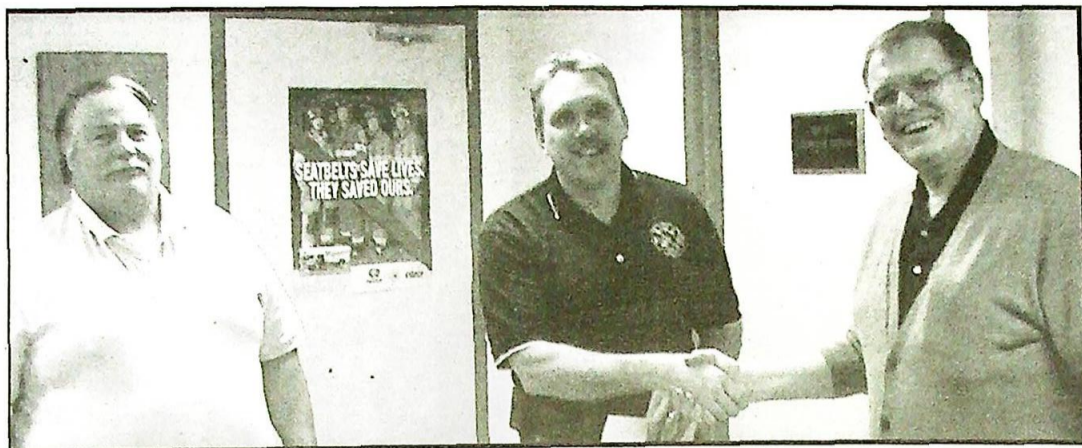
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Dyer firefighters awarded pins



PRNW Jim Bradford and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell presented two Dyer VFD firefighters with their 25 year pins.

Pictured is Scott Siedelmann (left) and Jeff Zendzian on the right. - photo by Jim Bradford.



Tim Friedman acknowledged for 30 years of service

(Pictured at left) - Chief Steve Kalb presented fireman Tim Friedman with a plaque and an afghan throw for 30 years of service. Tim was a First Responder and past secretary for the department. - submitted by Joe DeKemper.

Bus transportation for Convention 2010

The committee for Convention 2010 being held in Terre Haute has announced that bus transportation will be provided. The Holiday Inn is the convention headquarters but other facilities will be used for various events. All events are within three miles of the Holiday Inn and not too hard to drive if conventioners want to drive themselves. In another section of the paper is the convention itinerary and the events where transportation will be provided is in italic print. A bus schedule will be posted in the registration area of the Holiday Inn. The buses will be making several round trips to each event and the committee will appreciate cooperation in keeping with the schedule which will keep them running efficiently and in a timely manner. In doing that it is expected that everyone can arrive at the designated location on time.

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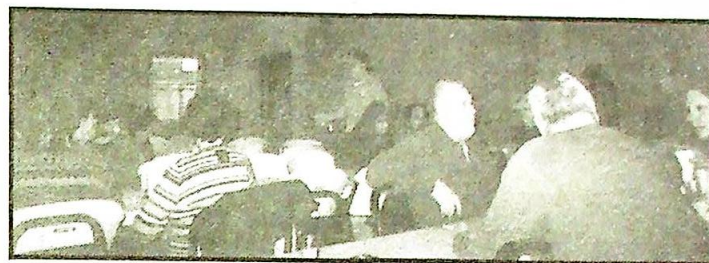
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Gas City takes delivery of John Deere Gator HPX



The Gas City Rescue Squad has taken delivery of a John Deere Gator HPX. The unit has been equipped with a Kimtek Medlite Transport unit and stokes basket and backboard. The Gator ERV-1 has also been equipped with a winch that can be mounted on the front or the rear of the unit. This unit was purchased for use in rural areas that an ambulance will not make it into. Our Gator ERV-1 was purchased through fundraising and a donation from Round Robins bingo. The Medlite Transport unit and stokes basket was purchased through the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Grant. A special thanks to our local John Deere dealer, McGavie's Outdoor Power Equipment. The total cost of the Gator and Medlite Transport Unit was \$13,801.21 and only costing our department \$780.21 after the donations and grants. - submitted by Scott Dunham

Ward Township VFD holds fish and chicken fry

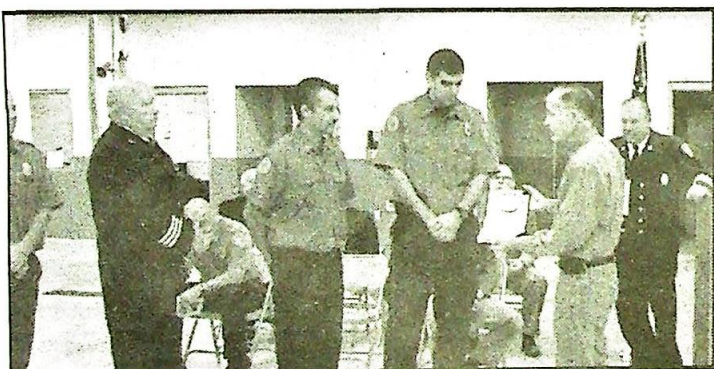


The Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry on December 5, 2009 at their station. Looks like the crowd is enjoying the eats. Shown serving the fish and chicken is Jay Harris. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Looks like the guys are doing a good job serving the people.

A new Station 72 for Decatur Township Fire Department



Shift officers receive IVFA clock for new Station 72. Pictured (left to right) - Lt. Chad Stafford, Div. Chief Joe Griffith, Lt. Tom Meadimber, Lt. Dan Marshall, District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and by the podium, Chief Dale Henson.



Dedicated to better serve the residents of Decatur Township, the firefighters and the community celebrated a new Station 72 at a community open house Friday, October 2, 2009. Lunch was provided by Midwest Garage Doors and Community Health Network. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

Cedar Lake VFD members awarded 50 year Gold cards



Three retired members of Cedar Lake VFD were awarded 50 year Gold cards, certificates and 50 year pins. (Left to right) - Ralph Schillo, Kenneth Blakeman, Bernard V. Wornhoff. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Robert Gettler presented 25 year pin and certificate



Robert Gettler was presented with his 25 year pin and certificate. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Convention 2010 Seminars planned

All seminars will be held at the Honey Creek Middle School. The school location is approximately three miles south of the Holiday Inn, just off U.S. Highway 41. Bus transportation will not be provided for the seminars but there is ample parking available at the school. A map with address is located in another part of the paper. Following is a list of the seminars along with information about them.

Thursday, June 17, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - "Incident Command - Beyond Names and Titles", presented by David Denniston.

Incident command is much more than a bunch of names, titles and vests. The class will explore the rule of the command system from preplanning and training, scene size up, assignment of tasks, and rules of engagement, to the need for constant evaluation and accountability. We will explore how changes in technology, building construction and standards has changed the way firefighters must do business.

Many may remember Dave from the banquet last year. He was our keynote speaker and did a wonderful speech on volunteering titled, "Volunteering, The Best and Worst Days of My Life".

Dave serves Cortland County as deputy fire coordinator where he is responsible for the county accountability system. He also serves the Town of Virgil, NY as Fire Commissioner.

June 17, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - "Medically Certifying Your Personnel Public Safety Medical"

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 - Determining what type of medical testing to provide.
 - Minimum test requirements.
 - Developing an RFP to solicit medical providers.
 - Choosing a provider.
 - Estimated budgets to consider for a medical evaluation program.
 - How to raise funding to support a medical evaluation program.
 - Review of the Indianapolis Fire Department program and its impact.

June 17, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

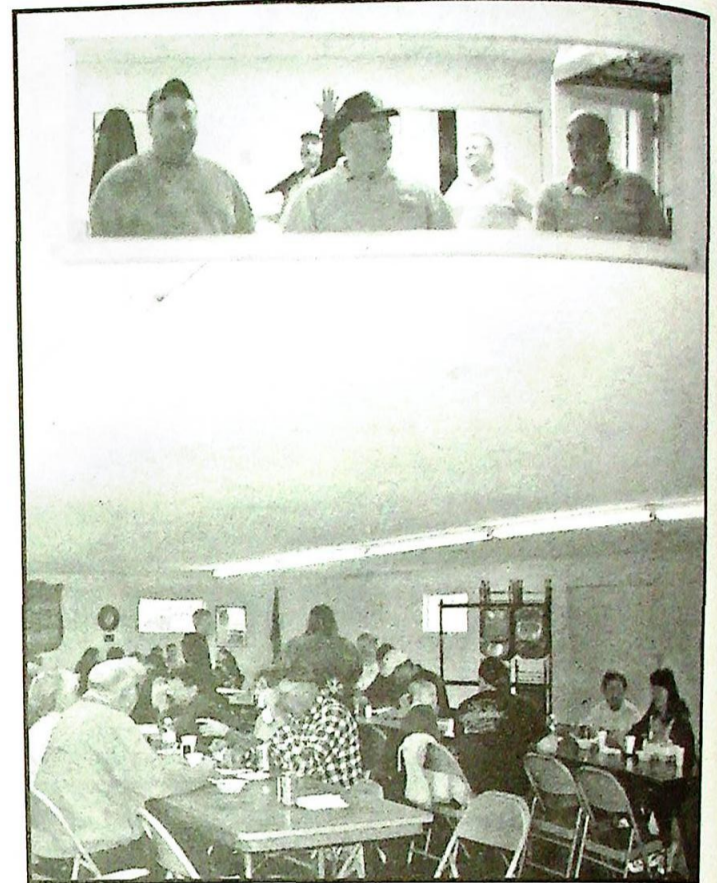
- "Things to consider BEFORE a Hero Falls" presented by Eric Johnson

- Policies, Guidelines, and Values - Importance of establishing each before tragedy strikes.
- Whose Funeral Is It? - Keeping funeral planning priorities in perspective.
- Personal Information Packets - Importance of storing certain information and modified approach to obtaining some of it.
- Effects on Co-Workers and Their Families - Recognizing the effects on other members of a department and their families.
- Flag Considerations and Protocol - What are the real rules concerning non-military funeral-related use and display of the U.S. Flag?
- Support Resources - What resources are available to assist departments and families following line of duty deaths?

June 17, 10:00 a.m. - Noon - "Board of Firefighter Standards and Personnel"

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Pennville VFD hosts hog roast



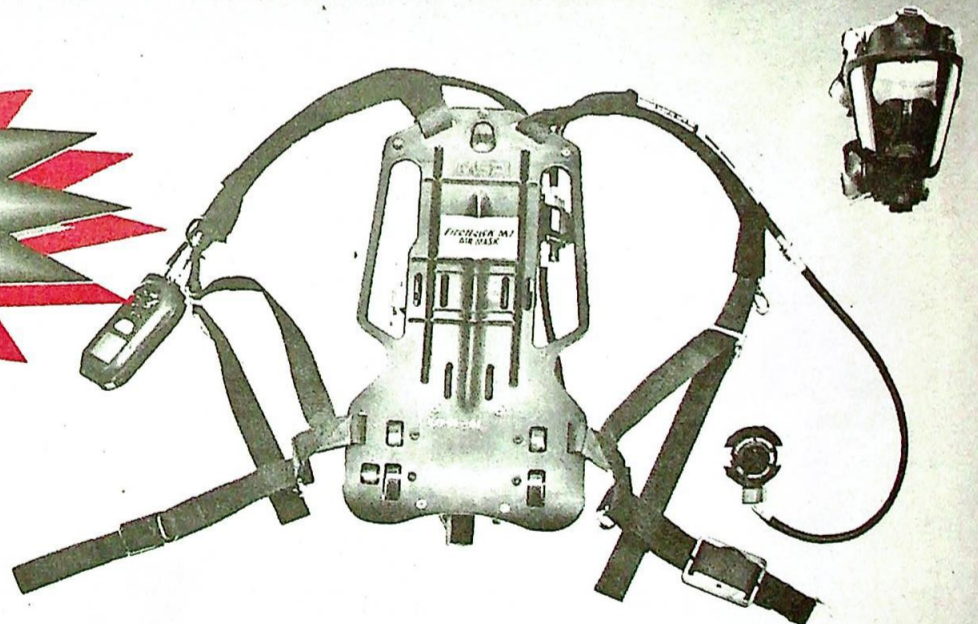
The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast on October 17, 2009.

Shown serving the food (from left to right) are Craig Miller, Carl Imel, and Bill Ault.

In the background waving is fire chief John Corwin and Lonnie Bell. Looks like the crowd is enjoying the food and the fellowship. - (submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)

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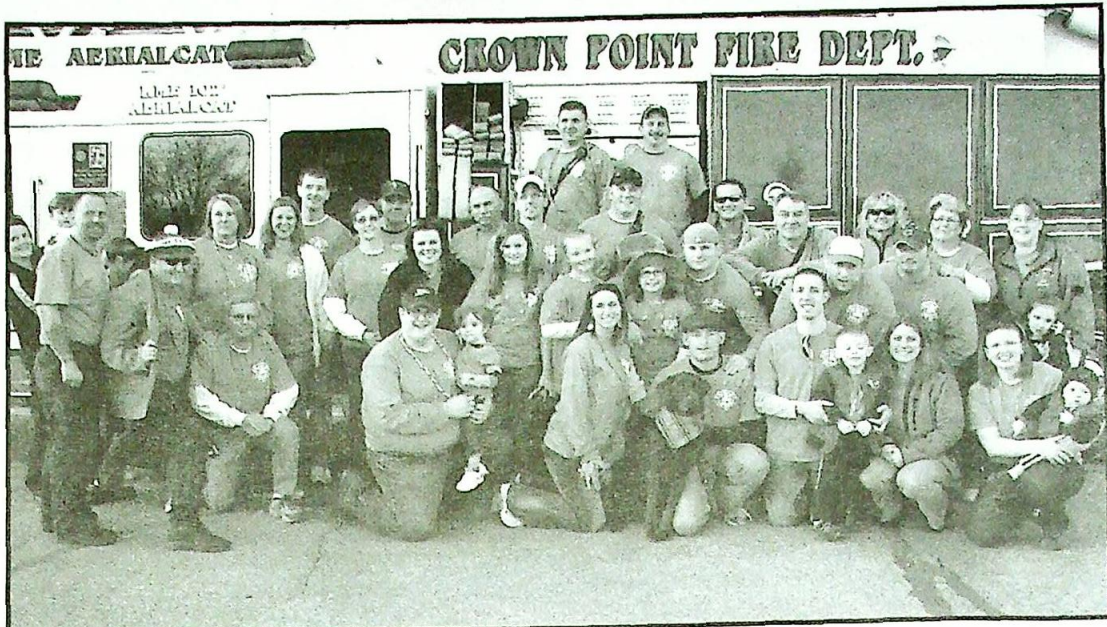
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Crown Point VFD holds St. Patrick's Day parade



Crown Point Fire Department enjoys great weather for its city's second annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Wearing of their new St. Patrick's green shirts as they participate in the parade.

It was estimated by the Mayor's Office of special events that over 10,000 citizens viewed the parade along the parade route in Crown Point. (submitted by Marge Baumgardner, Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary)

Presented 25 year pins



Twenty-five year pins were presented to Don Meek, Ed Rollings, and Steve Mader.

- (photo submitted by District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland).

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Convention 2011

On February 20 at Bremen Fire Department the 2011 convention meet for the first time to set up chairmen and ideas for next year.



Past president Dick Glant was talking about some new things for the convention. - submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman.

Members presented pins at annual Christmas party



The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held their Christmas party on December 6, 2009 at the Ponderosa.

Pictured from left to right receiving their 25 year pins from District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright are Rick Dennis, Jesse James and Scott Tipton. - (photo submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District B).

Members presented pins



The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their Christmas party on December 16, 2009.

Presenting 25 year pins to Carl Imel and Ralph Frazier is Kylee Bell, District 8B

Miss Flame runner-up. - (submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)

Chicken/fish fry held

Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and fish fry on March 13, 2010 at their station.

Pictured doing the serving (from left to right) are Don Caylor, Bert Stephens, Gary Barnett and Adam Van Note.

Also shown getting his food is Gary DeVoss from the Redkey Fire Department. - (submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B)



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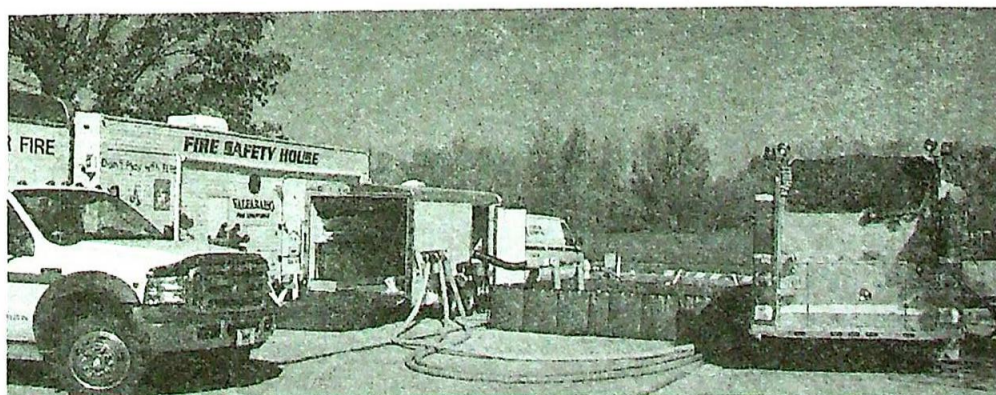
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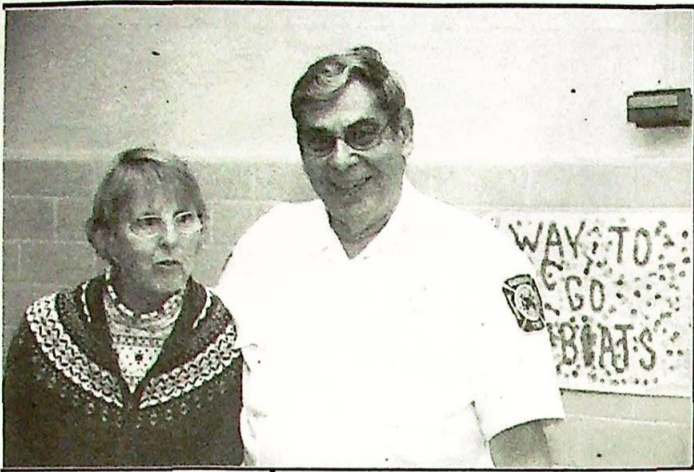
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Members honored for contributions



German Township Volunteer Fire Department in Evansville, Indiana, recently held its annual awards banquet. During the banquet, two members were honored for their contributions to the department.

Firefighter Edward "Jim" Geiser was awarded Volunteer of the Year. Jim joined the department in December, 1996, at the age of 66. After retiring, Jim looked for some place to give of his time and talents. He joined the fire department and became an important member, not only by making emergency runs, but by being the department's webmaster and being responsible for keeping the trucks and equipment operational. He also recently took on the responsibility of the job of secretary of the fire department's Board of Directors. Jim continues to be an active member, as he approaches his 80th birthday.

Thanks, Jim, for all you do.
Picture is of Firefighter Jim Geiser and his wife, Eva - (submitted by Cindy Gries)



Captain Paul Carr was awarded the Chief's Award. This award is given to an officer who has made a huge impact on the department and its members.

Captain Carr joined the department in 1994. After a brief time off to start a family, he returned and was promoted to Captain in 2008.

Captain Carr is instrumental in helping the training program be the best possible to keep all the firefighters up-to-date on training in order to be safe and efficient in their jobs on the scene of an incident. Captain Carr works as a safety officer at Evansville Regional Airport, and also works as a safety manager with Tri-State Aero.

Thanks, Captain Carr, for all you do for this department.
Picture is of Captain Paul Carr and Chief John M. Buckman III. - (submitted by Cindy Gries)

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Mike Lawther honored

(Photo at right) - March 6, 2010 - Mike Lawther retirement party and 25 year pin. District 8A - Lapel/Stoney Creek F.D.
Pictured are District 8A chairman and Mike Lawther. - (photo by Joan Pape)



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Huntingburg Eagles receive grant



At the IVFA Dist. 18 meeting of 18 March, the Huntingburg VFD became the recipient of a \$5,000.00 grant from the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The money will be used to equip the department's newest apparatus, a re-conditioned ambulance, which will be used on medical emergency runs that do not require rescue applications such as extrication, or supplemental lighting.

"In the past, our large rescue squad truck made our medical runs," Huntingburg Fire Chief Glen Kissling reported. "There are times when its size may prevent its operation in close quarters, also it carries a lot of equipment that is not needed on most medical emergencies."

Pictured (left to right) are Huntingburg FOE Aerie 3335 Trustee Daniel Frick, Huntingburg Fire Chief Glen Kissling, and FOE Grand Aerie Director Mike Cummings.

Article and photo provided by IVFA Dist. 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith

English VFD members receive 25 year pins



At the IVFA District 18 meeting of March 18, two members of the English VFD were presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin.

Receiving the award are Don Burnham (left) and Mike Benham (right). Also pictured is District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. - Information and photo provided by district chairman John "Bull" Smith.

25 year pins awarded



District #19 IVFAA 25 year pins were presented at Sunman meeting February 25th.

From (left to right): Elaine Weber, president Pam Gerdowsky, Kathy Eckstein, Wanda Retzner and Mary Nedderman.

Receiving pins, but not attending were: Raynell Smith, Shirley Harmon, Debbie Miles and Cindy Bruns. - submitted by Pam Gerdowsky, District 19 chairman.

Liberty Township VFD Appreciation Dinner held in District 4



District 4 Miss Flame Alyssia Smith is shown here with Chief Bryan Albright (on the left) and assistant chief John Dooms (on the right) at the Appreciation Dinner.



Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department in District 4 shown celebrating their 7th annual Appreciation Dinner. - (photos submitted by Jean Smith, District 4)

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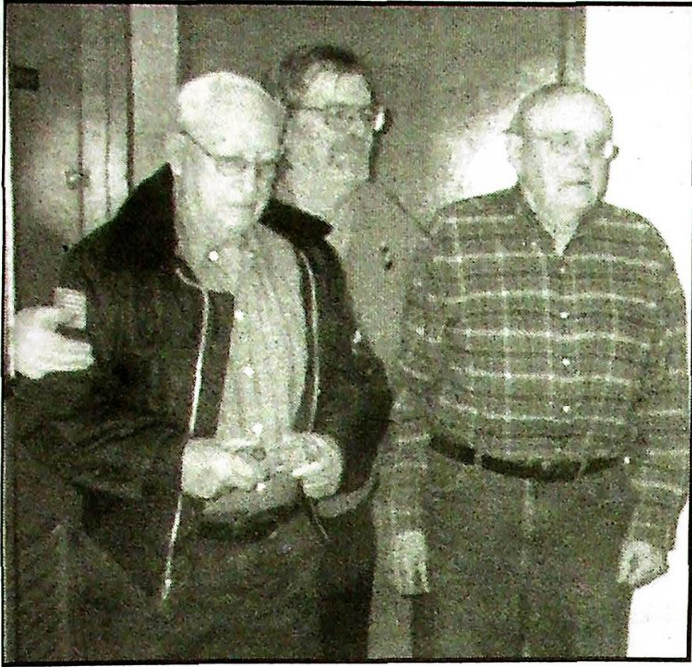
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February 16, 2010 – Dale Hare, District 8A chairman, Adam Burton - Pipecreek V.F.D. – (photo by Joan Pape)

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Crown Point VFD and Fire Rescue members recognized and receive awards



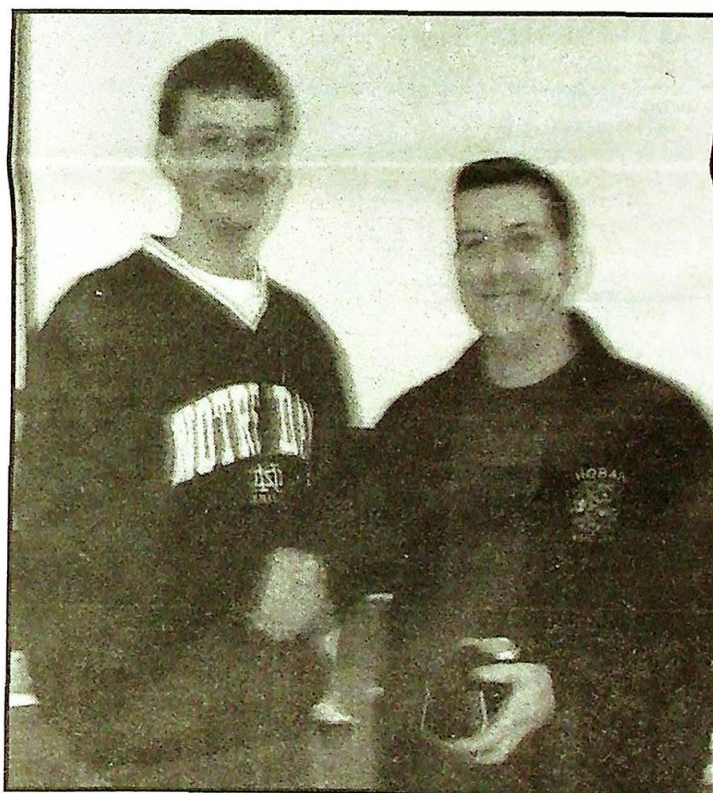
New members of Crown Point Fire Rescue – Jason Scott, Eric Valsi and Eric Gulbransen.



Scott Rediger (right) of Crown Point Fire Rescue is presented with a watch for 15 years membership by president Kevin Pedersen.



Tom Walters (right) of the Crown Point Fire Rescue is presented with his 25 year service pin and certificate by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Mike Pouch (right) of Crown Point Fire Rescue was presented a watch for 15 years membership by president Kevin Pedersen.



New members of Crown Point Fire Rescue - Dale Holsti and Rick Monroe.



(Photo at left) – Harold Wente presented with 50 year Gold card and certificate by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



(Photo at right) – Mark Schweitzer (left) of Crown Point Vol. Fire Department presented with a watch for 15 years membership by president Kevin Pedersen.

submitted by Paul Watland,
District 2 chairman

Information for Convention 2010 in Terre Haute, Indiana

IVFA 2010 Convention Itinerary

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall
10:00 a.m. - Close	Golf Outing	Hulman Links
2:00 p.m. - Close	Cornhole Games for Supporting Heroes	Holiday Inn -
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Demonstration-Amkus Extrication Tool	Holiday Inn - Parking Lot
6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Picnic	Wabash Valley Fairground-Exhibit Hall
7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Mixer	Wabash Valley Fairground-Exhibit Hall
8:00 p.m. - Close	Auction for Hoosier Burn Camp	Wabash Valley Fairground-Exhibit Hall
9:30 (Dark) - Close	Fireworks Display	Wabash Valley Fairgrounds-Grandstand

THURSDAY - JUNE 17, 2010

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging (closed)	Holiday Inn - Gallery & Cherry
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Seminar Incident Command-Beyond Names & Titles	Honey Creek Middle School
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Men Tour	Don Smith Cars/Fire Museum
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Seminar - Medically Certifying Your Personnel	Honey Creek Middle School
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Women Tour (bus leaves 9:30)	Clabber Girl Culinary
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Board of Personnel Stds & Education	Honey Creek Middle School Rm #D'00
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Seminar-Things to Consider before a Hero Falls	Honey Creek Middle School
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Holiday Inn - Sycamore Grove
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging (open)	Holiday Inn - Gallery
3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.	IVFA Officers Meeting	Holiday Inn - Gallery
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	IVFAA Officers Meeting	Holiday Inn - Terrace West
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog Bust	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Opening Meeting	Honey Creek Middle School Rm #D100
9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	Boogie Heads Video Entertainment	Holiday Inn Chestnut Hall

FRIDAY - JUNE 18, 2010

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Coffee Klatch	The Good Shepherd Baptist Church
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Memorial Service	The Good Shepherd Baptist Church
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Registration	Honey Creek Middle School
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	IVFA Business Meeting	Honey Creek Middle School Rm #D100
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	IVFAA Business Meeting	Honey Creek Middle School Rm #E1
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Your choice
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Outing	Lunch @ Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
1:30 p.m.-Close	IVFA Business Meeting if necessary	Honey Creek Middle School Rm #D100
1:30 p.m.-Close	IVFAA Business Meeting if necessary	Honey Creek Middle School Rm #E1
6:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Children's Party	Holiday Inn - Gallery
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Banquet	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall
9:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	Dance with the Trench-Rowe Band	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall

SATURDAY - JUNE 19, 2010

No events scheduled - Have a safe journey home!
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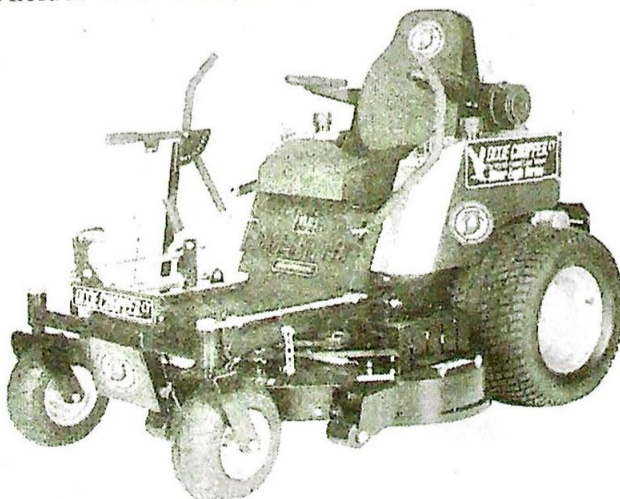
Fundraiser tickets to be on sale

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association will be selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the 2010 Convention which will be held in Terre Haute, Indiana June 16-June 19.

The chopper will be raffled off at the convention and the drawing will be held Friday, June 18, 2010.

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*A message
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On behalf of the Convention 2010 committee we welcome you to the 64th annual IVFA convention in Terre Haute. We appreciate the opportunity to host the convention for the fourth time in Terre Haute.

As hosts we endeavor to provide facilities and an environment conducive of having productive business meetings as well as providing opportunities for education, information, camaraderie and pleasure. The convention committee has been planning and working toward this goal for nearly two years at the time of this writing. This is not an easy goal to achieve but we think we have done it. As convention co-chairmen, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our committee for their time and effort in achieving this goal.

The convention will be much like previous years but there have been some changes. One change is that there will be no free alcoholic beverages. During the events at the hotel such as the hot dog bust and entertainment, there will be a cash bar only but there will be free soft drinks available.

Some events will not be located at the Holiday Inn Convention Headquarters. On this page you will find the convention itinerary and those in italics will have transportation provided. For those who wish to drive to the various places, all are less than three miles from headquarters and all have ample parking. Addresses for all of the sites are located in another part of the paper.

We think that we have some fantastic entertainment for you both Thursday and Friday nights and encourage everyone to participate and enjoy the good times.

We are hoping to have good attendance at the convention. If you have not registered at this time, you will have to pay the higher amount of \$75 but we feel it will still be well worth it. So get on the phone and call for your registration and hotel reservation right away and we will see you in Terre Haute June 16, 17, and 18.

Bill Bush & Bob Myers
Convention co-chairmen

Vendor Changes

This year's convention will have a new twist to the vendors. They will have new days and new hours.

They will be open at 12:00 noon on Wednesday and close at 6:00 p.m. Then they will open at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and close at 6:00 p.m. There will be no vendors on Friday.

This year we started soliciting vendors in December of 2009 and it paid off. We have several new vendors and we want to welcome them to the IVFA convention.

Some of the vendors that are registered at this time are: Sensit Technologies, QDCIP Fire LLC, The Uniform House Inc., BP Pipeline, Air Evac Life Team #39, INPAA IN Pipeline, Bliss-McKnight, Ray-Com, Paul Davis Restorations of N.E. In., Vectren, Duke Energy, McNeil & Co., Inc., Peach, Panhandle Eastern, Provident Agency, California Casualty Management Co., Firefighters CU, Borkholder Building & Supply, Hastings Air Energy Control, 5-Alarm Fire & Safety, Supporting Heroes, Indiana Fire Instructors Bookstore, Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Rossman Enterprises, Inc., Public Safety Medical Services and the National Guard.

We are expecting several more companies to be at the convention. The vendors are a large part of the convention.

Be sure to visit the vendors and get the latest information and see the latest in Fire, EMS, and Rescue Equipment.

Jack McFarland
Vendor Chairman

Bowyer and Eudy receive 25 year pins



District 5 meeting at Denver Vol. F.D. on March 11 Nelson Bowyer of Mexico Comm. Fire Assn. and Press Eudy of Roann Vol. Fire Dept. awarded 25 year service pins.

(Photo on left) - Presenting 25 year pin to Nelson Bowyer (left to right) PRNE Assoc. Chaplain Dave Sickelka, District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, Nelson Bowyer, District 5 Miss Flame Riley Cripps, PRNE director Jean Smith.

(Photo on right) - Presenting 25 year pin to Press Eudy (left to right) PRNE Assoc. Chaplain Dave Sickelka, District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, Press Eudy, District 5 Miss Flame Riley Cripps, PRNE Director Jean Smith. - (submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman.)

Named Firefighter of the Year



Three from Bremen Vol. FD awarded 25 year pins



Marshall County Volunteer Firefighter Assoc. named Chris Oginsky of Lapaz-North Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. "Firefighter of the Year". Chris has been instrumental in writing grants, training. He is also Firefighter I/IL, certified a basic - EMT fully NIMS compliant. Chris is also a member of Polk Vol. Fire Dept. Great job, Chris! (Left to right) District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, assistant chief Chris Oginsky, Marshall County Firefighter Assoc. president John Grolich. - (submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman.)


Presented their 25 year IVFA service pin from (left to right) PRNE director Jean Smith, past president Dick Glant, District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, Jay Stoneburner, Matt Mikel, Tim Kulezar. - (submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman.)

Einhorn receives 25 year pin




John Einhorn of Polk Twp. Fire Dept. was awarded his 25 year pin from IVFA 5th District chairman Tony Farrer. - (submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman.)

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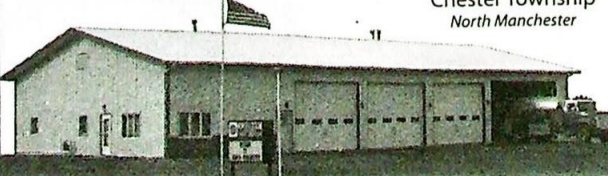


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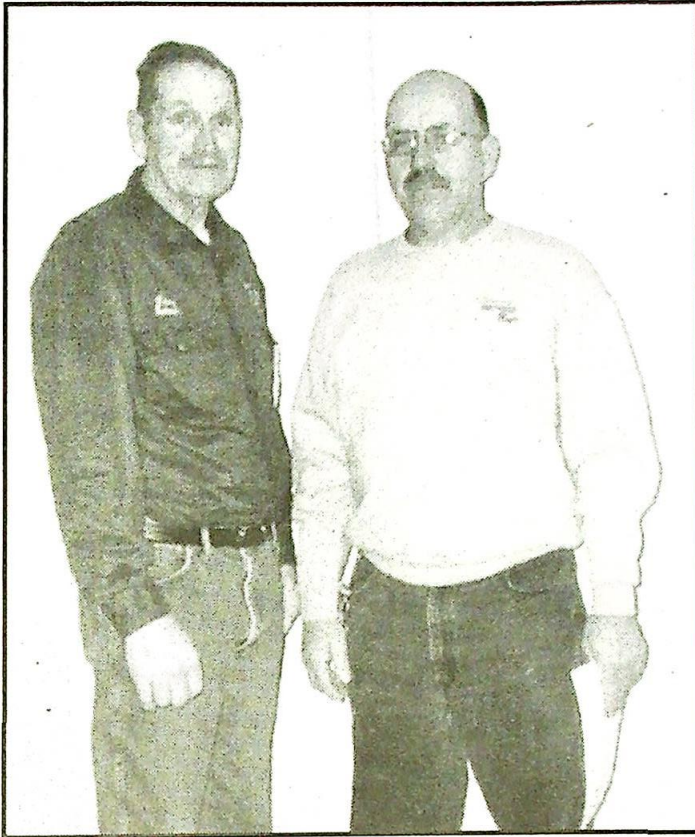
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Tippecanoe Twp. Fire Dept. honors two members



Dale Blackford was awarded his 50 year pin for his service to the community and helping to start up the Tippecanoe Twp. Fire Dept. Thanks, Dale.

District 5 chairman Tony Farrer congratulates Dale Blackford. - (submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman.)



Mike Irons is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 5 IVFA chairman Tony Farrer. - (submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman.)

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Salamonia VFD receives check from VFW



Presenting a check to the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department is Dick Smith of the Fort Recovery, Ohio VFW.

Pictured (from left to right) is Rich Theurer, president of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department and Dick Smith from the VFW. - (photo submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District B)

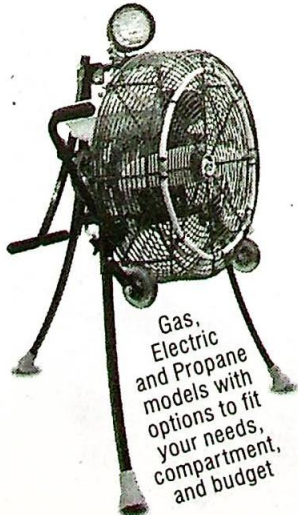
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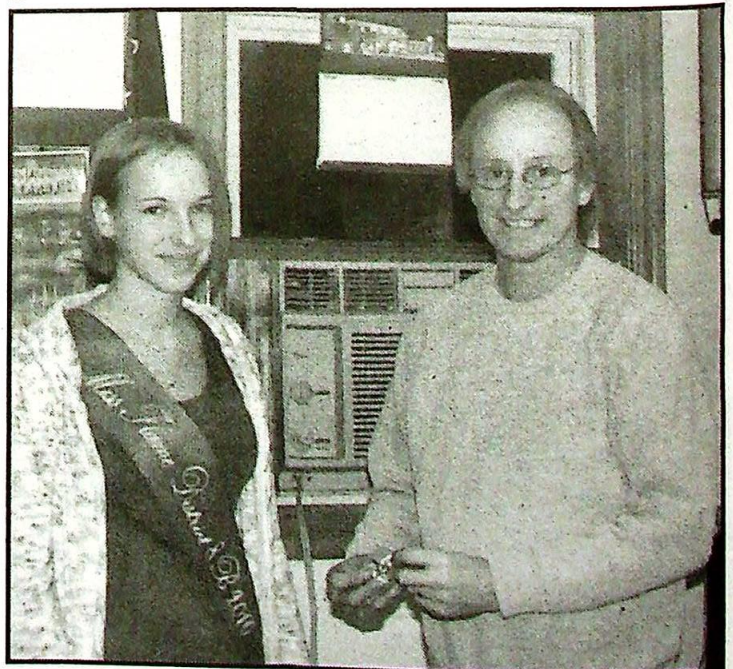
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Russell Ramseyer receives pin from District 8B Miss Flame



On February 4, 2010 Russell Ramseyer of the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

Presenting the pin to Russell is Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame. - (photo submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District B)

Union City FD holds ribbon cutting for new station

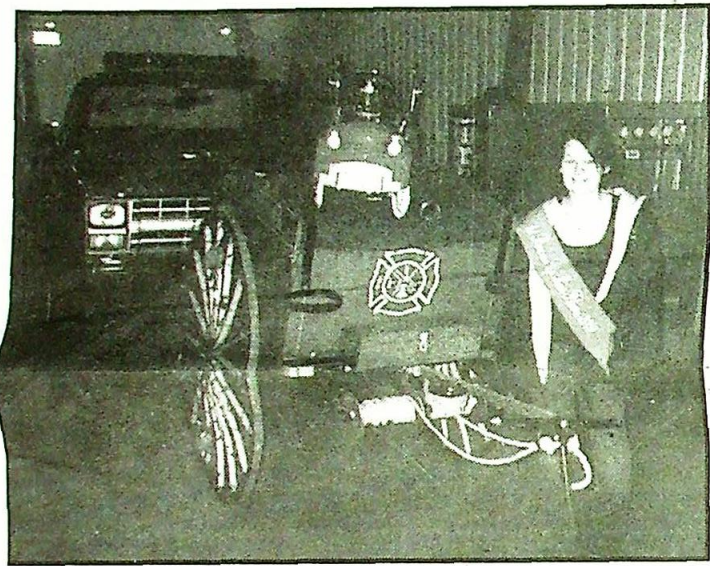


On November 21, 2009 the Union City Fire Department held the ribbon cutting for their new fire station. It is called the Union City Emergency Services Complex.



At the ribbon cutting Kylee Bell, District 8B Miss Flame first runner-up presented them with a new clock for their station.

Accepting the clock from Kylee is Jamie Neeley and Tim Crawford, Fire Chief. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Kylee Bell, District 8B Miss Flame first runner-up is pictured with Union City Fire Department's hose cart. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Participate in day of skills testing



On Saturday, 6 February 2010 The Dubois Co. Fire Trainers Association's Firefighter I/II course culminated with a day of skills testing and live burn training. Students from Celestine, Dubois, Jasper, Jefferson Twp., Holland, Huntingburg, Schnellville, and Southeast Daviess made up the class. - Photo and article provided by John C. "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chair

Richard Newman receives 25 year service pin



Chief Richard Newman from Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, receiving his 25 year pin from District 4 chairman Terry Smith with PRNE Mort Sorg looking on. - (submitted by Jean Smith, District 4)

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Lakeville VFD chili luncheon held



Serving the delicious chili is assistant chief Jason Casad with his sister, Denise Casad.



Helpers at the chili luncheon were Steven Wise, Troy Rozwarski and Mike Hargreaves.



A chili luncheon was hosted by the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department on February 2, 2010.

Pictured working the luncheon are assistant chief Jason Casad (on the left), chief Jeff Urbanski on the right with District 4 chairman in the middle. - (photos submitted by Jean Smith, District 4)

Jasper Fire School 2010 held



Jasper Fire School – never too busy to pose for a picture!!

The Jasper School of Fire & Emergency Services concluded on March 28.

The school, now in its 14th year drew 340 students from across Indiana and neighboring states. The school actually ran for two weekends, March 20 & 21 and March 27 & 29 to accommodate the number of classes being offered 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 led to Certification ranged from Mandatory Firefighter to Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics, Safety Officer, Technical Rescue Awareness FO I, and FO III, Driver/Operator Apparatus, Fire Instructor I, and Fire Instructor II/III were also offered.

A wide variety of courses included Ladder Company to Motivating Firefighters was also

included. For students that wished to “get their gear dirty”, Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT) 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, “okay... you fight fires even if it is raining... don't you”?

Jasper Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang, and Jasper Firefighter Jason Eckstein bravely took on what this author feels is the most challenging class... teaching Fire Safety for Kids!!!

Can you imagine 14 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, “My most sincere thanks to all who helped. Our school

has become the largest in the state, and it is due in the most part to the people who work behind the scenes to make it a success each year.” “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 participated in our “vendors show”, 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.”

Article and photos courtesy of John C. “Bull” Smith Dist. 18 Chair

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes

Volunteers for Hoosier Burn Camp come in all shapes and sizes. We have camp staff that have been faithfully attending since 1999 and will complete their 12th summer in 2010 with us, as well as cadet classes that come out for Visitor's Day (this year is June 2nd from 10:00 – 2:00) to help with trash, parking, and moving picnic tables amongst other jobs. There are so many examples of giving, compassionate, and dedicated volunteers I truly will not be able to do justice with the short space I have to share.

I am reminded of board members who not only serve currently with their time and treasure, but some who were even instrumental in HBC getting started many years ago. There is a wonderful friend whom I spoke with on the phone earlier this week who is having surgery to donate a kidney to her daughter in May and arranging a fundraiser for the third year now in September. There are several organizations and individuals who have been donors since the very beginning. The IVFA has been committed since the first moment we decided to create life-enriching and changing experiences for adolescent burn survivors. We have grown over the years to provide multiple events in addition to our one week camp (www.hoosierburncamp.org), and served hundreds of very deserving children and their families all across the state of Indiana.

Some of our volunteers serve in multiple capacities. I think of Ron Lipps who is a Fishers firefighter that shoots hours of video and helps to capture over 2000 still photographs each year at camp. Ron also coordinates a “Tip a Firefighter” night at the Texas Roadhouse in Fishers to help Hoosier Burn Camp stay fee free for all of our campers and their families. I am also reminded of Diane Harrison who not only is well known in IVFA circles for all she has done over the years, but also hosts an auction at the conference each year and donates the proceeds to our children. The members of McAxe and the Firecrew, which is one of the most recent Hoosier Burn Camp programs, travel all over the state on their own time to provide educational information to young people about such items as buckling their seatbelts, checking their smoke detectors, when to dial 911, and to avoid matches and lighters (www.mcaxeandkasey.com).

The Hoosier Burn Camp volunteer network numbers well into the 1000's of folks who work directly with our children as well as giving of their time and treasure. It is an honor to be a part of an organization that has the power to change lives. I have met countless people over the years that are some of the best this planet has to offer. I am humbled to call many of them my friends and grateful they have transitioned from good intentions to the reality of calling themselves volunteers.

Sincerely,
Mark J Koopman
Executive Director ~ Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc.

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**Due to space limitations
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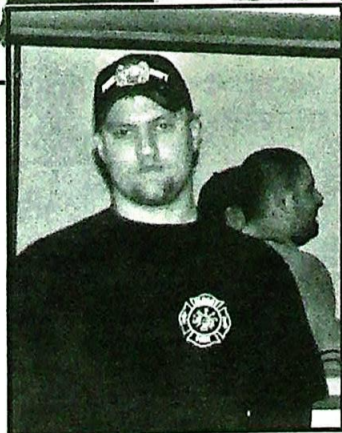
Albany VFD hosts chili supper



The Albany Volunteer Fire Department held a chili supper on October 31, 2009.

Come on guys, where is the food? – (photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District B)

Pictured waiting for the people to come is Nat Smith.



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