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## Trains collide in Mitchell



Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department personnel direct hoses at the flaming locomotives and tanker Sunday morning. Spilled diesel fuel kept flames fed and the heat was so intense that firefighters had to work in shifts spending only 15 to 20 minutes at the fireline at a time.

By Juanita Mosier

Since the Mississippi floods of 1993 multiple trains in Mitchell have become the norm, not unusual. However, Sunday morning when 2 trains tried to use the crossing at the same time it became a different story.

The ever increasing number of trains coming into town, going onto the side and switching track to the east-west track, blowing whistles, banging car connections together, squealing brakes and normal noises that accompany starting and stopping trains, have become a part of life in Mitchell, where a major part of the population lives on or near one of the tracks. The noise has become so normal that many residents living within a block of Sunday's accident didn't even wake up when the collision and following explosion occurred.

Those who heard the noise and awakened, looked outside to see flames shooting over 100 ft into the air and coal black smoke boiling into the air from the 5th & Mississippi intersection. In fact, it was so dense that it was almost impossible to distinguish what was causing it.

The Mitchell VFD was notified by the Mitchell Police Dept. at 5:01 am, and first responders were at the scene within minutes. The fire sirens began to sound and firemen rushed to the scene to begin bringing the flames under control.

Fifteen firefighters from the Mitchell VFD were at the scene with three fire trucks. Assisting

the city department were 14 members of the Marion Twp. Rural VFD with three trucks.

Larry Tyler, public relations officer and deputy chief of the Mitchell VFD, reported that when he arrived at the scene there were 5 locomotive engines, 4 railcars, 3 hoppers and one tanker, involved in the fire scene. Two engines and one tanker burned.

The first concern of the firemen was to stop the flames, but special emphasis was also placed on finding out what was in the damaged tanker and hopper cars in the fire zone.

Tyler said, "At first we were told that there was liquid fertilizer in the tanker. That is toxic and explosive. We then learned it was oil, which is still dangerous. The hoppers contained pulverized plastic which is used to make PVC pipe.

As firemen battled the intense heat and roaring flames, diesel fuel spilling from the ruptured tanks of the overturned engine fed the fire causing it to re-ignite over and over.

The engineer and conductor from each train escaped with only minor injuries. One CSX employee suffered a laceration on the left side of his nose and a few smaller contusions and abrasions. The men were transported to Dunn Memorial Hosp. where they were checked, treated and released.

The accident and its cause are under investigation by the National Trans. Safety Board, Federal Railroad Administration

& CSX Trans. The locomotives carry black boxes like those on airplanes. These boxes were recovered from the engines and will be used to recreate the events immediately prior to the collision.

The train on the east-west line had 3 locomotives. The eastbound train was on the main track and the third engine was just clearing the intersection known as the Hoosier diamond, at the time of the collision. The train was traveling from Washington, IN to Cincinnati. The northbound train had 3 Union Pacific locomotives & 101 cars. It was traveling from Louisville to East St. Louis and would have switched directions just north of the accident site. Lindsey Leckie, Vice President of State Regulations of CSX Transportation came to the scene. He gave no comments on the cause of the accident, referring to the multiple investigations. He advise the track speed limit is 25 mph, however, the trains were only going about 10 mph at the time of the collision.

Tyler reported that the heat was a major problem. The air temperature at the time of the collision was in the 70s, and that quickly climbed to the 90s as firemen remained on the scene. Added to the air temp was the intense heat of the burning diesel fuel which blazed at temperatures estimated to exceed the internal temperature of blast ovens. The heat was so intense the metal on the locomotive began to melt.

Adding to the problems were

multiple electric and utility wires that criss-cross the intersection. John Cummings of PSI Energy was called to the scene in case the wires ignited. The wires reportedly were 44-volt carriers

The first locomotive of the northbound train struck the third locomotive of the eastbound train knocking the wheels off of it. The CSX locomotive overturned and the Union Pacific locomotive went over it and the tanker, which was the first car after the engines.

Fuel tanks ruptured and approximately 3000 gals of diesel fuel leaked, feeding the flames, which could have been ignited by an electrical spark from the wheel bases of the overturned locomotive, or from dripping onto the hot engine, said Tyler. The cause is not known. Fuel oil is hard to ignite, but once it does, it burns hot and long.

Tyler reported that due to the heat and the heavy protective clothing the firemen had to wear, they worked in shifts of only 15 - 20 minutes to prevent heat exhaustion, and there were no injuries to firemen or instances of

heat exhaustion.

SR 60 E was closed until after 10 am when an engine was brought from Louisville to remove the disabled train.

The eastbound train was uncoupled and the cars were removed to open city crossings shortly after the accident.

Residents living in a 3 block area around the accident site were alerted for possible evacuation due to the uncertainty of what the overturned cars contained. However, an evacuation was not necessary.

Mayor Jerry Hancock was at the scene from the beginning. When the blaze was knocked down, he immediately summoned Hancock Const. employees & equipment to the site and began removing the fuel soaked soil to prevent it being washed into the area waterways. They used shovels, backhoes, and a bulldozer to remove the soil. Black plastic was laid down for protection. Clay was hauled to the site by Hancock Trucking which provided trucks to haul contaminated soil away where it could be stored until proper haz-mat disposal could be completed.

Representatives of the EPA.

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## Washington Twp. honors firefighters



By Aimee Rinehart  
Chronicle Tribune  
Washington Twp. VFD started a fire in a grill Sat., Aug. 5, 1995.

The crackling sounds of steaks, brats and hot dogs cooking provided perfect background atmosphere to present awards at the annual family picnic.

"This year is special because we're honoring 2 volunteers who've been with us 35 years," said Kent Gressley. "It's something to celebrate because many depts don't have volunteers stay that long anymore."

Paul Strickland, 84, joined the Washington Twp. Dept. in the spring of 1960. He now leads the team of volunteers by radio at

headquarters during fire runs. "Paul's 84 and he still beats some of the young ones down here at night," Gressley said as he presented Strickland with a plaque.

Another person added, "Although he shows up in his P.J.s"

Verlin Commler, 68, the second honoree, did not join the dept in 1960, he founded it. Commler is the only charter member left in the dept. He serves as chief and supervises fire calls.

"I didn't think I'd be in this long," he said. "I've enjoyed it." "When you get involved, there's no place to quit," Strickland said.

Because of tougher regulations in training, volunteers have tapered off at most fire depts, said Commler. Washington Twp. FD currently has 13 active members, which is down from an average of 18 volunteers.

The dept has changed quite a bit since its humble beginnings.

"We bought our first truck in 1960," Commler said. "It was a used truck from Center Twp. The fire dept had only so much money so we had to go around for donations. Now we have three units that we're real happy to have."

Aside from helping others, Gressley said the camaraderie of the dept has made his experience as a volunteer firefighter worth it.

"We all get along really well," he said. "It's a good community thing to be involved in."

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**From the Vice President**



**Jack Zeeks**

Hello Everyone,  
I want to thank District 18 for the hospitality they gave Carolyn and me at their district parade and crowning of their Miss Flame candidate for 1996. Great job everyone and congratulations to their new Miss Flame contestant.

I know somewhere throughout each district there is a good candidate for the following: Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg and the Midwest award. We need to get the letters going and send them to the proper people.

Since our next convention will be our 50th, district chairmen let's go to work and get a Miss Flame candidate from every district.

Now is the time to start working on getting the Bridgeport Scholarship applications sent in to the proper people.

Everyone have a very safe and happy holiday season and Carolyn and I will see everyone down the road.

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**Deadline for the February Newspaper is January 10, 1996.**

Please get those articles to us on or before the deadline.

**Robert Laney, Editor**

**Chaplain's Corner**



**Charles J. Baker**

**Prayer for Today**

*O Lord our God,  
For the blessings You have granted to each and every one of us, er render our heartfelt thanks.  
For the duties and responsibilities of the life You have given us, we pray for help, guidance and direction.  
Teach us to avoid the anxieties and needless worries of the world in which we live.  
Praise be to Almighty God, our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer.  
In Jesus Name,  
Amen*

**Notations**

As the beauty of autumn fades and the breezes grow cold, our thought turn to the holiday season and the early events of the fire service new year. Mark your calendar for the Richmond Fire School, January 6 & 7 and the Indiana Fire Services Institute Annual Dinner on January 21, at the Hyatt-Regency in downtown Indianapolis.

**Minute Message**

Of all the things that seem to plague us on a near-daily basis, worry has to rank toward the top of the list. Occasionally there is a real cause for concern: an ill child or parent, loss of a job, heavy indebtedness, grave personal sickness, a three-alarm fire. On top of all that, much of the news media constantly bombard us with unwelcome news on everything from AIDS to Zagreb. Sometimes it seems as if good news is a thing of the past. But Jesus told us not to worry. One passage in Matthew is devoted to the topic. Read in Chapter Six:

*Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Any who do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

Besides the obvious meanings, some additional thoughts can be gleaned from these verses: Worry about the future will hinder today's efforts. Much energy has been wasted on mindless worry. Worry is harmful, not only to our physical health, but also our mental and spiritual well-being. Worry often reveals a lack of faith. God doesn't ignore those who depend on Him. Living for today while preparing for eternity helps to keep us from being consumed by worry. It is comforting to know that God is in control. Finally, hearken to Paul's words in his letter to the church at Phillipi: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. As we begin to enter a special time of year, let us prepare our hearts with prayers of thanksgiving. May God grant all of you a safe and blessed holiday season, free of worry, through His Son and our Savior, Jesus the Messiah.



## Evansville Resident to Serve on International Board

John Buckman, Chief of the German Twp. VFD, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. At the Louisville conference Sept. 12, 1995, the voting members elected Chief Buckman to the newly created board position as the 14th board member.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs is comprised of over 11,000 chiefs world-wide and is responsible for the education, information, and representation of chief officers and fire depts throughout the world. The conference in Louisville featured representatives not only from everywhere in the United States but also as far as Chile, Australia, and the Philippines.

In addition to many other programs and projects, the IAFC is the creative force that designed the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" program which encourages people to change smoke detector batteries when they change clocks in the fall. The IAFC also represents the interest and concerns of the U.S. firefighter on Capitol Hill and has an operating budget this year in excess of \$7 million.

We are excited that Chief Buckman will represent the volunteer firefighters of the world as well as the members of the German Twp. VFD in his elected position.

## DISTRICT 6 WHERE ARE YOU?

Our last meeting was a disaster. We can only have a meeting when people show up.

As I talk with some of you, I get the same thing, "What does the IVFA do for me?" It might surprise you to find out that the "I" in IVFA does not stand for individual. You will only get out of this assoc. what you put into it.

Please try to attend the next meeting and see what we have to say. If you don't like what is happening with the IVFA, you can help to change it by attending the meetings & offering your suggestions. Thank You.

James J. Straws, Chairman

## FEMA Arson Aid

October 6, 1995

Dear Colleague:

Once again the U.S. Fire Administration is pleased to announce that, to further our national effort to combat arson, we are offering no-cost technical assistance to state and local investigation agencies that are qualified to benefit from an objective, professional review of their programs and operation. Our goal is to improve arrest and conviction rates and promote arson prevention by helping jurisdictions highlight the positive

features of their operations, recommending options for resolving problem areas, and building stronger linkages to other resources.

Please help us notify fire and public safety departments of this opportunity by publishing a brief announcement in your monthly publication(s) and/or on your electronic bulletin board, if applicable. It is important that this notice be disseminated quickly to ensure there is enough time for interested departments to apply by the deadline of December 15, 1995.

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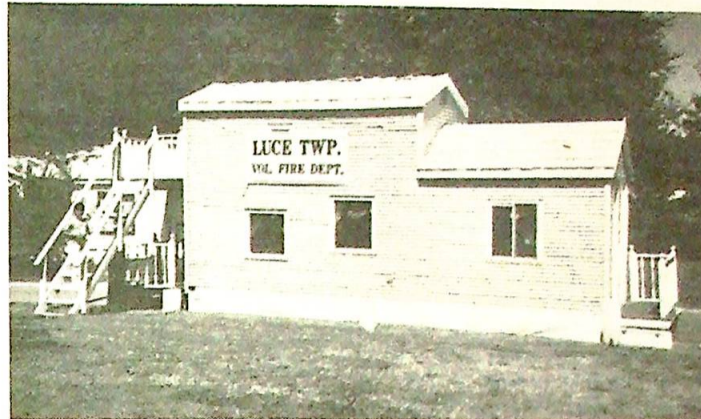
- Case management and personnel management
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This program has proven to be a valuable service to over 45 State and local jurisdictions during the past six years. Public agencies that wish to be considered must meet certain qualifications. Selections will be made on

a competitive basis. For more information and to receive an application, please direct calls to: USFA-Arson Unit Assistance Project  
Hollis Stambaugh, Project

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## LTVFD purchases "Survive Alive" home



The latest addition to the Luce Township Volunteer Fire Department's supplies is called the "Survive Alive" house. It will be used to help teach children what to do in case of a fire, and how to safely get out so they will "survive alive."

The house was purchased from the Evansville Fire Department. It has smoke detectors and a smoke machine to produce smoke that is not in any way harmful to breathe, not does it leave any odor on your child's clothes, but it does give more of a real-life situation that will help your child in case a real emergency arises.

The money to buy the house was raised by Luce Township Volunteer Firemen by having raffles and by donations.

Members of the fire department believe that if only one child is saved by something they learned from the house, then all of the money and work involved in the project has paid off. Unfortunately, there are expenses in taking the house to shows and buying the smoke, coloring books, balloons and stickers. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

If you have an event that you would like to have the "Survive Alive" house displayed, you can contact Julie Goldman at 359-9807 or 357-4910 or Todd Daming, Fire Chief, at 359-4910.

The department appreciates the support.

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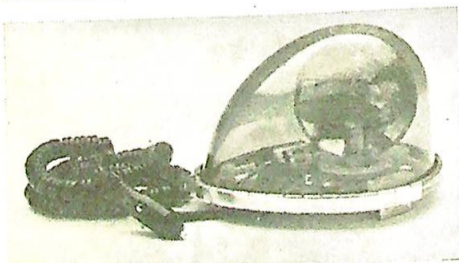
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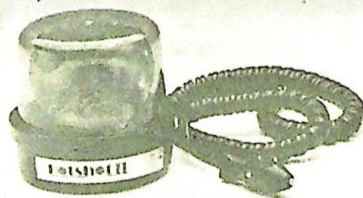
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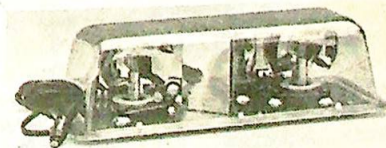
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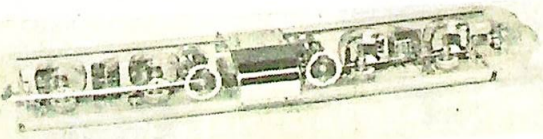
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# District Meetings

## DISTRICT 5

November 14, 1995  
Noble North Fire Station  
Wabash, IN.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of the flag followed.

Roll Call was taken with 37 members representing 13 departments.

Guests included Richard Glant, IVFA President; Charlie Baker, IVFA Chaplain; and Bill Kinsey, IVFA Public Relations, NE.

Minutes of the previous meeting held at Pleasant Twp. Fire Dept. were read and approved.

Communications: Chairman Kissinger informed the firefighters of the following:

PSTI Alert, OSHA ruling requiring 4 present before entry into burning structure. Discussion was held on the ruling.

1996 Convention will be held in Merrillville. A collector coin will be sold to assist in funding.

President Glant said at the last quarterly officers meeting it was suggested that some district meetings be held on Saturday or Sunday. President Glant told of it being very difficult or next to impossible to make the southern Indiana meetings and that for him, something was going to have to give because of the time restrains and travel involved.

Bill Kinsey stated that the PR people could fulfill the role of giving out the information because they all received the same information. Those present felt that Richard had a valid point and though it was nice to see him at the meetings, it was also understandable why he could not make them all.

Discussion followed concerning the license plate fee of \$10. and that some other specialty plates were costing a lot more. It was also felt that the IVFA should charge \$10. to issue the paper work for the plates which would generate in excess of \$100,000 for the Association and may keep dues increases down.

Bill Kinsey reported on the Fire Marshal's mailing and some training courses coming up. Also discussed the certification program and the changes going on within the Association, such as the office to be opened to handle clerical work.

Charlie Baker mentioned the up coming fire school to be held in the Fort Wayne area.

Blue Light Law was discussed and that the Association will not support any change in the current law.

Chairman Kissinger mentioned the Miss Flame contest, Bridgeport Scholarship and various awards coming up.

Next meeting will be in Breman on November 9, at 7:30 p.m. January meeting will be at North Webster Fire Dept.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with refreshments being served by the host department.

## DISTRICT 4

The meeting was called to order by Rick Vandergrift.

Prayer was offered by Russell Peterson.

The minutes were read and approved with one correction.

Treasurer's report was given.

There were 18 members and 3 guests present responding to approximately 333 calls.

Gene Goddard reported 1289 people turned out for the IFSI picnic. The response was good, so look for it again next year.

Bill Kinsey had a picture of the 50th Anniversary coin that is on sale commemorating the IVFA. Bill also commented on the OSHA ruling of 4 persons on the scene before making entry into a burning building. Mr Kinsey informed the group that the IVFA Secretary and Treasurer now have offices in Indianapolis located in the offices of Tim Downing.

Elections were held. The results were as follows: Chairman, John Ferro; Ass't Chairman, Rick Vandergrift; Secretary, Greg Freed and Chaplain, Russell Peterson.

Next meeting will be in October with time and place to be announced.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Greg Freed, Sec.

## DISTRICT 6

Your last district meeting was at the Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department with only 5 members and 3 departments.

No meeting was held due to lack of attendance.

New news:

You do have a new Chairman. My name is James J. Straws and I need your input to get members back to the meetings.

Your next meeting will be at the Hudson Fire Department on Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 with a training class on SIDS just after the meeting.

James J. Straws, Chairman.

## DISTRICT 12

The July meeting was held at White River Twp. Fire Department.

After prayer and Pledge, minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Don turned the meeting over to Toddy Michl for election of officers.

The following were elected for the next year: Chairman, Don Johnson; Co-Chairman, Scott Cassin; Sec./Treas., Rosie Johnson; Chaplain, James R. Bruner; Sgt-At-Arms, Malcom Bingham.

Don gave a report on Finances and Laws.

Report was given on Indiana Fire Services Institute.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

The September meeting was held at Amo Fire Department.

Don introduced the guests. Prayer was given.

Don announced that the association was not going to try to change the Blue Light Law and the reasons for the decision.

A letter was read from Chris Downey to Gene Stofer proposing that Downey Insurance Agency provide secretary duties and other services for the association for the fee of \$3000. a month plus postage, on a trial basis of 6 months. Members were asked how they felt about the proposal and after much discussion they voted unanimously against it.

Laws passed in the last legislative session were explained.

Several seminars are being given in the next few months.

A letter was read from SEMA explaining why they cannot furnish EMS report forms any longer.

A film was shown on vegetable shortening fires.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosie Johnson, Sec/Treas.

## DISTRICT 15

The July meeting was held at Alcoa Warrick Operations.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman, Tim Wargel, followed by the Pledge to the flag.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the prayer.

Roll Call was answered by 6 departments and 15 members.

Secretary, Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the May 16 meeting at German Twp. A motion was made by Harmon Feather and seconded by Barbara Kerney to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Convention Chairman Kerney reported that the committee was waiting for the bill from Holiday Inn. He stated there were souvenirs left if anyone needed some.

Chairman Wargel gave the dates of the up-coming fire schools and the Fire Rescue International. He also stated that Newburgh and McCutchanville put new trucks into service and Scott put a new ambulance into service.

Chairman Wargel opened the floor for nominations for officers. A motion was made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Susan Payne to accept the existing officers, if they are willing to keep the office. All officers agreed. Motion carried. Officers are Tim Wargel, Chairman; Jack Kerney, Sec./Treas.; Barbara Kerney, Chaplain and Harry Logan, Sgt-At-Arms.

Harmon Feather won the 1/2 pot and door prizes were drawn.

The next meeting is at Gibson Co. EMS, Sept. 19, 1995.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Alcoa offered a tour of their facilities for those who wanted to watch the safety training video.

The September 19 meeting was held at Smith Twp. Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Wargel at 7:20 pm, followed by the Pledge to the flag.

Chaplain, Barbara Kerney gave an inspirational reading.

Roll Call was answered by 9 departments and 16 members.

Secretary, Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the July meeting at Alcoa. A motion was made by David Bretz and seconded by Bruce Bauer to accept minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Chairman Wargel stated he had received support from the IVFA Executive Board for the bill that involves taxes on the Length of Service Awards Program. German Twp. is the only department in this area that has such a program. The IVFA will join 21 other organizations in support of this bill.

Discussion was held on the low interest loan program being instituted by the Marshal's office. This may be used for new or used equipment.

Wadesville Fire Dept. will be hosting an extrication class on Oct. 7, at 8:00 am. Extrication will include a school bus and several cars. This is being offered at no charge.

Alcoa is hosting the Warrick County Chiefs Fire School at the Alcoa Warrick Operations, on October 7 & 8, 1995. Cost is \$15.00. All departments should have received registration forms.

A discussion was held on the OSHA Standard for minimum manning for an interior fire attack. The standard reads that you must have a minimum of 2 men in SCBA in the interior of the structure and 2 men outside the structure in SCBA for back up. The back up personnel must not be assigned any other duties.

Any department wishing to have articles printed in the IVFA newspaper are encouraged to do so. You may mail them directly to the paper or give them to Tim Wargel or Jack Kerney and they will see they get in the paper.

Dates were given for National Fire Academy's Train The Trainer courses sponsored by PSTI to be

held in Indianapolis.

A discussion was held on the use of the blue light and enforcement of the law.

New equipment has been put into service at Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue in the way of a 20 ft. John Boat to support the Posey County Dive Team. Scott Twp. has purchased and now has in service, a new ambulance for advanced life support and transportation. McCutchanville has put into service a new engine. And Elberfeld had dedicated a new fire station.

The National Fire Academy Indiana Weekend will be June 28 & 29. Classes are paid for, all you have to provide is transportation.

Chief Buckman of German Twp. Fire Department was appointed to the Board of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer Section. The Volunteer Section only being one year old, is now the largest section of the IAFC.

The next meeting will be November 21 at Marrs Twp. Station #1 on St. Phillips Road.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nick Adams and seconded by Rhonda Fisher to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Jack Kerney, Sec.

## DISTRICT 17A

The regular meeting of District 17-A was held on Thursday, July 21st at 7:00 pm in Monroe City. It was hosted by the Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Harker, followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Pete Carter, Secretary for District 17-A called the roll. Five departments, consisting of 28 firemen were present.

We discussed some of the bills that have come before legislation this year, ones that have passed and some that didn't pass.

We also discussed the Hoosier Firefighter and EMT Appreciation Day Family Picnic that was held on July 16th at Westlake Park.

Tim Smith, Chief of the Vincennes Township Fire Department, gave a report on certification.

It was brought up to everyone

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that they should be sure their IVFA dues are sent in by July 31st. Their benefits will expire if they are not paid by that date.

Election of District Officers was held next. A motion was made by Tim Smith to keep the same officers. Bill Engle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Jack Harker as Chairman, and Pete Carter as Secretary.

The next meeting will be held at the Sandborn Volunteer Fire Department at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 21st.

The November district meeting will be held in Odon on Saturday, November 18th. This will be their annual Turkey Bar-B-Q Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. and refreshments were served by the host department.

The September meeting of District 17A was held at the Sandborn Volunteer Fire Department in Sandborn, IN.

There were 28 men present, representing 9 departments.

The meeting was open with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Pete Carter called the roll and gave the treasurer's report.

Two guest were present, Past President B. J. Engle and John Mullins from Midwest Fire & Safety. John brought three Midwest hats to be given away.

Chairman Harker explained the various awards that are available through the IVFA and the dates that they are due.

A discussion was held about the license plate form for this year and next year.

A brief discussion was held about the 50 some bills that were presented this year pertaining to the fire service. Only 15 bills were passed for the fire service this year.

A discussion was held about Burning Regulations and Standard Number 1910.134 and 1910.56 (Response to IDLH or Potential IDLH Atmospheres).

The next meeting will be held at the Odon-Madison Volunteer Fire Station on Sat. Nov. 18, at 6:30 pm. This will be a Turkey Bar-B-Q Dinner.

The meeting for January will be held in Vincennes on Jan. 20, 1996 at the Eagles Lodge on Willow St.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm and refreshments were served.

Jack Harker, Chairman

**DISTRICT 18**

The regular meeting of District 18 was called to order by Chairman Frank Daunhauer at 7:30 pm at Mulzer Camp sponsored by Tell City Volunteer Fire Department.

Present were 82 members from 21 departments.

Several guests were also pre-

sent, including Jack Kerney, Ken Boes, Nick Gapenski, Alex Smith and Sue Jamiczky.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

Discussed fire chief's memo, Fire Prevention Week. A committee report was given on the up-coming Fire Prevention Parade sponsored by Haysville Volunteer Fire Department on October 1st starting at 2:00 pm.

Frank Daunhauer reported that all but 3 departments have paid their dues as of August 12th.

Applications for next year's convention are available at this time.

Second Roll Call with number of runs taken.

Motion was made for Jasper Volunteer Fire Department to host the 1996 Fire Prevention Parade. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be November 16 at the Community Center at 8:00 pm EST in Stendal, sponsored by Lockhart Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

A presentation was given by Tell City VFD on Firefighter electrical safety.

Meeting was adjourned and meal was served.

Submitted by,

Edward J. Hagedorn, V. Chrm.

**DISTRICT 9B**

The regular meeting of District 9B was called to order by Chairman Koehler at 8:00 pm at Monon Fire Station in Monon, IN.

There were 5 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 22 with 73 alarms among the 7 departments answering Roll Call.

Items discussed were: Needing help at State Fair with Smoke House, Workshop on July 22 on "Learn Not To Burn" program at the Indiana Government Center, Appreciation Day Family Picnic July 16 at Indy, 1995 Convention and the change of one state officer - Secretary to Tom Hinkle, 1996 Convention, Special Kids Day at White County Fair Grounds on August 20, Executive office at Indy, Schererville hosting a Train-The-Trainer for Drivers and the Winamac Germanfest '95.

Election of Officers was held, directed by Bill Howe. Chairman LeMoyné Koehler and Sec./Treas. Dennis Risner were unanimously re-elected for 1995-1996.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is September 14, at the Monticello Fire Station at 7:30 pm.

The regular meeting was called to order by Past President, Lawrence Swartz at 8:00 pm at the Monticello Fire Station in Monticello, IN.

There were 4 guests present. Total firefighters present num-

bered 45 with 89 alarms among the 11 departments answering Roll Call.

Items discussed were the Firefighters Appreciation Day Picnic, Emergency Service Expo September 14-17, an attempt is going to be made to get a member of the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education to a district meeting for a question and answer session, News for the paper due in by October 10, Association considering an additional \$10.00 fee for license plate which would go toward legislative costs, 1996 Convention in Merrillville, OSHA ruling on 2 firefighters inside structure requiring 2 firefighters on stand-by outside, IVFA death benefits and blood alcohol testing, Fallen Firefighters Memorial on October 15 at Emmitsburg, Firefighters Challenge, Mutual Aid agreements, National Volunteer Fire Council, over 10,000 IVFA license plates sold for 1995-96, Bridgeport Scholarships Fund requirements and new application, Executive office on a trial basis for a year, change in the open burning law, possible commemorative coin for the 50th Anniversary of IVFA, Apple-Popcorn Festival September 16 in Brookston, and the Fall Festival in Francesville September 15-17.

Program on the Crash of American Eagle Flight 4184 was presented by Steve Stitz, the Deputy Coroner for Newton County.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next meeting is November 9, at the Morocco Fire Station at 6:30 pm slow time/7:30 pm fast time.

Submitted by,  
Dennis Risner, Sec./Treas.

**DISTRICTS 1, 2**

April 19, 1995 - Hebron

The meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman, Larry Stott at 7:53 pm. Pledge to the flag was led by PRNW, Bill Howe.

Guests included Past Presidents, Mitch Parrish and Lawrence Swartz; President, Richard Glant; Vice President, Jack Zeeks; District 9B Chairman, Buz Koehler; District 2 Aux. Chairman, Anne Moss; Brad Sandburg from the State Fire Marshal's office; Ken Long from Downey Insurance; Past District 1 Chairman, Bob Esserman; PRNW, Bill Howe; District 1 Chairman, B.A. Howe; District 1 Secretary, Jerry Schmitt and Hebron Fire Chief, Dave Wilson.

Department history was given by Chief Wilson.

Program presented by NIPSCO on carbon monoxide detectors.

Roll Call was answered by 31 members from 10 departments for District 1 and 44 members from 11 departments for District 2.

Minutes of March meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given. Communications - Bill Howe reminded all departments to get dues paid and also in-active members will be entitled to receive Chaplain's services, grave marker and a Bible.

The Bridgeport Scholarships are at this time being processed and Lawrence Swartz is Chairman of the nominating committee.

There will be a Public Safety Conference and Expo at the Indiana Convention Center September 15-17.

Porter County is having Fire Prevention/Inspection courses May 13-14, 20-21, June 3-4 and 17-18.

The 1995 Convention headquarters has been changed from

the Executive Inn in Evansville to the Holiday Inn.

Dues are due by July 31.

At this time President Glant took the floor and went through the latest legislation.

Brad Sandburg from the State Fire Marshal's office did a critique on the fatal fire in Hobart.

President Glant introduced Diana Bell who went over the idea for the IVFA Gumball Machine Program, in which the IVFA receives 10% of gross profits to go toward educational needs.

New Business: The 1996 Convention. Still need volunteer departments to head up committees. The memorial service for the convention will be held at Eastlake Baptist Church. There are still raffle tickets available for the ceramics. All proceeds go toward 50/50 fund.

Next meeting for convention will be at Lakes of the Four Seasons on May 24.

Good of the Order: Past President Parrish stated that there will be a Hoosier Firefighter Challenge on July 16 at Westlake Park in Indianapolis.

Hebron has a 3100 gal. tanker for sale.

April 23 is LOFS Pancake Breakfast.

April 30 is New Chicago's Pancake Breakfast.

Lake Eliza is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner May 13 and Bingo June 14.

The Districts 1 & 2 picnic will be August 5 at Liberty Twp.

April 30 is Washington Twp. Pancake Breakfast.

A moment of silence was held for fallen firefighter Teddy Hansen of the Hobart & Merrillville Fire Departments.

50/50 award (\$60.50) went to Larry Barneville of New Chicago.

Attendance trophies went to New Chicago, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:02 pm.

Lu Anne Thomas-Reibly  
District 2 Sec.

July 19, 1995, New Chicago

The meeting was called to order by District 1 Chairman B.A. Howe at 8:05 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was led by PRNW, Bill Howe.

Guests included President, Richard Glant; Past President, Mitch Parrish; PRNW, Bill Howe; Auxiliary President, Phillis Vargo; District 1 Aux. Chairman, Dolly Komascar; District 2 Aux. Chairman, Ann Moss; District 1 Miss Flame, Lisa Vaught and Gold Card Member, Julius Demmick.

Department history was given by Dennis Scavey.

Program was given by Steven Whitehead of the Red Cross.

Roll Call was answered by 55 members from 13 departments, District 1 and 19 members from 7 departments, District 2.

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

Treasurer's Report was given.

Communications: President Richard Glant reported on the Fire Service Appreciation Picnic and the 1995 Convention in Evansville.

Past President, Parrish reported on current legislation.

PRNW, Howe reported on the Miss Flame contest, the Emergency Response Conference in Sept., the annual membership dues which must be paid by July 31, and the next convention meeting to held at Lake Dale on August 8th. He then presented President Glant with the first 1996 Convention Collectors Coin.

Thank you were read from our district Miss Flames.

Old Business: Members were reminded of the district picnic on

August 5 at the Liberty Twp. Fire Station.

New Business: Annual election of officers was held with the following results: District 1 - Chairman, B.A. Howe, Sec. Jerry Schmitt; District 2 - Chairman, Larry Stott, Sec. LuAnne Reibley; Treasurer, Clarence Moss and Assistant Treasurer, B.A. Howe.

A moment of silence was held for fallen firefighter John Schutts from Cedar Lake.

Convention raffle report was given by B.A. Howe.

Announced that a driver training course will be held July 29 & 30 in Schererville.

Announced the 1995 Midwest Award winners. From District 1, Jake Thomas of Merrillville and from District 2, John Geary of St. John.

Announced that a department picture is needed from all departments for the convention video by the January 1996 district meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse B.A. Howe \$20.00 for picture development expenses.

Good of the Order: Announced that Lake Dale will host a Hog Roast on July 22. Kouts will host a Pork Chop Dinners on September 16 and New Chicago will host a Pancake Breakfast on the last Sunday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on August 16 at Lake Hills Fire Department.

Convention raffle winners were 1st prize, Dennis Scavey, New Chicago; 2nd prize, Joe Wiacek, Crown Point; and 3rd prize Denett Culver, Lowell.

50/50 drawing (\$61.50) winner was Bobby Carr of Lake Dale.

Attendance trophy winners were District 1, Lake Station and District 2, Lakes of the Four Seasons.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Jerome P. Schmitt  
District 1 Sec.

**DISTRICT 11B**

The September meeting was held at Raccoon Lake State Park on September 10, 1995.

This was our annual picnic and awards presentation day. This year the Midwest Award winner was Dorman Owens of the Reelsville Fire Department and the Attendance Award winner for the most people from a department to attend a district meeting was Waynetown Community VFD.

We also invited all past district award winners and Miss Flame. Several were able to attend. It was a beautiful day with about 75 in attendance.

This being more of a fun day, a short meeting was held. It was decided that we would like to have the picnic at Raccoon Lake again next year and that the Hilmon Firefighters will again host. More on this at a later date.

The meeting schedule for the next year is as follows:

November 12, 1995 - Reelsville - Washington Twp. FD, January 14, 1996 - St. Bernice VFD, March 10 - Madison Twp. VFD (just west of Greencastle), May 15 - Fairview Park VFD (Meeting at 7:00 pm), July 14 - To Be Announced, September 15 - Raccoon Lake State Park (Picnic), and November 10 - Reelsville-Washington Twp. Fire Department.

Another date for the coming year is February 17, 1996 Miss Flame Dance at the One-Half Century Club in Clinton.

Submitted by,  
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You must remember though that only one from each district may compete and only one from each department can compete in the district contest. Therefore, you can't wait until the last minute to start working on this.

I would like to encourage all District Chairmen to try really hard to have a representative. It would be great to have a contestant from every district.

Please remember that departments submit their contestant's applications to their district chairman. The district will then hold a contest to determine the district representative to send to the convention for the state contest.

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## IVFAA President



Phyllis Vargo

Dear Members and Friends,  
Hope everyone had a very enjoyable summer and is enjoying the cool fall days.

The leaves are turning very quickly in the north, so enjoy while you can. Winter will be here before you know it.

Many districts are having their Miss Flame contests early. If you have a girl who would like to enter, please get her entry form to your district chairman as soon as possible.

Remember to nominate someone from your department or your district for the Lois Boaz award. There are many deserving ladies out there.

I would like to thank all of you for all the work you do for the fire service. Without people like you, there wouldn't be an IVFA auxiliary.

With this being the last issue of the paper this year, Jim and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Love to all of you.

## DISTRICT 4

August 24, 1995, Walkerton  
Our Chairman, Jane Ferro opened our meeting by leading us in the Pledge to our flag.

Gladys Peterson read the poems *Giving and Forgiving* and *God Grant Me*.

Roll call was given and the minutes were read by Mary Hahn. We had 9 members and 3 guests present. Departments represented were Baugo, Wakarusa, Concord, Walkerton, Nappanee and La Paz.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Marilyn Loucks.

We bid farewell to our faithful Miss Flame, Brooke Freed, as she is going away to college. She has attended all of our district meetings and was always there when needed. We wish her lots of good luck.

The state convention minutes were reviewed. We will be celebrating 50 years next year in Merrillville, June 19-22. Get your reservations in now.

We discussed the benefits received in the event of a member's death. You must be a paid member of the state association (IVFAA) to receive the benefits.

Our same officers will again serve through July, 1996.

Our next meeting will be October 26, at the Jefferson Fire Station at 7:30 p.m. We will have our Miss Flame judging at that time.

Great refreshments were served by the host department after our meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Mary Hahn, Sec.

## DISTRICT 3

Our meeting was held at the Kingsbury Fire Station. Chairman Leona Uryga opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, followed with prayer by Chaplain Carolyn McCarty.

Minutes were approved as read and treasurer's report was given. Diana Rudynski, Kelly Williamson and Carolyn McCarty were appointed to the audit committee. They gave a favorable report.

Betty Shamp made a motion to pay two bills. It was seconded by Leomae Ritter. Motion carried.

District 3 was the top seller in Doe Doll tickets. There were no winners from our district.

Discussed 1995 convention and the Miss Flame winner, Sara Steckler of District 18. 1996 convention is to be held in Merrillville.

Topics tabled until next meeting included a discussion about Doe Doll plaques and payment of Miss Flame in March instead of May.

Elections were held with Leona Uryga again as our chairman. Diana Rudynski is our Secretary/Treasurer, and Carolyn McCarty is our Chaplain.

IVFA Aux. dues are now due and must be sent in.

Kingsford-Union was given a certificate for 15 years of continuous service. Scipio Twp. won the yearly traveling plaque and Noble Twp. won the new traveling award for attendance.

Coming events include a Las Vegas night at Kingsford-Union August 26.

Meeting schedule as follows: September 20, Coolspring Twp.; November 15, Springfield; January 17, Lincoln Twp.; March 20, Noble Twp.; May 15, Kingsford-Union; June, Convention at Merrillville; July 17, Michiana Shores; September, Scipio Twp. All meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Betty Shamp to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Leomae Ritter. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to ice cream & cake.

Pro Tem, Marie Gemberling

Meeting was held at Coolspring Fire Station. Chairman Leona Uryga opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, followed by prayer given by Chaplain Carolyn McCarty.

Minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was given.

Miss Flame judging will be held at Springfield Fire Department. All candidates for Miss Flame need to be there.

Leona will check with Springfield Fire Department Auxiliary about having an edible auction.

We received a Thank You card from Rebecca Rudynski for sup-

porting her at convention. She met a lot of new friends and had a good time.

We have knowledge of two candidates for Miss Flame. One is from Kingsford Union and the other is from LaCrosse.

Michiana Shores and Springfield won the Doe Doll Sales for 1995.

Noble Twp. won the monthly attendance award.

Scipio won the attendance award for 1994-95.

1996 Convention will be held in Merrillville and anyone attending should get their reservations in early.

Noble has agreed to have a fund raiser in March.

Coming Events - Kingsford Union is having a Firemen's Ball and Vegas Night September 23rd.

Scipio is having a Pancake Breakfast October 1st.

Michiana Shores is having a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale the 3rd week of October.

Coolspring Twp. is having a craft show in December.

No other auxiliaries had anything to report.

Fund raiser monetary awards were won by Charlotte Sly (\$5.50) and Grace Lantz (\$5.50). Duane Lantz donated \$2.00 back to the treasurer. The treasury received \$11.00.

A motion was made by Helena Froling to adjourn. It was seconded by Gert Peterson.

The ladies served a salad bar for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Rudynski, Sec.

## DISTRICT 11A

We held our annual picnic at Fowler Park in the big barn. It was disappointing that we didn't have a bigger crowd. I think the weather had something to do with it since it was so hot.

Our district chairman, Bob Hays, cooked a big pot of beans over an open fire and, of course, we had cornbread to go with it. Everyone brought a covered dish so we had plenty to eat.

Joann Hays made interesting table decorations of covered wagons.

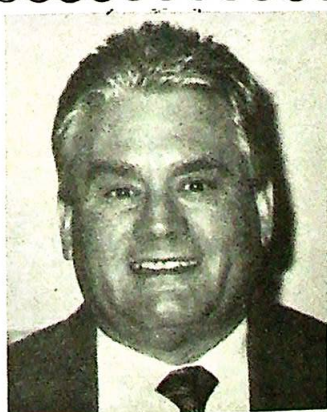
When our auxiliary met, we discussed ways to make our meetings interesting. Helen Michl suggested if anyone could give a demonstration on making something. We'll see next meeting if anyone comes up with anything.

After our meeting, the men and women had fun. The men had to make a hat out of newspaper, on another man! It turned out to be really funny.

The location of the next meeting is not known, but our secretary will let the auxiliaries know. Hope to see all of you then.

Remember, cheerfulness will open a door when other keys fail.

Submitted by,  
Helen Michl, Chairman

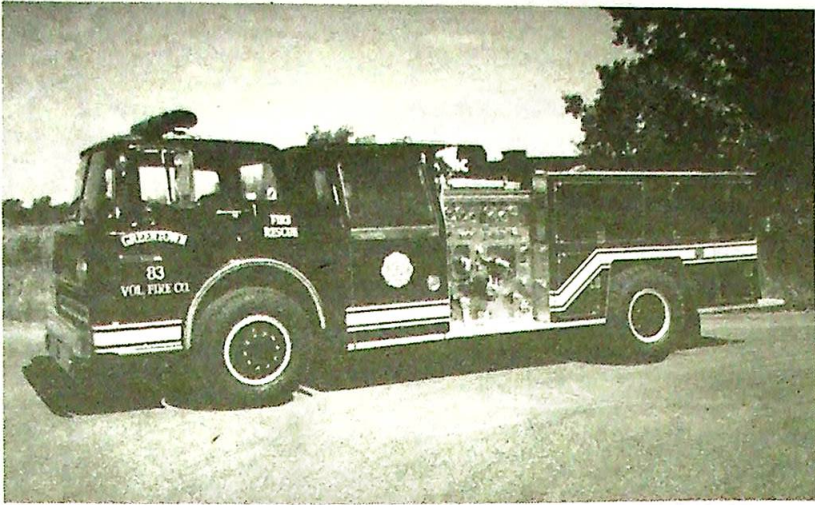


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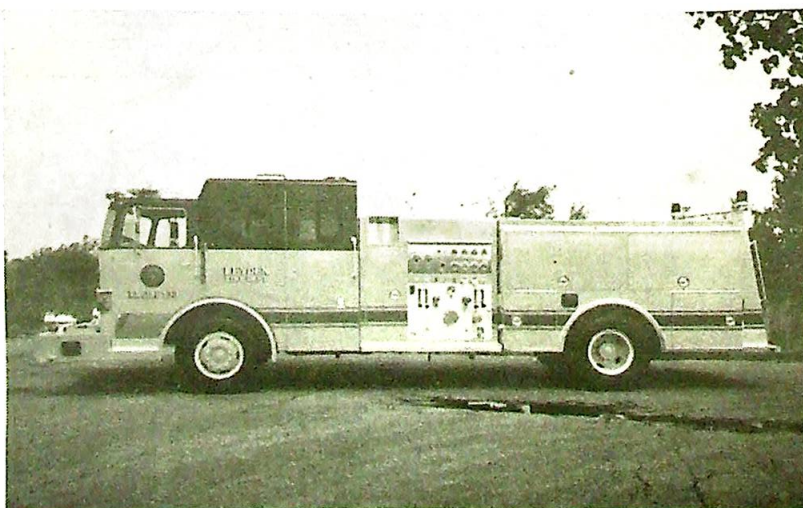
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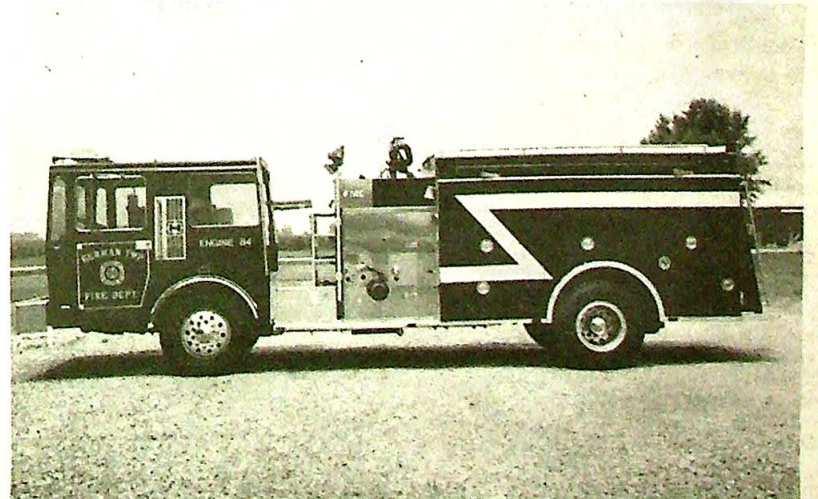
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# MISS FLAME GUIDELINES 1996

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the IVFAA. 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, qualification, and score sheets dated 01/93.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one of each district). District winners' applications along with two black and white photos will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10. The girls selected will be representing the 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 departments.

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 chaperones 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, they will be advised of the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday evening, 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 (if there is one).

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 IVFA or the IVFA 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 IVFA State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each dept. in the Dist. 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 Dept.
10. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. IVFA 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 Thurs. evening.
14. Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thurs. evening.
15. IVFAA will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Thurs. at Convention.
16. IVFAA will furnish winner IVFA "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy, and \$100 savings bond.
17. IVFAA will furnish IVFA "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers, trophy 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.

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - "MISS FLAME" CONTEST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print in full)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City Zip Code

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo/Day/Year

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ If attending school \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Grade

If Employed, Where \_\_\_\_\_

List Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Sponsor's Name, Address, and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Fire Dept. or Auxiliary Member's Name & Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone Names (If Not Parents) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry form, two black and white photos must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10. 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 IVFA reserves the right to cancel the contest upon notification to all participants.  
This form goes to the District Chairman for the District Contest and the District Chairman mails the form to the "Miss Flame" Chairman.

EULA BUSH: R.R. 1, BOX 33, DANA, IN 47847 (317) 665-3213

District Chairman Signature & District Number \_\_\_\_\_

## IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

As the fall season and winter months come upon us, let us look at the beauty of the fall colors and how that change becomes very bare and the beauty of the white covers all of those shades over again. Let us remember that's how it is for those who believe in our heavenly Father. He can change our lives.

So many of you are so close to one another in the fire service. You're like brothers to one another, so I thought with October being Fire Prevention Month this would be a good time to send you all a copy of "Faith Among Brothers" by Foley. It says a lot to each one of you.

### Faith Among Brothers

They both grew up as buddies, so close throughout the years.

Even fought a war together; to return amid the cheers

Each settled down and married, two girls from high school days.

And families soon developed, with loving kids to raise.

Though neith was related, one would never know

The kids would always holler: "Hi, Uncle Billy"; "Hi, Uncle Joe."

Firefighting beckoned, and

they joined God's chosen few,  
As their fathers did before them, it was like a dream come true.

They were each pulling duty, when the box came in at ten.

A call for all equipment, and just as many men.

Arriving at the scene, the blaze was out of hand.

Flames shot from every window, and Bill took full command.

He reached the roof by ladder, with a hose line held in tow.

When the structure fell from under, dropping him below.

Joe ran through the rubble: carried out his fallen mate.

The chief said sadly later, "I'm afraid it was too late."

"I wasn't too late, sir, though Bills life had but seconds to run.

For in those final moments, he managed to say...

"I knew you would come"

Hope you all have a nice holiday and a safe one.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give. This is my gift to you  
John 14:27

## DISTRICT 11B

Gosh, wasn't it a wonderful summer. It seemed so short, though. I guess it is because I enjoy it so much that it seems to pass so quickly. It was a very busy summer for us. I hope everyone who reads this has had a great summer also.

When you read this it will be November and time to start on getting your Miss Flame contestant to compete in the district contest.

Also, it is time to write letters recommending someone for the Mr. IVFA and the Lois Boaz awards. You may also have someone to recommend for the Ollie Sandburg award. Please get your letters in; the addresses and due dates are in another part of

the paper.

Hey District 11B Auxiliary, I know how we can make \$25. All we have to do is sell the most Doe Doll tickets this year. The tickets will be real easy to sell. The doll is a beauty!

As you know, Lou Bartlow is Vice President this year and it is the responsibility of the VP to chair this project. Let's help her out by selling lost of tickets. This is the only money making project that the auxiliary had and with espenses going up every year, we need to make it profitable.

I would like to encourage all auxiliaries to get their dues paid if they aren't already.

If there are any ladies who need help in organizing their auxiliary, give me a call and I will meet with you and give assistance. Or if you would just like me to attend your meeting, just give me a call.

For anyone who missed the District 11B picnic, you missed a really good time. We invited all previous district Miss Flame winners and all other award recipients.

Several attended and brought their scrapbooks, crowns, etc. The photographs were interesting. I thought some of us had aged just a little.

We had the picnic in a nice shelter at Raccoon Lake. We cooked hamburgers and hot dogs with everyone bringing lots of good food. We have already decided to do the same thing next year.

The Miss Flame Dance will be on February 17, 1996 with the Road Ramblers providing the music.

The Dana Firemen's Auxiliary will be hosting their 25th Anniversary Open House on October 29, 1995.

Since this is the last paper of the year, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Submitted by  
Eula Bush, Chairman



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# IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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President Phyllis Vargo opened the meeting by asking Chaplain Joann Hayes to lead us in prayer. She first read a saying about "Friendship", then had a word of prayer.

Sgt.-of-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel led the Pledge to the flag.

Recording Secretary, Faye Sallee, gave the roll call, followed by the reading of minutes of the last meeting. One correction was made—When Eula asked about the payment for the flowers, she was referring to the President, Past President of the IVFAA and the wife of the IVFA President, not for the Miss Flames, as I had printed. Sorry! Other than that, I had some spelling mistakes, but I am not going to correct them!! The minutes were then approved as read.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter, gave her report.

Treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit.

Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gray, read a Thank You card from Dorothy Reiter, who recently lost her son-in-law.

Membership, Faye Sallee, said we have 530 members, 25 Ind. 50 Aux. with a total of 555. We really need to work on getting our membership up!

Chaplain, Joann Hayes read a Thank you from E.J. Smith. She also reported that she had sent 3 Sympathy, and 1 Get well card since convention. She said she had 13 Protestant and 13 Catholic Bibles on hand. She then ask Maxine Davies to tell us her cute little joke!!!

Auditing, Maxine Davies, said all the books, except Miss Flame, were audited last evening and they were in great shape.

Games, Toni Sorg, said they had a nice long meeting with Al last evening. It will be recommended that one member from each team be present at all meetings. Age will be 18 years old. Entry fee will be \$20.00 per team, per event. \$15.00 individual, if not registered for convention and just coming for the games on Saturday.

It will be double elimination up to 16 teams. Women's apparel will be by International rules. Men must wear full turn-out gear.

The guidelines will be in the next paper and there will be some at the next officers meeting. If a woman belongs to the IVFA, she may play on the men's team. Each woman on a team, MUST belong to the IVFAA.

Installation, Barb Parker, said all went well.

Financial Study, Maxine Davies, said no additional recommendations.

Miss Flame, Eula Bush, said she had a meeting last night, and they talked about the rules and decided to leave them the same, unless someone has some other ideas. She will pass the rules out. Mr. Wilson made each of the Miss Flames a video tape and made arrangements to have the postage paid for. That was very nice!!

Eula is going to look into getting the ribbons for the girls some place different. They were too wide and were expensive.

Doe Doll, Lou Bartlow, said the Miss Flames sold a total of \$405.00. The grand total was \$2,143.00. The Chinese auction made \$347.00. Winners of the Doe Doll and \$100.00 was Acton Auxiliary. Jim Bradford from Lake Station won \$50.00 and Lakes of Four Seasons won \$25.00. Congratulations to all of you!!

And again this year, Leona Uryga's auxiliary won the money for selling the most tickets. Nice work!!

Barbara Parker was asked if she would like to do the Chinese auction again next year for convention and she said she would, but would like to have Barbara Kerney be her co-chairman. She said that 12 or 13 nice items would be plenty and that she still had the boxes they used. So all you districts get busy and think of something real nice to bring for this!

A question was asked,—If the person sponsoring the tickets for the Doe Doll could purchase them where they wanted? Eula made a motion to let them purchase where they wanted and Wanda Johnson seconded it.

Bill Bush joined our meeting for a BRIEF moment. He said that since they were opening an administrative office downtown, they thought they should have a picture of the IVFA President, hanging on the wall. He showed us a picture that was taken at convention of Mr. Dick Glant, in his suit, with a pair of boxer shorts over it. It was an 11 x 14!!! But, Bill thought it would be nice to have the President of the IVFAA in there also, in these same pair of shorts!! But—guess who came into the room just then??? President Glant!!! BILL GOT CAUGHT!!! We gave him a few minutes to gain his composure and then Phyllis ask if she could borrow his shorts???? So, in November, Phyllis will be posing in these shorts for her picture!!! BRING YOUR CAMERAS!!!

President Glant apologized for the problems in the hotel. He said he was going shopping tomorrow for another hotel. But for November, we will be at the Ramada. He cannot get out of the contract that soon. The meeting will be November 4 and 5. Mark your calendars. Hopefully, we can all have our rooms before 6:00 p.m. and have HOT water when we do get them!!!

By-Laws, Dollie Komoscar, said the by-law passed and all she is waiting for is all the corrections and she will run copies.

Jewelry, Mary Mackin said she had a profit of \$145.75 after expenses. She has 4 charms and 51 tie tacks left. She asked about purchasing lapel pins. She has been approached by several wanting them. Lucy Stofer said she should use her own judgment.

Mary asked about the charm for next years convention? She would like to purchase the charms as soon as possible. We need to authorize her to send a sketch to Hookfast and see what they can come up with. We need to get the difference in price on silk screen and dye. Barbara Parker made the motion to leave it to Mary and Ann Moss seconded it. We want to get them so we can start selling them!!!

Nominating—not present

President's Advisory, Toni Sorg, said Phyllis was doing a fine job.

Lois Boaz, Joann Hayes said that the place that we had purchased our plaques from was going out of business, but another company was going to take over, and she was going to see if they would furnish them to us for the same price of \$39.00 each. Barbara Parker made a motion to go ahead and purchase them (4) and Lucy Stofer seconded it. Motion carried.

Miriam Schaeckel said to get your letters in. The more they have the

more difficult it is to decide. There are a lot of deserving women out there.

Parliamentarian, Virginia Wilson, said there are no problems. Phyllis gave out all the committee assignments. Some of them have changed. So make sure you check to see where your help is needed.

Phyllis said that in the Line Officers meeting held Saturday, we talked of the membership being so low and wondered what could be done to bring more people into the auxiliary. We need suggestions and input. The district chairmen need to go back to their departments and see just what they want for their \$2.50 a year, that they pay in dues.

We feel that the by-laws need to be re-vamped. So, Phyllis appointed a committee to handle that. Lou Batlow will be the chairman and Helen Michl and Eula Bush will help her. Would like to have an answer on this by the November meeting. Also have the By-laws re-vamped so we can go over this then. Maybe, we can get an interest built up somehow.

Bill Howe joined us from Convention '96. He gave us some information. Registration forms are in the paper. Camping registration is needed as soon as possible. There is limited space.

The host motel will be the Radisson and it will be filled first. Rooms are \$71.00 plus tax. The banquet will be on Friday night. It will be buffet style.

Memorial service will be at East Lake Baptist Church and bus transportation will be furnished.

There will be vendors on Friday and Saturday morning at the games if they wish. Games will be at the Radisson.

Southwestern Fire and Safety will sponsor the beer bust.

They also brought along T-shirts, hats and Gold coins to sell. They will have them at the November meeting.

Miriam said that she will have to have some new briefcases, if we get any new chairmen. All she has left is a couple that are broken. She will get prices for next meeting.

Eula would like to meet with her committee at the November meeting on Saturday evening.

Phyllis handed out a certificate to a new auxiliary—Union Volunteer Fire Department, District 1. Congratulations!!

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Maxine Davies. She is 62 years young and is retiring Tuesday. ENJOY!!

Barbara Parker made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Gray,

Corresponding Secretary

## District Reports

District 3: Meeting was held at the Kingsbury Fire Station.

Chairman Leona Uryga opened the meeting with the Pledge to the flag, followed by prayer.

1995 convention was discussed.

The Miss Flame was Sara Steckler of District 18.

Tabled until next meeting was a discussion about the Doe Doll plaques and payment of Miss Flame in March instead of May.

Elections were held.

IVFA dues are due and need to be paid.

Kingsford Union was given a certificate for 15 years of continuous service.

Scipio Township won the yearly traveling plaque and Noble Township won the new traveling award for attendance.

District 6: Met at St. Joe Township, Allen County with 7 members and 1 guest from 3 departments.

Convention '96 was discussed. Room and camping reservations should be gotten in early. Rooms going fast at Radisson.

Our Miss Flame from District 6 was present. She was first runner up and brought a photo album from convention. She told of her experiences.

Due to lack of attendance, elections will be held at the September meeting at Union Township.

District 7: The meeting was held at Ossian.

It was called to order and the Pledge to the flag was recited.

Roll call was answered by 13 members and 2 guests from 6 departments.

Minutes were read and approved.

Officers were elected.

Minutes from convention were read.

District 11A: Met at Harmony Fire House.

We talked about Convention, and what a good time we had.

We had election of officers.

After our meeting, we had cake and punch to celebrate Eva and Clyde Gotche winning Lois Boaz and Ollie Sandberg award. We are really proud of them.

I would like to brag about my auxiliary, Prairieton. We go out and have breakfast once a month to celebrate the birthdays in that month. We really have a good time.

District 11B: We met at Waynetown, but there was not enough women to hold a meeting.

Our next meeting will be the annual picnic.

## National Vol. Fire Council Chariman Pays Tribute to Fallen Firefighters

Emmitsburg, MD— National Volunteer Fire Council Chairman, Fred G. Allison, paid tribute to 107 firefighters killed in the line of duty in 1994 by reading their names during the Sunday service of this year's Fallen Firefighters Memorial service. This annual tribute to those firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty was held on October 15 on the campus of the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Each year at the end of National Fire Prevention Week, the NVFC joins the U.S. Fire Administration and other fire service organizations in hosting a National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend. During this weekend, several activities took place in honor of the firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year.

This year's activities began on Saturday, October 14, with the actual service held on Sunday the 15th. Additional speakers included Carrye Brown, United States Fire Administrator, Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, James Lee Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Dr. Denis Oniel, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy.

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial was constructed in 1981 and was officially designated by Congress as the national memorial to all fallen firefighters in 1990. A large Maltese Cross, a symbol of aid to those in need, sits atop a seven-foot memorial. An eternal flame burns at its base, symbolizing the spirit of the firefighter - past, present and future. Plaques listing the names of the firefighters killed in the line of duty since 1981 encircle the memorial plaza walkway.

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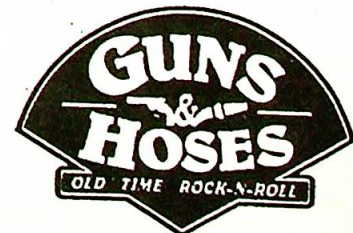
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## Public Relations Northwest



Bill Howe

Since I missed the Aug. issue of the paper. I would like to extend my appreciation to District 15 for a well put together convention. Congratulations, job well done.

As we enter the fall and winter seasons, residence and apartment fires will become more regular. It is my hope that any that you experience will be minor, and above all, accident free.

There have been several training sessions held in the NW area.

These include 2nd Class through some Master Classes. Also, there are a few Haz-Mat Technician classes now in progress. Your department needs to attend some of these sessions to keep up with the new methods being taught.

As most of you are aware, the Standards Commission is re-writing the Old Red Book. This will change classification from 1st & 2nd Class and Master to Fireman I & Fireman II. These classifications will be standard everywhere, so you could go from state to state and not have to re-certify or lose your rank. There will be public hearings on this shortly. It would be to your advantage to attend these meetings and let your opinions be known. The best way to find out when these hearings will be held is to read your Fire Marshal's mailing each month, or attend your dist. meeting. If not mentioned, please ask.

Since this is the last issue of '95, I would like to wish everyone a happy & safe holiday season.

I hope everyone is already planning to attend the 50th Annual Convention at Merrillville in June 1996.

## South Haven VFD Busy Night

The date was July 15, 1995. An extremely warm period was just ending with the usual thunder, lightning and rain storm.

At 8:30 p.m. the South Haven VFD was dispatched to a field fire started by a lightning hit and then it began!!

At 9:31 p.m. a dispatch for a possible residence hit by lightning. The station sent an engine, an ambulance, & one Ass't Chief. They found lightning had struck and put a hole in the roof, but the fire had already gone out.

At 9:32 p.m. we were dispatched to a school automatic alarm. We responded with an engine & rescue unit. While we waited for the keyholder to arrive in the continuous downpour & lightning so we could investigate, we received another dispatch.

At 10:08 p.m. another lightning strike at a residence. Now the low streets are flooded and the cars are getting stuck and blocking them. Multiple lightning hits had hit the transformer feeding our station and cooked the entire radio system, the scanner and the phones. So now, we are operating from portables.

An engine & rescue truck arrive at the lightning strike to find an electrical short in the wiring of a bathroom wall along with the mouse that caused it.

At 10:17 p.m. a car drives up to the doors of the stations and the driver asks us to check out his residence. He thinks that it had been hit by lightning and he detected heat in one wall. An engine and rescue responded along with another engine from the previous call. After removing some drywall upstairs and extinguishing a small fire in the wall area, we returned to the station.

At 11:22 p.m. we were dispatched to a female in labor in her car, which the medic unit found in one of the flooded areas, and transported her to the hospital.

As you can tell, it was a busy night. After the storm cleared, we were notified the stork had landed about 10 min. after our patient was delivered to the hospital.

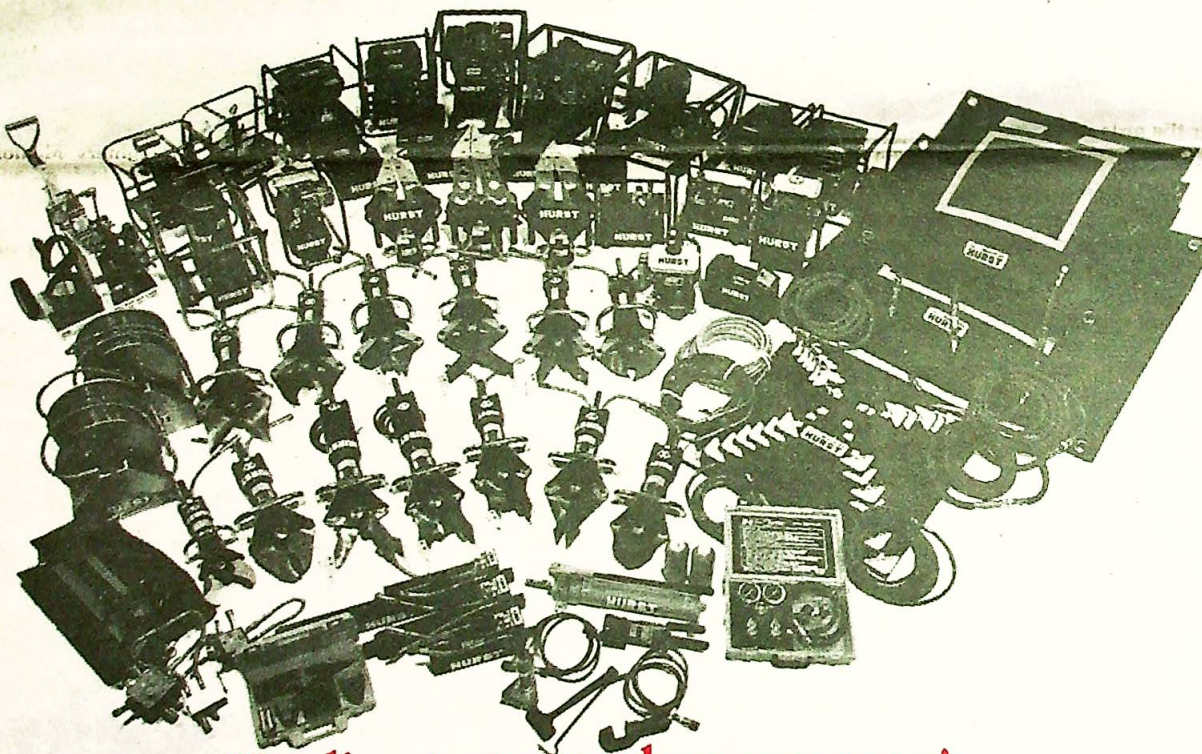
We meanwhile, had started the generator and closed the doors.

Oh, what a night!!!!

The South Haven VFD, Portage Twp., headed by Chief Dwayne Gilbert, is made up of 35 members & paid Paramedics & EMTs. They staff 2 ALS ambulances, 2 engines, a rescue truck, a tanker and a high pressure brush truck.

Submitted by Tom Parsons

# Rescue Line.



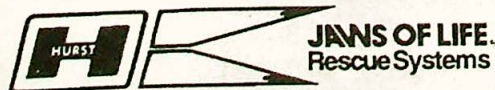
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## Luce Township Fire Department Dedicates New Facility



Photo by Dale Garrison, Luce Twp. VFD

On April 23, 1995, Luce Twp. VFD dedicated a new 2400 sq. ft. facility on 2.9 acres located on Old Hwy. 66 in Hatfield, Indiana.

Chief Todd Damming headed the project in conjunction with Luce Township Trustee Rick Garrett. Asst. Chief Greg Middleton is in charge of the new station and its two engines and rescue squad.

Braden Construction Co. of Rockport received the bid to build the outer shell of the new station. Upon completion of that phase, the membership completed all interior work, including room framing, plumbing, electrical and drywall as well as finishing.

We offer a special thanks to the wives of Luce Twp. Fire Department for their perseverance throughout the construction of the new facility. We would also like to thank the friends of Luce Township VFD for their donations of time and skills in making this project a success!

We would also like to thank State Representative Vanetta Becker and Sally Lambert for speaking at the dedication as well as Robert Wingham who represented Congressman Hamilton during the ceremonies. And a special thanks goes out to IVFA representative Frank Daunhayer and Jack Zeeks Jr. for their participation

Submitted by Ed Schisler, V.P. Luce Twp. VFD

### Firefighters to receive 10 month training class

By Debbie Schmidtkecht  
staff writer

The skills of 10 employees at Vincennes City and Vincennes Township Fire Departments will increase dramatically during the next 10 months through Basic Emergency Rescue Technician classes.

Other than Marion County, this is the first time such classes have been offered in Indiana. Classes start in September and run thru June. They will take place one weekend each month and are possible through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Service—Rural Health Outreach Demonstration Grant.

The grant was applied for through Vincennes University. The university will pay the Public Safety Training Institute for instructors of the classes, said Karla Smith, Emergency Medical Services coordinator at VU.

"The fire departments in this area are working to make some responses regional so we can use each other's expertise," said Tim Smith, Chief of the Vincennes Twp. Fire Department.

Equipment that is used in Vincennes is compatible with that in Evansville. If there is a major incident, the departments can

support each other.

Currently, half of the people signed up to take the classes are from the Vincennes area and the other half from Vanderburgh County. "We hope what the class will do is certify us as Emergency Rescue Technicians," Chief Smith said.

Some of the classes include auto extrication, line rescue, machinery entrapment, search operations, confined space rescue, trench rescue, structural collapse and water rescue.

Since the classes have already been offered in Marion County, there is an Urban Search and Rescue Task Force there for the state, which was made possible thru a federally funded program. These task forces, about 27 nationwide, were necessary because of mass casualty incidents like the Oklahoma City bombing.

With the classes being offered locally, emergency personnel who attend will be able to support the task force in Marion Co. on a local basis.

Chief Smith said this course is very important because of its intensity. There will be 30 vehicles, a school bus and two semis that will have to be taken apart as if people were trapped inside. Many of the vehicles have been donated by Troy's Wrecker Service and Dave's Wrecker Service of Vincennes. But more are needed. If someone has a

junk car and wants to get rid of it, call the fire department at 882-4261 and let them know. Although residents won't be paid for the junk car, it will be hauled off their property and put to good use.

Continuing education of emergency responders is extremely important, Chief Smith said. For example, Vincennes Township firefighters who were trained in handling hazardous materials took good care of a semi tractor-trailer hauling hazardous materials when it overturned recently on US 50, near Vincennes.

The education these new classes will provide would come in useful if a gas line were to rupture and a building would subsequently explode. "This will help when the structure collapses with the search of survivors," he said.

But the Basic Emergency Rescue Technician Course is only one part of the grant. According to Mrs. Smith, the grant has been in operation since November 1994. One of the objectives was to increase the number of EMS personnel enrolled in degree programs. Non credit workshops will be provided as a result of the

grant so retention level will be increased. The grant is to provide training statewide.

"There are some rural areas that don't have people trained at the First responder level," she added. "Because they live in a rural area, they may have to wait up to 30 minutes or more for an ambulance."

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Mr. Kuester has accumulated 4,272 runs during his volunteer career. His generosity, and leadership to the residents of Perry and Union Townships demonstrates his commitment to the Volunteer Fire Service.

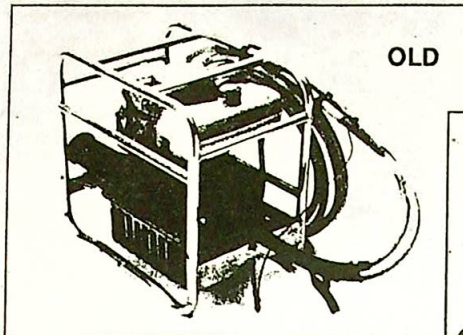
Mr. Kuester is well known throughout his department's coverage area and is one of the most respected and valued members of his department. He has always been the one to take new members under his wing and guide them as a firefighter. No one has ever given as much to Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department as Mr. Paul Kuester. It is a pleasure to know Paul and his family.

On October 1, Paul became a great-grandfather. Congratulations to Keith Kuester and his wife, on the birth of their new son, Jack Kerney, PRSW.

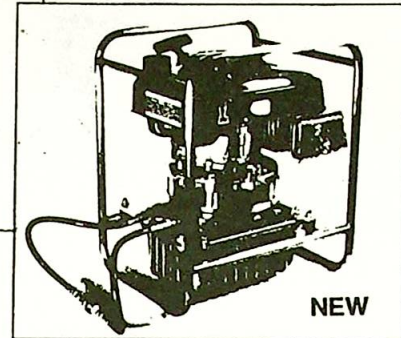
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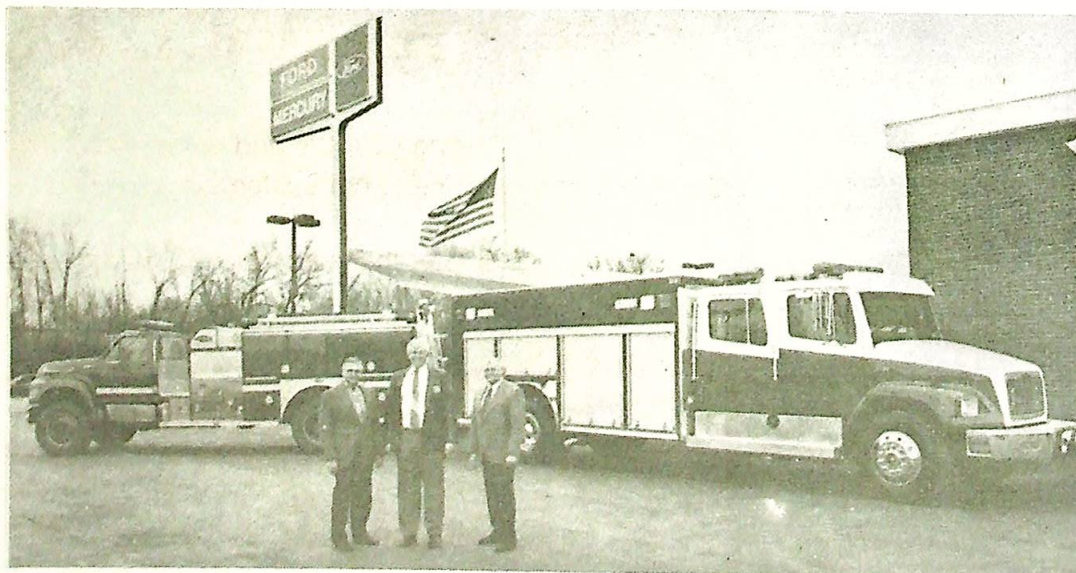
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## Train derails...

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IDEM, CSX Trans Haz-Mat team and Lawrence Co. Emer. Mngmt team were on the site as soon as possible. Spill Recovery Operations, Inc. came to assist with the removal.

In addition to removing the fuel soaked dirt, the city storm sewers had to be flushed to remove the oil contaminated water from the fire site.

Steps were taken to prevent contamination of Spankers Branch at the sewage desposal plant as well. By late afternoon, it was believed, hazardous materials were under control. Checks will be made by IDEM and EPA to verify removal.

Traffic control and detouring was a problem and the Mitchell Police Dept. was assisted by the Bedford, Orleans, Lawrence Co., and Orange Co. Police Depts.

Railroad police also responded to the scene to secure the rail cars and prevent looting, and to help

with the protection of equipment and evidence.

All depts. also aided in roping off the accident scene and keeping the curious away from the site and out of danger.

Tyler reported that the MVFD remained on the scenen until 6:40 pm and were recalled at 9pm and left again at 10 pm.

Lawrence Co. Assist One of the Salvation Army was at the scene dispensing food & drinks to the firefighters and other emergency personnel. Dunn Memorial Ambulance Service had EMTs and ambulances at the site also.

Area residents and individuals provided food, ice water and cold drinks for the firefighters and workders at the site.

Leckie reported that the damage to equipment & locomotive freight was estimated at \$813,000 and damage to the tracks at \$90,000 - \$100,000.

J.B. Dorman Derailment Div. arrived at the scene quickly and began clearing overturned cars.

Working thru the night, the cres brought in large cranes and

lifted the overturned & burned cars from the crossing. Rails were removed from the switch track and placed on the east-west line to open the route. The first train used the newly opend track at 4:30 am Monday morning.

The north-south track sustained the majority of the damage. Rails were twisted and torn from the roadbed.

Work continued throughout the day Monday to repair the damage and open the north-south tracks. An estimated date of completion was not available.

Marshall Garcie of the IN State Fire Marshal's office was at the scene to assist the investigations and handling of the fire scene.

Tyler said, "The assistance of Marion Twp, and the hard work of the volunteers who kept drinks & food coming to the firemen made the job a lot easier. The early hour also helped cut the heat. No one required medical treatment or assistance at all. It was unbelievable that an accident of the magnitude left no one injured."

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## Public Relations Southwest



Jack Kerney

Barb and I have enjoyed the picnic and parades this summer, but it looks like that old man winter is around the corner.

We were in Greene County in August for the Greene Co. Firefighter's Picnic & Games. Bob Hayes and I enjoyed the competition and the chance to be judges.

Congratulations to Lewis Twp., the 1995 over-all winner, Wright Twp. a close second, Center Twp. third, Richard Taylor Team 1 fourth, Highland fifth, Bloomfield sixth, and Richland Taylor Team 2 seventh.

The games consisted of bucket brigade, hose roll, hose replacement, ladder raise, and waterball.

Thanks to Bob & Joann Hays for inviting us to Fowler Park for the Dist. 11-A Ham & Bean cook-out. Fun was had by all especially the designing of our hats. Now I know why Joann gave all the men contestants "suckers".

Benton Twp. Fire Dept. was the host for the August meeting of 17-B. That was a long drive for me, but the hot homemade cinnamon rolls were worth it.

The turnout was slim. These departments do a lot to prepare for a district meeting. Let's show them the respect and attend our district meetings.

Cynthiana, Smith Twp. Fire Dept. and Chief Dan Martin hosted the Sept. District 15 meeting. It's been a long time since we've been to Cynthiana. It was great to see these firefighters again.

Tell City Fire Dept. hosted the District 18 September meeting at Mulzer's Camp on the Ohio River. The video on firefighter electrical safety was one of the best I have seen. I don't know what the secret recipe was, but that Bar-B-Q chicken was goood!

General Electric Plastics Corporation hosted a Safety Fair at the plant in Mt. Vernon in September. The displays and information that was available to all was second to none. In the waterball competition, Marrs Twp. Team 1 took first place, German Twp. took second and General Electric took third.

Haysville Fire Dept. hosted the District 18 Fire Prevention Parade on October 1st. Miss Flame 1995, Sara Steckler, was on hand and crowned the new District 18 Miss Flame contestant. Jeff Schmitt and his committee did a great job in putting on this parade. Thanks for the White Chrysler Convertible that was my ride in the parade. Jasper Fire Dept. will be the host for the 1996 District 18 Fire Prevention Parade.

Elberfeld Fire Dept. dedicated their new fire station and displayed their new E-One Fire Engine. Chief Matthews and his department have a station that they can truly be proud of.

The Eastside Kiwanis Club selected their first Annual Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award for volunteer departments in Vanderburgh County. Paul

Kuester was the first winner of this award. Paul has been a member of the Perry Twp. VFD for 35 years, 24 of those as Ass't Chief. Paul has made 4,272 runs through July 1995 and is still active as their Safety Officer. Also selected for this award were Tim Wargel from German Twp. Fire Dept., Keith Ayres of Knight Twp. Fire Dept. and Andrew Pearce of McCutchanville Fire Dept. Congratulations to Paul Kuester.

Congratulations to Chief John Buckman of German Twp. Fire Dept. for his appointment to the

Board of Directors of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. John will be representing the Volunteer Section. After only being organized for one year, the Volunteer Section is the largest section in the IAFC. John's hard work and dedication to the Volunteer Fire Service shows in this accomplishment.

Since this will be the last newspaper before the Holidays, I am going to get a head start on wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Trust Fund For a Volunteer Firefighter

A trust fund has been set up for STAN CULLISON.

He is a volunteer firefighter with the Center Twp. (Greene Co.) Fire Department who was seriously injured in a fire truck accident on October 12, 1995 while responding to an alarm.

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# Myths and Facts About Ammonium Nitrate Fertilizer

In the wake of the Oklahoma City tragedy, much attention has been paid to the safety and availability of ammonium nitrate fertilizer. Unfortunately, some media coverage of the tragedy conveyed inaccurate information about the fertilizer. This article addresses common concerns as well as background on the properties of ammonium nitrate, in the hope that the knowledge will be useful to firefighters and other emergency responders.

## What is ammonium nitrate?

Ammonium nitrate is a chemical produced by combining ammonia with nitric acid in a water solution. When the reaction is complete, the water is evaporated to make a concentrated ammonium nitrate solution which is then formed into small, uniform granules or "prills." There are two physical types of ammonium nitrate: high density, which is largely used in fertilizer applications, and low density, which is primarily used as a blasting material. Both types of ammonium nitrate are chemically identical, but physically different.

Ammonium nitrate fertilizer grade is high density, non-porous material used almost exclusively for agricultural purposes.

Ammonium nitrate industrial grade is a low density, porous material primarily used for blasting purposes in the mining and road building industries. A small amount is used in agriculture.

Ammonium nitrate fertilizer is an important nutrient material that is used by farmers worldwide. In certain applications,

ammonium nitrate is a preferred source of nitrogen because of its agronomic & economic benefits to farmers. Its principal nutrient uses in the U.S. are for wheat, grasses & no-till farming applications. In 1993, fertilizer production of all types in the U.S. totaled 49 million tons, ammonium nitrate fertilizer (solid) comprised about 2.2 million tons of that total and has been in commercial use in the U.S. since 1926.

## Is Ammonium nitrate fertilizer regulated?

Yes. Several press accounts have inaccurately stated that ammonium nitrate fertilizer as well as other ammonium nitrate compounds are unregulated. That is not the case. Ammonium nitrate compounds are subject to numerous federal rules and regulations pertaining to organic content, classification, shipping papers, marking, labeling, placarding, packaging, handling, storage and transportation. In addition, fertilizer distribution, including the distribution of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, is regulated by state law which requires anyone who sells fertilizer to register with the state. Products sold in the state must have an approved label, and contain not less than 33% nitrogen.

## How safe is ammonium nitrate fertilizer?

When handled, stored or used properly, today's fertilizer and industrial grades of ammonium nitrate are safe and stable products, and cannot be exploded by impact. There are no known incidents of explosions solely due to heat and fire exposure.

## Can ammonium nitrate be used

## to make an explosive device?

Many press accounts have created the impression that anyone can simply buy a bag of ammonium nitrate fertilizer at the garden shop and light the bag to cause an explosion. In fact, several press accounts reporting on "fertilizer bombs" have used ANFO (a regulated blasting material) — not ammonium nitrate fertilizer — to create dramatic explosion videos. It is not easy to use ammonium nitrate fertilizer in the manufacture of explosive devices. Ammonium nitrate fertilizer is by itself not an explosive. It is technically possible to use this product as an ingredient in an explosive device. However, it would require malicious or criminal intent and above-average technical sophistication to alter the products by adding other materials, including regulated explosives such as dynamite. In short, ammonium nitrate fertilizer would have to be substantially altered to be used as an ingredient in an explosive device.

## What is ammonium nitrate fuel oil (ANFO)?

ANFO is ammonium nitrate mixed with fuel oil. It is classified by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. as a very insensitive explosive & widely used in mining & road building industries as a preferred blasting agent in part due to its stability, safety, & ease of handling.

ANFO is subject to additional Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms regulations regarding licenses, permits, storage, record-keeping & reporting. Federal licenses are needed to purchase it. Have European countries adopted restrictions on the sale of ammo-

nium nitrate fertilizer and/or required reformulation to make the product inert for bomb-making purposes? Ammonium nitrate fertilizer is used in 12 Western European countries. Ireland has banned the sale of ammonium nitrate fertilizer. The substitute fertilizer product used in Ireland has been altered to make terrorist devices by individuals with malicious, criminal intent.

## What action is the fertilizer industry taking?

In response to the Oklahoma City tragedy, the fertilizer industry is undertaking three actions:

From the beginning, the industry has worked closely with the federal government in its investigation of the Oklahoma City bombing.

The industry has formed a high-level task force to examine both near-term and long-term actions the industry can take to help deal with potential malicious misuse of this product.

The industry is working closely with the federal government on a wide-ranging study of actions that might be taken to render common chemicals, including ammonium nitrate, ineffective as ingredients in explosive devices.

The fertilizer industry is outraged over the reported criminal misuse of ammonium nitrate in this tragedy. Our goal is to examine all possible ways to prevent such misuse in the future while at the same time preserving its important and intended role in agriculture. We are proud of our

safety record in transporting and handling the product, and of our role in helping American farmers feed 250 millions Americans and billions more around the world.

For more information, contact Kathy O'Hara Mathers, The Fertilizer Institute, 501 Second St, N.E., Washington, DC 20002.

The preceding article was furnished by Partnership For Firefighters Safety, a program initiated by the Nat'l Vol. Fire Council Found., to make firefighters & other emergency responders aware of resources, training programs and other information available from industry, trade associations, professional societies and government agencies on the subject of responding properly & safely to hazardous materials incidents.

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### Public Relations Northeast



Bill Kinsey

Fall is here. Leaves are turning color on the trees. Winter is coming. It seems the climate for fire-fighting is constant change. Change, if it is for the better is good, change that is detrimental to the vol. fire service is NOT good. Since 80-85% of fire protection in IN is provided by volunteer fire & E.M.S. personnel, it would seem that most citizens would support the volunteers.

Example: The "Professional Firefighters Union" of Ft. Wayne has proposed a contract with the city that in essence requires career firefighters in the City of Ft. Wayne not be volunteers for a fire dept in Allen Co. using the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq as the basis for justifying these terms.

On Jan. 22, 1995 the Indiana

Fire Services Institute & the Ind. Fire Caucus sponsored a seminar presented by Mitzi Marris Martin of the law firm of Baker & Daniels covering the subject of "Fire Protection Employees & the Fair Labor Standards Act". Excerpts of this presentation follows:

#### Part IV Volunteer Fire Protection Services and the FLSA.

The use of volunteer firefighters raises a number of complex and controversial issue under the Fair Labor Standards Act.....

Examples of volunteer services which do NOT constitute the "same type of services" include:

• A city police officer who volunteers as a part-time referee in a basketball league sponsored by the city; and

• A city parks department employee who serves as a volunteer city firefighter.

#### C. HOW DOES THE DOL TREAT "MUTUAL AID" AGREEMENTS?

An agreement for mutual aid between two or more states, political subdivisions, or interstate governmental agencies does not affect the otherwise volunteer character of services performed by employees of the agencies pursuant to such an agreement.

• Town X & Town Y entered into a mutual aid agreement related to fire protection. The vol. hours of a firefighter employed by Town X who is a vol. firefighter for Town Y will not be counted a part of his employment with Town X, even though the services

volunteered to Town Y may be performed in Town X's geographic jurisdiction.

The pre-1985 amendment rule had counted "volunteer" hours worked by employees responding to a call in a jurisdiction where their public employer had a mutual aid agreement in calculating regular and overtime compensation.

This contract would affect roughly 25 career/vol. firefighters of Ft. Wayne and various volunteer fire depts in Allen Co.

If this union contract is put into effect unchallenged by the fire service, it would appear to establish a precedent that could allow it in every area where career firefighters also vol. on Twp VFDs.

It would appear to me that this is an issue that needs widespread examination and action. I am not an attorney and in no way intend my statements are legal advice.

I do believe that those of you who attended this seminar should dig out your copy of the entire presentation, read it, and determine how your fire dept might be affected and what, if any, action should be taken.

The alarm has sounded. How will the volunteer fire service in Indiana respond?

### Schwenk Chosen Miss Flame

Sarah Schwenk, 16, Ireland, was named Miss Flame for Dist. 18 of the IVFA on Sun, Oct. 1.

She will compete for the statewide title in June at the state convention. The winner will make promotional appearances for the IVFA throughout the state.

Sarah, who represents the Ireland Fire Dept, is the daughter of Michael & Kathleen Schwenk.

She was chosen from 12 young women representing fire depts in Dubois & Spencer Cos. Kathryn Smith, 15, representing Holland Fire Dept, & Audrey Steen, 16, representing Ferdinand Fire Dept, were the 1st & 2nd runners-up respectively.

Contestants needed at least 1 family member in a vol. fire dept.

About a dozen Haysville firefighters, who hosted Sunday's Fire Prevention Parade and Miss Flame contest, missed the final judging because of a fire call.

"Things got a little hectic at the end, but all in all things went pretty smoothly," said Dick Schmitt, chief of the Haysville Fire Dept.

The Herald

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## Vincennes Twp. Fire Department receives award

By Debbie Schmidtknecht  
Staff writer

The Vincennes Township Fire Department received a prestigious award during the Indiana Public Safety conference in Indianapolis.

Those associated with the fire department received the Certified Rescue Squad Provider of the Year for the state of Indiana.

The event was sponsored by the Indiana Emergency Medical Services. A total of 33 individuals, agencies and companies were honored for their contributions to Emergency Medical Services in Indiana.

Winners in Provider of the Year Award, of which the certified rescue squad was a category, were selected for their commitment to elevate standards of professionalism and the quality of patient care in their community.

When judges considered the criteria for Provider of the Year, all forms of rescue were used. A few of the criteria considered were auto extrication, defibrillation and fire rescue.

"We are really excited," said Tim Smith, Chief of the Vincennes Twp. Fire Department. "This is the first year for the rescue category award."

The Vincennes Twp. Fire Department competed against other rescue organizations and fire departments throughout the state in several categories, including training, organization and public education programs, for consideration of the top award.

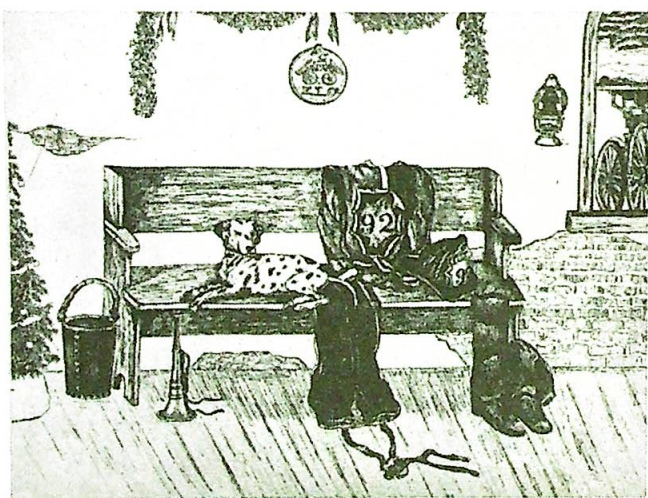
"The members of the Vincennes Twp. FD are justifiably proud to receive this honor," Smith said. "It is because of their dedication and commitment to the citizens of the Vincennes Twp. Fire Protection District that made winning this award possible."

## Washington Twp. VFD



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*I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I believed, therefore, I have spoken: I was greatly afflicted. I said in my haste, all men are liars. What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.*

As we approach the holiday season, let us give thanks for each of these holidays.

How long has it been since you took time out to count your blessings? It would be a profitable experience for you to sit down with pencil and paper and list the 10 blessings for which you are most grateful. Which blessing would you place at the top of the list?

If we would think more about what God means to us, there would be more of an attitude of gratitude within our hearts. The Psalmist went to the trouble of enumerating the blessings of God. His list is found in Psalms 116 verses 1-8. After listing the blessings of God, he discovered some of the reasons why he should have a love for God.

May God grant us eyes that can see how good God has been to us. May God grant to us hearts that can recognize the divine blessings that have come to us through human channels. May God help each of us to so live that we can be a blessing and a channel through which the blessings of God can reach others.

Now that the gardening season has ended and all of the canning and preserving is over and stored for the winter, we should give a special thanks to God for all that He has provided.

I found this in an old cookbook and should be of special interest to all of your wives.

### How to Preserve a Husband

Be careful in your selection. Do not choose too young. When selected, give your entire thoughts to preparation for domestic use. Some wives insist upon keeping them in a pickle, others are constantly getting them into hot water. This may make them sour, hard and sometimes bitter. Even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, well sweetened with love and seasoned with kisses. Wrap them in a mantle of charity. Keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion and serve with

peaches and cream. Thus prepared, they will keep for years.

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we would thank Thee for Thy bountiful blessing upon our land and upon its people.

We would offer to Thee the gratitude of our hearts.

We offer to Thee the praise of our lips.

We bring to Thee our offerings which represent the bounty of the land and the fruits of our efforts.

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In Jesus' name, Amen.

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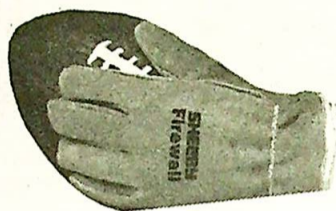
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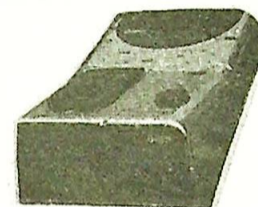


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## Duneland School of Fire & Emergency Services

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Plans are well underway for the 6th Annual Duneland School of Fire & Emergency Services. Once again it will be held at the Chesterton High School and hosted by the Chesterton Fire Dept, Sat. & Sun., March 16 & 17, 1996. The Indiana Fire Instructors Association will present many new subjects and instructors and will also present the successful training classes from previous years. At press time, over 50 different subjects are planned for the school. Flyers and books will be mailed as soon as plans are completed, so watch your mail and this newspaper for more information.

This year's Duneland School Committee is chaired by Mike Osborne, Michigan City Fire Dept and members from the following depts are also taking part in planning and presenting the 1996 School; Chesterton, South Haven, Hobart, Center Twp, Springfield Twp, Beverly Shores, & Plymouth.

John Brown, Plymouth Fire Dept and IFIA 219 Area Chairman, is taking an active roll in the planning of the School. John's assistance as well as everyone's on the committee, promises to make this school better than ever.

The current committee wishes to thank the past committees for making this one of the premier educational opportunities available in Indiana. And without the support of the students, by their enthusiastic participation, the school would continue to grow each and every year. Make your plans now to attend. Contact: Doug Miller 219-462-6161.

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The new Executive Secretary is Deb Nulliner.

## Marshal's Memo

September 1995

It's hard to believe that it's the fall season already. Where did the summer go? Next month is October and that means Fire Prevention Week. Although Fire Prevention Week is from Oct. 8-14, we will have the kick off on Friday the 6th. As in the past, the opening ceremonies will be held at a host fire dept. around the state. This year, the City of Hobart lost Ted Hansen on April 13 while he was fighting a house fire. The ceremony to all fallen firefighters killed in the line of duty will be held in Hobart, IN in Lake Co. The ceremony starts at 2:00 pm and will be held at Fire Station #1, in Hobart. Please make an effort to attend and help us honor our comrades who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We are happy to report that the state wide implementation of the National Fire Protection Assoc. "Learn Not to Burn" Program is going very well. The "train the trainer" seminar held on August 5 drained us of the first shipment of resource books. Not to panic however, we have placed another large order for 1,600 more sets. Your dept needs to see that this life saving program is used in your schools. You only need to call in your order and pick up the FREE resource books. This could be a great way to start Fire Prevention Week.

This month a new service was offered to your fire dept free of charge, the Fire Truck Line. It's a way for you to advertise your used fire trucks that you have for

sale. The service can also be used to sell any and all fire fighting equipment that you would like to unload. Now remember, the State Fire Marshal's office makes no representations or guarantees as to the condition or serviceability of any fire equipment advertised!

I recently had an experience that has made me aware that some of you may have questions or misunderstandings about how this office operates, how and when we perform inspections & investigations, and how we interpret codes & statutes. I want you all to know that I and my staff are more than willing to meet with you, or attend district or county meetings to answer any questions you may have. Since I became Fire Marshal, I have said, and meant, that I will be available to all of the fire service whenever anyone has questions or needs help. So, before you do something based on what you've "heard", please pick up the phone and give me a call.

On another note, I've just become aware that a new type of smoke detector is being marketed. The reason I'm bringing it to your attention is that the smoke detector is sealed shut to prevent battery removal & has a 10 yr life span. Even if the battery is removed, it's not designed to operate other products or appliances. I can't endorse any particular product, so I can't mention brand names, but I wanted you all to know that this kind of smoke detector is now on the market.

Well that's it for now. Don't forget our Juvenile Fire Setter newsletter; if you have anything you would like to contribute, pictures, articles, etc. get it to us. Until next time, Brothers & Sisters, so long.

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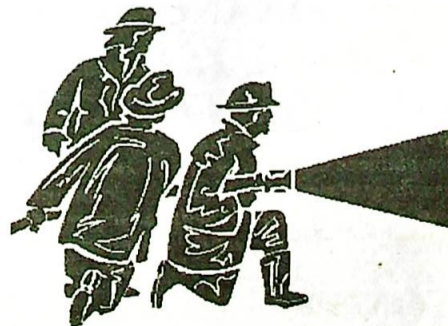
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