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Blaze guts Maple Manor

Firemen injured in multi-alarm fire

CROWN POINT — A major piece of Lake County history went up in smoke when a two-story brick building just east of Crown Point was gutted and destroyed by a massive blaze last Monday afternoon.

The building formerly served as Maple Manor, a home that used to house Lake County's poor before becoming a nursing home.

Unoccupied since 1991, the structure located on 113th and Iowa streets caught on fire about 4 p.m. and burned well into the night.

"We had it under control in about five to six hours," said Crown Point Fire Chief Duane Gettler as this was the biggest blaze he has fought since he took over the lead post at the department.

Eleven fire units responded which included ones from Crown Point, Lowell, Lake Dale, Boone Township, Independence Hill, Merrillville, Cedar Lake, St. John, Lake Hills, Lakes of the Four Seasons and Porter County.

"It was a total commitment from all the departments," Gettler said. "It required a lot of water to get it under control which needed plenty of coordination."

There were no hydrants near the scene, so water trucks had to be shuttled in and out.

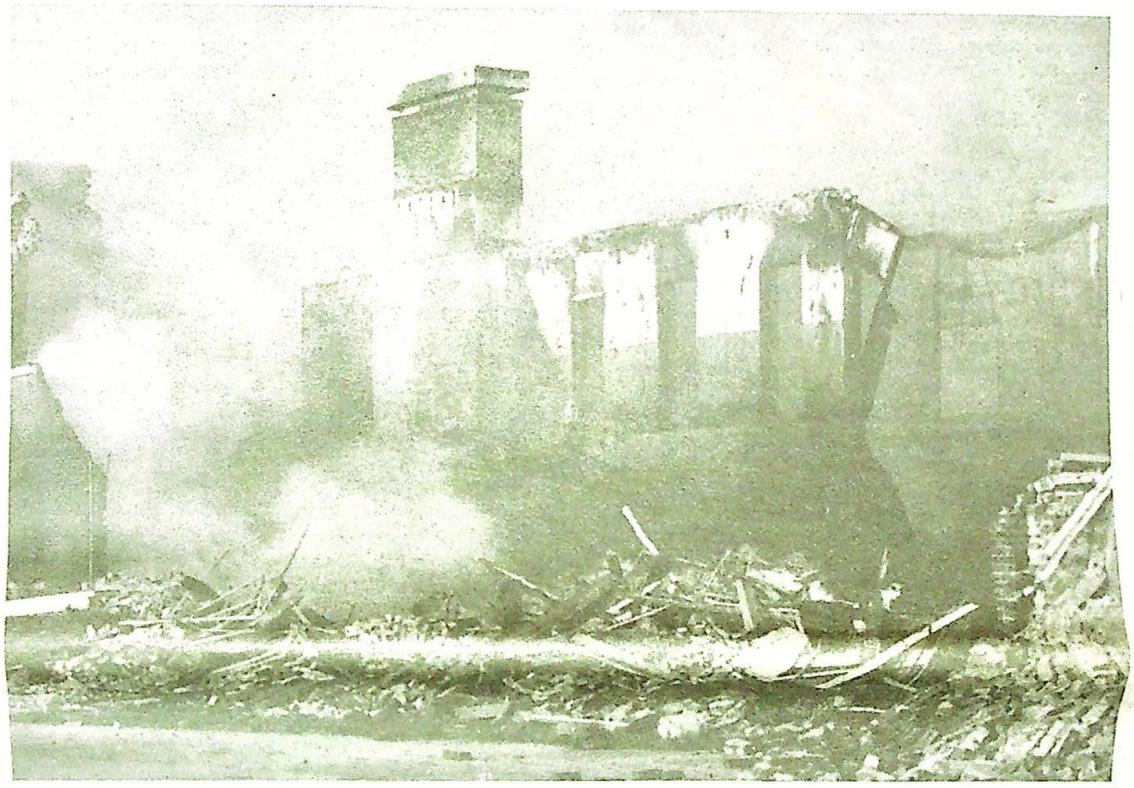
Crown Point and Lake County Police assisted in directing the flow of traffic around the area. The Civil Defense and the American Red Cross also assisted where needed.

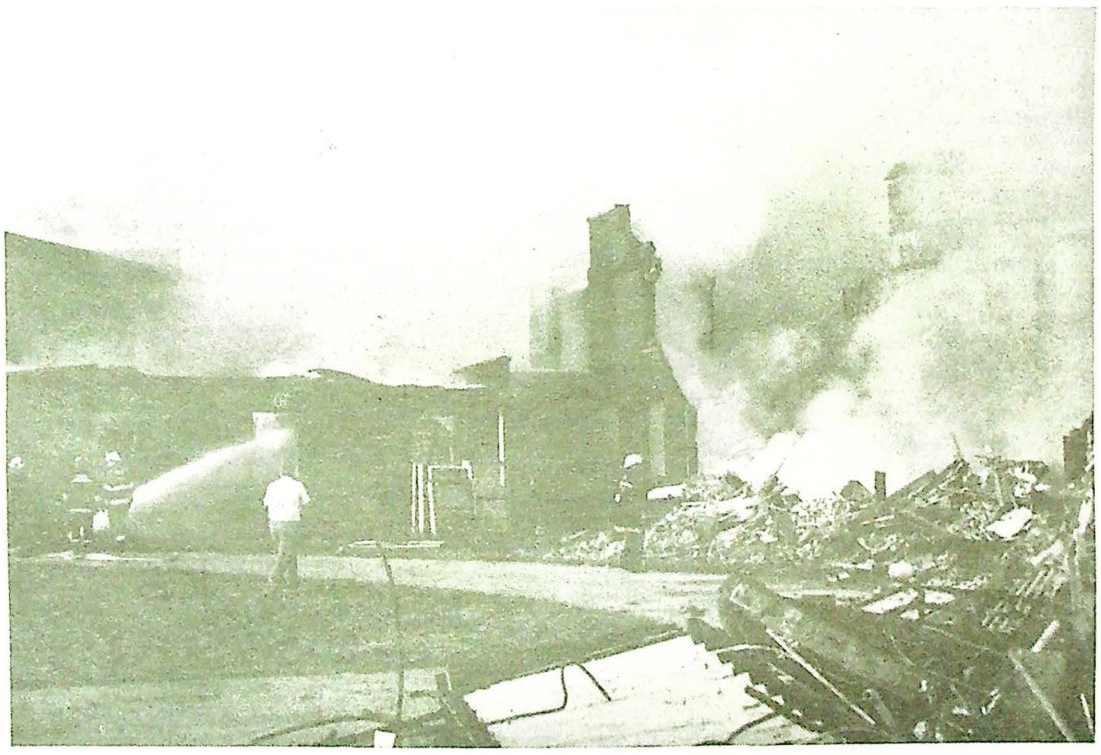
A giant cylinder of black smoke seen for miles spewed from the scene when the blaze was at its peak. During that time, deadly waves of fire intermittently roared out of the windows and door openings located on the north side of the building. Authorities had to repeatedly push back spectators and media personnel.

According to Gettler, at last count, eight firefighters sustained injuries with the most serious being a back injury, though official reports have yet to be filed, as of Tuesday.

"Our main concern was to contain the fire to the center portion of the building," Gettler said. "We successfully cut off the fire spread to the east and west wings."

Saving the 81-year-old building was not a possible task, according to Gettler, as the fire units mainly were concerned with minimizing property damage as very few contents of value were stored inside the building.





Photos by Kevin Pederson

At the smokey wake the following day, members from the Crown Point Fire Department, the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office and the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms Division of the Federal Government investigated the scene while toting 35-mm cameras and camcorders. The origin had yet to be determined as of that time.

The fire even caught the attention of Chicago-based television news crews who videotaped the events from helicopters.

The Lake County Star
October 14, 1993

Greentown firefighters mark 50th year

By Mike fletcher
Tribune staff writer

GREENTOWN, Ind. – The Greentown Vol. Fire and Rescue Dept. will celebrate 50 years of serving Greentown and the surrounding areas with an open house today.

The commemoration, which begins at 2:30 p.m., will have Indiana State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, and one of the original members of the Greentown VFD, C.C. Williams, as speakers.

According to Assistant Fire Chief Jim Harris, firefighters hope this year's celebration will attract a large crowd. Last year, the department celebrated it's 49th anniversary by dedicating a new building. About 500 people attended that celebration.

The Greentown Vol. Fire Company was formed in 1943, and a 1943 GMC Pumper was purchased as the first fire truck, according to information provided by the Greentown Fire Department. Before 1942 several businessmen pooled together to establish the "Bucket Brigade," which was the only means of firefighting Greentown had at that time.

The first siren for fire calls was purchased in 1946. Later, the department switched to a phone system, and more recently to a tone alert, two way radio.

In 1947, the Greentown Fire Department joined the Indiana Fireman's Association, along with being officially incorporated.

The Eastern Howard Emergency Services purchased a $10,000 Jaws of Life instrument and gave it to the department to use on their newly adapted rescue truck. Young Farmers of America donationed an air compressor to operate the new rescue equipment.

Out of all the years of the department, Fire Chief Kenneth Groves points to 1982, when the department began first- and second-class training for all firefighters, as one of the most

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From the President

Willie "Mitch" Parish

Fellow Firefighters:

Time waits for nobody. Summer has come and gone and fall has arrived. Leaves are turning some very beautiful colors and the sandhill have arrived at the Jasper-Pulaski County Game Preserve. Several items of importance.

The Indiana Fire and Emergency Service Dinner will be held on November 14, 1993 at the Adam's Mark Hotel on 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis. We will have a interesting seminar at this year's dinner. There will be some awards presented at this year's dinner. Make plans to attend now.

Bridgeport Scholarships are due March 1, 1994. I hope student's that are going to college and meet the Bridgeport Scholarship Rules will apply for these two scholarships. There is a form to fill out. These forms are available through Lawrence Swartz, Rensselaer, Phone 219-866-7769 or Lee Kissell Lawrenceberg, Phone 812-537-5500. The two scholarships given are worth $1,500.00 dollars. Start now and send them in by March 1, 1994

Convention is just around the corner. If you plan to attend this year's convention you need to make reservations now. The Convention Headquarters will be at the Weston Plaza in Elkhart. Hotel reservation forms are in this issue of the paper. At the convention this year we will decide where the 50th convention will be held. Please plan to attend. Mark your calendar for June 8-9-10- and 11, 1994.

I have done a lot of traveling and have attended a couple of district meetings that have honored Duane Lantz for his 30 years of service to the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. District 1 & 2 honored him at a regular meeting with a couple of awards. District 3 also honored Duane at a regular meeting with a picnic and presented Duane and Grace with a watch. "Duane" as President of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association I would like to thank you for your thirty (30) years of service. Thirty years in one office is hard to vision. Again thank you Duane and have a happy retirement and take care of Cousin Grace.

Chaplain's Corner

Charles J. Baker

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Love,
We thank you for all with which you have blessed us,
for the gift of joy in days of health and strength
and for the gifts of your abiding presence
and promise in days of pain and grief.
We praise you for home, family and friends
and for the opportunity to serve our
communities in this, our chosen avocation.
Accept our gratitude for the privilege of
living in this great and wonderful land you've given us.
And last but certainly not least, we thank
you for the most wonderful gift of your Son
our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Amen

A New Marshal

Several weeks ago the Governor appointed M. Tracy Boatwright to be the new State Fire Marshal, succeeding Marshal Gene Goddard. Our heartfelt thanks go to Gene (and also Betty, who volunteered more hours than anyone realizes to help at the office) for his gentlemanly manner, experience and wisdom as he led the Indiana fire service and the SFMO through rough and rocky times.

Please also extend a warm hand to new Marshal Boatwright as he settles in during the coming term.

Minute Message

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria). And everyone went to his own town to register.

So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But, the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

"Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will to men."

These timeless passages from the second chapter of the Gospel according to Luke never lose their magic. Although many of our school children are prevented from making the portrayals we were privileged to do when I was a youngster, that should not prevent us from seeing that our children and grandchildren annually receive this important message. Several years ago Linda and I instituted the practice of reading these verses to the grandchildren assembled at the house on Christmas Day for gift exchanges. This country has become terribly commercialized over the past generation. Our gesture, combined with other activities (such as the Christmas story at church) is our small way of restoring the true meaning into this joyous season.

May we take the opportunity to wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a safe 1994.

Your Chaplain,
Charles J. Baker

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

Now is the time to prepare the application for one of the above scholarships. DUE DATE IS MARCH 1, 1994. This is clearly stated in the application requirements for you. Also where to send it.

Applications are available from your district chairperson or any elected officer of the association. As always I will be glad to send you an application if requested to do so. To date I have already sent out over twenty and I am pleased with this early interest.

The scholarships are available to any son or daughter of the Volunteer Firefighter who meets the membership requirements of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. This opportunity is also available to firefighters that meet the membership requirements of the association.

Remember don't wait until March 1st or you will be too late. If you have applied before and were unsuccessful, you are certainly encouraged to apply again.

Lawrence Swartz, Chairman: Bridgeport Scholarship Program
2665 West Bunkum Rd., Rensselaer, IN 47978 219-866-7769

Public Relations Northeast

Bill Kinsey

I've postponed writing this article because I always try to be positive instead of negative with my articles and I'm having a hard time finding many positive news items to write about.

I'm positive that NFPA 1500, OSHA 1910.120 and OSHA 1910.141 will be a factor in planning all of your fire department operations now and in the future. I'm also positive that my comments will be taken by some as negative and opposing firefighter safety. NOTHING could be further from the truth. I have always promoted firefighter safety as priority # 1.

If you and your fire officers are not familiar with the three above documents, you should be. As we all know, whenever an emergency occurs, the first call for action is to the local fire department volunteer or career really doesn't matter. NFPA 1500 established a nationally recognized standard for all fire departments to follow even if the members of the NFPA committee acknowledged that most departments couldn't comply with the standard. VFIS has produced a self audit to determine how close your department comes to compliance. If you do a self audit, you will have to wonder what will happen if you can't meet the standard and a sharp lawyer uses the standard against you in court.Very few fire departments can comply.

If you train your fire department to more than recognition or responder to a HazMat incident you certainly risk everything unless you have a trained and equipped Haz-Mat team respond. Can your department comply with the OSHA law?

Now compliance is required for 1910.141 for confined space rescue. Is your department trained and equipped to function as a rescuer? You'd better attend a confined space seminar to know where your department stands.

Add physicals, immunizations, equipment requirements and infectious disease control and it adds up to formitable financial cost and commitment of time for your firefighters.

It's strange that with all the time spent by experts designing all of these standards which are all designed to make our profession safer for us, never once was financing the cost of meeting these standards addressed.

Add to this the recent change of firefighter certification in Indiana by the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education by adopting the National Pro standards 1001 etc. As an instructor, you must be certified in the subject you teach, therefore you must re-take the subjects you were previously certified in before you can teach the subject. Of course since the Public Safety training Institute has taken over all training that is more advanced than basic training, thus removing it from the Fire Marshal's Office, it will be very easy. All firefighters can attend classes provided by PSTI at their brick and mortar academy or regional schools with PSTI instructors. All of this is in the name of progress.

I've been advised that Don Kissinger is resigning as Fire Chief at North Manchester because of wage and hour rulings since he works for the town and is also Fire Chief, effective the first of the year. Another example of government protecting the worker since the town couldn't afford to pay overtime extended from his primary employment. Don has been active in the IVFA and has done an excellent job as Fire Chief for 10 ? years. He advocated safety and training and will be greatly missed as fire chief. He will continue as a volunteer firefighter. Good luck, Don!

Volunteer firefighters continue to spend their own money to train, donate their time, and risk their lives to protect lives and property, but still fail to communicate with the people who enact the laws, establish the standards and make the rules we have to follow. It's time to stir things up with your I.V.F.A. officers, the Fire Caucus, your legislators, the Fire Marshal and the Governor. Get active!

If you like the direction Indiana's fire service is headed, just stay inactive and don't voice your opinion and things will continue the direction they're going. Attend your next district meeting and tell me and your district chairman about it. See you at the next district meeting. Let your elected officers hear from you.

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Public Relations Southwest

Jack Kerney

The fall season is upon us and as we all know it is a time when firemen get busy fighting house fires as well as medical runs increase. At the end of October, our areas time will change. I think it is a good time to remind our friends and neighbors to check their smoke detectors to make sure that they are in working order.

Thus far this year we have had a number of house and apartment fires that have been caused by children playing with matches and lighters. As firefighters it is our responsiblity to educate our friends and neighbors about the perils that will result when we allow ourselves to become careless. It is also our responsibility to see that when we make a run to homes that we note whether there is a detector in place and in working order. If one is not present, make note on your records and be sure to follow up to see that one has been put in place. This will help to make our job easier and certainly more pleasant when we do not have a tragedy to deal with.

Please let your PR person know when there has been a death of one of your fire personnel. I want to make sure that the family receives their Bible and grave marker. These folks need to be recognized for their service to their community.

Barb & I had a great time at Linton. The picnic dinner, the fellowship with the group, and all the fun that was had with the games. Even the weatherman helped to make the day a good one. Hope no one went away mad as Bob Hayes and I did the best we could with the judging. Sometimes it was a close call.

On my visit to Brown County we were given some new information by Ivan Nevil on what will be forth coming in the ranks as to schooling, testing, classifications, and new ideas which are being worked on to up grade our departments and personnel. As details are worked out, we will let you know so that your departments will have up to date information on changes in the fire service.

Vanderburgh County will be having a mock disaster drill on October 23rd to help all emergency agencies to better prepare for emergencies before they happen. It also helps to bring all agencies together in a working relation that is important when diasters occur.

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 3

Thursday - August 19, 1993
Hamlet Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Uryga at 7:36 PM. There were 30 members present representing 10 departments. The Pledge was led by Chief Tim Krick.

Guests present: Mitch Parish, IVFA President and Joe Komoscar, The Fireman's Store.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given.

Communications: Chairman Uryga reported that Michiana Shores has bought a case of smoke for the EDITH house. We will pay them back at a later date. He advised that he is working on a tow vehicle for the EDITH house that will stay with it at all times. Since the fair, the IVFA has been paying for the insurance for the house. Make sure that your event insurance covers the EDITH house when you are using it. Bob then read a proposed contract for the use of the EDITH house. Motion to approve the contract as written by Gary Ekart, seconded and carried.

Tom Tharpe complained about the accusations that were being made about him. Other departments complained about the Chairman's wife ordering them around on how to use the house properly. Chairman Uryga apologized for his wife's actions. Tom stated that there is a case of smoke at his house that was ordered. Chairman Uryga advised that it is not the case that he ordered and advised Tom to send it back. The outstanding bill for the repair of the smoke machine will be paid immediately.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Kingsbury, Scipio, and Kingsford-Union Fire Departments complained about their pagers. They stated that Dave Kaufman has not fixed their pagers properly and has not changed their pager tones as required by the County Council. It was decided that the District Secretary will send a letter to the County Council & County Commissioners stating the problems.

Legislation Bills have to be in by November. Bring it to the District when you have it ready. Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Plates will still cost $10.00 for next year. The Ben Franklin Coins will be making computers available for small fire departments. Information will be available when more is known.

The Blue Light Law will not change until we begin enforcing the law on our own. There was a lot of questions asked about the law. The general concencus was that they were not being taken seriously. They may only be run in your township or in a neighboring township IF YOU ARE BEING REQUESTED FOR MUTUAL AID.

Lawrence Swartz is in charge of ad taking for the IVFA paper. Contact him if you need an ad.

Midwest Awards will be announced at the convention from now on.

Next year's convention will be in Elkhart. Registration is $30 by May 1 or $40 after May 1, 1994. It will be held at the Weston Plaza in Elkhart. Rooms are $54 for a Std/King and $69 for a suite. The reservation phone number is 1-800-521-8400.

There was an Associate Membership study started. It will be checked into and presented at the 1994 convention.

Chairman Uryga mentioned the idea of having a go-cart race. It would be held at Flips and all monies would be split 50/50 with the district. This will be checked into.

Good of the Order: November 14 is the Fire Services Institute Dinner. We will discus this at next months meeting.

Guests: Mitch - Stated that we have to start working on our problems at home before we take them to the state.

Joe - Districts #1 & #2 are trying to get the convention for 1996. IVFA started in the northern region 50 years ago. They wish to have the 50th Anniversary here also. Darley Pumps is hosting its pump school in October at Chippawa Falls, Wis. Contact Joe if you want more info. It is open to all owners of Darley pumps. If you are interested in becoming a Fire Protection District, contact Joe. He has all the information on starting one.

Announcements: September 11-12, 1993 New Albany Fire School. September 25-26, 1993 Fort Wayne Fire School. October 30-31, 1993 Lafayette Fire School.

The Fireman's Store is looking for a salesman for the area.

Goodyear and Firestone have discounts for tires for fire vehicles.

Lincoln Twp. will hold their annual Steak Fry on September 4, 1993 at the fire station.

The next Meeting will be at Noble Twp. on September 18, 1993 for the District #3 Family Picnic at 2:00 PM. Please come and bring a covered dish. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. There will be a $1.00 per person cost to defray expenses.

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:07 to a class on Farm Accidents by Bud Kirshoff.

The meal was sandwiches, chili, and pop.

On September 18, 1993 the IVFA District #3 held it's monthly meeting at the Noble Twp. Fire Department. This meeting included a family picnic and also served as a surprise retirement party for Duane Lantz.
Guests present at the party included Mitch Parish - IVFA President, Charlie Baker-IVFA Chaplain, Bill Bush-Sgt. at Arms, Bill Howe PR Northwest, Larry Bartlow- District 11 B Chairman, and Mike Mollenhauer- LaPorte County Police Department.

After the meeting, Duane was taken out of the room. During this time a small banner was put up and the podium readied for the presentations. Duane was allowed back into the room where Grace and himself were seated at the head table. Secretary Jeff Wiatrowski, Chairman of the event, then begun by introducing Glenn Wallace. Glenn is Chief Deputy of the LaPorte County Police Department and a member of the Hanna Fire Department in District #3. Glenn presented Duane a plaque from the Sheriff's Department for his dedication to the community.

Several members then began telling of their adventures with Duane throughout the years. Quite a few laughs were shared as the members "roasted" Duane.

Secretary Wiatrowski then read a letter from US Senator Dan Coats to Duane, thanking him for his service to the IVFA. The letter was framed and presented to Duane. US Congressman Tim Roemer sent a plaque of Congressman Roemer addressing the Congressional body about Duane and his works. Duane was also given a plaque from the LaPorte County Commissioners thanking him for his service. These were also read by Secretary Wiatrowski and presented to Duane.

As the event drew to a close, Chairman Uryga and Secretary Wiatrowski presented Duane and Grace with small gifts of our thanks. Each was presented a gold Bulova wristwatch from funds that were donated by Distict #3 departments and auxiliaries. Grace was especially surprised because she had known about the party and watch for Duane, but had not expected to receive a watch for herself.

The event was then adjourned to a wonderful carry-in dinner with hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the district.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Wiatrowski, Sec/Treas.

DISTRICT 5

July 8, 1993 Culver Volunteer Fire Department Culver, Indiana

Attendance: 26 members from 11 departments.

Guests: Richard (Dick) Glant, IVFA VP; William (Bill) Kinsey, PR Northeast; Kenny Johnson, Hoosier Fire.

Old Business: None.

New Business: July 19, 1993 new State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright. State Convention saw a dues increase to $12.50. This will be for your 94-95 dues. Dick Glant talked on the IVFA budget, and the necessity of this increase. Death in the line of duty benefit raised from $60,000 to $150,000. If your department made any type of emergency run connected to fireworks please notify the Fire Marshal's office with a report.

Good of the Order: Fire Service Dinner Sunday November 15. Akton Fire Department donated $10,000 to the IVFA for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund or Line of Duty Death Benefit. Tony Johnson retired from the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education. Discussion held on the Cascade failure of Luxfer Dot-E 7235 4500psi cylinder that killed a firefighter. Discussion on Fire Marshal's Clearing the Smoke, and upcoming events. Chief Larry Baldwin from Kewanna - Union Township Fire Department was presented the Midwest Award.

Comments of Guests:

Bill Kinsey talked on the Junior Firefighter Program $1000 Award that went to Columbia City.

Election of Officers: Jerry Lanning announced he will not be running for District Chairman.

Nominees for District Chairman: Paul Martin (Lake of the Woods), Lenny Berkey (Bourbon).

Nominees for District Secretary: Paul Martin.

Next Meeting:

September 9, 1993 at Bourbon Volunteer Fire Department Bourbon, Indiana

Attendance: 24 members from 11 Departments

Richard (Dick) Glant sat in for Chairman Lenny Berky who is on his honeymoon.

Guests: William (Bill) Kinsey, PR Northeast; Frederick J. Sumpter, Investigator for the Indiana State Fire Marshal.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The location of the new State Fire Training Academy was discussed.

Bill Kinsey discussed in detail our present and future fire schools. The state is indicating that future fire schools would be held at the NEW fire service academy. He stated training MUST remain at the local level.

Good Of The Order: International Waterball at Bremen on September 10, 11, and 12.

Comments of Guests: Bill Kinsey discussed the Fire Service Institute on October 31. Bill also talked about IVFA license plates and the fact that the computer print out sent to each department MUST be returned by October 25, 1993. He stated that a bill may be introduced to remove the $10 fee for the IVFA license plates.

1994 convention June 8-11 at Weston Plaza Elkhart.

Fred J. Sumpter introduced himself. Fred is the Indiana State Fire Marshal investigator for north central Indiana.

Next meeting November 11 in Tippecanoe.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul W. Martin, Secretary

DISTRICT 19

District 19 IVFA meeting was held July 22, 1993 at Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by President Paul Covington.

Prayer by Bill Klusman.

Pledge to the flag.

Guests introduced by Paul Covington were Jim Gilmore, Koorsen Fire Protection, who donated a NoMex hood; Robert Taylor, Hoosier Fire Equipment; Mark Baumhardt, Mobil Comm., who donated hats; Ivan Nevil, Fire Marshal's Office; Miss Flame, DeAnna Shepler, Bloomington Grove; & Lee Kissell.

Election was held. Paul Covington remains Pres.; Vice Pres., Tony Master; Sec./Treas., tabled until Sept. meeting; Chaplain, Bill Klusman.

Minutes read & approved.

First roll taken with 43 men from 14 departments reporting 61 runs.

Increased dues to $13.00 for 1994-95.

Senate Bill 66 passed. Deals with survivors fees paid at state school.

House Bill 1627 increase insurance from $60,000 to $150,000.

Ben Franklin medals are available.

Get dues to Lee Kissell by end of July.

2nd roll taken.

Ivan Nevil spoke. He has sent booklets to departments about training and OSHA requirements.

Meeting adjourned.

IVFA meeting was held Sept. 23, 1993 at Delware Volunteer Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by President Paul Covington.

Pledge to the flag.

First roll taken with 31 men from 13 departments reporting 39 runs.

Minutes read and approved.

Guests: Mark Baumhardt, Mobil Comm; Paul Hildebrand, Southeast Public Relations;

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Lee Kissel, State Secretary.

Clarence Weber from Sunman received Midwest Award.

Communications: State decided to go ahead with training facility at Plainfield. First and second class training to stay at local level.

Fire schools: Master Tactics at IVY Tech at Madison begins Oct. 2 and 3, should have received mailing.

Fire Officers Conference at St. Louis, Nov. 5-7 on safety.

Sept. 28, kick-off fire prevention for month of Oct. Sprinkler trailer in Sunman Oct. 4, at 9 am.

Committee Report: Miss Flame contest at Drewersburg in Nov., need candidates. Applications by Nov. 11, to Mrs. Judy Hildebrand.

Old Business: Fill Sec./Treas. job. Candidate Doug Baker from Laurel. Nominate Doug Baker and second Doug Baker new Sec./Treas.

New Business: IVFA in trouble over Convention raffle.

No more 50/50 drawings at our meetings until things are ironed out.

Blue lights have been abused. Stay within guidelines. Have John Shanks IVFA attorney get something in writing.

Mr. Shanks needs information about problems with gaming laws that departments experienced.

If dues are paid at last minute, send certified mail by July 31, so they aren't late. If late, you miss out on benefits.

Convention '94, June 8-11 at Elkhart. Advance reservations $30.00.

Standard and Education meeting, Director from OSHA there. Seems to want to work with fire departments. Wants 24 hour training to include OSHA requirements.

Good of the Order.

Invite Senators and Representatives to Nov. meeting again, in order to express our concern.

Second roll taken.

Meeting adjourned.

P.S. I would like to thank Paul Covington for his help the past 3 years. It has been a learning experience. I would also like to thank my wife Roseann for getting these minutes together for the paper. Good Luck to Doug in his new job.

Mark Wirth, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 8A

District 8A held their last meeting at Orestes Volunteer Fire Department on July 14 at 7:30 PM. There were 12 or 15 members present representing 6 departments.

Willie "Mitch" Parish, the President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association was present at the meeting. He talked to the members and gave some background on changes in the Fire Marshal's Office.

The election of District 8A officers was scheduled for this meeting. The election was quickly over with both 1992 - 1993 officers being re-elected for the 1993 - 1994 year.

The next meeting for District 8A will be at Pipecreek Township Volunteer Fire Department on Wed., September 8 at 7:30 PM.

Robert Fleener, Chairman

DISTRICT 9A

My first meeting as District Chairman was very rewarding. Our meeting was held at Galveston Fire Dept. with approximately 50 firemen present.

It was our pleasure to have, not only Mitch Parish (President of I.V.F.A.) but Tracy Boatwright, Indiana State Fire Marshal. Charlie Beck was given the I.V.F.A. award.

Thanks to all who made this meeting a great success. Our next meeting will be at Harrison Twp. Fire Dept. in Alto, IN, December 2 at 7:30 p.m.

I want to thank Tug Sutton for the thirty years experience, guidence, and friendship he has given all of us as District 9A Chairman. I will never be able to walk in Tuggs shoes, but I will be proud to stand beside them. Thanks for all the work you have done.

Charlie Cline, Dist. Chairman

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 7:50 P.M. at the Brookston Fire Station.

There were 8 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 34 with 86 alarms among the 10 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were 3rd Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, Public Safety Institute; the need to motivate the fire service to vote; No 50-50 Drawing; Bridgeport scholarship entries needed; looking for candidates for next years Miss Flame; need nominees for Midwest Award; all departments in District 9-B have dues paid; Fire Department Safety Officers Association Regional Conference Nov. 5-7 in St. Louis; Fort Wayne School of Fire and Emergency Service Sept. 25-26; Brookston Apple-Popcorn Festival Sept.18 at Brookston; 13th Annual Fire School at New Albany Sept. 11-12; Francesville Fall Festival Sept. 17-19; Rensselaer Pancake Breakfast Sept.12; VHS tape on Evacuation of Passenger Trains; Public Safety Training Institute now over training; Legislation affecting the fire service; 1994 I.V.F.A. Convention in Elkhart; News for the paper due in by Oct. 20; applications for I.V.F.A. license plates next year.

Motion made, seconded, and passed for District 9-B to send Buz Koehler and Dennis Risner to the 3rd Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner,

Program on Farm Extrication was presented by the Brookston Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M. Next meeting is Nov. 11 at the Buffalo Fire Station at 6:30 P.M. slow time/ 7:30 P.M. fast time.

Sec./Treas. Dennis Risner

DISTRICT 11A

District 11A's meeting was held on Sunday, Sept. 12. It was suppose to have been our Annual Picnic, but it rained so hard all morning we had to move it from Fairbanks Park, down to the Prairieton Fire Department. We sure do thank all of those that pitched into get it changed. We didn't let the rain stop us from having our ham and beans. We had a nice turn out, better than we thought we would with the weather the way it was.

We disgussed some of the Fire Schools and also the gaming laws.

I went to Linton to be a judge for the Green County Fire Dept Association Days. They also had a picnic and all kinds of fire contests and door prizes.

Been to a number of Fish Frys and other dinners. These fire departments work hard to make money. If there should be one close to you, you might think about supporting them. I'm sure you would be welcome.

After our last meeting Joann and I, Toddy and Helen Michl left for the state of Washington, for Toddy's Navy Reunion. Drove 4300 miles. Saw a lot of country. It's beautiful.

There has been a lot of illegal burns, keeping the fire departments busy.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 21 at the Hymera Vol. Dept. fire house at 1:00 p.m.

Maybe all the farmers will be out of the fields and will get a chance to attend. We would like to have you and your families.

Start thinking about someone for those deserving awards that are presented at convention in June. Try to get them in early.

Happy Holidays to you all.

Bob Hays, Dist. Chaiman

DISTRICT 17A

The regular meeting of District 17A was held at 7:30 p.m. at the Petersburg Vol. Fire Department, Petersburg, IN, Sept. 15, 1993, with 10 fire depts. and 29 firemen present.

A discussion was held about the Bingo law and the 50/50 drawing at this time. Also discussed was the procedure of getting their next year license plates, the benefits of being a I.V.F.A. member and what they would like to see for the I.V.F.A.

Our next meeting will be a Turkey Bar-B-Q on Dec. 4, 1993 at 6:30 p.m., in Odon, IN.

The host depts will be Odon Vol. Fire Dept. and the Madison Vol. Fire Dept. at their new fire station. Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. with the district meeting to follow.

There will also be a district meeting Sat., Jan. 15, 1994 in Vincennes, IN by the Vincennes Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. starting at 6:30 p.m.

Jack Harker, Dist. Chairman

DISTRICT 17B

June 16, 1993

The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Chairman Jack Zeeks at 7:45 p.m. at Shawswick Township Volunteer Fire Department, Bedford, IN. Ten members from five departments were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to accept the minutes by Willard Stiles. Second by Stan Wright. Motion carried.

Old Business: The minimum staffing requirements outlined in NFPA 1500 may soon be approved. It will be the decision of the officer in charge to use available manpower to make an interior attack.

New Business: House Bill 1627 passed the legislature. This law changes the minimum mandatory life insurance from $60,000 to $150,000. This law takes effect July 1, 1993, so departments should check their insurance coverage. The $75,000 death benefit introduced last year is no longer in effect.

Discussed the 1993 Convention. The only office change was Chaplain. Father Lance retired after 30 years of service, and was replaced by Charlie Baker. The new Miss Flame is from Evansville. Pete

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From the Vice President

Richard Glant

Hello Fellow Firefighters,

I've just returned from another very successful District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest. It was a beautiful day and well attended. Congratulations go to Rockport Fire Dept. for the well organized event and thank you for the invitation.

Well, P.S.T.I. (Public Safety Training Institute) is here and as it has benn explained to me, our training out in the field will stay the same. (I hope!) I feel we have been lead down the path before and feel we need to keep a very close eye on this. Call your legislators and express your opinions.

The 3rd Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner is set for Nov. 14 and hope it is well attended as this shows our legislators our unity. And with the many changes that have taken place, we need to show our unity.

In closing, with the holiday season coming up, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, a safe and Merry Christmas, and a prospersous New Year!!

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District 17B

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Lockhart won the Midwest Award. Regular membership dues will be increased to $13.00, due in 1994. Some of the members that attended the equipment and vendor displays did not like it that the building was closed earlier than scheduled. The next convention will be in Elkhart, and we should start working on Miss Flame contestants, Midwest Award nominees, and Bridgeport Fund Scholarship applications.

Jack reminded everyone to send in their dues and to fill out their license plate request forms correctly, or they wouldn't get an IVFA plate next year.

Discussed the blue light law. Law enforcement agencies will start enforcing this law!

Hamblin Twp. announced that they will be training on confined space/trench rescue techniques.

Conducted Elections: Larry Payne nominated Jack Zeeks for District Chairman. Second by Don Tresler. Nominations closed.

Don Tresler nominated Luke Kluender for District Secretary. Second by Bill Raines. Nominations closed.

Larry Payne nominated Mike Corman for District PR. Second by Don Tresler. Nominations closed.

Roger Daniels nominated Don Tresler for District Chaplain. Second by Willard Stiles. Nominations closed.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 1993 at Brown County, Nashville.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

August 18, 1993

The regular meeting of Dist. 17-B was called to order by Dist. Chairman Jack Zeeks at 7:45 p.m., at Brown County Fire Dept, *Nashville, IN. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by* Luke Kluender. Nine members from four depts answered roll call. Guests included Jack Kerney, Dick Glant and Ivan Nevil.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

Jack Zeeks announced that the annual dinner at Perry-Clearcreek has been changed to the Oct. 20 meeting. We will select one representative from our district to send to the Fire & Emergency Services banquet.

Vice Pres. Dick Glant reported on several issues. He mentioned how we can contact the new Chaplain, Charlie Baker. He also reminded us that IVFA plates can only be used on personal vehicles, and the IVFA was working to get the $10 fee eliminated. He reported that American States Insurance no longer writes insurance for fire departments. He also stated that this years convention had good turnout and vendor displays. The next convention will be in Elkhart.

Ivan Nevil reported on several items of interest from the Fire Marshal's office. The Tentative Interim Amendment regarding minimum staffing requirements had been issued. Also, Indiana now has an approved National Haz-Mat certification. The Fire Marshal's Office is working on national officer training certification. This certification will be in addition to the Indiana certification program, which will remain in place. There will be no grandfather clause for the new program.

Jack Kerney (PR-SW) stated that Miss Flame, Anita Schlensker, is interested in representing the IVFA at various local functions. Also, the 1995 convention will be in Evansville.

Jack Zeeks reported that 671 departments were paid. Dues for this year were still $7.50, but will go up to $13.00 next year. We need applicants for the various awards that will be presented at the next convention.

Discussed the Blue Light law. Blue lights should be displayed and used correctly and safely or other drivers will not act courteously.

Luke Kluender

DISTRICTS 1,2

July 21, 1993 - Location: Portage Township-South Haven

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman Joe Komoscar at 7:55 p.m. Pledge of allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Guests Included: Pres. Mitch Parrish; Past Presidents, Ivan Nevil and Lawrence Schwartz; Chaplain Duane Lantz; PRNW Bill Howe; and IVFAA Officers, Vice Pres. Phyllis Vargo; Dist. #1 Chairman Dolly Komoscar and Dist. #2 Chairman Ann Moss.

Department History: Given by Chief Laddie Lesnick, who was then presented with several awards and plaques for his many years of dedicated service to the fire dept. and his community.

Roll Call: Dist. #1 - 56 members from 14 depts. & Dist. #2 - 28 members from 9 depts.

Program: Presented by Porter County Sheriff Larry Diminski concerning the Porter County Bomb Squad and how it can be utilized by all of our area depts.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the May minutes.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: Pres. Parrish reported on the dues increase to $13.00 a year per member that will go into effect in 1994, the fire institue dinner to be held on Nov. 14th, the Bridgeport Scholarships that were awarded at the convention, the possibilty of changing the current Bingo Laws in the upcoming legislaiive session and the new procedures to get license plates for 1994. He also made a presentation to retiring Chaplain Lantz and to Grace for Duane's 30 years of dedicated service as Chaplain of the IVFA.

P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the dues increase, the bingo laws and the sprinkler trailer that will be available for demonstrations at our area depts.

Past President Nevil reported on the purging of the department roster files, the new Fire Marshall Tracey Boatwright, the National Accreditation Training Program and the new Life Insurance Benefits now available to our members.

Dist. #1 Chairman Komoscar reported on the correct procedures to obtain 1994 license plate forms.

Old Business: 1996 convention steering committee reported that Wayne Twp. will be our main competition in hosting the 1996 convention.

New Business: The Midwest Award for Dist. #1 was presented by Tom Fredericks to Jim Bradford.

Annual Elections: Dist. #1 Chairman - B.A. Howe (15), Joe Komoscar (13), Secretary - Jerry Schmitt; Dist. #2 Chairman - Larry Stott, Sec. - (no candidates), Treas. - Larry Stott, Asst. Treas. - Jerry Schmitt.

Held a moment of silence for departed District #1 member Richard Herzog of Ainsworth-Deep River.

Good of the Order: Announced that Burns Harbor is raffling off a new F150 Ford pickup truck.

Announced that Indepenence Hill will host their Third Annual M.D.A. Festival on August 21st.

Announced that New Chicago will be hosting their Annual Labor Day Waterball Tournament.

Read a thank you from the District #2 Miss Flame candidate for our donation.

'94 Convention is in Elkhart.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Ron Rogers - $87.00.

Attendance Trophy Winners: Dist. #1-New Chicago, Dist. #2-Lake Eliza

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 10:20 p.m.

Districts 1 & 2 - August 18, 1993, location: Lake Township.

Meeting was called to order by Dist. #2 Chairman Larry Stott at 8:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by PRNW Bill Howe.

Guest Introduced: Included President Mitch Parish, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe and District #6 Chairman Doug Engle.

Department History: Given by Chief Glen Cain.

Roll Call: District #1 - 20 members from 5 depts. & District #2 - 37 members from 10 depts.

Program: A video presentation on what it takes to be a good firefighter.

Minutes of July meeting were accepted as corrected concerning the plaque presentation to Chaplain Lantz.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: President Parrish reported on the upcoming Fire Institute Dinner on Nov. 14th, business going on in the Fire Marshal's office and the need to drop any attempts to try and change the Blue Light Law again.

PRNW Howe reported on the Aug. State Officers Meeting, the new license plate forms for 1994, the 1994 convention to be held in Elkhart, the need to submit any ideas for legislation in the new session to the appropriate people, the bingo & raffle laws and how they affect our 50/50 drawing, and the need to get your newspaper articles in by Oct. 20th for the next edition.

Old Business: 1996 convention steering committee report given by B.A. Howe.

New Business: discussed the Fire Institute Dinner.

Motion was made, seconded and passed for each district to purchase 2 tickets to the Fire Institute Dinner and distribute them in some way to members wanting to attend.

Held a moment of silence for departed Dist. #1 members Joe Rodriquez of Lake Station & Cornelious VanderVart of Munster.

Good of the Order: Announced that Union Twp. has an 1800 gallon tanker for sale.

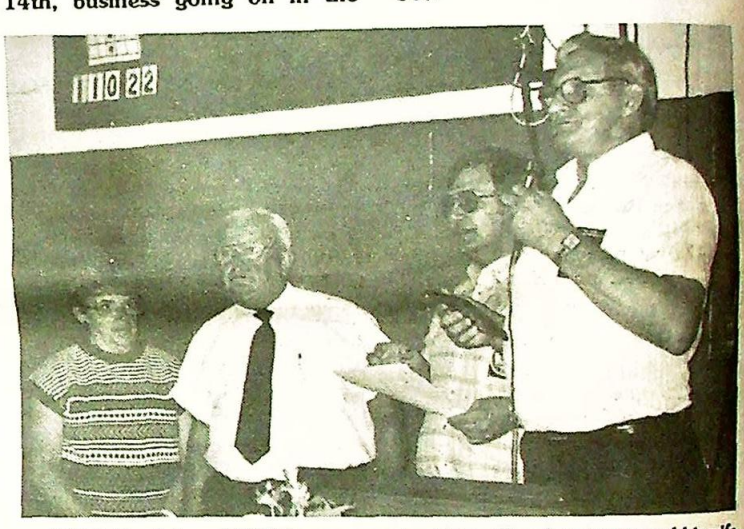
Discussed the good and bad points of forming fire protection districts.

Discussed attendance at recent memorial services.

Dist. #1 - New Chicago, Dist. #2 - Lincoln Twp.

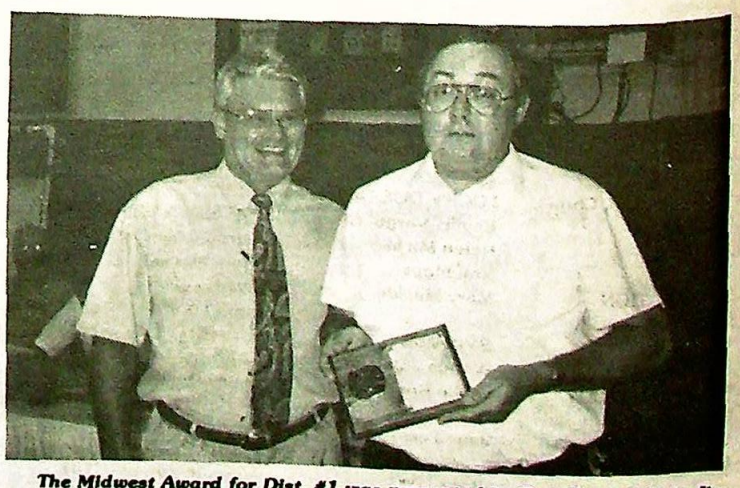
Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:40 p.m.

Jerome P. Schmitt, Dist. #1-Sec.



Mitch Parrish and Bill Howe present retiring Chaplain Lantz and his wife Grace a plaque for Duane's 30 years of dedicated service as Chaplain of the IVFA.

The Midwest Award for Dist. #2 was presented by Ron Lambert to Arnie Govert.



The Midwest Award for Dist. #1 was presented by Tom Fredericks to Jim Bradford.

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Greetings!

Can summer really be over?? John and I just returned from Cancun, Mexico. A very pleasant five-day trip in the sunny South! John earned this all-expenses-paid vacation courtesy of his job with Chrysler Corporation. It was a dream of a lifetime.

Convention plans are moving right along by the group around Elkhart. The Committee is working real hard to make it a pleasant time for all. Plan your vacation now to include time for this.

While you are beginning to think about Convention, don't forget to get your nominations in for the Lois Boaz Award and Mr. IVFA. Give that committee a big supply of names from which to choose a winner.

This will be the last issue of the paper before the Christmas Holidays, so let me take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Very Happy Holiday Season!

Speaking of wishes, in my last column I mentioned some award winners at Convention but I missed one given to our very good friend, Pete Taylor of District 11A for the Ollie Sandburg Award. Sorry, Pete! Duane Lantz and Pat Babbs also received well deserved awards. Congrats to all!

All grandmas have the right to brag - Right?! Our granddaughter just brought over her 3rd grade report card with all A's--the only one in her school to achieve this for this grading period. Congratulations, Amanda Davies!

My mind feels like it is still up in the air so I will cut this column short and try for more next time. God Bless All of You !

DISTRICT 3

July 21, 1993, 7:30 PM, Noble Township.

President called meeting to order with a Pledge to the flag. Prayer was offered by Chaplain Carolyn McCarty. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. Lee Cohn and Dorothy Moffit were appointed to the Auditing Committee. They gave a favorable report. There were no bills or correspondence. Three get-well cards were signed and sent.

Five from the district attended convention. Leona gave a convention report. Don Johnson, District 12 was Mr. IVFA and Lois Boaz award went to Marilyn Smith. Duane Lantz resigned as State Chaplain. Miss Flame from District 15 and Runner-up from District 11B were winners.

The by-law raising the dues to $2.50 a year passed. District 3 won second place $50.00, by selling 332 tickets. Michiana Shores won the district sales by selling 106 tickets.

Lee Cohn urged the district to ask for a Govenor's proclamation for the Volunteer Fire Department Week. A motion made by Annabel Konieczy, seconded by Carolyn McCarty, to promote this proclamation, passed. Lee Cohn urged each auxiliary to get a copy of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman for their Aux.

Kingsford-Union will host the September 15th meeting. It will be their option whether to have a money making project or not.

Michiana Shores and Scipio Twp. tied for the yearly attendance plaque. Another plaque is to be prepared. Michiana Shores won the attendance award for September.

An IVFA picnic for September was in question. Extra charms (By the Lake in '88) were passed out.

The 1994 convention will be June 8-12 at Elkhart. Everyone is urged to attend. It will be sponsored by the Cleveland Twp. Fire Dept.

Elections for the district were conducted. The same officers will serve another term.

$9.50 was realized from the 50/50 drawing. Other winners were Annabel Konieczy and Irene Childress.

Coming Events: Kingsbury - Ice Cream Social, August 15; Lincoln - Firemen's Ball; Michiana Shores - Craft Show, Sept. 26-27; Springfield - Rummage Sale - Haunted House in Oct., Pancake Breakfast; Coolspring - Card Party, Sept. 16, 7:00 PM

A motion to adjourn was made by Toni Grammels, Seconded by Dorothy Moffitt, passed. Meeting adjourned.

September 15, 1993 Kingsford-Union Station, 7:30 pm

The President opened meeting with Pledge to the flag. Chaplin Carolyn McCarty offered prayer. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. Carolyn McCarty motioned, seconded by Toni Gramels, to pay Sporting Goods $25.00 for plaques, Leona $14.50 for postage for letters she sent, and pay for an additional plaque for Michiana Shores for tying with Scipio Twp. yearly attendance plaque.

Each Aux. was asked to subscribe to The Indiana Volunteer Fireman. A proclamation is to be made for Volunteer's Firemen's Week.

A lively discussion was held concerning the raising of funds through White Elephant/Bake Sales. It was agreed that it should be limited to the needs of the auxiliary. Miss Flame should be guaranteed $200.00.

Convention was discussed. Rates will be $30.00 for early birds. Late ones will pay $40.00. The Ladies were also asked to consider someone for the Lois Boaz Award.

The District received a check for $25.00 for selling Doe Doll tickets. Awards were given to Michiana Shores for selling most Doe Doll tickets in our district, and will also receive a 92-93 attendance award. Scipio Twp. also received the same attendance award. Scipio Twp. is to be congratulated for reorganizing their auxiliary.

The district received $5.00 and Ruby Cooley and Grace Lantz received $4.50 each.

Michiana Shores will have the November meeting and any auxinliary having Miss Flame applications should let her know.

Lee Cohen conducted the auction and thanked Kingsford-Union for their participation in the meeting. Sale proceeds were $54.05. Scipio Township. received the September attendance award. Noble Township. will play host for the district picnic September 18 at their station at 2:00 pm.

Coming events; Kingsbury – Pancake Breakfast, October 24, Fish Fry November 13; Michiana Shores - Pancake Breakfast October 17, Arts & Crafts, September 25 & 26; Scipio Township. - Pancake Breakfast, September 19, Car Wash/Bake Sale October 2 at Family Video; Springfield - Pancake Breakfast October 5, Haunted House, Halloween week, and Turkey Shoot in November.

All ladies signed a get-well card for Margaret Gaw who is ill.

Charms from the 1993 convention were sold.

Rose Kravcar motioned, seconded by Toni Gramels to adjourn. Carried.

Submitted by,
Marie Gemberling

DISTRICTS 1,2

Districts 1 & 2 Fire Aux. meeting was hosted by Lake Dalecarla Fire Department on September 2, 1993. Present 42 members and 1 guest. Phyllis Vargo, Vice President of the State Officers was also present.

Old Business: Miss Flame winner and her runner-up was announced. Also winners for the V.I.P. project.

Convention charms & tie tac's for 1993 shown and sold 3 that night.

By-laws change was read by Dollie Komoscar.

Auxiliaries were also reminded that dues are due now.

New Business: October 15th was the deadline for Miss Flame entry forms to be turned in for judging November 4th meeting at Merrillville Fire Department.

Convention next year at Elkhart was discussed. Elections stayed the same except Judy Schoon was installed as Dist. 1 Secretary.

A lovely meal was served by the Lake Dale Auxiliary members and enjoyed by all attending. Next meeting November 4th Merrillville Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Dollie Komoscar, Dist. 1
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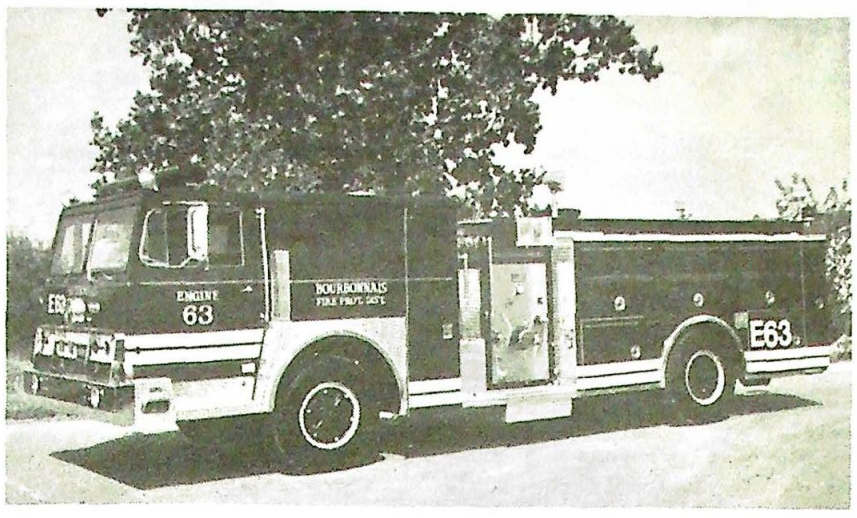

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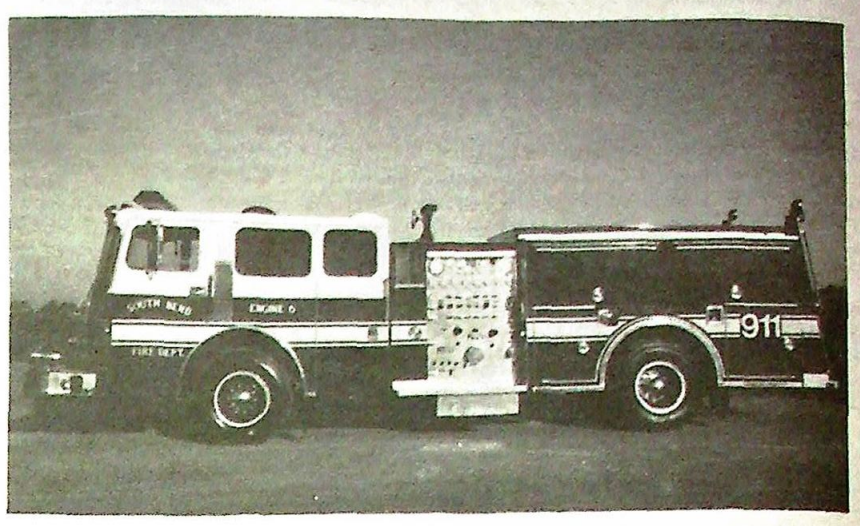

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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

WATERFRONT PLAZA HOTEL INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
AUGUST 8, 1993

The meeting of the I.V.F.A.A. was called to order by President Maxine Davies. In the absence of Chaplain Judy Hildebrand, Maxine asked Joann Hays to lead the group in prayer.

Recording Secretary – Lou Bartlow gave the roll call with 19 officers and members in attendance and we also had 3 guests present. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Barbara Parker made a motion to refrain from reading the District reports and Nancy Neal seconded it. Minutes were approved as read.

Lou said we now have 44 Auxiliaries, 578 members, 29 Individuals with a total of 607. We are down 15 from this time last year. We need to get out there and get some more members and auxiliaries.

Treasurer -- Dorothy Reiter gave her report.

New Business -- Jane Ferro from Convention '94 gave us some of the information already established. She showed us the logo they are wanting to have for the charms and other items of convention. She also said that room reservations should be made as soon as possible. The Holiday Inn at Weston Plaza will be the host hotel. The other hotel will be the Signature Inn which is very close. There are a lot of places to shop near by. Rooms at the Holiday will be $54.00 for a King or double with up to 4 persons. For reservations call 1-800-521-8400. Dates for convention are June 8,9,10,11. Registration will be $30.00 per person until the May 7th deadline and then it will be $40.00. So get your reservations in for that too!! All of the forms should appear in the paper this time.

There also will be camping available. She was not sure of the cost, but was going to get into that further.

Vendors will be inside, in the lobby and the trucks and equipment will be outside in the parking lot.

A tentative menu was given---sounds like there will be good eating there!!

Jane also explained that with the new laws, there will probably NOT be a beer wagon this year. They are also having problems with getting transportation for the Memorial Service. Insurance is the biggest problem, but she said they are still working on that also.

The jewelry committee will work with Jane on the charm for convention.

The Convention Hosts are selling I.V.F.A. license plates to help with expenses and so anyone interested can call Jane Ferro and she will see that you get it.

Old Business -- For our V.P Project this year, there are some problems with the laws that will keep us from having a raffle and so we may have to find another way of making money.

Leona Uryga made a motion to go ahead and vote on what we want to do, and then pending approval from the IRS, we can go ahead with the project. We can not wait until the November meeting to make that decision. It was unanimous to go ahead when we get the O.K.

Auditing -- Nancy Neal said the Miss Flame books and the Doe Doll books still need to be audited. She will do them in November.

Lois Boaz -- Barbara Parker asked for Rules and Regulations and other papers pertaining to eligibility, etc. Also get your letters in. Dorothy said that Mary Boyd returned her $135.00 check to the Auxiliary to go to the Lois Boaz award. That is greatly appreciated.

Doe Doll -- Phyllis Vargo said we made $1738.00 profit on our sales. Out of that, the Miss Flames sold $ 492.00. District 3 sold the most tickets and won $25.00.

Miss Flame -- Leona suggested a statue for the girls to keep as a memento. Our only problem is that there is not that much money in the fund to spend. It may be something that could be donated or maybe each district could take turns donating. Barbara Parker will check into it. Nancy Neal mentioned that maybe we ought to consider raising the amount of money that goes to the committee, because she said that a lot of the expense comes out of Barbaras pocket and she never asks to be reimbursed.

Maxine read the new committees and the changes that are made.

Games -- Virginia Wilson (7) said the committee was going to meet today after the meeting.

Jewelry -- Mary Mackin will be the chairman this year. Mary Ann Martin, Helen Michl, and Marlene Pulley will help her. She said we have 33 charms and 13 stick pins left. We are out of men's lapel pins. She has the o.k. to order as she sees fit.

Maxine passed around pictures of the convention and if anyone wants a copy of a certain picture, let her know.

Ruth Ford moved to Albion, Indiana. We have her address and is as follows: 0640 N. 50 W. Albion 46701. Drop her a note and let her know you have missed her!!!

Our November meeting will be hosted by Vi Bruns and she has some sort of entertainment for us, so don't miss this one--you might be missing something great !!!

We are not sure where it will be held yet, but as soon as we get the information we will pass it on, so you can get your reservations made. I hope to have it so that I can attach it to this newsletter, but if not-- we will be making some phone calls.

If you stay over on Saturday night, Helen Michl and Joann Hays will be the hostesses for the evening. So come and join the fun.

Toni Sorg told us about a young family that was left without a wife and mother and asked if anyone would like to help them out. The family has three children ages from 18 months to 7 years . The father has his hands full and the expenses are great. We passed the hat and gathered $71.00 for them. Thanks to everyone for opening up your hearts and purses and giving.

Maxine went through the lists of District Chairmen and Secretaries and if there were any changes, we made them. While we were doing that, Diana ask that maybe we could also get Birthdates so that if we wanted to we could send cards. So everyone was co-operative---even to the point of giving us the YEAR !!! Nice going.

Before closing the meeting Maxine gave us the dates for the future State Officers Meetings. They are: Nov. 6-7, Feb. 5-6-94, May 7-8-94, Aug. 13-14-94.

In closing, Joann Hays read a poem for us and said prayer.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 3:

President called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the flag. Minutes were approved as read. Leona gave the convention report.

Kinsford Union will host the September 15th meeting.

Michiana Shores and Scipio Twp. tied for the yearly attendance award. Michiana Shores won the September attendance award.

Election for the district was held. The same officers will hold another term.

District 4:

Meeting was called to order by Jane Ferro. Roll call was given with 20 members and 2 guests.

Convention was discussed.

Secretary report was read and approved.

Next meeting will be at Oscolo Fire Dept. August 26th.

District 6:

July meeting was held at South Whitley on July 15th. Minutes were read and approved. Convention by-laws were discussed.

Election was held with officers staying the same except for the chaplain.

Next meeting will be Sept. 16th at 7:30 p.m.

District 11B:

The annual picnic was held at Fairview Park on Sunday, July 11th with a real nice crowd in attendance. The traveling attendance award was won this year by Perryville.

The election was held. There was a ton of good food and a nice door prize was awarded.

Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary

Pershing Twp. Ladies Auxiliary Names Woman Of The Year

Pershing Twp. Auxiliary President Debbie Rouse, left, presents the 1993 Woman of the Year Award to Mrs. Marilyn Chadwell.

Pershing Twp. Ladies Aux. selected Mrs. Marilyn Chadwell of Freetown as their 1993 Woman of the Year. President Debbie Rouse presented Mrs. Chadwell with a trophy during the department's annual July 4th Celebration.

The Woman of the Year award is given to honor a woman of Pershing Twp. for outstanding personal achievement and contributions to her community. The choice is made from letters of nomination submitted by local residents.

Mrs. Chadwell and her husband, I. J. are parents of two grown daughters. Mrs. Chadwell is branch manager of the Monroe County Bank. She is active in the Freetown Church of Christ and Loyal Daughters. Marilyn is deeply committed to political involvement with the Republican Party. She is a tireless crusader for the American Cancer Society.

Mrs Chadwell also received a plaque for the Fire Department and served as Grand Marshal of the July 4th Parade.

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1993 Miss Flame Winner

Anita Schlensker

Dear Indiana Volunteer Firemen, Auxiliary members, and families:

I want to thank everyone for making convention 1993 great! It is a great honor to represent IVFA as your Miss Flame.

I want to give special thanks to Barbara Parker and her committee. They made the 1993 Miss Flame contest fun and memorable for all the contestants.

The past few months have been filled with lots of excitement. I have been in several parades across the state and also have been involved in many waterball contests. I have also been able to enjoy a few fish fries. Every place that I have visited has been very welcoming and I've appreciated their hospitality.

Please feel free to contact me about any function (parade, fish fry, etc.) I will try my hardest to make it, and if for some reason I cannot, I am very sorry.

Proudly representing, IVFA,

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New Auxiliary Formed in Middletown

The New Middletown Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has formed a new chapter. We have had 3 meetings. Officers were elected as follows: President: Carolyn Wallace, Vice President: Jennifer Gleitz, Secretary/Treasurer: Lori Riley, Chaplain: Wilma Frederick, Sergeant-of-Arms: Ermil Byerly

We had a yard sale and bake sale September 25, 1993. We made over $1,000.00 for the Auxiliary. We have 34 members who have joined. Upcoming events will be the Chicken Supper/Auction on October 16, 1993. We are having a candy guessing game, face painting, cake wheel and cake walk. Other money making ideas to do in 1994 are carnival, selling food at auctions, fish fry, chili supper and Holiday Bake Sales.

The main goal for us is to purchase equipment and training materials for the fire department. We are also getting prepared for the delivery of our new fire truck from S&S.

From The Office Of The State Fire Marshal

October, 1993

Well, Fire Prevention Week was a great success this year and we in the Marshal's office have taken a very aggressive attitude toward making it a unique opportunity to reach out to young people around the state.

We kicked off the week with our Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial on Tuesday September 29th, it was a very nice program but next year we intend for it to be bigger and better.

One thing we are all thankful for is that we've had no firefighters lose their lives this past year. Lets try to maintain that record.

We ordered in a lot of fire prevention materials and still have quite a lot left over, undated, 80 if you need anything let us know.

The Sprinkler trailer was out on the road all of the week, getting rave reviews, Ivan Nevil and his staff did a fine job.

I was very busy that week also, traveling all over the state to 12 cities talking to approximately 2500 school children about the dangers of fire and the importance of practicing fire safety all year long.

I appreciate the cooperation of all of the chiefs and the inspectors in allowing me to be involved in your communities. We will be doing the road show again next year and would love to come participate in your Fire Prevention Week activities.

I'm getting more and more comfortable in my new position as your State Fire Marshal and I'm loving every minute of it. If I can help with anything give me a call.

Be Careful Out There!

Are you ready? We are in the process of making arrangements for the 1994 Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmmitsburg, Maryland. The dates for this years event is scheduled for March 18, 19, & 20, 1994. We will be accepting 240 applications (FEMA Form 755, OCT. 91) again this year.

Please be advised that the NFA has adopted a dress code policy. If it is not adhered to they will not permit you into class.

Following is the dress code policy:

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Females: No blue jeans in class rooms unless doing outside lab exercise. Dresses. Blouses with slacks or skirts, including departmental uniforms (no T-shirts).

Optional items include sweaters, sport coats, blazers, etc. and also dress clothes can be worn.

We will be accepting applications from now through February 11, 1994. Don't be left at home for this exciting weekend at the academy. Please contact my office for an application form.

The fee will be the same as the last two years, $90.00 if you drive and $120.00 to take the bus. Please include your payment with your enrollment application. NO applications will be accepted without payment.

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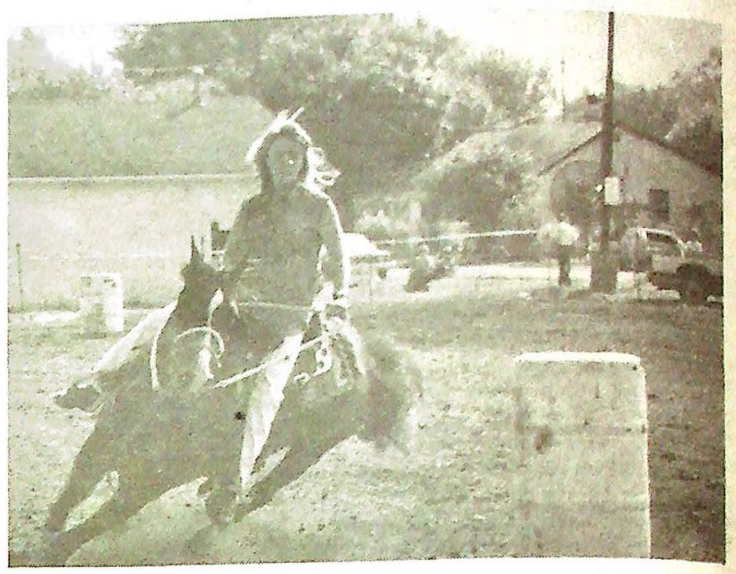
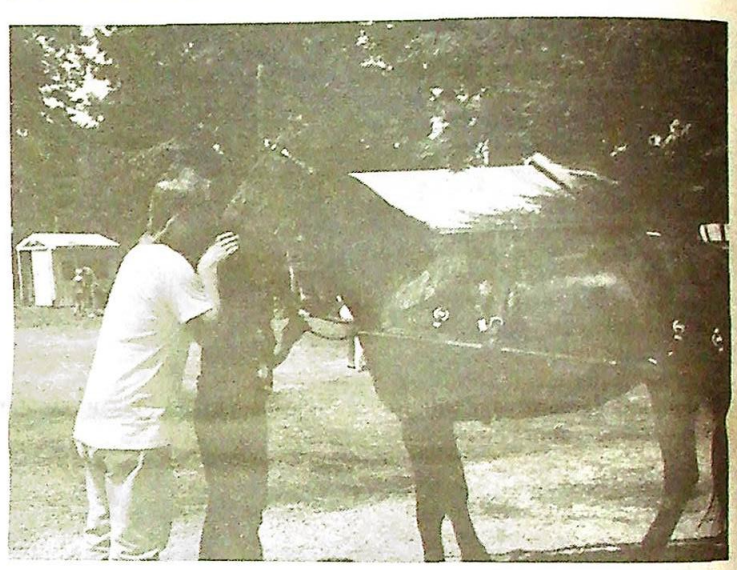
State Fire Marshal's Office

Pershing Township Horse Show



A horse show held at Pershing Twp. VFD on Sept. 18th, generated a hefty profit. Funds will be used for operating expenses for the 16 man dept.



The horse - a firefighter's best friend from steam engine to the space age. Pershing fireman J. D. Ferguson "thanks" a local resident for helping make the dept's fundraiser a success.

Horses and firefighters have been close comrades for over a hundred years and the bond continues in Pershing Township. Horses galloped to the rescue to provide fun, excitement, and dollars to keep the firetrucks rolling. A horse show drew many guests who ate roast pork and fish cooked by firefighters.

"Our first horse show was a real success," said Richard Blaker, Fire Chief.

"We are planning for a bigger and better show next year," commented Fire Department President Greg Sutton. "I am wanting to make this an annual event and expect it to grow into a major fund raiser."

"We have to be more and more creative in fundraising," said Assistant Chief Rebecca Scott.

"Our community is small and there are just so many programs the people can support. The fact is we have to search for new and different programs to draw crowds from outside our town. We are fortunate to have strong leadership in Greg Sutton and Rick Blaker, people who aren't afraid to work hard and take chances. The firemen here are extraordinary in the dedication they demonstrate. We work them to death and they still hang in there."

The horse show was coordinated by local horsemen Tom Jackson, Joe Shultz, John Solodine, and Jimmy George. Many people jumped in to lend a hand to make the day a success.

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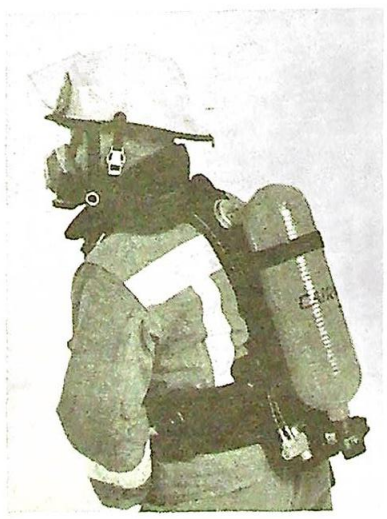

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MISS FLAME INFORMATION FOR CONVENTION '94

MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the IVFA The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and score sheets dated Rev 1/93.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one from each district). District winner's applications along with two black and white photos will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10, 1994. The girls selected will be representing the state, district, and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and department.

The behavior of all Miss Flame candidates and winners will always be becoming and appropriate to such representation.

When attending the convention, motel rooms are set aside for the Miss Flames. They must however, make their own reservations and advise that they are a candidate. Each girl will have a chaperone (parents or a designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperone may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements.

The itinerary for Miss Flames at the convention will be sent to the candidates by the Miss Flame Committee Chairman. Along with this, she will be advised of the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday night, and the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The final judging and crowning will be held on Thursday evening. ALL GIRLS will be expected to attend the Men's and Women's meetings, Memorial Service, and banquet on Friday. They will sell doe doll tickets on Saturday morning at the waterball games and ride in the parade on Saturday afternoon.

District Chairmen (men and women) will be responsible for providing rules and information to Miss Flame candidates. If chairmen need information, they should contact the Miss Flame Chairman.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER THE IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST

1. Father, brother, mother, or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or be a member herself.

2. Entrant must be single and non-parent.

3. Entrant must be 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.

4. There may be only one entry from each department in the District Contest.

5. Winner of a department will be entered in District-wide contest.

6. District winner should be decided by March 1; application and two black and white photos should be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10th.

7. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.

8. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.

9. Department winner will be decided at the discretion of the Department

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11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.

12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at State Convention.

13. Host department will pick judges to select the state winner prior to opening Convention meeting on Friday evening.

14. Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Friday evening.

15. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Friday at convention.

16. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish winner I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy, and $100 savings bond.

17. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers and $50 savings bond.

18. Formal attire should be worn at District and State judging.

19. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas.

20. It will be the responsibility of the parent or chaperone to pay their hotel/motel expense.

Barbara Parker

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM "MISS FLAME" CONTEST

NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____
(Print in full)

ADDRESS _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
Month/Day/Year

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ MEASUREMENTS _____

LIST HOBBIES _____

IF ATTENDING SCHOOL _____
Name of School Grade

IF EMPLOYED, WHERE _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSOR'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO FIRE DEPT. OR AUXILIARY MEMBER _____

Entry form, two black and white photos must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10, 1993. Also, please include the consent form. (The paper is published in April so must have everything mailed to me in order to get in the paper).

THE I.V.F.A RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

PLEASE ATTACH TWO RECENT BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MAILS THE FORM TO THE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN.

Barbara Parker
9006 Shelbyville Road
Indianapolis, IN 46259
(317) 862-4650

_____
District Chairman Signature and
District Number

DISTRICT 11A

Since I last wrote to you all, we have been busy. As a district chairman you try your best to visit other volunteer fire departments and other districts. It is really interesting to visit other places and meet new people and get comments of what they are doing as a community and as a fire department.

These auxiliaries really work hard to help their departments make ends meet. Face it Gals! I don't think the Guys could do it without your help and support. Keep up that good work.

If your fire department doesn't have an auxiliary, this would be a good time to start and also they could join the State Auxiliary, (IVFAA). Even if they don't have a auxiliary, they can join as a individual. Dues are only $2.50 a year and what better way to spend $2.50. You can't even go to a movie for that price.

We celebrated Fire Prevention Week by attending the parade at West Terre Haute. Bob drove our Miss Flame (Amber Wells, from Hymera Volunteer Fire Department) in a beautiful light blue 1968 (Ford) Mustang Convertible, and I got to ride, too. Amber had a good time waving and throwing candy to the crowd.

Thanks to West Terre Haute for having us.

Went to several fire department dedications. Went to Washington Volunteer Fire Department. They have built a nice new building. Went to Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department. I know you are all very proud and congratulations to all.

Went to Shelburn, they had a sausage and gravy breakfast. Boy they sure feed you well.

Also Prairieton had their Annual Fish Fry. They had a very good turn out.

In August I took a little vacation. My friend took her family and me to Disney World. There were thirteen of us. We stayed at the Polynesian Resort, it was beautiful. I took my first plane ride and really enjoyed it. Only way to go.

In September Bob & I went with Toddy and Helen Michl out to Pasco, Washington. We saw a lot of beautiful country. We had a real nice time. It is a long way out there. Those mountains are simply beautiful. Snow is so pretty. I got to throw snow balls too.

Folks, start getting busy and write those letters for Lois Boaz, Mr. IVFA and Ollie Sandberg. There is always someone who is deserving of one of those awards. Don't wait until the last minute, because there are deadlines.

By the time you read this, we will have had our State Meeting in Indianapolis (November 6 & 7).

On Saturday night the ladies will be entertained with a get together around the pool. We will have food, games, prizes and awards. We always have a nice time.

The hostesses will be Helen Michl, Jean Parrish, Mary Ann Martin and myself. Thanks gals for your help.

Our next district meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21 at Hymera Volunteer Fire Department. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. If you are in our area, please feel free to stop by. We'd love to have you.

This will be my last letter until Feb. newsletter, so I would like to take this time to wish you all very Happy Holidays and safe ones.

Love and Prayers,
Joan Hays

Anderson Township Fire Department Firefighters Complete First Class Certification

FRONT: Robert L. Adams, instructor, Steve Hagedorn, Steve Terry, Wayne Kleaving, John J. Taylor. BACK: Rusty VanWinkle, Mark Aders, John Malone, Joe Taylor, Mike Peter, Wayne Howell, Jake Hauser.

The firefighters listed above started classes in November 1992 and completed the First Class Certification April 1993.

Anderson Township Fire Department currently has 35 firefighters. 11 have completed First Class training, 10 completed Second Class and 7 are taking Second Class training.

Mary Louise Berger, Secretary-Treasurer

Chesterton Fire Safety House

The Chesterton Fire Dept. recently purchased a FIRE SAFETY HOUSE. Members of the department worked festivals, car washes and held raffles along with donations from the public. The main purpose of the FIRE SAFETY HOUSE is to teach adults and children about exit drills, cooking safety, and the proper use of the 911 system.

The FIRE SAFETY HOUSE is 29 foot long with two floors, a bedroom upstairs and living room, kitchen and control room downstairs. The kitchen is equipted with a Microwave, 3 burner stove and sink. The house will be heated, air/conditioned and hooked up for city water. There is a electric hot door so you can check for fire outside the room, a chain escape ladder outside the bedroom, complete smoke system, treated lumber deck and balcony.

If you or your group would like a tour of the FIRE SAFETY HOUSE, please contact Mike Orlich at the Chesterton Fire Dept. 926-7162.

The cost of the FIRE SAFETY HOUSE was $16,000 which includes sway bars and hitch for fire vehicle 54. It was purchased from Walters Travel Trailers, Napoleon, Ohio.

Tony Raimondi

3 firefighters injured, fire truck burns

By Maureen Hayden
And Linda Heuring
Courier staff writers

Three firefighters from the German Township Volunteer Fire Department were injured Saturday night after their fire truck left the road, hit a tree and caught fire.

All three were taken to Evansville hospitals and were still being treated late Saturday. It did not appear their injuries were serious, police said.

The driver was identified as W.O. Cutrel. The passengers were Penny J. Meyer and Danny Wilson. Police said Cutrel and Ms. Meyer had minor injuries. Wilson complained of neck and back injuries.

Deputy Sheriff David Weiss said the driver told him he moved to the edge of the road to give an oncoming vehicle room to pass the wide-bodied fire truck. The truck then left the road, hit a tree and caught fire in a ditch.

Both German and & Scott Township firefighters had been dispatched at 8 p.m. to a large fire in a field in the 3700 block of Boonville-New Harmony Road in northern Vanderburgh County. The fire was set by arsonists who piled wooden skids in the field and ignited them with gasoline, police said.

The three firefighters were in a rescue vehicle, a full-size pickup truck with a utility bed. They had been dispatched to the fire but had been told their services were not needed while en route. They were returning to the station when the accident happened on Folz Road between Mesker Park Drive and Mill Road.

The Sheriff's Department was called too after firefighters reported that the blaze was set by arsonists and that firefighters had been injured. Arson, when it results in bodily injury, becomes a more serious crime, especially when firefighters are injured in the line of duty.

Two of the firefighters were being treated at Deaconess Hospital late Saturday. The third was being treated at St. Mary's Medical Center.

The truck was engulfed in flames in the ditch when other firefighters arrived. It was declared a total loss by police. Police were looking for the arsonists, who were driving a pickup truck with either Illinois or Kentucky license plates. The truck reportedly had a gas can in the bed and a fabric "air gate" for a tailgate.

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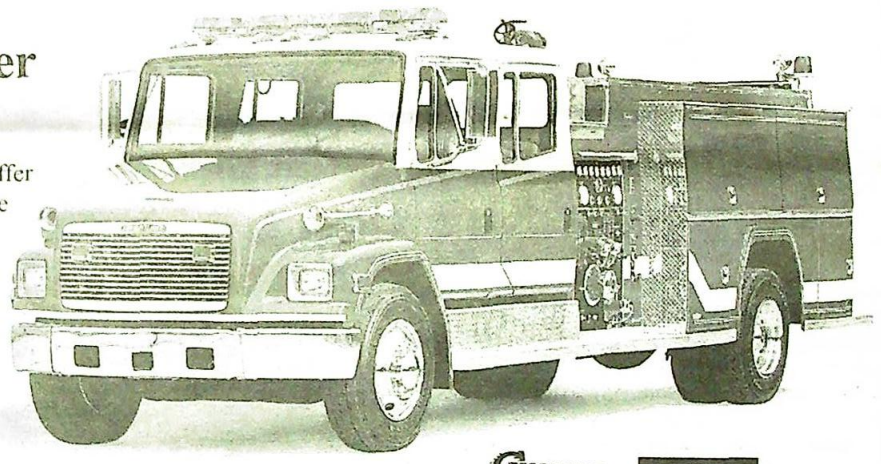

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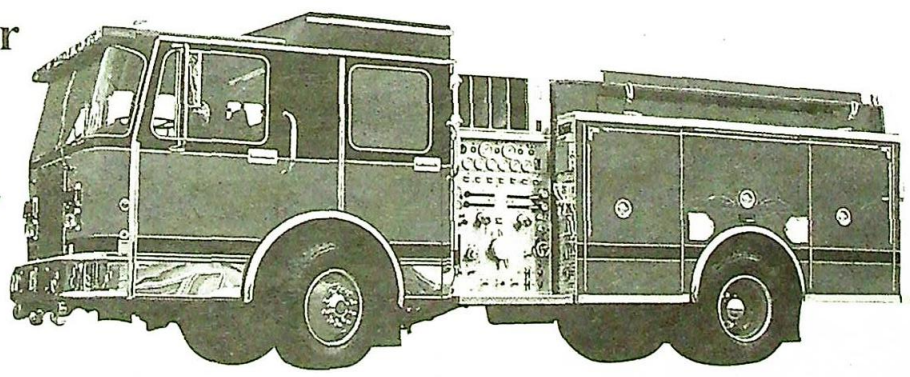

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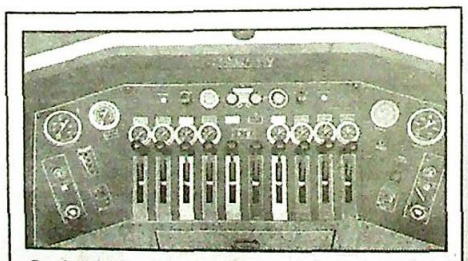

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Pershing Township July 4th Celebration

An event to be reckoned with even without carnival rides

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department in Freetown is considering legal action against Jessop Amusements of Cambridge City, Indiana. The Department intends to seek damages incurred because the ride company failed to honor its contract to provide carnival rides for Freetown's annual July 4th Celebration. The Celebration is Pershing Township's primary source of funding until 1994 when tax revenues will become available.

"We found out that our ride company was in Whiting Indiana 24 hours before our Celebration was to begin," explained Pershing President Greg Sutton. "The Celebration is over 40 years old and never has a carnival company left us in a mess like this."

"We were a little suspicious when we did not receive show bills from Jessop," said Fire Chief Richard Blaker. "Jay Jessop did not return our telephone calls. A tip led us to suspect that Jessop intended to breach his contract. A series of telephone calls to the Whiting Mayor's Office and Police officials confirmed our worst fears."

"I can understand that Whiting is a larger show than ours," commented Pershing Assistant Chief Rebecca Scott. "I was still amazed that Jessop would deliberately violate a contract we signed in January. To the carnival business it is a matter of dollars and cents. To us those dollars and cents translate into lives saved or lost. We depend upon that revenue to put gas in the firetrucks."

"The kids of our community were terribly disappointed," noted Blaker. Carnival rides have been a tradition since I was a boy. We are so afraid that this year will affect our crowds for years to come. It was hard to see all those sad little faces and to watch them walk around the park with nothing to do."

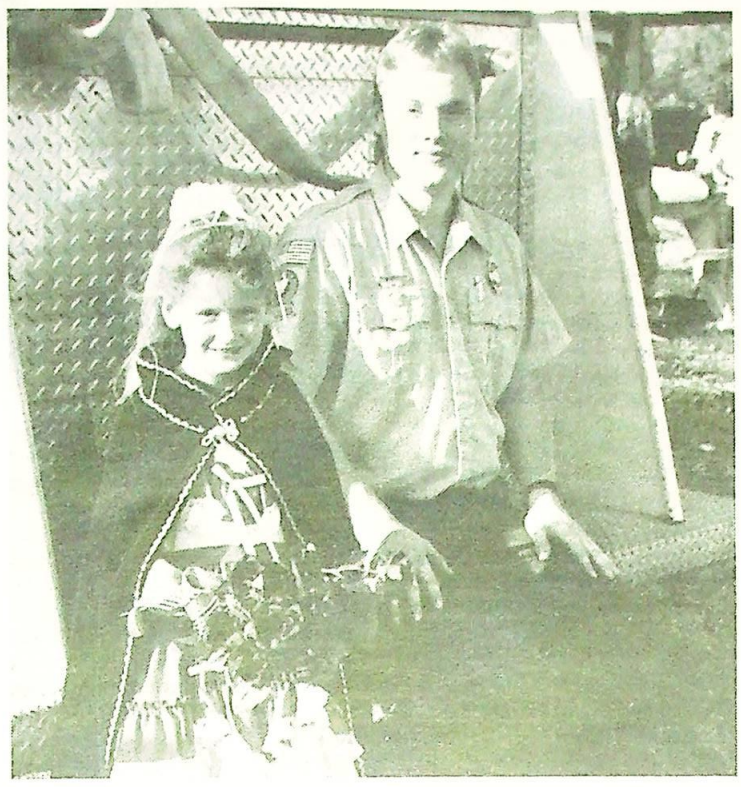
"The raw fact was that we had thousands of dollars invested in this celebration," said Scott. "There was no retreat, we had to advance forward and hope for the best."

"Immediately we hit the telephones begging for help from all the ride operators we knew," said Sutton. "They were all sympathetic, but 24 hours is just not enough time."

Faced with the prospect of disaster, Pershing firefighters did what they are best known for in Jackson County--they rallied to make success from defeat. Firefighters and their families scrambled to fill in the vacant program. Ann Roseberry set up a face painting booth, Barbara Lyon constructed an art exhibit, Kim Lyon joined with Jackson County Hospital to offer free blood pressure screenings, and local horseman Kenny Taylor provided horse and buggy rides. Gerald Fleetwood set up a basket ball pitch for the kids. Answering the call for "Mutual Aid" Hamilton Township, Carr Township, Owen Township, Brownstown Township VFD, and Jackson County Police brought vehicles into the park to fill the deserted midway with equipment demonstrations.

Rain plaqued three days of the four day event. Even the downpours did not turn away the faithful friends and supporters of the department who attended.

"During one evening we had to evacuate the park in a tornado warning," commented Scott. "Our people set up a shelter in the school and firemen went into our tornado spotters fan-out system. As soon as the danger passed, they all waded through the mud puddles and came back to the park. It was wonderful to see our community respond when we were in trouble."



Freetown PTO July 4th Princess Kresha Hall awaits her Coronation ride in Pershing Twp. Engine #91, driven by local Knight-in-Armor Firefighter J. D. Ferguson.

"At our auctions we had many people over-pay and tell us to keep the change," said Pershing 1st Assistant Chief Doyle Lyon. "The auction did very well this year."

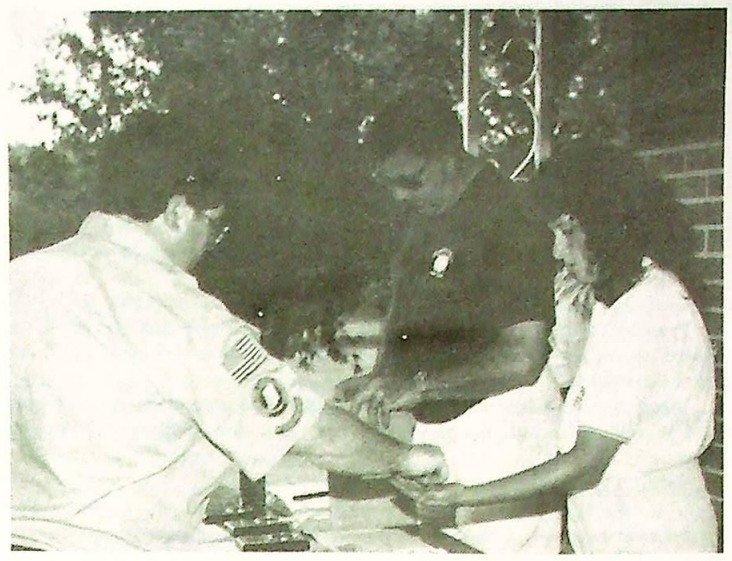
To add even more problems to the rideless, waterlogged celebration, the Park suffered a power outage on July 4th. Firefighters taped flash lights above the cookers and ran ventilation fans with a generator.

"When the lights went out the crowd picked up," said Blaker. "Our concession stand was swamped with customers. They ran us ragged frying burgers and fish. It was amazing."

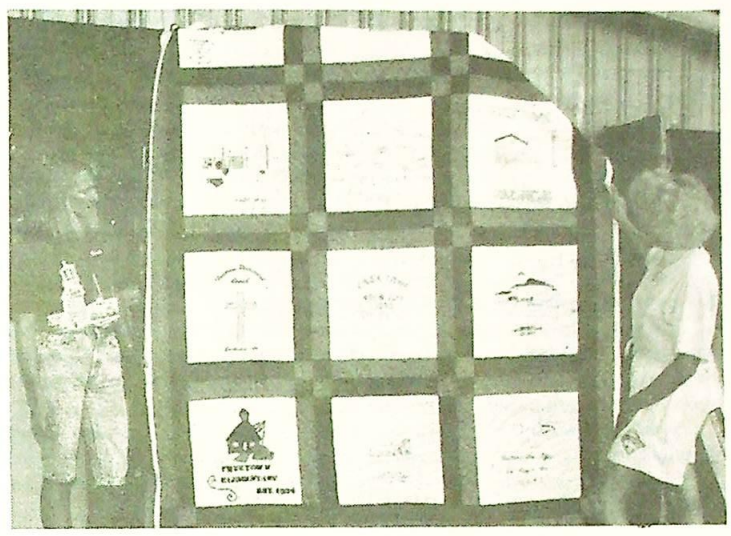
"Our friends stayed with us throughout the ordeal." reported Scott. "Family members jumped in to help with concessions, Brownstown fire department came to handle parade day traffic control. Earl Chasteen of Jonesville showed up unannounced to lend a hand with parade registration. He and Penny Wilson worked all morning without being asked. Tom Hinkle came up from Sellersburg and drove our pumper in the parade because we had no one free to enter. It would have been sad not to have a Pershing unit lead the parade. Poor Brownstown Engine 10 even put out a car fire on the parade route."

Jackson County Police even helped with stage entertainment. The crowd was delighted when a police officer "arrested" Assistant Chief Lyon and hand cuffed him on stage for being over the "legal age limit" on his birthday July 3rd.

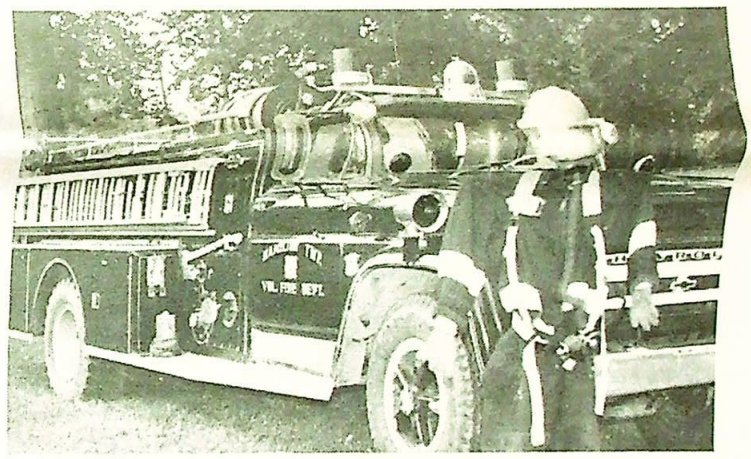
"It was almost the worst nightmare we could have imagined," said Scott. "Things were hard and we did get pretty worried. But our community and our friends showed us that we have more to be thankful for than we ever realized."



Earl Chasteen, Ed Flynn and Penny Wilson handle registration for Pershing Twp. July 4th Parade.



Guests admire a Community Quilt donated by local Artisans to raise funds for Pershing Twp. VFD.



Mutual Aid to the rescue - Hamilton Twp. firefighters set up a display of equipment during July 4th Celebration - Carr Twp. VFD, Owen Twp, Brownstown Twp., and Jonesville Fire Dept. also assisted with manpower & equipment to help during the 4 day event.

Pershing Twp. July 4th Queen Katrina Blair and her Court reign over the 1993 July 4th Celebration.

Pershing Assistant Chief Rebecca Scott sits for a face painting to raise money for the VFD during the July 4th Celebration. Ann Roseberry donated her artisitic talent for the event.

Pershing Captain Walter Wayt lends his talent at the July 4th Celebration Gospel Sing.

"Any Port in a storm" was the rule as Pershing firefighters suffered 3 days of rain and severe weather during their July 4th Celebration. Fireworks director Jeff Ferguson and Raffle Chairman Rick Stillwell finally "Borrowed" a "big enough" umbrella.

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

August 7, 1993
Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order by President Parish. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Glant. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Baker. President Parish introduced the guests present at this meeting, he then called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Richard Glant and seconded by Jack Cox to accept the minutes as printed. The motion carried by a hand vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Parish announced he has attended many district meetings. He stated he has appointed several committees and the list of these committees has been mailed.

Vice President Glant stated he too had attended several district meetings and is working on attending district meetings in the southern part of the state.

Recording Secretary Davies passed.

Chaplain Baker thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the association as its new Chaplain. He has conducted one memorial service and announced that the former Chaplain, Duane Lantz will conduct the memorial service for former IVFA President, C. VanDer Varrt in Illinois on August 8th.

Assistant Chaplain Lantz stated he had conducted 2 memorial services and 3 district meetings.

President Parish announced there were five new district chairmen attending this meeting.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported the death of a charter member of the Dana VFD. He discussed the procedure for sending Bibles and grave markers.

Secretary Kissell reported 671 departments paid, 25 departments were late. He stated a change in the license plate program where the state will be going to a three year plate cycle. The new member forms have been extended from the previous deadline.

President Parish read a letter from the Tri-County Firefighters from Hillsboro concerning the annual fee for license plates.

Treasurer Stofer submitted the financial report of July 31, 1993. This report was read by Jim Parker. He then presented the audited financial statement. A motion by Bill Howe, seconded by Richard Glant to accept the audit report as submitted. The motion carried by a hand vote.

President Parish called on the 1993 Convention Chairman, Barry Wininger for his convention report. He announced there were 591 registered for the convention, there were 47 displays and presented Treasurer Stofer with a check for $4,000.00.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS

SE Hildebrand was absent.

SW Kerney was absent.

WC Michl announced he had attended all district meetings.

EC Jackson stated he had been on vacation, all district chairmen in his area were re-elected.

NE Kinsey reported he had made most of his district meetings and there is one new district chairman in the area.

NW Howe reported making all district meetings and there were three new district chairmen in the area.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Howe reported he is the new district chairman. There were 2 deaths in the district.

D2 Stott thanked those who have helped at his district meetings.

D3 Uryga stated that he is the new district chairman.

D4 Ferro stated the next district meeting will be elections. There will be a new station dedication coming up in the future.

D5 Berkey has been elected district chairman. He thanked VP Glant for handling the meeting.

D6 Engle thanked Chaplain Baker for the memorial service.

D7 Sorg was absent.

D8A Fleenor was reelected district chairman and thanked Pres. Parish for attending his last meeting.

D8B Petro was absent.

D9A Cline stated he was elected the new district chairman.

D9B Koehler announced he was reelected and not much going on right now in the district.

D10 Neal stated he had been reelected and everything was going well.

D11A Hays reported everything quiet.

D11B Bartlow stated he had been reelected. There was 1 death in the district and had 1 new department join the association.

D12 Johnson has been reelected district chairman.

D13A Cushman was reelected district chairman.

D13B Cox was reelected district chairman and thanked the President and Vice President for attending his last meeting.

D14 Hinkle was elected new district chairman and presented Bob Woodfill with a plaque for his years of service.

D15 Seitz was absent.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker was reelected chairman and announced there had been 2 memorial services in the district.

D17B Daunhauer announced that Chairman Heneisen had retired.

D19 Covington was reelected and reported on the problems at Laurel.

D20 Palmiero reported everything remains the same. Thanked the president for attending the last county meeting.

D21 Martin reported the attendance at the last meeting was good.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ivan Nevil requested the names and addresses of the newly elected chairmen. He will be attending the next National Volunteer Fire Council meeting with Gene Stofer.

At this time, President Parish introduced Larry Curl, President of the Indiana Fire Services Institute who gave an updated report of the organization. He mentioned that Gov. Bayh will be attending the next dinner. Gene Goddard has been appointed an Area Coordinator and will be traveling around the state.

Swartz passed.

Bruns passed.

Parker discussed having a memorial at the White River Park.

Stofer brought Larry Curl back to speak on a disaster assistance program that he has outlined and is looking into proceeding with this program within the state.

Engle passed.

At this time, Secretary Kissell reported on the district chairmen's activity in regards to the 1993-1994 dues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative - Stofer stated that 2 bills will be introduced, one to amend the insurance bill and another concerning the fire district accumlative funds establishment. He stressed that he needs more input prior to the start of the next legislature on what we want. Call him, write him or go and see him on this subject. A question and answer session followed this presentation. A motion by Bill Howe for this association not sponsor any blue light legislation for 1993-94. Seconded by Don Johnson. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Editor's Assistant - Howe reported the committee had met with the editor. An ad taker has been appointed and put to work for this issue of the paper. He then read the increases that the committee recommended on future costs for ads. Lawrence Swartz has agreed to taking the Ad Taker position.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Stofer stated the next meeting will be in Hollywood, MD on Sept 24-27. He spoke on several items of major concern to the council, changes that are badly needed for the betterment of the fire service and is still looking for support.

By-Laws - Stofer reported that the committee is working with the association lawyer and hope to have compiled by the November meeting.

EMS - Johnson passed.

Membership - Bruns passed.

Bridgeport Fund - Swartz announced that an article will be in the paper. He had received a "Thank You" note from one of the recipients.

Fire School & Training - Glant stressed continue backing the Ind. Fire Instructor's Ass'n. The attendance is up at all schools to date.

Historical Update - Parish reported the committee is still in limbo until the new budget is approved.

Insurance - Stofer announced an article is in the paper pertaining to the governmental units on the "Buck of the Month Club" which has been cancelled.

Photography - Neal reported all pictures that were taken at the convention have been turned into the editor.

Awards - Glant stated not much going on right now. He did announce that all 1994 Midwest Award winner names will be announced at next year's convention.

Education - Covington stated that all subjects of concern will be reviewed at public hearings starting the first of the year. He will notify the date prior to these hearings. He also needs support at these hearings.

Clothing - Bartlow passed.

Safety - Covington asked that each member of this committee write articles to the chairman for future paper items.

President Parish read a letter he received from Clinton Twp VFD concerning the recent dues raise.

The meeting was recessed at 9:00 p.m. until the following day at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 8, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Parish with the Invocation given by Assistant Chaplain Lantz.

OFFICER'S REPORTS CON'T

D7 Sorg reported 2 deaths in the district. Everything else is normal.

President Parish at this time, took a poll on how many black briefcases are in the possession of the officers present.

Secretary Kissell discussed the contract with Zerox on the association's copier that expired in May 1992.

The subject of liability on association's property was brought up and a lengthy question and answer session followed.

At this time, President Parish formed a convention committee. The committee consists of: Gene Stofer, Perry Martin, Larry Jackson, Richard Glant and Bill Engle. The duties and functions of this committee will be drawn up and presented at the next meeting.

Al Mendel, the Convention Games Chairman gave his 1993 convention report.

Bill Kinsey announced that all accident and health insurance coverage written by American States Insurance Company for volunteer firemen in Indiana will be cancelled at the termination of each policy.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Howe. Seconded by Larry Jackson. The motion carried by a hand vote.

John Shanks addressed the group on concerns and procedures of gambling laws in the state. He then passed out copies of Associate Membership Program establishment proposal. A lengthy question and answer session followed this presentation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zeeks.

Gene Stofer spoke on the fee charges by the bank and made a suggestion to borrow monies from the General Fund to put into the Bridgeport Fund.

A motion by Bruce Neal to allow the transfer of monies to the Bridgeport Fund. Seconded by Jack Cox. Motion carried hand vote.

A motion by Bruce Neal seconded by Larry Jackson to purchase 5 briefcases. Motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Larry Jackson and seconded by Doug Engle to send 20 people to the Fire Services Institute dinner in September. Motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Richard Glant to put the sum of $4500.00 into the budget for a copier. Seconded by Bill Howe. Motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Jack Cox to change the association calendar from the current fiscal to January 1st through December 31st. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion was made by Larry Jackson to eliminate sending copies of the paper to non member departments who dues have expired. Seconded by Tom Hinkle. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion to pay the Ad Taker 10% of the first $1,000, 25% above $1,000 plus mileage and phone bills was made by Robert Uryga. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion was made by Larry Jackson to approve the rate increase on the ads in the paper as proposed by Bill Howe. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Jack Cox not to pay Jack Ford his commission until all monies are collected. Seconded by Richard Glant. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Bill Howe made a motion to accept the John Shank's proposal at $35.00 per hour not to exceed $5,000.00. The motion carried by a hand vote. The proposal committee will consist of Bruce Neal Chairman, Don Johnson, Don Cushman, Gene Stofer and Jim Parker.

A motion by Larry Jackson to accept the budget for 1993-94 as presented by Treasurer Stofer. Seconded by Bill Kinsey. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The 1994 Convention Chairman, John Ferro addressed the board and had several questions concerning the proper procedures covering the convention. He then explained the registration fees.

At this time, Mitch Parish opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Jack Zeeks was reelected chairman.

A motion by Paul Covington to table the 50/50 drawing at all the district meetings. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Howe. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The Benediction was given by Assistant Chaplain Lantz.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Rec. Secretary

Weekend Fires Damage Combine, Destroy Mobile Home in Austin

Weekend fires kept Jennings Township volunteer firemen busy.

Volunteers first received a call to put out a combine fire past the Gary Surber home, west of Austin, shortly after noon on Saturday, July 10.

"The combine was sitting in the wheat field, so we knew we had to act quickly to confine the fire to the machinery," stated department Lt. Jeff Mosley.

The crew moved their brush truck back to the combine, but its pumper malfunctioned. Lt. Mosley said a call to Vernon Township firemen at Crothersville was placed for assistance.

To prevent sparks from igniting the dry wheat field, Jennings firemen formed a bucket brigade using what was available, Mosley stated.

"We got a gallon water jug and a six pack cooler and kept throwing water on the fire until Crothersville arrived. When they (Crothersville) saw what we were doing, one of the guys said, 'Man, you just don't give up, do you?' " recalled Mosley.

The volunteers' persistence resulted in a confined fire. Damage was estimated at about $3,500 to the equipment, owned by Kevin Arbuckle.

The department's second call was to a fire of suspicious origin at Lot 33 of Campbell's Trailer Court in Spicertown.

Lt. Mosley said the alarm was given around 3:30 a.m. Sunday, July 11. Upon arrival, firemen smothered flames that had spread throughout the living room area. Heavy smoke and water damage throughout caused Fire Chief Raleigh Campbell to delcare the structure a total loss.

The family who resided in the trailer was not at home at the time of the blaze, stated, Steve Wollman, director of the Scott County Fire Investigation Unit. He said examination at the scene has revealed that a flammable liquid had been splashed around the front door steps and the door.

It was the second such blaze to occur at that trailer within the past week, Wollman noted.

In each insistance, a nearby neighbor called the fire department.

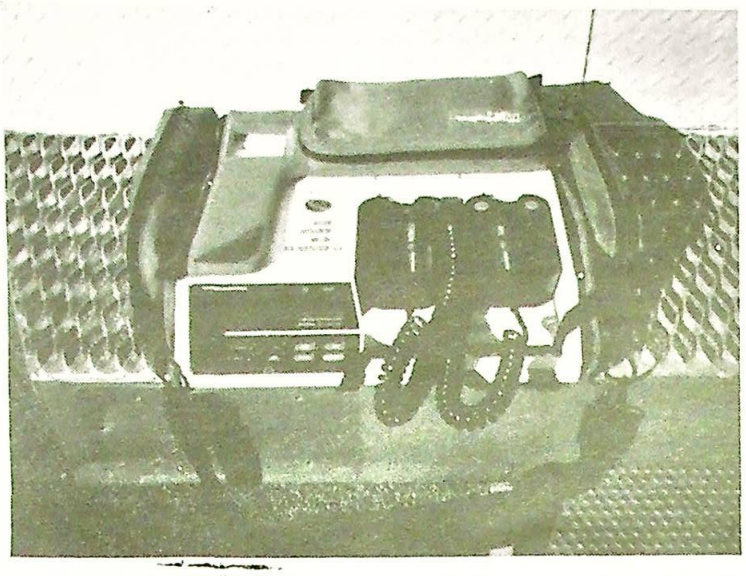
Wollman praised the Jennings firemen for preserving much of the evidence at the scene.

"They did an excellent job extinguishing the fire and controlling the situation," he said.

Wollman said an investigation by his unit and the Indiana State Fire Marshal is continuing.

THE GIVEAWAY
Wednesday, July 14, 1993

South Haven Vol. Fire Dept. Provides New Services



The South Haven Volunteer Fire Department provides Advanced and Basic Life Support ambulance service to our response area. The department maintains 2 ALS ambulances and 1 BLS unit. Due to the high price of newer ALS gear our units did not have alot of the state of the art equipment that bigger EMS services have. This changed recently when St Mary's Medical Center of Hobart Indiana presented the SHVFD a letter of intent to present us with a Physio Control Life-Pac 10. We received this letter at the July 21st meeting of the IVFA District 1 and 2.

The Life-Pac 10 was delivered on September 2nd. With the unit came a complete battery charging/support system as well as all the accessories we could want. The unit is a state of the art heart monitor and defibulater. It has the ability to allow the paramedic to pace or assist a heart that is not beating or not beating fast enough to keep the patient alive. The unit is very lightweight and user friendly. The departments personnel is being inserviced on the Life-Pac at this time and it will shortly be in use.

The men and women of the South Haven Volunteer Fire Department give big thanks to the wonderfull people of St. Mary's Medical Center for their generous support, especially Marlena Lagina and Beth Kaminski.

South Haven Volunteer Fire Department

NFPA Puts Hospitality Industry On Notice:

Publicize Fire Protection Features Of Properties For Meeting Planners And Other Customers

Citing a lack of readily available information about the fire protection features provided in hotel and motel properties, the head of the meetings and travel program at the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is asking the hospitality industry's sales and marketing staff to highlight this important information when advertising and also to educate employees about the devices provided at the properties.

"The last time I called a property to find out if it was sprinklered, the clerk assumed I was talking about *lawn* sprinklers," says Albert B. Sears, Jr., former president of Meeting Planners International and NFPA's assistant vice president for meeting programs. "All hotel staff should be familiar with the building's automatic fire protection features, but it's essential to meeting planners for those staff who are in contact with customers to be able to tell us accurately - what fire protection devices are available in the building, and where."

Corporate and commercial directories provide much needed information about swimming pools, meeting room capacity, banquet facilities, etc., but Mr. Sears says the hospitality industry is doing meeting planners and other customers a disservice by not supplying fire protection information alongside information about on-site amenities. "NFPA doesn't book meetings in facilities that don't have sprinkler and smoke detector protection," says Mr. Sears. "Wh I explore a property to find out what automatic fire protection features are available I need accurate, complete information. It would be a big help to have it in the same directory where I look to find the other conference features I need."

NFPA has no record of a fire killing more than two people in a completely sprinklered public assembly, educational, institutional, or residential building where the system was properly operating. Nearly half of all hotels and motels have sprinkler systems, according to NFPA's report "U.S. Experience with Sprinklers:"

When sprinklers are present, the chances of dying in a fire are cut by one-third to two-thirds compared to fires where sprinklers are not present. When measured by the average number of civilian deaths per thousand 1982-1991 fires, the reduction associated with automatic suppression equipment is 65% for hotels and motels. (John R. Hall, Jr., June 1993)

The NFPA is urging the hospitality industry to expand the promotion of sprinklered and detector-protected properties to their leisure customers as well as meeting planners. "Automatic fire protection is a life-saving technology that all of us should be concerned with," Mr. Sears says. "Whether you are booking a hotel for yourself or for 5,000 meeting attendees, having the assurance that the property is adequately protected is important."

NFPA recommends that all travelers ask *before booking reservations* what fire protection features are available in hotels and motels, and to select those properties with both smoke detector and automatic sprinkler protection. In addition, NFPA suggests these basic tips for safe stays:

- When checking in, ask the clerk what the fire alarm sounds like;
- Immediately locate the two exits nearest your room and count the number of doors between your room and the exits, in case you have to find them under smokey or dark conditions;
- If you are forced to evacuate the building, escape via stairways, never the elevators. If you must escape through smoke, crawl low under the smoke;
- Follow instructions posted in the room and/or provided by hotel staff. (The NFPA publishes a helpful brochure entitled "Ten Tips for Hotel and Motel Safety," sold in packages of 100. Call 1-800-344-3555 for details.)

Approaching its 100th anniversary, the National Fire Protection Association has led the way to fire safety since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services. The Association publishes the *National Fire Codes®* and the *Learn Not to Burn® Curriculum.* NFPA holds two major meetings each year; the Annual Meeting and Fire Safety Exhibit is held every May, attracting thousands of fire protection professionals from around the world and the Fall Meeting is held every November. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts, USA.

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1993 NVFC Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award Of Excellence

Presented To Cindy Tarquini

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer Presents Award.

Santa Monica, CA - October 11, 1993 - United States Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) presented the 1993 *Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award of Excellence* to Firefighter Cindy Tarquini during a ceremony held at the semi-annual National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) meeting in Hollywood, Maryland on October 1.

The *Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award of Excellence*, co-sponsored by Master Protection Corporation (FireMaster), annually honors a volunteer firefighter who demonstrates superior efforts to protect the public through a continuous promulgation or enforcement of outstanding fire prevention activities. This year's recipient, Tarquini of the Level Volunteer Fire Company in Level, Maryland, was honored for her prevention activities including smoke detector awareness projects, community awareness and advertising campaigns, and the innovative incorporation of the "Wizard of Oz" theme into fire prevention messages.

Congressman Hoyer, chairperson of both the National Fire Caucus and the Democratic Caucus, presented Tarquini with the Marc Mueller trophy, a replica of the Marc Mueller monument housed in Sierra Madre, California, Marc Mueller's home. Other speakers at the dinner ceremony included Ronald W. Bogardus. U.S. State Department fire protection engineer; Daniel Coffman, California State Firefighters' Association president; Ed Wilmowski, Master Protection Corporation vice president; Mike Frees, Marc Mueller Awards Committee chair and California representative to the NVFC; and Assistant Chief Brian McQueen, last year's *Marc Mueller Fire Prevention A ward of Excellence* recipient.

"The people who receive this Award donate countless hours of their time developing prevention programs that protect their neighbors," Bogardus stated. "Fire prevention is the highest form of fire safety, since it prevents deaths and destruction before they occur. However, fire prevention heroes receive little recognition for their efforts. This Award was created in their honor."

The Marc Mueller Awards Committee again this year received nominations for numerous highly qualified candidates. The ultimate purpose of the Award is elevate the cause of fire prevention by identifying and publicizing exceptional fire prevention activities as a means of promoting fire prevention efforts.

In addition, Firefighter Tarquini was honored by the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Level Volunteer Fire Company for receiving the *Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award of Excellence.*

The Award is named after volunteer firefighter Marc Mueller who dedicated his life to public service and made major strides to bring prestige, credibility and recognition to volunteer firefighters nationwide. At the time of his passing, he was a member of the Sierra Madre Fire Department, where he previously had been fire chief. He also served as the California State Firefighters' Association delegate to the NVFC.

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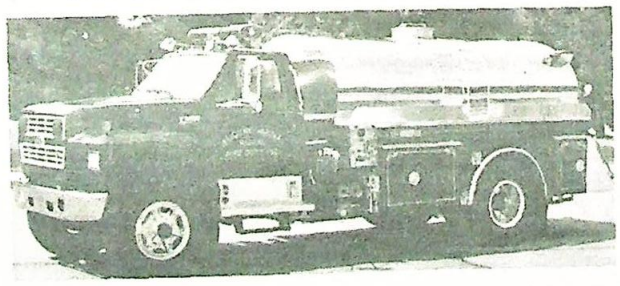

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Greentown firefighters. . .

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important years. "That's the most important to me because we started certifying all the members to be firemen," Groves explained.

The Greenstown Fire Department serves Liberty, Union, Jackson and Howard Townships and, according to Assistant Chief Harris, "anyone who calls and needs our help."

Currently, there are 16 members serving the department. The officers include: Kenneth Grove, chief; James Harris, assistant chief; Norman Carter, captain; Wayne Powell, safety officer; Jerry Myers, secretary; Stanley Johnson, treasurer; Daniel Minnich, assistant treasurer. Other volunteers include: Daniel Barton, Jason Wise, Dan Echelbarger, Samuel Cote, Jeffrey Lanning, Brian Lavengood, Rex Mast, Rick Miller, Dick Moor, Thomas O'Connor, Gary Hulce, Duane Bostic, Vincent Jaenicke, James Custer, Tony Nelson and Brian Nelson.

Mast has served on the department for 27 years, the longest of any active member. According to Mast, the construction of the new fire station was the highlight of his years with the department.

The Ladies Aux. was organized to raise money for equipment and to assist the department.

The women are responsible FOR raising the money for much of the equipment the dept. has acquired, according to the firefighters.

The Ladies Aux. consists of Pres. Sandy Hendricks, Vice Pres. Carolyn Johnson, Sec. and Treas. Kathy Echelbarger and a number of the volunteers – Faye Powell, Linda Grove, Ellen Harris, Kris Meyers, Vicki Minnich, Nina Barton, Leslie Carter, Lisa Wise, Bonnie Coate, Katrina Lavengood, Dee Mast, Teresa Miller, Elizabeth Moor, Julie Hulce, Lisa Custer, Candra Nelson, Beth Jaenicke and Robin Nelson.

Madison Twp. VFD Honors 40 years of Service

At the recently held Annual Madison Twp. Fire & Rescue Dinner, Dr. Jeffery Airey was Honored for 40 years of community service on the Madison Twp. Fire & Rescue, at Linden. Pictured with "DOC" Airey is his wife, Kit.

1993 Firefighter Combat Challenge

ESPN TO AIR CHAMPIONSHIP!

The FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE National Championship will be aired on ESPN on Monday, December 6 at 10 p.m. EST. Firefighters will definitely want to see this exciting television premier that will showcase the best fit firefighters in the country and bring much positive visibility to the fire service.

With all of the Regional competitions finished for 1993, here are the times to beat at the National Championship:

Category	Name	Department	Time	Region
Best Ind.	Will Roberts	Jerome Twp. (OH) FD	2:15.90	Midwest
Best Team		Casper, (WY) FD	7:19.15	Rocky Mt.
Best Female	Laura Hedien	Waukegan (IL) FD	4:00.30	North Cent.
Best Over 40	John Forseberg	Palatine (IL) FD	2:30.01	North Cent.
Best Over 50	Bill Noland	Palatine (IL) FD	2:38.34	North Cent.
Best Chief	Ted Golden	Mokena (IL) FD	2:52.36	North Cent.

The North Central Regional held in Orland Park, IL (suburb of Chicago) witnessed the most teams at a single event, 47, as well as some of the fastest times of the year. Laura Hedien of the Waukegan, IL Fire Department, broke all records in the Female category by completing the course in 4:00.30. John Forseberg and Bill Noland, both of the Palatine, IL Fire Dept., set new records in the Over 40 and Over 50 categories, 2:30.01 and 2:38.34, respectively. Finally, Ted Golden of Mokena, IL set an all-time record for Chief Officers, 2:52.36.

In the Rocky Mountain Regional, the Casper, (WY) Fire Dept. won, and at 7:19.15, is the best team of '93 in the Regionals. However, Will Roberts of Jerome Township (OH) Fire Dept. remains the best individual of '93 with a time of 2:15.90. There are several teams and individuals in each category that are within five seconds of these times. Taking this into account, plus the fact that there are minor variations at every course, the Challenge National title is very much up for grabs.

The 1993 Challenge tour witnessed a 100% increase in participation over 1992. To summarize, 266 teams of five and 80 individuals, representing 300 Fire Departments entered the Combat Challenge. This represents 1410 individual competitors.

The 1993 Challenge National Championship is being hosted by the IAFC and will be held at the "Fire-Rescue International" conference in the Dallas Convention Center Arena over two days, August 28 and 29. Thirty teams and 40 individuals will advance to the Nationals. Because of the number of teams and the limited time for TV taping, a preliminary competition will be held for the 2nd and 3rd place teams and individuals on Saturday, August 28. The five best from the preliminaries will join the first place teams from each Regional to compete in the Finals on Sunday.

Prizes at the National include Championship rings created by the Balfour Company, plus jackets by Lion Apparel, plaques and shirts. On Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m., a reception and awards presentation will be hosted by the Corporate sponsors and the IAFC.

The Challenge has been appreciated by the firefighters who have participated and continues to promote physical fitness and a new image within the fire service. The Challenge is sponsored by DuPont, Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, International Safety Instruments and CIGNA Municipal Insurance Services. It was created and is managed by ARA/Human Factors. For information about the 1994 schedule or to participate in the Challenge, call 1-800-878-3466.

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Gospel Sing leaders Walter and Sandy Delph pose with Pershing firefighters. Left to right: Rick Blaker, Joe McDermid, Greg Sutton, Bob Anderson, and Walter Wayt.

Sweet harmonies and good food were served to a large crowd in the Freetown Gym when Pershing Township Fire Department sponsored a old fashioned Gospel Sing.

Walter and Sandy Delph co-ordinated the special evening of song involving gospel groups who donated their services. Guests were treated to the sounds of The Boys From Freetown featuring Pershing Captain Walter Wayt, The Caldwell Family, and The Lord's Band and Steve Griffin.

Firefighters provided the fish and coney dogs for the hungry group. Ministers from Seymour Nazarene Church served as masters of ceremonies.

Pershing Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

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Reservations will be on a first-come basis. You will need to fill out an admissions form (75-5). For more information contact the Fire Marshal's Office, attention: Pauline Stretshberry. ONLY COMPLETED 75-5 WITH ENTIRE PAYMENT BY FEBRUARY 11, 1994 WILL BE ACCEPTED. Additional bus, parking information and class assignments will follow.

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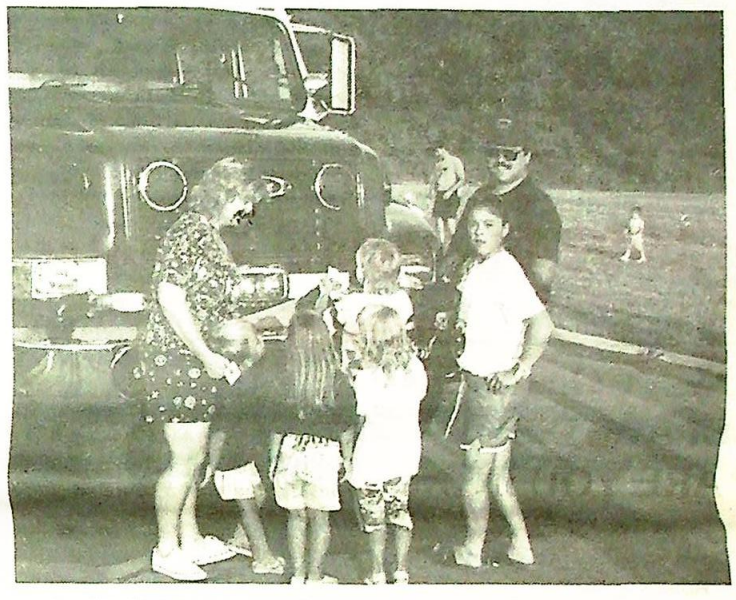
NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

When sending new address, please send old address also. We will be able to find the change easier.

Thank You
Robert Laney

Chesterton Police / Fire Departments Join Efforts Against Crime

Pictured in front of Engine 52 (left to right) are McGruff, the Crime Prevention Dog, aka Corp. Dave Adkins CPD; Sparky, the Fire Pup (Cory Raimondi) and Firefighter Tony Raimondi.



Lt. Mike Orlich passes out fire education material.

Photos By R. Lawson

Neighborhood children take turns spraying water.

The Duneland Cove Homeowners Assn. joined together in a special march against crime and drugs on Aug. 3rd., the National Night Out for "Neighborhood Watch Organizations". The Chesterton Fire Dept. assisted with this effort and used the opportunity to display equipment and distribute fire prevention material. Over 100 residents participated in this event which concluded with trophys being awarded and an Ice Cream Social. The Duneland Cove Homeowners Assn. and NIPSCO sponsored the evening's activities.

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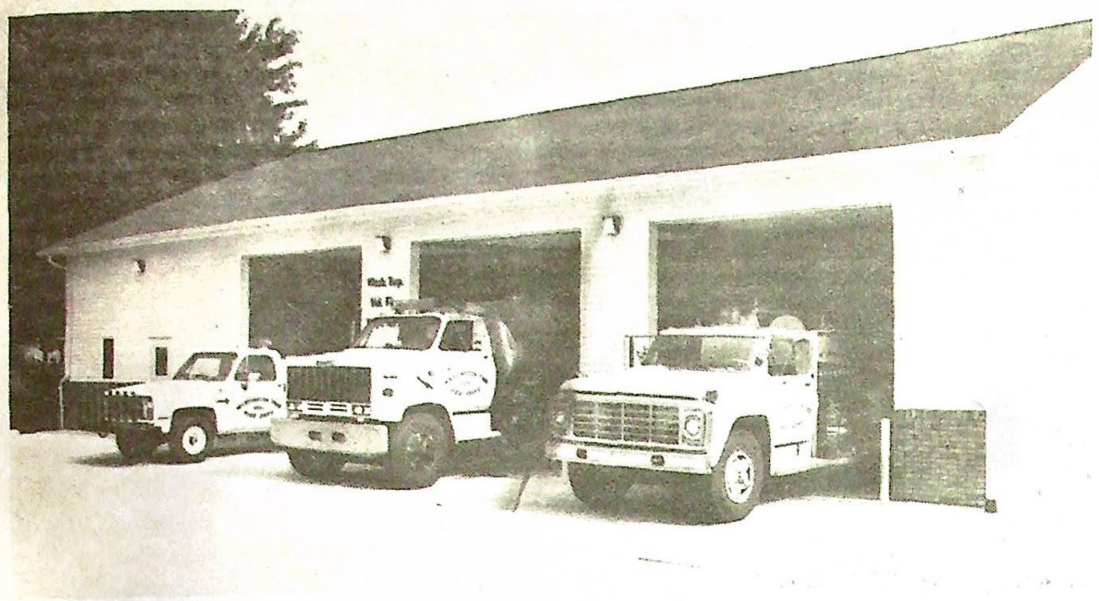

The Washington Twp. VFD of Washington, IN held Open House of its new fire station on August 1, 1993. The new fire station is located on Donaldson Road which is on the south side of Washington. The new fire station is 48' x 72' and has three bays and a meeting room with room above the meeting room to be used for storage or for future housing quarters. This new fire station houses a 1972 Ford Pumper, a 1985 GMC 4 wheel drive grass rig and a 1985 GMC 2300 gallon tanker truck.

"During our last insurance review, one of the main recommendations was a station south of the railroad tracks," Chief Russell Burris said. "We have known for a long time that we needed something out there. There has been a lot of growth and building in the southern part of the county and the closer we are to a fire when it starts, the quicker we can put it out," Burris said.

The WTVFD also has a station located at 1742 Bedford Road. This is an older remodeled fire station which has three bays and a meeting room. This station houses a 1978 Chevy mini-pumper and a new 1992 International - 1800 gallon pumper tanker.

The WTVFD currently has twenty-one firefighters with all but three of these firefighters having achieved the status of First Class Firefighter or higher. Approximately half of the firefighters have over ten years of service and the total years of service of these firefighters is 189 years.

Washington Twp. VFD

THE CONFINED *SPACE ISSUE* - ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?

Robert A. Mauck

Confined spaces represent a major health and safety risk to emergency responders for many reasons. In fact, recent statistics have shown that 60% of all victims in confined space operations are the rescuers themselves.

The "NEW" Permit Required Confined Space requirements that have been mandated under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's rule 29 CFR 1910.146 has established specific guidelines for those agencies who will be performing confined space operations. This standard contains requirements for practices and procedures to protect employees from the hazards of entry into permit required confined spaces.

Nothing in the standard makes it mandatory for an emergency response agency to provide or perform confined space operations.

A confined space is defined, in the standard, as an area that:

-Is large enough for an employee to bodily enter and perform work.

-Has limited or restricted means of entry or exit.

-Is not designed for continuous human occupancy.

A *permit-required* confined space is defined as a confined space that has one or more of the following:

-Contains, or has a known potential to contain, a hazardous atmosphere.

-Contains material with the potential for engulfment.

-Has an internal configuration such that an entrant could be trapped or asphyxiated by inwardly converging walls, or a floor which slopes and tapers to a smaller cross-section.

-Contains any other recognized serious safety or health hazard.

Confined spaces occur in various configurations, sizes, *locations, and settings. In most instances,* confined spaces are easily identified. When in doubt consider the area a confined space and use all safety precautions.

The standard only applies to those agencies that will require their employees to enter a confined space, for whatever reason. Once an employer determines that its employees will enter a confined space, the employer must assure compliance with several specific requirements listed in the standard.

The following portions of the standard are areas which directly affect the emergency response services who will respond to incidents involving permit required confined spaces for rescue purposes.

Paragraph (c)(1) requires the employer to evaluate the workplace to determine if any permit requires confined spaces exist. - *i.e. preplanning the response jurisdiction.*

Paragraph (c)(4) requires the employer to develop and implement a written permit required confined space program that complies with the standard - *i.e. list the locations, types, hazards involved, SOP's, etc of the permit required confined spaces, along with training requirements and equipment available.*

Paragraph (d) specifies the requirements for a permit required confined space program including the isolation of the permit space, using proper lockout/tagout procedures, *(an entire program in itself).* Also required is the testing for atmospheric hazards which consist of oxygen content, combustible gases, and for toxic gases and vapors prior to and during entry. In order to accomplish this properly, the gases and/or vapors that may be or are suspected to be present must be known, and the proper direct reading air monitoring device must be used, after calibration with the proper calibration gas. *When air testing and/or monitoring is performed outside of these parameters, the air monitoring results will be erroneous and can lead to the injury of the entrant which prohibits self-rescue or worse - death.*

Paragraph (e) and (f) address the requirements for the permit system.

Paragraph (g) includes the training requirements for any individual who will enter a permit required confined space.

Paragraph (h) address the duties of the authorized entrants.

Paragraph (i) addressed the duties of the attendants.

Paragraph (j) describes the of the'f entry supervisor.

All of the above listed paragraphs of the standard must be reviewed and the requirements met prior to proceeding with the following paragraph which lists the requirement. for rescue personnel.

Paragraph (k) of the standard requires that those individuals who will enter confined spaces for the purpose of performing rescue receive:

-The training required of authorized entrants under paragraph (g) of the standard.

-Training to perform the assigned duties. *(confined space rescue is very different from other rescues. To assume that very few differences exist is to set the stage for disaster.)*

-Training and certification in basic first-aid. *(Another area that is easily misinterpreted. Consider a crushing injury in a confined space. Will you create further injury to the victim, i.e. unleash a toxic soup in the bloodstream, through the use of improper techniques?) A thorough under-standing of the physiology of this type of incident must be fully understood and the rescuers must have achieved a high degree of competency in rescue and treatment of traumatic injuries.*

-Training and certification in CPR.

-The personal protective equipment necessary for making rescues from permit spaces and the necessary training to properly use the equipment. This includes all situations which involve hazardous materials, which must be handled in accordance with the HAZWOPER standard also, i.e. proper training and provision of chemical protective clothing. *(Are your personnel prepared to perform confined space rescue operations in level B or level A hazardous materials equipment?)*

Paragraph (k) also requires all entrants of permit spaces to use a chest or full body harness with a retrieval line attached at the center of the back near shoulder level or above the entrants head. The other end of the retrieval line shall be attached to a mechanical retrieval device or fixed point outside the permit space in such a manner that rescue can begin as soon as the rescuer becomes aware that rescue is necessary. A mechanical retrieval device shall be available to retrieve personnel from vertical type permit spaces more than 5 feet deep. *This does not mean that the retrieval line can be attached to an electric or hydraulic winch on a fire apparatus, an aerial device where the hydraulic boom will be used as the retrieval device, nor any other type except a "mechanical" type. The retrieval device must also contain a fall protection device, i.e. a mechanical braking system that is automatically activated when the decent rate equals or exceeds 5 feet per second. The majority of the tripod and winch systems on the market are not created with rescue in mind, other than removal of the initial entrant. They are designed to lift only one person. What do you do when emergency response personnel must enter the confined space to perform rescue? They must also be attached to a mechanical retrieval device?*

This standard was in the research stage for numerous years prior to adoption by OSHA. During this time, the public had the opportunity to either recommend acceptance or voice objection to each portion of the proposed standard. Among the groups with the smallest representation during these hearings were the Fire and Emergency Services.

The issue of achieving compliance is no more difficult than achieving compliance with any other OSHA Standard. If your agency determines that under no circumstances will any employee enter a permit required confined space, a statement must be placed in each Standard Operating Procedure to this affect and each employee must be trained in the proper procedures to use when responding to any incident involving permit required confined spaces. If, on the other hand, your agency determines that its employees will enter permit required confined spaces, then each employee must be afforded the training and equip-ment required to perform their job in the most proficient safest manner possible. The training program must be competency based - not based on time spent in training.

The approximate cost for an emergency response agency to comply with this standard ranges from minimal- time spent writing SOP's and informing employees that they will not enter a confined space to an average of $5000 - $7000. Many agencies cannot afford this cost, but upon closer examination, there are many options for compliance. Agencies in close proximity can pool their financial, equipment, and personnel resources and create a regional confined space rescue team. Persuade local industry to finance the program. This

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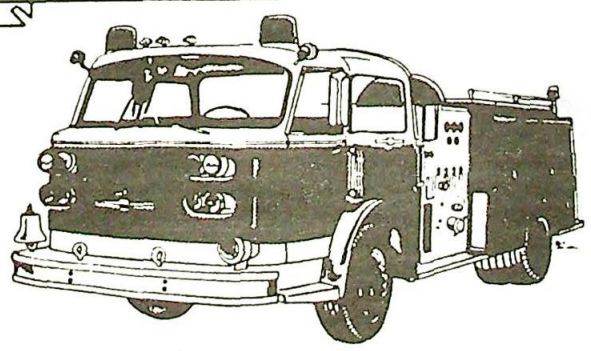

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South Haven Fire Chief Has Complete Recognition Evening

On July 21st 1993 the South Haven VD hosted the District 1 and 2 meeting of the IVFA.

The evening started out with a big surprize for our Chief, Laddie L. Lesnick. Unknown to the Chief he was going to receive several awards that evening. The first of which was a letter from the President of the United States, Bill Clinton,thanking the Chief for all his years of service and dedication to the community. His next surprize came from the Governor of Indiana. The Special Assistant to the Governor, Sherlynn Freeland presented the Chief with The Sagimore of the Wabash Award, the highest award the state can give. Ivan Nevil of the State Fire Marshal's Office was on hand and presented the Chief with a Meritorious Medal and Certificate for his 30 years of dedication to the fire service. Sheriff Dembinski of Porter County presented the Chief with a certificate in recognition of his many years of community service. The Portage Twp. Trustee, Cortie Wilson, was on hand with the Twp. Advisory Board and presented a plaque of thanks to the Chief for his years of service to the twp. The last item presented to the Chief came from St. Mary's Medical Center in Hobart. It was a letter of intent to deliver a Physio Control Life-Pac 10 to the SHVFD. The Chief was totally unprepared for any of the presentations and was left almost speechless. He pulled through with flying colors and wishes to thank everyone that was involved.

Tom Frederick from Midwest Fire Equipment was on hand and presented the Midwest Award to Jim Bradford of the Lake Station Fire Dept.

Duane Lantz & Grace also attended. Duane received a beautiful clock/plaque from Districts 1 and 2. SHVFD would like to thank Duane for his many years of selfless service to the men and women of the IVFA.

Also attending was our twp. trustee's wife, State Rep. Esther Wilson. Gerry Gonela from NALCO Chemical of Chicago, IL attended. Gerry coordinated with the SHVFD, SHCD, and the Sheriff's Department to present a life safety skills program at our community elementary schools. Thanks Gerry!

The program for the evening was a demonstration and talk put on by the Porter Co. Sheriff's Dept. Explosive Disposal Unit or more simply the Bomb Squad. The program was very educational and the SHVFD would like to take this time to thank the Sheriff and his team for taking the time to give us their program.

The dinner for the evening was compliments of St. Mary's Medical Center and was delicious. Thank you!

The meeting was a big success from our point of view. We hope that everyone that attended enjoyed themselves. Thanks for coming.

Lighted Tobacco Products Cause One Of Every Five Deaths From Fire

More people die from fires caused by lighted tobacco products - primarily cigarettes - than from any other cause of fire, according to the new report just published by the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), "The U.S. Smoking-Material Fire Problem Through 1991."

In 1991, the latest year for which these statistics are available, there were 187,100 fires caused by lighted tobacco products, resulting in 951 civilian (non-firefighter) fatalities, 3,381 civilian injuries, and $652 million in direct property damage.

"The civilian death toll is the most important aspect of the smoking material fire problem," says Alison L. Miller, NFPA fire analysis specialist and the report's author. "In residential fires, 25% of all fire deaths were caused by lighted tobacco products."

The report shows that in 1991, three-quarters of the residential smoking material fires and 63% of the deaths were caused by careless disposal of lighted tobacco products. "Nearly all smoking-material fires involve cigarettes, with cigars and pipes together accounting for less than two percent of these fires," says *Ms. Miller. "The items most commonly ignited in smoking-material structure fires are* mattresses and bedding and upholstered furniture."

The NFPA's report lists safer design of there combustible products and legislative initiatives such as passage of the "Fire Safe Cigarette Act of 1990" as avenues to reduce the fire death toll from smoking materials. The Act is a law that requires a standard test method be developed to measure a cigarette's propensity to ignite other items. The report also says public awareness and education programs are essential in order to focus attention on careless behavior associated with smoking, as it represents the biggest part of the smoking-materials fire problem. NFPA recommends the following fire prevention advice for households with smokers:

- Don't smoke when medicated or sleepy, and never in bed;
- Use deep, sturdy ashtrays and empty them frequently, always dousing the ashes with water before discarding;
- Check in and around upholstery cushions for smoldering butts before leaving home or going to sleep; and
- Keep all smoking materials, matches, and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.

Approaching its 100th anniversary, the National Fire Protection Association has led the way to fire safety since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services. NFPA's Fire Analysis and Research Division produces numerous annual reports and special studies on the U.S. fire problem. The Association also publishes the *National Fire Codes®* and the *Learn Not to Burn® Curriculum*. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts, USA.

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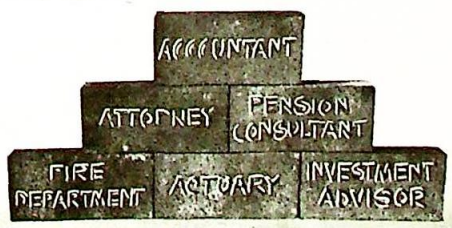

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Confined Space Issue...

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standard has placed the responsibility for compliance, even the performance of rescue operations, upon the owner of the confined spaces and not the local emergency response services. The local emergency response services must comply *only* if they will perform confined space operations.

A preplan for disaster in confined space operations includes cutting costs through the purchase and use of:

-Inadequate instrumentation - an LEL/02 meter will not perform all required tasks.

-Inappropriate personal protective equipment firefighters turnout gear and a 30 min. SCBA is very inappropriate as well as dangerous in these situations - many permit spaces contain hazardous materials. Many confined space openings range in size from 15" to 30" and the confined space rescue operations require more than the 15 to 20 minutes afforded by the "30 minute SCBA". Appropriate coveralls, chemical protective clothing, if indicated, and a supplied air breathing apparatus of the air line type are the safest, most cost efficient, method to use.

-Ineffective or nonexistent preplans - what hazards are out there?

-Unprofessional training - programs presented by instructors who have little or no experience in confined space protocol or in performing confined space operations.

For those individuals who do not feel that there is a need for this type of *program or training, that no change to the system is needed because "we've done it this way for years and haven't killed anyone yet", become the professional that you claim to be as one educational organization stated* LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET OUT OF THE WAY!!!

Robert Mauck is a 10 year Indiana Certified Master Firefighter, a 17 year Indiana State Certified EMT, and President of F.I.R.E., Inc. a leading Consulting, Compliance and Educational firm located in northwest Indiana. Bob can be contacted at 800-933-4733 for further information and clarification of the confined space standard.

Benjamin Franklin Fire Fighter Silver Medal Now Available

The Benjamin Franklin Firefighter Silver Medals are now available. The medal comes in both proof and uncirculated condition. A proof medal is one that has been struck at least twice to create frosted images and a mirror-like background and appears in an attractive presentation case. The uncirculated medals have a satin-like finish and come in gift boxes. Both medals include a Certificate of Authenticity.

Each medal contains one ounce of silver and is 1.6' inches in diameter. On one side of the coin is a portrait of Benjamin Franklin and the words, "Organizer of our first fire service in 1736." The opposite side portrays a fireman climbing a ladder to rescue a young girl under the words, "To serve and protect."

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the silver medals will be distributed among the following fire service organizations. National Volunteer Fire Council Foundation, National Association of State Fire Marshals, International Association of Arson Investigators, National Fire Protection *Association's "Learn Not to Burn" Foundation, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Institute of Life Safety Technology & Emergency* Management Education and the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial at the Franklin Institute.

The medal makes a perfect Christmas gift, award or "thank you" for someone's dedicated service. By purchasing the medal, you are not only making a contribution to the numerous groups listed above, you are investing in a piece of history.

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Residential Fire Sprinkler Demonstration

The Chesterton Fire Department in cooperation with the State Fire Mrashal's Office will be demonstrating. Residential Fire Sprinklers. The first demonstration will begin at approximately 2 pm. local time on Oct. 8, 1993.

The Fire Marshal's Office has a specially designed trailer equipped with Residential Sprinkler heads.

Chesterton firefighters will explain what is involved in having a sprinkled home, the benfits not only in saving money on your home owners insurance, but more importantly is saving lives and property.

The Sprinkler Trailer will be set-up at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot, Third Street and Broadway.

Thank You,
Tony Raimondi

NFPA 1500 Committee rejects compromise TIA

by Tony McDowell

The most recently proposed Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA Log #432) to NFPA 1500, which would have called for the staffing of a 4-man team before attacking interior fires, failed to gain the required three-quarters vote of the Technical Committee necessary for a favorable recommendation to the Standards Council.

According to Gary Tokle of the NFPA, the vote was 19 to 8 in favor of the TIA, two votes short of the number required to recommend the TIA. The TIA allows an exception to the four-member rule when, upon arrival, members are faced with an imminent life threatening situation where "immediate action may prevent the loss of life or serious injury." Eight negative votes were submitted by representatives of organizations uncluding: the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI), the California Fireman's Association, United Fire Fighters of Los Angeles City (IAFF Local 112), Fire Department Safety Officers Association (FDSOA) and the State Directors of Fire Training and Education. Chiefs and volunteers who opposed previous staffing amendments to the standard all supported the TIA.

Those voting against the TIA cited concerns for firefighter safety should the "exception" become the rule for fire ground operations. Don Forrest, secretary of the United Fire Fighters of Los Angeles City, said in his written ballot that "the proposed exception would allow a firefighter, operating alone, to enter the structure to attempt rescue."

However, according to NFPA sources, the TIA would still require fire fighters to operate in teams of at least two with at least one member remaining outside the hazardous area, regardless of the exception. The Standards Council was meeting at press time to consider whether the TIA should be issued.

The IAFC Board of Directors voted during its April 29 meeting to support the TIA, after a direct mail survey of IAFC members showed that a significant majority of the members were in favor of its issuance.

Reprint from On Scene

Koontz Lake Guys and Gals Las Vegas Night

From left to right: Charles E. Lawrence, Fire Chief; Henry P. Paschen, Treasurer; Charles O. Lawrence, Secretary; Dan Lee, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal; Robert L. Fraine, Firefighter and Jeffery R. Collins, Assisitant Fire Chief.

On July 17th, 1993, the Koontz Lake Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Guys and Gals Las Vegas Night at their fire station in Koontz Lake, Indiana.

After a delicious meal prepared by their auxiliary, a ceremony was conducted by Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Dan Lee which honored three dedicated firemen. The following firemen were awarded the Govenor's Service Award: Henry P. Paschen - 40 yrs., Robert L. Fraine - 33 yrs. and Charles 0. Lawrence - 30 yrs. These firemen have served in many different offices within their department and have proven to be a great asset to their department. The Koontz Lake Fire Department is very proud to have such committed gentlemen in their department.

Sincerely,
Charles E. Lawrence, Fire Chief, Koontz Lake VFD

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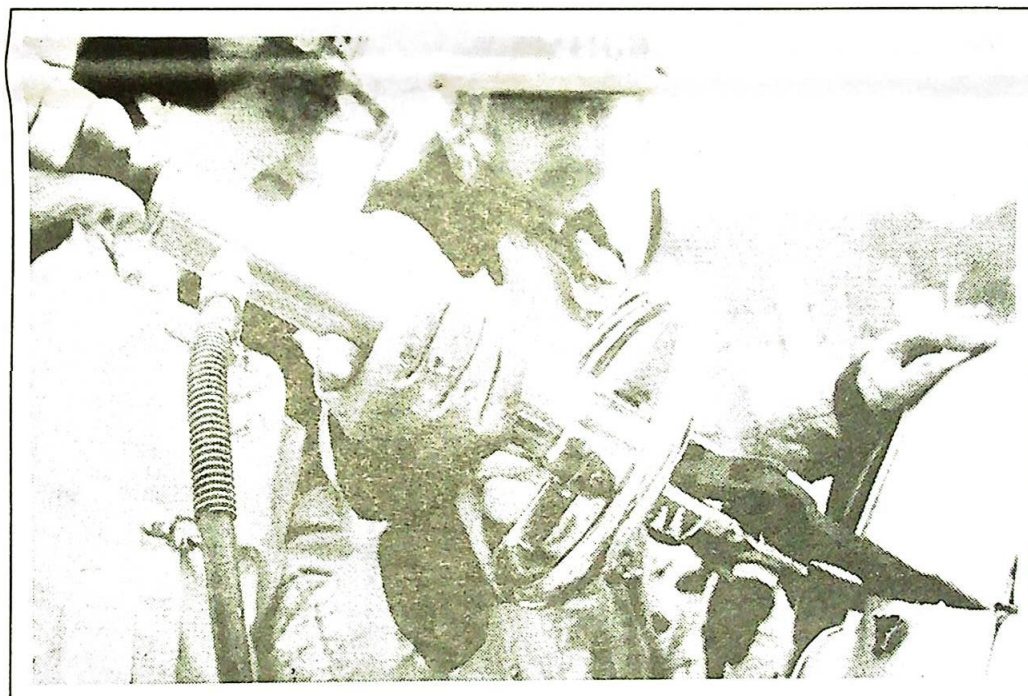

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Digest Minutes of the 47th Annual Convention Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 1993 – French Lick, Indiana

President Parish: "I reconvene this morning the 47th meeting of the Indiana Firemen's Association Convention. At this time we will all stand and, Richard, will you lead us in the Pledge To The Flag."

Vice President Glant: Pledge to the flag.

President Parish: "At this time I will call on Father Lantz."

Chaplain Lantz: Offered prayer.

President Parish: "Thank you. At this time I will call on the Recording Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting."

Bill Howe: "Mr. President." President Parish: "Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "As these minutes were published in the last issue of the newspaper, I move we accept them as published."

Don Cushman: "Second."

President Parish: "We have a motion on the floor to suspend with the reading of the minutes. It has been seconded. All in favor of same raise your right hand. Opposed? Motion carried.

Gene Stofer, do you have the Treasurer's report at this time? Chaplain, do you want to make your report at this time?"

Chaplain Lantz: "When you go to your memorial service today look at the programs. Bob Laney, for a number of years, has made these out for me at no charge to our Association. and he has always done a perfect job. I don't have a lot of things to say but ask that you fellows bear with me through this last Memorial Service. I do thank you for all your kindnesses. Again, may God Bless You. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Duane. At this time I am going to call on Bill Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms."

Bill Bush: "I nave tried my best to get the supplies to you guys out in the field. Thank you."

President Parish: "Are you ready, Gene, for the Treasurer's report?"

Gene Stofer: "Jim Parker, will you come forward?"

Jim Parker: "Since Gene is having problems with his eyes.

Okay, financial report. In the General Fund on 5-31-92 there was a total of $194,915.44 and we made several deposits as you can see on the front page. On 6-1-92 we had $215,805.44 that was disbursed. The Bridgeport Fund on 5-31-92 had $87,054.45. The deposits you see there are interest earned and one donation from a fire department to go into the Bridgeport Fund. There was disbursed $6,112.32, one death claim and the two scholarships from last year. The Bridgeport Fund as of 5-31-93 is $94,366.78, so you can see with the interest earned and the donation from one fire department, that it is better off than it was at the start of this fiscal year. Total of all funds $267,594.31."

Gene Stofer: "This report is not an audited report. It will be in the August newspaper, a full report as audited. We overspent $32,000 more than we took in this year and we cut everything we could."

President Parish: "Jack Zeeks, do you want to make a report as Chairman of the Board?"

Jack Zeeks: "Pass."

President Parish: "First, I have to read a few rules. There is no smoking in this room. When you want to make a motion or address the body, there is a mic in the center of the room. I do want to thank French Lick and District 18 for hosting the 1993 Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Convention. I have visited 18 of the 26 districts. I have traveled over 13,000 miles this year, and the thing I really appreciate a lot is 18,516 members that belong to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. I will be glad to be a delegate for the presidency of the office for 1993-94. Thank you. Richard Glant, would you like to give a report at this time?"

Vice President Glant: "I, too, want to thank you for having me be your vice president for the past year. I have traveled just over 13,000 miles and met a lot of you. Thank you." President Parish: "Recording Secretary, John Davies. Excuse me, John, we have some ladies coming in. At this time I would like to introduce Barbara Parker and Eula Bush and Miss Flame and the other contestants for 1993." Eula Bush: Eula introduced the Miss Flame contestant from each district represented, and the 1993 Miss Flame Runner-up Heather Brann, District 11-B, and our Miss Flame for 1993, Anita Schlensker, District 15."

Barbara Parker: "Anita said she does have transportation, so you fellows get your pencils and paper ready, she is Anita Schlensker, 3926 Kansas Road, Evansville, IN 47711; phone number 812-867-5619. Please invite her. I will go ahead and give you the runner-up. If Anita can't come, she represents us too. She is Heather Brann, R.R. 3, Box 254, Rosedale, IN 47874, phone 317-548-2674."

President Parish: "Thank you Barb, thank you Eula, thank you Miss Flames. Anita, would you like to come up and say a word or two?"

Anita Schlensker: "I am more than willing to travel. I am home every weekend. I love to see Indiana. Thank you."

President Parish: "Would the Runner-up like to say anything?"

Heather Brann: I would just like to say that if Miss Flame can't make it then I would like to do it myself. I am willing to go anywhere."

President Parish: "Now we will go on to the reports. John."

John Davies: "I, too, express my pleasure at being able to serve this great organization for the year as Recording Secretary and I am a candidate for the office in the election again this afternoon. Thank you."

President Parish: "Secretary, Lee Kissell."

Lee Kissell: "Good morning. It has been a pleasure serving in that capacity and I hope everyone is satisfied with the job we have done. Again, I have to give my wife a lot of credit, too. Membership continues to grow. In 1991 we had 17,700 people, in 1992 we had 18,516. In 1991 there were 731 member departments now there are 750. We had 3,126 paid and I would like to remind everyone to have their dues in by July 31.

The license plate program has changed a little bit. We have to follow the same rules as those people getting those special plates. In your dues billing this year there was an extra sheet at the end of the printout that listed all the members in that department. We have to know what county you reside in and how many plates you are buying for 1994. As long as I have the list by the 25th of October this will be our cutoff date because I have to give the information to the State. If you add a new member on during this time prior to October 25, give me a phone call or drop me a note, tell me how many plates he wants, and we will add him to the list, but if they have not signed up on the list they can't get one.

I will be a candidate again this year. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Lee. At this time I want to call the Convention Chairman up here, Barry Wininger."

Barry Wininger: "The Memorial Service again will be in the same place the Opening Ceremony was in last night in Convention Hall. Games have been changed. The Board of Firefighters and Educational Standards question and answer session will be on the mezzanine level just above the lobby tomorrow morning. For the train rides show your registration badge at the Railway Inn and they will give you discounted prices. I also want to ask all of you to visit the Exhibit Center and spend some time with the exhibitors over there."

President Parish: "Thank you, Barry. Gene, are you ready for your Treasurer's Report?"

Gene Stofer: "We did cut our spending this last year about $16,000. The last issue of the newspaper cost $6,300. When you figure four issues, that comes to around $25,000 plus postage of $3,000 each time we mail. The next item they complain about is legislature. I invite each and every one of you to spend just one day down at the legislature and you would not complain about the costs today. We are the only organization that got ten bills passed this year. We again, one more time, got the fireworks bill killed. Everybody says your officers get a whole lot of money. They get $40 a day for motel if they are out for fire (or your) business; $20 a day for meals (that's almost a breakfast here today); I hope you vote right because we can't afford to keep losing $32,000 a year. It has been a pleasure working for you, I guess, and I hope to see you again next year. Thank you.

President Parish: "Thank you, Gene. Mort Sorg?"

Mort Sorg: "Does Gene want the district reports now?"

Gene Stofer: "Bring the district reports up here now, if you will, and we will get them started."

President Parish: "Will Gene's committee please come forward

I wanted to introduce some special guests at this time but they may have had to leave. Gene Goddard, Larry Bosell, Bill Goodwin in here? Bill Goodwin is a former Fire Marshal for the State of Indiana; he is the only man that has served four consecutive terms in the Fire Marshal's office."

Bill Goodwin: "Thank you. I visited with Jack Ford, a past president and past secretary of this organization. This will be the first convention in 43 years that Jack hasn't been with us.

I am tremendously proud and I have always been proud to be a volunteer firefighter. And I would hope that each and every one of you feel the same way. I think you have to dedicate yourself to do the things you should do. I think our leadership in the fire service, and I take that all the way from the national level down through the local level, has got to start doing some things with a little common sense. They have got to start realizing what the volunteer fire service is. I suspect we have got to do a better job of public relations to let the public, the taxpayers to know of our needs. But we have got to do a better job of letting the leadership, whether it is in Indianapolis or Washington, DC, or the NFPA, that we have got to start standing up and demanding what we can do, what our rights and privileges are. I can criticize what I see in the fire service but I remember this. Everybody is volunteering, doing the best, by God, with what they have got. Keep up the good work and God Bless You All. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Bill. Dan Lee."

Dan Lee: "My title about two weeks ago was Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, today it is Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal and on July 19 when the new marshal takes over it will still be Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal. I will just continue and the office will just continue to roll on. The service that you expect from us will be there, I guarantee that.

Ivan Nevil, who is our state training director, will be up here and he is going to touch on some things. As we speak there are some 62% of the fire departments in the State of Indiana that report to us on a regular basis. Ivan is going to talk about the new form, the yellow form that is going out which most of you got in the mail requesting more information than we have asked for in the past. This year in the legislature there were three fireworks bills introduced. One of the good points was that they all got defeated. During that course of legislative process we were asked on several occasions, 'How many deaths did we have in the State of Indiana due to fireworks?' 'How many injuries did we have in the State of Indiana due to fireworks?' 'How many incidents of fire, structural fire, any kind of fire which were the result of fireworks?' Right now there is a law that says that any burn injuries that go to a hospital are supposed to be reported to us. We need that information from the fire service, from the emergency service personnel throughout the state of Indiana.

I want to talk a little about HAZMAT. Every firemen in this state needs to be as a minimum at the operations level in training. That is what OSHA is going to look for.

One last thing I would like to talk about is, I lost a good friend in Gene Goddard. He had the fire service at heart, not just the career, not just the volunteers, not the IVFA, not the IFA, the instructors, the investigators, or the HAZMAT people but the fire service. Not the Democrats, not the Republicans, but the fire service. I stand up here as a volunteer firefighter, I am a member of your organization. We have the strength to prevail. Thank you."

President Parish: "At this time I would call on Ivan Nevil, the Training and Education Director."

Ivan Nevil: "I would like to introduce Kerry Browning. HAZMAT is downstairs and Pat Babbs works with them. Dan went down to get her and we will introduce Pat to you. I will give a report on Bill Patterson. Bill has been an instructor and was the director of training in the state also. Bill had some open heart surgery done, he is getting along fine. We have also hired a new instructor. His name is Larry Camby, just recently retired from the Grissom Air Force Base. He is an instructor in aircraft crash rescue, he is going to be specializing in tactics.

At this time I would like to introduce Pat Babbs. Pat, would you come up here please? I will give Pat a chance to say a few words here."

Pat Babbs: "I am glad to be with you. I have enjoyed working with you, not that I am at this moment planning to do differently. I have had people say that I have been a lot of help to them. I am very glad of that. If I haven't been of help, I have at least tried to be fair. Thank you."

Ivan Nevil: "As you know Pat had been with the program since its inception in 1977 so she has been with it sixteen years. She has done one hell of a job for the firefighters for the State of Indiana. So at this time, we went out on a limb - Dan and I with no marshal you get a little more leeway. Office of the State Fire Marshal, State of Indiana, Certificate of Appreciation. Presented to Patricia for her dedication and service to all the firefighters in our great State of Indiana, for her participation as program coordinator in the Firefighters Certification Program, dated June 10, 1993, R. Daniel Lee, Fire."

Pat Babbs: "Thank you very, very much."

Ivan Nevil: "Another thing that we are starting in the office on Wednesday, we are going to put together a booklet stating what the requirements are for training, statutory training for Indiana as well as what OSHA requires. We are going to make this available to the fire departments, not the fire chief. We want it left in the fire station. That is where it belongs. We are going to put together the 24-hour ruling, we are going to put in there the 4-hour ruling that the Standards and Education Board has made, then we are going to put in there the 1910-120 HAZMAT training requirements, the 133 which is the personal protective equipment, 134 the respiratory, 156 fire brigade, 1030, and the new law that goes in effect June 15, and you have another one coming at you next week. At the present time we have 950 departments in the State of Indiana,

They came up with a new monthly report form. It was sent out to every department in the state. Every fire chief was sent one if they were on our mailing list in the office.

The Standards and Education Board - Tony Johnson who has served as a member of the Standards and Education Board resigned. Therefore, there is an opening on this Board. I will be soliciting names for the position. The individual must be an officer in the fire department, not a chief nor an assistant chief. Those positions on the Board are already filled. I need the name, address, phone number, whether the person is a male or a female or other. I need the race. This individual will be in an area everything north of I74 and west of highway 31. We are looking at Lafayette north and up from Indianapolis to Plymouth, on up towards South Bend and everything west of that area. We want to keep it balanced throughout the state and Tony represented that area. We are looking really at Districts 1, 2, 3, 9A, 9B, 21. If you have somebody you think would be interested in serving and has the interest of the firefighters in Indiana, their training at heart, I need to know because I need to put this list together and I am not going to wait six months to do it. I am going to turn it in to the governor's office within a month,

If I can help you call me at the Fire Marshal's Office. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Ivan. Roll Call Committee, we would like to see you right now. At this time I want to call on Al Mendel, Games Committee."

Al Mendel: "Thank you, Mitch. As you all know the games will be tomorrow. We will be setting up beginning about six o'clock in the morning. The Registration Table will be there for anyone wanting to participate in the games who is not registered for the convention. It will cost you $5.00 for that. According to the program, games will get started at nine o'clock."

President Parish: "Thank you,

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Al. At this time I would like to call on Larry Curl, President of the Indiana Fire Service Institute."

Larry Curl: "Thank you, Mitch. I challenge any of you in this room to give me an item of what the current administration has done for the fire service in the state government for the last six years. Any takers on that? They gave us regulations, they gave us rules, they gave us items that we have to follow, they have not given us any funding, they have not given us a lot of support, they have not given us a lot of cooperation. Folks, it is time for that to change. And we can make that change. As I told you last night, we have 28,000 fire and emergency service personnel in the State of Indiana. As I told you we have 127 out of 150 state legislators who are now members of our Indiana Fire Caucus. We volunteers are the backbone of the emergency services of the state of Indiana. But we have got to speak out. We have got to let them know what we want, and they have to know that we are serious in our asking.

I want to mention that the 3rd Annual Dinner for the Indiana Fire Services Institute will be November 14. We encourage all of you to make every effort to be at that dinner. Thank you."

President Parish: "We will go to our PR directors and ask them to report. Bill Howe, Northeast."

Bill Howe: "Pass."

President Parish: "Bill Kinsey, PR Northeast."

Bill Kinsey: "Three short items. I urge you to pay attention to what Larry told us and urge you to continue negotiations. Second, I think there is no one more deserving of the Fire Marshal's Award of Merit than Pat Babbs. Each year the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services have a junior cadet - a junior firefighter program that they award three cash prizes nationwide. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as PR Northeast and when nominations are open this afternoon I will accept the candidacy again. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Bill. Larry Jackson, East Central."

Larry Jackson: "Pass."

President Parish: "Thank you, Larry. West Central, Toddy Michl."

Toddy Michl: "Pass."

President Parish: "Thank you, Toddy. Southwest, Jack Kerney.

Jack Kerney: "Pass."

President Parish: "Southeast, Paul Hildebrand."

Paul Hildebrand: "Pass."

President Parish: "Thank you, guys, that was fast. We will go to Districts. Joe Komoscar, District 1."

Joe Komoscar: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 2, Larry Stott."

Larry Stott: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 3, Bob Bentley."

Bob Bentley: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 4, John Ferro.

John Ferro: "Pass, Mr. President."

President Parish: "District 5, Jerry Lanning."

Jerry Lanning: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 6, Doug Engle."

Doug Engle: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 7, Mort Sorg."

Mort Sorg: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 8A, Bob Fleener."

Bob Fleener: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 8B, Larry Petro."

Larry Petro: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 9A, Tug Sutton."

Tug Sutton: "Pass."

President Parish: "9B, Buz Koehler."

Buz Koehler: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 10, Bruce Neal."

Bruce Neal: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 11A, Bob Hays."

Bob Hays: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 11B, Larry Bartlow."

Larry Bartlow: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 12, Don Johnson."

Don Johnson: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 13A, Don Cushman."

Don Cushman: "Pass."

President Parish: "13B, Jack Cox."

Jack Cox: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 14, Bob Woodfill."

Bob Woodfill: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 15, Mike Seitz."

Mike Seitz: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 16, Danny Hickman."

Danny Hickman: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 17A, Jack Harker."

Jack Harker: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 17B, Jack Zeeks."

Jack Zeeks: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 18, Virgil Heneisen."

Virgil Heneisen: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 19, Paul Covington."

Paul Covington: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 20, Tony Palmiero."

Tony Palmiero: "Pass."

President Parish: "District 21, Perry Martin."

Perry Martin: "Pass."

President Parish: "Past Presidents' Reports. Nevil.

Ivan Nevil: "Pass."

President Parish: "Is Pete Lockhart in the audience? (No response.) Lawrence Swartz."

Lawrence Swartz: "Pass."

President Parish: "Carl Bruns."

Carl Bruns: "Pass."

President Parish: "Jim Parker."

Jim Parker: "Pass."

President Parish: "Gene Stofer."

Gene Stofer: "Pass."

President Parish: "Bill Engle."

Bill Engle: "Pass."

President Parish: "Gentlemen, at this time we are going to adjourn the meeting. Father Lantz is having a memorial service down where we were last night. We will reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Dismissed For Memorial Service, Reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

President Parish: "At this time I am going to call on the Roll Call Committee. We need the Roll Call sheet from each District. Bring them up to Lee. At this time I want to call on Gene Goddard for any comments."

Gene Goddard: "I just want to thank all of you for what you did for us. I couldn't talk last night so I will make an effort today. But I think we are kind of at a crossroads. I think we are getting together but we are not strong enough yet to do some of the things we have to do. So this is what I hope will come out of what happened. We will get stronger and we will get in a position where they won't be able to do what they have done to you in the past, what they have done to the fire service, and we just can't take promises anymore. We have got to get results. The only way we are going to get that is if we stay united. This administration has not been kind to the fire service. They have not been responsive to the fire service. I know it makes all of those people feel bad when they can't sit down and talk to the governor about fire problems. So I think what we have got to do is support the fire service caucus. We have got to stick together, we have got to get stronger, we have got to make decisions that effect the fire service. If we can do that in the next couple of years, I think we will move into the 21st century like we should with the fire service being a leader. Thank you for allowing us to come here. If the good Lord is willing, I will see you in Elkhart."

Gene Stofer: "Gentlemen, there goes one hell of a man and I am hearing and I have never seen a man who has got behind us and worked with us any stronger than Gene Goddard. He is now a member of your organization by Executive Order. I would like to hear a motion from the floor to allow it."

Joe Komoscar: "So moved."

John Ferro: "Second."

Gene Stofer: "All in favor stand up one more time and give him a hand."

President Parish: "Thank you, Gene. Pete Lockhart, past president? Do you have any comments, Pete?"

Pete Lockhart: "Glad to be here."

President Parish: "Thank you, Pete. At this time we are going to skip right on to the committees. Legislative, Gene Stofer. Do you have anything, Gene?"

Gene Stofer: "I have a report but we will have to locate my reader, Jim Parker. "

Jim Parker: "Legislative Report, 1993 Indiana General Assembly regular session. There were 1598 bills filed during this session. Sixteen of these bills in some fashion had impact on the volunteer fire service or the fire services. There was 275 bills which ultimately passed both houses and went to the Governor for signature. John Shanks gave me this note, 'It is our firm's great pleasure and honor to continue to represent the Volunteer Fire Service before the General Assembly.' Ten bills were passed which benefit the IVFA. Senate Bill 66, Senate Bill 247, House Bill 1026, House Bill 1078, House Bill 1149, House Bill 1492, House Bill 1627, House Bill 1691, House Bill 1757, and House Bill 1842. Are there any questions?"

Gene Stofer: "There are some people in here that are wanting to get some bills presented next year that will help. I need your help. We need bills that are going to help you. Senator Gard out of the Greenfield area had it cut and dried. We had been assured that they would get the License Bill passed. He came up to Larry Borst and he asked what it was going to cost the state government. So we ask the motor vehicle bureau to give us some figures. And we are still waiting for these figures. Thank you very much."

President Parish: "Thank you, Gene. Bridgeport Fund, Lawrence Swartz."

Lawrence Swartz: "We did have 57 applications this year which is I believe a record. However, almost 20 of those were asked for in the last 15 days of February. Don't wait until February because you hit my vacation. We had two winners this year, one from Seymour and one from Westpoint, Districts 21 and 16. One graduated in 1993 and one graduated in 1963."

President Parish: "Thank you, Lawrence. Gene, do you have anything to say on National Volunteer Fire Council?"

Gene Stofer: "Gentlemen and ladies, I hate to keep bringing this back but we have a lot of problems, folks, state and national. On the national level, we had the National Fire Caucus where the firefighters union put on a beautiful picture. In the middle of the film it stated 'Cities, towns and townships are killing firefighters.' I almost came unglued. It isn't the elected officials killing firefighters, it is the taxpayers who love the tax freeze. They want the service, they want the equipment, but they don't want taxes raised. I thought it was very poorly presented when 80% of the crowd was volunteer and 20% was career firefighters. We have got a fight on our hands. Al Whitehead is no friend of firefighters. If we don't do something we are not going to have firetrucks and IOSHA is going to get everyone of us.

President Parish: "The former Fire Marshal of Indiana, Larry Bosell, would you come up here?"

Larry Bosell: "Thank you. There is going to be a new Chapter 5 in the book on sprinklers and standards, which will be on sprinklers in manufactured homes. The video is called "A Little Water Just in Time." This video is now available and the sprinkler operates on ten gallon per minute. Thank you very much for inviting me. It is good to see so many of you."

President Parish: "Standards and Education with Paul Covington. Come to the meeting tomorrow with any thoughts in the Question and Answer session. Is there any old business that needs to come before this body at this time? Is there any new business that needs to come before this body? At this time I will call on the PR people to present the resolutions. Will all the PR people come forward?"

Bill Kinsey: "Currently there are copies of the resolutions being passed out. These resolutions were received and are acceptable for consideration before this group. There is one letter that is a recommendation that the Resolutions Committee determine whether the resolution is applicable to apply to the bylaws and we will read that with some comments after the resolutions are considered. The primary focus of the resolutions is to handle the problem of the financial condition of this association and the need for a dues increase. All of the resolutions have a different approach as to how the dues should be increased, the method of increasing them, and the amount. Each department should have a copy of these resolutions in their hands soon. I am going to read these resolutions and open them to some discussion before a vote is held. The Chairman has a statement he wants to make regarding the order these resolutions are presented to you. Mr. Parliamentarian."

Bill Howe: "This is the book that we go by. It is not in our Constitution and Bylaws. This book says, 'The Chair should arrange a logical order much as indicated ...so that the last one adopted is law.' That is enough to read. If you pass more than one of these, the last one passed is the one that counts."

Bill Kinsey: "There will be some notations made prior to reading these resolutions because there are a couple date changes in here that would grammatically affect the financial condition of the association if they were adopted.

The first resolution to be presented is:

RESOLUTION #1:

At a regular meeting of District 10 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association at Fairland, Indiana, on August 19, 1992, the members in attendance approved the following amendment to the bylaws: Whereas the cost of operation has risen, and whereas the allowance for mileage and related expenses has risen, the income from sources other than membership has diminished, and the last increase in membership was more than nine years ago. We submit that a change in membership dues is necessary, therefore be it resolved that Article 6 of the bylaws be amended to read:

Article 6, Section 1: The Board of Directors of the Association shall establish the membership dues at a regular meeting of the board prior to the annual meeting of the association. An increase in dues if necessary shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the current dues computed and rounded to the nearest dollar. This section applies to active, retired or resigned, and industrial members. Our current dues rounded would mean a $2.00 increase. Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Association shall establish the Associate membership dues at a regular meeting of the Board prior to the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 3. Dues shall be payable in June and will be delinquent after September 30.'

This is not according to our current schedule. Dues are delinquent after July 31. So if you vote this one in you have got some major problems. (Balance of the resolution was read as currently in effect.) This is the first resolution that we are presenting to the body. Please take into consideration the key factor that if this were passed and this became the final amendment to the bylaws, it would increase dues $2.00 and would upset the current Bridgeport Fund qualifications that our current bylaws for the delinquency of dues. At this time I will entertain questions or I will entertain a motion to accept or reject this resolution."

"Bob Uryga, District 3. I make a motion that we vote this down."

Bill Kinsey: "The motion is to reject the resolution as submitted. Is there a second?"

Virgil Heneisen: "District 18, second."

Bill Kinsey: "There is a motion and a second to reject this resolution as submitted. All those in favor of rejecting the resolution signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed,

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'nay.' The resolution is rejected. (unanimous)

The second resolution to be read, and again we have tried to place these in the order we think they should be submitted.

RESOLUTION #2

On September 17, 1992, at the 19th district regular meeting held at Versailles Fire Department with 59 firefighters present, representing 22 departments, the following resolution was discussed and proposed by a unanimous vote to be presented for your consideration.

Article 6, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5. Whereas the Indiana

Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. has operated over the last eight years without a dues increase, and desires to continue to operate and improve in the areas of education, legislation and betterment of the fire service. Therefore, be it resolved that at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association this resolution be presented for approval in an effort to insure the sustainment of our association.

Article VI - Dues and Mileage

Section 1. Active membership dues shall be ten dollars ($10.00) per member per year for 1994 through 1996; increasing to twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12.50) for 1997 through 1999; increasing to fifteen dollars ($15.00) in 1000, payable in May and not later than July 31. Fifty cents ($. 50) shall be allocated to the Clothing Fund and the balance allocated to General Fund. All members shall receive the Indiana Volunteer Firemen newspaper.

Section 3. Associate member's dues shall be twelve dollars ($12) for 1994 through 1996 per member per year; increasing to fourteen dollars and fifty cents ($14.50) for 1997 through 1999; increasing to seventeen dollars ($17.00) in 2000, payable in May and not later than July 31. All dues of associate members shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Section 4. Retired or resigned firemen, as outlined in Article VIII, Section 3, dues shall be nine dollars ($9.00) in 1994 through 1996 per member per year; increasing to eleven dollars and fifty cents ($11.50) for 1997 through 1999; increasing to fourteen dollars ($14.00) in 2000, payable in May and not later than July 31. All retired and resigned firemen dues shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Section 5. Industrial Fire Department dues shall be ten dollars ($10.00) for 1994 through 1996 per member per year; increasing to twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12.50) for 1997 through 1999; increasing to fifteen dollars ($15.00) in 2000, payable in May and not later than July 31. Fifty cents ($. 50) shall be allocated to the Clothing Fund and the balance allocated to the General Fund.

This is a legally submitted resolution. The Resolutions Committee has only one comment to make - with the graduated method such as this it will increase considerably the work of the secretary and the question is whether it will raise the money rapidly enough to sustain the operations of this association. I will entertain a motion at this time."

"Bob Esserman, District 1. Due to the financial situation and the state of our Treasury, I make a motion to reject this resolution as presented."

Bill Kinsey: "We have a motion to reject the resolution as presented. Is there a second?"

"Buz Koehler, District 9B. We second that rejection."

Bill Kinsey: "Are there any questions? There has been a legally presented motion and second to reject this resolution. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'. Those opposed 'nay.' District Chairman, poll your delegates.

President Parish: "Sergeant at Arms, please secure the doors, no one in or out while voting is going on. Election Committee, please come forward. John Ferro, Bob Fleener, Don Johnson, Danny Hickman, Buz Koehler, and Don Cushman. Front and center."

Bill Kinsey: "Remember, ladies and gentlemen, one vote per delegate, no more than three delegates per department. The motion was to reject the resolution as read."

President Parish: "John Hardy, Jim Parker and Gene Stofer. Would you three get ready for your reports as soon as we are finished with the resolutions."

Bill Kinsey: "The motion stands 132 to 106. The motion to reject the resolution stands."

RESOLUTION # 3:

On November 18, 1992 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the 14th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, conducted at the Hanover Volunteer Fire Department, with at least five member departments present, the following resolution was discussed and voted upon by the members present, with the majority agreeing to present this resolution at the annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association as a resolution to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. This resolution pertains to Article VI, Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Whereas: The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. has operated for the past eight (8) years without a dues increase, and desires to continue to operate and improve in the areas of education, legislation and the betterment of the fire service and must remain solvent in order to do so.

Therefore, the 14th District respectfully submits the following to be presented at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association as a resolution to the Constitution and By-Laws to be voted upon and approved by the membership in an effort to insure the sustainment of the association. Article 6 - Dues and Mileage. Section 1. Active membership dues shall be fifteen dollars (15.00) per member, per year, payable in May and not later than July 31; fifty cents (.50) shall be allocated to the Clothing Fund; and fourteen dollars and fifty cents ($14.50) shall be allocated to the General Fund. All members shall receive the Indiana Volunteer Fireman newspaper.

Section 3. Associate members dues shall be twenty dollars ($20.00) per member, per year, payable in May and not later than July 31; twenty dollars ($20.00) shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Section 4. Retired or resigned firemen, as outlined in Article 8, Section 3, dues shall be seven dollars and fifty cents ($7.50) per member, per year, payable in May and not later than July 31; seven dollars and fifty cents ($7.50) shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Section 5. Industrial Fire Department dues shall be fifteen dollars ($15.00) per member, per year, payable in May and not later than July 31. Fourteen dollars and fifty cents shall be allocated to the General Fund and fifty cents ($.50) shall be allocated to the Clothing Fund.

Ladies and gentlemen, at this time I will entertain a motion and I recognize Paul Covington."

Paul Covington: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With due respect to District 14, Paul Covington representing the 19th District, makes a motion to reject this resolution due to the fear that it will cause a loss of membership to this organization."

"Jim Bruner, Hazelwood Fire Department, District 12. I second that motion because I know of four departments that will drop out at that raise."

Bill Kinsey: "There is a motion on the floor to reject the last resolution to increase the dues of this association. It has been duly made as a motion and a second. Discussion? "

Question: "Is there any other way to present a motion to increase dues? Can a motion be made from the floor?"

Bill Kinsey: "Under our Bylaws this is the legal way to do it. Will the Parliamentarian read a statement from Roberts Rules of Order regarding the amending by resolution?"

Bill Howe: "The book says "If the bylaws permit their amendment without previous notice, which they should not do (and ours do not) no amendment is in order that a previous modification of the articles or rules to be amended. This restriction prevents members from proposing a flat change and taking advantage of absent members in moving over the greater one as an amendment to the amendment. Thus if the bylaws place an annual dues of $10 and the amendment pending is to strike out the $10 and insert $25 an amendment change to the $25 of any number between $10 and $25 would be in order. But an amendment to change the order to less than $10 or greater than $25 is not legal." "

John Hardy, District 4. What does our Committee have to say about this resolution?"

Bill Kinsey: "It isn't a matter of preference; it is a matter that we have been advised by the Treasurer that with a deficit income this year and a deficit income next year, a minimum increase of $5.00 is necessary as quickly as an amendment can be adopted. Our current dues are $7.50. Any change in the amount on this resolution proposal would require the withdrawal of the motion to reject and the second. A new motion could then be entertained."

Much discussion followed. Comments were expressed by Jim Parker, Gene Stofer, and Bill Bush.

President Parish: "Gentlemen, I have been sitting here. We had a Historical Committee update which I was reluctant to give. Three years ago you named a historical committee for five or six years to get your historical book out. What we are looking at in the next three years is a $12,000 expenditure for the historical update. That is for 50 years. There is no way we can cut that out of the budget. If you want to do away with the historical update that's fine with me because there is a lot of work in that. But if you want that book out by 1996 there will be a $12,000 expenditure."

Bill Kinsey: "We have a motion on the floor and a legal second to reject the resolution as presented. Jim Parker."

Jim Parker: "Mr. Howe, let me see if I understand what you told us correctly. If this resolution is rejected as it now stands it can be resurrected for any amount between $7.50 ..."

Bill Howe: "No, the motion is rejected; the motion is to reject the resolution. If the motion is rejected then the floor would be open for a motion to accept it for any amount, then you talk about the amount. The motion is to reject the resolution. If the motion is defeated or if the motion is withdrawn, any motion can be made to accept, but first you have to do something with the motion on the floor."

Bill Kinsey: "The motion was made to reject the proposal as submitted. If it is defeated it would be the same as if it was withdrawn. We have a call for the question. Unless the motion is withdrawn a vote will be taken. A motion was made to reject the resolution as read. This is the final resolution to deal with a dues increase for this association. If you vote in favor of the motion - we are going to vote by voice first and then by ballot if necessary - but if you are voting for the motion to reject the resolution - and I ask voting delegates to vote, please. At this time please indicate with an 'aye' response if you are voting in favor of the motion to reject the resolution. Those opposing the motion 'nay.' It is the chair's opinion that the nays have it. The motion to reject the resolution did not carry. At this time I will entertain a motion approving the resolution."

"Mr. Chairman, Dave Clemens, District 1. I make a motion we accept the resolution.

Bill Kinsey: "We have a motion to accept the resolution. "Tom Sellmer, District 14. I will second that."

"Mr. Chairman, Paul Covington, District 19. I would really like to see a count on the vote to reject the resolution."

Bill Kinsey: "I am sorry but there is a motion and a second on the floor which will have to be acted on before any other business. Discussion on the motion to accept the resolution.

"Tom Sellmer, Mr. Chairman, I withdraw the second."

Bill Kinsey: "Order, please. At this time only the second to the motion has been rescinded. Before any other action can be taken there has to be a valid second or the person who made the original motion must rescind it."

"Mr. Chairman, Don Tressler, District 17B. I second the motion and I want to say a few words on it. Fifteen dollars, ladies and gentlemen, is not going to break you up...."

"Mr. Chairman, , District 2. I call the question."

Bill Kinsey: "At this time the motion was made and there was a second and a call for the question. The motion on the floor is to accept the resolution as presented, increasing the dues to $15.00. District Chairmen, poll your delegates."

President Parish: "While the vote is being counted we have one more resolution. This is on the associate and we are going to go ahead with that."

Bill Kinsey: "This resolution I am about to read is not affected by the vote that is being counted.

RESOLUTION # 4:

At a regular meeting of Dist. 10, of the Ind. Vol. Firemans Association, at Fairland, Ind. on Aug. 19, 1992, the members in attendance approved the following amendment to the by-laws: Whereas the cost of operations has increased and, whereas the allowance for mileage and related expense has increased and, whereas dues for associate members as defined in Article VI section 3 are not on a level comparable to other related associations and, whereas the Board of Directors of the Association should review and adjust, as required, the associate membership dues:

We submit that a change in the Ind. Vol. Firemans Assoc. by-laws is necessary. Therefore be it resolved that Article VI, Section 3, of.the by-laws be amended to read:

Article VI Section 3.

Association member dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Dues shall be payable in June and will be delinquent after Sept. 30. Submitted by District Chairman Bruce Neal."

"Mr. Chairman, Paul Covington, District 19. I make a motion we accept this resolution as read."

"Virgil Heneisen, Dist. 18, I will second it."

Bill Kinsey: "We have a motion and a second. Questions?"

Bob Fleener: "You have got me thoroughly confused. I would simply like to offer an amendment to change the dates when they are due to bring them into compliance with our other membership dues. This says June to Sept. 30 but it would make more sense to me if it were May to July 31st and I just want to know how to do this."

"Virgil Heneisen, I withdraw my second."

"I think I can help you, Mr. Chairman. Paul Covington, Dist. 19, I withdraw my motion.

Bill Kinsey: "Motion and second withdrawn."

Bob Fleener: "I would like to make a motion then to make an amendment to this to change these dates from June to May and September 30 to July 31."

Bill Kinsey: "As amended it would be dues payable in May and delinquent after July 31. There is a motion."

Joe Komoscar: "I second that."

Bill Kinsey: "And a second. Questions?"

Ivan Nevil: "I know there is a motion and a second. But if the person who made the motion and the person who seconded it would amend the motion to include all members rather than associate members on that, we can amend it, put a $5.00 increase in there for an all members increase, and do what needs to be done for the betterment of the association."

Bill Kinsey: "We need to hold that until we have a count on the previous resolution which effects the amount of the dues."

Bill Kinsey: "The motion to accept the resolution to increase the dues to $15.00 did not obtain the necessary 3/4 vote to pass. Therefore the motion to accept was defeated. The count was 138 to 96."

Bill Howe: "Ivan, your suggestion could not be accepted as there was nothing about general dues in there and no amount."

Ivan Nevil: "I understand that but I cannot do anything until the individual who made the motion withdraws the motion. The second has been withdrawn. If he does then I can enter an amendment."

Bill Howe: "I read again from the book. No amendment is in order that increases the modification of the article or rule to be amended. Thus if the bylaws place an annual dues of $10 to $25, the $25 could be taken out and anything in between put in. But there is nothing in there."

Bill Kinsey: "And the problem with this is that the resolution on the floor at this time pertains only to Article 6, Section 3,

Associate Member dues. At this time there is a motion on the floor, it is my understanding that the second has rescinded, I call for a second to the motion."

"Greg Bennington, District 12. I will second the motion."

Bill Kinsey: "Thank you, Greg.

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Local Boy Scout brings safety camp to children

Two-day event involves safety officials

By DEBBIE LEONARD
staff writer

A Vincennes boy got on the ball to make his Eagle Scout project become a reality. At the same time, he will provide a unique opportunity for about 50 of his peers at Ouabache Trails Park.

Justin Hamilton obtained various donations and the services of various firefighters, police officers and other professionals to arrange a Vincennes Township Fire Department Safety Day Camp this Wednesday and Thursday. The boy's father, Doug Hamilton, is assistant chief at the Vincennes Township Fire Dept.

The program will be limited to the first 50 who register, Mr. Hamilton said. Already 30 boys and girls have signed up to be a part of the event that will be of no cost to the participants or their parents. The two-day affair is open to all area children between the ages of 8 and 11.

The day camp begins at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday with registration. At 9 a.m., Vincennes Township Fire Dept. Chief Tim Smith will conduct a workshop on home fire safety. A discussion on fire prevention in the home will take place as well as the use of a fire extinguisher and how to call for help. Participants will have hands on use of a fire extinguisher and will learn what it's like to crawl out of a smoke filled building.

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, an officer with the Vincennes Police Department will discuss "latch key kids" and will talk about measures to protect children who arrive home before their parents.

An employee of PSI Energy will take over at 11 am. Wednesday, to demonstrate the power of electricity. Participants will learn about power line safety, what to do when power lines are down and how to avoid injury. The participants will be treated to lunch. Then at 1 p.m. they go back to the camp to learn about outdoor safety from Indiana Conservation Officer Keirsten Forbey. Participants will learn what to do if they become separated from others or lost in the woods. They also will learn how to signal for help and obtain shelter.

Jarret Ford of the Vincennes Township Fire Dept. will end the first day of the camp with a vehicle extrication demonstration. Participants will observe the use of cutters, spreaders and other hydraulic tools to cut metal and open vehicle doors. There will be a discussion on what to do if any of the participants are involved in an accident.

Participants will go to Ouabache Trails Park at 8:30 a.m. Thursday for registration. T-shirts will be given to second-day participants.

At 9 a.m. an employee of Halter-Smith Ambulance Service will give a first-aid demonstration. The boys and girls will practice skills and observe the advanced life support equipment on board a paramedic ambulance.

At 10 a.m. it's up, up and away because a member of the Vincennes Township Fire Dept. will give a demonstration of the aerial truck that extends 75 feet in the air and a firefighter of the Vincennes Fire Department will show them their snorkel truck whose bucket goes 85 feet high. Those brave enough can take a ride up in the bucket.

Down on the ground again at 11 a.m., Jerry Brocksmith, a local veterinarian will talk about how to safely care for pets during extreme temperatures, how to handle an injured animal, how to travel with a pet and first aid for animals.

After the morning excitement has subsided slightly, participants again will be treated to lunch at noon. At 1 p.m. Steve Dillon, the director of the Knox County Emergency Management Agency, will lead a discussion on what to do during emergencies such as lightning, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods, winter storms and earthquakes. Information will be given out on preparing a family 72-hour emergency provisions kit.

At 2 p.m. participants had better be prepared to get wet because Tom Williams of the Vincennes Township Fire Dept. will supervise a water ball tournament. The participants will engage in team water ball. A fire hose will be used by each of two teams in an attempt to push a ball past the other team's goal. Participants are asked to bring a change of clothes.

To register for the event, call Justin Hamilton at 886-5509. Registration must be made by Monday night.

Vincennes Sun-Commercial
Monday August 16, 1993

DISTRICTS 1,2

September 15, 1993
Location: Burns Harbor

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman B. A. Howe at 8:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Guests introduced: included P.R.N.W. Bill Howe and District #2 Chairman Larry Stott.

Department History: Given by Chief Don Wilson.

Roll Call: District #1 - 56 members from 12 depts. & District #2 - 18 members from 7 depts.

Program: A presenation by Praxair Company was given prior to the start of the meeting due to time contraints.

Minutes of August Meeting: Were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: was given.

Communications: P.R.N.W. Howe reported on upcoming Legislation, the New License Plate forms, for 1994 and the need to get your dept. license plate lists in to the State Secretary by October 25th, the 1994 Convention to be held in Elkhart, the Bridgeport Scholarship Applications which are due by March 1st, and the District #3 picnic on September 18th where Chaplain Lantz will be honored.

Old Business: 1996 Convention steering committee announced that a study session has been scheduled for September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Schererville Fire Station #2 and that anyone is welcome to attend.

New Business: Announced that a Master Tactics Course will be held in Portage during the weekends of October.

Awarded the Fire Institute Dinner Tickets to Rudy Jimenez of District #1 Burns Harbor and to Nancy Webb of District #2 Lake Dale.

Good Of The Order: Announced that Pancake Breakfasts will be hosted by Lake of the Four Seasons on October 3rd and by Chesterton on October 10th.

Announced that Burns Harbor's pickup truck raffle is still going on.

Announced that next meeting will be October 20th at Lincoln Township in Thayer.

50/50 Drawing: Lloyd Wodrick - Liberty Township - $44.00.

Attendance Trophy Winners: District #1 - New Chicago. District #2 - Lake Eliza.

Motion to adjourn was made, and seconded and passed at 9:05 p.m.

Jerome P. Schmitt
District #1 Secretary

Federal Agency Wants To Hear From Fire Officials About The Need To Prevent Furniture Fires

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has asked for public comments by October 8, 1993 on a proposal to set and enforce federal upholstered furniture flammability standards comparable to regulations which have had a significant, positive impact on California upholstered furniture fires.

Firefighters are well aware that upholstered furniture often is easily ignited either by cigarettes or open flames. Once ignited, the polyurethane foam cushions burn furiously, emitting enormous heat and toxic gases. About 900 persons die each year in fires involving upholstered furniture – more than from any other product under the Commission's jurisdiction, according to the Commission.

Fire departments, and associations representing fire service personnel, are encouraged to write in support of these proposed standards.

Public comments should be on department or association stationery and should be sent to:

Petition FP 93-1 Office of the Secretary Consumer Product Safety Commission Washington, DC 20207

For more information on this issue or on writing your letter to the Commission, call John Coburn, at the National Association of State Fire Marshals, at 1-(800) 437-1016.

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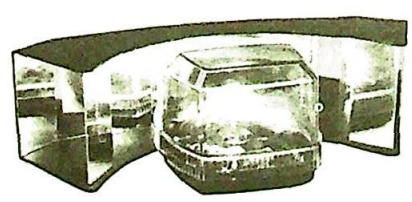

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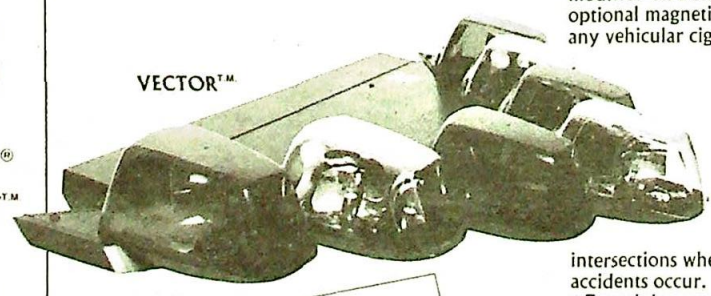

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We have a motion and a legal second to accept the resolution as amended. Discussion. The amendment was to change the due dates of associate members. At this time I will call for a voice vote. If there is any question we will do it by ballot. All those in favor to accept the motion please signify by saying 'aye.' Those opposed? The 'ayes' in favor of accepting the resolution as amended carries. The amendment did pass. That amendment was to amend the dates; therefore, at this time, in order to adopt the resolution I need a motion to accept the resolution."

"Bob Uryga, District 3, I make a motion to accept the resolution as amended."

"Doug Engle, District 6, second."

Bill Kinsey: "We have a motion and a second. This is for the acceptance of the resolution as amended. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed 'nay.' The motion carries.

Jim Parker: "Mr. Kinsey, we rejected a motion to the resolution on the scaled increase. That motion was to reject. We just voted on District 14 where we voted on a motion and then we came back and voted on a resolution. If I am remembering correctly the motion on District 14 follows the same course of action. John, can that be played back?"

John Davies: "That was quite a while ago. It can be done but it is going to take some time."

President Parish: "Ladies and gentlemen, at 4:30 we are walking out of here or you are going to have some cold, cold food. If you want cold food we can stay."

Bill Kinsey: "The Chair recognizes Dan Lee."

"Dan Lee, District 10. I believe this to be correct according to parliamentary procedure as I remember when I was parliamentarian for my home department. In the case of the motion if a person that votes in the majority can ask that motion to be reconsidered. I voted in the majority, to defeat the doubling of the dues increase, and as a voter of the majority I would recommend that vote be reconsidered and that motion be reconsidered with amendments. That is correct by parliamentarian law."

Bill Kinsey: "We will proceed and consider this correct based on Dan's knowledge as parliamentarian and the agreement of our parliamentarian."

"John Hardy, District 4, I second the motion."

Bill Kinsey: "All those in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed? At this time I will entertain a motion."

"John Hardy, District 4, I make a motion to amend the resolution that was the $15.00 resolution to amend it to $13.00."

"Dan Lee, District 10. I will second that." Bill Kinsey: "I have a motion and a second."

"John Chaffee, District 4. I call for the question."

Bill Kinsey: "There is a motion and a second, and a call for the question. We will vote by ballot."

President Parish: "While we are counting the vote we will go ahead with the 1995 Convention presentations."

Suzan Souer: "I am with French Lick Resort. It has been a pleasure to be your host, I want to invite you to return to French Lick in 1995."

"Mr. Chairman, Jack Kerney, Public Relations, Southwest. You were in Evansville in '89 and we had a fine time. In '95 Evansville will come alive for the IVFA. We would like to invite you back to Evansville '95 with District 15 being the host district. At this time I have Mr. T.L. Blane. Mr. Blane is from the Executive Inn."

"I am T.L. Blane. I was with you in '89."

President Parish: "Are there any questions for either party? Is there another presentation for '95? At this time I will entertain a motion."

"Mort Sorg, District 7. I make a motion that we go to Evansville in '95.

"Max Harrah, 11A, second."

President Parish: "We have a motion on the floor to go to Evansville in '95, duly seconded. All in favor of going to Evansville in '95 say 'aye.' Opposed? The ayes have it; we will go to Evansville in '95."

President Parish: "Do have the results on that last resolution."

Bill Kinsey: "The result of the vote concerning the adoption of the amended resolution carries: yes, 213, no 21. One resolution was determined by the committee not to be a valid resolution but needed to be read.

In a meeting of the 2nd district of the IVFA held at Decatur Twp. Feb.17, 1993, with at least five departments in good standing present, we present this resolution for your consideration and adoption. Whereas this association has requested that we as members get out and vote for constituents that will support the fire services in general; whereas the Association has the best means of identifying the current legislators and their voting record, therefore be it resolved that the IVFA publish in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen the voting records of the members of the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate on legislation that pertains to the fire service. This is to begin with the 1993 legislature and thereafter annually before the November election."

Bill Howe: "The resolution was turned in but would have to be a recommendation as this is not stated in the bylaws. There is nothing wrong with the recommendation but it would place an undue burden on someone in the association and from what I understand the cost could be astronomical."

Gene Stofer: "I would certainly agree with this recommendation if it was possible to do. It would be almost impossible to find out how all the representatives in the state voted. Somebody would have to be sitting there every day things were voted on."

"Mr. Chairman, I move we reject this recommendation because of cost."

"I second it."

Bill Kinsey: "We have a motion and a second to reject this recommendation. All those in favor of rejecting this recommendation signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed 'nay'. Unanimously rejected. That is all the resolutions. Mr. President, I respectfully return the podium to you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Bill. We have a lady here who wants to talk to you for a couple of minutes on the 1996 convention."

"My name is Rachel Valah, I am with the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville. If we host the 1996 convention everything would be under one roof, we have excellent facilities. The Lake County Convention Bureau did ask me to extend an invitation to all of you and we look forward to making a proposal next year for 1996."

Gene Stofer: "Wayne Township is also inviting you for 1996. That is all I am going to say right now but be prepared next year."

President Parish: "At this time I will call upon the Nominating Committee for their reports."

Jim Parker: "The Nominating Committee for this year was Ivan Nevil, Lawrence Swartz and myself. We did function, we contacted the people you are about to hear the Nomination Committee nominate, and the names were published in the paper. The parliamentarian says we can't do this in a block, so listen fast. The Nomination Committee places in the name for president of the association for 1993-94, the name of Mitch Parish. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, sill you cast one unanimous vote for Mitch Parish for President of the IVFA for 93-94?

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Mitch Parish for President of the IVFA for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "The Nominating Committee places in nomination for vice president the name of Richard Glant. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous vote for vice president of the IVFA for 93-94, Richard Glant?"

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Richard Glant for Vice President of the IVFA for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "The Nominating Committee places in nomination the name of Lee Kissell for secretary of the IVFA for 93-94. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Mr. President, would you cast one unanimous vote for Lee Kissell for Secretary of the IVFA for 93-94?"

President Parish: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Lee Kissell for secretary of the IVFA for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "The Nominating Committee places the name of Gene Stofer for Treasurer of the IVFA for 93-94. Are there any nominations from the floor. Are there any nominations from the floor? Any nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed.

Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Gene Stofer for Treasurer."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous ballot for Gene Stofer as Treasurer for the year 93-94."

Jim Parker: "The Nominating Committee placed in nomination the name of John Davies for Recording Secretary of the IVFA for 93-94. Are there any nominations from the floor? Any nominations from the floor? Any nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, will you cast one unanimous ballot for John Davies as Recording Secretary of the IVFA for 93-94?"

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous ballot for John Davies as Recording Secretary of the IVFA for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "Sergeant-at-Arms. The Nominating Committee placed in nomination the name of Bill Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms of the IVFA for 93-94. Any nominations from the floor? Any nominations from the floor? Any nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Bush as Sergeant-at-Arms for the IVFA for 93-94."

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Bush as Sergeant-at-Arms for the IVFA for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "The Nominating Committee places in nomination the name of Charles Baker as Chaplain of the IVFA for the year 93-94. Are there any further nominations from the floor?"

Don Johnson: "Don Johnson, 12th District. I want to place in nomination the name of James R. Bruner who has been our Chaplain for over 15 years. The gentleman is an active fireman who was unable to come to this convention. It is the first one he has missed in many years."

Jim Parker: "The name of James Bruner has been placed in nomination for Chaplain of the IVFA for 93-94. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations?

"I would like to make the nomination of Brother Giles Mayhew, Order of St. Benedicts, St. Meinrad Abbey for the position of State Chaplain. He is the one who helped with Memorial Service this morning."

Jim Parker: "The name of Brother Giles is placed in nomination. Are there any further nominations from the floor for Chaplain? Are there any further nominations from the floor for Chaplain? Are there any further nominations from the floor for Chaplain? Nominations are closed. If the nominees are present would you like to address the group? District Chairman, bring your votes up. The names in nomination are Charles Baker, Jim Bruner and Brother Giles. If the number of ballots cast for any one individual exceeds 50% of the number of delegates that will be the new Chaplain. If not there will be a run-off dropping the lowest count on the ballot."

"While the votes are being counted we are going to attempt to elect the PR men because they are elected as well. Northwest.

The name placed in nomination for PR Director Northwest by the Nominating Committee is Bill Howe. Are there any other nominations for PR Northwest? Any further nominations? Any further nominations? Nominations are closed for PR Northwest. Mr. President, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Howe for PR Director, Northwest?"

President Parish: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Howe as PR Director Northwest for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "Northeast. The Nominating Committee places in nomination for PR Director Northeast the name of Bill Kinsey. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. President, will you cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Kinsey for PR Director Northeast for the 93-94 year?"

President Parish: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Kinsey as PR Director Northeast for the IVFA for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "PR Director West Central. The Nominating Committee places in nomination the name of Toddy Michl. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. President, will you cast one unanimous ballot for Toddy Michl as PR Director West Central for 93-94?"

President Parish: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Toddy Michl as PR Director West Central of the IVFA for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "PR Director East Central. The Nominating Committee places in nomination the name of Larry Jackson. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. President, will you cast one unanimous ballot for Larry Jackson as PR Director East Central for 93-94?"

President Parish: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Larry Jackson as PR Director East Central of the IVFA for 93-94."

Jim Parker: "The Nominating Committee places in nomination the name of Jack Kerney for PR Director Southwest. Are there any nominations from the floor? Any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. President, will you cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Kerney as PR Director Southwest for 93-94?"

President Parish: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Kerney as PR Director Southwest for the IVFA in 93-94."

Jim Parker: "The Nominating Committee places in nomination the name of Paul Hildebrand as PR Director Southeast for 93-94. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed. Mr. President, will you cast one unanimous ballot for Paul Hildebrand as PR Southeast for the IVFA in 93-94?"

President Parish: "I cast one unanimous ballot for Paul Hildebrand for PR Director Southeast for 93-94 for the IVFA."

Jim Parker: "There is one more position we need to cover. The Nominating Committee places in nomination the name of Ivan Nevil as Immediate Past President."

President Parish: "At this time I would release all committees for 92-93 except for the By-Laws Committee, the Historical Committee, and the Nomination Committee which will be released as soon as they are finished here." Jim Parker: "Charles Baker is our Chaplain for 93-94 with 140 votes; James Bruner received 40 and Brother Giles 31." President Parish: "Chaplain Lantz, will you dismiss us with prayer?" Benediction by Chaplain Lantz. Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. Transcribed by: John Davies

ADDENDUM:

AWARD WINNERS

Mr. IVFA - Don Johnson, Sr.; Lois Boaz - Marilyn Smith; President's Award - Bill Howe; Ollie Sandberg - Pete Taylor; Bridgeport Scholarship Fund - Andrew Schafstall, Coralene Byers.

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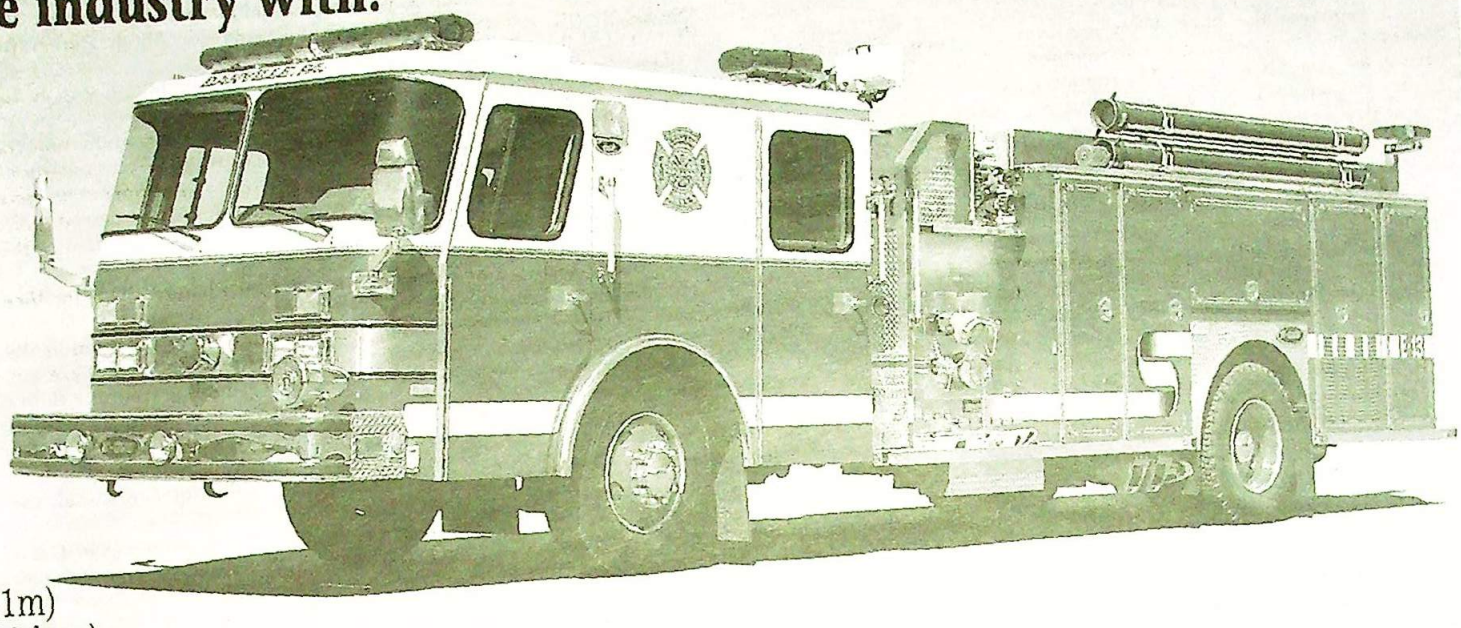

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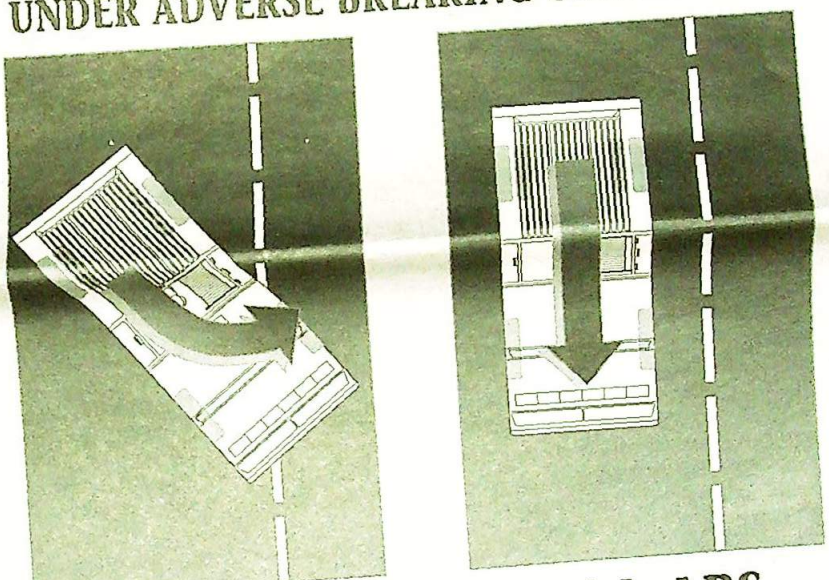

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Composite cylinder users running out of time as DOT refuses entension of 15-year deadline

The IAFC Health and Safety Committee is urging IAFC members to contact their congressional representatives to prompt a review of a DOT administrative decision on the service life of composite air cylinders. Existing DOT regulations limit the service life of composite air cylinders to 15 years. The IAFC Health and Safety Committee believes that this limitation is unrealistic and will force users to replace expensive air cylinders or revert to using heavier steel cylinders that have no service life limitation. Hundreds of thousands of the cylinders are in use by fire departments with a replacement cost of several hundred dollars each. Sound ominous, expensive - and dangerous? It is. Read on.

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT

Composite cylinders, made by reinforcing a lightweight aluminum shell with glass fiber windings, were introduced in the late 1970s. This technological advancement, which reduced the weight of self-contained breathing apparatus by more than one-third, also allowed higher storage pressures, which enabled firefighters to carry a longer duration air supply for situations where more than 30 minutes duration is needed. Composite cylinders have been recognized as a major advancement in fire safety, significantly reducing the stress and fatigue that contribute to many firefighters line of duty deaths.

When the lightweight cylinders were introduced, there was no "track record" for this new technology, so the U.S. Department of Transportation approved them with a 15 - year maximum life. The limitation was based on the suspicion that the composite cylinders would deteriorate with time and would have to be removed from service before they became dangerous.

Fifteen years of actual experience with the lightweight cylinders has proven their serviceability, but the DOT recently turned down a fully documented request to extend the service life limitation. The fire service is now faced with the prospect of retiring cylinders as they reach the 15 year mark. This despite the fact that there is strong evidence to suggest that the age limitation is based on unfounded concerns that have been disproven by valid engineering studies.

ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE REGULATION

In June 1989, one of the major manufacturers of composite cylinders, Structural Composite Industries (SCI) of Pomona, California, and one of the major breathing apparatus manufacturers, Mine Safety Appliances (MSA) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania began discussions with DOT officials seeking a three-year extension of the 15-year rule. The process was started well in advance of the 1991 date when the first of the cylinders would reach their expiration date.

Representatives of SCI and MSA met with DOT officials over 16 months to determine the type of information needed to support the request for extension. The two companies worked together to develop an appropriate test protocol, then designed a comprehensive test program and engineering analysis to prove that the cylinders could provide at least three additional years of safe and reliable service. All of this data was submitted to DOT in October, 1990 as supporting material for SCI's official request for a three-vear extension to the approved service life.

DOT ACTIONS

Because the data and analysis requested by DOT had been submitted by SCI, approval of the extension was anticipated by May, 1991, before any of the cylinders would reach their 15 year time limits. However, instead of -granting the extension, DOT hired a consultant to review the information submitted by SCI and perform additional engineering analysis. Every concern and request for data that DOT had originally requested had been provided with the submission, conclusively answering every point, according to SCI. While repeated offers were made by SCI to provide additional supporting information, DOT delayed its decision for almost a year. Finally, DOT denied the request on March 19,1992.

As a result of this denial, every day more cylinders are reaching the end of their approved service life and must be removed from service. Continued use or refilling of a cylinder beyond its approved date is a violation of a federal regulation punishable by law. This problem will grow over the next few years in proportion to the rapid adoption of the composite cylinders by the fire service in the late 1970s.

CONSEQUENCES

The removal of these cylinders from use will have different consequences, depending on the ability of fire departments to purchase replacements at a cost of several hundred dollars each. In these times of severely restricted funds, many departments may find themselves unable to replace their 15-year-old cylinders.

For fire departments that stored their old steel cylinders when the new lightweight cylinders became available, it may mean that the older, much heavier cylinders may have to be brought back into regular use. The steel cylinders were replaced because their weight was extra burden resulting in added stress and fatigue during firefighting operations, both known killers of firefighters and impediments to effective performance.

Fire departments that have no steel cylinders may find themselves without usable breathing apparatus until they can afford to replace their expired cylinders. In this day and age, being without self-contained breathing apparatus is equivalent to being out of business as a fire department. The prospects of operating without SCBA are difficult to imagine; the risks to firefighters and to the general public are clearly unacceptable, but the regulatory process may put fire departments in this position for apparent reason.

Since these composite cylinders were introduced to the fire service more than 15 years ago, there has not been a single reported incident of catastrophic failure in storage, during refilling or in actual use. Without conclusive evidence to support the 15 year limitation, it must be viewed as an unnecessary and extremely expensive case of over regulation.

IAFC REQUESTS INTERVENTION

In early 1992, the IAFC formally asked that DOT remove the 15-year limit on composite cylinders. In a letter to the Secretary of Transportation, the IAFC pointed out that composite cylinders are regularly inspected and required to pass a hydrostatic test every three years, according to DOT regulations. There has been no experience to suggest that the cylinders cannot be safely used beyond the 15 year limit, as long as they meet the visual inspection and hydrostatic test requirements. The IAFC letter said: "We are unaware of any conclusive evidence to support the current limitation stipulated in DOT E 7227 since these cylinders are only now reaching 15 years of service. We believe that local fire departments in the U.S. and Canada, as well as other users of composite SCBA cylinders, will be able to avoid unnecessary financial hardship if otherwise useful composite cylinders are not required to be discarded and replaced. The only time the composite cylinders should be required to be replaced is if they do not meet the performance standard during the three year hydrostatic test."

The IAFC Health and Safety Committee urges all fire chiefs to contact their congressional representatives to request intervention in support of the IAFC request for a change in the DOT regulations. Please write to your congressional representatives and to Representative Steny Hoyer, chairman of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, Washington D.C. If you want advice on the best way to do this, contact the IAFC Government Relations Department at 703-273-0911 ext. 309. The Health and Safety Committee also wishes to recognize the efforts of both SCI and MSA in attempting to convince DOT to modify the regulations. The two companies are in a position to increase their sales of new cylinders to replace the expired cylinders, but took the initiative to request the extension for the benefit of their fire service customers and for the taxpayers who are subject to too many unnecessary expenses due to unfounded regulations.

Editor's note: The May 1, 1993, issue of LAFC On Scene contained information on an incident in Coram, New York, in which a firefighter was killed when an air cylinder ruptured while being filled. This was a different type of composite cylinder from those included in the request for extension filed by SCI.

The story provided information on a warning issued by DOT on the type of cylinders that were involved in this incident.

The cylinder that ruptured in the Coram incident was a "hoop wound composite fiberglass and aluminium cylinder with a normal fill pressure of 4500 psi. " These cylinders are produced under the requirements of DOT 7235 and can be recognized by their flat bottom and fiberglass reinforcements that wrap around the main body of the aluminium cylinder. All of the windings are parallel to each other and the bottoms and tops of the cylinders are not reinforced.

After a number of these cylinders ruptured in 1984 and 1985, the DOT issued a requirement to reinforce the neck of each cylinder with a stainless steel ring. The ring modification had been developed by the manufacturer after extensive failure analysis revealed that the cylinders could rupture due to propagation of tiny cracks in the neck. The steel rings, fitted at the narrow part of the neck just below the cylinder valve, prevent such cracks from opening up and effectively prevent rupture of the cylinders form this cause. The likely evidence of such cracks would be a gradual loss of stored pressure, as opposed to a catastrophic rupture.

While the incident in Coram is still under investigation, it is believed that the particular cylinder did not have a neck ring in place at the time of incident and may have been missed in the recall program.

All users of SCBA with this type of cylinder are urged to verify that all cylinders are equipped with the rings and to immediately notify the manufacturer or local vendor servicing the cylinder of any that are found without a ring.

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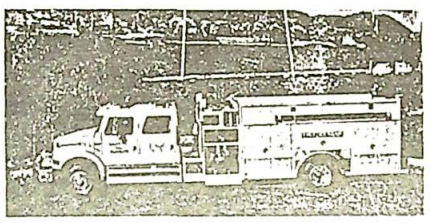

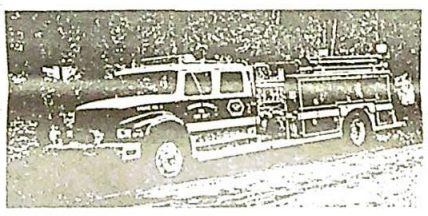

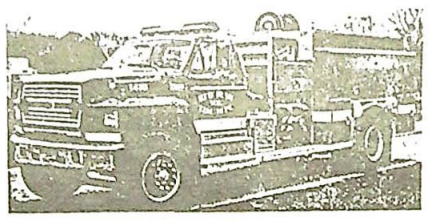

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Chesterton Fire and Safety Night

The Chesterton Fire Department hosted a Fire Safety Night, Oct. 7, 1993 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. This function was open to the public.

Everyone was welcome to go to the fire station and go through the Fire Safety House. This newest addition to the fire department was designed to answer questions about fire safety, cooking safety and the 911 system.

Tony Raimondi, P.I.O.

Jackson County's First Fire Protection District

On June 26th, Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department formally celebrated the successful formation of Jackson County's first Fire Protection District. Firefighters hosted approximately 70 guests at a special "Friends Appreciation Dinner" held at the firehouse. The meal of roast pork, open kettle cooked beans, cornbread, home-made coleslaw and dessert was catered by firefighters and auxi-liary members. Marshal Howard Boyd drove from Nashville Tennessee to deliver the address.

"The idea was to take time and make an extra effort to show our appreciation for the support our community and friends have given to us," said Pershing Chief Richard Blaker. "We have had some grim and discouraging days and these people stood by us."

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1959 and protects Pershing Township, the town of Freetown, and nearby communities in Salt Creek, Hamilton, Owen, and Brownstown Townships. The department maintains a mutual aid agreement with all of Jackson County's fire agencies.

Since it's beginning, Pershing Township has depended upon membership solicitations and fundraisers to generate the estimated $20,000 needed to operate annually.

"Over the years our memberships dropped to 25% of the residents of the township," explained Pershing Treasurer and Assistant Chief Rebecca Scott. "The 25% of residents paid for 75% who refused to answer our appeals. At the same time fund-raising dollars fell drastically. Our department has been very active and creative in fund raising efforts. We have our annual July 4th Celebration as cornerstone of the program. A bad year could destroy our capital base. To augment that project we have held fish fries, bean dinners, variety shows, bazaars, auctions, plays, yard sales, bake sales, concerts, and gospel sings to name a few."

"We were running so low on funds that prior to our July 4th Celebration we would have to borrow operating funds," said Assistant Chief Doyle Lyon. "Our trucks were needing repair and maintenance, our building has been neglected too long, we needed new, safer turn out gear, and we needed to move forward instead of treading water. Frankly, we were facing closure."

"Anyone in the fire service knows how demanding our job is," said Pershing President Greg Sutton. "You can't hope to recruit new people under the ridiculous conditions we had. We asked firefighters to train, fight fires and rescue the injured (at all hours), use their own vehicles and buy their own gas, risk their lives in unsafe turn out gear, and be happy to give the rest of their time in making the money to do the job."

After a disastrous financial year in 1988, firefighters knew that dependable funding had to be secured if fire protection was to continue in Pershing Township.

Following months of research and deliberation, Pershing Township firefighters contacted an attorney to draw up a petition for the formation of a fire protection district. Firefighters then began the painstaking and time consuming task of contacting each of Pershing Townships 522 property owners. Those who were not

June 26, 1993, Pershing Twp. VFD welcomes Marshal Howard Boyd to Freetown. Marshal Boyd of Nashville, TN was key note speaker at the department's Friends Appreciation Dinner.

personally called upon received letters detailing the proposal and a copy of the petition.

"Our responses ran literally 90% positive of all the property owners actually living in Pershing Township," reported Lyon. "The few people who opposed it were mainly farmers who held larger portions of land to be taxed."

"They told us that it was unfair to tax farmland because it can't burn," commented Pershing Lt. Jaff Ferguson. "That thinking doesn't make sense when all other taxes are figured on property values. Farmland can burn if a crop is on it or farm equipment catches fire in the field. You can bet they will call us when that happens, they have a lot of money sitting on that land. Besides that, the money that pays the commissioners salary comes from such a tax - - and farmland can't cast a vote on election day."

In the fall of 1992 Pershing Firefighters presented a petition for the formation of Pershing Township Fire Protection District to the Commissioners of Jackson County. Firefighters made copies of financial statements covering a decade, estimated costs for the future, pressing needs of the department such as OSHA approved turn out gear and SCBA for each member, and insurance information showing homeowner insurance premium costs with the department and without an organized fire department.

"Our insurance rating in Freetown is a class 8, said Lyon. "Without this department in place, the rating drops to a 10 and agents tell us that means a 40% to 50% increase in premiums. Some told us that mobile home owners would be unable to buy fire insurance at all without access to a local fire department."

"The support base we had was broad," said Scott. "We had 52% of all property owners in favor of taxation. That meant the largest single property holder, Red Brush Park, the largest farming interest, down to the poorest and least able to pay."

County Officials varified the signatures on the petition declaring it a valid and legal document. This fact was presented during the first public hearing held on the proposal by the commissioners. County Attorney Rod Farrell assured the commissioners that the peition was in legal form.

"I was naive about the process of government," admitted Scott. "I thought that because we had followed the letter of the law, and that our petition was valid that the proposal was a good bet. Boy was I in for a surprize!"

Pershing Attorney Joe Markel appeared before the commissoners to speak for firefighters as did Matthew Rust, President of Red Brush Park, the largest property owner in the proposed district.

Although the proposal included only the area enclosed in the boundaries of Pershing Township, Commissioners allowed residents of Salt Creek who were not Pershing property owners to testify against the district.

"I was shocked," said Chief Blaker. "The trustee of Salt Creek Township and his group leveled accusation on top of accusation against us. They contended that we knowingly placed the names of dead people on our petition. They claimed that we obtained the signatures under false pretenses. They stood right in the court room and called us liars."

Markel repeatedly assured the commissioners that the tax base would come from Pershing Township alone and that the opinion of outsiders should not have a bearing upon the action of the board on behalf of Pershing residents.

"Some of the larger farming interest were present to protest," said Scott. "About six farmers showed up to tell the commissioners that we didn't do enough fund raising, that we don't handle our money well. One of those men admitted that he doesn't pay his fire dues at all."

After much debate, Commissioners tabled the petition. Commissioner Jim Eglen was unconvinced that the petition was in order and requested time to speak with his constituants in the township.

A second hearing was held in commissioners court. At that time supporters of the fire district packed the room with standing room only. Commissioners were given insurance figures by Pershing Trustee Bob Ferguson showing the economic impact of good fire protection in his area. The Trustee also reminded the Commissioners that his administration had lowered the taxes by 81¢ in two years. With the addition of the proposed district, the tax rate was still lower than the 1982 levy.

"There is no way that it is a valid complaint that taxes are going up when you are paying less than you did 10 years ago," argued Ferguson.

Eglen reported that he had personally telephoned 60 property owners to see if they still wanted their names on the petition. He said 8 had "changed their minds." Again Eglen doubted the petition. And the commissioners tabled the petition a second time.

"We were angry at that point," said Sutton. "It was as if fact had no bearing upon these men's decision. We had done all we knew to do."

"Our legal council was very good," said Blaker. "He calmed us down and kept us in the fight for one more go around."

President Sutton and Chief Blaker launched a letter writing campaign to inform state, federal, and local officials of the situation faced by the department.

"We certainly didn't expect these people to intervene in a local problem," said Blaker. "But we thought it important to let them know that national economic crises develop because little communities have economic crisis. The answer is down here at the grass roots. By the time Washington feels the problem, people like us are history."

"The letters simply explained the economic facts," said Scott. "We told them that without fire protection we would loose our business base, possibly forfeit our school, and drain our sense of community. We put it in terms of the entire picture."

While Sutton and Blaker licked stamps, Trustee Ferguson was beating the bushes for money. At the insistance of the Commissioners, Ferguson retraced his steps in seeking increased tax revenues and grant opportunities.

"I called everybody I knew and a few I didn't know," said Ferguson. "The answer came back as I knew it would - - NO WAY! "

Faced with the stark reality that no funds would come from taxes on the existing system, firefighters worked even harder. Several supporters of the fire district personally contacted the Commissioners to speak on the fire department's behalf. Former Ladies Auxiliary President, Patricia Cooper wrote a stirring letter to the editor of the Seymour Tribune that was published in the daily. Members of other county fire departments sought out the commissioners to voice thier support. One brave firefighter followed a Commissioner through a department store expressing his views.

Pershing officials increased their letter writing efforts.

"Letters went to everyone from our Congressman, State Representative, the Fire Marshal, the Governor, the Lt. Governor, to President-Elect Clinton in Little Rock," said Scott. We wanted to let people know that we were here."

On February 16, 1993 the Commissioners of Jackson County suddenly and without explanation reversed their position and signed the ordinance creating Pershing Township Fire Protection District. A Board was appointed consisting of Trustee Ferguson, Fire President Greg Sutton, local businessman Warner Burnside, Member-at-Large Mrs. Martha Ault, and firefighter Michael Rudolph. Sutton was elected President of the Fire Board at their first organizational meeting.

"I am delighted that the Commissioners exercised good judgment in the selection of board members," said Sutton. "Quality and responsibility will be the focus of this board.'"

"I applaud the Commissioners decision although I certainly can't understand why it took so long to arrive at it," commented Scott. "However, in all fairness to them, it was a new idea that threw them into unfamiliar water. What looked so clear and urgent to us, must have seemed foreign and confusing to people with no fireservice experience. They certainly researched the matter before they acted."

"At one point a Commissioner asked us if this meant that more volunteer fire departments would be bring petitions to them," said Blaker. "I could see the dread in his face, but the day has come when the fireservice must step from the shadows and become a clear issue with public officials. Public safety is their job either directly or indirectly. I had no answer for the Commissioner. But I feel confident that if other volunteers find the need for a fire district, we have opened the door for them."

Pershing Township Fire Protection District has just won approval of their first budget submitted to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. "Now we go to the county for approval," said Blakey. "It has been a long, long, long three years, but we have made it."

"Because we encountered so many problems and made a few mistakes with our efforts out of ignorance we would like to help other departments avoid our errors," said Scott. "If we can share what we have learned with anyone else, please feel free to contact us at P.O. 61, Freetown, IN 47235.

National Volunteer Fire Council Renews Commitment to Effective Safety Standards

October, 1993

At its recent Board Meeting in Hollywood, Maryland, the National Volunteer Fire Council reiteratited its support for state promulgated safety standards and its opposition to unfunded federal requirements as proposed by the Occupational Safety and Health Reform Act of 1993.

In a discussion on the importance of effective safety standards, the Council passed a motion calling attention to its long standing commitment to safety. The motion also takes point with the great costs and ineffectiveness of OSHA.

"The NVFC is opposed to the volunteer fire service being forced by federal law under OSHA which has established itself as very costly and at best of questionable effectiveness. Further NVFC urges that any decision concerning coverage of the volunteer fire service by OSHA be a state decision."

The NVFC believes that states are in the best position to work with the specific circumstances of the volunteers within that state in promulgating effective safety standards.

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Porter County Fire Association

Photo By Ray Lawson

Officers of the Porter County Fire Assn. listen to the discussion between area legislators and their aides and a group of approximately thirty officers and firefighters. From left to right are Ray Wesley, Warren Highwood, Gary Peterson and Butch Collinsworth.

The Porter County Fire Assn. held its monthly meeting for August at the Chesterton Town Hall. This Association is comprised of Paid, Combination, Volunteer Fire Depts. plus Porter Memorial Hospital EMS, Porter County Haz-Mat and the Porter County Sheriff's Dept.

The focus of this month's meeting was the financial crunch that Federal and State mandates have left fire departments and other emergency services strapped with. The Assn. invited State and Federal Legislators who are responsible for this district.

Those attending included Mr. Tim Sanders who is an Aide for Senator Richard Lugar, State Senator William Alexia and State Representative Ralph Ayres.

The first area of concern was voiced by Chief Gary Peterson of the Washington Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. who questioned the Law makers about the 20% that is taken off the top of any Fire Dept. fund raisers involving gaming of any type such as raffles. Gary stated that recently his dept. sold 1000 raffle tickets at $20.00 each {which was a chore in itself!}. The prize was a $13,000.00 vehicle. If this raffle were held today the State of Indiana would get 20% off the top or $4,000.00 for doing nothing and leaving the Fire Dept with only $3,000.00 Profit!, not hardly worth it according to Chief Peterson.

State Rep. Ralph Ayres queried the audience about just going door to door asking for a donation. Chief Lloyd Woodrick of the Liberty Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. countered that his and other Fire Depts do that but must also rely on Raffles, Festivals, and other fund raisers to generate enough money to pay the bills.

Chief Skip Highwood of the Chesterton Vol. Fire Dept. complained of the 5% cap that cities and towns have to try to live within and fund their Emergency Services while the Federal and State Legislators continue to pass laws mandating expensive regulations without providing any funds. Tim Sanders from Senator Lugars Office the members of the Assn. referred to the Press Release dated August 3rd., 1993 whereas Senator Lugar is advocating the "Community Regulatory Relief Act" which would direct the Congressional Budget Office to determine any costs incurred by states and localities affected by any bill before the Senate. Hopefully this "Impact Study" would quash any future unfunded mandates.

Butch Collinsworth of the Kouts Fire Dept. stated the firefighters across the state are getting weary of having to be involved in more fund raisers while also fighting the fires and attending to the other associated activities, he further stated that a person has to be "Nuts" to do what we do!

Senator Alexa replied that maybe we should look at a different way to fund our Fire and Emergency Services. Both Alexa and Ayres doubted that there would be any changes in the tax structures or the Dept. of Revenue Gaming Rules

Some of the other topics of discussion during the 2 hour meeting included Standardizing Fire Equipment and getting a fleet break on the price, receiving surplus military equipment from bases that are closing, and receiving vehicles such as 4WD Trucks that could be converted to Brush Trucks. The D.E.A. seizes many of these as a result of drug raids. These suggestions came from Chief Don Wilson and other members of the Burns Harbor Vol. Fire Dept. Tim Sanders said that he would look into these possibilities

Mr. Sanders and the legislators who attended praised the Porter County Fire Depts. and other Emergency Services for forming this Association which could turn into a powerful force in initiating future legislation.

The Porter County Fire Assn. includes some 600 Firefighters and other Emergency Service Techs.

Ray Lawson-PIO

Northern Indiana Public Service Co. Honors Center Twp. Firefighter

Jim Wellnitz, firefighter for Center Township Volunteer Fire Department (CTVFD), was recently honored by his employer, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) as NIPSCO's Outstanding Volunteer for 1993. First Place went to Wellnitz, Manager of Strategic Planning & Business Development, Gas Operations Department, for his dedicated support and contribution to LaPorte County's CTVFD. NIPSCO awarded Wellnitz with a check for $1,000 for use by the fire department.

During his 23-year affiliation with the fire department, Wellnitz, among other things, assisted in the development of the County's First Responder Program; he guided the purchase of many new pieces of equipment including extrication equipment, a 65-foot snorkel and a brush buggy, which he designed. Wellnitz was also responsible for establishing the first LaPorte County Mutual Aid Agreement among all 18 LaPorte County volunteer fire departments.

In presenting the award, NIPSCO Chairman Gary L. Neale said, "Our employees created this award to recognize each other's efforts in keeping northern Indiana a safe, clean, healthy and friendly area to raise our families and build our futures".

Today a plaque and Wellnitz's picture are displayed in the entrance way at NIPSCO's corporate headquarters in Merrillville, IN.

Mary Wellnitz - Center Twp. VFD Firefighter

Shelby Firefighters Choose New Leaders

The Shelby Vol. Fire Dept. held their monthly business meeting on Thurs., Sept. 2, 1993. During the meeting, the membership held their annual election of officers, choosing: Chief Leroy Gottschalk, Assistant Chief Charles Bradshaw, Captain John Swisher, 1st Lt. Rick Clinton, 2nd Lt. Erich Swisher, Sergeant-at-arms Bob Graham, First Aid Captain Cathy Larson, Training Officer Bonnie Clinton, Secretary Darlere Bradshaw, Treasurer Larry Miller, and Public Relations Darlene Bradshaw.

Appointed as Safety Officer was Rick Clinton. The Fire Dept. has had a change in their by-laws and they now have six board members who are as follows: President Rick Clinton (1-year), Bonnie Clinton (2-year), Dave Derr (3-year), Charles Bradshaw (4-year), Erich Swisher (5-year), and Charles Lindahl (6-year).

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Purchased from Pierce through Tom Fredericks of Midwest Fire by Portage Township Trustee, Cortie Wilson and Advisory Board, Bob Kish, Chris Condo, and Don Bradberry, and Laddie L. Lesnick, Fire Chief.

Jonesville Puts Rescue Tool Into Service

The Jonesville Vol. Fire Department recently bought a set of (Jaws of Life) called the Phoenix Rescue Tool. This tool will be a big help in the Southern area of Bartholomew County and on the Interstate (I-65). We will be available to help other depts if asked.

The department will undergo a lot of on the job training from the training officer at the local junk yards at Columbus & Jonesville before the unit will be put in service.

This unit was purchased from Donley Safety through sales representative Earl Chasteen & training officer of the dept.

CLEARING THE SMOKE...

OCTOBER 1993 ISSUE

ATTENTION! REMEMBER, Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards & Education meeting at Jefferson High School, Lafayette . . . . in cooperation with the IFIA Fire School on Saturday, October 30, 1993. A short business meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. (Note: Earlier starting time!). The Board seeks opinions from the Indiana fire service personnel for rules and objectives being considered. It is hoped the balance of time will be to answer questions from fire-fighters and instructors concerning Board goals. Registration not necessary to take part in the meeting.

Task Forces to be more active . . . . . . to establish Indiana Master Fire fighter programs and/or testing. In the past, a Board member has been facilitator, sat in on deliberations and set meeting dates. The Board now has said the task force members should choose a leader, set their own meeting dates, establish criteria and prerequisites for their category and present it to the Board. Contact the program coordinator for assistance in locating others of your task force if necessary.

Gaining approval to teach Master courses . . . . . . is the responsibility of an Instructor 1st Class before beginning the classes. The Board will next meet on Monday, December 6, 1993. Any requests for approval or renewal, course outline and pertinent information needs to be received by the program coordinator fourteen days prior to the meeting to be included on the agenda. We will publish the meeting schedule for 1994 later this year.

Instructor-trainers to provide "Redbook" . . . . . . of Minimum Training Standards for Firefighter Certification to each student during the Instructor 2nd Class course as authorized by the Board of FFPS&E. It is helpful to student-instructors to receive copies of the forms they will be working with, have the rules explained for certification and the correct way to fill out applications. Instructor-trainers can contact the Board program coordinator to purchase quantities of Redbooks for their approved classes.

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18 trucks set ablaze in company lot

By Nancy Mitchell
Staff reporter

Investigators say road flares may have been used to deliberately ignite a fire that damaged 18 dump trucks parked behind MSC Trucking Inc. in eastern Vanderburgh County.

Total damage was estimated at close to $1 million.

Firefighters arriving at 2316 N. Burkhardt Road early yesterday said they saw fuel pooled in the parking lot around the tri-axle trucks, noticed several truck windows were smashed and saw burning road flares in some truck cabs.

Damage to the vehicles was "almost identical," Vanderburgh Sheriff's Cpl. Eric Williams said.

Investigators say arson is to blame for the blaze that destroyed 16 trucks and damaged two others. An MSC official estimated the value of each truck at between $55,000 and $60,000. A utility truck also was destroyed.

MSC Trucking is an independent trucking company that hauled for at least one of four area companies—Peabody Coal Co.—affected by the continuing coal strike, Sheriff's investigators said.

But Bill Yockey, United Mine Workers District 11 president, adamantly denied striking union miners had anything to do with the blaze.

"I'm absolutely sure, 100 percent, that the union organization had nothing to do with that fire," he said today. "We always get targeted."

Williams said strike-related violence is "just one of our theories" for the arson, based on a threatening phone call received early last week by MSC officials. The caller reportedly indicated the hauling done by the trucking company was one reason miners were still out of work.

MSC officials also have told investigators that two trucks at their Bloomington location were similarly damaged in a fire yesterday, Williams said. Indiana State Police in Bloomington were busy working an accident early today and could not be reached for further details.

MSC officials declined comment. Williams said Sheriff's investigators will talk with Peabody and any other companies that used MSC as part of the department's arson probe.

Firefighters from Knight Township, Scott Township and McCutchanville Volunteer Departments were dispatched to the Vanderburgh County blaze about 2 a.m. yesterday and reported it under control at 2:58 a.m. No injuries were reported.

Those arriving at the scene reported the MSC parking lot was engulfed in flames and said they heard several explosions.

Firefighters said they saw a large amount of burning fuel around the trucks and what appeared to be road flares burning in some truck cabs.

Several unused road flares were found later on a few trucks, investigators said.

Earth Recovery Services Inc. of Evansville was summoned to the scene after fuel on the ground was seen flowing into a nearby creek.

Brian Cavins, Earth Recovery's field coordinator, said the cleanup process is expected to take much of the week to complete.

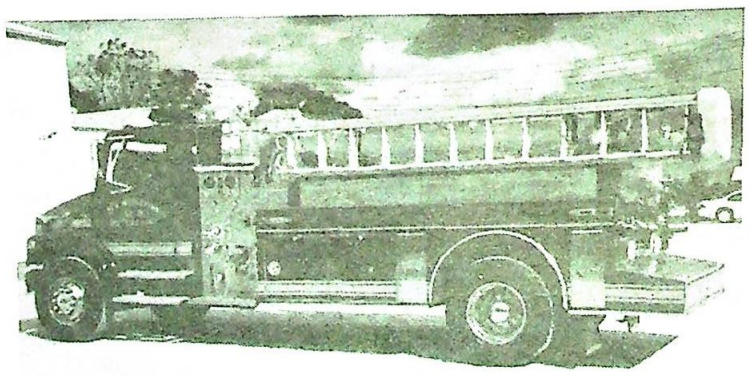
Cavins estimated the top 6 to 7 inches of the parking lot may need to be removed.

Firefighters initially were dispatched to Hoprich Welding Co., 2300 Burkhardt Ave., about a possible trash bin fire. The MSC parking lot is directly behind Hoprich.

Some residents around the fire were evacuated briefly because firefighters were unable to tell exactly what was burning. The residents, including those at the United Methodist Youth Home, returned immediately after firefighters determined the Hoprich building was not on fire.

The Evansville Press

Middletown takes delivery of New Pumper Tanker



It is with great pride that the members of new Middletown Volunteer Fire Department announce the arrival of our new Pumper/Tanker class fire truck. This truck was purchased with a Community Development Block Grant with the help of River Hills Development Corporation. The truck is on a Freightliner chassis and the body was manufactured by an Indiana Company, S and S Fire Apparatus in Fairmount. The truck carries 1800 gallons of water and can pump 1000 gallons per minute. This truck meets all the specifications of both a pumper and a tanker.

At this time the department would like to acknowledge the support, donations, and expertise that have been shown by many people in the community.

We would especially like to thank Carol Rosenbarger, widow of John Rosenbarger for whom the truck is named after, for the donations in memory in his name for over $ 5,000.

We would also like to thank Sandy McCatton for her gracious donation of the land which an addition to the firehouse is being built on to house this new truck. Her father was a charter member of the department and the addition is dedicated in his name.

We wish also to express a special thanks to the members of New Middletown Town Council, Paul Kiger president, Alma South Clerk/Treasurer, Curtis South, and Linda Lyons without their help this truck would not have been possible.

And last, but not least, to the residents of Webster Township for whom we serve and without their constant support our department would not exist.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Mr. Laney,

I hope I'm not the only IVFA member who's had to come up with this idea, but if not, maybe I'm helping out other people in the same boat.

For the last two years, I've been unable to get a special IVFA License Plate. I'm at the end of the alphabet, and everyone is always running out of the special paperwork earlier than I need it. Last year, I finally got one slip 2 weeks too late.

This year, I supposedly had a certificate reserved in June. With new members joining the department over the summer, my "reserved" special slip disappeared.

Is there any way this sheet can be printed in the paper? Since 99% of the subscribers are eligible for the plate (I assume sponsors and local dignitaries also receive copies). I would think this is the most sure-fire way to get everyone a shot.

If I.U. (I'm a graduate) can include paperwork in two different mailings, can't the paper do it once? Thanks for any help.

"Butch" Tallant
Scipio Twp. VFD

Dear Firemen Friends,

My name is Roberto Carmiol. I am a fireman in one of Costa Rica Fire Depts. I am from Heredia, which is a small city with a population around 25,000 people. We only have two stations in the city. I work in Heredia Fire Station #34.

I would like to establish a friendly relationship with you. For this reason, I would appreciate if you may send me the addresses of the Fire Departments of your state. I would like to exchange our badges and I would like to have your fire dept's badge. I will send you a badge from Costa Rica Fire Dept. Moreover, if you are interested in exchanging T-shirts, caps or something else, let me know.

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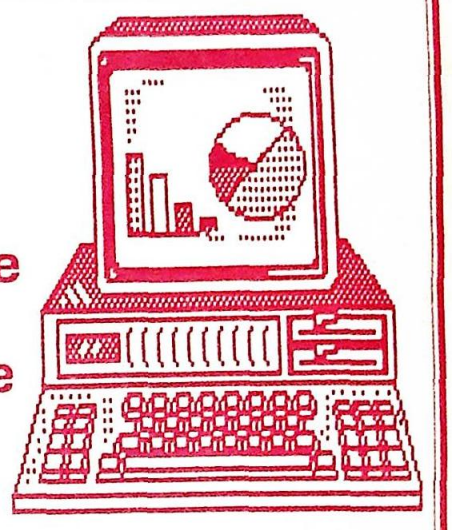

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