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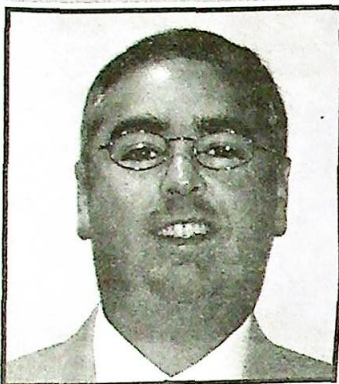
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## From The President

Tim Deckard



Greetings,

Making the right decisions. When we fail to make the right decision can result in serious problems, injury or death which all can alter our life and the life of others. The problem is we don't always THINK about the RESULTS or POOR DECISIONS and consequences of our actions. Are we planning ahead? Are we planning for the future? It's not an easy task, but we ALL must plan ahead. Can

we STOP looking backwards? In negative situations we all the time find the failure to make the right decision is often because we fail to plan. Have we developed REAL Policies and Procedures?

DO we train on them? Do we follow our department orders or do we do whatever we want. By doing this just reflects back on the WHOLE department and NOT just one. Why did you join the department? Remember who you are serving and what you represent.

Chiefs and Officers, do you really supervise and lead your firefighters and enforce your policies? How about true discipline within your group and department? Do you have those who make the problems within the department like making the tail wag the dog. What is or do these people do for your department? Are they being allowed to drag the spirit of the department down?

Qualities of a good, effective leader are:

- High integrity
- Good Communications
- Openness and willingness to listen
- Fairness and consistency
- Respectful of others
- Visionary and shares that vision to others
- Problem solver NOT a

problem creator

- Adapt to change
- Takes advantage of new opportunities

Effective leadership is the key to resolving retention and recruitment. Many problems have linked back to poor leadership. Delegate responsibilities. If member's talents are not being used in the fire department they will take them somewhere else. Volunteers do not want to work for a chief who is viewed as a dictator. Volunteers want to be PROUD of the organization in which they belong to. They do NOT want grief while serving their community. Now let's look at ourself. To help our department grow and be active within, are we leadership experience? Are we mature? Are we committed to the service? Are we a team player and going to be a team player? Do we have moral character? We have to step up to the plate and work within ourself to help make the department. Take pride in your department.

As the legislative session comes to an end, the IVFA has worked diligently for YOU and that your voice is heard. WE are NOT against training. What we are against is being forced to travel some distance to take a test and have to pay for that test. We, the IVFA, believe that a testing site should be in every area and/or in every county. We are still working on local control of township budgets and keeping the

local trustees in place. We are still working on protecting those who bill or recover fees from runs and should be able to recover those fees. Our local fire tax is NOT enough. Some legislators do NOT get it or SEE it and it is our job to educate them that it is NOT enough and we need to collect these fees for service.

As our annual convention is just around the corner, please be making plans to attend this event in South Bend at the Marriott Hotel. The convention committees have on sale an IVFA anniversary coin marking our anniversary and it's a great gift or one just to have, so please look into purchasing one.

If there is a sport that every volunteer department seems to be an expert at, it is "personality conflicts." Although it might be nice if we could all get along, that seems to be too much to ask. It also seems like the fights are between the same people or have the same players. The end result is that members end up picking sides. Rather than developing ways to handle those with horns or halos, the name just changes, members come and go, but the department ends up weaker with each turn.

Strengthening the department requires an honest understanding of the existence of both those with halos and horns.

This simple questioning process is the first step in making ourselves aware of the biases that can exist in our departments.

After we have identified those

with horns and crowns, the next step is to bring them both to a middle ground. No one is ever perfect or evil, they are always somewhere in between. The problem with human nature is that once we give someone a label, it stays.

Any errors by someone with horns will just help reinforce the negative stereotype, while the same thing would be ignored from someone with a crown. The goal is to make an even playing ground for everyone involved.

Developing a stable department requires bringing both those crowns and horns to the table. They both have a valid viewpoint, and often together they can make something better than they could individually.

Awareness of the existence of crowns and horns in the first place is a step toward finding stability. Fairness comes from identifying and valuing all perspectives, no matter who brings them to the table.

Thank you for filling out our IVFA information survey. This is MUCH needed to help us fight the battles with GOOD numbers and facts from YOU.

Thank you for protecting your communities and the time you spend doing it. Life is short, so enjoy it. Bring everyone home and be safe.

Dedicated in serving you, and sharing the voice of the volunteers to others.

Tim Deckard,  
President



## I.V.F.A. Benefits

[www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org)

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association was established many years ago to support the needs of Indiana's volunteer firefighters.

Throughout the years the IVFA has continued to grow in size, and continues to provide members with quality information on a wide range of various issues. Providing timely and useful benefits has also been one of our goals.

Having been "off-line" for almost a year, the IVFA returns "on-line" with the re-introduction and complete overhaul of the [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) website. This site has several new features including:

- Department Listing page, which allows departments to post current department information in a directory (i.e. address, contact name, phone, e-mail, website addresses, etc.)
- IVFA Officers, District Chairmen and Public Relations page which provide you the necessary details to contact them (address, phone, e-mail).
- Training Events Calendar that allows you to submit electronically your "open enrollment" training programs and courses to be held, including class description, location, dates, contact persons, e-mail contacts, etc. This list would be maintained by date. Users can view what training is available in their area and how to contact the related "host" department to schedule people to attend.
- Events Calendar that follows the same structure as the Training Events Calendar. Having a fund-raiser, muster or other "public" event to raise funds? Then post it here so others can see and attend.
- For Sale page that provides space for departments to post "sale" items that other departments may be interested in purchasing (firefighting related only, not personal items), and sorry, but NO trucks, please.
- The Department Spotlight page to provide special recognition to fire departments around the state. The "Spotlight" information would be provided by the department via e-mail, based on the number received, (along with pictures), would run on a monthly or quarterly cycle. Information is included in the site as to how to "nominate" your department.
- Forms page, which contains many of the forms used to submit information for the web-site, as well as the IVFA License Plate and Change of Information forms. Other forms will be targeted to be included soon as well.
- "Links" page to many emergency related websites, both at the state and federal levels.
- Finally, a Benefits Information page that describes the benefits you receive as an IVFA member.

While this provides a good starting point, there are many other ideas being considered for the site - such as, being able to post some of the articles found in the newspaper version, along with other special recognition pages for award winners, an advertiser/sponsor page that will provide links to many of the same emergency service vendors. Also a guest book, an Indiana map which pinpoints the locations of the departments who have submitted information, and special pages for Fire Schools and the IVFA convention.

But... we know that you may have ideas as well as to what you want to see on the site. We want your ideas, they can be e-mailed to the IVFA webmasters at [webmaster@ivfa.org](mailto:webmaster@ivfa.org). Also, please note that NO information on any department will be posted without their consent, via use of one of the electronic forms or via e-mail.

The IVFA Website - another benefit to the IVFA and its members.  
[www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org)

## Denton earns Firefighter of the Year



RANDY DENTON

By Amber Tomlinson

RENSELAEER -- For some winning an award is not why he or she dedicates their time and puts forth their best effort.

It's about loving what they do and making a difference in their community.

Rensselaer volunteer firefighter Randy Denton is one of those people who has been serving his community for more than 20 years without an award until recently.

"It's about helping the community and being a firefighter seemed like a fun thing to do," Denton said.

Denton, 42, was awarded the Robert H. Lakin Firefighter of the Year Award for his dedication and service to the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department on February 12, during the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department awards banquet.

A committee of five firefighters, Wade Shuey, Bob Graves, Lenny Larson, Greg Leuck and Brent Lank, voted on who would receive the 2010 "Firefighter of the Year" Award.

Shuey said Denton has been "passed up for way too long."

Denton has been a firefighter on the department for

20 years and served as a lieutenant officer for almost 12 years.

He's also an active member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association, serving as the District 9B chairman for several years.

"It is nice to be recognized by your peers," he said.

Fire Chief Buz Koehler described Denton as being well known in Rensselaer and the surrounding community as well as within the fire community throughout the state of Indiana.

"He is one that leads by example in demonstrating the true spirit of being a member of the Rensselaer Fire Department," Koehler said. "His level in participation for emergency calls, training meetings, fundraisers, and work projects sets an example for all members. When the awards committee reached their final decision, it was evident that this member's recognition as "Firefighter of the Year" was long overdue -- he truly sets an example for all

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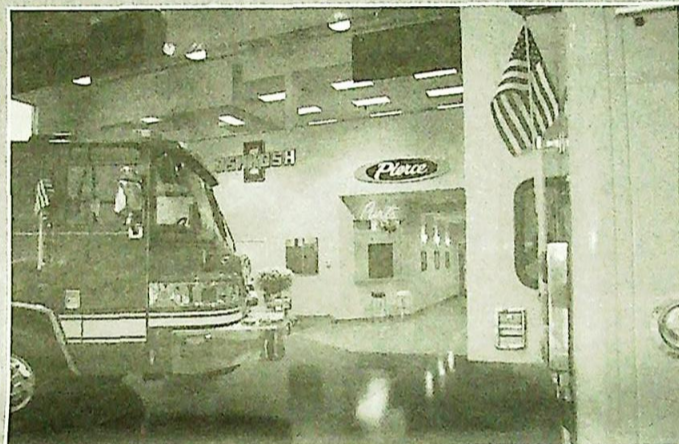
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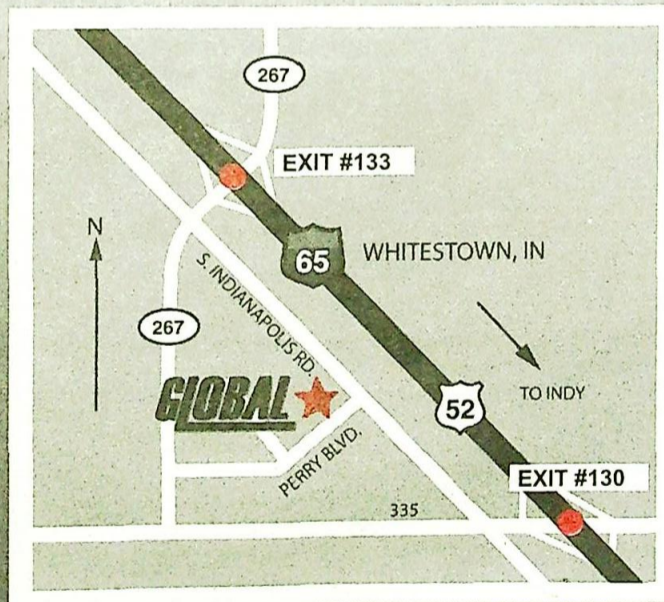
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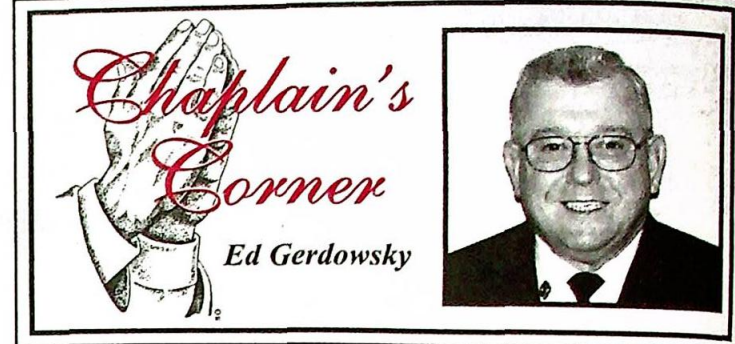
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Hope you are welcoming the spring coming in and hopefully the sunshine which seems to make us all feel good.

God does seem to see us through the good and bad weather no matter what we receive.

We are looking forward to the upcoming convention and hope to see a lot of you there.

The Chaplains have been kept busy over the last months and we are saddened to hear about their passing as well as our fellow firefighter Ivan Nevil, our past president, Mr. IVFA and past state fire marshal. We keep their families and friends in thought and prayers.

Thanks to all the Chaplains who have been so helpful in their districts and made the services for the families so meaningful. God has blessed our organization with dedicated members who truly care about others.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Memorial Service, please let me know. I will be passing out the rules for the service to each of you in May.

I would like to leave you with this Bible verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6

Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky  
March 18, 2011

### Children's Faith Should Not Be Lost During the Summer

For most children, school is out for the summer. However, others will be going to summer school. The Sunday School is out for the summer, and it is hoped that the faith they learned during the other nine months will not be forgotten in the course of play or study, as the case may be.

Faith is a vital part of their education, and the best way to keep it alive through the hot weather months is to take the children to your House of Worship. Then their faith will still be fresh in their minds when fall comes around and they resume their lessons in Sunday School.

"No parent ever regretted bringing up his children to love, fear, honor and obey God." - Author unknown.

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord." - Isaiah 54:13



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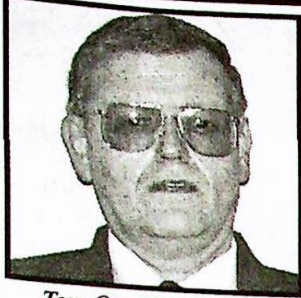
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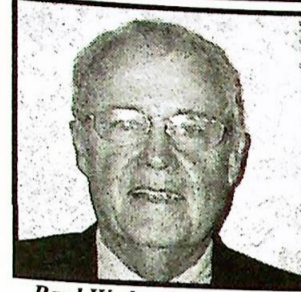
# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

## DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

Sneider Vol. Fire Dept.

November 17, 2010

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by six members representing two departments of District 1, and by 34 members representing 10 departments of District 2.

Chairman Watland introduced the guests: Jack Eskridge - 1-800-Board Up, Jim Bradford, IVFA PR Northwest, Jim Crowell from Sklarewitz Uniform, Amber Little, past Miss Flame District 2, Phil Erkert - Porter Cty Haz-Mat director, Pete Monix - 50 year Gold Card member, Bill Casbon - 50 Gold card member, Roland Wise - 50 year Gold card member, Rachel Stenger - District 2 Miss Flame, Tom Orrell - IVFA District 1 chairman,

Kenny from Sneider Vol. Fire Department, a department history.

No program this evening.

Minutes of previous meeting motion by Keith Oston, seconded by Jim Rosetha not to read the minutes. Approved by voice vote.

Old business: None.

New business: Jim Bradford talked about no more paper testing for the State. Your members will need to go to a certified place and pay to take the test. Currently there are 28 testing sites in the state. Right now Ivy Tech is one of the places to take the test.

2011 Convention will be in South Bend.

## Denton . . .

members."

Along with being active on the fire department, Denton is also a part of the Jasper County Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Jasper County Firefighter Association.

"But by far, probably Randy's most rewarding service is his dedication and involvement in the 'Special Person's Day' held each year," Koehler said.

The 'Special Person's Day' is dedicated to disabled children. It gives the kids a chance to ride in semis, emergency vehicles and fire trucks. Denton has been a part of 'Special Person's Day' for the last 7 years.

"You take out one day and you give it to them. You're there to support them in any way you can so they can have their special day," he said.

Not only does Denton enjoy watching the faces of the children during 'Special Person's Day' but interacting with the kids as a firefighter is one of the many things he won't forget during his firefighting career.

"It's about helping people when they are in need of help," Denton said.

"It's about the kids and watching them get excited about fire trucks."

Denton was also awarded the Run Master Award. He made the most emergency runs in 2010. Koehler said this past year there were several members who battle for the distinction down to the final days. Denton made 74 percent of all the runs. What may be an even bigger accomplishment for him is that he has made between 1,700 - 1,800 runs over his career as a volunteer firefighter.

Good of the order:

• District 2 Miss Flame Rachel Stenger is holding a raffle for Hoosier Helping Hero for Burn Camp.

• Amber Little is collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. She wants to collect 1 million tabs by the time she graduates high school.

• Lincoln Township Vol. Fire Department is holding a Christmas Auction on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Auction starts at 5:00 p.m.

50/50: Winner is Ralph Knapp for \$53.00

Chairman Watland announced that the next meeting is scheduled for January 19th at South Haven Fire Department.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Sztot, seconded by Terry Scriber at 8:30 p.m.

Marge Baumgardner  
Pro-Tem Secretary

South Haven VFD

January 19, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by District 1 chairman Tom Orrell. Past president Buz Koehler led the pledge.

Guests: Tom Orrell - District 1 chairman, Jim Bradford - PRNW, Paul Watland - District 2 chairman, Miss Flame District 1 Morgan Eastridge, Miss Flame District 2 Rachel Stenger, Larry Curl - IVFA lobbyist, Buz Koehler - past president IVFA, Mr. IVFA, Jim Daly - Hoosier Fire, Jim Crowl - Sklarewitz Uniforms, Scott Gilbert ISP, Greg Eckhardt - Porter County Hazmat, Ed Morales - Porter Twp. trustee, Jack Runion - Spencer Mfg., 50 year Gold card members: Bub Wise, CPFR, Bill Casbon, Porter Twp. VFD, Pete Monix, St. John VFD.

Tom Orrell introduced Chief Bill Lundy of South Haven VFD, who introduced his officers and members in attendance - gave a brief history of his department.

Program - Larry Curl, IVFA lobbyist, talked about legislation pending in the statehouse. 812 bills filed already - 32 bills filed of local government reform. IVFA has not filed for any particular agenda, taking a watch and wait on what's happening in local government reform. Discussed pros and cons of changing over to local county control. He has talked to a number of new legislators concerning their support or not for local government reform. He said a number of them do not support it.

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Buz Koehler reminded everyone that February 1, 2011, deadline for nomination for awards. He also said that Mitch Parish is in the hospital, Pulaski Memorial, Winamac.

Jim Bradford said the paper will be out February 1, 2011. Convention to be held in South Bend in June. There are approximately 500 smoke detectors for the hearing impaired available through the fire marshal's office. Go to the state website, IN.GOV to apply for one.

Lincoln Township, District 2, is the winner of the attendance trophy for 2010.

Treasurer's report - \$863 in the checking account.

District 2 Miss Flame Rachel Stenger, talked about her raffle for Hoosier Burn Camp and sold raffle tickets for it.

District 1 Miss Flame Morgan Eastridge introduced herself to the audience.

Porter Township Trustee Ed Morales talked about local government reform.

No deaths in districts.

Good for the order: Cedar Lake VFD Texas Hold'em Tournament is March 14; South Haven VFD is selling Golden Opportunities Books - Firemen's Ball is March 5 - \$75 a couple - held at Duneland Falls Hall - First weekend in June, a Firefest and poker run fundraiser for Hoosier Burn Camp.

Washington Twp. VFD truck for sale - contact them.

50-50 - \$74 won by Jim Bradford.

Next meeting: Lake of the Four Seasons - February 16, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Paul Watland  
District 2 chairman

Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force  
February 16, 2011

District 1 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge was led by David Payo, of Crown Point Fire Dept.

Chairman Paul Watland thanked Lake of Four Seasons for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 12 members and 1 guest representing 5 departments, and District 2 by 28 members representing 7 departments.

Trophy winner: District 1 - Merrillville

District 2 - Lincoln Twp. Fire Jeremy Campbell of Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force gave a brief history of the department.

Chairman Watland asked everyone to give Erik Kaminsky from Merrillville Station #1 a round of applause for just returning home for a week from Afghanistan.

There was no program tonight.

Chairman Watland introduced the guests in attendance -- 50 year Gold Card members: Bub Wise of Crown Point, Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Vol. Fire Dept., Jerry Miller of Merrillville Vol. Fire Department, Jim Bradford - PR-Northwest, Tom Orrell, District 1 I.V.F.A. chairman, Marge Baumgardner - secretary ProTem, Bob Kulesa, Associate Chaplain, Ed Morales, Porter Twp. Trustee, Buz Koehler, past president I.V.F.A., Greg Eckhardt of Porter County Haz-Mat, Morgan Eastridge - District #1 Miss Flame, and Rachel Stenger - District #2 Miss Flame. Special guest, Erik Kaminsky who just returned from his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Motion made by Keith Anderson and seconded by Larry Stenger, then

to dispense with reading of the minutes - passed.

Buz Koehler talked about House Bill 1469. It is before committee. Please contact your representatives and tell them to vote NO on this bill.

Ed Morales - Porter Twp. Trustee talked about eliminating the trustee. Ed strongly suggests that you contact your Representative, which he provided a list of all Representative's names, districts, email address and phone numbers in order to keep Trustee government and don't turn power to the county government.

James Bradford - talked about what would be happening to some of the equipment at your stations if the Trustee offices are gone and the power turned over to county. Jim asked if you are receiving your I.V.F.A. newspaper, to please contact Paul or Tom. Jim talked about training; there will be one training site per county. If you have not sent in your survey from the I.V.F.A., please do so A.S.A.P.

Hoosier Burn Camp visitor day is June 1.

Paul talked about the insurance company - if you have any problems or feel that you are being pressured to purchase more insurance, please let one of your district chairmen know.

Paul is sending around a Get Well card for everyone to sign for Larry Stott. Larry is doing better. And if you are near Larry, stop by and see him.

No deaths to report.

Treasurer's report - given.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

Good of the order - Cedar Lake is hosting Texas Hold'em on Saturday March 12\* at 6pm at the Eagles, Hebron is hosting a Chili Supper on Saturday Feb. 26\* from 4pm - 7 pm., South Haven is having its Fireman Ball on Saturday, March 5\*, Lake of Four Seasons is having Bunco on Friday and having their Hog Roast on July 9\*.

Ray Chamber of Lincoln Twp. is 50/50 winner for \$45.

Next meeting will be at Munster Fire Department on March 16th.

Motion by Bill Casbon, 2\* by John Clapp for adjournment, motion passed at 8:30 p.m.

Marge Baumgardner,  
Pro-tem Secretary

## 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 17, 2011 at the New Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department, which began at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge was given by Gene Goddard. The roll call consisted of three departments, eight members and two guests. Quorum was not met so a round table discussion was held.

Chairman Smith went over the officer's state meeting minutes from November, 2010. Chairman Smith discussed the upcoming cruise which is being held in March and explained there was still room if anyone still wanted to sign up. Chairman Smith informed everyone that the clothing allowance for eyeglasses and contact

lenses had been raised from \$50 to \$100, eyeglasses with hearing aids on them from \$100 to \$150. He also discussed the other articles covered under the clothing allowance.

He informed everyone that the computer testing will not go into effect until further notice as research is being done and software needs to be written, so paper testing will continue.

There was a discussion on the SB405 and the bill going to the full Senate and about the upcoming House Bill 1469. These two bills are about eliminating the Township Advisory Board and transferring the responsibility to the County Council.

Past president Buz Koehler went into more detail on House Bill 1469 and how there was to be a vote on the bill that day but he or chairman Smith had not received a call on how the vote came out. Buz stated that if this bill would pass, it would eliminate about 4,000 jobs and will probably raise county and township tax. He stated he did not know how this would affect the district or the territories who could not function without volunteers.

Buz informed the members that the I.V.F.A. Central Office would be up for bid in August and stated that if you send anything to the Webmaster, to make sure you put your name and e-mail address on your information.

Buz also explained the Supporting Heroes, how they work, and how they help families cope with the loss of a fallen firefighter or policeman.

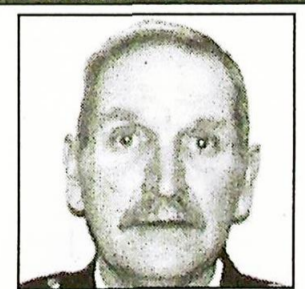
Chairman Smith informed the members about the new I.V.F.A. plate form that came out recently and how it will make receiving an I.V.F.A. plate easier and that the money from the plate goes to the Bridgeport Fund for scholarships of \$1,500 for three students.

Chairman Smith discussed the 2011 I.V.F.A. convention and informed the body that the committee meetings are being held every month until the convention and that things were progressing well. He also discussed registering, the Memorial Service, and about the open house that is being planned, and how any firefighter can come to the meeting on Friday morning and if their wife is a member, they can sit in on the I.V.F.A.A. meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Harrison Township Fire Department in Goshen on April 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Chairman Terry Smith

## DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Tony Farrer - Chairman

March 10, 2011

Macy-Allen Fire Department Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 1931 hours by chairman Tony Farrer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were eight members representing five departments.

Chairman Farrer advised that vice-president Israel has composed a

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list of tax reports that need to be filed each year.

Chairman Farrer reported the IVFA trailer is being used to haul supplies and is available for use. Contact Carol Thrawley to make arrangements.

We discussed the location of the IVFA Central Office. It was our consensus that it should remain at its current location.

FDIC is in Indianapolis at the Indiana Convention Center, March 21 thru 26.

We discussed the 2011 IVFA convention in South Bend.

Macy-Allen Fire Department sponsoring a fish and tenderloin fry on May 21.

Tenderloin fry on June 11 at North Manchester Fire Department.

Next meeting May 12, 2011 at Lagro Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2011 hours.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Martin  
5th District Secretary*

## DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Walt Reiter - Chairman

March 21, 2011

Berne Vol. Fire Department Meeting called to order by chairman Reiter at 8:09. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 42 members representing 12 departments. Minutes of the January meeting read and approved.

Guests: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations Northeast, Leo Feasel - Feasel Fire Gear Repair, J. R. Dickey - Nowak Supply.

Chairman Reiter announced three deaths in the district since the last meeting: George Schwartz from Uniondale, Robert D. Marquardt from Monroeville and Ivan Nevil from Geneva.

Chairman Reiter announced the schedule for the Firefighter Board of Standards meeting. Please contact Walt or the Central Office if you have questions, concerns or problems pertaining to acquiring an IVFA license plate. If you send any information about the IVFA paper, please sign it so that they can contact you if they have further questions about the information. Representative from the IVFA will be going to Washington D.C. once again to make contact with senators and representatives in office. Walt stated that at the last quarterly meeting Michelle Baxter from American Income Insurance stated that their company had paid out 21 claims since offering the free life insurance benefit to our organization. There is some interest in restarting the games at convention, please contact Mike Mackin at New Haven/Adams Township if you have interest or questions.

Jean Smith, PRNE, stated that HB 405 on government reform did not pass. Other legislative action has been slow since the walkout of the

Democrats. A memorial will be going up in Indianapolis to commemorate 9/11. Southwest Fire District Allen County will be hosting a cement truck extrication class being offered March 30, 31, April 1, and 2 from 9-11. Chevy is presenting its "Volt", an electric car. It will operate on battery system of 360 volts. There is information available to the fire service concerning power disconnect and safe areas to cut. IVFA convention is coming up in South Bend June 15-17. The convention committee is selling commemorative coins to celebrate 65 years.

Chairman Reiter presented 25 year pin to Jerry Aberson of Berne VFD.

Chairman Reiter asked to please get training information questionnaires sent in.

Next meeting will be at Bluffton FD May 16.

Geneva will have a breakfast April 2, Monroe breakfast April 16, Ossain breakfast April 9, Poe breakfast April 3 and consignment auction April 23.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 with 43 members representing 12 departments.

*Richard Sorg  
District 7 secretary*

## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Firefighters and EMS personnel. Well, we got thru the winter and ice. We should be ready now for the hot weather. I hope you all have a fire-free season.

I wish to thank all of the district personnel for their help this year in defeating the "Township Trustee" bill. We did it again, thank you.

Please remember the dues statements are coming; please check them for addresses, names, ben., phone numbers. Also check for the correct name of your fire company.

I hope to see all of you at the next meeting. If not, please send a representative.

*All for now,  
Bill Pape, District 8A chairman*

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B meeting was held at the Saratoga-Ward Township Fire Territory Department on January 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. District chairman Wright thanked the fire department for hosting the meeting and the Miss Flame contest.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Roll call was taken with 60 members present.

The Miss Flame contest was held with four girls running for the title. They were Chelsea Gettinger, Salamon VFD, Courtney Willoughby, Dunkirk VFD, Heaven Smith, Montpelier VFD and Shelby Morris, Blountsville VFD. Megan Kam, District 8B Miss Flame 2010 crowned Chelsea Gettinger as the new District 8B Miss Flame. Courtney Willoughby was named first runner-up.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 81 fires and 139 EMS runs.

The drawing for the Miss Flame raffle was held.

Next meeting will be held March 9, 2011 at the West Union Volunteer Fire Department in Losantville.

Meeting was adjourned and a light dinner was served.

*Lloyd E. Wright  
District 8B chairman*

District 8B held their meeting on March 9, 2011 at the West Union Volunteer Fire Department in Losantville. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken with 25 members from 10 departments present. There were two guests in attendance, Don Cushman, PR director and Chesley Gettinger, District 8B Miss Flame 2011.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

Sharon Wright gave a report on the Miss Flame raffle. We had a good response with it. The members decided to do it again for this year.

Second roll call was taken with 74 fires and 118 EMS runs.

It was voted to hold the Miss Flame contest in November this year instead of January because of the weather. It will be held at the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department. Then Bryant Volunteer Fire Department will host the January meeting.

Chairman Wright reminded the members about the 2011 convention that will be held in June at South Bend, Indiana. He told them that they need to get their reservation in as soon as possible if they are planning to attend.

The next meeting will be held at the White River Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Winchester on May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed pizza.

*Lloyd E. Wright  
District 8B chairman*

## DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings!

Spring is all around us with the birds singing, fresh smell of daffodils, magnolia and dogwood blooming, grass growing and the temperatures rising. I think we are ALL ready for a change from the frigid days of the past several months.

In February, we traveled to Clarksburg where the "hot topic" was the Legislature and issues which could have a profound impact

on the future of volunteer fire service. Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist and Representative, Randy Fry led the discussion.

For the March meeting, we were happy to be hosted by the Whiteland Department. We saw a demonstration of a new vacuum tanker, which was provided by Fire Service Inc., on its way to FDIC show in Indianapolis.

In April we went to Adams Fire Dept. where Miss Flame Danielle Matthews presented the program on the Hoosier Burn Camp. Each year she raises money for the Camp, and also visits the camp for programs and activities.

Spring is the time farmers are busy readying their land for crop planting, with the application of fertilizer and chemicals. Anhydrous ammonia wagons are on the roads and in the fields. This would be a good time to refresh our training and skills for anhydrous incidents and farm accidents so that we are well prepared should accidents occur. Many farmers are also currently checking the quality of their grain and moving it to elevators and terminals. Grain bin accidents are a concern during this time.

Recently, I had the opportunity to work in the IVFA booth at the FDIC Trade Show in Indy, and had a great time visiting with firefighters from throughout the Midwest, as well as seeing the latest in firefighting apparatus, equipment and information.

Edinburgh Fire Department will host the May District 10 meeting.

Keep safety at the forefront as we go enter this very busy season in our rural communities. Until next time, have a blessed Easter. May God bless you and yours!

*John M. Ray,  
District 10 chairman*

## DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A, Our January meeting was held at the Shepardsville fire department. Thanks to Chief Whitesell and the fire firefighters for their hospitality. Michelle Baxter with American Insurance was our guest speaker.

Our guests were Larry Ketchum, Larry Bartlow, Diane Harrison, Larry Southard, Olivia Sparks, and Bill Bush.

Joann Hayes talked about the upcoming Miss Flame dance and said there were six contestants. The annual picnic will be held at Fowler Park West Shelter on September 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Our March meeting was held at the Hymera fire department. Thanks to Chief Shidler and all of the folks at Hymera for what I hear was a great dinner. I'm sorry I was not able to attend. I was on the IVFA cruise.

Thanks to David Phelps for taking care of the meeting. David said everything was all set for the September Picnic.

The Miss Flame dance was held on January 29. There was a good crowd and everyone had a good time.

A new Miss Flame was crowned. Amber Graham from Seelyville was the winner. Her parents are Tom and

Angela Graham. Tom is the Chief of Seelyville fire department. She can be reached at e-mail [tomdrywall@yahoo.com](mailto:tomdrywall@yahoo.com). Amber has already made several appearances for the district.

On Saturday I presented an IVFA clock to the Jasonville Fire department for their new station. It's very nice and should last a long time.

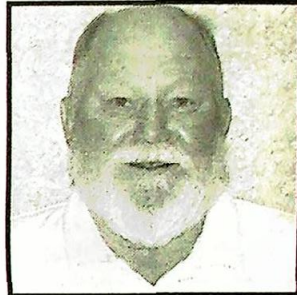
Sherry and I went on the IVFA cruise and had a great time. My only suggestion is next time use a different travel agent.

Our next meeting will be at the Nevins Fire Department May 15 at 1:00 p.m.

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

*Jack McFarland,  
District 11-A chairman*

## DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Marshall Vol. Fire Dept. January 9, 2011

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

Chairman Southard called for the roll, 10 departments with 19 members answered the roll. He then introduced the guests present. Auxiliary district chairperson Barb Ketchem introduced her guests.

Chairman Southard called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. He then called for the treasurer's report. A motion to disburse with this report was made, seconded and the motion carried. Chairman Southard then asked each of the officers present if they had anything to say. All officers in attendance passed. Public Relations West Central Diane Harrison mentioned they were still taking reservations for the cruise and she gave future dates for the upcoming attractions within the state.

Chairman Southard spoke on the events happening within the state and mentioned that discounts were available through the American Legion and the VFW for veterans who were members of the IVFA. He then spoke about an Emergency Information Sheet. He explained how to fill out this form and to file it with the person's personal papers for use by the family in case of a death. Brent Bush announced that classes were upcoming at the Dana Firehouse. A very lengthy discussion about the training levels in the state certification, this is an issue. Further discussions on the current training within the state and that changes needed to be reviewed. The Ivy Tech computer testing is not ready. Management for the training centers in the state are saying there is no monies for these centers. The Fire Marshal's office is telling everyone that there is money available. His office also is saying that there are grants available to those departments who are turning in their monthly reports. Chairman Southard also mentioned that

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everyone of us should be concerned with this local government reform that is being discussed by everyone.

The District 11-B Miss Flame contest will be held on March 13, 2011 at the Covington Fire Station. Lou Bartlow presented to the district auxiliary a check in the amount of \$350.00 which was a refund from the Dixie chopper. Bill Bush presented to the district a check for \$676.01 to closeout this year's convention checking account. Chairman Southard presented Kenny Ryan, Fire Chief of the Marshall Vol. Fire Dept. a host certificate.

Chairman Southard entertained a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned by chairman Southard.

John Davies  
Secretary

Covington Fire Dept.  
March 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The opening prayer was given by auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies and the Pledge to the Flag was performed by Troop 50017 of the Covington Girl Scouts.

Chairman Southard introduced the guests present which included chairman of the board Larry Ketchem, state treasurer Bev Harker, state Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush, district chaplain Pete Taylor, Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman, Diane Harrison, WCPR director and Don Fultz, District 21 chairman.

District auxiliary chairman Barb Ketchem introduced her guests in attendance - past state president Maxine Davies, past president Lou Bartlow and past president Joann Hays.

Roll call was taken with 20 members from 8 departments answering the roll. Chairman Southard introduced Pat Wilmoth of the Firefighters Credit Union who spoke on the functions of the credit union and what they have to offer to new members. Bev Harker spoke on getting your membership dues paid as soon as possible. Diane Harrison mentioned the 65th Anniversary Coin that will be available at a purchase price of \$15.00 each. Joann Hays spoke of the death of a District 11-A auxiliary member, Helen Michl and the arrangements for her funeral.

Don Fultz, chairman of District 21 spoke on the legislation process. Chairman Southard mentioned that training is in limbo, nothing will be done until after the first of next year. The board meetings and scheduling are coming down the road in the future. Schools put on by the individual districts was mentioned and a discussion was held, both pros and cons on several subjects. The fireworks monies, if not used goes back into the state disaster fund.

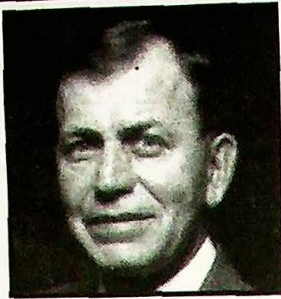
Chairman Southard mentioned that there are three things that each fire department in the state must file annually with the State of Indiana and the IRS. Check with your district chairman for details.

Chairman Southard presented the district host certificate to Joe Whitaker, chief of the Covington Fire Department.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by chairman Southard.

Respectfully submitted,

## DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Welcome all from District 12.

Our January 24th meeting was held at Paragon Volunteer Fire Department with sixteen members from five departments present. Guests were PRWC Diane Harrison and husband, Harold.

Announcements were made concerning the District 12 Miss Flame contest, the HERO contest in Boone County, the IVFA convention in South Bend, the IVFA cruise, the Supporting Heroes Banquet, and the fact that nominations are due for state and district awards and applications for Bridgeport Scholarships are all due by February 1st.

Discussion followed to cover the interest in District 12 to host the 2013 IVFA convention. Discussed local government reform and the fact that Governor Daniels is wanting to implement countywide fire departments and how Morgan County may become one. Discussion covered problems that Paragon VFD was having in certification of some of their firefighters. Chief William Davis was presented his IVFA 25 year pin.

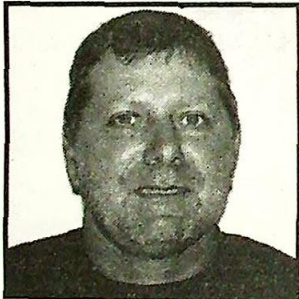
On January 30th at Danville Fire Department, District 12 held its Miss Flame contest. Joni Joseph was crowned our Miss Flame and Heather Clarkson was our first runner-up.

Our March 21st meeting was held at Mill Creek Station 7 at Stilesville with 16 members present from six departments. Guests were past IVFA presidents Mitch Parish and LeMoyné (Buz) Koehler.

Our training program was on cyanide poisoning from the To Hell and Back series; this is an outstanding presentation. Discussion followed for the good of the district.

Next meeting to be announced.

## DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

As some of you are aware of, the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department went out of business due to city annexation as of December 31, 2010 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. We were disappointed to see the dedicated firefighters lose their station and the Township they proudly protected for 50 years.

There is some good news however; the McCulloch Volunteer Firefighters Association is still alive and active. The Association owned the rescue equipment, turn out gear, hand tools, SCBA and Station

contents. The Association was very generous with the distribution of the equipment to other Fire Departments in need. The Association Board of Directors felt that it should go to other departments in need of some good equipment for a very minimal price. Some of the departments were Clarksville, Utica Twp., Lovett, Pierce-Poke, etc. Don Thomas of the Lovett Fire Department couldn't thank them enough for the equipment they received which included the hydraulic rescue tools. He said the closest rescue equipment was over 20 minutes away and now we can serve our community better, and as soon as our men are trained on the tools, we will be ready to respond with them. The McCulloch fire apparatus did stay within the township limits according to Reid Morris, the Association Board President. The Association does have a working relationship with the town of Clarksville and the Clarksville Fire Department Career staff.

Again, we say thanks to the McCulloch Volunteer Firefighters Association and their service and concern for other fire departments in Indiana. -- submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

## DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Steve Anderson - Chairman

Let me start by giving a schedule update for the rest of 2011:

May 17 at McCutchanville Co. 5  
July 19 at Poseyville VFD  
Sept. 20 at Toyota FD  
Nov. 15 at Newburgh VFD

District 15 had our Miss Flame contest at the January meeting. Erica Wolfe, representing the Newburgh Fire Department was selected as our district Miss Flame for 2011. We wish her good luck at the state contest this summer. Congratulations to her, as well as our other 2 contestants, Cassandra Wallace representing the Yankeetown Fire Department; and Alison Goedde representing the Haubstadt Fire Territory. We also need to send special thanks out to our 2010 district Miss Flame Amy Hoefling for everything she has done this past year.

I would like to congratulate several departments on special accomplishments over the past few months. First Marrs Twp. VFD moved into their new station in Late March. An open house is scheduled for May 7. Next, New Harmony has been awarded a grant for a new fire station. Both the Evansville Fire Department and McCutchanville Fire Department won Fire Act Grants. These grants included all Vanderburgh County departments. EFD's was for mobile computer equipment and software to be placed in apparatus all over the county. The MFD grant was for safety and rehab equipment for each department in the county.

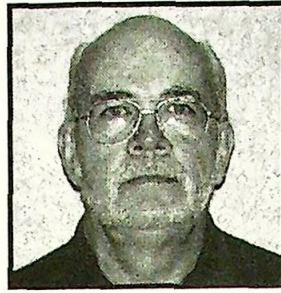
I want to close with a short bit on a person that has supported me from the time I started out on the board. He has always given me good advice when I would ask, and volunteer to

help me when I needed a little assistance. His presence will be deeply missed. Thank you, my friend - Mr. Ivan Nevil.

Until next time, be safe.

S. Anderson

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

January 8th a live burn was put on by the Richland-Taylor V.F.D. near Scotland with 40 fire personnel from six departments. Various training techniques were used for the benefit of all in attendance.

January 9th District 17A Miss Flame contest was held at Scotland. Miranda Baker was our winner, she will be representing our district at the state convention. Good luck, Miranda.

January 10th I attended the Greene Co. Firefighters Association meeting. Items concerning both the county and state were discussed. Thanks to Bloomfield V.F.D. for hosting the meeting.

January 15th District 17A meeting was hosted by Vincennes Twp. VFD. A total of 511 signed of these 34 departments and 254 were from District 17A. A total of 82 fire departments were in attendance, also four members of the Vincennes City Police Department and one member of the Bicknell Police Department.

The IVFA was represented by 12 officers as follows: president Tim Deckard, vice president David Israel, secretary Larry Bartlow, treasurer Beverly Harker, past president Jack Kerney, past president Jack Zeeks, PRSW Jim Abrams, PRWC Diane Harrison, District 11A chairman Jack McFarland, District 15 chairman Steve Anderson, District 18 chairman John Smith.

Guests present included Jim Greeson, state fire marshal, Mike Bigler, state fire marshal's office, Gary Robinson, state fire marshal's office, Mike Garvey, Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security, and Kreg Battles, Indiana state representative.

The meeting was opened with Jim Abrams leading the Pledge followed by Beverly Harker with prayer.

We had another great sausage supper put on by Vincennes Twp. VFD. Everything went well as always. Great job!

The meeting then followed with guests speaking and an award being presented to Mike Bigler. IVFA lobbyist Larry Curl spoke on legislation.

February 6th I attended the state officer's meeting in Indianapolis where items concerning the fire service were discussed.

February 7th I attended a Pipeline Training program. Anyone who has never attended should; good information.

February 14th I attended Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. meeting in Switz City hosted by Lewis Twp. A good meeting, good information.

March 14th, a memorial service was held for Sandborn for Gene Inman at which I presented his wife Delores a Bible and grave marker. My condolences to the family.

After the memorial service I stopped by the Greene Cty. Firefighters Assoc. at Switz City.

March 17th I had the honor to go to the Essen Haus in Odon to present Madison Twp. VFD fireman Joe Phillips his 50 year Gold card and pin. Also in attendance were Jack Kerney, past president IVFA, Larry Ketchem, Chairman of the Board and past president IVFA and chief Greg Clark.

March 29th District 17A meeting was held at Switz City VFD. Beverly Harker gave the opening prayer and Jim Abrams led the Pledge. After the meal, remarks about our upcoming convention were given by Jim Abrams and Beverly Harker spoke about legislative items.

A presentation was made to our Miss Flame Miranda Baker.

District 17A IVFAA chairperson Marie Emery spoke on upcoming events.

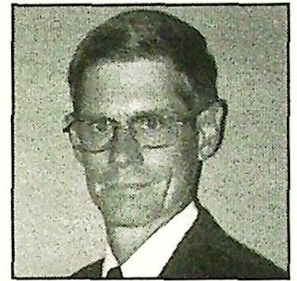
The next District 17A meeting will be Wednesday, May 25th at the Sandborn VFD.

In closing, I want to send my condolences to the Ivan Nevil family for their loss. They and all of us in the fire service have lost a friend.

Sam Emery

District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18, Our meeting of 18 November was hosted by the Schnellville VFD. 71 members, representing 20 Departments and 1 Individual member answered roll call. A total of 377 runs were reported answered.

Happy 2011!!! A new year as always, brings new challenges to be faced by the volunteer fire service. New legislation is being introduced that could adversely affect all of us. Stay aware, and be involved.

Make sure that everyone on your department has filled out and returned the survey that was sent out by the IVFA.

The Dubois County Fire School will be held again this year in Jasper during the first and second weekends. Check out the Indiana Fire Instructors Assoc. website to look over the classes being offered.

Until next time-

"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John C. "Bull" Smith  
Dist. 18 Chairman

Greetings from District 18, "Spring has Sprung", as the saying goes. Of course this means an increase in the public "disposing" of debris, and the inevitable grass and brush fires that will accompany it. Remember, stay focused, there are no "routine" runs.

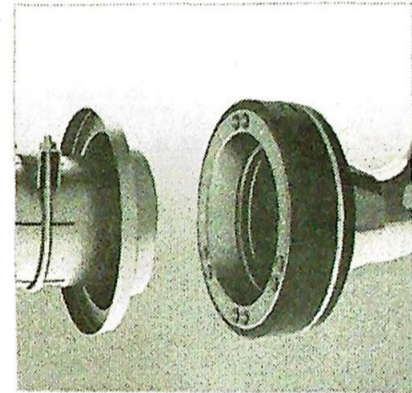
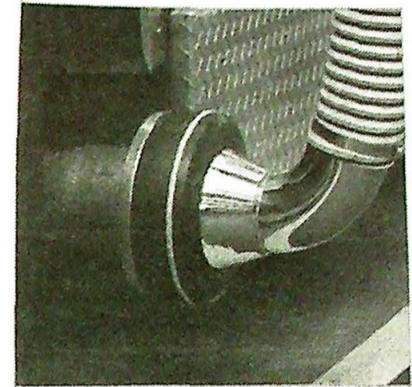
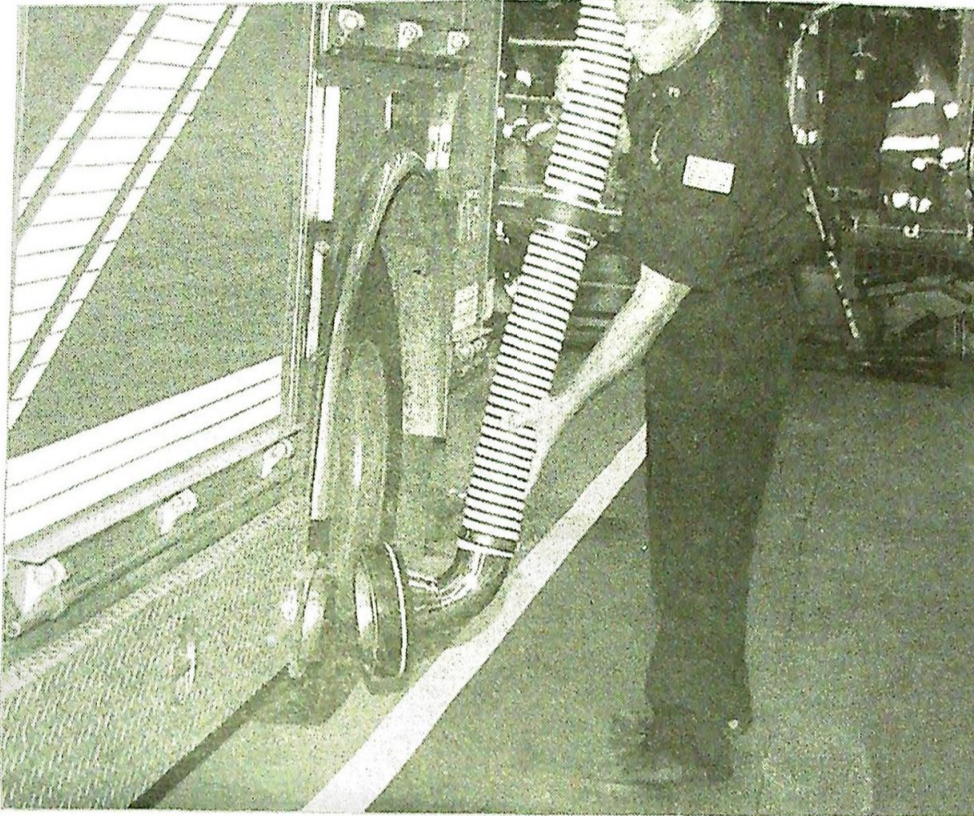
As of this writing, the State Legislation has just gone back to work, so stay informed as to the progress of the legislation that affects the Fire Service.

Mother Nature handed us some bad weather the day of our meeting in January, so we had to cancel. The March 17 meeting was held at the Carter Fire Dist. Headquarters. 81 members representing 19 departments answered roll call. A total of 369 runs were reported answered by the membership.

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## District 18 . . .

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Jefferson Twp. (Otwell) will be hosting our annual Fire Prevention Parade and Miss Flame contest in October. The District Memorial Service will be held on 7 October at the Carter Fire Headquarters. A revised addition of the proposed District 18 Standard Operating Guidelines were ratified by the membership.

It was announced that the town of St. Meinrad will be celebrating their Sesquicentennial on 9 through 11 June. A parade and bucket brigade contest shall be a part of the festivities.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 19 May. The Ireland VFD shall host the meeting at their station. Until next time, stay safe and "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith, Chairman  
District 18

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ed Scheele - Chairman

The weather has finally gotten warmer, but now is the time for more severe storms and tornadoes with the changing weather. Be careful when out in stormy weather.

The IVFA and the whole fire service mourns the loss of former fire marshal and IVFA past president Ivan Nevil. Ivan served on many committees of the IVFA. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

The state convention at South Bend is fast approaching. Hope to see everyone there.

Tatjana Marsee of Milan Vol. Fire Dept. will be representing District 19 in the Miss Flame contest. Any district department that is having a fundraiser, parade, etc., contact Tatjana and see if she is available. She will help. She was a big help at the Morris firemen's breakfast and Sunman fish dinner. Thank you, Tatjana.

Ed Scheele  
District chairman

## DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

District 21 meetings for 2011: February 28, 2011 was at Sheridan. I presented 1 - 25 year membership pin and 2 Gold cards.

May 23, 2011 will be at Colfax Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

August 29, 2011 will be at the new Thorntown/Sugar Creek Fire Station at 7:30 p.m. We will have elections for District 21.

November 28, 2011 will be at Williamsport Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

Jessica Taylor will be our Miss Flame this year for District 21 at convention in June at South Bend. Tippecanoe Township Fire Dept. is her sponsor.

Survived the first IVFA cruise. A good time was had by all. Had good weather. Thanks to Diane Harrison for all her work in planning this cruise.

Don Fultz  
District 21 chairman

## Convention is just around the "bend"

### Attention ..... Attention .....

To all Indiana volunteer firefighters.

It's just around the bend in South Bend for the 2011 convention June 15 thru 17.

I hope that you have sent in your registration and have your hotel arrangements.

The 2011 convention committee is working very hard. This is going to be a great convention. So make your plans to come north.

Tony Farrer  
District 5 chairman  
Co-chairman of 2011 convention

## Certifications Miss Flame Highlights . . .

IF YOU HAVE A CERTIFICATION THAT EXPIRES, THE IDHS IS NOT SENDING OUT NOTES TO REMIND YOU.

WE HAVE TAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THE CERT. AND IT IS OUR JOB TO KEEP UP ON IT AND RENEW IT WHEN TIME.

WE CANNOT BLAME ANYONE BUT OURSELVES. PLAN AHEAD.

## Slate of nominees for 2012 IVFA election

The nomination committee for the 2012 annual meeting to be held at the Marriott Hotel in South Bend on Friday June 17, 2012 does hereby submit the following names for consideration

- President - David Israel
- Vice President - Steve Anderson
- Secretary - Diane Harrison
- Treasurer - Beverly Harker
- Sergeant at arms - Brent Bush
- Chaplain - Ed Gerdowsky
- PRSW - Jim Abrams
- PREC - Don Cushman
- PRSE - Al Williamson
- PRWC - Diane Harrison
- PRNW - Jim Bradford
- PRNE - Jean Smith
- Committee members:  
Late Ivan Nevil - Tim Deckard  
Jim Abrams  
Ed Scheele  
Don Fultz

## Cordry Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Department announces 2011 fundraisers

Cordry Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Department  
101 Firehouse Dr.,  
Nineveh, IN 46164  
Phone/Fax 317-933-2224

### 2011 Fundraising Schedule

Pancake Breakfast at Clubhouse  
May 29 - 7:30am - Noon  
July 10 - 7:30am - Noon  
August 7 - 7:30am - Noon

Fish Fry at Clubhouse  
June 18 - 11am - 7pm

Open House (Fire Prevention Week) at Fire Station  
October 15 - 10am - 3pm

Ox Roast (with CSLOA) at Clubhouse  
September 3 - 11am - 8pm

Haunted Forest & Trail at Sweetwater Beach  
October 28 & 29 - 8pm - Midnight

By this time the districts have held their contest and the young ladies that will represent them have been selected. I am pleased to announce that we have 22 girls this year vying for the title of Miss Flame. Thanks to all who had a part at the district level in making this event possible.

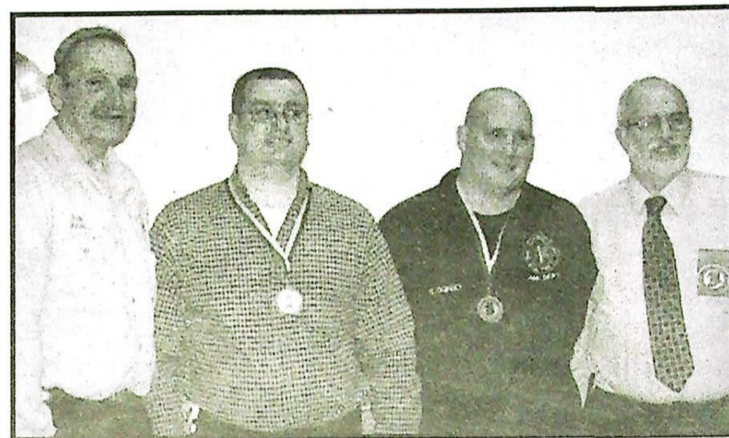
I know that the convention committee is working hard and planning some great things for the girls. This is always an exciting time for the girls. Friendships are formed and old ones renewed. Hopefully we are able to provide not only a fun time for the girls, but an experience for learning and provide a better understanding of the fire service and what it means to their community. These young ladies are our future.

Information will be forthcoming to the Miss Flame participants on what their schedule will be and what they will need for their convention trip. Any questions that anyone has, feel free to call me at 812-867-2641.

Districts, just a reminder -- don't forget to include the girls in your various events. This is part of their duties as the district's Miss Flame.

Hope to see you at convention.  
Barb Kerney  
2011 Miss Flame Chairman

## Medal of Valor awarded



Firefighter Mathew Haskins and assistant chief Chris Oginsky of the Lapaz-North Twp. Volunteer Fire Department were awarded the Medal of Valor award.

On January 22, 2011 the Lapaz Volunteer Fire Department had their Christmas party and these two firefighters were surprised by getting these awards.

On September 7, 2010 at 17:35 hours the Lapaz-North Twp. Vol. Fire Department received a call of an elderly occupant that was confined to a wheel chair.

We had arrived on scene to the confinement that were was entrapment. At this time, Mathew and Chris made entry to the house. We had heavy smoke coming from both upper and lower floors.

They were in the house for approximately eight minutes when they had found the victim and pulled the victim out of the fire.

With all of their hard work it was unfortunate coming to find out the victim did not survive. -- submitted by LaPaz fire chief Chad Robertson, District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, PR Northeast director Jean Smith.

IN THE PHOTO - LaPaz Fire Dept., District 5 - Left to right: Tony Farrer - 5th District chairman, Mathew Haskins, Assistant Chief Chris Oginsky and Jean Smith - PRNE Director.

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# Good Bye, Good Friend!

## IVAN NEVIL - MARCH 3, 1939 - MARCH 16, 2011



On Sunday, March 13 we received a text from Tonya Nevil asking if someone from the Sorg family would meet her mom at Lutheran Hospital. She was headed there with Ivan. She said both girls were too far away to get there. Sunday night Joyce called to tell us that Ivan had been admitted with pneumonia. They were running many tests. Monday Joyce called to say that Ivan was being moved to a private room in hopes that he could get some rest as they continued

testing. Tuesday, when we talked to Joyce, she said that they had moved Ivan to ICU, where they would be able to keep a closer eye on him as they were not happy with some of the test results. Then the unthinkable call came Wednesday morning around 6:15. Ivan had passed away at 5:15.

Ivan is survived by his wife, Joyce, two daughters Sheila (Paul) Rogers, Rockville, Indiana and Tonya Nevil of Cornelius, N.C.; two granddaughters Amanda and

Kimberly Rogers of Rockville, Indiana and one brother DeWayne Nevil of Muncie.

Our friendship goes back over 40 years to our early days in the 7th District of IVFA. We have become a fire family, that shares our joys (weddings, births, birthdays, anniversaries) as well as our troubles of sickness and also the sorrow of death. Ivan was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

At the February quarterly meeting Joyce was talking about the fact they would be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on February 19, 2011. She said Ivan would be on the Geneva Fire Department 50 years on that date, also. It seems that in the early days there was a policy that in order to be a member of the department you had to be 21 years old, married, and live in Geneva. On that day in February, Ivan made two lifelong commitments - one to Joyce in marriage and one to the fire service.

In those 50 years of fire service, Ivan became Indiana State Fire Marshal, president of the IVFA, he served Geneva Fire Department as chief for 18 years, was also a director of the Adams County Emergency Management Agency, Secretary of North America Fire Training Directors, member of Indiana NFPA, member of Indiana Fire Instructors Assoc., member of Indiana Fire Chief Association, a former director for the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Ivan was a U.S. Army veteran, life member of VFW in Geneva, member of American Legion, Berne, member of Masonic Lodge, member of Scottish Rite, member of Shriners. Ivan had received the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Robert Orr, Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Evan Bayh, Meritorious Service Award by Governor Joe Kernan, Letter of

Commendation by Governor Frank O'Bannon. Ivan also received an award for serving over 25 years as an EMT in Adams County. Ivan had written several articles that had been published in National Fire Service Publications.

Ivan and Joyce had owned and operated the Case and Quart in Geneva for 26 years.

Viewing was held at the Geneva Fire Station on Friday, March 18 from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday 1 to 8 p.m. on March 19, 2011. At 4:30 on Saturday the station was packed for a Firefighter's Memorial service conducted by IVFA chaplain Ed Gerdowsky and assistant chaplain Kenton Lord. The funeral service was held on Sunday, March 20 at the Geneva Fire Station. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Roy Nevil, Ivan's nephew. Rev. Nevil referred to Uncle Sonny and made the statement that "this room is filled with more than twice the amount of people that the state fire marshal would allow." Ivan, we got one over on you this time. Joyce had asked members of the fire service and members of the family to speak. Larry Curl was the first to speak. He

or sports favorites. He said he never knew Ivan to say NO. Veteran Geneva firefighter Ken Doherty then spoke of being on the department with Ivan's dad. He stated Ivan was familiar with the fire service when he joined. He gave 100 percent to whatever he did. Mike Bigler, representing the state fire marshal's office then spoke of Ivan's large hands. He said they were the hands of trust. When he finished he presented Joyce with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award. Geneva fire chief John Patch remarked that Ivan seemed to know all the answers. If he did not have an answer, he would get it. "Not only did we lose a good man, the state lost a good man, I lost a good man."

Granddaughter Amanda Rogers spoke. "My grandpa was awesome. He never put family and friends last. There is no way to tell how much he means to us. We'll never forget him for what he did for others. He was a big part of our past and will be a big part of our future." His daughter, Tonya, spoke of her dad's love for fishing on the Wabash River. "He loved playing basketball on Saturday mornings. Here we are



said he really only knew the fire side of Ivan, he did not know his hobbies

family, we are his family, the first three rows. His family of firefighters are right behind us. That's our family and everybody else in our community family." His nephew, Justin, said that for his Uncle Sonny it wasn't about awards, it was about helping others.

Ivan took his final ride on Fire Engine Number Nine, which was a restored Geneva fire truck. A procession of fire trucks from Portland, Decatur, Geneva, Berne, Bryant, Hoagland, Montpelier, Pennville and Poe proceeded beneath the American Flag hoisted in the air by ladder trucks from Portland and Decatur. Members of the Geneva Fire Department and pall bearers followed to the graveyard. A military funeral was conducted by the VFW.

It was a fitting and moving tribute to the life of a GREAT MAN at GOOD FRIEND, IVAN NEVIL. submitted by Toni Sorg



In the photo at left - Fire truck carrying body of Ivan Nevil passes under a flag supported by truck from Portland and Decatur Fire Departments.

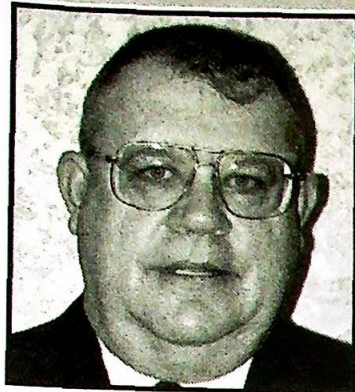
In the above photo - Funeral procession of Ivan Nevil approaches the graveyard. photos submitted by Amy's Photography of Berne.

The photo of Ivan Nevil was submitted by Joyce Nevil

# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING FEBRUARY 5 & 6, 2011 CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M. by president Tim Deckard.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by vice president David Israel.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the Invocation.

President Deckard called for the reading of the minutes of the November 2010 by the secretary. Past president Buz Koehler made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Don Cushman, PREC made the second. Motion passed.

President Deckard called for the financial report by treasurer Bev Harker.

Bev reported on the final budget for the year 2010; with good business practices we had a net income of \$47,902.10.

The 2011 budget for one month is in good shape as not many expenses have been reported.

Past president Buz Koehler made motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jerry Sprague, District 6 made the second. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Issue discussed at the November meeting concerning monies earned by the Convention Committees and what is done with them. We will not discuss until we get a report from legal counsel and also our accountant.

Vice president David Israel reported that he and treasurer have put together a list of tax reports that departments need to file every year. They be sent to all officers.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY:** E-mailed most paperwork for this meeting - Deceased list, bad addresses and department officers list. Mailed out IVFA survey. Made changes to mail list to be more selective as to get mail. Mailed the paid/not paid list to all district chairmen.

**MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING - DIANE HARRISON:** Meet this morning with Gary Robison about material for training classes for district meetings.

The Cruise is set for March 16, 2011 and at this time 19 are going.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION - CAROL THRAWLEY:** Trailer cleanup will be in April and supplies loaded. If you want to use the trailer at your event contact Carol Thrawley to

reserve your date if it is available.

FDIC booth space material is ready. FDIC is March 24-26.

**WEB SITE - TIM DECKARD:** Web site is running, still doing a lot of updating and changing to the site. Software issues have been resolved. **Put name and E-mail address on any information to the Webmaster.** The information is needed by the Webmaster so that she can contact the sender if more information is needed.

**EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD:** February issue of the newspaper was 16,620 copies.

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Printed 67,929 papers last year at a cost of \$.40 per paper.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE - DAVIL ISRAEL:** Only one bid for Convention 2013 and that is Districts 8A and 8B. David Israel has credit card machine at this time. Need copy of Convention pictures for PR Trailer.

**CONVENTION 2011 - TONY FARRER:** Registration coming in slow. Have some vendors signed up. Working on a commemorative coin for this year's convention. Raffle prizes are: (1) 42" HD Plasma TV, (2) Laptop, (3) GPS, (4) DVD/CD player and (5) \$100. Tickets for the raffle are \$1.00 a piece or 6 for \$5.00. Going to have Antique Fire Truck and Swap Meet.

**TRAINING - STEVE ANDERSON:** Larry Curl spoke about Bill to require on-line testing. We, the IVFA are not against on-line testing but we are opposed to the fees required to do on-line testing and the limited testing sites. We support the Bill if it includes 1 test site per county and no fee to take the test. Again no unfunded mandates.

The other Bill deals with Fire Ground Commanders on scene. They must be trained to Fire Officer 1 to do that job. We oppose this Bill as an unfunded mandate because several levels of training must be completed to reach this level and the time frame to obtain those may not be possible to do.

Ivan Nevil spoke on the formation of the Fire Alliance that has been formed since the Fire Services Institute dissolved. This group is made up with IVFA, Chiefs Association, Union Firefighters and the Fire Marshal's office. This group is currently looking at how the Fire Works monies are being distributed between Disaster Relief, Public Safety Training and the General Budget of the State. At this time this is a reverting fund, which means funds that are not spent can be taken into the State General Fund.

**FIREFIIGHTERS' BOARD OF STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY:** The December 6, 2010 meeting had 7 Board members, 7 staff and 28 guests present. Burk Jones appointed to the Board. From October 1 to December 1 Training division had 1607 certifications. IFSAC Certifications will not be

April 2011. IFSAC only issue Certifications in five levels; Haz-Mat Awareness, Haz-Mat Operations, Firefighter I and II and Instructor I. The Board approved 146 variances, denied 15 and tabled 2. Approved one administrative appeal.

Fire Marshal reported that at this time there are 647 Volunteer Fire Departments, 147 Combination Departments and 59 Career Departments in the State.

Webinar Training is in use.

The next meeting was in January at Westfield with 8 board members, 5 staff and 12 guests present. One board position is still open. Training still working on locations for on-line-training. Approved 22 variances and denied 6.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - JACK KERNEY:** Next meeting in April at the National Fire Caucus in Washington D.C.

**LEGISLATIVE - LARRY CURL:** Report over 1200 Bills introduced this year. The IVFA is watching several of these bills besides those dealing with Local Government Reform. Other bills include: Cell phone use and texting (3), Cities and Towns (3), County Government (7), Emergency Medical Service (5), Fire Department/Fire District (14), Fireworks (1), Fundraisers (1), Homeland (2), Local Government Reform (24), Public Safety (7), and Volunteer bills (4).

A lot of committee meetings are being held at this time. All bills must be heard and approved by each chamber before February 23 for the Senate and February 25 by the House. That is the time line for bills to change Chambers.

**BRIDGEPORT - BEV HARKER:** They had to deny one Death Benefit; the members' dues were not paid on time as required. One claim will be paid.

District 4 chairman Terry Smith asked why the Bridgeport Fund didn't pay for the scholarship winners' banquet meals.

He was told the guidelines were set by Bridgeport as to what the monies in that fund could be used for, scholarship and death benefit. And it is in the Convention Guidelines what expenses the host committee must pay.

**BY-LAWS AND SOG'S - BUZ KOEHLER:** The By-Laws committee recommends the following change to Article XI section 10 of the SOG'S

Now reads: 10. Lodging expense shall be reimbursed at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per night for officers and members required to spend twenty-four (24) hours or more away from home in the transaction of Association business, when authorized.

Proposed to read: 10. Lodging expense shall be reimbursed at the rate of fifty dollars(\$50.00) per night for officers and members required to spend twenty-four (24) hours or more away from home in the transaction of Association business when authorized, with the exception of two (2) nights at the annual meeting and officers will be reimbursed seventy-five (\$75) per night.

**OFFICERS REPORT'S VICE PRESIDENT DAVID ISRAEL:** Attended 6 district meetings, 2 funerals, 3 legislative meetings, 3 county meetings and 5 department meetings.

**CHAPLAIN ED GERDOWSKY:** Attended 5 district meetings, 2 memorials services and 3 chaplain meetings.

**SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW:** Pass.

**TREASURER BEV HARKER:** Pass.

**SGT-AT-ARMS BRENT BUSH:** Would like for anyone needing supplies to call or E-mail him so he can bring the supplies to the meeting.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD LARRY KETCHEM:** Pass.

**PRNW JIM BRADFORD:** Attended 6 district meetings, 2 county meetings, 1 memorial service and 1 trip to Printco.

**PRNE JEAN SMITH:** Attended 7 district meetings, 1 memorial service, Medal of Valor Award presentation, several fundraisers and convention meetings.

**PRWC DIANE HARRISON:** Attended 7 district meetings and 1 memorial service.

**PREC DON CUSHMAN:** Attended 7 district meetings and 1 county meeting.

**PRSW JIM ABRAMS:** Attended 1 county meeting, 2 district meetings, 3 memorial services, 1 new fire station and four department meetings.

**PRSE AL WILLIAMSON:** Attended 2 district meetings.

### NEW BUSINESS

President Deckard made a clarification on the mileage allowed for district chairmen. The president is authorizing travel to two adjacent district meetings per quarter by the district chairman.

The contract for the Central Office is up in August of 2011. The requirements will be published in the May issue of the paper.

Issue of who gets the low numbers of the IVFA license plate. After some discussion it was decided that the numbers 1 through 50 are reserved for the elected Officers of the IVFA. IVFA plates can only be purchased by IVFA members.

All IVFA printing will be done at Printco - (Business cards, stationary, envelopes and forms).

Carol Thrawley spoke on the Hero Days competition that will be held May 14, 2011. This is a competition between the career schools in the state. He is requesting our financial help. This is Board action.

Program sponsored by Duracell Batteries for Fire Department to obtain batteries. Go to www.duracell.com/bfd. on their website, answer the information questions. The username is firefighter and the password is: dur@cellbfd.

Global Award nominations are due today.

District chairmen and officers turn your inventory list today (Bibles, grave markers, 25 year pins decals)

### PAST PRESIDENTS REPORT'S

**CARL BRUNS - Pass**

**IVAN NEVIL - Pass**

**RICHARD GLANT - Pass**

**JACK ZEEKS - Pass**

**BUZ KOEHLER - Pass**

**JACK KERNEY - Pass**

**LARRY KETCHEM - Pass**

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**DISTRICT 1 - TOM ORRELL:** Next meeting March 16, 2011 at Munster Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 2 - PAUL WATLAND:** Next meeting February 16, 2001 at Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 3 - DAVE KAUFMAN:** Next meeting March

17, 2011 at Bass Lake Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 4 - TERRY SMITH:** Next meeting February 17, 2011 at New Carlisle Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 5 - TONY FARRER:** Next meeting March 10, 2011 at Macy-Allen Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 6 - JERRY SPRAGUE:** Next meeting March 22, 2001 at Auburn Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 7 - WALT REITER:** Next meeting March 21, 2011 at Berne Vol. Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 8A - E.W. PAPE JR.:** Next meeting March 9, 2011 at Swayzee Vol. Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 8B - LLOYD WRIGHT:** Next meeting March 9, 2011 at West Union Losantville.

**DISTRICT 9A - LEIGHANNE ELLIS:** Next meeting March 24, 2011 at Galveston Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 9B - RANDY DENTON:** Next meeting March 10, 2011 at Rensselaer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 10 - JOHN RAY:** Next meeting February 16, 2011 at Clarksburg Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 11A - JACK McFARLAND:** Next meeting March 20, 2011 at Hymera Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 11B - LARRY SOUTHARD:** Next meeting March 13, 2011, at Covington Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 12 - LARRY BRUNER:** Next meeting March 21, 2011 at Stilesville Volunteer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 13A - CAROL THRAWLEY:** Next meeting March 15, 2011 at Pendleton Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 13B - JEFF BIEHL:** Next meeting February 10, 2011 at Centerville Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 14 - RICHARD CANNON SR.:** Next meeting March 14, 2011 at Sellersburg Fire Station #5.

**DISTRICT 15 - STEVE ANDERSON:** Next meeting March 15, 2011 at Owen Twp. Folsomville.

**DISTRICT 16 - PAUL HOLCOMB:** Next meeting March 16, 2011 at TBA.

**DISTRICT 17A - SAM EMERY:** Next meeting March 14, 2011 at Switz City Fire Department

**DISTRICT 17B - STEVE NOLAN:** Next meeting February 9, 2011 at Brown County Fire Department Nashville.

**DISTRICT 18 - JOHN SMITH:** Next meeting March 17, 2011 at Carter Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 19 - ED SCHEELE:** Next meeting March 24, 2011 at Patriot Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 21 - DON FULTZ:** Next meeting February 28, 2011 at Sheridan Fire Department.

Meeting recessed at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M. Sunday February 6, 2011.

Morning Invocation given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

Drawing for Convention 2011 early registration prize and the winner was Joyce Nevil.

**CHAPLAIN ED GERDOWSKY** spoke of the need of associate chaplain to attend training three times a year. With the cost of travel he is asking if we can pay mileage for these meetings. Several in attendance thought the

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training was needed and some of our members have requested the services of a Chaplain. President Deckard authorized payment of mileage to 4 training classes for the Associate Chaplains.

PRNW Jim Bradford reported several phone solicitations in his area.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE 2011:** Ivan Nevil chairman, Ed Scheele, Don Fultz and Jim Abrams members.

Have request from California Casualty Insurance Company about partnering with the IVFA to provide home and automobile insurance to our members. This program will cost the IVFA nothing to sponsor. Past president Jack Kerney made motion to invite them back to our May meeting. Jerry Sprague, District 6 made the second. Motion passed.

**SUPPORTING HEROS ERIC JOHNSON:** Spoke on the upcoming Hero's Banquet that will be held March 5, 2011 at Shepardsville, KY. Planning a social event after the banquet this year. The dinner is at 6:00 P.M. The cost of the meal this year is \$37.50. A table sponsorship is \$300.00.

**MICHELLE BAXTER - AMERICAN INCOME LIFE:** The Health Discount Benefit card will with IVFA name on the card. Since American Income Life has partnering with the IVFA they have paid 21 claims since 2007. This is an accident and dismemberment insurance, if any question of benefits be sure to send in all available information.

**GAMES COMMITTEE - MIKE MACKIN:** Trying to find out if interest in having the games. Also going to publish the Water Ball Rules in the paper.

Motion to close officers' meeting and proceed to the Board of Directors made by Buz Koehler.

Larry Bruner, District 12 made the second. Motion passed.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2011**  
**CROWNE PLAZA**  
**INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT**

Meeting called to order at 10:10 A.M. Larry Ketchem re-elected as Chairman of the Board.

Called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Past president Jack Kerney made motion to accept the minutes as printed. John Ray, District 10 made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Clock to be given as door prize at FDIC. Past president Buz Koehler made motion that we purchase one clock. Paul Watland, District 2 made the second. Motion passed.

(2) President Deckard requested funds to send twelve (12) people to the Congressional Fire Caucus Dinner in Washington D.C.

Past president Buz Koehler made motion to send 12. Past president Ivan Nevil made the second. Motion passed.

(3) President Deckard requested support for the Supporting Hero Banquet March 5, 2011. Past president Buz Koehler made a motion that the IVFA be a sponsor for \$1000. Sgt-At -Arms Brent Bush made the second. Motion passed.

(4) Carol Thrawley, District 13A asked for \$1000 support for the Hero's Competition. Steve Anderson, District 15 made a motion to allow the \$1000. Richard Cannon, District 14 made the second. Motion passed.

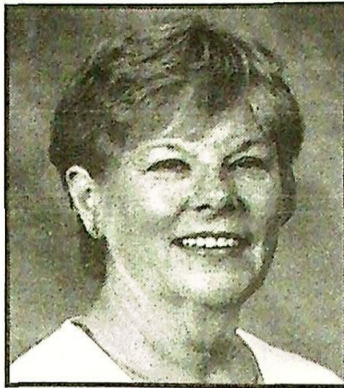
(5) Carol Thrawley, District 13A made motion to donate \$1000 to Hoosier Burn Camp. Jerry Sprague, District 6 made the second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted*  
 Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

## From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



The last quarter has been a busy one.

I have attended three memorial services, two district meetings, Supporting Heroes Dinner and FDIC.

The 2010 audit has been completed by Kemper CPA Group.

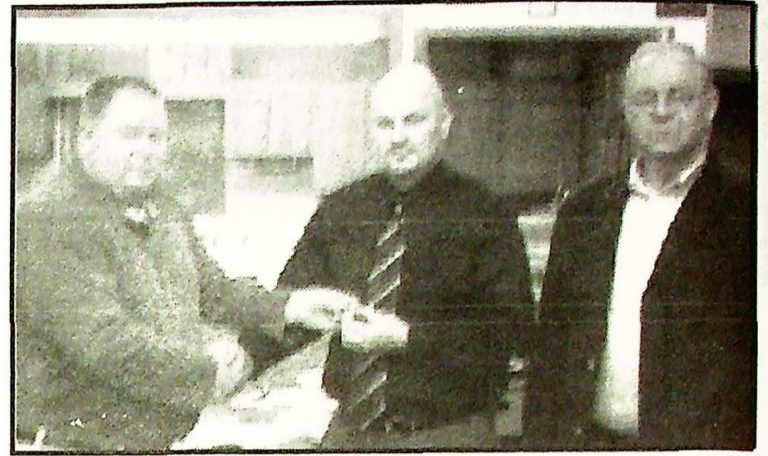
The convention is coming up real soon. I hope a lot of you are planning to attend.

On March 16th, we lost one of the past presidents of the IVFA, Ivan Nevil. Ivan was a fellow officer and a great friend of myself and my late husband, Jack. I will continue to keep Ivan's family in my thoughts and prayers in the months to come. He will be missed by all that knew him.

I hope to see you at your district meetings and the convention.

*Your treasurer,*  
 Beverly Harker

## Firemen awarded pins



The 25 year pin was given to Larry Savage for years services to the Farmland Fire Department. Larry is assistant chief.

The pin was presented to Larry by Fire Chief Melvin Nott and District Chairman 8-B Lloyd Wright.



The 5 year pin was awarded to Josh Samon for service to the Farmland Fire Dept. by fire chief Melvin Nott. - photos submitted by Bill Sunday.

## Departments conduct live burn



The Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department, along with Owensburg, Center, Bloomfield, Loogootee, and Odon-Madison Fire Departments, conducted training in a live burn at a home located near Scotland on January 8, 2011. This home was in the path of the new Interstate 69. - submitted by Randy Baker, Chief, Richland-Taylor Twp Vol. Fire Dept.

## Obituaries . . .

### Gregory Dean "Howdy" Clouser

Gregory Dean "Howdy" Clouser, a 22 year member of the Converse Volunteer Fire Department, passed away February 15, 2011 after a battle with cancer.

His wife, Diana, daughter Luci, and son Luke, survive.

"Howdy" was a vital part of the Converse Volunteer Fire Department, having served as secretary, as training officer, writing grants, and his current responsibility as captain of the department.

His service to his community and fire department were very much appreciated by all.

Services were held at the Converse Church of Christ, with fire departments from Peru, Amboy, Sweetser, Swayzee, and Converse in attendance in recognition of "Howdy's" dedicated service to the fire department.

## Wheatfield VFD members receive awards



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman presents David Czerniak, Greg Myers, Foster Myers, William Davis and Dan Dravesky of Wheatfield Volunteer Fire Department with their 25 year IVFA service pins. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

# BID REQUIREMENTS FOR IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT

Please submit your bid to perform the following tasks, including a list of qualifications and experience you have in performing these functions and the fee for which you or your company will perform these services for an entire contract term of three (3) years, stated on a monthly basis, to the IVFA Secretary.

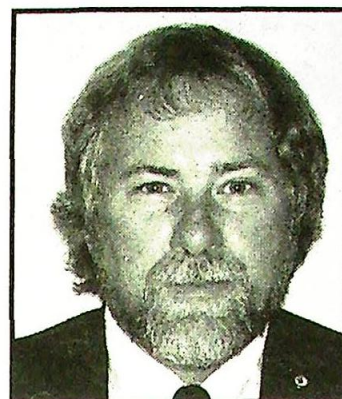
## General Responsibilities

1. Prefer Office Administration to be managed by an IVFA or IVFAA Member or Member owned company.
2. The IVFA Central Office shall not make any decisions that involve money or contracts without written approval from the Executive Committee or the IVFA President. The Central Office Administrator shall have no authority to bind the organization.
3. Receive and process all mail and route items to the appropriate officer or committee chair; respond to correspondence as requested.
4. Transfer all monies received by the Central Office to the IVFA Treasurer weekly.
5. Manage the e-mail web address account in the name of the IVFA Central Office. Maintain security of the password. The website account and password are the sole property of the IVFA. The Office Administrator shall respond to e-mails received or route e-mails to the IVFA President, Vice President or Committee Chairman, as appropriate, in a timely manner.
6. Answer the Central Office toll free telephone number (must have voicemail or an answering machine on this line), that is published for member use. Answer all IVFA messages or route the call to the IVFA President, Vice President, or appropriate IVFA Officer or Committee Chairman on a daily basis.
7. Answer the 1-800 FIRE LINE phone line (must have voicemail or an answering machine on this line) report activity daily to the appropriate IVFA officer and give report of all activity at each quarterly Officers meeting.
8. Maintain IVFA membership records and keep them confidential. No information on or about the IVFA membership or any member shall be released to anyone without approval of the IVFA President or the IVFA Board of Directors.
9. Destroy all discarded member information or documents by

shredding.

10. Process any IVFA business and make written report to the IVFA President.
11. Process IVFA License Plate Application requests as soon as possible and return the BMV Form to the IVFA member in a timely manner.
12. Provide office space solely for use as the IVFA Central Office that is adequate for the job in a secure location.
13. Maintain integrity of the IVFA software program being used in a secure condition. No unauthorized material shall be downloaded or installed on the IVFA computers. No alterations shall be made to the IVFA software program without written approval of the IVFA Executive Committee.
14. No unauthorized person shall use IVFA computers in any manner without written approval from the IVFA Executive Committee.
15. Provide office furniture for Central Office use except for filing cabinets and shelving, computers, printers, and supplies which the IVFA will provide.
16. Prepare written report of IVFA Central Office activities and provide to the IVFA Board of Directors at each quarterly Officers meeting (this is the time to bring up problems and needs of the office).
17. Keep a Master Calendar of events and send e-mail notices of meetings, events, or information to the parties indicated as directed by the IVFA President or Vice President.
18. Make IVFA Member / Officer phone calls as needed and as assigned by the IVFA President.
19. Prepare IVFA Bad Address Report per district after each mailing of the newspaper and provide to the appropriate IVFA Officer.
20. Check IVFA Membership List against Fire School Attendance List to verify attendance of current members of IVFA before submitting list for payment to IVFA Treasurer.
21. Track 25 year members, 50 year members, and deceased members and notify appropriate IVFA Officer or Committee Chair.
22. Maintain IVFA logo apparel and give report at each quarterly Officers meeting of inventory on hand and also inventory sold.
23. Provide notice of various Association deadlines and applications to the newspaper in a timely manner for publication.
24. Perform other tasks requested from time to time by the IVFA Board of Directors.

## From The Vice President *David Israel*



What a winter!! I'm ready for a more constant warm temperature; two days with no electric makes you appreciate it.

When you get this edition of the IVFA paper, you will be reading it while sitting on the porch.

We need to take a moment to remember our brothers and sisters of the fire service and those in the military that have passed on to watch over us from above. The IVFA has lost several valuable people this past year. Ivan, thanks for all you did to better the fire service.

I'm late again getting in the paper, hope it makes it. But by being late, I can tell you about our trip to Washington, D.C. for the Congressional Fire Institute. I felt like this year was better on Capitol Hill than last year. We started at 9:00 a.m. and finished our rounds at 4:00

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# INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

"Aiming to foster and promote unity and harmony among volunteer fire departments throughout Indiana"

## IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

When you have completed the information below, print this page.

The State of Indiana provides Special License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the association. You will not be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License 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	SLOM	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.**

**ATTENTION: IVFAA  
AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

YOU MAY PURCHASE IVFAA SHOULDER  
PATCHES FROM DISTRICT 11-B  
PATCHES \$1.50 / PLATES \$10.00  
CONTACT: MAXINE DAVIES  
5 BROOKSIDE STREET, FILMORE, IN 46128  
(765) 246-6220

## Guidelines for submitting news articles

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: printco@rhsi.tv or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization - the information needs to be in writing.
4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.
5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.
6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

**AUGUST 5, 2011 DEADLINE  
IS JULY 5, 2011  
12:00 NOON C.S.T.**

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

Name  IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City  State  Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew  Choose Month

Day Time Phone  Evening Phone  # Plates Requested

County Of Residence  Amount Paid \$  Check #

(\$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

Bottom of Form

Mail Checks to:  
IVFA Central Office - Barb Kerney  
P.O. Box 4797  
Evansville, IN 47724  
1-877-606-4832

\*Indicate on the envelope you plate renewal date.

# Bid requirements . . .

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The IVFA shall carry insurance on the equipment and other personal property owned by the IVFA.

The person or company awarded the Contract shall qualify to be bonded and insured and shall cooperate with the IVFA to obtain a bond and insurance in an amount to be determined by the IVFA Board of Directors. The IVFA will pay for the bond and for the insurance premiums during the duration of the Contract.

## Monthly Requirements

### January

1. Prepare and send the newspaper labels to the proper entity prior to January 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. Starting approximately January 15<sup>th</sup> and weekly thereafter until end of each legislative session send (e-mail or mail) copies of the synopsis of bills prepared by the IVFA lobbyist to all IVFA officers.

### February

1. Provide deceased members list to IVFA officers

### March

1. March 1st final deadline for Bridgeport Scholarship Applications received in Central Office or postmarked prior to March 1st if sent certified mail.
2. Mark each Bridgeport Scholarship Application as required by the Bridgeport Committee in the IVFA SOG'S and check current membership requirements.
3. Prepare Department Dues Billing Packets for mailing for the upcoming year so departments can receive them before their May department meetings.

### April

1. Send by certified mail all Bridgeport Scholarship Applications (less cover page) to the Bridgeport Committee Chairman.
2. Prepare a Department Paid/Not Paid List for the past year for each department.
3. Begin accepting dues payments for the upcoming year and keep a current record thereof.
4. Prepare and send newspaper labels to proper entity prior to April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### May

1. Provide deceased members list to IVFA Officers.
2. Start preparing materials for the IVFA Annual Meeting.

### June

1. Prepare Delegate Registration sheets for the IVFA Annual Meeting (2 sheets per District).
2. Prepare Voting Forms for the IVFA Annual Meeting (6 sheets per District).
3. Prepare for distribution at the IVFA Annual Meeting a list of Paid Membership Members for the past year divided by district for the Credentials Committee and for the District Chairman.
4. Prepare Department Paid/Not Paid Report for the IVFA Officers by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### July

1. July 31 is the final deadline for dues to be considered paid on time, either received in IVFA Central Office or post marked.
2. Prepare and send newspaper labels to the proper entity by July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### August

1. Prepare Department Paid/Not Paid Report and print sufficient number of copies for distribution to the IVFA officers at the August meeting.

2. Provide deceased members list to IVFA Officers.

### October

1. Prepare and send newspaper labels to the proper entity prior to October 5th.
2. Prepare a hard copy of Paid/Not Paid Department Report for the officers for the November meeting.

### November

1. Provide deceased members report to the IVFA Officers.

### December

1. Prepare a Bad Address Report for Officers.
2. Prepare and mail IVFA license plate card to members.

Other tasks requested by the Board of Directors from time to time.

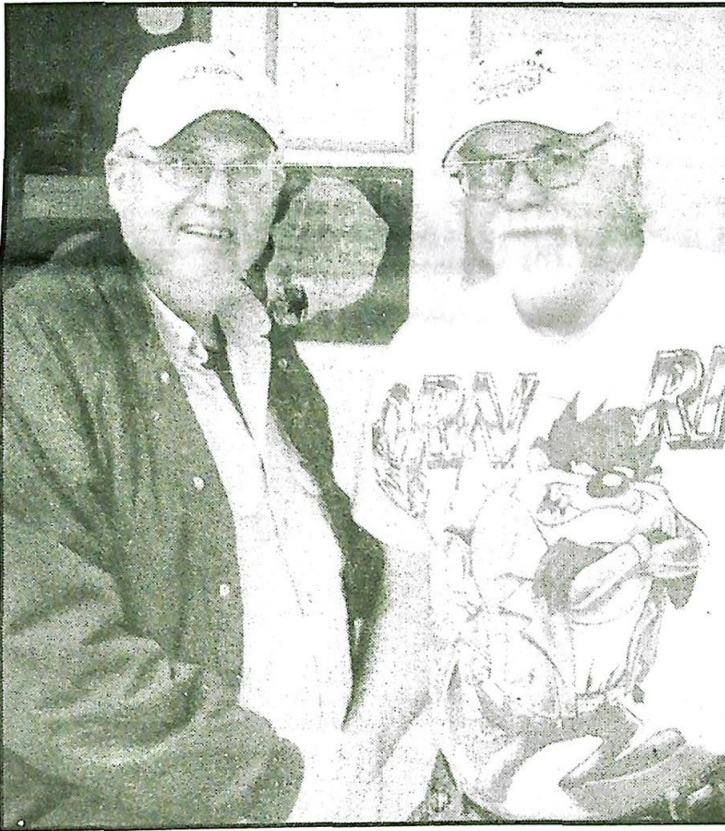
Contract shall run from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.

Bids must be received by, or post marked by, July 1, 2011. The successful bidder must enter into a binding contract prepared by the IVFA legal counsel and in form and substance acceptable to the IVFA Executive Committee within 14 days of notification that it is the successful bidder.

IVFA Secretary  
 Larry Bartlow  
 P.O. Box 12  
 Montezuma, IN 47862

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# Donovsky awarded 25 year service pin



District 2 chairman Paul Watland presents Ted Donovsky, Wheatfield VFD with his 25 year IVFA service pin. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

# Vice president report . . .

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p.m. on Thursday visiting our Congressmen. (A lot of walking). We met with most all of them in person asking them to help support the Fire Service as a whole across the ISA and thanked them for their support. We asked that if budget cuts were needed that they be done fair and equal across the board.

As you know the Indiana Legislation process is still going as of this issue of the paper. With the walkout, we had a chance of bills harmful to the fire service dying. But when they came back it was katie bar the door - game on. But I believe the members of the IVFA that when called upon that made that phone call or sent that e-mail to their Legislators made the difference on several bills.

We will have to wait till the final gavel falls to see what happens. Thanks to those that did their part. But if we win some or lose some, we still can't let up on educating our legislators of what the fire service needs are to better serve our communities.

After the D.C. trip we found a few congressional members we need to educate.

Hope you have made plans to go to South Bend for the 65th 2011 IVFA convention. They have worked hard to put this together and is guaranteed a good time.

Doesn't seem like it's been two years as your vice president. I have had fun and enjoyed it all and look forward to moving on. Thanks for all you support.

Be safe and hope to see you at district meeting,  
David Israel

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**CONVENTION 2011**  
**JUNE 15 - JUNE 17**  
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**OLD ADDRESS**

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW ADDRESS**

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE**

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

*District 18 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011  
*District 4 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011  
*District 14 Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011  
*District 17A Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010  
*District 11A Term:* Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

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**I.V.F.A.A. STATE OFFICER'S MEETING REPORT**



Malinda Bell  
Corresponding Secretary

The quarterly meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary met Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis, IN.

President Beth Caudill opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She then asked Chaplain Joann Hays to lead us in prayer followed by Sgt-at-Arms, Miriam Schackel leading in the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 20 officers and 8 guests in attendance.

Suzie Lewis made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Marlene Poling seconded. Motion passed. Minutes will stand approved as written.

Dorothy Reiter gave the treasurer's report and it was approved subject to audit.

A membership report was given by secretary June Cahill. We have 58 Departments, 142 Individuals, 17 Life, 804 paid by Department for a total of 963 members.

Chaplain Joann Hays reported there has been one deceased member. She also reported we have \$104.00 in the flower fund. E.J. Smith asked that Joann send her mother-in-law a card. Joann ended by reading a piece titled, "New Years Day Prayer for all".

The Convention committee for 2011 came in and presented Joyce Nevil with \$100.00 from the pre-registration drawing.

Martha Thomas was not present to give a report of the Auditing Committee.

Chairman Toni Sorg reported that the Budget Committee is fine.

Suzie Lewis, chairman of the By-Laws Committee, reported that two of her members could not attend this weekend but they will be ready by Convention.

The Chinese Auction chairman, Barb Parker, asked that each district bring their item to the meeting in May so that she can take them with her.

Historian Joann Hays said she is taking new pictures to make a new book. Heather Martin said she had some scrap books and albums if

Joann was interested. Joann asked Heather to bring them and they would see if they could use any.

Toni Sorg, chairman of Installation said they would be ready at Convention.

Marlene Poling had no report on the jewelry. Amber Farrer asked about a pin for the the District 5 chairman. She was told to use the District 4's pin.

Miss Flame committee chairman Barb Kerney said she had gotten some turned into her today and some had been sent to her. March 10 is the deadline but if your meeting is after that, make sure she knows they will be late. Please make the entry checks payable to the "Mary Mackin Fund". The \$25.00 entry fee goes the fund. Remember it costs quite a bit of money for your Miss Flame contestant and her family to attend Convention, so please help them as much as you can.

Barb asked the Auxiliary for \$400.00 for Miss Flame expenses. Lou Bartlow made a motion to do so. Barb Ketchem seconded. Motion carried.

Nominating chairman Pam Gerdowsky said we are doing fine.

Lou Bartlow, Parliamentarian, said we are doing fine.

Martha Thomas could not be here so there was no report from the President's advisory committee.

Vice president Diana Gray was unable to attend due to the weather but president Beth Caudill reminded everyone to get the tickets sold for our Vice President project. Make sure your Miss Flames have tickets to sell.

The Lois Boaz Committee met Saturday afternoon and have a winner.

Marlene Thrawley presented the Power Point program. She is still working on it. It is a visual presentation that each district may use. Miriam will try to have a screen for the next meeting so Marlene can show it to everyone.

Men's president Tim Deckard came in and asked if we were happy with the room we were using for our meeting today. We assured him we were.

Carol Curl was in attendance to report what kind of prices she'd found for the rolling computer cases. The cost will be \$60 to \$65 for cloth cases. They are very hard to find. Lou made a motion to purchase the cases. Pam Gerdowsky seconded. Motion carried. Marlene Poling made motion to order 25 cases. Toni Sorg seconded. Motion carried.

At the last meeting, we talked about purchasing a new computer for the Corresponding Secretary. After quite a bit of discussion and

suggestions, Toni Sorg made a motion to let Lou and Larry purchase a computer and printer. Joann Hays seconded. Motion carried.

Janet Woodfill has a new phone number - 812-701-0612.

District chairman Tammy Davis is moving. Her new address is 315 Linden Drive, Centerville, IN 47330.

Marlene Poling's number is wrong in the paper. The correct number is: 260-402-0805.

Beth asked how everyone liked the minutes e-mailed. Some got them and some did not. Some could open them and some could not. We decided to try it one more time. They will be mailed this time.

Michelle Baxter said that the organization Logo is now on the card. She brought some cards if anyone wants them.

Pam Gerdowsky spoke about the memorial service for fallen firefighters and police. She asked if we'd like to donate \$100.00 to the service. Barb Kerney made a motion to do so. Barb Ketchem seconded. Motion carried.

Amber Farrer spoke for Convention 2011. Everything is coming along. She passed around a paper for everyone to sign stating what tours he or she would like to take. About their only problem is getting the parking fee waived at the hotel.

District 7 is having a bake sale. Marlene Thrawley, District 13 chairman said she now has five departments in her district.

Beth thanked Suzie and Heather for their entertainment on Saturday afternoon. Beth Caudill and Pam Gerdowsky will have the next get together at 3:30 P.M. Saturday, May 7, 2011.

Joann said she talks to Martha regularly and she is doing as well as she can. She could use some special prayers.

Marlene Poling said her daughter-in-law is still in a coma. Keep her in your prayers.

Toni Sorg told a story about a piece of candy and a penny involving a Chinese funeral.

Pam Gerdowsky made a motion to dismiss. Suzie Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

Joann Hayes closed with prayer.  
Acting Recording secretary,  
Lou Bartlow

**DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT**



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the November 4th, 2010 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 7:20 p.m.

Pledge was recited. Prayer was given by Donna Szafranski of Lowell Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

Roll call was taken with 16 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 2 individual along with 10 guests.

Phyllis thanked the Lowell Auxiliary for hosting this month's district meeting.

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**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2010/2011**

<b>AUDIT</b>	<b>PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY</b>	<b>BY-LAWS</b>
Martha Thomas - Chm.	Martha Thomas	Suzie Lewis, Chm.
Barb Ketchem	Barb Parker	Leona Uryga
Suzie Lewis		Janet Matthews
Barb Kerney		
<b>BUDGET &amp; FINANCE</b>	<b>LOIS BOAZ</b>	<b>MISS FLAME</b>
Toni Sorg - Chm.	Marie Emery - 2008	Barb Kerney - Chm.
Dorothy Reiter	Sue Glant - 2009	Miriam Schackel
Lou Bartlow	Lou Bartlow - 2010	Tammy Davis
Marie Emery		Debbie Vermillion
<b>CHINESE AUCTION</b>	<b>NOMINATING</b>	<b>JEWELRY</b>
Barb Parker, Chm.	Pam Gerdowsky, Chm.	Marlene Poling
Janet Woodfill	Laura Durbin	
Marlene Poling	Amber Farrer	<b>MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>
Heather Martin		Phyllis Vargo, Chm.
	<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Barb Ketchem
	Joann Hays	Pam Gerdowsky
	Phyllis Vargo	Marlene Thrawley
<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN</b>	<b>INSTALLATION</b>	
Lou Bartlow	Toni Sorg, Chm.	
	Janet Woodfill	
<b>VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT</b>	Debbie Vermillion	
Diana Gray, Chm.		
E. J. Smith	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Janet Matthews	Leona Uryga - Chm.	
Heather Martin	Marlene Thrawley	
	Tammy Davis	

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

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Phyllis introduced the candidates for the Miss Flame contest this evening: Morgan Eastridge representing South Haven Vol. Fire Dept. for District #1, Emily Sheets representing Lowell Vol. Fire Dept. for District #2 and Rachel Streger representing Cedar Lake Vol. Fire Dept. for District #2, Amber Little representing Lincoln Vol. Fire Dept. for District #2.

Minutes were read by Marge Baumgardner. No corrections or additions to minutes.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave treasurer's report with \$709.00 in checking. A report stands as read for audit.

Old Business - None.

New Business:

Phyllis asked the group about who would like to host district meeting for 2011

The following departments volunteered to host:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Cedar Lake

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Lake Dale

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - Crown Point

November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lake Station

Phyllis met the insurance lady from the I.V.F.A. insurance. She stated that the prescription card that is available thru this plan is not a secondary insurance. It can only be used as a primary prescription card. Also Phyllis asked members to make sure that if there is an accident in your department regarding benefit under this plan, please get ahead of district chairman first.

Lowell Auxiliary drew tickets for the door prizes.

Miss Flame winners were announced. They are as follows: Morgan Eastridge for District #1 and Rachel Streger for District #2.

Phyllis thanked the young ladies that ran, and hope that they will try again next time.

Department announcements:

Phyllis thanked the judges for tonight's Miss Flame contest. They are: Dawn Kopka, Lisa Mueller, Crystal Travis, and Owners of Classy Cuts Hair Salon.

Winners of the silent auction were announced.

50/50 winner of \$25 was

Next meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 in Cedar Lake.

Motion by Jackie Rench, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle Smith to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marge Baumgardner

I.V.F.A. Secretary, Dist. 1 & 2

## DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Debbie Vermillion - Chairman

Hope everyone is ready for spring. I know I am getting tired of winter.

On January 16, 2011, I want to thank Shepardsville for hosting our district meeting. The women had a very short meeting, but we did sit in with the men to listen to the guest speaker, who was from American Life Insurance.

On January 29, 2011 we had our Miss Flame dance at the Plumber & Steamfitter in Seelyville. The new Miss Flame for 11-A is Amber Graham from Seelyville. I'm sure she would appreciate any invites to

attend any of your functions.

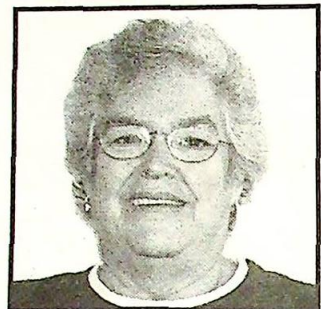
On February 6-7, 2011 I attended the state meeting in Indianapolis. The minutes were read and approved and at the end of the meeting Joann Hays ended with a closing prayer.

On March 13, 2011, I attended 11-A district meeting held in Hymera. The meeting began with Joann Hays and a moment of silence was done for the remembrance of Helen Michl, Ivan Nevil, and Max Harrah and any others that may have been forgotten. The women stayed in with the men, which was a very short meeting. I want to thank Hymera for hosting and for the wonderful meal that they served us. Joann Hays closed the meeting with a closing prayer.

I hope everyone will try to be safe and well, and hope to see everyone soon.

Deborah Vermillion  
11-A District Chairman

## DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Greetings to all,  
Our district Miss Flame contest was held January 9th at the Richland-Taylor fire station. Congratulations to Miranda Baker who will be representing our district at convention this year. Miranda is the daughter of Lee and Annette Baker. She is a senior at Bloomfield High School and very active in many clubs and church. She plans on attending either Ball State or Purdue University. Victoria Newkirk of the Edwardsport V.F.D. was our first runner-up. Thank you, Jack and Carolyn Zeeks and Lori

Brown who were our judges. You did an excellent job.

Our auxiliary held a cookie sale at the annual Vincennes Township sausage supper. The food was really good as usual, and the cookie sale went over real good. Thanks to one and all who helped in any way.

I attended a memorial service for Sandborn V.F.D. member Gene Inman. Our sympathy to his family.

In March I attended the Greene Co. Firefighters Association meeting with Sam at the Switz City Fire Dept.

Congratulations to Joe Phillips of the Madison V.F.D. who received his 50 year pin and Gold Card. The meal and presentation were held at the Essen Haus in Odon March 17th.

Our March meeting was held at the Switz City V.F.D. Thanks to chief Bryan for fixing a good pot of chili and sandwiches. It was enjoyed by all present.

Our meeting was called to order with the Pledge repeated. Roll call was taken and the secretary and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Business discussed was items for the Chinese and Burn Camp auction at the convention.

A donation was presented to our Miss Flame Miranda Baker.

Meeting adjourned by chairperson Marie Emery.

Marie Emery  
Chairperson  
District 17A

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hi Ladies,

I hope you are all getting ready for spring and we can enjoy the nice warm weather and sunshine. I think we all would like to see the sun out more.

February state meeting went well despite the weather. Suzie Lewis

and Heather Martin hosted a very nice Bingo Valentine party for the ladies. We all enjoyed it and had a nice time visiting. Thank you so much Suzie and Heather.

District #19 will be hosting in May.

Batesville hosted the February IVFAA meeting at Batesville Fire House. They served lunch, desserts, had a white elephant auction and enjoyed the evening. Thank you for hosting, Batesville.

We discussed the upcoming convention and were honored to have our new Miss Flame Tatijana Marsee and her mom in attendance. Tatijana has offered to help any of the fire departments with upcoming events. Be sure to contact her if you'd like some help.

The next district IVFAA meeting will be held at Blooming Grove Fire House May 10th.

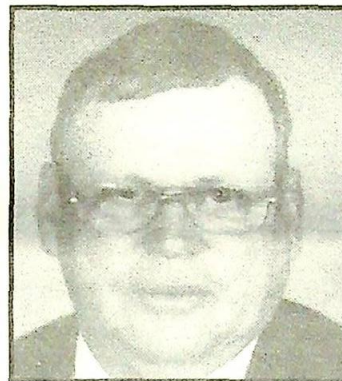
The next state meeting will be in Indy at the Crowne Plaza May 6, 7 and 8.

Have a great day with God's many blessings.

Pam Gerdowsky  
District #19  
March 18, 2011

## Public Relations Director Southwest

Jim Abrams



I attended District 17B's meeting at Bloomington Twp. Fire Dept. on January 12th.

I attended District 17A sausage supper hosted by Vincennes Twp.

Vol. Fire Dept. on January 15th.

I attended District 15's meeting at Haubstadt's new fire department on January 18th.

District 18 had to cancel the meeting due to a snowstorm on January 20th.

I attended District 17A's Miss Flame contest. Congratulations to Miranda Baker!

I attended the district quarterly meeting at Indianapolis February 4-5-6th.

I attended District 17B's meeting at Nashville Vol. Fire Dept. on February 9th.

I attended a memorial service at Jasper on March 16th for Ronald E. Phau. My thoughts and prayers go out to family and his department.

I attended a memorial service for Mary Ruth Shelley, who is Barbara Kerney's step-mother. Our thoughts and prayers go to her and Jack and family.

I attended District 17B's meeting at Marion Twp. Fire Dept. on March 9th.

I attended District 15's meeting at Folsomville on March 15th.

I attended District 17A's meeting at Switz City on March 29th.

I missed District 18's meeting to attend a funeral.

I attended District Geneva Vol. Fire Dept. for the Memorial Service for Ivan Nevill on March 19th. Ivan's family and fire department are in our thoughts and prayers.

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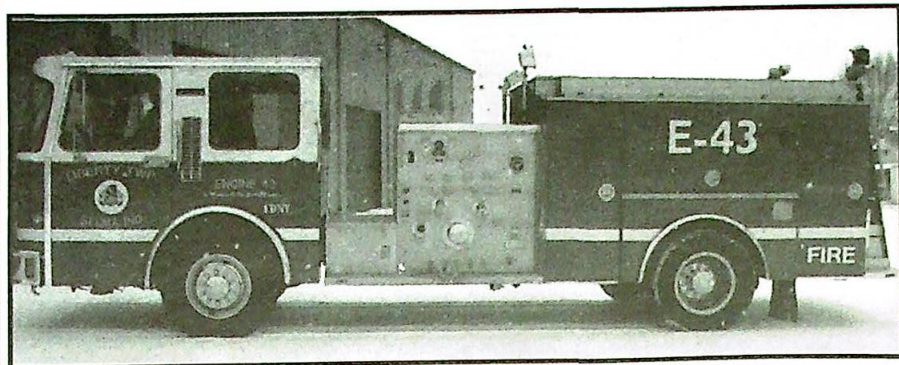
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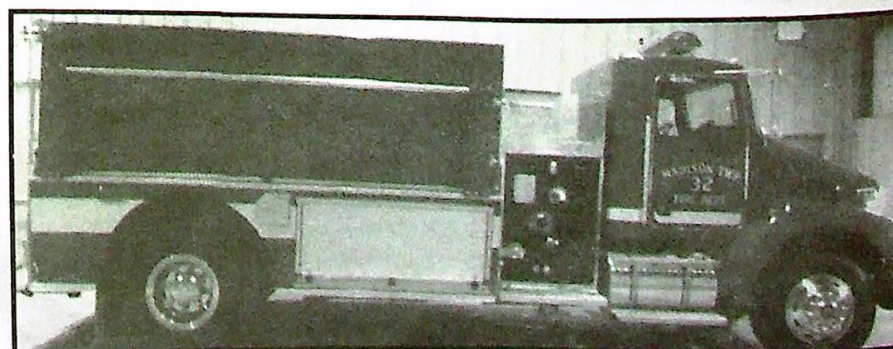
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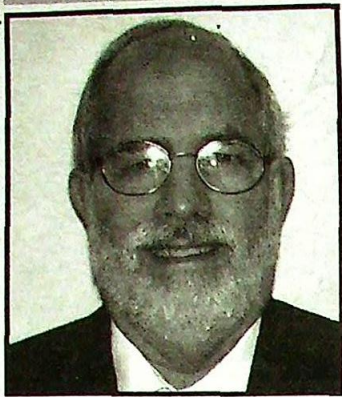
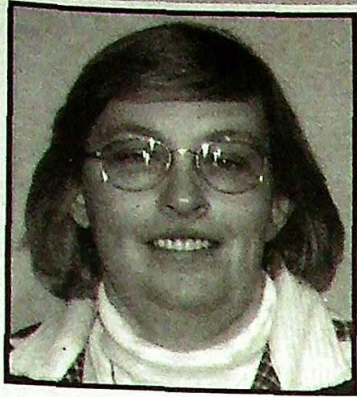
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# District 1 - 2 crown Miss Flames



On November 4, 2010 District 1 and 2 of the I.V.F.A.A. crowned their Miss Flames for 2011.

Pictured are: Rachel Streger, Miss Flame representing District 2, Phyllis Vargo, district chairman for District 1 and 2 and Morgan Eastridge, representing District 1.

District 1 and 2 would like to wish Rachel and Morgan good luck as they compete at convention. — submitted by Marge Baumgardner, I.V.F.A.A. District 1 and 2 secretary.

Hello, Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

Well, the first annual IVFA cruise is history. We had 18 that were able to go after the date changed. We boarded Carnival Destiny on March 17, visited ports at Key West and Cozumel. A great time was had by all. I will have pictures in the next paper; time got away from me this time. The committee is already working on our second cruise. If you have any suggestions where you would like to go, please let us know. I have heard a lot of members talk about Alaska.

Harold and I were able to attend the Supporting Heroes Gala honoring our fallen heroes for 2010. I encourage everyone to become a member and support this organization. Hopefully your department will never need them but like they say, it's just a matter of time and when it will happen again.

Fundraising season is now in full swing; be sure to put your events on our web site. A lot of people look there when deciding where to go for supper.

Convention is fast approaching, please remember the Burn Camp auction on Wednesday night. We set a record last year, so we have our work cut out for us this year!! If you would like to donate but unable to attend convention, please contact me and we can make arrangements to get it to convention.

Stay Safe,  
Diane Harrison  
West Central Public Relations

## Tokens of our love

**The Bible:**

May the words in this book give you comfort and when your heart is troubled, just turn to this book for your needs.

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**The Rose:**

Is a symbol of beauty and a token of our love.

It is presented in sacred memory because we have not forgotten those we love.

**The Candle:**

The flame of fire has many symbolic uses. Let us think of it as a promise of eternal life.

May the image of its flame and memory of our loved ones live forever in our hearts.

from Joann Hays, IVFAA chaplain

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 2011 will be June 15th - June 17th at Marriott Hotel and Century Center, South Bend.

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., Tianna Schuerman, District #6 - Southwest Fire District, Kaylee Kongar, District #7 - Berne Fire Dept.

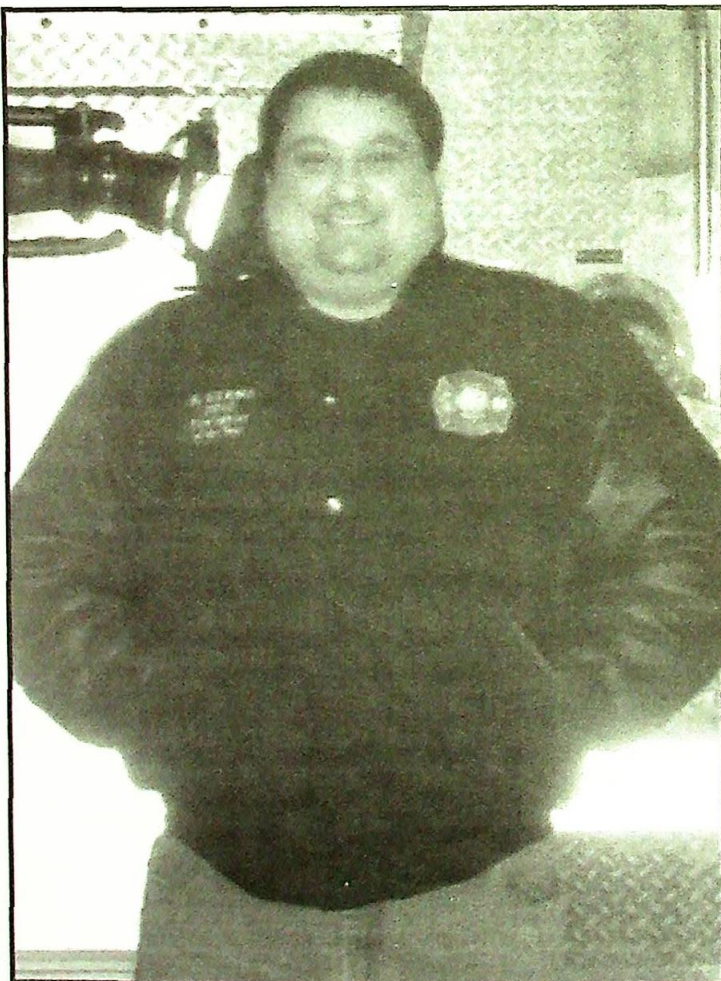
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## District 11-A Miss Flame crowned

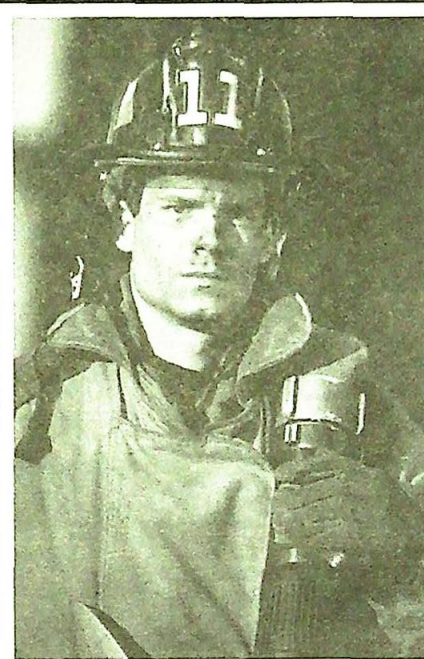
Pictured is Amber Graham, who was recently chosen at District 11-A Miss Flame. — submitted by Tom Graham, Chief of Seelyville VFD.



## Herma named "Firefighter of the Year"



Randy Herma was selected as Firefighter of the Year for Hebron Volunteer Fire Department. — submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



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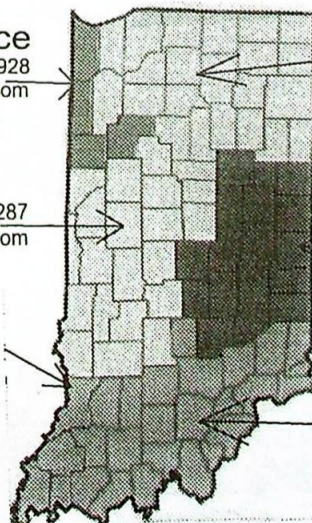
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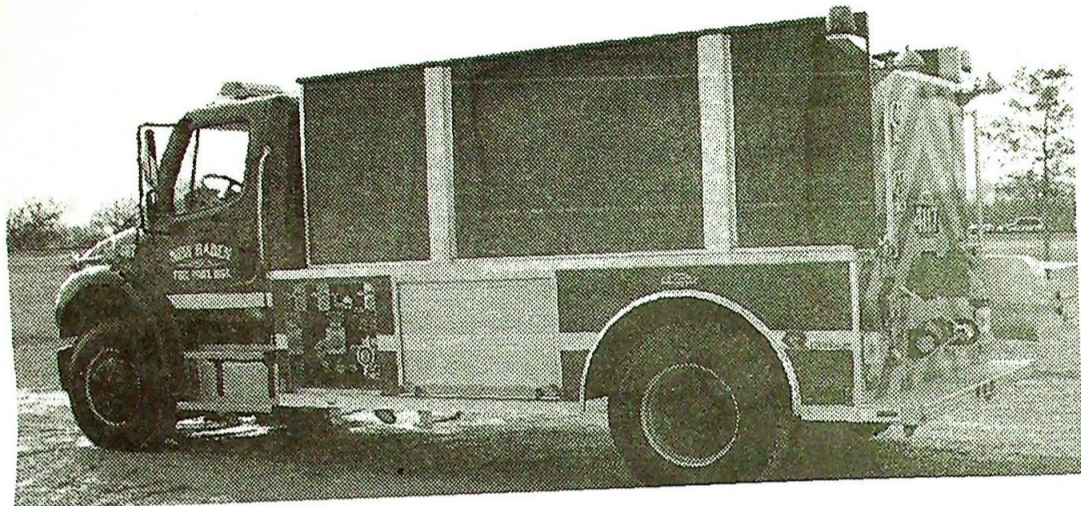
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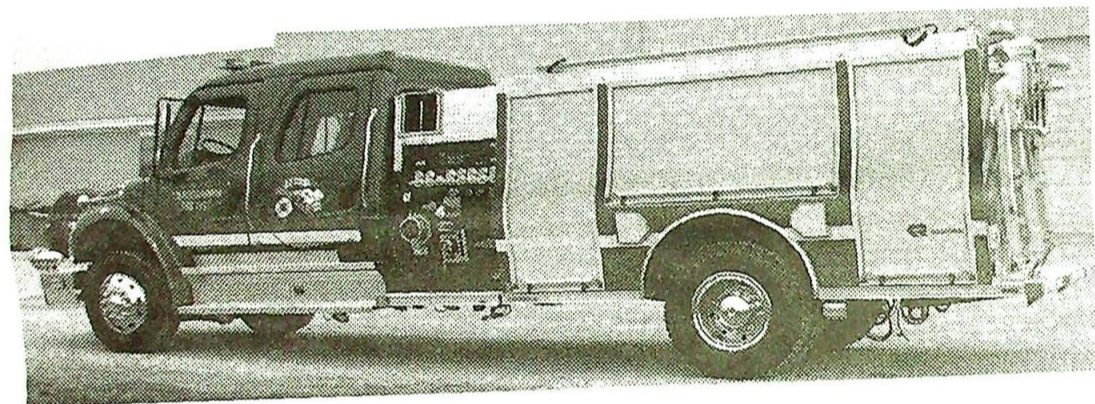
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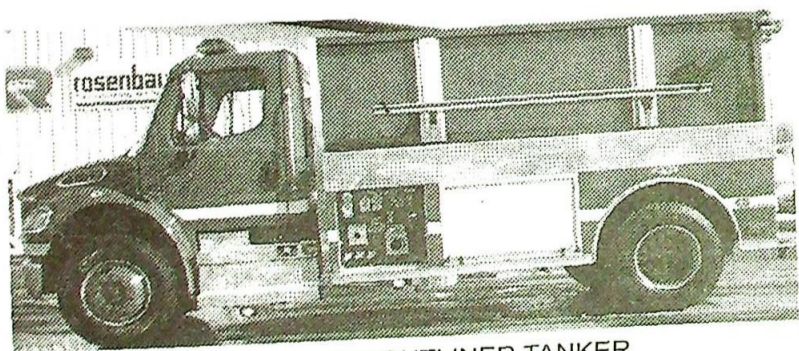
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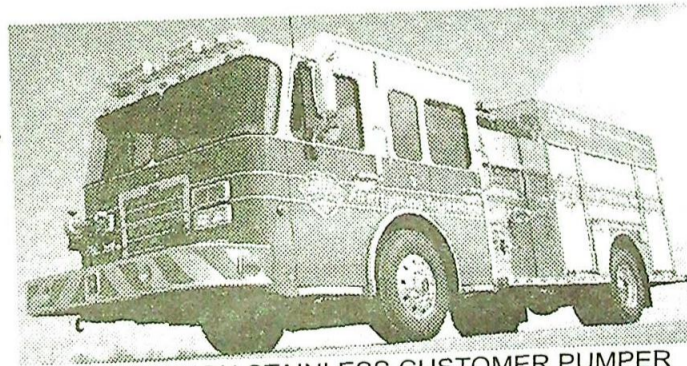
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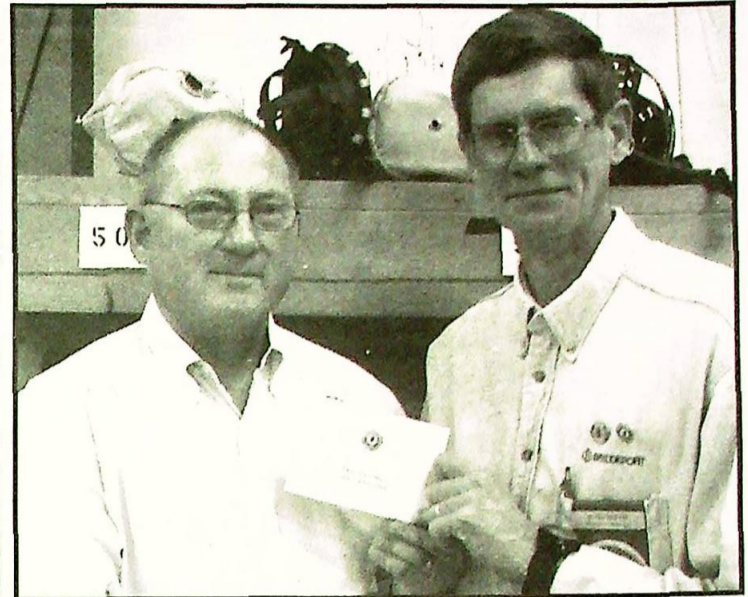
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# Crown Point Fire gears up to support community

# Stout awarded 25 year service pin



Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department and ladies' auxiliary held its annual Food Drive at two of the local grocery stores.

The non-perishable items collected went to local food pantries.

In the picture Karen Crofford from the ladies' auxiliary and Bub Wise of the volunteers, along with employees of Jewel Food Store who volunteered to help with the drive. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner, Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept. ladies' auxiliary.

At the IVFA District 18 of 17 March, Chairman John "Bull" Smith (right) presented the IVFA 25-year membership pin to Murray Stout of the Carter Fire District of Dale.

Stout holds the rank of Captain and has served as Assistant Chief and Training Officer. Stout also serves as Treasurer for the Carter Board of Trustees, and is an EMT with the Spencer County Ambulance Service. - Photo and article provided by Dist. Chairman

# Kongar assists with bake sale



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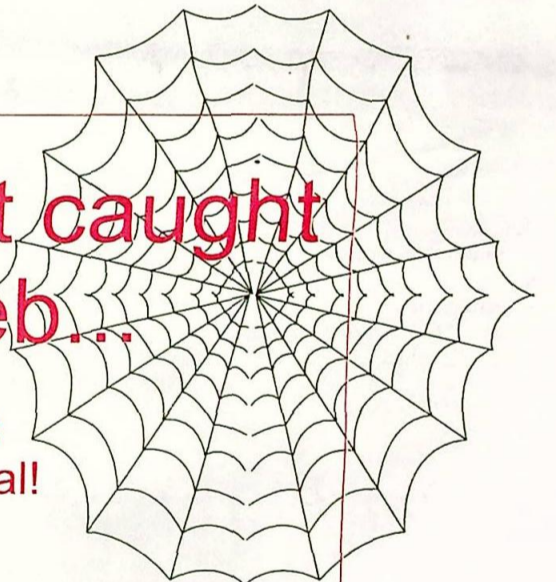
Kaylea Konger, District 7 Miss Flame helps with the annual bake sale at the district meeting of Berne Fire Department. - submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

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# Bippus VFD members receive awards



Bippus VFD from District 7 - 25 year pins to Don Elzroth and Jeffery J. Rittenhouse. (Not pictured - Patrick T. Smith - 25 year pin. 50 year pin to Jack G. Sell - the picture shows these gentlemen and District 7 chairman Walt Reiter and District Miss Flame Kayle Konger. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.



# DCFTA conducts live fire training

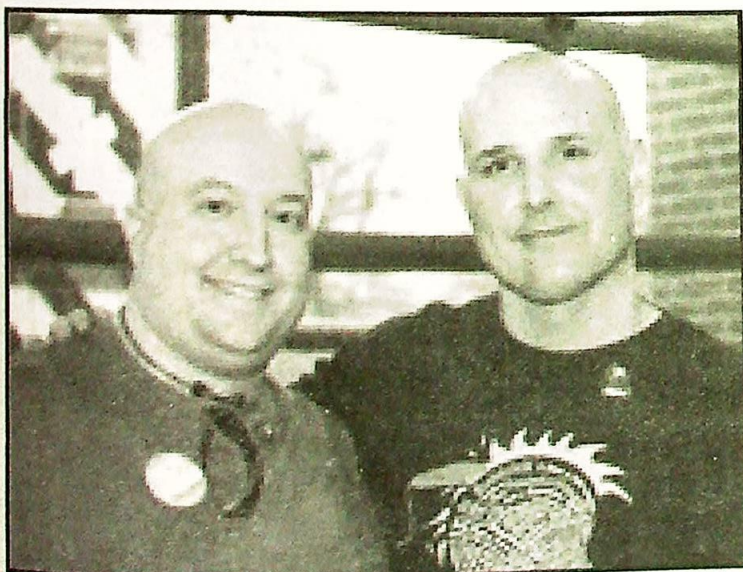
On Saturday, February 5, the Dubois County Fire Trainer's Assoc., conducted live burn training at the Jasper Fire Training Center. The students pictured had just concluded their training for Firefighter I/II. The students represented the following departments: Birdseye, Dubois, Ferdinand, Haysville, Holland, St. Anthony, St. Henry, St. Meinrad, and Schnellville. - photo and article provided by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

# Department named recipient of grant



The New Market Community Volunteer Fire Department was named a recipient of the America's Farmers Grow Communities Grant sponsored by Monsanto Corporation as selected by local farmers Harold and Ethel Reeves. The grant money will be used to assist the fire department in building a brush truck. Pictured (left to right) - Tom Adams, Travis Smith, Jeremiah Gleason, Dave Allison, Darryl McArthur, Phil Keller, Cody Wright, Chris Moore, Jon Mason, Adam Skelton - Fire Board President, Harold Reeves, Ethel Reeves, Dan Keller - Fire Chief. - submitted by Daniel Keller

# Crown Point firefighters shave heads in support of Foundation



Two Crown Point firefighters shaved their heads in support of St. Baldrick's Foundation, a foundation to help fund research of childhood cancers. Pictured are Justin Gettler, Crown Point firefighter and Tim Martin, Crown Point firefighter and event co-ordinator of this first event that was held at the Crown Point Fire Department. There were 73 firefighters, mayors of Crown Point, Hammond and Lake Station, children and people of the community and the surrounding area who got their heads shaved for St. Baldrick. The goal for this event was \$10,000 and 50 shaves. The event surpassed their goal by raising over \$37,000.

Tim Martin, along with Nick Tufts from Crown Point Emergency Management Agency, hopes that this event will grow every year! Picture provided by John Sarver, Crown Point Fire/Rescue and submitted by Marge Baumgardner, Crown Vol. Fire Dept. ladies' auxiliary

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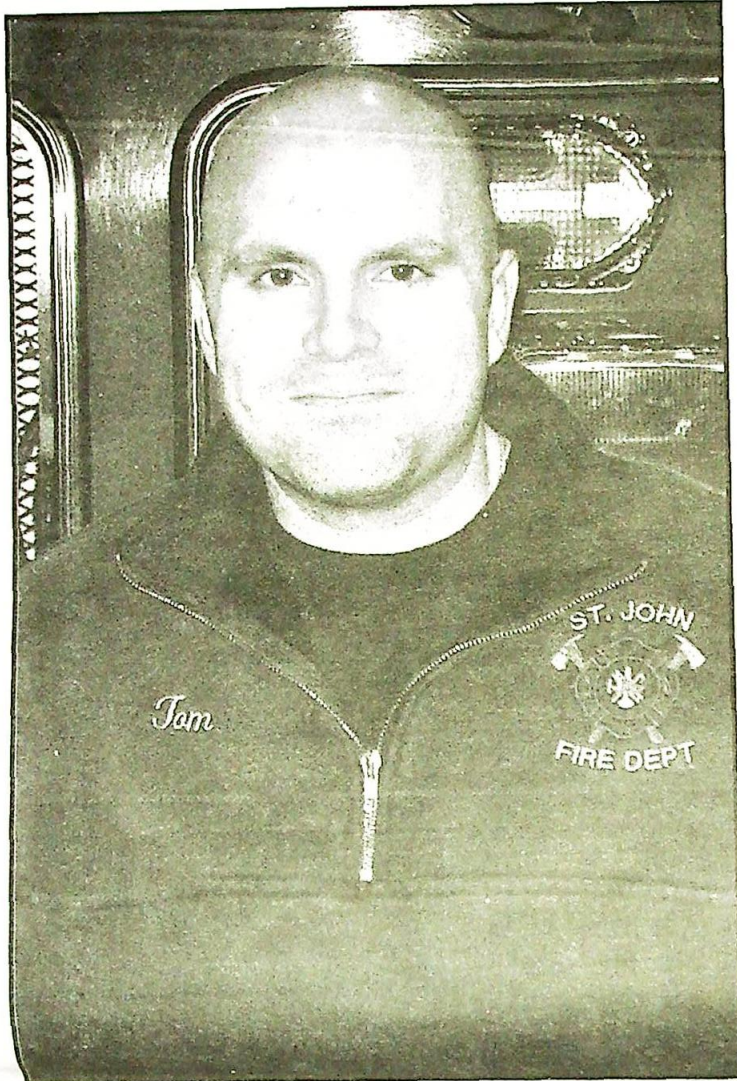
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# Named "Firefighter of the Year"

# Three generations of firefighters



Tom McCauley is SJFD's Firefighter of the Year for 2010. Saint John Fire Department members voted and selected Tom due to his exceptional dedication and contributions to the department. Tom is a full time FF/Paramedic at SJCFD. - submitted by Steve Kraus, Volunteer FF, SJCD.



Monroeville VFD, District 7 recently awarded three generations of firefighters. Richard A. Wolfe is shown receiving his 50 year pin, card and certificate along with son Joseph C. Wolfe for 30 years of service and grandson Joshua J. Wolfe for 10 years of service. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman

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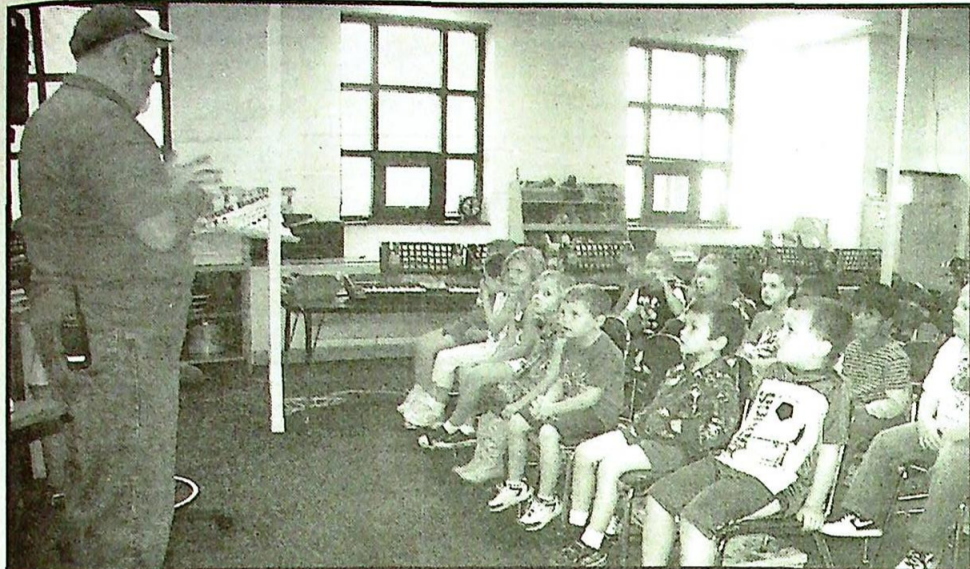
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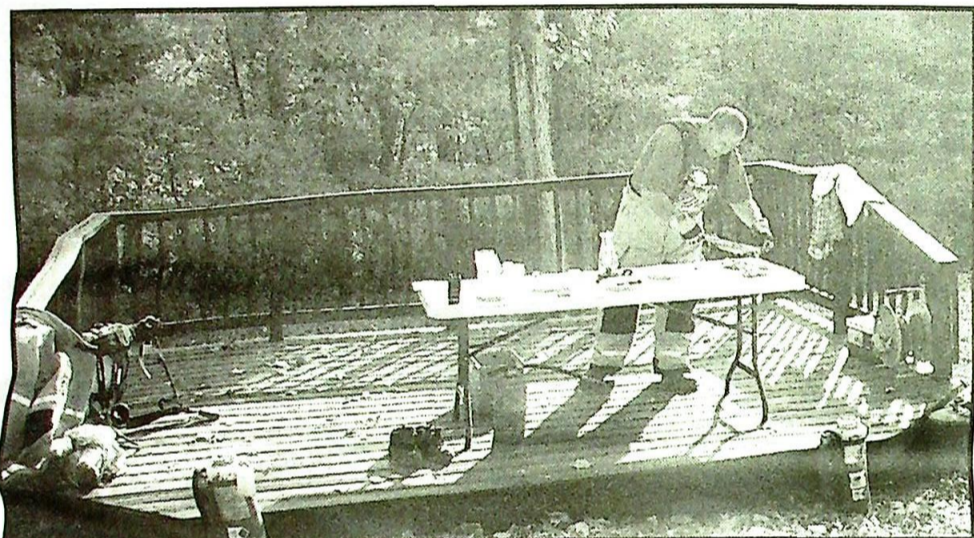
# Yankeetown VFD hosts Fire Safety Days at Yankeetown Elementary School



Firefighter Jay Davis prepares the kindergarten students to watch the Fire Safety video.



Second Assistant Chief Dave Wallace shows the students all the gear firemen wear.



Yankeetown school let the fire department host the fire safety day at their outdoor classroom.



Dave Wallace gives older classes a demo on how to use a fire extinguisher.



Kindergarten class from Yankeetown Elementary School Fire Safety Days being Junior Firemen. - photos submitted by Misty Wallace



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# Support Hoosier Burn Camp

# Rachel Lynn Stenger named District 2 Miss Flame

Tuesday, December 29, 2010  
Cedar Lake Journal  
By LolaJean Brink

Sixteen-year-old Hanover Central High School sophomore Rachel Lynn Stenger had a great role model as well as a motivated mentor encouraging her to enter the Miss Flame competition at the district Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association convention this fall. Rachel's sister, Rebecca entered the contest several years ago and along with encouragement from auxiliary member Barb Wilkening, Rachel not only entered the district competition, but took the title as well. Rachel is one of five children of Cedar Lake Fire Department Captain Larry, and Rita Stenger. Rachel represented District 2, which includes volunteer fire departments from South Lake and Porter counties in the competition. Success at the district level will allow Rachel to compete for the statewide Miss Flame title.

The Miss Flame contest is held annually and sponsored by the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association and the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary. Winners serve as public relations representatives around the state and are also eligible to participate in a separate scholarship competition.

Contestants are judged on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability and the ability to express ideas. Rachel is quick to express how much fun the competition was and how excited she was to meet other contestants. Rachel most enjoyed an extensive tour of St. Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute.

Rachel's personal dreams include attending Flair Beauty College in Santa Clarita, California to study make-up artistry. Rachel just completed her eighth year as a 4-H member and also serves as a Cedar Lake Park District volunteer in addition to her volunteer efforts with the Cedar Lake Fire Department.

The next step, the Indiana State Miss Flame competition, will take place in the middle of June, 2011 and in the meantime Rachel Stenger will continue to represent District 2 with pride and poises.

Rachel recently represented the Cedar Lake Fire Department and District 2 at the District IVFA/IVFAA convention winning the District title of "Miss Flame". Rachel will compete for the statewide title in June, 2011. The competition was held in Terre Haute, Indiana this past fall.

Rachel is the daughter of Captain Larry and wife, Rita Stenger.

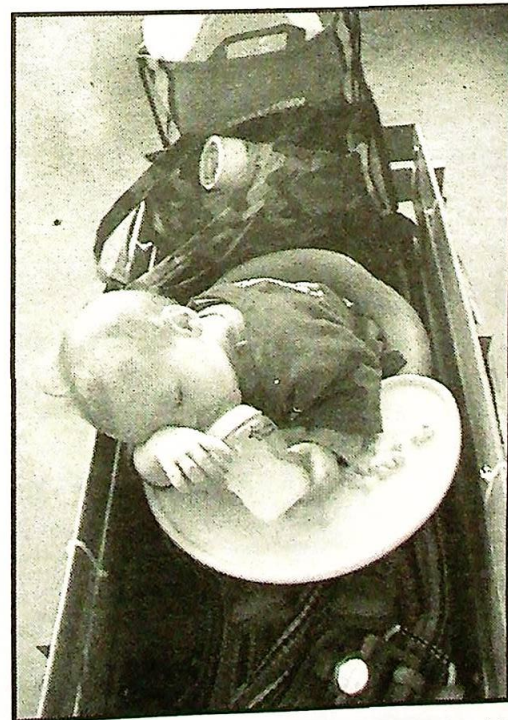
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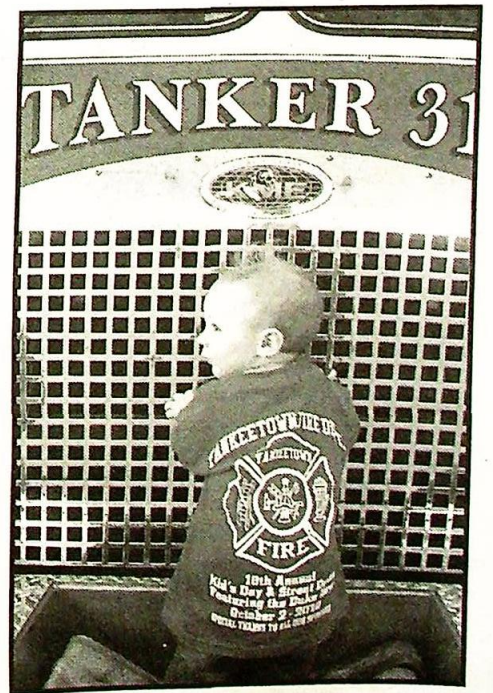
# Yankeetown VFD hosts Kids' Day and Parade



Yankeetown Fire Department Kids' Day Parade



Tucker Eden taking a nap after celebrating his first kids' day parade.



Tucker Eden showing off his tiny fire department shirt for the 10th annual Yankeetown Fire Department street dance and kid's day. He is the grandson of firefighters Dave and Misty Wallace.

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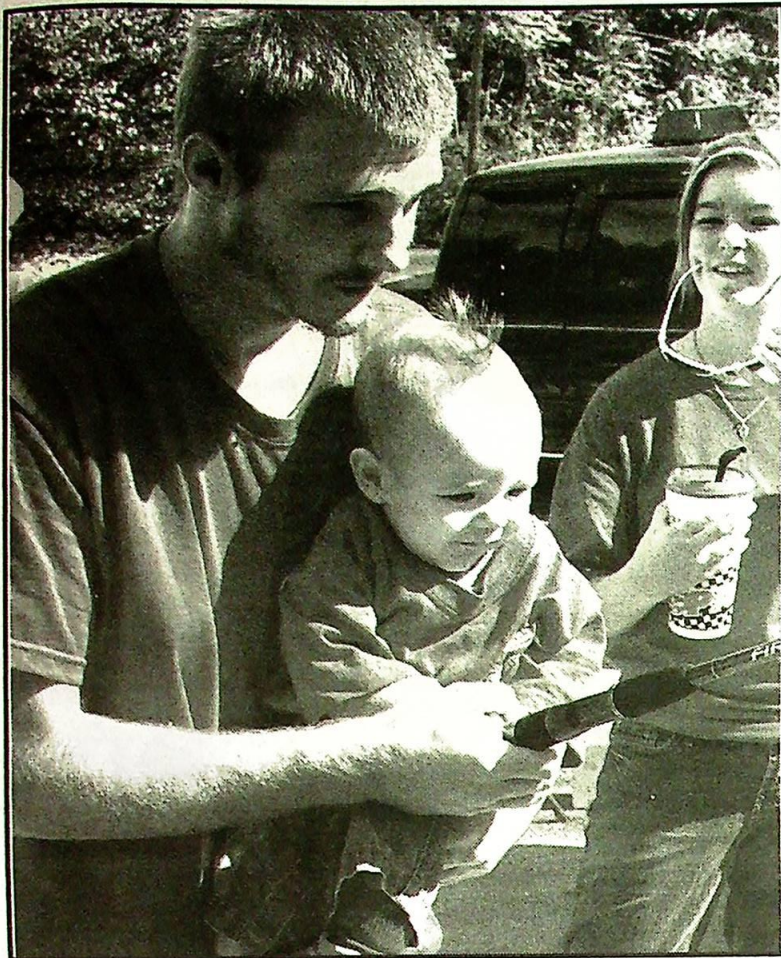
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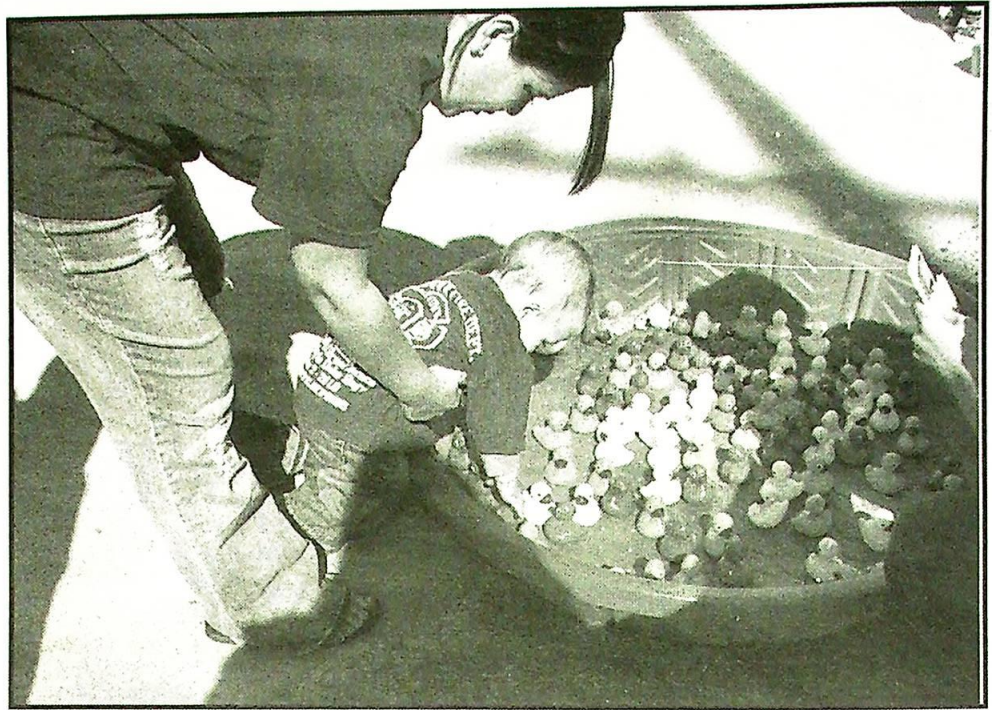
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Playing go fish was one of the many games you could play at kids' day. Bradley Eden, son Tucker Eden and Kassie Wallace watch as they fish.



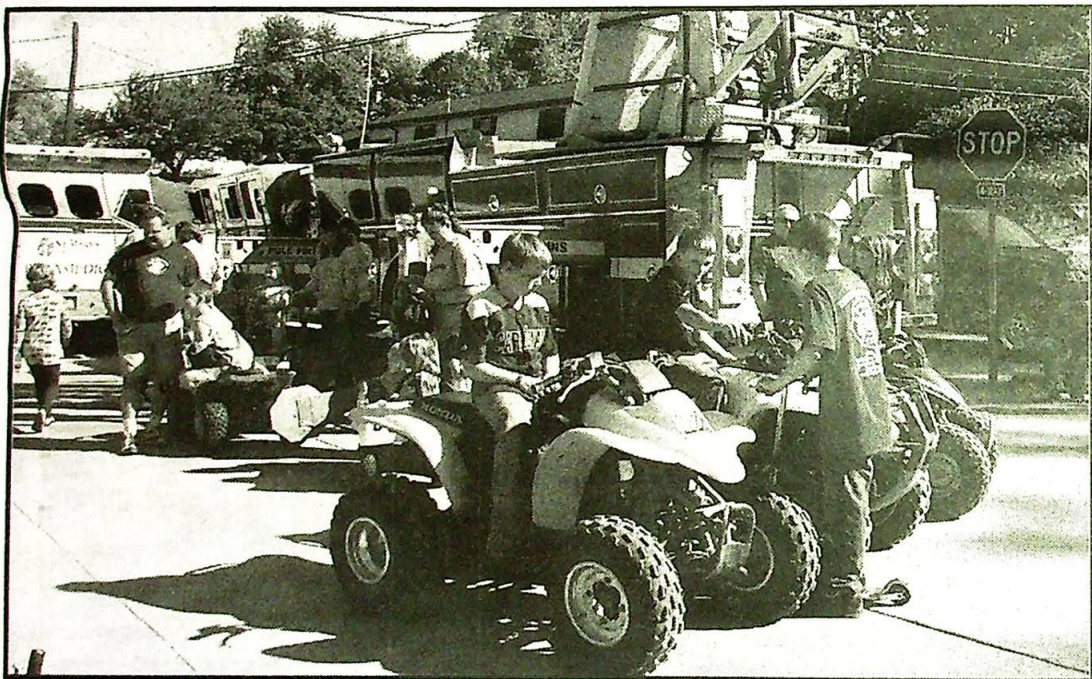
Hey mom, I want a duck! (Katie Wallace and son Tucker). - pictures submitted by Kassie Wallace

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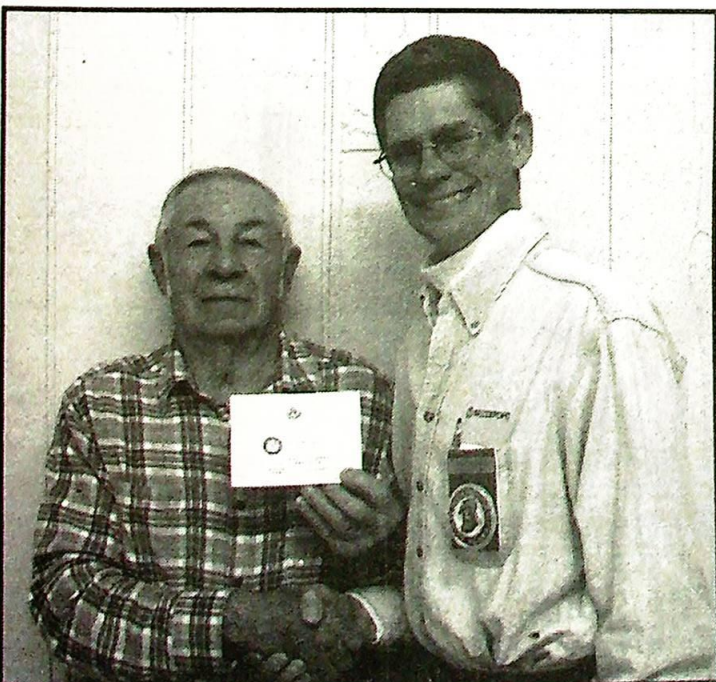
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The kids gather in the fire department parking lot after the parade and wait for the judging.



## Faulkenberg presented 50 year Gold card and pin

At the 27 January 2011 meeting of the St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Department (Spencer Co. District 18), Mr. Kenneth G. Faulkenberg was presented with the IVFA 50 year membership Gold Card and pin by District 18 Chairman, John "Bull" Smith.

Joining the SMVFD in 1961, Faulkenberg served as a firefighter and as chairman of the "Firefighter's Ball". Since his retirement from active duty in 1987, he and his wife have been active in many community, and church activities. - Article and photo provided by Dist. Chairman Smith

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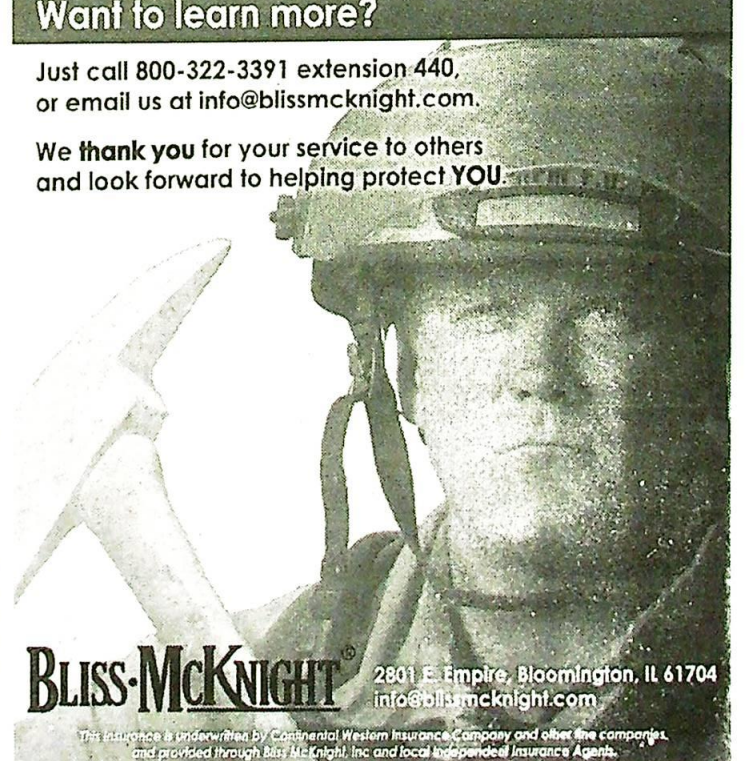
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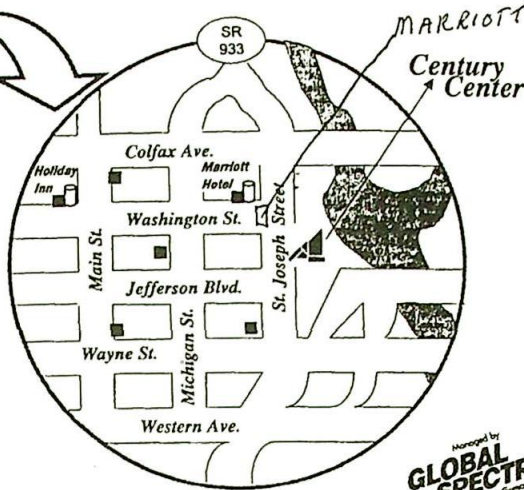
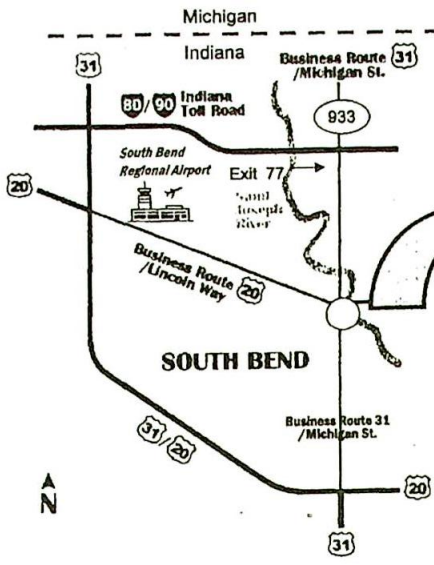
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## Mark Powell awarded 25 year service pin



Mark Powell, Patriot Volunteer Fire Department, is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 Miss Flame Tatijana Marsee and District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. - submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

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Name of children attending: Age 12 and under: \_\_\_\_\_ Over age 12: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and age of children attending children's party  
 Wed. Night \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs. Night \_\_\_\_\_ Fri. Night \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Type	Yours	Spouse / Guest Name	Title:
State Officer	_____	_____	_____
Auxiliary Officer	_____	_____	_____
District Chairperson	_____	_____	_____
IVFA Member	_____	_____	_____
IVFAA Member	_____	_____	_____
Spouse / Guest	_____	_____	_____

If you need extra meal tickets for those not paying registration fees, they are:  
 Extra Wed. Night Meal Tickets: I need \_\_\_\_\_ extra tickets at \$35 each  
 Extra Banquet Tickets: I need \_\_\_\_\_ extra tickets at \$40 each  
 Reserve a table for Friday Night's Banquet - \$10 per table: \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) - Visa / Mastercard / American Express / Discover Credit Card  
 Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Code (3 digits on back) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make check / money order payable to 2011 Firefighters State Convention)  
 For e-mail confirmation or receipt of this form, please list your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND REMITTANCE TO:  
 2011 Firefighters State Convention, Judy Smith,  
 311 Runaway Bay Circle, Apt. #1C, Mishawaka, IN 46545

**Golf Registration:** Contact Dick Glant - (574) 546-3509 or Jean Smith (260) 639-3231

**Tours:** please mark how many interested (a small fee may apply and a minimum of 25 per tour is required on most tours)

Notre Dame Campus \_\_\_\_\_  
 Studebaker Museum \_\_\_\_\_  
 South Bend Chocolate Factory \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kid's Health Museum \_\_\_\_\_ (lots of fun for the kids)

For information, please call Terry Smith at (574) 258-1195 or cell (574) 323-3148  
 Tony Farrer at cell (574) 904-5792

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS:  
 Century Center, 124 St. Joseph, South Bend, IN 46601

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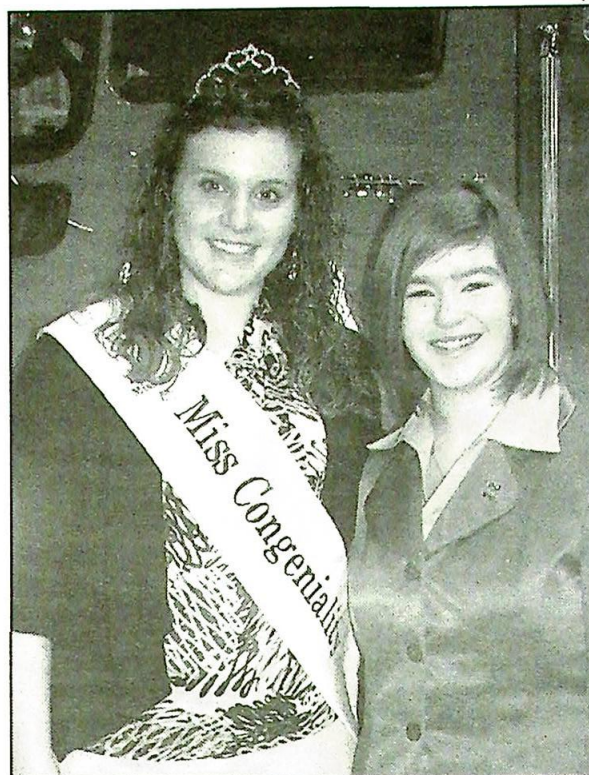
### Family meets crew that saved Ryan Clausing

At our annual IVFA meeting on March 17, we had some very important guests with us. Flight medic Willie Jennings and crew landing at SVFD Station 5 for an in-service class and to meet the Clausing family.

August of 2009 Ryan Clausing was in a bad accident where he almost died. His family was here to meet the crew that saved his life.

In the picture are Jodi, Ryan, Dane, Naomi Clausing and Willie Jennings and crew. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

## Haubstadt hosts District 15 Miss Flame contest



Amy Hoefling, 2010 I.V.F.A. Miss Flame Miss Congeniality from Haubstadt Fire Territory and Kassie Wallace, 2011 first runner-up, District 15 Miss Flame from Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department.

### IVFA CONVENTION ITINERARY - JUNE 15-18, 2011 CENTURY CENTER

(Subject to Change)

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011</b>		
8:30AM-2:00PM	Golf Outing	Elbel Golf Course
10:00AM-7:30PM	Registration	Box Office
8:00AM-5:00PM	Vendor Set Up	Discovery Ballroom C
12:00PM-5:00PM	Chinese Auction	Galleria A
1:30PM-5:30PM	Vintage Fire Truck Set Up	Convention Hall B
1:30PM-4:00PM	Board Bus for Notre Dame Campus Tour	
6:30PM-7:00PM	Miss Flame Mixer	Suites 12-13
5:30PM-9:00PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
6:00PM-7:00PM	Welcome Dinner	Great Hall
7:00PM-9:00PM	Auction for Hoosier Burn Camp	Great Hall
9:00PM-12:00AM	Entertainment	Great Hall
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011</b>		
8:00AM-5:00PM	Registration	Box Office
8:00AM-5:00PM	Vendors Open	Discovery Ballroom C
8:00AM-5:00PM	Vintage Fire Truck Display	Convention Hall B
8:00AM-5:00PM	Chinese Auction	Galleria A
8:00AM-12:00PM	Miss Flame Judging (closed to public)	Suites 11, 4, 6
8:30AM-11:30AM	Board Bus for South Bend Chocolate Factory Tour	
9:00AM-11:00AM	BFPSE	Convention Hall A
11:00AM-12:00PM	Seminar	Suite 1
11:00AM-12:00PM	Seminar	Suite 3
12:20PM-3:00PM	Board Bus for Studebaker Museum Tour	
1:00PM-2:00PM	Miss Flame Luncheon	Suites 12-13
2:00PM-4:00PM	Miss Flame Final Judging	Recital Hall
3:15PM-4:15PM	IVFA Officers Meeting	Convention Hall A
4:15PM-5:00PM	IVFAA Officers Meeting	Recital Hall
5:00PM-6:30PM	Hot Dog Bash	On the Island
6:30PM-9:00PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
7:00PM-9:00PM	Open Meeting	Great Hall
9:00PM-12:00AM	Entertainment	Great Hall
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011</b>		
7:00AM-7:45AM	Coffee Klutch	Room 238 @ Marriott
7:45AM-12:00PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
8:00AM-9:00AM	Memorial Service - Honor Guard	Bendix Theater
9:00AM-5:00PM	Vendors Open	Discovery Ballroom C
9:00AM-5:00PM	Vintage Fire Truck Display	Convention Hall B
9:00AM-5:00PM	Registration	Box Office
9:00AM-12:00PM	IVFA Business Meeting	Convention Hall A
9:00AM-12:00PM	IVFAA Business Meeting	Recital Hall
9:30AM-4:00PM	Chinese Auction	Galleria A
10:00AM-12:00PM	Board Bus for Kid's Health Museum Tour	
12:00PM-5:00PM	Burn House for Children	Outside
12:00PM-5:00PM	Swap Meet	Upper Hall
12:00PM-5:00PM	Public Open House	
1:00PM-4:00PM	Miss Flame Outing	Strikes & Spares
1:30PM-CLOSE	IVFA Business Meeting (if needed)	Convention Hall A
1:30PM-CLOSE	IVFAA Business Meeting (if needed)	Recital Hall
5:30PM-9:30PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
6:00PM-9:00PM	Banquet	Great Hall
9:00PM-12:00AM	Entertainment & Fireworks	Great Hall

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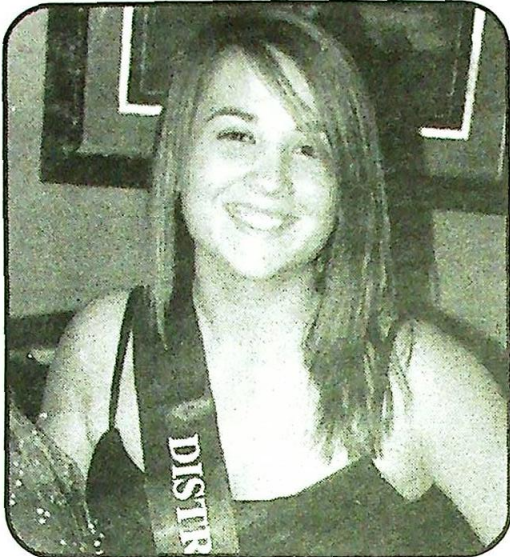
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# 2011 MISS FLAME CANDIDATES



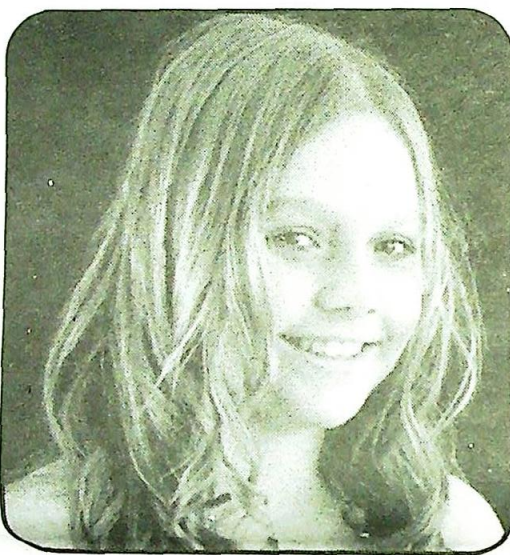
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South Haven Vol. Fire Dept.



**Rachel Lynn Stenger**  
Miss Flame District #2  
Cedar Lake Vol. Fire Dept.



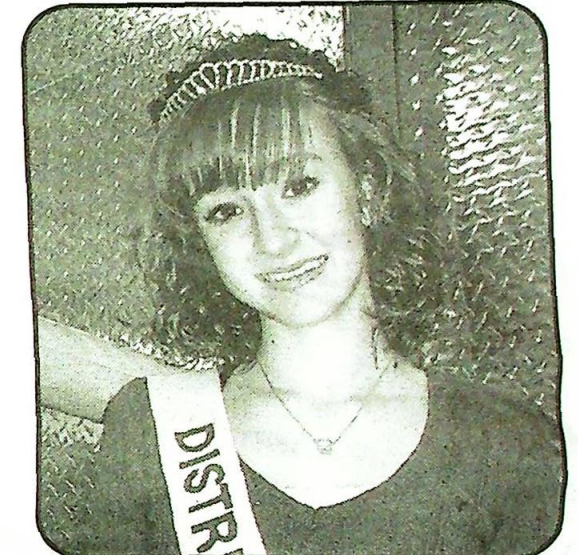
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**Alyssia Kay Smith**  
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New Carlisle Vol. Fire Dept.



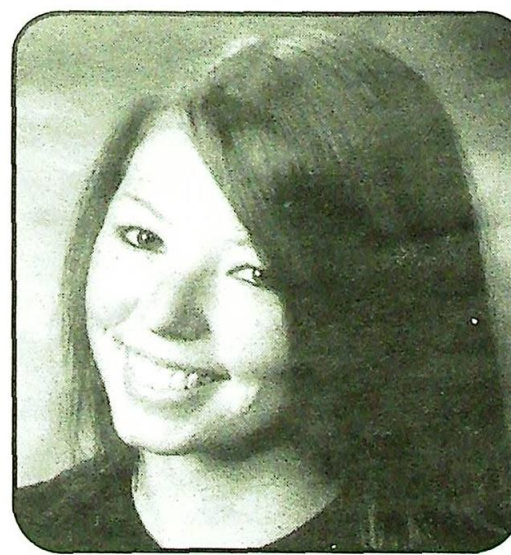
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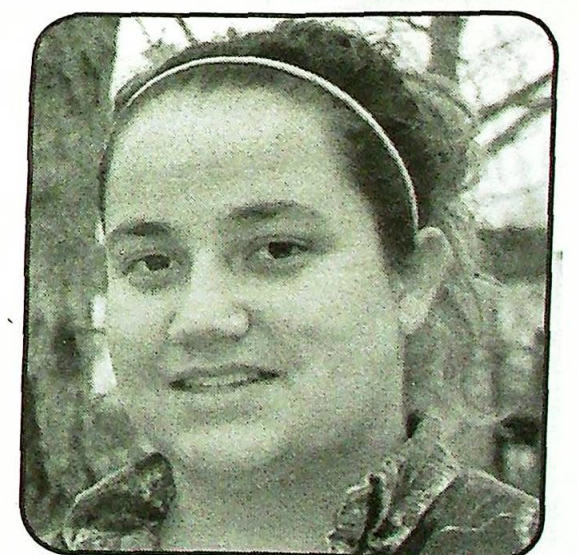
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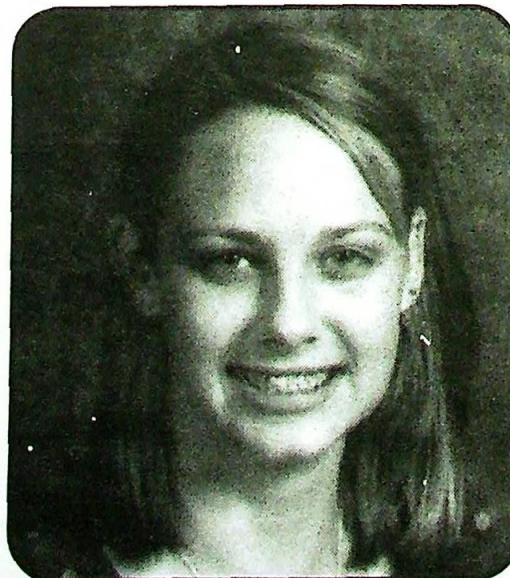
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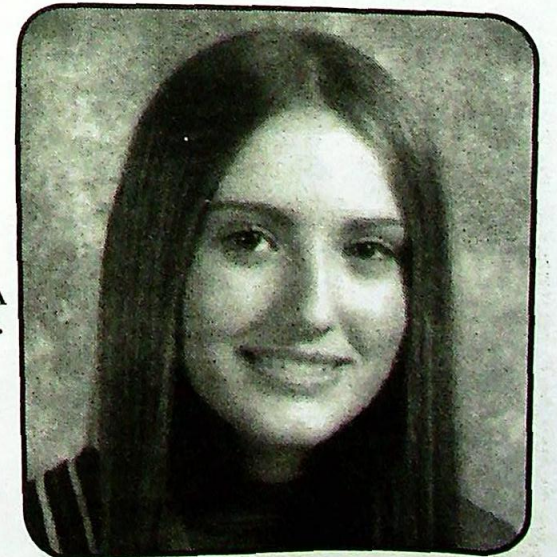


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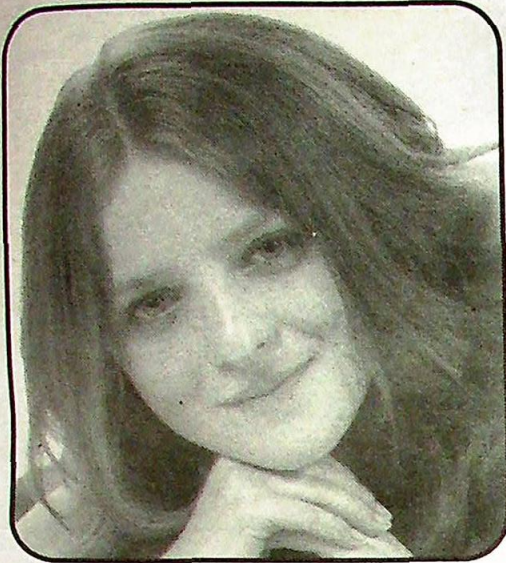


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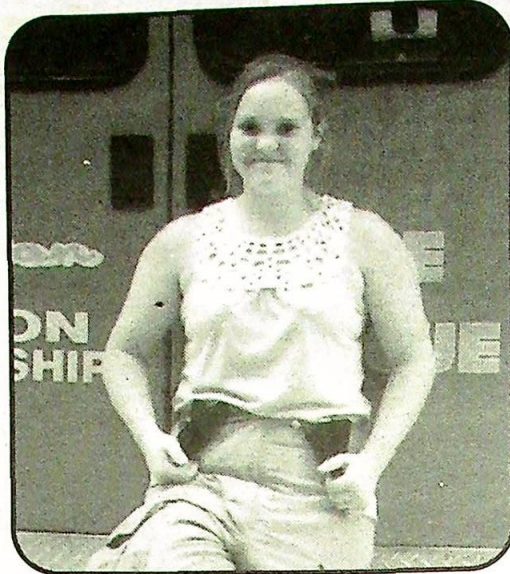
**Amber M. Graham**  
Miss Flame District #11A  
Seelyville Vol. Fire Dept.



# 2011 MISS FLAME CANDIDATES



**Page L. Fetter**  
Miss Flame District #11B  
Rosedale Vol. Fire Dept.



**Joni E. Joseph**  
Miss Flame District #12  
Lizton Union Vol. Fire Dept.



**Jennifer Dzuba**  
Miss Flame District #13A  
McCordsville Vol. Fire Dept.



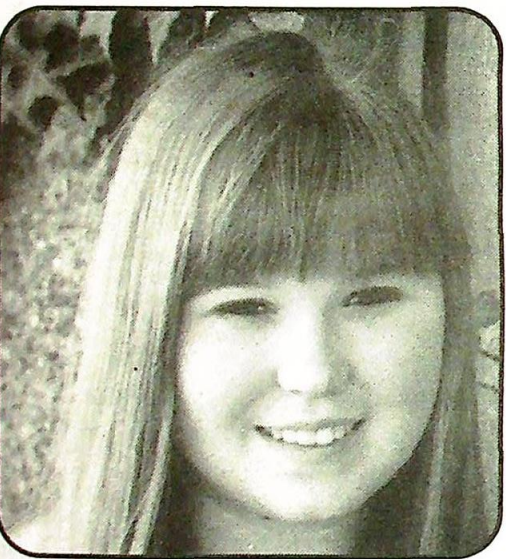
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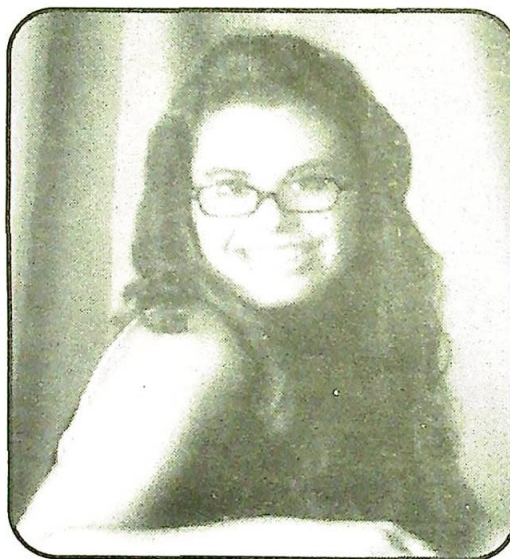
**Rebecca Cannon**  
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**Erica Wolfe**  
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Newburgh Vol. Fire Dept.



**Miranda Baker**  
Miss Flame District #17A  
Richland-Taylor VFD



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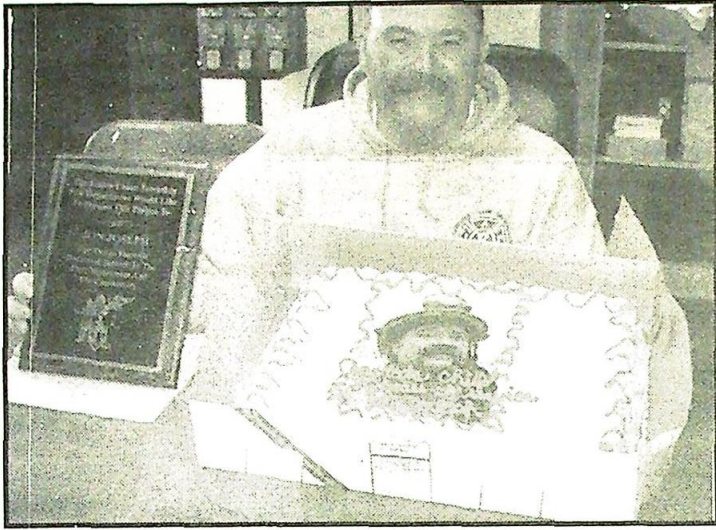


**Tatijana N. Marsee**  
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Milan Vol. Fire Dept.



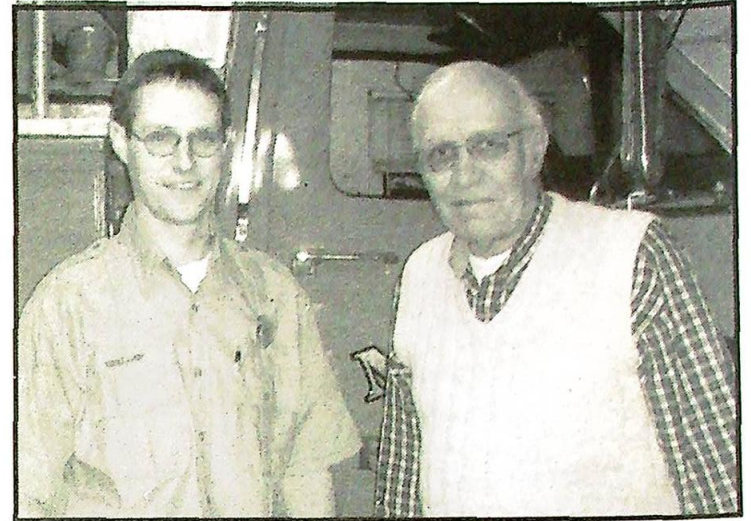
**Jessica Taylor**  
Miss Flame District #21  
Tippecanoe Vol. Fire Dept.

# Chief Jon Joseph celebrates thirty years of service



At a regular meeting of the Lizton-Union Twp. VFD, chief Jon Joseph received an award and a cake for his 30 years of service to the community. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

# Morris VFD member Hoff "Firefighter of the Year"



Dave Hoff was named "Firefighter of the Year" for 2010 at the Morris Vol. Fire Department's annual meeting in January. The "Firefighter of the Year" award is voted on by the members of the department. Dave is captain on the department and files all the reports with the state. Presenting Dave with the award is Tony Moster, former chief of the department and the originator of the "Firefighter of the Year" Award. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman



## Information regarding the Chevrolet Volt submitted by IVFA president, Tim Deckard from Department of Homeland Security and the State Fire Marshal's Office

### Chevrolet Volt Quick Reference Sheet

**Vehicle Identification**  
The Chevrolet Volt badging is one method of identifying the vehicle. The vehicle's logo is located on the right-front and left-front fenders as well as the deck lid.

**High Voltage Cables - DO NOT CUT ZONES**  
**DANGER: DO NOT cut the orange high voltage 360 volt cables.** Cutting these cables can result in serious injury or death. No matter what disable method you have performed, always assume the high voltage cables and components contain high voltage.

**Vehicle - DO NOT CUT ZONES**  
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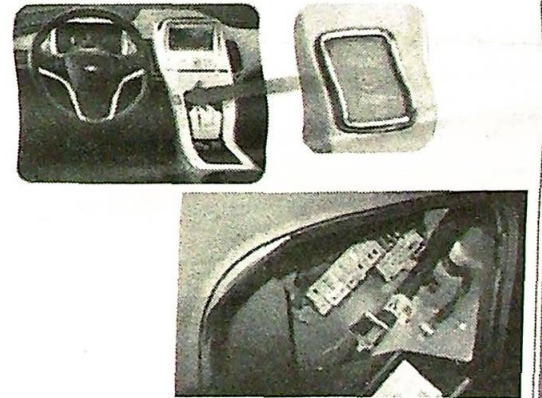
**Do NOT cut the:**

- Front seat back on the outboard area, contains side air bags.
- B pillar near the rocker, contains the seat belt pretensioner.
- Outboard area of the front seat lower frame, houses an additional seat belt pretensioner.

**WARNING:** Do NOT cut into the vehicle until the 12V electrical system has been disabled. Cutting into the vehicle prior to disconnecting and isolating the 12V electrical energy sources may cause air bag deployment resulting in serious injury.

GM Service Technical College provides this Q.R.S. of charge to First Responders. This sheet can be displayed in a classroom as long as it is represented as GM literature and is not modified in any way. For information regarding availability of the Q.R.S. for other uses, contact GMV, Learning Manager at GM Learning Program Administrator, 30075 Eureka Ct., Warren, MI 48092 • 248-814-1000

- ### To Disable the 12V Power
1. Press the Start button on the center instrument panel to turn OFF the ignition.
  2. Cut the 12V positive battery cable at the yellow tag cut position. The cable is identified by the yellow First Responder tag. The tag is located behind the left rear closeout panel in the rear compartment of the vehicle.



**Note:** After disabling 12V power, wait 1 minute to allow any un-deployed air bag reserve energy to dissipate.

**Important:** Cut through the red positive low voltage cable on each side of the tag to remove a section of the cable to ensure they cannot inadvertently reconnect.

**Disabling a Volt**  
The Manual Service Disconnect (MSD) may also be removed to further ensure the high voltage system is disabled within the battery. The MSD physically interrupts the high voltage cables internal to the battery. There is a label that illustrates the removal of the MSD which is located underneath the center console box.

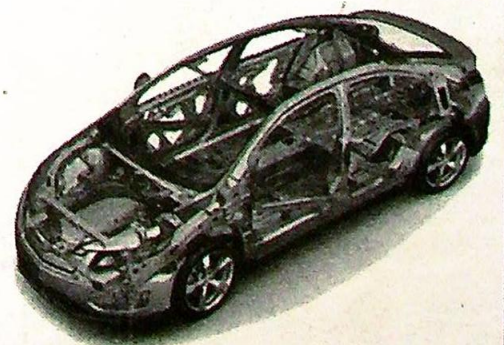


**Note:** There is high voltage in the battery even if the MSD is removed.

**Charging System**  
In the event a Volt is involved in an incident while the battery charger is plugged in for charging the battery, remove the charge cord from the car using the charger cord handle at the charge port in the left front fender. If that cannot be accomplished, the electrical power to the charge cord should be terminated at the source.



**High Strength Steel**  
The Volt has been designed to protect the occupant(s) during a collision. The body structure is nearly 80% high strength steel. The occupant's are protected from front, rear and side impacts by a structural cage created by the underlying vehicle structural design. Additional crumple zones protect the occupant with front, side and rear rails that are designed to crush in a crash.



### High Voltage Labels

The Chevrolet Volt features a series of high voltage labels that are able to quickly identify and prevent potential electrical hazards. The labels are attached to each high voltage component. The labels are color coded to indicate the potential high voltage state.

**High Voltage Labels**  
The high voltage warning labels are orange and indicate a potential shock hazard if high voltage is not properly disabled. The labels are located on all high voltage components with the exception of the high voltage battery which utilizes the danger label.

**High Voltage Labels & First Responder Tags**  
The First Responder cable cut tag is wrapped around the low voltage positive battery cable and is located in the rear compartment behind the fuse panel door. To help ensure that low voltage is not holding the high voltage contactors closed, cut the cable before any extrication works performed.

**High Voltage Labels**  
The emergency / service personnel safety label is affixed to the front of the emergency / service personnel safety panel. This label provides special procedure instructions for the service.

**High Voltage Labels**  
The high voltage danger labels are used to indicate that high voltage is present on all parts. The labels are located on the high voltage battery.

The Volt has labels to help First Responders safely disable the vehicle in an emergency situation. The cable cut tag is yellow and wraps around the low voltage positive cable to indicate where emergency personnel must cut the cable.

# Miss Flame poses with new fire chief



2010 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon poses with the new fire chief Boyce Adams of the Sellersburg Fire Dept. on January 15, 2011. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

# Heroes Gala event held



Members of the Monroe and Sellersburg Fire Departments pose together at the Heroes Gala. Left to right are Mark Furnish (Monroe), Richie Cannon (SVFD), Rick Cannon (SVFD) and Rebecca Cannon, Erica Stoffregen, Jared Phillips, Guy Stoffregen, all of Monroe. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

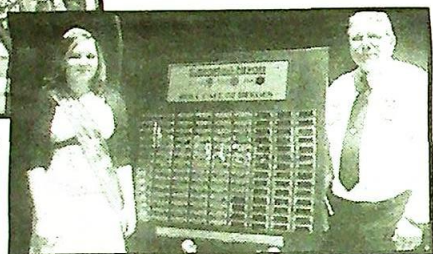
# Father crowns daughter District 14 Miss Flame

# Cannons pose ...



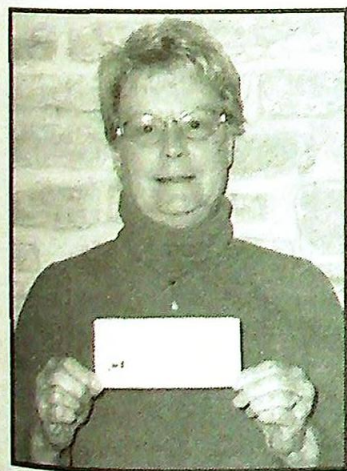
Rick Cannon poses with Rebecca Cannon, 2011 Miss Flame. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

At right - Heroes Tribute Gala - Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and Rick Cannon in front of the memorial.



IVFA chairman Rick Cannon crowns the new Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

# \$100 check winner



Joyce Nevil won the \$100 check for early registration to the 2010 IVFA convention. - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Stay safe this summer!

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# The Bell . . .

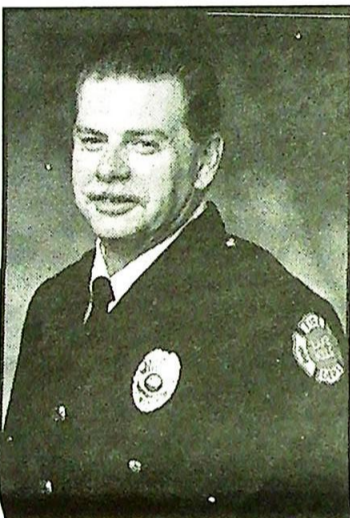
# Receives 50 Year Gold card



Larry Ketchem is presented the "Bell" from the old fire truck. Ask him about it! - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



Pictured are: Jack Kerney, past president of the IVFA, Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, Joe Phillips, Madison Twp. VFD 50 year Gold Card recipient, Larry Ketchem, Chairman of the Board and past president of the IVFA and Greg Clark, Madison Twp. Chief. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



## 40 year member honored

Wayne Adams, a 40 year member of Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Department, was recently honored at a dinner for his service to the department.

Wayne has been a member since he was 18-years-old. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

## New rescue truck for Lake Hills VFD



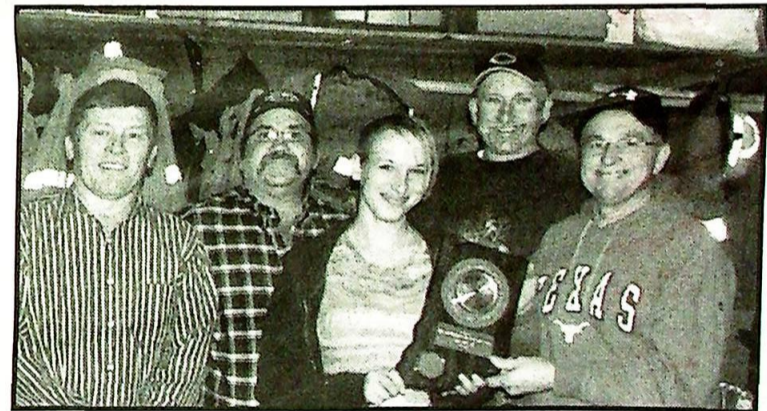
Lake Hills VFD recently took delivery of a 2011 Ford mini rescue truck. It was purchased from Fire Service in St. John, IN. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

## District 8B Miss Flame contest held



The District 8B Miss Flame contest was held January 12.

Pictured (from left to right) are: Courtney Willoughby, Dunkirk VFD, 1st runner-up; Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman; Chelsea Gettinger, Salamonia VFD, Miss Flame 2011 and Megan Karn, Miss Flame 2010. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman



## Receives new clock

The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas Party in January.

Presenting a new clock for their new addition is Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame 2010.

Pictured (from left to right) are: Scott Hilifiker, Fire Chief, Bruce Manor, vice president, Megan Karn, Tom Jacobs, assistant chief, and Roger Theurer, assistant chief. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

## Chief Davis awarded pin

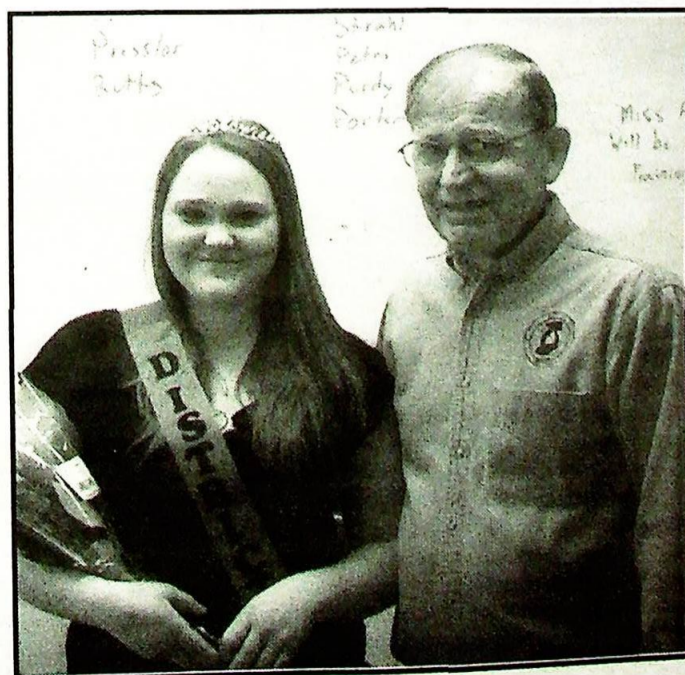


District 12 chairman Larry Bruner presented Paragon VFD chief William Davis his IVFA 25 year pin.

Chief Davis has over 31 years in the fire service.

Congratulations and thank you for your many years of community service. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

Have a fun and safe summer!



## Joni Joseph crowned District 12 Miss Flame

On Sunday, January 30th, District 12 held its Miss Flame contest at Danville Fire Department.

Joni Elisha Joseph was crowned District 12 Miss Flame. She is the daughter of Chief Jon Joseph of Union Twp.-Lizton VFD.

First runner-up was Heather Clarkson. She is the daughter of Mike and Carolyn Clarkson of Paragon VFD.

Second runner-up was Morgan Taylor Rose. She is the daughter of Tim and Dawn Rose of Danville, Indiana. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.



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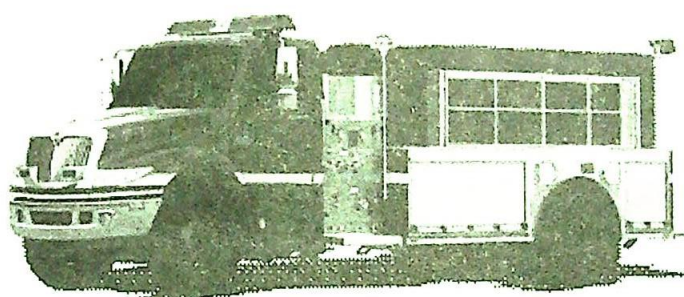


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### Erica Wolfe crowned District 15 Miss Flame



District 15 held its Miss Flame contest on January 18, 2011 at Haubstadt. Kassie Wallace of Yankeetown Fire Department won first runner-up. Erica Wolfe of Newburgh Fire Department was crowned District 15 Miss Flame. Allison Goedde represented Haubstadt Fire Territory. - submitted by Misty Wallace.

### Miranda Baker chosen District 17A Miss Flame



Pictured are District 17A IVFAA chairperson Marie Emery and District 17A Miss Flame Miranda Baker. - (submitted by Marie Emery, IVFAA District 17A chairperson.)



### District 8B Miss Flame contest held

District 8B Miss Flame contest was held on January 12, 2011 at the Saratoga-Ward Township Fire Territory.

Pictured (from left to right) are: Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame 2010, Heaven Smith, Montpelier VFD, Courtney Willoughby, Dunkirk VFD, Chelsea Gettinger, Salamonia VFD, and Shelby Morris, Blountsville VFD.

Chelsea Gettinger was crowned Miss Flame 2011 and Courtney Willoughby was named first runner-up. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

### John Witt honored at retirement party



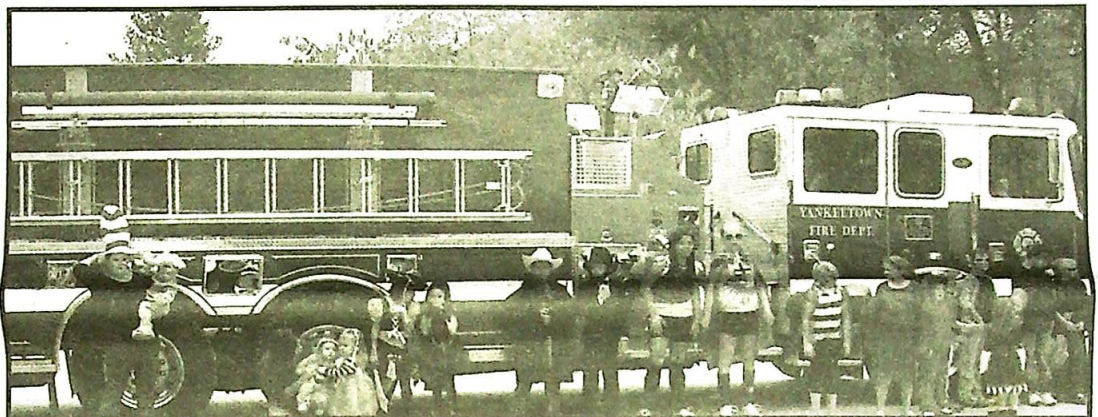
## Yankeetown VFD hosts 2010 community Halloween party



Yankeetown Fire Dept. Halloween party - Katie Wallace, Tucker Eden, and Kassie Wallace.

They also played some fun games like who can make a mummy with toilet paper, (Morgan Davis), daughter of Kyle and Jaimmie Davis.

In the bottom photo - Yankeetown Fire Department costume contest.



### Annual dinner held by Liberty Fire Department



Everyone enjoyed their evening at the Liberty Department for their 8th annual dinner which was held recently. - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

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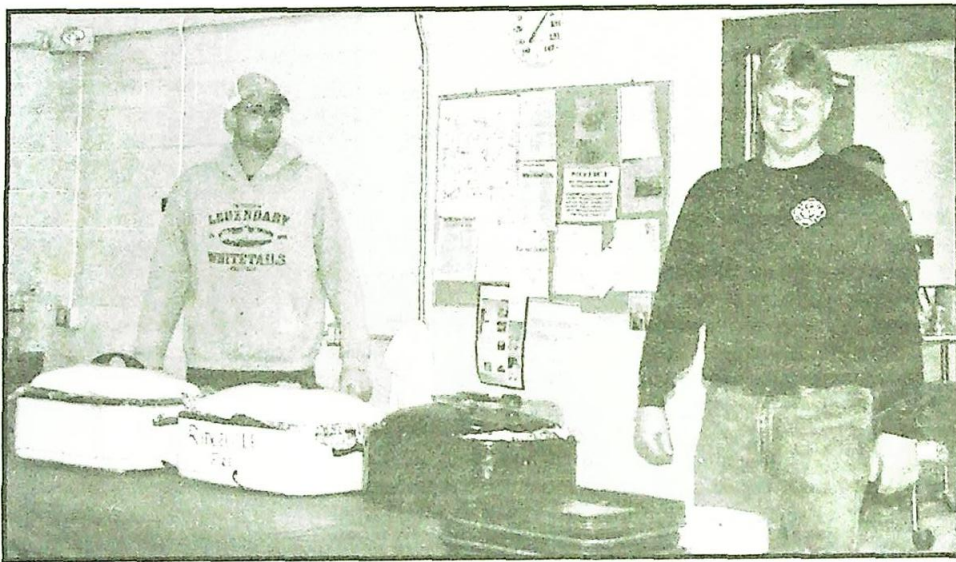
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The White River Township Volunteer Fire Department held a retirement party on January 22, 2011 for John Witt.

Presenting a plaque to John for his years of service is Doug Simmons. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

# Several chicken and fish fries held



Several chicken and fish fries have been held the first three months of 2011.  
**SALAMONIA** – (Top left photo) – The Salamonía Volunteer Fire Department held a Chicken and Fish Fry on January 15, 2011 at their station. Serving fish and chicken is Chelsea Gettinger, District 8B Miss Flame. I guess royalty even has to work!  
**REDKEY** – (Top right photo) – The Redkey Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and fish fry on March 5, 2011. Looks like they are getting ready to serve the crowd.  
**RIDGEVILLE** – (Bottom left photo) – The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and fish fry on March 12, 2011 at their fire station. Shown getting ready to serve the crowd are Bert Stephens and Jody Aucker. Looks like Bert is telling Jody not to leave him all by himself to do the work! – photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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