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50-Year Volunteer Firefighters Honored

at Hanna Township VFD



Photos by Dorothy Stephenson, Hanna-Union Mills correspondent
Bob Uryga, Dist. 3 Chairman; Mitch Parish, Past President; Ralph Fritz, LaCrosse recipient; Ed Ritter, Dist. 3 Sec; and Bill Howe, PRNW.



Tony Wallace, Hanna VFD Chief; Bob Uryga; Melvin "Tuffy" Selby, Mitch Parish; Eldred "Eldy" Sacks & Orlo "Slim" Strahm and Bill Howe. Not pictured: William "Bill" Garner.

IVFA District 3 met on July 17 at the Hanna Fire Station where four Hanna members were recognized as 50-year and charter members of the Hanna Twp. VFD. They were William "Bill" Garner, active member who has

served in various capacities including chief and president; Eldred "Eldy" Sacks, active member who has been an assistant chief and president among other offices; Melvin "Tuffy" Selby, inactive member who has been chief and served in other offices; and Orlo "Slim" Strahm, inactive member who has been chief and president besides serving in other offices.

Tony Wallace, present chief, noted they have over 200 years experience as well as reside in Hanna. He stated, "It has been and still is an honor to work with these gentlemen. Their records speak for themselves. The experience and guidance they have provided has been invaluable. Fifty years speaks volumes with regards to their dedication and commitment to the community."

Others recognized during the meeting who had received their 50-year memberships previously were Ralph Fritz and Ralph Yergler, both of LaCrosse.

Heather Garwood, Miss Flame candidate who hails from LaCrosse, spoke to the IVFA thanking them for the opportunity to represent the district at the recent convention at Indianapolis. She was named Miss Congeniality.

The Hanna Township VFD has a rich history to enter the 21st century. Hanna did not have fire protection during its early years. One of the first major fires was around the year 1890 when the Cowdenhoppe Grist Mill burned.

When Frank L. Yeoman came to work at the lumber and grain company, he improvised some equipment to protect the business. That was the first of any kind of firefighting apparatus.

On July 30, 1915, a public meeting was called by the Hanna Commercial Club to organize a volunteer fire unit. The club helped to purchase a new 40-gallon hand pulled chemical extinguisher car for \$188. This equipment is still available for reminiscing. With this equipment plus a few ladders, buckets, hand pump extinguishers and an axe, the Hanna Volunteer Fire Department was organized and Frank L. Yeoman was the chief.

This equipment was put on a horse drawn wagon for use at local fires as well as for use at Wanatah and Union Mills. The lumber shed served as a fire station and Mr. Yeoman served as chief until 1947 when he was named an honorary chief.

In 1928, the first motorized fire truck was purchased. Mr.

Yeoman was instrumental in the early years of promoting fire prevention through talks & fire drills at the school. He tried to show the residents how to prevent and fight fires despite much opposition.

Melvin Selby recalled that he had served as a fireman while still in high school. He graduated in 1929. He said that Charles Hunt,

principal, would excuse several high school boys whenever there was a fire during school hours. He also remembered a fire at the west edge of town when someone neglected to put the soda in the tank with the acid making the solution unsuccessful but the basketball shoes he was wearing had

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Fire response was fast, essential for Gary fire

NWI fire department network helped save not only property in downtown Gary, but may have saved hundreds of lives, too.

By Steve Patterson
Staff Writer

Gary - Thank you.

Twenty minutes after Gary firefighters responded to the Sunday night, October 12, 1997, fire that ravaged buildings along Broadway, the call for help went out.

It went east into Porter County, south as far as Crown Point, west to Hammond and hit 27 communities altogether.

The call for help was answered - quickly.

Among the 20 fire departments that responded, nine battalion chiefs, 28 engines, 12 trucks, one squad and a tanker were used.

Later Monday, Gary firefighters said the fire couldn't have been contained without the assistance.

And they're saying thanks.

"They came from all over; there were guys from everywhere and they helped tremendously. Those sentiments are echoed over the whole department," Gary Captain William Todd said.

Hundreds of firefighters responded as the first mutual aid

call went out at 10:48 p.m. An engine, truck and battalion chief each were called out from Lake Ridge, East Chicago, Hobart, Hammond and Munster.

The calls were initially sent out only so that someone would be on call at Gary fire stations.

Before long, however, as wind blew the fire north, east and west, those departments were called in to battle blazes.

"We had over 200 firefighters who came together for this effort," Gary Fire Chief Richard Gilliam said. "We want to thank all of the surrounding communities."

It was 12:57 a.m. Monday when beepers went off in Chesterton.

The department responded with an aerial ladder truck and six people, though many more showed up at the department to assist.

"I've seen some large fires, but nothing of that magnitude," said Chesterton's John Jarka, who was shocked to turn onto 5th Avenue to see smoke at ground level.

"It worked out well because firefighters can mesh well with others in fire service, because we have a common goal. Gary was ready to help us with anything we

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Terre Haute - June 17-20, 1998

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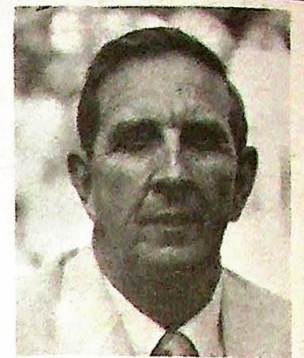
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Prayer For Today

Almighty and Gracious God,

By Your amazing and wonderful grace, we are alive today. We confess to You that we have not followed all Your precepts. But, we ask Your forgiveness for our mistakes and pray for Your guidance and direction in our lives. Be with us all as we discharge our duties. Help us, Lord, as we seek to serve others and make Your creation more as you want it to be.

*In the name of Your Son we pray,
Amen*

Minute Message

Born of meager circumstances in the early part of the eighteenth century, John Newton left London at the age of eleven to go to sea. A few years after, he found himself a prisoner on a man-of-war, from which he later escaped. Still later, he sailed on a slave trading vessel as a deck hand. Eventually, he became captain of a slave ship.

All during his life, John was rowdy and boisterous, often carousing and drinking to excess. But, God has our lives in His hands and had better plans for John. In time, John repented of his foolish ways and became a staunch abolitionist against slavery.

Still later, John Newton was ordained into the ministry and began serving the Church of England in 1764. He wrote the words and William Cowper fashioned the music to one of the best remembered and finest hymns ever created by man.

Written sometime during the latter portion of the eighteenth century, "Amazing Grace" reflects a lot about his earlier life and credits the all powerful grace of God for our salvation. Please re-read the lyrics once more.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my hear to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Though many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

In Ephesians One, Paul wrote:

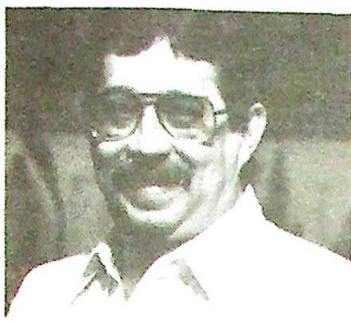
"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creations of the work to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves."

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From the President



Jack Zeeks

Hello Firefighters and Friends, Fall is rapidly moving in on us. This is really too soon. There is too much to do and not enough time.

I want to start off by apologizing for not getting out to some of the functions and meetings throughout the state this past quarter. My job these past months has really kept me busy in state and especially out of the state. For this I apologize.

Districts 11A and 11B are working very hard on our convention for 1998. Let's show our support by getting our reservations and registrations in (see page 22) and go into Terre Haute with one of the largest conventions we have ever had.

It is time for everyone statewide to start sending in names to the perspective committees for the many awards we give

at the convention. There are a lot of very deserving people in our state, so let's get to work.

In closing, from my family to yours, we want to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season.

To our old friends, and our new ones, until we meet again, may God bless each and every one of you.

State Fire Marshal's Office Investigation Division Loses Comrade

The Fire Marshal's Investigation Division lost a fellow comrade on July 9, 1997. Lawrence W. "Bill" Tuck died of a heart attack while qualifying at the Putnamville Range. He will be missed by not only his family and colleagues, but the whole fire service.

Bill's life was the fire service. He was active in the Indianapolis Fire Department for twenty-three years before retiring. He came to the Fire Marshal's Office from IFD's Arson Squad in April 1993.

Bill was assigned the central part of the state. His goal was to get the counties in the southern part of his district more involved with fire investigation and using the Fire Marshal's Office, he achieved and exceeded this goal. Many firefighters who came to pay their last respects commented on how Bill would stop and ask if they needed anything whether they were fighting a fire or at the station telling "war stories".

A great void in the division is left by Bill's death. His experience and intuition towards fire investigation will be missed. What the division will miss the most would be his fatherly figure. Bill cared for each of his colleagues much like a father cares for his children, he wanted only the best for all the investigators.

He was quiet in many of his actions, but conducted himself in a manner that would make one proud of him.

The Investigation Division will miss Bill. May he rest in peace. Thomas C. Hinkle

U.S. Home Fires and Fire Deaths Up During Heating Season

When most people think of winter, they often think of holiday parties, festive decorations, and

glowing fireplaces. What they may not realize is that December, January and February are the leading months for home fires and home fire deaths in the United States. On average, more than one-third of U.S. home fire deaths occur during the winter months.

The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) statistics show that heating equipment fires are the second leading cause of fire deaths in American homes, but during the winter, they are the number-one culprit.

Tens of thousand of home heating fires kill hundreds of people on average each year.

According to NFPA, home heating fires are most commonly caused by inadequate chimney cleaning; placing things that can burn too close to space and portable heaters; fueling errors involving liquid- or gas-fueled heaters; and flaws in the design, installation or use of heating equipment.

"The good news is that most of these fires are preventable. It's simply a matter of being aware that these hazards exist, and taking the few steps necessary to avoid them.

It is recommended that all

home heating systems and chimneys be inspected annually and cleaned, if necessary, before the start of each heating season.

If you use space or portable heaters, keep anything that can burn, including people, pets and furniture, at least three (3) feet away.

When leaving the room or going to sleep, make sure to turn the heaters off.

Deck the Halls with Holly, Not Hazards!

While Christmas trees are a festive part of the season, they also present a fire risk, and cause hundreds of fires every year.

Keep your tree fire-free by placing it in a sturdy stand, well away from candles, heat sources and exits.

And if you're buying a tree, choose a fresh one, and remember to water it daily.

Bridgeport Scholarship Winner



1997 Bridgeport Scholarship recipient Trina Helderman receives her check from District Chairman Larry Bartlow. Miss Helderman is the daughter of Ron Helderman of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

This is a great program for our firefighters or their children. We suggest you get your applications early, as it does require some effort in compiling the information requested.

Applications are available from your district chairman or any of the elected officers, plus the scholarship chairman. **REMEMBER, THEY MUST BE MAILED TO THE IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE THIS YEAR AND THEY MUST BE THERE BY MARCH 1, 1998. (NOT IN THE MAIL)**

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1&2

July 16, 1997

Meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by 1st District Chairman Bill A. Howe. Meeting was held at the Slovak Club with the Merrillville Volunteer Fire Department as host. Colors were posted by Merrillville VFD Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by PRNW Bill Howe.

Guests included IVFA Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kinsey; PRNW Elect Buz Koehler; PRNW Bill Howe; Past President and Ad Taker Lawrence Swartz; District 2 Auxiliary Chairwoman Ann Moss; District 1 Auxiliary Chairwoman Martha Thomas; District 2 Chairman Larry Stott, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss; former PRNW Bob Esserman and his wife Bernice; and 50 year member Julius Demeck.

Chief Jim Lilley gave a history of the Merrillville VFD and introduced his firefighters.

State Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kinsey gave a short program from Downey Insurance Company. Your political entity must provide \$150,000 worth of life insurance to each member. Disability insurance must provide \$150 per week minimum. Must have Workman's Comp insurance. Must provide \$300,000 worth of liability insurance for each member. A Length of Service Benefit program is available under state law. If you have payment problems, call the State of Indiana Insurance Office.

Paramedic Amy Imbesi from the Merrillville VFD gave a program on Blood Borne Pathogens. Your employer must provide you with personal protection gear.

Roll Call was answered by 55 members from District 1 and 20 members from District 2. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago VFD, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2.

District 1 Miss Flame Alisha Vaught thanked us for our support.

Bill Kinsey reported that of the \$5 the IVFA gets for the license plates, \$1 will go into the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. Please send in your plate requests before October.

Ad taker Lawrence Swartz reported articles for the next IVFA paper must be in Oct. 10th. Ann Moss read the list of Doe Doll winners.

PRNW Bill Howe reported the New Chicago VFD will be hosting a demonstration of "Barricade" next Tuesday at their station.

The Memorial for Hobart firefighters Ted Hansen is tentatively scheduled to be dedicated October 5 at Hobart Station One.

Reported if you want money from the Revolving Loan Fund, your name must be in by October for money to be given out next January.

The Amusement Park and Carnival bill was passed.

Convention next year will be in Terre Haute. If you register before July 31, the cost is only \$35.

Treasurer's Report was given. District 2 Chairman Larry Stott gave a convention report and presented Vern Pahl, Lake of the Four Seasons VFD, with the Midwest Award for District 2.

Five hundred copies of the 50 year IVFA history book will be printed. Cost will be \$20 each.

Bill Kinsey conducted the election of officers with these results:
District 1
Chairman - Dennis Shavey

from New Chicago VFD nominated by Ron Rogers. Bill Howe from Schererville VFD nominated by Johnnie O. Bill A. Howe from Schererville VFD nominated by Jake Thomas. Declined. Bill Howe elected.

Secretary - Jim Bradford from Lake Station VFD nominated by Dennis Shavey. No other nominations. Motion by Wally Cook, seconded by Jake Thomas to cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Bradford. Carried

District 2
Chairman - Larry Stott from Crown Point VFD nominated by John Geary. No other nominations. One unanimous ballot for Larry Stott cast by Secretary Jim Bradford.

Secretary - No nominations.
District 1 & 2 50/50 Club Treasurer - Clarence Moss from Lake of the Four Seasons VFD nominated by Don Anderson. No other nominations. One unanimous ballot for Clarence Moss.

Chief Bo Kaiser from the Schererville Volunteer Fire Department was presented with the Midwest Award for District 1.

A Moment of Silence was held for Stan Kulesa, Munster VFD; Joe Shepard, Kouts VFD; and John Barthomew, Lowell VFD. All have passed away since the last meeting.

50/50 Club - \$155 collected, \$77.50 won by Luke Donsbach, Lake Ridge VFD.

Next meeting will be hosted by District 2 at Lake Township VFD. Meeting will be at the Lions Club Hall in Lake Village.

Merrillville VFD is selling coffee mugs for \$5 each.

Motion by Dennis Shavey, seconded by Ron Good to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jim Bradford, Dist. 1 Sec.

Lake Township Volunteer Fire Department - August 20, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by PRNW Buz Koehler.

Guests included PRNW Buz Koehler, District 2 Auxiliary Chairwoman Ann Moss; Bob and Bernice Esserman; State Representative Claire Lueck; 50 year member Julius Demik; and District 1 Chairman Bill Howe.

Chief Alan Corning gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters.

Tony Van Wienen gave a program of farm safety.

State Representative Lueck reported on the Revolving Loan Fund. Only two million dollars in it. Will work to try to get more.

Roll Call answered by 23 members from District 1 and 45 members from District 2. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago VFD, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2.

PRNW Buz Koehler reported the IVFA will try to get the \$10 charge imposed by the DMV reduced or eliminated.

Treasurer's Report was given by Clarence Moss.

District 2 Chairman reported the deaths of two retired firefighters: Emil Zula, Crown Point and Dale Headock, Schererville. A Moment of Silence was held in their memory.

District 1 Chairman Bill Howe reported the death benefit will raise as Workman's Comp goes up.

State Fire Marshal will be sending out a questionnaire to all

departments.

New phone number for IVFA Central Office is 1-888-808-IVFA.

Memorial for Hobart firefighter Ted Hansen will be dedicated October 5, 1997 at Hobart Station One.

Lincoln Township VFD Fall Fest October 4.

Articles for next newspaper must be in by October 10.

Next meeting to be hosted by Pine Township VFD.

50/50 drawing held with \$96 collected. Dale Smith, Lowell VFD won \$48 and turned it back in. Another drawing was held.

Won by Bill Howe, Schererville VFD. Hats won by Ron Good, Lake Station VFD and Randy Small, Lowell VFD. Mug won by Alan Corning, Lake Twp. VFD.

Motion by Johnnie O, seconded by Dennis Shavey, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jim Bradford, District 1 Sec.

DISTRICT 3

Hanna - During our July meeting we had a demonstration given by CKS Company. They used a fire block gel on a bale of hay, showing a protected and an unprotected portion.

Roll Call was given and the minutes were read.

Gold cards for 50 years of service were given to Lew Strom, Elder Sacks, Melvin Selvey and Bill Garner.

Our district Miss Flame Heather Garwood gave a talk about her trip to convention. She was voted Miss Congeniality.

Election of officers was held with Bob Uryga elected President and Ed Ritter Secretary.

Convention to be held in Terre Haute June 17-20, 1998.

Bob brought up about all personnel checking to make sure they have correct beneficiary.

Bill Howe gave a report on legislation.

Mitch Parish gave a report on the State Fire Marshal closing down several carnivals.

Long Beach - Guests included Buz Koehler, Clarence Moss, Bruce Yonker, Bill Howe and district Miss Flame Heather Garwood.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given and approved. Motion made to pay bills.

Discussion held on Operation Food Basket for Thanksgiving. Bob to check with state on this.

There were no Midwest Awards turned in for our district. There should be 23 names turned in from the district. These should be turned in to Bob by January.

Discussion on putting on a rodeo in our district brought up by Dave Kaufman. Will check with fairgrounds to see if available. Also check with other departments to get their thought on this.

LaCross will be next meeting place.

Buz Koehler, Lawrence Swartz, Bruce Yonker, Bill Howe and Heather Garwood all gave reports.

Dave Kaufman to put on First Responder course.

Meeting was adjourned.

LaCrosse - Guest included Buz Koehler, Bill Howe, Bruce Yonker and our district Miss Flame Heather Garwood.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report given and approved.

Discussion on having a rodeo was held and voted on. Decided not to hold one.

The Edith House is not being used enough. We have to use it more to teach children about how to exit the home in case of fire.

They are our future. Show them through this exhibit at school, fire station or any place you can get.

Buz Koehler, Bill Howe and Heather Garwood gave reports.

Need to have Ollie Sandburg names in by the January meeting.

Miss Flame contest will be held in November. In order to enter they must be 15-18 years old and the mother or father must be on the fire department.

Miss Flame thanked everyone for their support during her reign.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting to be in Hamlet on October 16, at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ed Ritter, Secretary

DISTRICT 4

August 28, 1997

The meeting was called to order with prayer and Pledge to the Flag. There were thirteen men present, representing nine departments.

Minutes were read and approved.

Previous to the regular meeting, Karla Kreczmer, from the Health Department talked about the guide lines and precautions in regards to food preparation and food serving for fund raisers.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Greg Freed advised that he will be contacting surrounding departments in regards to their computer capabilities.

After a brief discussion, there was a motion and a second that District 4 support the IVFA's plan to combine the Secretary and Treasurer's office as one position. Motion carried.

Gene Goddard was present and apologized for having to cancel the Family Picnic at Wayne Township. There was not enough help available to organize the event, therefore it had to be canceled. Gene also stressed the need for everyone to get involved with their government representative and let them know how we want them to vote for us.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Chairman, Greg Freed; Vice Chairman, John Ferro; Secretary, Tracy White; and Chaplain, Russell Peterson.

Report on upcoming events included Concord Township having a fish fry on September 13 and Penn North having a Smoker in November.

There was a motion and a second to have the next meeting on November 13, 1997 at North Liberty at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Roman Lehman, Secretary

DISTRICT 5

September 11, 1997

Aubbeenaubbee Fire Department, Leiters Ford, Indiana

The meeting was called to order at 1938 hours by Chairman Don Kissinger. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

Roll Call was answered by nineteen members representing seven departments.

Guests included Richard Glant, NEPR.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Kent Trickle and approved.

Chairman Kissinger again reported on the importance of dues being paid on time and of making sure each members address is correct so they receive the paper. Also stated that late dues payment can affect any benefits that may be available to members.

Reported that there is a new toll-free number to the Central Office. It is 1-888-808-IVFA.

Reservations need to be made immediately for the convention in Terre Haute as rooms are filling up fast.

Richard Glant reminded those present of the importance of keeping your beneficiary up dated. The Association can only pay who is on their records in the case of a death.

License plate forms need to be sent in by October 31, 1997 along with a check for \$5.00 for each plate. There is a form in the IVFA newspaper.

Good of the Order - A short discussion held on various 911 systems and how they function.

It was reported that Aubbeenaubbee Fire Department will hold a pancake and sausage fund raiser on October 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at the North Manchester Fire Department on November 13 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours and refreshments were served by the host department.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kent Trickle, Secretary

DISTRICT 6

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 8A

The July meeting was held in Tipton County at the Hobbs-Madison Township Volunteer Fire Station. There were thirteen members in attendance representing eight departments.

There was a presentation to the membership concerning collection of money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). District 8A is split between two districts of MDA. Indianapolis is the center for Tipton & Madison County. Fort Wayne is the center for Grant County. If any department needs to contact the MDA, the phone number for the Indianapolis District Director Christine Kennedy is 765-571-2399.

Election of officers took place at this meeting. I guess you could say the election was by proclamation. There was a motion to have the same officers for 1997-98. A second to the motion, and no objection, assured that Bill Pape and Robert Fleener will do it again for the next year.

There was a discussion with some questions about the finances of the IVFA and the license plate cost. Don Cushman, PREC, had some information to share and we will try to have the answers to the unanswered questions at the next meeting.

It was reported that the Open House for S&S Truck Co. will be the third Saturday in August. Official invitations will be mailed from the company at a later date.

The next meeting will be at Mill Township Volunteer Fire Department, which is located 1/4 mile north of intersections #35 and #5, at the west edge of Gas City.

Respectfully submitted by,
Robert E. Fleener, Chairman

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District 8A

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September 10, 1997

The September meeting was held at the Mill Township volunteer Fire Department. Twenty-nine members representing eleven departments were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Bill Pape and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given.

Chairman Fleener reported over 20,000 comments were received by NFPA concerning Standard 1200. Form letters were given to everyone attending the May meeting and members were asked to sign and mail the letters provided or mail their own comments. The 20,000+ comments were enough to get the attention of the committee.

No count was taken of who mailed a letter, but you know who you are. If you mailed yours, you should feel good about the results. If you did not, it's my feeling you missed a good chance to help the fire service. My thanks to all who helped.

There was a report of a possible issue by the Postal Service of a stamp to honor volunteer firefighters. There seems to be some movement, but these things go slow.

David Marshall reported on the recent open house at Center Township's new fire station. There should be more information on this in another story in the November issue of the paper.

The next meeting will be at the Orestes Volunteer Fire Station on November 12, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. The location is 1/2 mile south of State Road 28 on 300 West in Madison County. Will be on the northeast corner in downtown Orestes.

Respectfully submitted by,
Robert Fleener, Chairman

DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at Emergency Management of Howard County at 7:30 p.m. on July 31, 1997.

The minutes were read and approved.

Roll Call was answered by nine departments represented by twenty-two members, reporting 74 alarms since the last meeting. Guests included Mitch Parish;

Lawrence Swartz; Buz Koehler, PRNW; Bill Howe, District 1 Chairman; and Father Frank Kilcline.

The Kokomo Fire Department HazMat truck and trailer was toured by those present. They will respond to HazMat incidents in Howard County when called.

Chairman Cline reminded all that dues must be in today or coverage will lapse.

He also recalled visiting at this year's convention with Brian Alkier, the Sheffield firefighter who was injured in a fire. Brian will speak for groups about his experiences. Brian received the Medal of Valor from Governor O'Bannon at the convention.

Chief Scott Sisson of Flora told of a building burned by a citizen that was done with no permit or inspection prior to the burn and that was legal. Since last August, the regulation was changed so that trash and structures even with asphalt roofs can be burned without permission according to IDEM. Asbestos and tires must not be in the fire on the person's honor. Rule changes are in libraries in the reference sections in the IAC books. He had packets of information on the amendments to the Open Burning rule. Outside of incorporated limits, fire departments can burn structures for training without permits. He recommended that before you burn a structure, you call IDEM and the State Fire Marshal's office and document who you talked to and the date and time.

Mitch Parish said that one dollar (\$1) of the \$5 fee for the license plate request will go to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund as death benefits have been paid out of it and it needs to be built back up.

He also reported that 500 copies of the historical book will be printed.

Russiaville Fire Department will have a hog roast on September 6. Harrison Township - Alto is having a pancake breakfast on September 13, from 7 - 10 a.m.

Chairman Cline asked for a discussion on the church fires that have occurred. Chief Sisson said that in Flora they preplanned with the churches, encouraged security systems and asked the police to keep a closer watch.

Joyce Ancil said that the United Methodist churches are asking other churches to contribute to the reward fund to aid in apprehending and convicting the arsonist(s).

The Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer were re-elected.

The next meeting is September 25 at Indian Heights Fire Department, Kokomo, Indiana, House 2.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

The September 25, 1997, meeting was held at the Indian Heights Fire Department in Kokomo, Indiana. Chief George Bechtel welcomed the firefighters. Chairman Charlie Cline called the meeting to order. State Chaplain Charles Baker gave the Invocation. Joe Troutman of the Young America Fire Department led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guests included Charlie Baker, Rick Parton with PSI Energy, Ken Long of Downey Insurance, Buz Koehler PRNW and Mrs Isidore Davis.

Rick Parton gave the program on handling electricity at incidents. He said a commonly asked question was regarding fire departments pulling meters. The electric company prefers the policy that fire departments call them for this function. They always have someone on call and should respond within a half hour. PSI employees will also aid in shutting off other power sources.

More deaths result from contact with ordinary household current than with high voltage lines. The latter will knock a person away with burn injuries, whereas 110 current constricts muscles and a person can't let go. This causes ventricular fibrillation which leads to arrhythmia. Another hazard to rescuers can be a backfeed of voltage into damaged lines from transformers coming from the other direction.

Chairman Cline presented the Midwest award to Scott Sisson, Chief of the Flora Fire Department, noting his expert handling of the Terra fertilizer fire.

A committee was appointed to nominate a district member for the 1998 Ollie Sandburg Award.

Chairman Cline asked that departments notify him of any members they have who merit a Gold Card.

Also, if anyone wishes to write a legislative bill, the IVFA will present it for them.

Charlie Baker reported that the delayed NFPA 1200 standard will be looked at again at a meeting in Kansas City in November.

Chairman Cline asked for the number of departments with computers, as the State IVFA

office could send out information that way if there are enough sites. Reports could be sent in by the depts. as well via computer.

The next IVFA convention is June 17, 18, and 19, 1998, at Terre Haute.

Upcoming events include a hog roast at Young America on September 27, a fish fry and tenderloin dinner at Royal Center on October 4, a breakfast at Camden on October 4 and a festival at Cutler on September 27.

Mitch Parish said the IVFA historical book is not out yet.

He said that license plate requests coming in without the \$5.00 fee are being returned.

Scott Sisson emphasized the need to document contacts you make with the state regarding burning structures for training. He plans to contact the senators who wrote the new Open Burning law and find out from them just what the rule is and how it will be enforced.

Buz Koehler gave a description of three bills the IVFA is backing: widows would not have to pay taxes on the death benefit; the death benefit, both federal and state, will increase as Workman's Compensation goes up; and elimination of the \$10.00 fee for license plates.

Mitch Parish said that the federal death benefit paid for loss of life in the line of duty is not taxed.

The Greentown Fire Department will have a Master Arson school starting the last weekend of October.

Harrison Township-Alto Fire Department will offer Firefighter I starting October 18.

Chairman Cline asked for the regular meeting dates of the departments so that he can attend same.

The Roll Call was answered by 11 departments, with 37 members present. They reported response to 86 alarms.

Downey Insurance donated a Franklin Mint pocket knife with a fire engine emblem to be added to the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9B

July 10, 1997

Our regular meeting was called to order by Past President Lawrence Swartz at 8:54 p.m. at the Buffalo Fire Station in Buffalo, Indiana. Lawrence opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Roll Call was answered by the following: Brookston, 2; Buffalo, 9; Burnettsville, 1; Francesville, 3; Medaryville, 1; Monon, 2; Remington, 4; Rensselaer, 5; Reynolds, 2; Winamac, 1; Wolcott, 2. There was a total of thirty-two firefighters present from eleven departments answering 115 calls. There were also five guest present.

Guest present included Bill Howe, PRNW; Linda Baker, Midwest Fire & Safety; Brian Crisp, White County REMC; Randy Rowland, White County REMC; and Bruce Yonker.

Minutes were read and approved.

Items of discussion that opened up the meeting were as follows: mileage reimbursement for IVFA officers changed from 25¢ a mile to 50¢ a mile; the Indiana Fire Services Institute picnic has been canceled; Chairman Koehler elected to position of PRNW; history book price reduced to \$20 from the original \$25; and Mitch Parish needs your name and how many books you want ASAP.

New Business - The IVFA Convention for 1998 will be in Terre Haute, June 17-20.

Good of the Order - Winamac German Fest July 26, 3 p.m. to 7; Rensselaer Little Cousin Jasper Festival September 5-7; RVFD pancake & sausage breakfast will be at the fire station on September 7, from 6-12 noon; and Reynolds Fire Department will have a chicken fry on September 13.

Election of officers was held and directed by Bill Howe. Ed Brettin was elected unanimously to the position of Chairman and Donald Skinner was re-elected unanimously to position of Secretary/Treasurer for the 1997-98 term.

Chief Westerhouse introduced the members of the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department.

The program, which covered General Electrical Awareness & Safety, was presented by the White County REMC. The program was presented prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Burnettsville Fire Department on September 11, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Brettin at 8:27 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 1997, at the Burnettsville Community Center in Burnettsville, Indiana. The meeting was opened by Chief Mays leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by prayer with Dave Lap. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Roll Call was answered by the following depts.: Brookston, 3; Buffalo, 1; Burnettsville, 5; Chalmers, 2; Francesville, 4; Idaville, 3; Monon, 4; Monticello, 2; Remington, 3; Rensselaer, 4; Reynolds, 2; Winamac, 3; and Wolcott, 2.

There were 38 firefighters present representing 13 departments answering 100 calls. There were also 4 guests present.

The guests included Bill Howe, PRNW; Dewitt Robinson, Captain, Monticello Fire Department, Arson Investigator; Mitch Parish, Past President; and Bruce Yonker.

The minutes were read and corrected with the following items: Bill Howe stated IVFA Officers will only receive 25¢ a mile, not 50¢ and the meeting was called to order at 7:54 p.m., not 8:54 p.m.

New Business - The IVFA is hoping to have a new computer

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Scripture -
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And when he had given thanks to God for it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

This scripture makes me think of the beautiful picture of the Last Supper and there are a lot of scriptures in the New Testament that make us think of pictures of our Lord.

Christ on the Mount, as he was teaching his disciples many things; Christ on a ship, as he commanded the seas to be quiet; Christ in Bethany, when he commanded Lazarus to rise from the tomb; and lastly, Christ upon the cross, where he gave of his life for us.

We think of each of these pictures and know that Christ was a beautiful person and did many things to add to the beauty of our world today.

As the Fall and Holiday Season approaches, I am sure we all have old pictures of family times long past that are very precious to us. These pictures, no doubt, bring back many happy memories.

Now that another Holiday Season is fast approaching, let us all remember why we celebrate these special days.

On Thanksgiving Day let us remember who really provides the wonderful things we have on our table and say a prayer of thanks for all that we have. Let us also remember those less fortunate and maybe in some way help them, sharing our bounty with a family in our community.

After that special day, we will be shopping and preparing for a wonderful Christmas. But let us not forget the true meaning of this day and as we gather with our families and friends, may we also feel the closeness of our Christ, who was born on this day.

As we take pictures of all of these wonderful times in our lives, may we also remember the beautiful pictures of our Lord, as he walked among the people, blessing, healing and teaching, and in the end, giving his very life for us.

In spite of the fact we complain and lament

And view this old world with much discontent,

Deploing conditions and grumbling because

There's so much injustice and so many flaws.

It's a wonderful world and it's people like you

Who make it that way by the things that they do.

For a warm, ready smile or a kind, thoughtful deed,

Or a hand outstretched in an hour of need

Can change our whole outlook and make the world bright

Where a minute before just nothing seemed right.

It's a wonderful world and it always will be

If we keep our eyes open and focused to see

The wonderful things man is capable of

When he opens his heart to God and His love.

Helen Steiner Rice

This Holiday Season, please go to the church of your choice, and may you all have a Very Merry Christmas and the Best of New Years.

District 9B

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on line by the first of the year.

New IVFA shirts were discussed as was the Life Insurance possibly going through Workman's Compensation.

Letters for the new nomination for Mr. IVFA need to be sent in to one of the last three Mr. IVFA recipients.

The Central Office will have a new phone number (1-888-808-4832).

The week of October 5th is Fire Prevention Week.

Mitch Parish attended the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting, held in West Virginia, as an alternate representative.

A law was passed to drop taxes on public safety insurance benefits and NFPA 1200 is currently dead, but it could possibly be re-written.

There will be a free Volunteer Leadership Conference at the Wayne Township Complex in Indianapolis on Nov. 7th and 8th.

Good of the Order - Miss Flame nominations are needed from each department for a girl 15 - 18 years old.

Reynolds is having a Chicken Fry on September 13. Burnettsville's Breakfast (6-9:30) and Community Day is September 27. Brookston will have an Apple-Popcorn Festival on September 20, along with a breakfast from 5-11. Francesville will be having a Fall Festival September 19-21.

All departments need to start sending more articles and pictures into the IVFA newspaper. The address and all information is located on the inside cover page of the paper.

Chief Mays introduced members of the Burnettsville VFD.

The program, which covered Arson Investigation, was presented by Captain Dewitt Robinson, Arson Investigator of the Monticello Fire Department. The program was presented prior to the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Chalmers Fire Department November 13, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. slow time, 7:30 p.m. fast time.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Donald E. Skinner, Secretary

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

This is being written during Fire Prevention Week. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you who have taken the time and expended the effort to visit with the schools and other groups, thus showing the people in our own areas that we do care and are interested in more than just driving a truck with red lights and siren.

Most of the eyes that are reading this will not be able to remember when Clyde Gottsche was elected and started serving as the district Sec./Treas. However, we

are all aware of the years he has served and the great job he has done. I personally do not know how to convey the gratitude he deserves. He and his lovely wife, Eva, deserve more than a thank you. Please give them a few extra words next time you see them.

Now, let us welcome Diane Harrison as the newly elected Sec./Treas. and do what we can to aid and assist her as she is learning the duties of the job. I am sure it would help if each of our departments would review the address that our meeting notices are coming to and pass on to Diane any changes that need to be made.

What, you say you aren't getting a notice? Time to talk with your chief and/or Diane and get that straightened out.

As for the rest of the officers, we were re-elected and for that say thank you for the vote of confidence. We will try to do our best during the next year.

Thank you District 11B for hosting a great picnic. We promise to do as well, or just a little better, for you next September. We are hoping to have all the details available for you by convention.

I am hoping that you are reading this before the 16th of November and that you will try to join us on that date in Jasonville for our district meeting. I am sure that Don and the rest of the department will have the welcome mat out for us before the 1:00 p.m. start time. See you there!

Now just in case the paper is late, we will be hosted by the Perry Township/Cory VFD in January. That is our Miss Flame judging. Do you have your candidate lined up and her name turned in to the committee? Please do so soon.

Note: Carolyn and I plan to be on vacation during the week of Thanksgiving. Please contact Don Vermillion should the need arise. Happy Thanksgiving to each of you!

That about brings us to the busiest time of the year... December... and that means winter could be here. Please remember that as firefighters, we ought to practice all of the safety precautions at our own homes. Really, we need not stop there, but should carry safety with us while we are away from the home front also. Everyone, please, have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted by
Red Morris, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

The September meeting was held at Raccoon Lake State Park on September 14, 1997. This meeting was our annual picnic and awards presentation day.

This year the district Midwest Award winner was Jack McFarland of the Fairview Park VFD and the Attendance Award winner, for the most people from a department to attend the district meetings, was the Fairview Park VFD.

Also this year was a combined picnic with District 11A. It was a beautiful day and about 100 people attended. A big THANK YOU to Sherry McFarland and her crew for the games and entertainment they provided. Next year our picnic will be held in District 11A. More information about next year at a later date.

This being more of a fun day, a short business meeting was held. We also managed a short convention meeting.

The meetings for the next year are as follows:

Nov. 9, 1997 Reelsville-Washington Township FD.

Jan. 11, 1998 St. Bernice VFD

Mar. 8, 1998 Hillsdale VFD

May 13, 1998 Covington VFD (THIS MEETING IS 7:00 P.M.)

July 8, 1998 ????????????

Sep. ??, 1998 PICNIC

Also it is time to start planning for next year's awards. Miss Flame contest is in February. For more information on the district contest, contact Eula Bush.

Midwest Award letters need to be submitted to Larry Bartlow by January 10, 1998.

Ollie Sandburg letters must be sent to IVFA Vice President Jack Cox by March 1, 1998.

Mr. IVFA letters must be sent to the committee before May 1, 1998.

1998 Convention is June 17-20 in Terre Haute. Now is the time to get registered for a great time with your fellow firefighters.

Respectfully submitted by,
Larry Bartlow, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on July 21, 1997 at Green Township Fire Department. The Pledge to the Flag was given, followed by

prayer by Chaplain Jim R. Bruner.

Roll Call was answered by twenty-five members representing eight departments.

Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given and filed for audit.

Convention 1997 was discussed.

The meeting was then turned over to Don Johnson, PREW, for the election of officers. Our officers will remain the same. They are: John Ross, Chairman; Al Mendel, Co-Chairman; Rosie Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer; Carl Stagner, Sgt-at-Arms; and James R. Bruner, Chaplain.

Rick Martindale introduced his firefighters and his board. Board members asked how to get the community involved with the fire department. Several suggestions were made. Hope they help.

John announced that the NFPA 1200 was defeated and will not be brought up for two (2) years. They received about 27,000 letters from around the state to help defeat this. Hope we can keep up the good work.

Laws were then discussed.

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rosie Johnson, Sec./Treas.

Our meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Gregg Township on September 15, 1997 by Rosie Johnson Secretary/Treasurer, in absence of our chairman.

Prayer and Pledge to the Flag were given and then we broke for refreshments.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call was answered by eighteen members representing seven departments. One guest was also present.

Minutes approved as read and Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Awards were discussed for districts and state. Everyone get their letters in for prospective candidates.

Don Johnson discussed information from the State Fire Marshal's Office. They are still working on a fireworks bill. Discussed the burn camp that the Fire Marshal is interested in establishing. He is looking at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. Also discussed grant and loans for fire equipment.

Juvenile Fire Setters Conf. will

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Dorothy Reiter	Miriam Schaeckel	Leona Uryga
Faye Sallee	Barbara Kerney	JoAnn Hays
Jane Lingenfelter	Barbara Ketchem	
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Lucy Stofer	Toni Sorg	Lucy Stofer
	Ann Moss	Toni Sorg
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Phyllis Vargo	Martha Thomas	Eva Gottche
Dorothy Reiter	Diana Gray	Phyllis Vargo
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1997 MISS FLAME	JEWELRY	PARLIAMENTARIAN
Angela Nicole Lister	Mary Mackin, Ch.	Jean Parish
	Jane Lingenfelter	
	Wanda Johnson	
HISTORIAN		
Ann Moss		

IVFAA President



Lou Bartlow

Hi Ladies,
What a beautiful fall day. Just right for all the festivals that are going on. This is my favorite time of year. Warm days, cool nights and no heat or air conditioning. Money saving, right?

If you haven't sent your dues in, please do so. Send them to Barbara Kerney, 2412 S.E. Browning Road, Evansville, IN 47711. Remember they are \$2.50 per member. Your district chairman should have extra membership forms if you need one. If you don't have a district chairman, get in touch with any officer and we'll get you one.

The convention body passed new By-Laws in June. We have them printed and your district chairman will deliver them to you. She will pick them up at the November meeting.

Convention next year is in Terre Haute with headquarters at the Holiday Inn. My own district (11B) and District 11A are hosting the event. We invite all of you to attend. The committees are working hard making plans so that you can come and enjoy. Be sure to get your registrations in to Joann Hays. Reservations you make directly to the hotel.

I have had a few calls from ladies interested in starting a new auxiliary. That's always good news. Feel free to call me any time at 765-245-2125 (home) or 765-245-2205 (work). I will try to help you.

It will be winter when I write to you again, so until then, have a warm, safe, and happy winter season.

DISTRICTS 1,2

Our Auxiliary meeting was hosted by Munster Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at Station #1 on September 4, 1997. Fifty members were present along with one guest, Mr. Jim Vargo.

Five members were recognized by receiving certificates for over 25 years of dedicated service. They were: District 1 - Dorothy O'Brien, Munster; Erma Kankowski; Sara Gendelman, Lake of the Four Seasons; District 2 - Viola Rose and Florence Saberniak, Cedar Lake. Congratulations!

Date of October 15 was set for the deadline for applications for Miss Flame to be turned into Martha Thomas, District 1 or Ann Moss, District 2. The judging will be held November 6th meeting.

Long discussion on whether to raise the IVFAA dues and how much. Suggested we raise them to \$5.

A Silent Auction to be held at the November 6th meeting was voted on. Each auxiliary will donate three nice craft items for the auction.

A lovely meal was served and enjoyed by all.

Next meeting is November 6, 1997 in Schererville at Piefer School, 1824 Cline Avenue.

Respectfully submitted by,
Martha Thomas, Chmn. Dist. 1
Ann Moss, Chmn. Dist. 2

DISTRICT 3

Our meeting was held on September 17, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Miss Flame judging was discussed and will be held at Michiana Shores on November 19, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. All applicants should call their district chairman by the first week of November.

A bake sale was held. Guests for the meeting included District 3 Chairman Bob Uryga and Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Dave Kaufman.

Refreshments were served and door prizes given out.
Respectfully submitted by,
Leona Uryga, Chairman

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 6

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

Districts 11A and 11B had a joint picnic in September at Raccoon Lake. We had a variety of food and the kids played games. The gave out prizes for the kids. And they had door prizes for the adults. We all had a great time.

Our next meeting is in November.

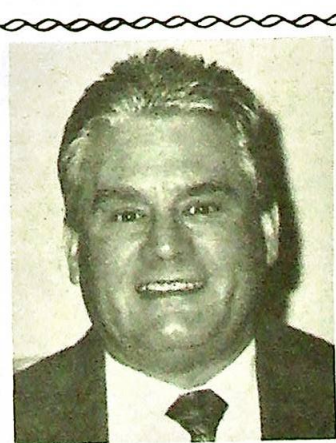
Our Fire Prevention Week Parade is on October 11 at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Terre Haute.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jane Lingenfelter, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

As I write this we are enjoying a beautiful October. The summer temperatures have held on far longer than usual. And believe me, I have enjoyed every day of it. This beautiful fall has been good for those fire departments and auxiliaries that have their fund raisers during this time of year. There are still more to come in the next couple of weeks. Hope the weather holds out for them.

The annual district picnic was held on September 14th. Districts 11A and 11B combined this year's picnic with District 11B hosting. The event was held at Raccoon State Park with a great day of socializing and fellowship. Thanks to Hilmon Fire Department for hosting and the McFarlands and Harrisons for a great job with the children's



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games. Next year's picnic will be hosted by District 11A.

All fire departments and auxiliaries need to be looking for a Miss Flame contestant to represent them in the district contest to be held at the Miss Flame Dance in February. Let's make the judges work by having several contestants. Letters will be sent to all fire departments and auxiliaries in the district with the rules and more details about the dance.

We all know that the weather will turn cold and will most likely snow. While sitting in by the fire, it is a good time to start thinking about and nominating someone for the awards to be given at the convention in June. I am sure that everyone reading this knows someone who is deserving of the Lois Boaz, Mr. IVFA or Ollie Sandburg awards. Get those letters in and make the committees work in selecting the recipients.

By the way, the '98 convention is being hosted by Districts 11A & 11B. We have a steering committee that has been working on this event for over a year now. We need more departments and individuals to get involved. Please call Bill Bush at 765-665-3213 or Bob Meyers at 812-466-2826 and volunteer. Or just attend the next meeting on November 24th. Call one of the above for time and place. "Terre Haute will be Great in '98" and we need your help to make it happen.

The next district meeting will be at Reelsville on November 9 at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. We would like to have someone there from every fire department and auxiliary in the district. Guests are always welcome, too.

I would sure like to be invited to attend your auxiliary meeting. Just give me a call at 765-665-3213. I would like to just come and listen or lend assistance if needed.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Eula

DISTRICT 12

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13A

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DISTRICT 13B

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DISTRICT 14

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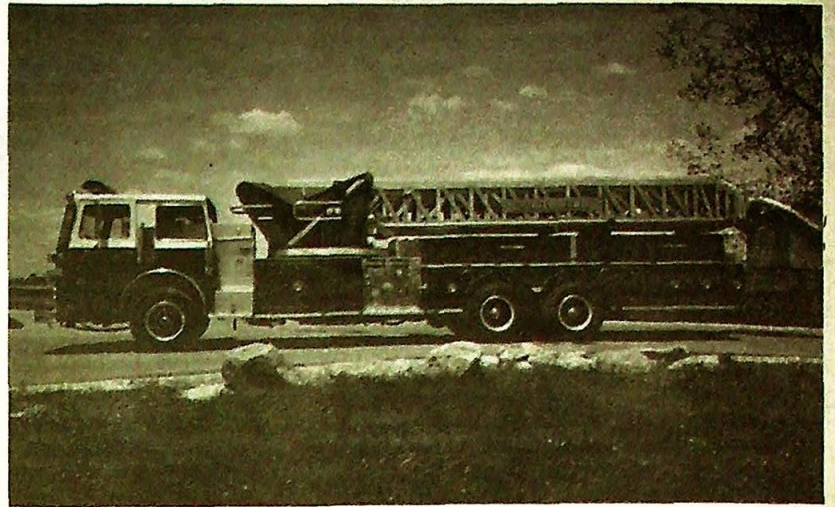
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DISTRICT 19

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IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

RAMADA INN, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
AUGUST 10, 1997

President, Lou Bartlow called the meeting to order by asking Chaplain, Joann Hays to lead us in prayer. Joann first read a little story, entitled, "The Secret of Living", followed by a word of prayer.

In absence of Miriam Schaeckel, Sgt. Of Arms, who is away on a vacation, Lucy Stofer led the group in the pledge to the flag.

Recording Secretary, Barbara Kerney, gave the roll call, which was answered by 22 officers and 5 guests.

Barb then read the minutes of the last meeting. Barb Parker made the motion not to read the District reports and Mary Mackin seconded it. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand May 31, 1997 \$5863.88

Balance on hand August 7, 1997 - \$7199.07

Dorothy reported that she delivered the Doe Doll to the gal in Roanoke that won and she was ecstatic. She had no relations with the fire service, and was excited because she won, plus the \$100.00. So it makes it all worthwhile, when someone like that wins and are so surprised and happy.

Speaking of LUCKY, Grace Lance said that Fr. Lance was tickled that he had won the \$50.00. But to top all that off- they went to their festival, and Grace bought 3 tickets and because Duane was so lucky, she signed his name and low and behold— he won \$5000.00. What a way to gain money on an investment!!! Congratulations!!

Membership - Barb Kerney reported she hasn't had as many dues collected in as usual. But, hopefully, they will start coming in. Some auxiliaries do not meet in the summer months. For '97-'98 there are 26 Auxiliaries, 25 Individuals and 292 Members, that have paid.

There are 40 people that have not renewed as before. Some auxiliaries are disbanding, therefore some are paying as Individuals. To stay as an auxiliary in the State, you must have 5 members paid.

Chaplain, Joann Hays said since convention she hasn't done much and Thank Goodness!! She asked Lucy to read the names of the deceased, and Joann passed out the Memorial pictures and service to those that were present.

Joann said to be sure and notify her if anything happens, whether a death, birth, illness or hospitalization and she will do what is necessary. She said her home is always open and she is just a phone call away.

Auditing - Phyllis Vargo, said it is NOT O.K. Last year it cost \$6849.40 to operate this auxiliary. We now have \$7199.07 on hand. We are talking about doing By-Law books for \$675.00. We have talked about several ways to increase our income. We need to do something to get it up. She mentioned that Barb Kerney donates all her time, computer and paper for all these reports and does not get reimbursed for it and we cannot expect her to continue doing that. Someday we will have to purchase a computer, in the near future, and so we will have to do something to generate some money!!

Joann Hays said she feels we need to raise our dues to \$ 5.00 a year. That is very little, compared to what some of the other organizations charge to belong. She said there was not one lady that could say that they do not waste \$2.50 each week on something that is not necessary. If they think anything of their auxiliary, they will pay it.

President Lou said we definitely need to do something, and we can think about it until the November meeting. Just come with some ideas.

Phyllis Vargo said we have about \$350.00 and maybe we could sell the two-year planner. She has some literature on it at home. She will bring it in November. Joann also has some on the two-year planners that have a fire scene on the cover. It would give us some fast cash.

Auditing - Phyllis Vargo said the books are very much in order. It was agreed that the Jewelry Chairman will keep all the gold cards and ALL jewelry in her possession.

Lou passed out a 25 year certificate. She reminded us that pictures will be taken at the next meeting. So come prepared.

Barb Kerney ask that when you send in your membership forms that you complete the space for the Secretary. That is very beneficial, as that is what we use for mailing purposes.

Bill Bush came into our meeting to give us an update on the Convention '98. He said things were going very well. He said they had 224 pre-registered. Also, you may make your hotel reservations by calling the hotel direct. The phone number is in the IVFA paper. The host hotel, Holiday Inn has about 200 rooms and so far 64 have made reservations.

Some things that will be going on are the picnic on Wednesday evening. Thursday is opening ceremony and some entertainment. Friday will be the Memorial service, displays, and the banquet. There

will be entertainment by the Firehouse Rhythm Band. Children will be registered and presented with a name badge. They will have supervision for the children. To anything away from the hotel, there will be nine school buses to transport.

Installation - Barb Parker said she shortened the ceremony, and hoped they liked it. This next year we will have to make it a little longer because we will be installing new officers. We will still keep it short. Lou read the Beatitudes so the newer officers knew what they were. It was decided to let Barb use her own discretion to how she wants to do the ceremony.

Mitch Parish stepped in to say that the Historian Book would go to press tomorrow.

Financial Study - Phyllis Vargo said we just need more MONEY !!!!

President Lou passed out the committees for 1997-98.

Miss Flame - Eula Bush said she has application forms with her if you need one. She read a couple of notes from the girls. She asked if anyone had suggestions to do anything different or better? If so, just let her know. She really appreciated everything the rest of her committee had done for her. They were a BIG help!!

Ann Moss volunteered to make the ribbons for the Miss Flames to help cut costs. She and Eula will discuss it.

Doe Doll - Faye Sallee said sales were down this year. She felt that the girls didn't do as much as in previous years. There were some girls that did not sell any tickets. Leona made a suggestion, that it be done on the district level. She makes it a requirement that when a girl runs, she must sell 50 tickets before the convention and then sell more at the convention. This may be what all districts ought to do.

We sold \$1481.00—\$525.00 of that was sold by the Miss Flames. District 2 sold the most tickets. There were 432 tickets left that were not sold. The Chinese Auction made \$547.00. The total sold in both was \$1828.00.

We really need to sell more tickets before convention. Faye will call Dollie Komoscar and see about the tickets. We got them late last year, maybe we could have them earlier and start selling.

Vivian Stone is leaving us. This is her last meeting. She is unable to drive and has to depend on someone to bring her and since she married, they plan to travel. We wish her well and she will be missed. She gave Joann a nice card to read to us after she left the meeting.

By-Laws - Diana Gray reported that they both passed. The By-Law book was discussed. Barbara Parker said to continue to use the loose-leaf style. They are much less expensive and are easy to handle and make changes. Lucy said since we are in a financial bind, she feels the loose leaf will be fine. Eula made a motion to duplicate the By-Laws and send to the members, stapled together and put the others in loose leaf binders for the officers and chairmen. It will save on postage when they have to be mailed. Barb Parker seconded it. Motion carried. Lou will bring the binders at the next meeting.

Jewelry - Mary Mackin said the price for this year's jewelry will remain the same. She has 73 tacks left, plus what is out in the field. She ordered 144, and so we are way over with stock. She has 24 charms left. Barb Parker said we cannot have our money tied up in jewelry. Mary would like to order 108. Ann Moss made the motion to let Mary order what she feels is the right amount and Wanda Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.

Phyllis asked if we had to keep the excess jewelry? We could have a fire sale.

President Lou congratulated Mary Mackin on being the winner of the Lois Boaz award. Mary was unable to make Convention because of illness that hospitalized her. We are glad to see her back!! She said that Mr. Wilson sent her the video of the opening meeting. She really appreciated it.

Nominating - things went well at convention. They do not have anything to do until next year.

Historian - Ann Moss is not moving very fast on locating that Book No. 1. Someone needs to contact Thelma Lester and see what the book looks like and what we are looking for.

Presidents Advisory - Barbara Parker said the only advise she had was that we need to have a "potty break". So Lou called the meeting for a 10 minute break. We all came back ready to start the meeting and feeling refreshed. Good Advise, Barb!!

Lois Boaz - Phyllis Vargo said to send in those letters—lots of them. Remember to hand write them, no photo copies. Also, put the jacket size in the letter. There are a lot of deserving women out there!! The letters must be in by April 1st and that is no fooling!!

The chairman should send a copy to each of her committee members so that they can read and study them, before the meeting they have, to select the winner.

District Reports - Wanda Johnson made a motion not to read them. Leona Uryga seconded it. Motion carried.

President Lou reminded us that the next meeting will be at the Ramada Inn on Pendleton Pike on November 1 & 2. Make sure you have your reservations made!!

On Saturday evening, the entertainment will be provided by Leona Uryga. The place where it will be held, will be announced when you arrive on Saturday.

With no further business, Barbara Parker made a motion to adjourn and Phyllis Vargo seconded it. Motion carried. President Lou asked Joann to close with a word of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary

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P.S. Barbara Parker moved. Here is her address:
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DISTRICT REPORTS

District 3

The meeting was held at La Crosse Fire Department on July 16, 1997. Individuals from that department were hostesses.

Convention was reported on and District 3 Miss Flame, Heather Garwood, was introduced.

Elections were held with Chairman Leona Uryga being re-elected. Next meeting is September 17, at Lincoln Township at 7:00 p.m.

District 6

They met at La Otto Fire Department in Noble County with seven members from five departments present.

IVFAA Vice President



Faye Sallee

From IVFAA Recording Secretary Barbara Kerney

Hello to all Auxiliary members,

With fall approaching and the time changing, I always know that it is time to begin thinking and preparing for the holiday season. It is certainly a busy time for all of us.

It is time to reflect on fond memories and happy times that we spend with families and friends. Let's all remember those who are less fortunate and keep all of those that are ill in our thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to all of you that have been supportive and have cooperated with changes that have been made in our State Auxiliary over the past year. We as officers have tried to make improvements that will help us to operate our organization much more efficiently.

As your Recording Secretary, I have tried to update all of our records and put them all on a computer so that your officers and district chairmen will always have an up-to-date list of what members are paid, dates joined, and have tried to update information that we have.

I know there have been mistakes, and I can only utilize information that has been passed down through the years. Please help me to do a better job by sending corrected information when you see any mistakes on dates, etc.

If you are an auxiliary member and have not paid your dues for 1997-98, please get those to me as quickly as possible. If your auxiliary is one that has disbanded, you can still be a member by paying dues as an individual.

We need your support and your suggestions. Please feel free to contact your officers or district chairmen if you are in need of our help. We are here to help you.

Just a reminder that when paying dues, only the names you list on the enrollment form and pay \$2.50 for are Auxiliary members. You must have five (5) paid members to be a State Auxiliary.

When listing your members on the enrollment form, whether they are new or rejoining, please list their name, address, city and zip code. This helps us track our membership in the computer in many different ways.

Keep the dues coming!

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Indiana Department of Environmental Management New Spill Rule

Indiana Register, Volume 20, Number 7, April 1, 1997, 1730-1734.

TITLE 327 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

LSA Document #96-101(F)

DIGEST

Adds 327 IAC 2-6.1 regarding spill reporting, containment, and response. Repeals 327 IAC 2-6. Effective 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

HISTORY

First Notice of Comment Period: May 1, 1995, Indiana Register (18 IR 2171).

Second Notice of Comment Period: December 1, 1995, Indiana Register (19 IR 508)

Notice of First Hearing: March 1, 1996, Indiana Register (19 IR 1484).

Date for First Hearing: March 13, 1996

Proposed Rule: June 1, 1996, Indiana Register (19 IR 2597).

Notice of Second Hearing: June 1, 1996, Indiana Register (19 IR 2597).

Date of Second Hearing: July 10, 1996.

327 IAC 2-6

327 IAC 2-6.1

SECTION 1. 327 IAC 2-6.1 ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 6.1 Spills; Reporting, Containment, and Response

327 IAC 2-6.1-1 Applicability

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17

Sec. 1. This rule applies to the reporting and containment of, and the response to those spills of hazardous substances, extremely hazardous substance, petroleum, and objectionable substances that are of a quantity, type, duration and in a location as to damage the waters of the state. Nothing in this rule is intended to affect reporting or clean-up requirements set forth by other federal, state, or local laws. (*Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-1; filed February 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1731*)

327 IAC 2-6.1-2 Special areas

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17

Sec. 2. Certain areas of the state are recognized as having unique geology. A large section of the mid-southern part of the state is a karst region. Portions of Saint Joseph, Elkhart, Kosciusko, and LaGrange Counties contain a sole source aquifer as referenced in 42 U.S.C. 300h-3(e). The waters of the state are particularly vulnerable to damage from spills in these areas, and care should be exercised when evaluating damage from spills. Information about these areas can be obtained by calling the office of Environmental Response, Emergency Response Branch. (*Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-2; filed February 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1731*)

327 IAC 2-6.1-3 Exclusions

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17

Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other section of this rule, the reporting requirement of this rule does not apply to the following occurrences:

(1) Discharges or exceedances that are under the jurisdiction of an applicable permit when the substance in question is covered by the permit and death or acute injury or illness to animals or humans does not occur.

(2) Lawful application of materials, including, but not limited to:

- (A) commercial or natural fertilizers and pesticides on or to land or water; or
- (B) dust suppression materials.

(3) The application of petroleum necessary for construction that does not damage waters of the state.

(4) Spills of less than one (1) pound or one (1) pint.

(5) Spills of integral operating fluids, in the use of motor vehicles or other equipment, the total volume of which is less than or equal to fifty-five (55) gallons and which do not damage waters of the state.

(6) Oil sheens produced as a result of the normal operation of properly functioning watercraft.

(7) A release of a substance integral to a spill response activity that has been approved and authorized by a state or federal on-scene coordinator.

(*Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-3; filed Feb. 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1731; errata filed March 7, 1997, 2:25 p.m.: 20 IR 1738*)

327 IAC 2-6.1-4 Definitions

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17; IC 14-8-2-7; IC 14-25-7-13; IC 14-25-7-15

Sec. 4. In addition to the definitions contained in IC 13-11-2-17(d), IC 13-11-2-35(a), IC 13-11-2-51, IC 13-11-2-158(a), IC 13-11-2-160, IC 13-11-2-260, IC 13-11-2-265, and in 327 IAC 1, the following definitions apply throughout this rule:

(1) "Animal" means all mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, crustaceans, and mollusks.

(2) "Aquatic life" means those plants and macroinvertebrates that are dependent upon an aquatic environment.

(3) "Contain" means to take such immediate action as necessary to dam, block, restrain, or otherwise act to most effectively prevent a spill from entering waters of the state or minimize damage to the waters of the state from a spill.

(4) "Damage" means the actual or imminent alteration of the waters of the state so as to render the waters harmful, detrimental, or injurious to:

- (A) public health, safety, or welfare;
- (B) domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, or

recreational uses; or
(C) animals or aquatic life.

(5) "Downstream water user" means:

(A) a community public water supply, as identified by the department of natural resources under IC 14-25-7-13(d);

(B) a significant water withdrawal facility as registered with the Department of Natural Resources under IC 14-25-7-15;

(C) users of recreational waters; or

(D) any other user made known to the person who has a spill.

(6) "Extremely hazardous substance" means a substance identified pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 11002 & 11004. (40 CFR 355 Appex. A.)

(7) "Facility" means all land, buildings, equipment, structures, and other stationary items that are located on a single site or on contiguous sites and that are owned or operated by the same person or by any person who controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such person.

(8) "Facility boundary" means the boundary of a facility or an easement or right-of-way.

(9) "Hazardous substance" has the meaning set forth in 42 U.S.C. 9601(14).

(10) "Mode of transportation" includes, but is not limited to, carriage by:

(A) rail and motor vehicles;

(B) aircraft;

(C) watercraft;

(D) pipelines; or

(E) other means of transportation;

in commerce. This definition excludes carriage with in a facility by transportation equipment owned, operated, or controlled by that facility.

(11) "Objectionable substances" means substances that are:

(A) of a quantity and a type; and

(B) present for a duration and in a location; so as to damage waters of the state. This definition excludes hazardous substances, extremely hazardous substances, petroleum, and mixtures thereof.

(12) "On-scene coordinator" means a state or federal official designated by the department, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or the United States Coast Guard to direct and coordinate special spill response activities.

(13) "Recreational waters" means any water used for:

(A) boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, trapping, or wildlife viewing; or

(B) public access areas that are owned by the department of natural resources or the federal government; as listed by the department.

(14) "Reportable quantity" means the amount of a hazardous substance or extremely hazardous substance that is required to be reported under federal law under 42 U.S.C. 9602(a) and (b) and 42 U.S.C. 9603(a). (40 CFR 302.4 or 40 CFR 355 Appendix A.)

(15) "Spill" means any unexpected, unintended, abnormal, or unapproved dumping, leakage, drainage, seepage, discharge or other loss of petroleum, hazardous substances, extremely hazardous substances, or objectionable substances. The term does not include releases to impermeable surfaces when the substance does not migrate off the surface or penetrate the surface and enter the soil.

(16) "Spill response", for purposes of this rule, means the following:

(A) The spill is contained; and

(B) Free material is removed or neutralized.

(17) "Spill report" means an oral report that includes the following information about a spill, to the extent that the information is known at the time of the report:

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person making the spill report.

(B) The name, address, and telephone number of a contact person if different from clause (A).

(C) The location of the spill.

(D) The time of the spill.

(E) The identification of the substance spilled.

(F) The approximate quantity of the substance that has been or may further be spilled.

(G) The duration of the spill.

(H) The source of the spill.

(I) Name and location of the waters damaged.

(J) The identity of any response organization responding to the spill.

(K) What measures have been or will be undertaken to perform a spill response.

(L) Any other information that may be significant to the response action.

(18) "Waters", as defined in IC 13-11-2-265, means the accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural and artificial, public and private, or parts thereof, that are wholly or partially within, flow through, or border upon this state. The term does not include any private pond or any off-stream pond, reservoir, or facility built for reduction or control of pollution or cooling of water prior to discharge unless the discharge from the pond, reservoir, or facility causes or threatens to cause water pollution.

(*Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-4; filed Feb. 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1731; errata filed March 7, 1997, 2:25 p.m.: 20 IR 1738*)

327 IAC 2-6.1-5 Reportable spills; facility

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17

Sec. 5. The following spills from a facility must be reported:

(1) Spills that damage the waters of the state so as to cause death or acute injury or illness to humans or animals.

(2) Spills from a facility that has been notified in writing by a water utility that it is located in a delineated public water supply well-head protection area as approved by the department under 327 IAC 8-4.1 that are:

- (A) spills of hazardous substances or extremely hazardous substances when the amount spilled exceeds

Public Relations Northeast



Richard 'Dick' Glant

Boy, 4, sets house on fire; mom injured

By Terri Jo Cooper
Times-Mail Staff Writer

A 4-year-old boy playing with a butane grill lighter set his home on fire early this morning on Vinegar Hill Road.

His mother saved the trailer from being destroyed after she pushed a burning recliner out the front door, but she also suffered burns during the process.

Tanya Sharpe said her son, Dylan, was playing with the grill lighter and yelled that he had set "the bunny" on fire.

"Dylan was hollering the bunny rabbit (a vacuum cover) was on fire, and then the chair and walls were on fire," Sharpe said. "The place started to fill with smoke. I didn't know what to do; everything was happening so fast."

Firefighters from Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department responded after a 911 call to the Lawrence County Police Department from Sharpe at 7:40 a.m.

Sharpe, who is three months pregnant, then pushed a large recliner, which was engulfed in flames, out the front door.

"I just grabbed it and pushed," Sharpe said. "I just installed smoke detectors in the house, and they were all sounding."

Sharpe received burns to her hands and feet, and her wounds had started to blister at the scene. All that remained of the recliner was the frame.

Shawswick first responders treated Sharpe at the scene, and she said she would go to the hospital for treatment after she calmed down.

Sharpe said she was worried that the trailer would be destroyed.

"The fire was spreading fast," Sharpe said. "I had just got my 2-year-old daughter to sleep, and she was in the back room when Dylan told me the place was on fire."

Shawswick VFD Chief Francis Moore said there was smoke damage throughout the trailer, adding that the fire had scorched a wall and melted numerous vinyl blinds.

"The walls caught fire before half the chair was burned," Sharpe said. "Before I knew it, everything looked like it was burning."

Firefighters extinguished the flames and then used large fans to ventilate the home.

No one else was injured in the fire.

Reprinted from the Bedford Times-Mail

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IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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Cook book up-date information coming. We still could use more recipes.

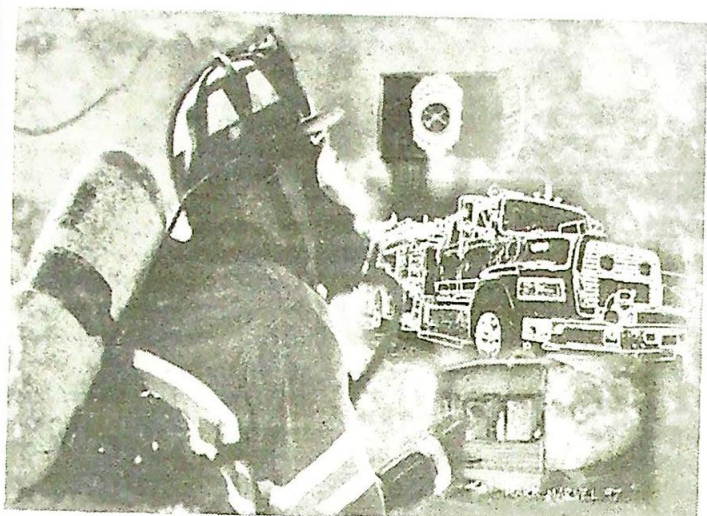
Election of Officers was held with all officers maintaining their offices.

District picnic will be at St. Joe Township. Softball starts at 8 a.m. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., with pizza and pop donated.

The September meeting will be at St. Joe Township, Allen County on September 18, at 7:30 p.m.

District 11A
Our last district meeting was held at Prairington Fire Department on July 20, 1997. We had a great dinner and held the election of officers.

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Our District Chairman is Jane Lingenfelter.

We talked about the convention for next year and what was being raffled off. The main headquarters will be in the Holiday Inn.

District 11B

The meeting was held at Lyford Fire Department on July 9th. This was an evening meeting. It seems that the evening meetings for May and July are working out well.

We held the election of officers for the 1997-98 year. Our Chairman is Eula Bush.

The next meeting will be our annual picnic. Our district is hosting the joint District 11 picnic at Raccoon State Park. Everyone is invited. Just bring a well-filled picnic basket.

District 13B

Our next meeting is Monday, August 11, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Centerville Fire Department. Election of officers will be held at this time.

There will also be a discussion held regarding having a Miss Flame Contest for the 1998 convention in Terre Haute.

Centerville Fire Auxiliary is ready for the Archway Days Festival. They will have a food booth on Friday, August 22, 1997 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., as well as on Saturday August 23, from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Other activities are also planned.

October 18, 1997 the Centerville Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary are having a Sweetest Day Dance at the Y.M.I. in Richmond, Indiana. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

Letter from a volunteer fireman's wife

My husband Randy and I have been married for 19 1/2 years. Seventeen of those years, he's been on the Universal Fire Department. The past four, he's been assistant chief.

Universal is a small town of around 400 people. We've lived by it all of our lives, so that when a call comes in, 99% of the time we know the people. He's been on calls that family and friends have died. Sometimes, it has hurt him so badly that he has dreaded going to a call. But he still gets up out of a warm bed, or leaves his supper to get cold.

I'm sure that you and your families have gone through the same thing.

This was written when he came back from a call where our cousin had died. He won't quit. He'll hurt for a while, but he'll be there the next time the plectron goes off for whoever needs him.

I'm so proud of him and of the Universal Fire Department. I wouldn't have him any other way.

A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S WIFE

I hate the calls that come in the middle of the night and you hear the name of a family member or friend on the plectron.

I hate the calls that you hear that a fireman is down and they don't release the name.

I hate the calls that take him away from Thanksgivings, Christmases, and birthdays.

I hate the calls that take him

away from his wife and children that he may not come back from.

I'm proud of the man that answers these calls without a thought for himself or what he's going to find.

I love the man who gives all of himself that he can to people he doesn't even know.

I'm proud of the man who does this, not because of money, but because he cares.

I wouldn't want this man to be any other way than what he is, a volunteer fireman.

Cheryl Hargrave
Clinton, Indiana

A Fireman's Poem

My heart races when I see him in that bulky uniform.

He rushes and he bolts, like a raging thunderstorm.

I wonder how he feels with the adrenaline rush, As he dares to defeat that burning pile of brush.

Does he think of his children or the one he truly loves? It's not the time or place, but I'm sure he really does.

And when that raging fire is finally put out, That's the pride and joy a fireman's all about.

I never underestimate his power or his worth, I will always love my fireman more than anyone on earth.

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District 12

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be held Nov. 7 & 8 at Wayne Twp.

Our chairman came in, he had been delayed by a house fire.

James A. Bruner made a motion to have office of the State Secretary & Treasurer 2 different people. Seconded by James R. Bruner. Motion carried.

The 1998 Convention is in Terre Haute on June 17-20.

Schools were also discussed. If anyone has a school they would like, please let John Ross or Don Johnson know.

Our next meeting will be at Hazelwood on Nov. 17, 1997.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by, Rosie Johnson, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 13A

Greetings,
It has been a very busy summer and it seems it was very short. I hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable summer. We have had two meetings since the last publication of the paper.

Our August meeting was hosted by Greenfield Fire Department at Smith Impl. in Greenfield, IN.

Guests included Jack Cox, IVFA Vice President; Don Cushman, ECPR; David Israel, District 10 Chairman; and Nick Gulling, House Representative District 53.

Historical books, the new computer and other IVFA matters were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by a farm combine safety class.

September's meeting was at Knightstown FD in Henry Co.

Guests included Don Cushman ECPR.

A general discussion on IVFA matters, including the new computer, was held.

We had an L P Gas school set for October 11, but it was cancelled. It will be re-scheduled for sometime in April, 1998.

November meeting will be at Charlottesville Volunteer Fire Department with Senator Beverly Gard, Representative Nick Gulling and Representative Tom Saunders scheduled.

Hope to see you at the Nov. meeting. Bring your questions and talk to your legislators.

Respectfully submitted by, Tim Martin, Chairman

DISTRICT 13B

The meeting was called to order on June 12, 1997 by Chairman Dennis Spears. Pledge to the Flag was given.

Roll Call was taken with 15 members representing 4 departments, along with 3 guests.

Old Business - NFPA 1200 was defeated when they received 27,500 comments from concerned fire service personnel. We need to keep vigilant because this issue can be brought up again.

IVFA Historical Book will be presented to the convention and orders will be accepted at that time. Cost is between \$20 - \$22.

License plate application forms for 1998 will be in the newspaper. (see page 13) Cost will be an additional \$5 to receive the form that you take to the License Branch.

IVFA dues should be paid by July 31st to be eligible for Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

New Business - Dennis reminded everyone to check if they are covered by insurance and that the Town Clerk is responsible for that to be done. He cited an incident in Hancock County.

IVFA convention is in Indianapolis, June 18-21. Delegates must be there for the Business Meeting on the 20th. Bridgeport Scholarship will be

awarded at that time.

Chairman Spears then read over several legislation bills that passed or didn't pass that pertained to the fire service during the last legislative session.

IVFA Vice President spoke on what the IVFA is looking into as far as funding for fire schools.

The meeting was then turned over to Bentonville for training. They discussed their experiences responding to vehicle accidents.

50/50 drawing paid \$7.50.

Treasurer's report was given.

Next meeting August 14 at Centerville at 19:30 hours.

Auxiliary meeting August 12 at Centerville.

Respectfully submitted by, Wil Stofflet, Secretary

The regular meeting was held at the Centerville Fire Department on August 14, 1997. Meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag led by Chairman Dennis Spears.

Roll Call was taken with 8 members and 2 guests representing 3 departments.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Items discussed were:
NFPA 1200 is not dead yet. They are looking at three levels of fire departments and a response for them.

The historical book will be printed. Two hundred orders were taken at convention.

As of August 5, five district departments have not paid dues.

Chairman Spears checked with everyone to make sure they are receiving the IVFA paper.

By-Laws are now back in possession of the IVFA. There will be changes made to these By-Laws due to the combining of the Secretary & Treasurer positions.

Midwest Awards nominations need to be submitted to Chairman Spears by the November meeting.

The 1998 convention will be held in Terre Haute June 17 - 20. District 13B will be sponsoring a Miss Flame candidate.

Diana Griffin of Centerville is the Chairperson for the district Auxiliary

Vice President Jack Cox stated that the IVFA will again try to have a bill passed to remove the state charge of \$10 on the license plate fees. Also, he is working on a deduction for members who attend state fire schools.

Also, District 20 was closed and its members divided up into other districts.

Nominations for the Ollie Sandberg Award need to be submitted by February.

With no further business, the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by, Wil Stofflet, Secretary

DISTRICT 14

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 15

The July 15th meeting was held at Elberfeld Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Barr at 19:35 hours. Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave a spiritual reading. Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Barr.

Guest Ken Bowes from Sternberg E-1 was introduced.

Roll Call was answered by 5 departments and 9 members.

Secretary Kerney distributed minutes of the May meeting. Minutes were approved as distributed.

Old Business: The District 15 Waterball Contest will be held at Owensville on August 2, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. The traveling trophy will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The contact person at

Owensville is Rick Almon. Owensville has expressed they would like to host the Waterball Contest as part of their festival.

New Business: Chairman Barr announced that Jack Kerney was awarded Mr. IVFA at convention. This is the first time it has been awarded in District 15.

A discussion was held on the workings of the Building and Equipment Fund.

Marrs Township Fire Department will go before their fire department Board of Directors to ask for approval to build a new fire station.

Bruce Adams of Fort Branch Fire Department has taken the job as fire chief of the new Toyota plant. He will be responsible for security, fire and safety.

Chairman Barr opened the floor for nominations of District 15 officers. A motion was made by John Spear to accept the officers that are now serving, if they will continue to serve. Seconded by Dale Willsbacher. Motion carried by a show of hands vote. John Barr will serve as Chairman, Jack Kerney as Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Kerney as Chaplain and Harry Logan as Sergeant-at-Arms.

A discussion was held on the new legislation that passed the 1997 Legislature.

The next meeting will be held at Patoka Township on September 16, in Princeton, IN.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:09 hours.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack Kerney, Secretary

The September 16th meeting was held at Patoka Township Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Barr at 19:50 hours. Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the spiritual reading. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Barr.

Guests included Nick Kapinski from Advanced Fire and Safety.

Roll Call was answered by 6 departments and 25 members.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes of the July meeting. Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes as distributed.

Old Business: A discussion at the last meeting was held on having a Vice Chairman for the district. It was tabled until this meeting. A motion was made and seconded to select a Vice Chairman. His main duties will be preparing programs for the district meetings. Steve

Anderson of Perry Township was elected to this position.

The District 15 Waterball Contest was won by Marrs Township Fire Department. Second place went to Owensville Fire Department and third place to Fort Branch Fire Department.

New Business: Wadesville Fire Department has tanker for sale.

Owensville Fire Department reported that they will be having a Soup Supper on October 4, 1997, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Miss Flame Chairman, Barbara Kerney, stated that the judging for our district Miss Flame will be held January 20, 1998 at Fort Branch Fire Department. Only one contestant from each department will be allowed. If a department has more than one contestant, they will have to hold their own contest to declare a winner to represent them. Departments must notify Barbara before January 3, 1998 of their contestant. She can be contacted at home 812-867-2641 or at the office 812-425-3119.

Ft. Branch Fire Dept. reported they had a death in their department. Firefighter Marcus Conner, a 47 year member, passed away. A Bible and grave marker were presented by the IVFA.

Secretary Kerney reported that if you want an IVFA license plate for 1998, you will have to fill out the form that was sent to your department, or they are in the August newspaper, and send it along with \$5 to the IVFA Central Office. They will in turn send you the form to take to the license branch.

He also stated that he had talked to Tammy at the Central Office and that all members had been entered into the computer. Cards will be printed very shortly.

A question was asked about where this extra \$5 was going. Kerney stated that part of the money received was to help replenish the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund, from which the two \$1500 scholarships are paid and the \$3000 line of duty death benefits. The remainder will be used to help defray the cost of the license plate program and help defray any dues increases.

Kerney reported that in this month's mailer from the Fire Marshal applications are attached to apply for the low interest loans for equipment. Anyone needing copies or more information can contact Ivan Nevil in the Fire Marshal's Office.

Thanks to Patoka Twp. Fire

Department for furnishing a meal of grilled bratwurst.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:05 hours.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17A

On September 17, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. we held our district meeting at Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department in Glendale, IN. Chairman Jack Harker opened the meeting with the Pledge to the flag.

Guests introduced were Dist. 18 Sec. Kenny Lue; IVFA Past President & Past Dist. Chairman Bill Engle; SWPR Jack Kerney; & Bill Tracy, M&S Fire & Safety.

He then gave a big thank you to Steve, Chief of the Harrison Township Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

A discussion was held on the NFPA 1200. This will be coming back up in November. We need to watch this real close.

All departments need to check their insurance on equipment, fire trucks, stations and firemen. Make sure coverage is up to date on everything.

A short discussion was held about awards to be given out at convention.

Next meeting will be November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Odon-Madison Fire Station.

Again, thanks to Harrison Twp. for a good meal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack Harker, Chairman

DISTRICT 17B

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DISTRICT 18

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because they did not have a building to put it in. He talked also about their first trucks and how they even purchased a brand new truck in 1958 by going door-to-door and collecting money. He

talked about how far the fire department has come, but the dedication has always been there.

The ceremony continued with several introductions and memories of the past. Some of the speakers included Joyce Pettiford-Coleman, Center Township Trustee; Kenny Wisehart, firefighter; Lester Jeffries, Assistant Chief; George Smith, Chief; Coleen Jeffries, President of Ladies Auxiliary; and Lowell Porter, retired Chaplain.

The ceremony ended with the dedication of the new station. Bob Fleener of the IVFA presented the Center Township FD with a clock in honor of the new station.

Tracy Boatwright, Indiana State Fire Marshal, presented a plaque from the Marshal's office for 40 years of dedicated service. Both of these awards were a great honor.

Each firefighter (past and present) attending the ceremony received a ceramic coffee mug with the Center Township Fire Department symbol on it as a token of thanks for 40 years of dedicated service to the community. Ball point pens were also distributed to mark the special occasion. Several retired fire-

fighters were in attendance as well as several firefighter's widows.

After the ceremony, the Annual Ice Cream Social was held. Many people of the community came to show their appreciation for their firefighters.

LaCrosse Fire Department

Ralph "Bud" D. Fritz has always enjoyed his service with the LaCrosse Fire Department. When the department started, they had to take up a collection to send out post cards to remind the members of the next meeting.

The largest fire LaCrosse has had to fight was an elevator fire in the center of town. They fought it for two days and saved everything around it, including the office building.

Ralph has held every office on the department and was also district secretary for two years.

He has attended 47 conventions as a delegate or alternate. He says he has never attended a bad convention, just some are better than others. Ralph also remembers when the conventions were only on Saturday and you took a picnic lunch.

He was an avid waterball player. Then LaCrosse switched to hose replacement and were hose replacement champs five years running.

Ralph thanks the IVFA for his Gold Card. It is much appreciated.

IVFAA Chaplain



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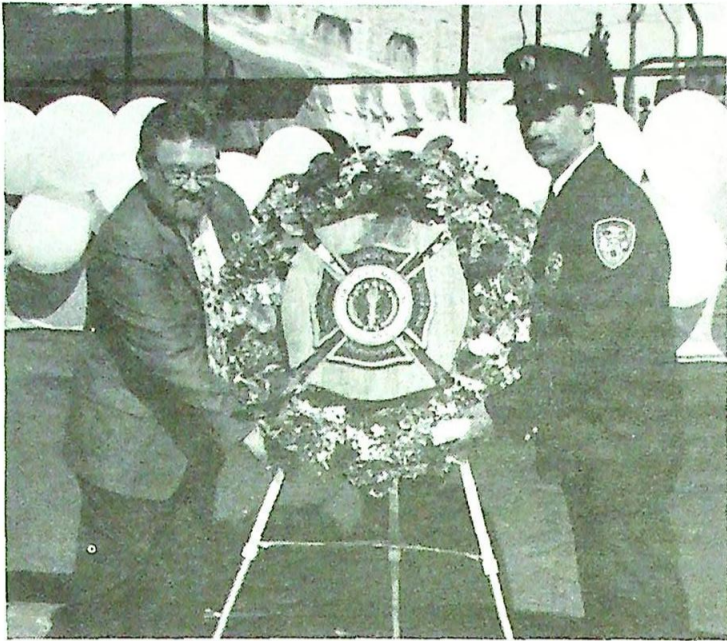
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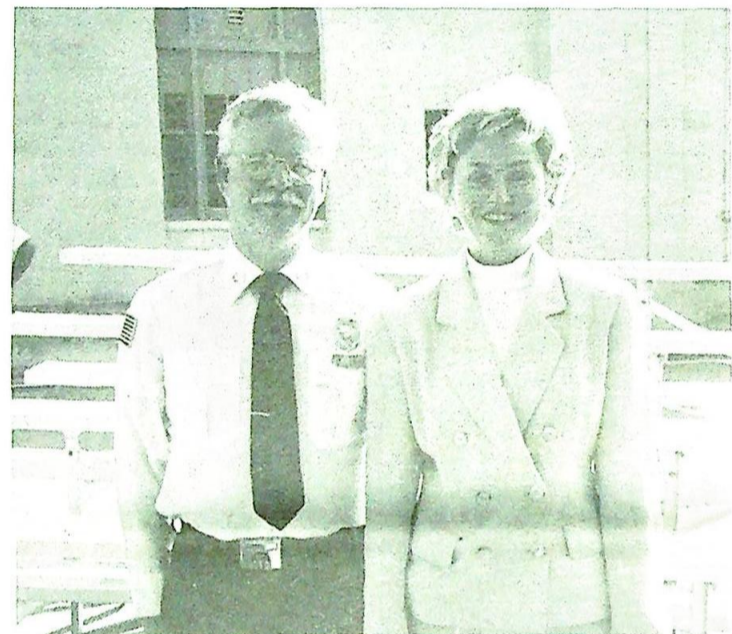
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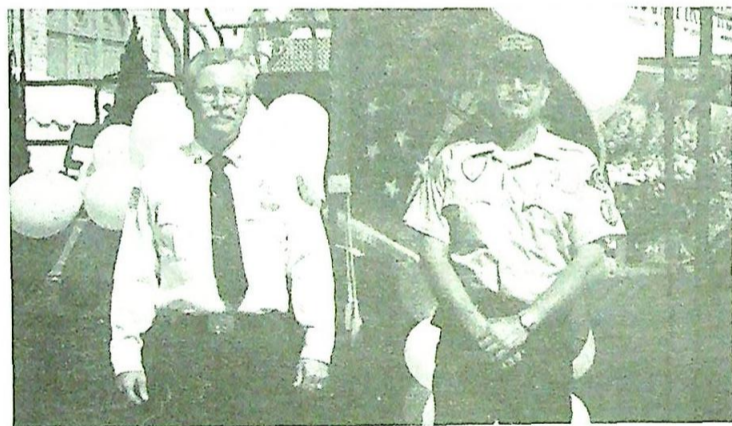
Tribute to Fallen Firefighters



Marshall Tracy Boatwright (left) and Seymour Fire Chief Fred Hines set memorial wreath in honor of Hoosier firefighters killed in the line of duty.



Brownstown Fire Chief James Renaker and Senator Becky Skillman.



Brownstown Fire Chief James Renaker and Vernon Township Dennis Goebel attend Indiana's tribute.

Seymour, Indiana - On October 3, 1997, Seymour held a Tribute to Fallen Firefighters. The ceremony was well attended by Jackson County Firefighters, Law Enforcement and EMS personnel. Indiana State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, along with Seymour Fire Chief Fred Hines, helped set the memorial wreath in honor of Indiana firefighters killed in the line of duty. Senator Becky Skillman was also on hand to speak at the ceremony. She later met with several Jackson County firefighters about legislation and public awareness of fire safety measures. "It was a very nice service," commented Brownstown Fire Chief James Renaker. "Our community should host a similar tribute every year."

Dietz receives Sertoma Award

Wally Dietz, Chief of Harrison Twp. VF Co. in Columbus, IN, received the *Service to Mankind* Award from the Columbus Sertoma Club. This award is given each year to a person in Bartholomew Co. whom the club feels deserves special recognition because of their involvement in and service to their community.

Chief Dietz came to Columbus about eleven years ago from Bellbrook, Ohio, where he was active as a youth soccer coach, as well as donating ten years to be a paramedic and officer in charge of EMS. He also served as a firefighter in this area for a period of nine years. At Bellbrook, he served as an instructor for paramedic and advanced cardiac life support training.

Chief Dietz has been very active in the Harrison Twp. VF Co. as a firefighter, chief, officer

of the Fire Company, treasurer of the Board, and at times serving dual roles. He is also responsible for initiating the introduction of the county 911 green reflective address signs into Harrison Twp.

Our congratulations to Wally. Reprinted from the Fire Plug, July, 1997; Vol. 18 Number 1

Convention Games - '97

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the games at convention this year.

We had a few minor problems getting the games started on time, and then we had problems with our stop-watches during the Waterball contest. After we corrected these problems, I feel the games went smoothly. I hope everyone had an enjoyable day, and hope to see a better turnout at Terre Haute in June of 1998.

I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Decatur Twp. F D of Marion Co., for donating 400' of 1 1/2" hose to the IVFA for use in the Waterball contest. This

hose will be kept in the games trailer and taken to convention each year. This donation, relieves the host dept. from trying to find hose each year for the games.

Al Mendel, Games Chairman

Winners and Participants

- Men's Waterball**
1. Penn South
 2. Lake Hills #1
 3. Bremen #1
 4. Bremen #2
- Fairview Park
Lake Hills #2
New Chicago #1
New Chicago #2
New Haven-Adams Twp. #1
New Haven-Adams Twp. #2
Pennville
Wayne Twp. Station 2
- Women's Waterball**
1. New Chicago
- Hose Replacement**
1. Lake Hills - 36 Sec.
 2. New Chicago #1 - 47 Sec.
 3. New Chicago #2 - 51 Sec.
 4. Wayne Twp. Station 2
- New Haven-Adams Twp.
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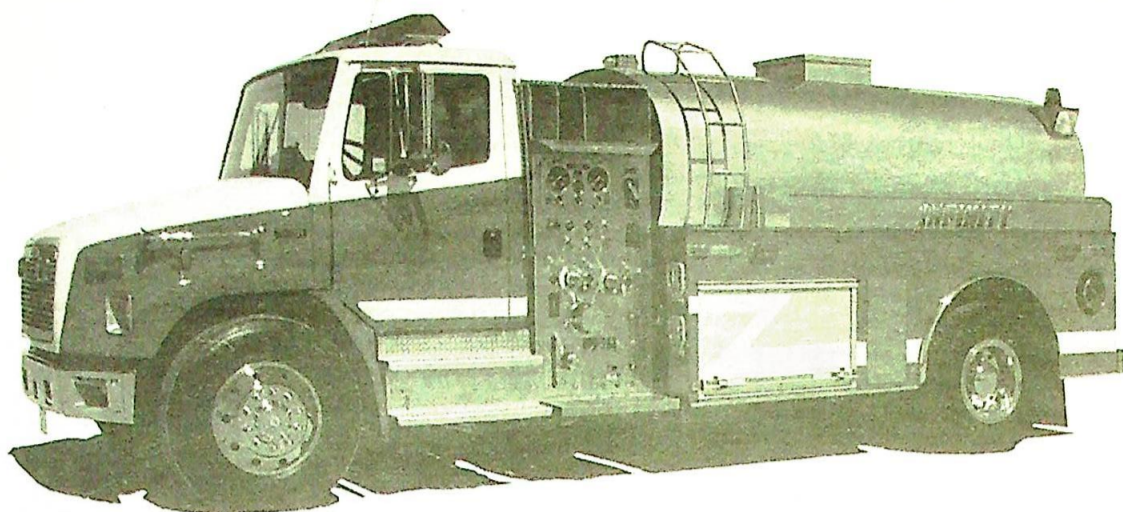
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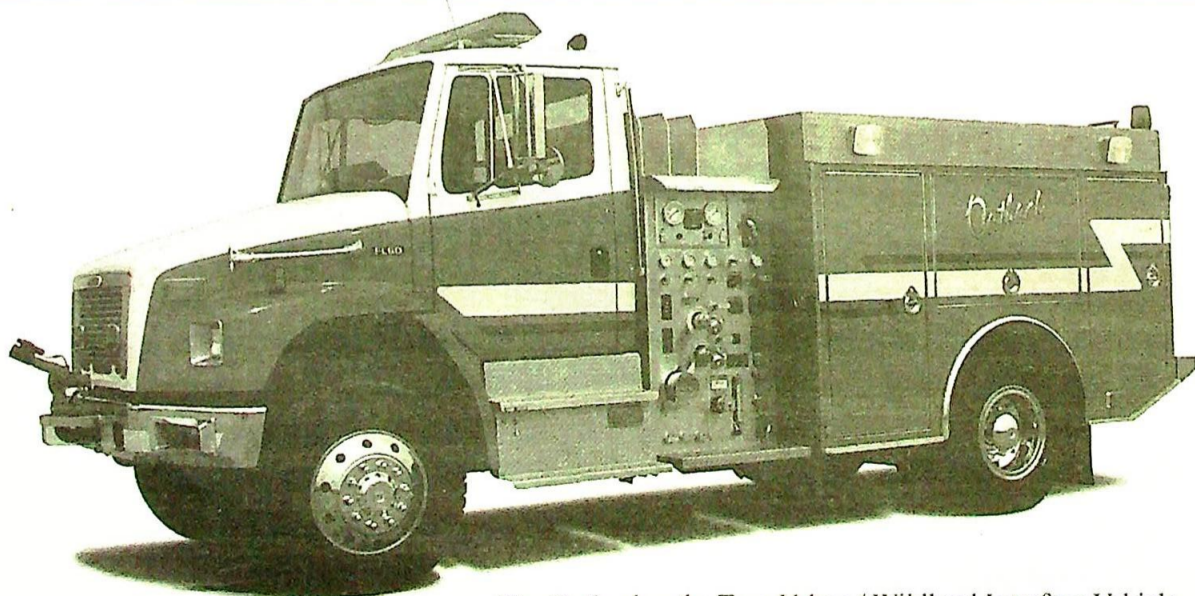
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Public Relations Northwest



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I would like to thank everyone for making me feel welcome at their meetings as the new Public Relations Director for the Northwest. Even though I won't officially start until January 1, 1998, it's a pleasure to visit the departments.

This year's legislative session will be a short one and we need for everyone to talk to their legislators about the bills we support or sponsor. Asking for the things we need and want is not enough. We need to talk to these legislators and gain their support for our needs. Invite them to your meetings, ask for their support and offer them your support. Together, we can accomplish many things.

With the coming of the Holidays, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

See you at the district meetings.

MARSHAL'S MEMO

September, 1997

It's time once again for the monthly mailer, so I'd better get cracking.

I've got some great news on a couple of items that I know will interest you.

First, our 1-800-Fire Line is very close to becoming a reality. Prudential Insurance Company is sending a copy of the video and the poster "What If No One Answered The Call" to every public, private, and parochial high school, and every public and academic library, in the state.

This is an exciting program that will attract volunteers to the fire and emergency medical services communities, and Indiana is one of the first six states in the country to be involved in this program.

I'll let you know more on this as soon as the 1-800 number is connected.

Although the 4th of July is long gone, fireworks continues to be a very hot issue. In an effort to get some answers, I have filed a lawsuit in Marion County. I am asking the court for a legal interpretation of the state statutes on the subject of whether the general public, by becoming a member of an association that has a public display permit, can buy fireworks such as bottle rockets. I'll keep you posted as this case moves forward.

Also, to give you an update on our vision of having a burn camp in Indiana, the Juvenile Fire Setters Task Force had our board meeting on August 21, 1997 at Camp Tecumseh near Brookston, Indiana. This is a camp that certainly appears to meet our needs for a burn camp and we are aiming for a target date of the summer of 1999 for accepting our

first campers.

This is a big project and it will take a lot of work, but it will certainly be worth it some day. We had twenty-seven task force members at the board meeting and they are a very enthusiastic group.

Also, at a meeting on September 5, 1997 with Kathy Haage, the Director of the Illinois Burn Camp, we came away loaded down with ideas and a lot of examples of forms and other things we will need to know. Kathy Haage has been a great help to us in trying to see our burn camp idea become a reality.

As many of you know, the General Assembly passed a law creating the firefighting and emergency equipment revolving loan fund to be administered by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office. The rules that were needed to set up the application process have become final, so we're ready to start the program.

Information and instruction sheets, loan applications and a copy of the rules are available from our office.

If you are interested in applying for a loan, please read the information and instruction sheets carefully before filling out an application.

Also there are a number of documents that have to be submitted with the application. These documents are listed at the end of the application form.

The first loans will be approved on December 1, 1997. In order to be eligible for consideration for loan approval on December 1st, the loan application and all of the other documents have to be received by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office by November 15, 1997.

If you have any questions that are not answered on the information sheet, please feel free to call me or Mara Snyder. (317-232-2222)

Well, I'd better close this for now. I've given you lots of information and up-dates; I hope you will find it all helpful.

Until next time, brothers and sisters.

Tracy Boatwright

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District 8A Midwest Award winner



Donald E. Hart, of the Fairmount Fire Department, was the recipient of the District 8A Midwest Award. He was recommended for the award by Chief Douglas Jump.

Our thanks to Don for nineteen years of service to Fairmount Fire Department and to District 8A.

Thanks also to the Midwest Fire Company for sponsoring this award each year.

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Rossville VFD takes delivery of new pumper



The Rossville Volunteer Fire Department has taken delivery of a Smeal pumper built on a Freightliner chassis. The truck has a Waterous 1250 gpm pump, 1000 gallon poly tank, hydraulic ladder rack and high side compartments on both sides. It has a 315 hp diesel engine with an Allison 5-speed automatic engine.

This truck replaces a 1969 pumper and will operate along with a 1000 gpm pumper, a 2000 gallon tanker, a brush truck and an equipment van.

Rossville Volunteer Fire Department is located east of Lafayette and protects three townships, as well as the town of Rossville.

10 Tips for Fire Safety

1. Install Smoke Detectors

Working smoke detectors can alert you to a fire in your home in time for you to escape, even if you are sleeping. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area. If you sleep with the door closed, install one inside your sleeping area as well.

Test detectors every month, following the manufacturer's directions, and replace batteries once a year or whenever a detector "chirps" to signal low battery power. Never "borrow" a smoke detector's battery for another use - a disabled detector can't save your life. Replace detectors that are more than 10 years old.

For complete protection, consider installing automatic fire sprinklers in addition to smoke detectors.

2. Keep An Eye On Smokers

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in North America. Smoking in bed or when you are drowsy could be fatal. Provide smokers with

large, deep, non-tip ashtrays, and soak butts with water before discarding them. Before going to bed or leaving home after someone has been smoking, check under and around cushions and upholstered furniture for smoldering cigarettes.

3. Cook Carefully

Never leave cooking unattended. Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles, and wear clothes with short, rolled-up, or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook. Turn pot handles inward on the stove where you can't bump them and children can't grab them. Enforce a "kid-free zone" that is three feet (one meter) around your kitchen stove. If grease catches fire in a pan, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames and turn off the heat source. Leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.

4. Plan Your Escape

If a fire breaks out in your home, you have to get out fast. Prepare for a fire emergency by sitting down with your family and designing an escape plan. Be sure that everyone knows at least two (2) unobstructed ways out - doors and windows - from every room. (If you live in an apartment building, use the stairs - do not include elevators in your escape plan.) Decide on a meeting place outside where everyone will gather after they escape. Have your entire household practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

5. Give Space Heaters Space

Keep portable heaters and space heaters at least three feet (one meter) away from anything that can burn. Keep children and pets away from heaters, and never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.

6. Remember: Matches And Lighters Are Tools, Not Toys

In a child's hands, matches and lighters can be deadly. Use only child-resistant lighters and store all matches and lighters up high, where kids can't see or reach them, preferably in a locked cabinet. Teach your children that matches and lighters are tools, not toys, and should be used by adults only or with adult supervision. Teach young children not to touch them and tell a grownup if they find matches or lighters; older children should bring matches and lighters to an adult immediately.

7. Cool A Burn

Run cool water over a burn for 10-15 minutes. Never apply ice. It is dangerous to put butter or any other grease on a burn because it seals in the heat and can damage the tissue further. If the skin blisters or is charred, see a doctor immediately.

8. Use Electricity Safely

If an electric appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately, and have it serviced before using it again. Replace any electrical cord that is cracked or frayed. Don't overload extension cords or run them under rugs. Don't tamper with your fuse box or use improperly sized fuses.

9. Crawl Low Under Smoke

During a fire, smoke and poisonous gases rise with the heat. The air is cleaner near the floor. If you encounter smoke or flames while you are escaping from a fire, use an alternative escape route. If you must escape through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees, keeping your head 12 to 24 inches (30 to 60 centimeters) above the floor.

10. Stop, Drop And Roll

If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll over and over to smother the flames.

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Plainfield Fire Department has new headquarters



The new headquarters building for Plainfield Fire Department was dedicated on June 22, 1997.

The Plainfield Fire Department held a dedication ceremony for the opening of the new headquarters building on June 22, 1997.

Guest speakers at the ceremony were Robin Brandgard and Dan Young, both of the Plainfield Town Council.

Several special presentations were made at the ceremony including one by the State Fire Marshal's Office to the Plainfield Fire Department and one to Reserve Captain Dale Newlin posthumously.

Captain Newlin was recognized for his forty years of dedicated service. His son, John Newlin, accepted the plaque in his father's honor.

The headquarters building will house much needed office space, as well as, training facilities and housing for extra vehicles.

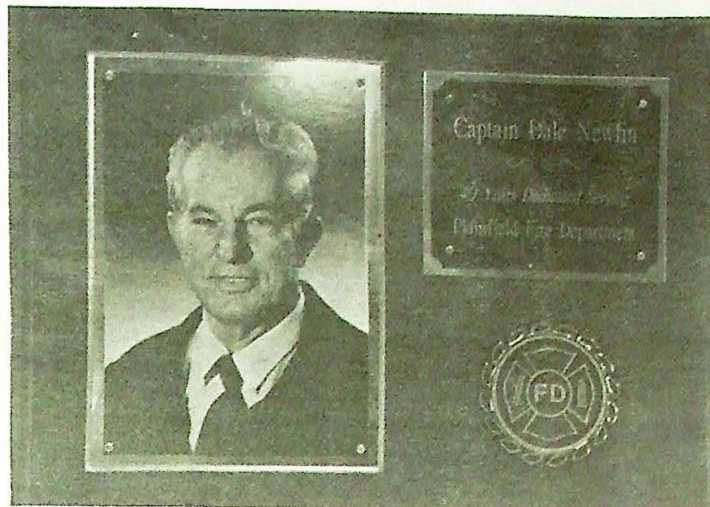
Plainfield has grown significantly in the past two years necessitating the need for the pur-

chase of a 105 foot tower platform.

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housing additions, a truck terminal and motels are among the additions.

Firefighter honored for 40 years of service



During the dedication of their new headquarters on June 22, 1997, Plainfield VFD made a presentation to Reserve Captain Dale Newlin posthumously. His son, John Newlin accepted this plaque in honor of his father for his forty years of service.

Response fast ...Gary fire

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needed and we were ready to help them."

Hammond Assistant Fire Chief James Gasaway said ten firefighters were called out shortly after midnight and battled blazes until 4:30 a.m., beginning their work at 5th Avenue and Broadway.

"It was an example of a mutual aid agreement working at its best," Gary Fire Investigator Mike Gregory said.

Emergency medical services also were deployed, including twenty-eight ambulances and two paramedic units.

Other supporting agencies were asked to assist, including Amoco Oil Refinery, which provided fuel and fire apparatus, and the Gary and Hammond civil defense units.

"Guys came and worked as if it was their own town," Todd said.

"If it wasn't for them, we would've lost a lot more than what we did.

"We really appreciate it and want to get the word out that the whole department here is thankful."

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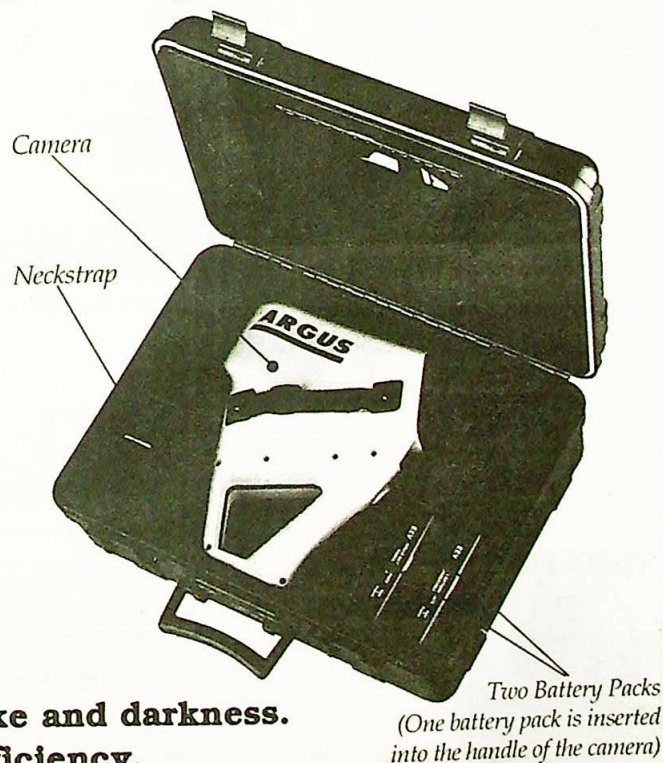
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How to Survive

- Install smoke detectors and keep them in working order.
- Make an escape plan and practice it.
- Consider installing an automatic fire-sprinkler system.

Plan Your Escape

Once a fire has started, there's no time to plan how to get out. Sit down with your family today, and make a step-by-step plan for

escaping a fire.

Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of every room—especially sleeping areas. Discuss the escape routes with every member of your household.

Agree on a meeting place where every member of the household will gather outside your home after escaping a fire to wait for the fire department. This allows you to count heads and inform the fire department if anyone is missing or trapped inside the burning building.

Practice your escape plan at least twice a year. Have a fire drill in your home. Appoint someone to be the monitor, and have everyone participate. A fire drill is not a race. Get out quickly, but carefully.

Make Your Exit Drill Realistic

Pretend that some exits are blocked by fire, and practice alternative escape routes.

Pretend that the lights are out and that some escape routes are filling with smoke.

Be Prepared

Make sure everyone in the household can unlock all doors and windows quickly, even in the dark. Windows or doors with security bars need to be equipped with quick-release devices, and everyone in the household should know how to use them.

If you live in an apartment building, use stairways to escape. Never use an elevator during a fire. It may stop between floors or take you to a floor where the fire is burning. Some high-rise buildings may have evacuation plans that require you to stay where you are and wait for the fire department.

If you live in a multi-story house and you must escape from an upper story window, be sure there is a safe way to reach the ground, such as a fire-resistant fire escape ladder. Make special arrangements for children, older adults and people with disabilities. People who have difficulty moving should have a phone in their sleeping area and, if possible, should sleep on the ground floor.

Test doors before opening them. While kneeling or crouching at the door, reach up as high as you can and with the back of your hand touch the door, the knob, and the crack between the door and its frame. If you feel any warmth at all, use another escape route. If the door feels cool, open it with caution. Put your shoulder against the door and open it slowly. Be prepared to slam it shut if there is smoke or flames on the other side.

If you are trapped, close all doors between you and the fire. Stuff the cracks around the doors to keep out smoke. Wait at a window and signal for help with a flashlight or by waving a light-colored cloth. If there's a phone in the room, call the fire department and report exactly where you are.

Get Out Fast . . .

In case of a fire, don't stop for anything. Do not try to rescue possessions or pets. Go directly to your meeting place,

and then call the fire department from a neighbor's phone, a portable phone or an alarm box. Every member of your household should know how to call the fire department.

Crawl low under smoke.

Smoke contains deadly gases, and heat rises. During a fire, cleaner air will be near the floor. If you encounter smoke when using your primary exit, use an alternative escape route. If you must exit through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees, keeping your head 12 to 24 inches (30 to 60 centimeters) above the floor.

. . . And Stay Out

Once you are out of your home, don't go back for any reason. If people are trapped, the firefighters have the best chance of rescuing them. The heat and smoke of a fire are overpowering. Firefighters have the training, experience, and protective equipment needed to enter burning buildings.

Play It Safe

Smoke Detectors. More than half of all fatal home fires happen at night while people are asleep. Smoke detectors sound an alarm when a fire starts, waking people before they are trapped or overcome by smoke. With smoke detectors, your risk of dying in a home fire is cut nearly in half. Install smoke detectors outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home, including the basement. Follow installation instructions carefully, and test smoke detectors monthly. Change all smoke detector batteries at least once a year.

If your detector is more than ten years old, replace it with a new one.

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Coal Fires

Coal fires can be as dangerous as any fire your fire department may face

The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation are concerned about Firefighter Safety when combating a coal refuse fire.

One of the primary dangers is the fact that coal refuse fires tend to burn from within. Coal piles and slag piles may appear to be solid, but can be a death trap waiting for a firefighter to walk on and fall into hidden pockets of fire.

The I.D.N.R.-DOR has set up a help line for fire departments to use when they need advice on either safety issues or combating a coal refuse fire.

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Winter Storms - Are You Prepared?

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• Know what winter storm WATCHES and WARNINGS mean.

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A **WINTER STORM WARNING** means a winter storm is headed for your area.

A **BLIZZARD WARNING** means strong winds, blinding wind-driven snow, and dangerous wind chill are expected.

• Gather essential supplies, including flashlights, a radio, first aid kit, protective clothing and winter wear, canned foods, and at least three (3) gallons of water (preferably more).

• Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, The Weather Channel, and local television broadcasts for the latest information about storm conditions.

• Plan to stay at home during bad weather, but if you must drive and become stuck, stay with your car. Don't try to walk to safety.

• Use a flashlight if the power is out at home. Do not use candles or other open flames indoors. More people have died after recent winter storms from residential fires caused by candles than from the direct effects of the storm itself.

• Use portable space heating equipment very carefully. Keep heaters at least three (3) feet away

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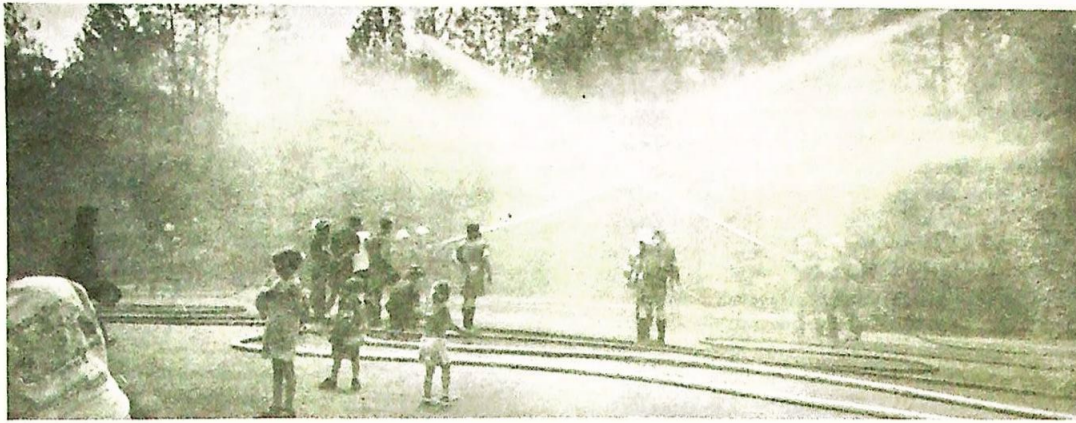
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"Slay the Dragon" Waterball Contest hosted by Lewis Township Fire Department



On May 18, 1997, fire departments from around the State of Indiana came to Shakamak State Park to participate in the First Annual "Slay the Dragon" Waterball Tournament.

The event was hosted by Lewis Township Fire Department, with cooperation from Shakamak State Park, Southwestern Fire & Safety, and Wright Township Fire Department.

Fifteen men's and five women's teams participated in this year's event.

Those men's teams were Bremen, New Chicago (two teams), Walnut Station Co. 4, Owensburg, Nevis Township (three teams), Seelyville, Fairview Park (two teams) and Lewis Township (four teams).

The women's teams were from Fairview Park, Lewis Township, New Chicago, Bremen and Nevins Township.

Trophies were given to First, Second and Third Place teams for the men and First and Second Place for the women.

Men's teams that went home with trophies were; Bremen, First Place; Fairview Park, Second

Place; and New Chicago Team 1, Third Place.

In the women's teams Fairview Park won First Place and Lewis Township Second Place.

Lewis Township would like to thank all who helped set up, cook, clean up and tear down. Also thanks to all who participated in this year's event. Special thanks to Shakamak State Park for the use of their facilities, Wright Township for the use of the tanker and portable pumps, and Southwestern Fire & Safety for the food and the trophies.

This year's event went very well and we hope to see more people next year.

Public Relations West Central



Don Johnson

Winter Storms

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from any combustible material, including drapes, carpeting, and furniture. Do not drape gloves, socks, or other clothing over a space heater to dry. Turn space heating equipment off when you are not in the room.

Keep children and pets away from heating equipment.

Fuel-filled equipment should be filled outdoors when completely cool.

Winter storms can happen quickly and sometimes without warning. You are urged to get ready for winter weather now, while there is time to prepare.

For additional information on preparing for winter storms and other disasters, contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross.

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Firefighter Ted Hansen gets statue in his honor

By Karen Snelling
Staff Writer

Hobart - Marge Hansen was happy and excited as she anticipated the dedication of the 6-foot-tall statue honoring her son, firefighter Herlof "Ted" Hansen III.

"It will be a celebration," she said of the 1:00 p.m. ceremony outside the central fire station at 400 E. 10th Street in Hobart, Indiana. "And it's a good feeling to know that we're doing this at the start of National Fire Prevention Week."

The bronze sculpture, titled "Taking the Heat," shows a firefighter in full protective gear. It depicts a firefighter having just returned from a call, his body somewhat bent over and still wearing his oxygen tank. On the ground is his axe. It is the work of Denver artist and firefighter Joe Cipri, who spent much of Saturday positioning the statue on its concrete pedestal.

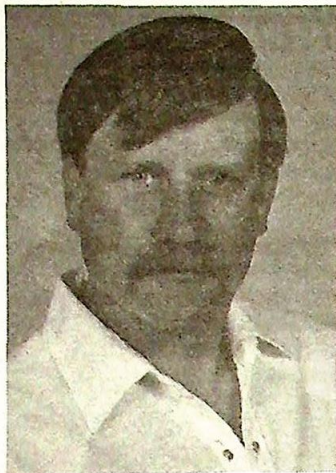
The statue was unveiled by the Hansen children, Amanda, 13 and Ted IV, 10.

"It's nice that people still remember my dad," Amanda said. "They did so much for him."

Her younger brother Ted seconded his sister's comments.

During the dedication ceremony, the Hansen children were presented with the badges their father wore for three departments: Gary, Merrillville, and Hobart.

Marge Hansen said she hopes the statue and surrounding memorial wall will remind the



Herlof "Ted" Hansen, III

public of the hazards firefighters regularly face.

He served on the Hobart Fire Department for seven years after stints with the Merrillville and Gary Fire Departments.

Today Hansen's children, Amanda 13, and Teddy, 10, will unveil the bronze tribute to their father.

"The kids are doing very well and they're very excited that people remember their dad," said the grandmother.

Mayor Linda Buzinec said the statue is a wonderful tribute to Ted Hansen and the firefighters who have served on the fire department. "It's a tribute to their loyalty, dedication and hard work," she said.

Dave Dzunda of the Ross Township Fire Department recalled what he learned from Hansen: teamwork, dedication,

hard work, responsibility, flexibility (every call is different), analysis of calls and having fun.

For Dzunda, the statue reflects Hansen's role in the fire department, in the community... "for answering the call and taking the heat."

Marge Hansen said she was never bitter about her son's death because she understood that risk is part of a fireman's life.

"That danger goes with a firefighter's life," Hansen said, adding that her late husband, Ted, Jr., was a founding member of Merrillville's Volunteer Fire Department.

Since the death of her son, members of his family and members of the fire force worked relentlessly to raise money to pay for a lasting tribute to him.

The nine members of the Hobart Firefighters' Memorial Committee collected more than \$30,000 from individuals, local businesses and fund raising activities.

"Obviously, we're pleased and excited about the memorial," said firefighter Bob Fields. "It's been a lot of hard work for us all to make this possible."

Plaques bearing the names of retired and deceased Hobart firefighters will be added to the memorial wall.

The final phase of the memorial will be finished by spring. The concrete forming it will be poured in the shape of a Maltese Cross.

Condensed from the Post Tribune, Oct. 5, 1997 and The Hobart Gazette, Oct. 8, 1997.



During the Sunday, October 5, 1997 ceremony, the Hansen children, Amanda, 13, and her younger brother, Ted IV, 10, were presented with the badges Ted Hansen wore for three departments: Gary, Merrillville, and Hobart. They were happy that people still remembered their dad.

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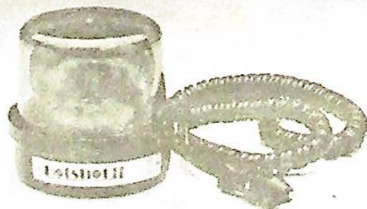
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1998 IVFA Convention - Terre Haute

"Terre Haute will be Great in '98"

The Convention '98 Committee is really working hard in planning next year's convention. As you refer to the Convention Schedule on page 24 of this newspaper, you can see that the agenda is pretty well set. We are having a great time putting this event together and hope that everyone will come to Terre Haute and enjoy some good old western Indiana hospitality.

To highlight a few of the events:

Don and Debbie Vermillion and Brent and Laurie Bush are working hard on the banquet. On this page you will find that the menu has been finalized. There will also be entertainment for your enjoyment.

After the Opening Meeting on Thursday night at South Vigo High School, you can see the Bruce Borders show. He is an Elvis Presley impersonator and will be entertaining for two hours at no cost to you. You can dance or just listen to the music.

The raffle to help support the convention will have as its first prize "Lil Big Truck" (four wheeler), second prize a Grandfather Clock and third prize a Fire Truck Telephone.

We are hoping to have a big parade. Dave Miller and his committee have a parade entry form below. Enter your marching units,

fire trucks, antiques and floats. Maybe you can take home a nice trophy to display in your fire station.

Returning after a long sabbatical is the Fire House Rhythm Band (you old timers remember, don't you). For your fun and entertainment, they will be playing in the Holiday Inn parking lot at 9:30 on Thursday and Friday nights.

How does it sound so far? Sounds like a good place to be June 17-20, doesn't it? So before you get all involved in the Holiday Season, send in your registration. You will find the form on this page. Pre-registration (deadline June 1, 1998) is \$40 and late & on-site is \$50 per person. Also you'll find information for room reservations. The committee has elected to have the headquarters, Holiday Inn, take care of the reservations. You will find further information for rooms & camping on the form.

Souvenir caps, T-shirts and attaché bags are available for sale. If you would like to have one to wear and use all year, contact Red Morris, District 11A Chairman. You will find his name and number in the officer's list on page 2 of the paper.

Continue watching in every issue of newspaper for convention updates and information. If you have any questions, you may

contact me at 765-665-3213 or Bob Meyers at 812-466-2826. "Terre Haute will be Great in '98" Bill Bush, Co-Chairman Convention '98

SEE PAGE 24 FOR CONVENTION SCHEDULE

1998 Convention Banquet and Menu

The 1998 convention banquet will be held at the Hulman Civic on Friday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The menu will consist of the following:

- Roast Beef
- Roasted Pork Loin
- Roast Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Corn
- Green Beans
- Glazed Carrots
- Tossed Salad with choice of dressing
- Assorted Rolls/Butter
- Iced Tea
- Coffee
- Assorted Fruit Pies

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!!!

Get your reservations in now, before June 1, 1998.

Banquet Committee
Don & Debbie Vermillion
Brent & Laurie Bush

MOTEL RESERVATIONS

The 1998 Convention Committee has elected to have all room reservations made directly through the motels.

HEADQUARTERS WILL BE THE HOLIDAY INN. They will hold their guaranteed rates and at least 200 rooms open for the convention until May 17, 1998. After that date, the room rates are not guaranteed. When they are full, they will refer you to other motels.

Or, if you do not wish to stay at the Holiday Inn, there are numerous other "chain" motels in very close proximity.

The Holiday Inn rates are as follows:

Single/Double	Queen	King
\$76.00	\$66.00	\$76.00

Tax will be added to the above rates.

The motel has both smoking and non-smoking rooms available. They will require that the room be guaranteed with first night deposit by cash or credit card. Please make your reservations by calling the motel direct.

HOLIDAY INN 812-232-6081

If questions concerning how to make reservations, you may call:

PATTY MILLER 765-832-6931

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Camping reservations may be made by calling the KOA CAMPGROUNDS at 812-232-2457.

The rate will be \$21.00/Day.

If questions concerning camping arrangements, please call:

MAX HARRAH 812-299-4836

1998 CONVENTION PARADE APPLICATION

The convention parade will be Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. in downtown Terre Haute. Prizes will be awarded. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

There is no fee to enter. Applications must be postmarked by May 10, 1998. If you have any question, or do not receive registration confirmation by May 30, call David Miller at 765-832-6931.

Tell us about the unit to be placed in the parade:

Tell us the name of the organization which owns the unit:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Contact person for the parade:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

PARADE '98
DAVID R. MILLER
RR1, BOX 414
ROSEDALE, IN 47874

1998 IVFA PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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IVFA AUX. MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
GUEST	_____	_____	_____

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PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATIONS TO:

JOANN HAYS, REGISTRATIONS
1998 CONVENTION COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 6095
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47802
PHONE: 812-299-1574

MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A. The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and score sheets dated 8/96.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one from each district). The District winners' applications along with two photos (black and white preferred) will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10. The girls selected will be representing the state, district and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district, and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and 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 the Reservation Committee that they are a candidate. Each contestant will have a chaperone (parents or designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperones may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements. They are responsible for paying for their own accommodations.

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, the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The judging will consist of personal interviews on Thursday morning and final judging on Thursday afternoon. Winners will be announced and crowning of the Miss Flame will be at the Opening Meeting 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 attend the waterball games and ride in the parade on Saturday (if there is one). They will sell doe doll tickets throughout the convention.

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.

JUDGING REGULATIONS

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

All state contestants will be considered on the following percentage basis for "Miss Flame" state judging. No questions to be asked relative to scholastic ability.

- 25% on what she thinks are the benefits of a volunteer fire department in her community:
 - * her fire department role in community
 - * her relationship to the volunteer fire service
 - * her involvement with the fire department, and
 - * her family's involvement with the fire department
- 20% on personality and poise (includes carriage, composure, self-control and self confidence).
- 10% on ability to carry on a conversation in a personal interview and before a group.
- 10% on appearance (grooming, neatness).
- 10% on community involvement (4-H, church, school, etc.).
- Each state contestant should be familiar with the following topics. The judges will select three of the five (same three for each contestant) and ask each contestant to express her thoughts on them. 5% for each of the three topics.
 - *National Government
 - *Environment
 - *Quality of Education
 - *Inflation
 - *Juvenile Crime
- 10% on impromptu speech or last minute thoughts.

IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single and a non-parent.
3. Entrant must be 15 years old but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention. She must be a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each department in the District Contest.
5. The department winner will be decided at the discretion of the department.
6. Winner of a department will be entered in the District contest.
7. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
8. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.
9. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.
10. District winner should be decided by March 1; application and two photos (black and white preferred) will be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at the State Convention.
13. The Convention host department will provide judges to select the state winner prior to the opening meeting on Thursday evening.
14. The Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thursday evening.
15. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the Judging on Thursday at Convention.
16. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish winner I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy and a \$100 savings bond.
17. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers, trophy and a \$50 savings bond.
18. Formal attire will be worn at the State Judging.
19. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability and ability to express ideas.
20. It will be the responsibility of the parent or chaperone to pay their hotel/motel expenses.

ATTENTION: All Fire Departments and Districts

It is time to start looking for your Miss Flame candidates for the contest to be held at the convention in Terre Haute in June.

On this page you will find the Miss Flame Guidelines, the qualifications and rules to enter the IVFA Miss Flame contest, along with a sample of the official entry form. Applications for the contestants that will compete in the State Miss Flame contest are to be sent to me by March 10, 1998.

Only one contestant from each district may compete in the state contest 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. Let me know when you are holding your district contest and I will try to attend.

I encourage all district chairmen to try real 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 chairmen. The district will hold a contest to determine the district representative to send to the convention for the state contest.

Applications are available from your district chairmen or from me.

Eula Bush, Chairman
1419 W. 850 S.
Dana, IN 47847
Phone: 765-665-3213

Vanderburgh Co. Volunteer Firefighter of the Year

On October 9, 1997 the Kiwanis Club of East Evansville selected Jack Kerney their annual Vanderburgh County Firefighter of the Year. Jack is a 34 year member of the McCutchanville-Center Township Volunteer Fire Department. He currently serves as chief and is Public Relations Director for the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association (IVFA).

Jack was instrumental in acquiring property from Browning Ferris Industries, at no cost to Center Township, for a new fire station on the west side of the township. He also helped arrange for funding, through the Trustee and Advisory Board.

In March Jack was appointed by Governor Frank O'Bannon to sit on the Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education. He was selected in June as Mr. IVFA by the IVFA, which has 18,000 members. He is a Master Firefighter, First Responder and Fire Instructor.

Jack is active in many fire service organizations including Secretary and Southwest Public Relations Director for the IVFA; Secretary of IVFA District 15; Secretary of the Suburban Fire Chief's Association; and member of the Fire Investigators Association.

Jack is Senior Facilities and Safety Engineer for Ferro Corporation in Evansville, where he has been employed for twenty-two years.

"MISS FLAME" CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK)

NAME _____ SS# _____
(Print in full)

ADDRESS _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ AGE _____

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(MEN) (WOMEN)

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Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

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I concur that _____ will represent District _____ in the State Miss Flame Contest at the annual Convention. I further concur that the sponsoring firemen/auxiliary member's dues are current with the I.V.F.A./I.V.F.A.A.

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE STATE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN. Entry form for the state contest, two photos (preferably black and white) must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10.

Eula Bush
1419 W. 850 S.
Dana, IN 47847
317-665-3213

THE I.V.F.A. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS
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Deadline for the February issue of the newspaper is

January 10, 1998

Please, make a note of it.

Wadesville CTVFD rescue truck/medical director



The Wadesville Center Twp. VFD is proud to announce the delivery of this new 1997 Freightliner Rescue truck. This will allow us to carry all the equipment needed to better serve our community's medical and rescue needs.

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equipment. With all the specialized equipment and the continuously changing medical and rescue standards, we are now in excellent shape to better serve our friends.

We would also like to welcome Dr. J. J. Prez to our ranks as our Medical Director. He will be responsible for keeping our medical skills fine tuned and up-to-date. He is a highly qualified emergency room physician at St. Mary Medical Center with whom we look forward to working. With Dr. Prez and the new rescue truck to start the new year, we also look forward to serving the community with the best medical, rescue and fire protection possible.

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1998 IVFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE JUNE 17 - 20, 1998 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH		
Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv, Games & Tours)	Holiday Inn-Holidome
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Hog Roast (Indiana Fire Equipment)	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds*
7:00 p.m to 7:45 p.m.	Miss Flame Mixer (Get Acquainted)	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds*
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	D.J. Awesom Sound Company	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fireworks	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH		
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv, Games & Tours)	Holiday Inn-Holidome
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging	Holiday Inn-Win. S. Wing
12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn-S. Park Lot
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Seminar	Holiday Inn
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Seminar-Brian Alkire, Tatem Ins. Co.	Holiday Inn-Gallery
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Holiday Inn-Holidome 2nd
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Tours & Activities	
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	IVFA Officer's Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium
1:30 p.m. to close	Miss Flame Judging	Holiday Inn-Gallery
2:00 p.m. to close	CKS Co. Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	Ind. Fire Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	IVFAA Officer's Meeting	Holiday Inn-Gallery
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Southwestern Fire)	Holiday Inn
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Opening Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium*
9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Bruce Borders Show (Elvis Impers.)	S. Vigo Sch.
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fire House Rhythm Band	Holiday Inn Park Lot E.
9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH		
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch - Firemen & Auxiliary	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria*
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Men's Business Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium*
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv. & Games)	S. Vigo Sch.
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn Park Lot S.
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Women's Business Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria*
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Memorial Service	Maryland Com. Church*
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Your Choice
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
1:30 p.m. to close	Women's Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria
1:30 p.m. to close	Miss Flame Trip/Activity	See Miss Flame Agenda
2:00 p.m. to close	Southwestern Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	CKS Co. Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Children's Pizza Party	Hulman Civic Center*
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Convention Banquet	Hulman Civic Center*
9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Dance	Holiday Inn-Chestnut
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fire House Rhythm Band	Holiday Inn-Park Lot E.
SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND		
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Registration for Games	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Convention Games	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to close	Vendor Fair Setup (FREE)	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to close	Fire Dept. Flea Market (FREE)	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Parade Lineup	Downtown Terre Haute
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Parade & Award Trophies	Downtown Terre Haute

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(C) spills of objectionable substances as defined in section 4(11) of this rule.

(3) Spills that damage waters of the state and that:

(A) are located within fifty (50) feet of a known private drinking water well located beyond the facility property boundary; or

(B) are located within one hundred (100) yards of:

(i) any high quality water designated as an outstanding state resource pursuant to 327 IAC 2-1-2(3), excluding Lake Michigan;

(ii) any water designated as exceptional use pursuant to 327 IAC 2-13(a)(6) [sic., 327 IAC 2-1-3(a)(6)] and 327 IAC 2-1-11(b);

(iii) any water designated as capable of supporting a salmonid fishery pursuant to 327 IAC 2-1-6(c)(1), except Lake

Michigan; or

(iv) any water that is a fish hatchery, fish & wildlife area, nature preserve, or recreational water owned by the Dept. of Natural Resources or the Federal Government.

(4) For any spill which does not meet the criteria in subdivisions (1) through (3), the following must be reported:

(A) Spills to surface waters:

(i) spills of hazardous substances or extremely hazardous substances when the amount spilled exceeds one hundred (100) pounds or the reportable quantity, whichever is less;

(ii) spills of petroleum of such quantity as to cause a sheen upon the waters; or

(iii) spills of objectionable substances as defined in section 4(11) of this rule.

(B) Spills to soil beyond the facility boundary:

(i) spills of hazardous substances or extremely hazardous substances when the amount spilled exceeds one hundred (100) pounds or the reportable quantity, whichever is less;

(ii) spills of petroleum when the amount spilled exceeds fifty-five (55) gallons; or

(iii) spills of objectionable substances as defined in section 4(11) of this rule.

(C) Spills to soil within the facility boundary:

(i) spills of hazardous substances or extremely hazardous substances when the amount spilled exceeds the reportable quantity;

(ii) spills of petroleum when the spilled amount exceeds one thousand (1,000) gallons; or

(iii) spills of objectionable substances as defined in section 4(11) of this rule.

(5) Any spill for which a spill response has not been done.

(Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-5; filed February 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1732; errata filed March 7, 1997, 2:25 p.m.: 20 IR 1738)

327 IAC 2-6.1-6 Reportable spills; transportation

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17

Sec. 6. The following spills from a mode of transportation must be reported:

(1) Spills that damage the waters of the state so as to cause death or acute injury or illness to humans or animals.

(2) Spills that damage surface waters.

(3) Spills to soil:

(A) spills of hazardous substances or extremely hazardous substances when the amount spilled exceeds one hundred (100) pounds or the reportable quantity, whichever is less;

(B) spills of petroleum when the amount spilled exceeds fifty-five (55) gallons; or

(C) spills of objectionable substances as defined in section 4(11) of this rule.

(4) Any spill for which a spill response has not been done.

(Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-6; filed February 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1733)

327 IAC 2-6.1-7 Reportable spills, responsibilities

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17

Sec. 7. Any person who operates, controls, or maintains any mode of transportation or facility from which a spill occurs shall, upon discovery of a reportable spill to the soil or surface waters of the state, do the following:

(1) Contain the spill, if possible, to prevent additional spilled material from entering the waters of the state.

(2) Undertake or cause others to undertake activities needed to accomplish a spill response.

(3) As soon as possible, but within two (2) hours of discovery, communicate a spill report to the Dept. of Environmental Mgmt, Office of Environmental Response: Area Code 1-888-233-7745 for in-state calls (toll free), (317) 233-7745 for out-of-state calls. If new or updated spill report information becomes known that indicates a significant increase in the likelihood of damage to the waters of the state, the responsible party shall notify the department as soon as possible, but within two (2) hours of the time the new or updated information becomes known.

(4) Submit to the Dept. of Environmental Management, Office of Environmental Response, 2525 North Shadeland Ave., P.O.

Box 6015, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6015, a written copy of the spill report if requested in writing by the department.

(5) Except from modes of transportation other than pipelines, exercise due diligence and document attempts to notify the following:

(A) For spills to surface water that cause damage, the nearest affected downstream water user located within ten (10) miles of the spill and in the state of Indiana; and

(B) For spills to soil outside the facility boundary, the affected property owner or owners, operator or operators, or occupant or occupants. (Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-7; filed February 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1733)

327 IAC 2-6.1-8 Emergency spill response actions

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17

Sec. 8. Notwithstanding any other section of this rule, emergency spill response actions take precedence over reporting requirements, and when emergency spill response activities render spill reporting inconsistent with effective response activities, communication of the spill report to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management may be delayed. In situations where the spill report is delayed, the burden of proving the need for the delay shall be upon the responsible person. (Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-8; filed February 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1734)

327 IAC 2-6.1-9 Compliance confirmation

Authority: IC 13-14-8-7

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-18-1; IC 13-18-3; IC 13-18-8; IC 13-18-17

Sec. 9. When spill reporting and response, as provided for in this rule, has occurred, the department shall, upon request, issue a letter confirming compliance with this rule

and stating that no further action is required under this rule. (Water Pollution Control Board; 327 IAC 2-6.1-9; filed February 25, 1997, 1:00 p.m.: 20 IR 1734)

SECTION 2. 327 IAC 2-6 IS REPEALED.

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Bruder Building Damaged By Fire

During the Monday afternoon storm of July 14, 1997 lightning hit the building where Bruder Cabinets did their refinishing of cabinets on U.S. Highway 421 in LaCrosse. The building was completely gutted.

The LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department and assisting departments were hampered in their efforts because NIPSCO lost

electricity in the region which rendered the town's water system inoperative. Tankers were used to haul water in to battle the fire.

The LaCrosse VFD wishes to extend their deepest and sincerest thanks and gratitude to all the residents of LaCrosse who helped at the fire. Whether you stopped or re-routed traffic, kept the crowd back or came uptown to assist for medical treatment, your concern was greatly appreciated.

Also to the surrounding departments, Cass-Clinton, Hanna, Westville, Noble, Kouts, Morgan, Hebron, Boone Grove, San Pierre and Washington Township, they send their thanks and gratitude.

They would like to extend an invitation to any man or woman who is over the age of nineteen (19) and lives in Prairie or Dewey Townships to join the department. The department has room for eighteen new members due to members retiring because of health reasons, age or moving.

Anyone with the slightest interest should please contact any fire person or call 754-2121 and leave a message. They will be happy to return your call and answer any questions or discuss anything that you would like to know about the department.

A Ladies Auxiliary is also being formed. Any lady interested should contact Shirley Hall or Tricia Garwood.

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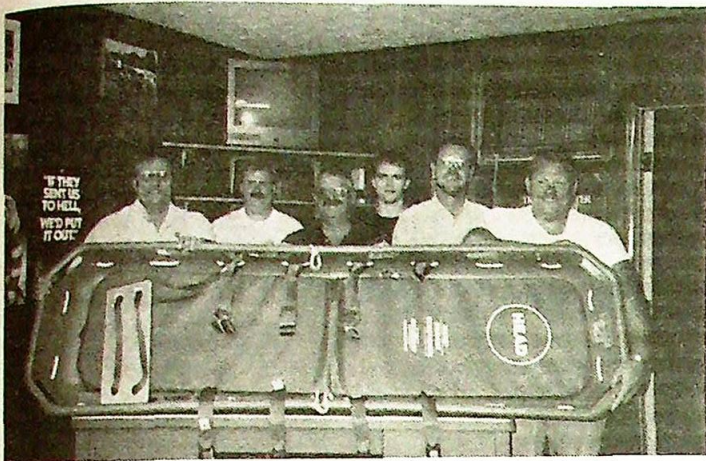
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Pershing Township VFD Search & Rescue Team



The newly formed Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue Team pose with their new "Partner."

The six members of the team are (left to right) Mike Hall, Joe McDermid, Chief Richard Blaker, Jason Wynn, Doyle Lyon, and Greg Sutton.

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department in Freetown, Indiana has purchased a rescue basket with funds provided by the employees of Commins Engine Company in Columbus, Indiana.

Findings of Cooking Fires Study Released

The results of a six month, ten site study on the causes of residential cooking fire, conducted with the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM), provide an important foundation for a public education program promoting behaviors to reduce the incidence of residential cooking fires in the U.S.

Based on existing data of the United States Fire Administration and National Fire Incident Reporting System, which identified cooking as the number one cause of residential fires in the country, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) and NASFM developed a survey for the fire service in the selected sites to further investigate how cooking fires start.

Participating fire departments completed a ten question survey after responding to a call where cooking was a contributing factor

to the emergency. In all, 2,085 surveys were completed between September 1, 1995 and February 15, 1996. Research findings include:

- Unattended cooking contributed to 73 percent of the fires studied. This means the person responsible was not in the cooking area when the fire started.

- Rangetop cooking was involved in 79 percent of these fires, and ovens were involved in 16 percent of these fires.

- Grease - whether igniting in a pan or from buildup on a range-top - was cited as a contributing factor in 27 percent of the fires studied.

- Flammable materials such as towels, potholders or paper left near cooking surfaces were a factor in ten percent of these fires.

- Men and women between the ages of 19 and 49 were responsible for 70 percent of the fires studied.

- When faced with a cooking fire, 64 percent of individuals did not attempt to fight the fire. Of those who attempted to fight their cooking fires, half reported use of improper suppression agents/methods.

For more information of the study or for your copy of the executive summary, contact:

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Privacy legislation will affect availability of scanners

Representative W.J. "Billy" Tauzin (LA) has recently introduced H.R. 2369, legislation that has significant potential to impact the way that volunteer firefighters receive information about local emergencies.

H.R. 2369, the Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1997, is aimed at strengthening and clarifying prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping.

However, the legislation goes beyond this purpose and would effectively shut down the scanner industry and, potentially, make felons out of anyone who uses a scanner or shortwave radio.

Many volunteer personnel rely on these scanners when responding to emergencies. Scanners alert them as to whether they should respond to the station or the scene (they hear if the apparatus has left the station, for instance).

Volunteers are also informed as to the severity of the incident by monitoring on a scanner.

Should Congress effectively ban scanners, these volunteers would either be without communications altogether, or they would have to buy expensive non-scanning radios, which would not perform as well.

H.R. 2369 would require the filtering of many frequencies currently used by public safety agencies and result in a de facto ban on the use of scanners.

In the past, public safety agencies have operated in frequency bands specifically assigned to them.

In today's world, the fierce competition for precious frequency spectrum has forced many public safety agencies to be assigned frequencies outside of their public safety band allocations, into other commercial frequency pools.

This is very prevalent in the 800 MHz bands, as well as other frequency spectrum.

It is these frequencies, as well as other public safety related frequency pools, that this legislation targets.

Manufacturers would not be able to make scanners that filter all of the frequencies encompassed by the legislation and still provide the typical scanner purchaser a useful product.

Moreover, even if such filtering could be technically accomplished, it is doubtful that millions of scanner users in the U.S. could afford such a revised and costly product.

The NVFC feels that this legislation goes too far and would seriously impact volunteer firefighters and their ability to deliver their services to the people they serve in their communities.

Contact your representatives in Congress and urge them to oppose H. R. 2369 and protect this unequalled information resource that scanners have been for firefighters for over thirty years.

For more information on this or any other federal legislative issue that impacts the volunteer fire service, please contact the NVFC National Office at 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).

Public Relations Southwest



Jack Kerney

In my travels around the southwestern part of the state, one of the most asked questions are regarding the "Blue Light Law."

As printed in the Local government Code, Chapter 12 Volunteer Fire Companies. 36-8-12-11 Display of blue lights on private vehicles; authorization; offenses.

Sec. 11

(a) Members of volunteer fire companies may display blue lights on their privately owned vehicles while en route to scenes of fire or other emergencies in the line of duty, subject to the following conditions: (1) a light must have a light source of at least fifty

(50) candlepower. (2) all lights must be placed on the top of the vehicle, in addition lights may be placed on the front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at bumper level. (3) no more than four (4) lights may be displayed on one (1) vehicle, and each blue light must be of the flashing or revolving type and visible for three hundred sixty (360) degrees, except for lights that are placed on the front of the vehicle. (4) a blue light must consist of a lamp with a blue lens, not of an uncolored lens with a blue bulb. However, a revolving light may contain multiple bulbs. (5) a blue light may not be a part of the regular head lamps displayed on the vehicle.

(b) In order for a volunteer firefighter to display a blue light on his vehicle, he must secure a written permit from the chief of the volunteer fire company to use the blue light and must carry the permit at all times when the blue light is displayed.

(c) A person who is not a member of a volunteer fire company may not display a blue light of any size or shape on a motor vehicle, except a school bus used to transport children to or from a public or private school.

(d) A permittee of the owner of a vehicle lawfully equipped with a blue light may operate the vehicle only if the blue light is not illuminated.

(e) A person who violates subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) commits a Class C infraction. If the violator is a member of a volunteer fire company, the chief of the company shall dismiss him from the membership in the company.

(f) This section does not grant a vehicle the right-of-way under IC 9-21-8-35 or exemption from traffic rules under IC 9-21-1-8. A driver of a vehicle displaying a blue light shall obey all traffic rules.

As you can see the "Blue Light Law" is very specific on the number and types of lights a volunteer firefighter can have on his personal vehicle. No where in the code does it mention using your headlights as "wig-wags" or having lights in the rear windows of vehicles. And remember the code states that the blue light must be visible for three hundred sixty (360) degrees. This eliminates all "dash lights"

It was with great pleasure that I was awarded the Vanderburgh County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award by the Evansville Eastside Kiwanis.

When you have a dedicated fire department (McCutchenville), a Trustee (James "Tiger" Ritter) and a Community Association that believes in you and the importance of fire protection, they really make you look good. And to all of them, I say "thank you for your support".

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50 Year Vol. Firemen-Hanna

Continued from Front Page been "eaten" up in the process.

One of the largest town fires occurred in 1945 when the two-story Keil building and a barn burned. Firemen were kept busy when high winds sent embers around igniting several roofs.

The present fire station was built at this corner (Moore & Thompson Sts) in 1948 and also housed the library. The library outgrew the site and moved three blocks north with the medical center and post office.

In 1947, the department was re-organized and a new Ford truck was purchased.

A year later, a 1000 gallon tank truck was acquired and in 1956, a car for emergencies, drill and fire school were added.

In 1954, a surplus military truck was added and equipped for grass fires.

Then on October 18, 1978, a 1250 gallon tanker replaced the 31-year old Ford tanker pumper.

The main truck purchased in 1963 was equipped with a pumper booster tank with high pressure pump for 500 gals. The new truck was rated at 350 gpm, but could pump up to 450 gals.

Hanna's dept. joined other depts. in a radio system with the LaPorte Co. Police and has a telephone conference system. A resuscitator was donated by the Hanna Lions Club and some hospital & first aid equipment is available for community loan.

On October 24, 1995, the department received a new white with red trim Freightliner truck purchased by the township from the Three D Manufacturing, Shawano, WI. It holds 1150 gallons of water with a 1000 gpm pump & automatic transmission. Hoses & radio equipment were added with some items transferred from the previous vehicle. It replaced a 1963 Chevrolet pumper with standard trans.

The new truck brought the dept. up to a 1978 pumper-tanker; a re-built tanker from the DNR, used mostly for grass fires; a rescue truck & pumper.

Bob Patton, president, has 27 volunteers & 8 first responders, who are called on an average of 100 times per year and assists on the mutual aid team.

A number of improvements have been accomplished in the memories of the 50-year members who are more than satisfied that the changes have occurred.

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Three Spencer County Firefighters honored for 50 years of service



Hilbert "Hip" Graman St. Meinrad



Everett LaGrange St. Meinrad



Bill Skelton Grandview

By Bill Powell Herald Staff Writer Ireland - The State Fire Marshal, with help from the governor's office, has honored the elder statesmen of Spencer County fire protection.

A trio of distinguished Spencer County firefighters with over fifty years of service to their departments each received Governor's Meritorious Service Awards during an IVFA District 18 meeting at the Sportsmen's Club here Thursday, July 17, 1997.

One recipient, Grandview Fire Chief Bill Skelton, 65, is still on the job. The other two, Hilbert "Hip" Graman, 73, and Everett LaGrange, 79, have stepped down from the St. Meinrad Fire Department.

District 18 Secretary Kenneth Lau, a member of the Huntingburg Fire Department, started a process in motion that led to the men receiving governor's awards.

Lau said he wanted to go a step beyond the old IVFA lifetime membership cards the men received last month for their service. That's why he nominated them for Indiana Fire Marshal's Awards.

A screening committee at the State Fire Marshal's office bumped the nominations up to the governor's office after reviewing the firefighters' accomplishments, Lau said. The rest is history.

"Mine (meritorious service awards) are not as good as the governor's because he's my

boss", State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright told the recipients after calling them out of the crowd of seventy firefighters from across southern Indiana. He hung big, gold medallions around the honorees' necks.

All too often, Boatwright said, he must appear at firefighters' funerals after a tragic fire run. Bestowing awards of merit and valor are "the fun things I get to do as State Fire Marshal," he told the recipients and their families.

Chief Skelton began fighting fires at the age of twelve in Rockport. He "officially" began his firefighting career in 1947, when he was fifteen.

He served the Rockport department until 1960, when he became one of the founding members of the Grandview Fire Department. Looking fit and robust, he said he has no intentions of stepping down as chief any time soon.

He helped found his department's first responder unit and mentored a son-in-law and granddaughter as they became firefighters under him.

Skelton and his wife, Lola, have been married 43 years.

Skelton's father, the late Louis Skelton, served as Rockport Fire Chief for 52 years and was a firefighter there for 65 years.

Graman joined the St. Meinrad Fire Department in 1947 after a four-year stint in the Navy. He served as his department's secretary and assistant chief and was also secretary of the IVFA 18th District.

He worked for St. Meinrad Archabbey for over 20 years as an electrician and refrigeration maintenance employee and then began a 2-year career as postmaster of St. Meinrad.

Graman was president of the 8th District National Association of Postmasters and was commander of the St. Meinrad American Legion for three years. His past memberships also include the Spencer County Draft Board, Spencer County Zoning and Planning Commission and precinct committeeman.

His son, Gary, is currently a member of the St. Meinrad Fire Department.

Graman and his wife, Alberta, have been married 51 years.

LaGrange, who joined St. Meinrad's department in 1938, was one of the official drivers of the first motorized fire truck acquired by the department (circa 1955).

Spencer County residents who don't remember him from a fire call usually think of LaGrange as the man who delivered their gas and heating oil for years. He worked for the Spencer County Coop for forty years, driving a petroleum tank truck for 37 of them. He retired in 1981.

LaGrange and his late wife, Jeanette, would have been married 60 years this year had she not passed away last December. He is a member of the St. Meinrad Parish.

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Tanger Outlet Mall Safety Fair



Brownstown Fire Department Lt. D. J. Wessel (left) and Chief Jim Renaker show Engine 10 to the public during the Tanger Outlet Mall Safety Fair.

On June 14, 1997, a Safety Fair was held at the Tanger Outlet Mall. Fire departments participating included Brownstown, Seymour City, Carr Township, Jonesville Rural, Redding Township, Jackson Washington Township and Hamilton Township. Agencies represented were Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Jackson County Ambulance, Excise, Forest Service, Jackson County Red Cross and Seymour Police Department. Children attending received a variety of safety materials, coloring books, stickers and pencils.

Buried Dog Rescued in Ross Township

Merrillville - On Wednesday, August 27, 1997, about 4:30 a.m. I was awakened by the howling and barking of a dog.

My husband Ron Bishop, a member of the Ross Township Fire Department in Merrillville and a paramedic, was getting ready for work when I told him about the dog and that it sounded to me like it was hurt.

Since I have a very vivid imagination, he told me my imagination was running wild again and that it was probably a neighbor across the creek that had gotten a dog and it was penned up and wanted out. That satisfied my concern and I went back to bed.

Later when I was getting ready for work myself, it was still howling. I decided to check it out just to make sure and satisfy my curiosity.

Going in the direction of the noise, I approached an old red barn. The noise stopped and in front of me was a tan dog with a white tip on its tail.

When he saw me, he bolted and took off running into the woods. Figuring this was the dog howling, I went to work.

The next day, our daughter Jennifer, an EMT, investigated the barking. She saw the same dog as I did.

Later that evening, my husband saw this dog in our backyard. When it saw us, it took off running to our next door neighbor's house.

It then headed back into the woods only to return minutes later at the neighbor's house and headed back into the woods. Little did we know, it was trying to tell us something.

The barking went on for several more days. Finally on Sunday morning the howling sounded more distressful. Being a very hungry sound, I decided to take some food to leave in the woods so the dog would stop crying.

As I approached the red barn, food in hand, the yelping continued and didn't stop as I got closer. Knowing that in this wooded area there are animals that have burrowed holes, I always check them thinking something will jump out to bite me.

When I looked in this particular hole, I saw a nose sticking out of the ground and did a double take when I realized it was a dog's nose. The dog was buried in the animal hole.

Running back to the house to get help, I got my daughter Jennifer out of bed and after calming down, called the Merrillville Police Station. Even though it was Labor Day weekend, they sent an officer to check it out.

After seeing the dog was actually buried alive, except for its nose, he dispatched the Ross Township Fire Dept. District 4.

They arrived with a rescue truck and a chain saw. It took them an hour and a half to extricate the dog from the ground because she was entangled in large roots that had to be sawed in half.

I was very impressed at how they handled the situation. They made an extrication plan first and then proceeded despite a lot of mosquitoes in the heat and humidity. There was also a K-9 officer and another EMT, along

with our daughter, to assist. When she was finally freed, the dog was severely dehydrated and very hungry. I took her to the vet the next day to find out that she had heartworms, hook worms and she was pregnant!

On September 24 and 25, she gave birth to nine (9) healthy pups. All are doing just fine. We can't keep any of the pups, but we will be very particular of the homes that they will receive.

She is a wonderful and loving mother, very overprotective, but will always be a part of our family.

Submitted by Cynthia Bishop

Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

Hello Firefighters, Hope the summer was good to all of you. Winter will be here soon, so be careful with the upcoming weather. And have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. Keep me up-to-date on all things going on at your department.

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Lizton-Union Township Fire Department



Lizton-Union Township Fire Department dedicated a new building located at the intersection of U.S. 136 and State Road 39.



IVFA Chaplain Charlie Baker (right) gave the benediction at the dedication of the new station and IVFA representative John Ross was on hand for the presentation of the IVFA clock.

"The Only One in The World." That is the motto of the little town nestled in the northwest corner of Hendricks County known as Lizton.

But as of late, the Lizton-Union Township Fire Department has been making big strides to improve the service it provides to the residents of Lizton, Union Township and Harrison Township in Boone County.

On June 22, 1997, the department dedicated a new building located at the intersection of U.S. 136 and State Road 39. They had outgrown their previous building occupied for over fifty years.

The need for more space was due to the addition of a new ambulance in May of 1997. This was added to a fleet of four fire suppression vehicles and a medium duty rescue squad.

Over the last four years, the department has replaced its rescue squad, upgraded its grass fire truck and refurbished its 1971 pumper/tanker. It has also added five new members over the last three months.

The growth is essential due to the residential development over the last two years, not to mention

that which is planned for the future.

The department would like to thank IVFA Chaplain Charlie

Baker for the Benediction and IVFA representative John Ross for the presentation of the clock.

A huge thanks goes out to Union Township Trustee Wayne Rothenberger and his Advisory Board for making this new station a reality.

Robert Crouch
LUTVFD Firefighter/EMT/Haz-Mat Tech

Halogen Bulbs Deemed Dangerous

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued a warning to consumers that the tubular light bulbs in most torchiere-style halogen lamps can reach very high temperatures and could start a fire if they come in contact with curtains, clothes or other flammable material.

The CPSC has received reports of at least thirty fires

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The CPSC offers the following safety tips for the safer use of torchiere lamps with tubular halogen bulbs:

- Never place torchiere halogen lamps where the tubular bulb could come in contact with curtains or other cloth window treatments.

- Never leave a torchiere lamp

on when you leave the room or are not at home.

- Never drape clothes over a torchiere halogen lamp.

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- Keep halogen torchiere lamps away from elevated beds, like bunk beds, where bedding might get too close to the tubular bulb.



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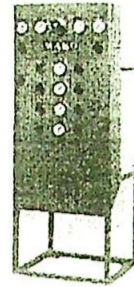
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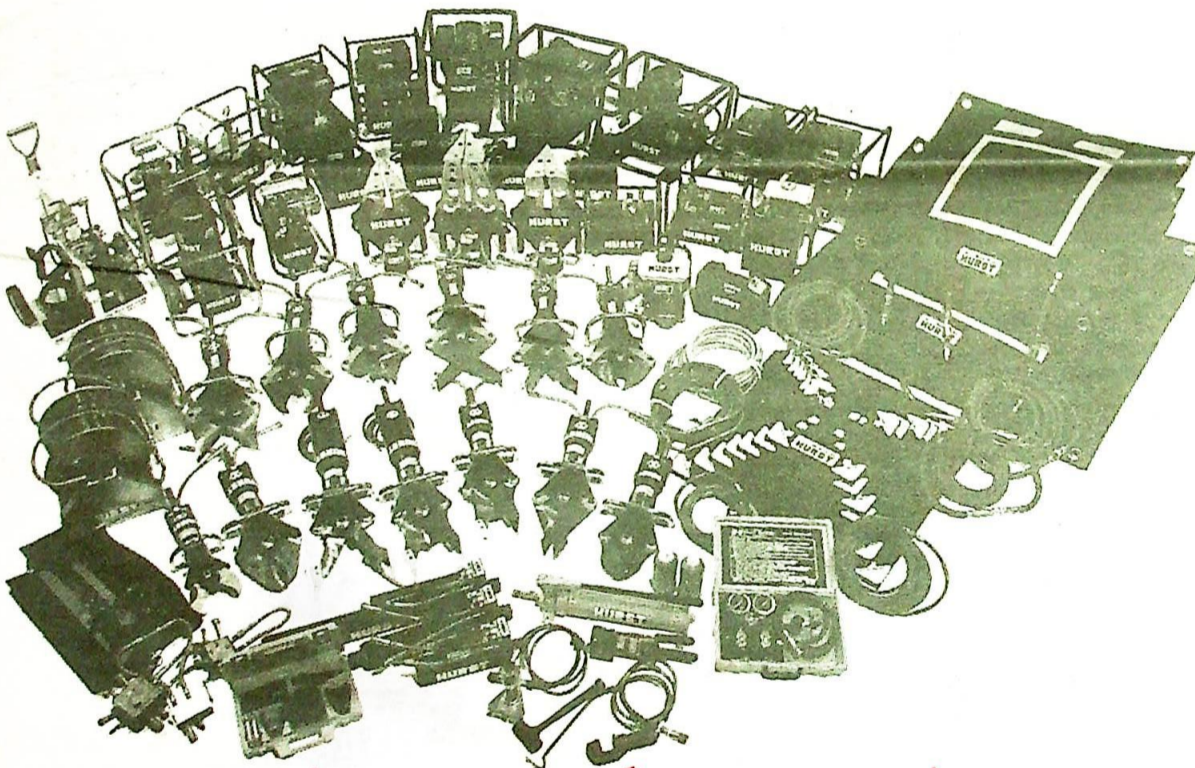
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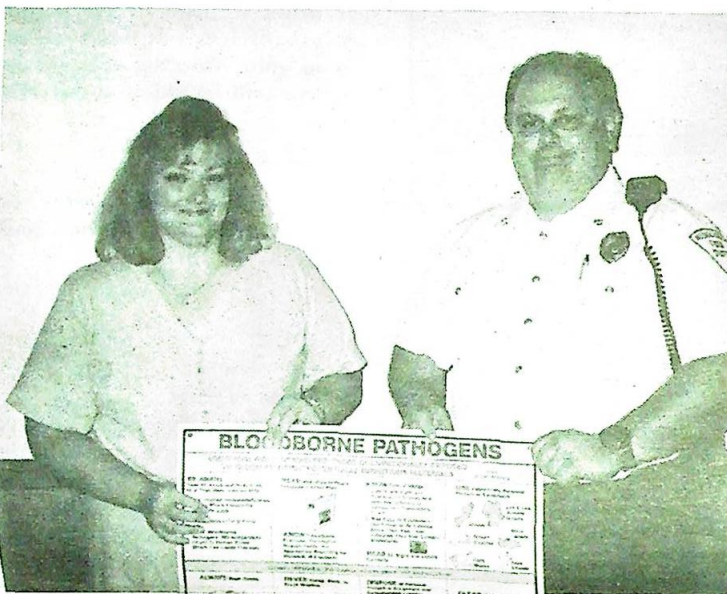


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Districts 1 & 2



District 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss (left) presented The Midwest Award for District 2 to Vern Pahl from Lakes of the Four Seasons. Not pictured is the District 1 recipient of the award Chief Bo Kaiser from Schererville VFD.



During the district meeting in Merrillville on July 16, 1997, a program was presented by Merrillville Paramedic Instructor Amy Imbesi on Bloodborne Pathogens pictured with Merrillville Fire Chief, Jim Lilley.

NVFC Initiates FLSA Post Card Campaign

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) has been supporting legislation in the 105th Congress that would allow paid firefighters to volunteer their services in their communities without being required to receive over-time compensation.

In an effort to make it easier for members of the fire service to contact Congress in support of this important public safety legislation, the NVFC is distributing an informational brochure that contains pre-written post cards, addressed to Congress, supporting FLSA reform legislation. The brochure entitled, "Help Protect Your Right to Volunteer!", provides firefighters and community members with information on the need to allow paid firefighters to have the option to volunteer their time and expertise in their own communities. It gives a brief description of the legislation that is currently before Congress; S. 656 and H.R. 94 sponsored by Senator John Warner and Representative Herb Bateman respectively.

The post cards contained in the brochure explain your support of this legislation and requests your Congressmen join the fight to protect your right to volunteer. Just fill in your name & address and the name of your Senators and Representatives.

For the cost of a postage stamp, your representatives in Congress will know that this issue is important to you. When a member of Congress gets a number of letters from his or her constituents, that Congressman will respond. You, therefore, are the Council's most powerful tool in the fight to pass FLSA revision legislation.

To obtain extra copies of the NVFC-FLSA brochure, contact the NVFC at 1-888-ASK-NVFC.

LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

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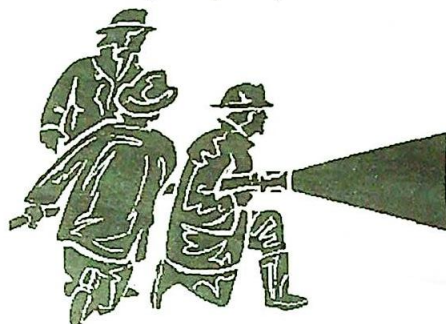


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