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Monroe Twp. VFD honors two members



The Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 50th year of service to the community with an Open House in Henryville, Indiana on Sunday, July 26, 1998.

Among the many present were the IVFA President Jack Zeeks and Vice President Jack Cox from Indianapolis.

Two long-time members of the Monroe department were presented with plaques from the IVFA honoring their years of volunteer service. Mr. E.R. (Bob) Masters, a member since 1951, and Mr. William (Bill) Hughes, a member since 1960, received the plaques, along with the Gold Medallion from Governor Frank O'Bannon's office.

The department also was presented with a plaque by the State Fire Marshal, Tracy Boatwright, for 50 years of service.

Walnut Street # "Fours" 125th Anniversary

Madison, Indiana - The company was founded on March 17, 1873. The minutes of that meeting still exist.

The original property was purchased by the "Fours" on July 3, 1874. The building was constructed between October 1874 and December 1875.

The bell, which hung in the cupola atop the fire house for many years, was bought from a church in Cincinnati.

The company moved to its present location, which is just three blocks south of the original location, on August 3, 1961.

Members of Louisville Fire and Rescue Pipes & Drums took part in the celebration.

The company's 1929 Ahrens-Fox ladder truck, now owned by the Wabash Shrine Club, was also in the celebration.

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The Fire Department Life of Harold "Gene" Stofer 1929 - 1998

Harold Eugene Stofer, known to all who ever met him as Gene, and who made a career out of the serving of others, passed away on September 18, 1998.

Gene was first and foremost a family man, married to Lucy Stofer and together they had three lovely daughters, Brenda, Sherry, and Lynn. They also have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gene began his career with the Wayne Township Fire Department Station #5 in 1955, later to be consolidated and become Wayne Township Fire Station #2.

Equally as important to Gene was his political career, of which he again served in many positions, the last being that of Trustee, in which he served the residents of Wayne Township for nearly twenty years.

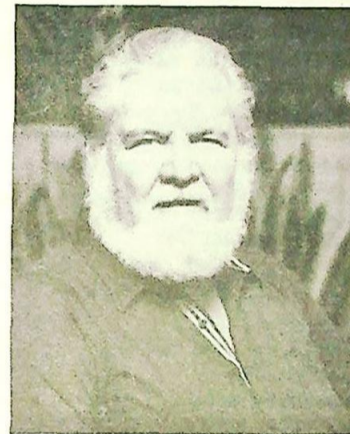
While serving the fire service, Gene actively held and served in a variety of stations, as well as township department positions, and was very active till his death with the Wayne Township Fire Department, as well as many other organizations.

Gene had held nearly every position available within the fire service, including, but not limited to, Training Officer, not only providing training in Wayne Township, but traveling all over the State of Indiana, specializing in Breathing Apparatus and then moving into the area of Budgets and Finances, Secretary/Treasurer (for both Wayne Township Fire Department and the IVFA for a length of time known only to himself) and many other administrative and leadership roles.

Gene served as a member of the Wayne Township Fire Department Board of Directors for a period of not less than thirty years and continued to serve in that capacity at the time of his death.

Gene had offered assistance to a countless number of departments in the areas of township government, budgets, and contracts, to mention only a few.

Gene was very instrumental in moving Wayne Township Fire Department toward its current position, that being a volunteer department known world-wide and having a reputation of being one of the largest volunteer fire



found him active with.

From those of us at Wayne Township Fire Department and those of you all over the state and country, Gene will be sorely missed by all....

May he rest in peace.

Harold "Gene" Stofer

A Poem
by

Duane Lantz

There was a guy named Gene,
Who was quite a playful boy
as a teen.

He became interested in
many things,
Even gave his lover a
diamond ring.

He had more knowledge than
we'll ever know,
And with the firemen, put on
quite a show.

Trustee is a part of a fire-
man's work,
There Gene did his best,
never shirked.

When conventions came
along, he know what to do,
Get ready to fill your brain
and stomach, too.

And, oh what fun we always
had,
At the end we were always
glad.

Gene became my very dear
friend,
Always had some time to
spend.

He has now climbed those
golden stairs,
And in time we will all see
him there.

departments in the country.

Gene had dedicated his life to the serving of others as a member of (but limited to) the following fire related organizations or associations and had held positions of leadership in many of them and continued to do so up to the day he passed away.

Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association (IVFA) - Former President, Treasurer, and District Officer.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) - Member in good standing for many years serving specialized committees.

International Fire Chief's Association (IFCA) - Member.

Indiana Fire Instructors Association (IFIA) - Member and Instructor.

Indiana Fire Services Institute (IFSI) - Founding Charter Member and Board of Directors.

Marion County Communication Association (MECA) - Represented all Marion County Trustees on the Board.

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) - State Director and Executive Board Member.

Gene was not only a member with many, many associations, organizations and affiliations, Gene was a motivator, leader, and an inspiration whether it be in the fire service, political, civic, family, or whatever you may have

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Prayer For Today

Today's Prayer is the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Goodbye to an old friend

The Indiana fire service lost an old friend, a stalwart ally and defender on September 18, 1998 with the passing of Harold E. (Gene) Stofer, Wayne Township (Marion County) Trustee and WFTD Board member.

Gene enlisted in the fire department in 1955 and strongly supported the department throughout his illustrious career.

Our prayers are with wife Lucy, Daughters Brenda, Sherry and Lynn, as well as all the grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other members of the Stofer family.

Minute Message

The Apostle Paul was living and working in the city of Ephesus around 55 A.D. when news of problems in a church he had established at Corinth some ten years before came to his attention. Corinth was a major trading city about 200 miles to the west of Ephesus, across that rather small body of water called the Aegean Sea, located in the northern part of the Mediterranean (The Great Sea).

The news distressed Paul. Corinth was a challenge, but the small group of converted Christians were the only people in that place capable and willing to do the work of our Lord. And now some of them were reverting back to their pagan ways; arguments, immorality and confusion were disrupting the church.

Paul wrote them a lengthy letter we now call First Corinthians and one portion of that missive is the subject of this message. Found in chapter twelve, a segment subtitled, *One Body, Many Parts* offers good advice to any organization, whether a church or not.

Paul writes in verse twelve: "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ, For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink (vs. 13)"

He goes on in the next thirteen verses to describe allegorically the parts of the body, how they function and are all interdependent, none actually more important than the other and all necessary for a cohesive organism.

Paul then writes: "Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it."

Then he provides a list of members of a church, describing each by position and responsibility and linking them to the body of the church, just as parts of our physical bodies form our physical self.

It's rather neat the way he puts it. This great Biblical author had a God given gift for describing the human condition and prescribing God's solutions for our problems.

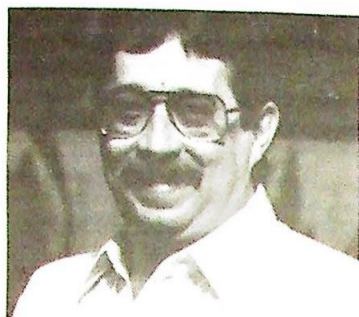
Verse 31 concludes the passage: "But eagerly desire the greater gifts."

I recommend it to your attention.

This is the last issue of the newspaper before the start of the Holiday Season and, as usual, our thoughts go out to all of you. We wish for you a season of good tidings, warm friendships and happy family get-togethers.

Charlie & Linda

From the President



Jack Zeeks

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

This past September the fire service, and all of us throughout the state, lost a very close and personal friend in the passing of Harold "Gene" Stofer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

District 10 is really working hard on our convention for 1999. Let's show our support by getting our reservations and registrations in and go to Columbus 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.

As my term as your president is drawing to an end, I want to thank everyone throughout the state for your continuing support, help and kind words.

Please give your support to the new officers, as you did for me.

Again, Thank You.

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 everyone of you.

Boatwright nominated as 'Fire Marshal of the Year'

M. Tracy Boatwright, Indiana's State Fire Marshal since 1993, was recently honored by the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) as one of three fire officials from around the

country nominated for the organization's "State Fire Marshal of the Year" award. This was the first year the award was given.

Receiving top honors as Fire Marshal of the Year was Tom Brace, NASFM's outgoing president and Fire Marshal of Minnesota.

Boatwright and his fellow marshals were recognized for their "significant and substantial contribution to the mission, goals and objectives of the NASFM."

"It was a great honor to be recognized by your peers as having contributed to the organization," said Boatwright.

He received an award for being nominated, which was a miniature leather fire helmet with a plaque in it under a glass case.

Boatwright most recently served as chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee of NASFM.

He has been working closely with the folks in Washington, D.C. to keep an eye on and guide legislation that impacts firefighters.

In addition to the nomination, Boatwright was elected to NASFM's Board of Directors.

NASFM was established in 1989 and is the professional association of the chief fire officials from each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia.

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From the Secretary/Treasurer

I LOVE COMPUTERS!!!

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding your IVFA dues renewals. Hopefully all of you have received your membership cards by now.

Early this year your Association purchased a new software program to improve our ability to enter and retrieve data more rapidly. We felt the new software would allow us to provide more information to our members more rapidly. We want to be able to pinpoint mailings by state, county, and legislative district. We want to include much more information about each member, such as name, birth date, address, beneficiary, date of entry into the fire service, telephone number, fax number, and E-mail.

The new software was loaded in February, and we felt we were ready to send renewals in April. When we started printing renewals, the program skipped some departments and Districts 11A & 11B completely. When we were advised of these problems, we reacted as quickly as possible. The software people were put to work to correct the problem and hopefully have corrected the problems.

Then guess what? When your renewals arrived and data entry was started, entry of data was extremely slow. The software people went to work again, but processing continued to be extremely slow so TRD Management hired two additional people to input. With three people inputting data, the process was still slow.

We believe the situation is under control now with the departments who received dues notices on time being entered and cards mailed. We continue to work with the software people to bring the speed of entry up to the desired acceptable level.

I ask for your understanding in this matter. Everything possible is being done to bring the performance of this new software up to promised levels. I've been told it usually takes several months after installation of new software to accomplish smooth running operation.

We will work through these problems, and will provide the service that you're entitled to.

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Thank you,
Bill Kinsey

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Now is the time to give the need for education assistance some very serious thoughts, cost of college is rising every year.

If you members have a child going to college, or yourself planning to enroll, please give some time to applying for this scholarship. Ask Amanda Marie Nelson of Crown Point, or Holly Sue Williamson of Evansville, if applying is worth the effort.

Deadline for applying for the 1999 scholarships is just around the corner. (MARCH 1, 1999) Applications are available from your district chairman or any elected officer of the IVFA.

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1&2

Cedar Lake VFD
August 19, 1998

Meeting called to order by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott. Pledge to the Flag led by PRNW Buz Koehler.

Guests included Robert Kuzman, State Representative; Dale Smith, Southwestern Fire; Buz Koehler, PRNW; Julius Demek, 50 yr. Gold card; Martha Thomas, IVFAA District 1 Chairwoman; Ann Moss, IVFAA District 2 Chairwoman; and Dale Lanham, Tech Med.

Chief Dennis Wilkening gave a brief history of the department, introduced retired firefighters, and asked for prayers for retired firefighter Bob Rose.

Robert Kuzman spoke briefly about raising money for volunteer fire departments.

Dr. Philpot gave a brief program on death scene management and Todd Wilkening gave a brief program about the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association.

Roll Call was answered by 26 members from District 1 and 55 members from District 2. Attendance trophies were won by New Chicago, District 1 and Lake Dale, District 2.

Bill Howe, Sr. made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes and Clarence Moss seconded. Motion carried.

PRNW Buz Koehler reported on legislative bills. If you want to submit a bill, it must be written down and are due by Nov. 1st.

Treasurer's report was given. Communications - Discussed: trying to get rid of license plate fees; whether we want to be known as fire company or department; rural address requirements (green signs); trying to change gaming fee; how many would be interested in having health insurance, since it will be discussed at the up-coming officer's meeting.

Old Business - None.
New Business - Sponsoring a child for burn camp is \$600, but donation would help; Ivan Nevil replaced at the EMS Commission; Convention 1999 is in Columbus, registration form in this newspaper (see page 10); 1999 awards, Ollie Sandberg due May 1st, Mr. IVFA letter due to committee by April 1st, Lois Boaz letter due by February 1st; and Mr. IVFA will be changed to fit men or women. May need to change selection process.

There were several deaths, Ron Kahorla, Lake Station; Matthew Casboni, St. John; Ollie Sandberg; Robert Hennin and J. Robert Morrison, Lowell (both retired). A moment of silence was observed in their memory.
Dues must be paid on time. If you have a member die and your dues are not paid, you (the fire department) will pay for the service, grave marker and Chaplain.
Where are the IVFA cards? Buz Koehler will check into it.

Good of the Order - Jim Bradford, District 1 Midwest award winner; LOFS spaghetti dinner September 13, 1-5 p.m.; Lake Dale offering a Fire Officer I Class August 28-30; Rensselaer fire truck raffle September 13; New Chicago handed out flyers of up-coming events; Tony & Vince Casboni thanked everyone for what they did for their brother; and Crown Point Golf outing September 27th.

Next meeting is September 16, at Washington Township.
50/50 drawing won by Jack Early. Hats donated by Southwestern Fire won by Pat

Missile & Brian Conner. Cups donated by Southwestern Fire won by Aric Kaminsky & Vince Gasboni. CPR micro shields donated by Dale Lanham won by Alen Bunke & Loraine Brown. Todd Wilkening won a gift certificate donated by Dale Lanham.

Motion made to adjourn and was seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted by, Susan Crosby, District 2 Sec.

Washington Township VFD
September 16, 1998

Meeting was called to order by District 1 Chairman Bill Howe, Sr. at 8:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President Lawrence Swartz.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Guests included Past Presidents Lawrence Swartz and Mitch Parish; IVFAA Districts 1 & 2 Chairwomen Martha Thomas and Ann Moss; District 21 Chairman Perry Martin; Lake County Fire Chiefs Association HazMat Coordinator Todd Wilkening; District 2 Chairman Larry Stott; Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss; Kevin Jerndt, Hoosier Fire Equipment; Bob Shepard, Vanguard Fire Equipment; Stu McMillian, Task Force Tips; Dale Hensley, 5-Alarm Fire Equipment; Brian Alkire; and Scott Quinn, Sheffield Twp. Fire Department.

Roll Call was answered by 38 members from District 1 and 20 members from District 2. Attendance trophies were won by Merrillville, District 1 and LOFS, District 2.

Washington Twp. Fire Chief gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters. He then introduced Brian Alkire from Sheffield Twp. Fire Department, who talked about the burn injuries he received at a house fire and the rehabilitation process.

Bill Howe, Sr. reported on three deaths since the last meeting, Wally Davis & Bill Witka, Lake Station VFD and Bob Rose, Cedar Lake VFD. A moment's silence was observed in their honor.

Past president Mitch Parish will attend the National Fire Council's meeting in October. The '2 in 2 out' rule will be discussed.

It was also reported that Past President Lawrence Swartz was presented with the Governor's Award by State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright.

Still no word on EMS Commission appointment.

District 2 Midwest award winner, Roland 'Bub' Wise, was introduced.

Treasurer's report was given.

Todd Wilkening reported terrorism classes are to start. The first one is in September at Lake Ridge Fire Department.

Fire Prevention week is October 4-10.

Good of the Order - LOFS pancake breakfast October 25 at their new station at 107th & Randolph. Merrillville pancake breakfast is October 4, Lake Dale auction and dance is September 26, and Kouts pork chop dinner September 19.

50/50 drawing won by Perry Martin, Sheffield Twp. Fire Department. Helmet liners won by Mike Garus & Rod Norton. Flashlight won by Don Anderson. T-shirts won by Sheryl Hayes & Becky McCoy.

Next meeting will be at Hebron VFD on October 21, 1998.

Motion by Dennis Shavey, seconded by Todd Wilkening, to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by, Jim Bradford, District 1 Sec.

DISTRICT 3

Our July district meeting was held at the Washington Township, Starke County.

Minutes were read and approved.

Financial reports were given, discussed, and approved.

Bob gave a report on our acceptance for convention in the year 2000. Discussion was brought up to have a Convention Committee set up and have one person from each department on the committee.

Buz Koehler had no report on legislation. But he did say he wanted to see more nominations for the Ollie Sandburg and Midwest awards. There should be a Midwest nominee from each department.

Miss Flame contest is coming up again in November. Parents of girls must belong to either fire department or auxiliary, and the girls must be 15-18 years old and in school.

Election of officers was held and Bob Uryga was voted as District Chairman and Ed Ritter Secretary/Treasurer.

Michiana Shores will dedicate new fire department August 16 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

August, 1998

Center Township

Chairman Bob Uryga will contact all departments not paying dues on time. He also gave a report on a letter that was sent from the State on group health insurance. This was for those that had no insurance or were under insured.

IVFA stickers are now available.

The following were appointed to the Convention Committee for 2000: Dave Kaufman and Tim Sandy, Co-Chairman; Gary Eckhart, Vice Chairman; Leona Uryga, Secretary; Treasurer, open.

Second Roll Call was given and each department told of events they had planned for August.

Thank you to Leona Uryga for all your help.

September, 1998

Knox Center

The meeting was brought to order at 8:00 p.m. by Ed Ritter. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Rick McCann of Knox Center.

Roll Call was given, followed by the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business - Meeting time was discussed and the meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. This is for the host department. Starke County will only host April through October.

Ed Ritter found the records for the 1988 convention. Chairman Dave Kaufman is going to send a notice to each department wanting to know who will represent their department for Convention 2000.

Ed Ritter is requesting the names of the chief and secretary of each department, along with their meeting dates and times.

Gary gave a report on the Starke County Honor Guard and told about parade and different functions they have performed. Keep up the good work!

He also discussed Starke County obtaining the accountability system for all the departments. They each have their own color-code and ICS Board.

Starke County is having a Christmas show at each school in December.

There was much discussion on how to improve our meeting attendance.

Good of the Order was given. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Ed Ritter, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 5

Pleasant Township Fire Department, Laketon, Indiana
September 10, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 19:34 hours with the Pledge to the Flag following.

Roll Call was answered by twenty-one members representing eleven departments.

Guests included Bill Ruppel, District 22 Representative.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by Chairman Kissinger.

We reviewed the list of the IVFA Gold Card members.

Chairman Kissinger reminded everyone if your department hasn't paid their IVFA dues, they are late, and if your dues are late, you will lose your IVFA benefits for one year.

A discussion was held on bills currently in legislation.

Jamie Pletcher, representing the Syracuse Fire Department, will be a possible candidate for our district Miss Flame contest. If there are any other candidates, they need to be at the November meeting for the final decision.

Chairman Kissinger reported it was mentioned at the officer's quarterly meeting that the IVFA has a group health insurance policy.

Plain Twp. Fire Department will be having an Open House September 27, from 1-4 p.m. at their new station.

Bourbon will have an equipment fund raiser on October 17, starting at 6 p.m.

Pleasant Township will be having a steak fry on September 12, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Representative Bill Ruppel donated Indianapolis Colts tickets for a door prize. The tickets were won by Chet Stump from Plain Township.

The next meeting will be held at Plain Township in Leesburg, Indiana on November 12, 1998.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:13 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

Respectfully submitted by, Cam Kissinger, Secretary

DISTRICT 6

The district has had one death that I'm aware of since the last printing, Edward McCoy from Jefferson Center, Whitley County.

The State Association has had one that will be felt by all. Harold "Gene" Stofer, who was a Past President and Treasurer of the Association, as well as a Trustee of Wayne Township, Indianapolis. Our condolences to both families.

Our last meeting was held at Johnson Township, La Grange County on September 24. The R.E.M.C. put on an interesting program, and we toured their remodeled station.

Our next meeting will be held at Huntertown Fire Department

on November 19, 1998. This will be our Miss Flame judging. This is a change from January when it is usually held.

If your department has a girl between the ages of 15 and 18 who would like to run, please contact myself or Marilyn Dever. Marilyn's number is 219-627-2802.

Huntertown has just had an Open House to show off their newly remodeled station on October 11. I would like to congratulate them on this event.

Here is this year's schedule as promised.

November 19 - at Huntertown with Miss Flame

January 28 - to be determined
March 25 - Southwest District Station #1, Waynedale

May 20 - Richland Township, Larwill

June 16-19 - IVFA Convention at Columbus

July 15 - Albion with Elections

August 22 - Ashley for Picnic

September 23 - Angola

Respectfully submitted by,

Michael "Mike" Mackin,

Chairman

DISTRICT 7

Mt. Etna Volunteer Fire Department
September 21, 1998

The meeting was opened by Chairman Mort Sorg leading the Pledge to the Flag.

Secretary Dale Gray gave the Roll Call, which was answered by sixteen members representing eight departments.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

Our guest was PR Richard Glant.

Mort reported that the IVFA paper has a form with step by step information on what a member has to do to receive an IVFA license plate or plates.

Mort reminded us that Fire Prevention Week is October 4th through 10th. This is a great time for your department to get some good PR by promoting good fire safety.

At the next meeting, the Miss Flame judging will be held. The rules are in the IVFA paper. (see page 27). If any departments have girls that are eligible, please bring them.

The fire schools are coming up. Make sure to have your IVFA card with you so you can receive your \$5.00 refund.

After a discussion on whether or not the IVFA should provide insurance to its members, the response was that each member take it back to your local departments and see what the majority think, and then bring it back to our next district meeting on the 16th of November.

Mort reported that Gene Stofer passed away. He was a Past President and Past Treasurer of the IVFA. He will be greatly missed.

PR Richard Glant went over some items that will be brought up at the next session of the legislature.

The entertainment for the evening was Mt. Etna's new pumper, first responder truck from S & S. They were there to answer any questions anyone might have.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be at Nottingham Volunteer Fire Department at Petroleum, Indiana on November 16th at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dale Gray, Secretary

DISTRICT 8A

The last meeting was held at Van Buren Fire Station on September 9, 1998 at the normal time of 7:30 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Bill read the Roll Call. Seven departments were represented by nineteen members.

For those of you who were not at the July meeting, Bill Pape and Robert Fleener were re-elected to their positions.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, followed by the Treasurer's report.

Old business and communications were then discussed.

The Northeastern School of Fire & Emergency Services, also known as New Haven/Fort Wayne School, was discussed and the report was they are having trouble finding someone to be the chairman. There is not a conflict with organizations as rumored, but some on the committee are tired and chose not to continue another year.

Some items from the Fire Marshal's mailing were discussed. Although the mailing is sent to each department, there are always some who have forgotten or have not received the information.

One memo discussed the building of structures in Indiana using the installation of polystyrene foam insulation directly to a metal deck. Installing this without a thermal barrier is not acceptable according to the 1998 Building Code. (Nor under the 1993 Indiana Building Code).

Lafayette School of Fire & Emergency Services to be held October 17 & 18. A Master Firefighter Management Course hosted by Richland Township also scheduled.

There were no church fires reported during the second Roll Call. Our district has seen some suspicious barn fires reported. I believe northern Madison County and northern Tipton County have each recorded a suspect barn fire in the last couple of months.

The next meeting will be hosted by Washington Township in Grant County, one mile northeast of Marion on the southwest corner of 200 North and 300 East. See you there at 1930 hours on November 11, 1998.

Have a safe Halloween, a safe and Happy Thanksgiving next

month.

If you did not vote, you should have, and I'll see you at 3:00 o'clock some morning.

Respectfully submitted by, Robert Fleener, Chairman

DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A

The July 23, 1998, meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rock Creek VFD in Rockfield, by Chairman Charlie Cline. The invocation was given by Father Frank Kilcline. The Pledge to the flag was then said.

The minutes was read and approved.

Twenty-five members from eleven departments answered Roll Call reporting response to 112 alarms.

Guests were Father Kilcline; Ginger Hamby; Buz Koehler, PRNW; Brian Alkire, Sheffield VFD; Perry Martin, Chairman District 21; and Charlene Davis.

Old Business: More smoke detectors were given out and the list updated of those presented to residents.

The Church Arson Prevention program is an important service fire departments can provide to the houses of worship in their jurisdictions.

New Business: Buz Koehler reminded all that IVFA dues need to be in by July 31 so that benefits do not lapse.

The 1999 convention will be in Columbus and in Michigan City in the year 2000.

Any legislation proposals for 1999 need to be turned in to Buz or Chairman Cline by the next meeting. He stressed getting in letters to nominate your firefighters for the various awards given out for service rendered from the IVFA, the Governor and State Fire Marshal's office. Many people are deserving of these and should be recognized.

He gave the election results: Jack - Cox, President; Jack Kerney, Vice President; William Kinsey, Secretary/Treasurer; and Buz Koehler, PRNW.

The 1999 Burn Camp will be the last week of May. Your district chairman or PR officer can help you with the paperwork to sponsor a child for this camp.

Chairman Cline presented our district Midwest Award to Larry Hamby of the Pipe Creek VFD. He noted Larry's faithful service

to not only his own department but to anyone needing his assistance through the State Fire Marshal's HazMat division.

Brian Alkire spoke on his experiences since the ordeal of the roof collapse on a structure fire in October 1996 up to his current state of recovery from injuries.

He and Perry Martin told lessons learned from this incident. The best gear you can get regardless of price is vital. Turnout coats & bunker pants need to be rated as fire resistant at least to 1500' for 15 seconds. Hoods should be thick and highly rated. Cuffs of fire gloves are generally not fire resistant.

An Incident Command System & Safety Officer need to be in place.

Any burn victims should be sent to hospitals that specialize in this type of injury.

Be aware of structures with truss rafters, especially those with no supporting walls underneath, as they will suddenly give way with little warning.

Have stress debriefing for your fire department whenever needed. The community learned how effective volunteer fire departments are at achieving what they need as shown in the events sponsored for Brian's benefit.

Chairman Cline asked for a motion to give Brian and gift from the treasury. Scott Sisson so moved and Larry Hamby seconded. Motion passed.

State Officer Koehler conducted the election of officers. The Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer were re-elected.

Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department has raffle tickets for a 1963 Mack Fire Truck they are giving away.

Clinton Township VFD is having a fish fry on September 5th, 4:30-7:30PM.

The next meeting is September 24 at Royal Center.

Rock Creek Fire Chief John Garrison thanked all who came and opened the food line for a nice buffet

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The meeting on September 24, 1998 meeting at the Royal Center VFD was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline. Buz Koehler led the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain Baker gave the Invocation.

Royal Center Fire Chief Bob Pifer then introduced the

Logansport FD Ass't. Chief Ron Holcomb and Captain Steve Chrispen, who presented a program on the Cole Hardwood fire that occurred on June 13, 1998.

They reported that all of the volunteer fire departments from Cass, Miami, White and Carroll Counties were called in. There were thirty-nine fire departments with about 250 firefighters. Logansport FD was very happy with their work.

The problems in fighting this fire included the hydrants being deadend and too close to the fire to use; no sprinkler system in the buildings; communication problems because of not having all of the frequencies of the incoming departments; different threads and adapters; getting enough fuel in to keep all the fire apparatus running; having rehab far from the personnel in some cases; silos containing sawdust; difficult accessibility to some areas of fire; and some way to help with the mobility of Incident Command, such as golf carts. (There were many blisters on feet)

This was an 18 hour fire that consumed the equivalent of 800 semi loads of hardwood.

Fifteen out of twenty-four buildings were saved. Liquid nitrogen was pumped in through holes drilled into the silos because water cannot be used in this situation, as it will lead to an explosion.

All heavy equipment for applying water on this type of fire is needed rather than the usual hose lines.

Assistant Chief Holcomb said that lessons were learned from all of these problems and they could have used more manpower and water.

Captain Chrispen had information on a class to be held in Logansport, October 3 on engine & truck company operation.

The minutes were read and attendance taken.

Twenty-three members from eight departments answered the Roll Call with response to 73 alarms.

Guests included Father Frank Kilcline, Charlie, Baker, Mitch Parish, Lawrence Swartz, Buz Koehler, Dave Houser (Royal Center Police Officer), Captain Chrispen and Assistant Chief Holcomb.

Chairman Cline noted the passing of Gene Stofer, a Past President of the IVFA.

Buz Koehler, PRNW, gave information on proposed legisla-

tion. This included Cumulative Funds privileges that would be the same for fire protection districts and territories in the same political boundary; forgiving of loans from the Build Indiana Fund; room and board being paid at state universities for children of fallen firefighters; raise the audit floor to \$100,000 for volunteer fire departments and 50% of their funds is from public funds; and waiver of supplemental license plate fees.

Legislators wanted to know if we wanted to be known as fire companies or fire departments, and the general consensus of the IVFA State Officers was for fire departments.

Rural address marking requirements are being discussed.

In HB1177, the change to allow disability benefits for volunteers to follow the lines of workman's compensation is being presented again. Buz thanked all who have the volunteer firefighters license plates, as this has replenished the scholarship fund.

Lawrence Swartz stressed that if you have a change of address, this must be sent in to the IVFA office so that your newspaper can be forwarded.

Also, as family situations change, make sure the names of your beneficiaries are updated.

The deadline date for the Bridgeport Scholarship application is March 1, 1999.

Ward Lesch of Clinton Township VFD gave the date of the annual Eagle Lodge Firefighter of the Year banquet in Logansport as October 19th. Applications are being taken.

Chief John Minglin of the New Waverly VFD said the department has a 1964 International pumper with a new motor for sale.

They will have a live burn training on October 4, 1998.

Chief Don Smith said that the Carroll County Firefighters Association is inviting all to an extrication on new cars in November. Delphi Electronics of Kokomo is donating a Cadillac and Blazer. Call the Burlington VFD for the exact date.

Isadore Davis gave October 24th as the date of the Royal Center Steak & Tenderloin dinner from 4-7:30 p.m.

Camden will have a pancake, sausage & egg breakfast on October 3rd from 5 a.m. to noon.

Delphi is having a ham & bean dinner on October 5 & 6 with demonstrations of fire equipment to note Fire Prevention Week.

12 Mile VFD is raffling off two TVs to be given away December 1, with proceeds going to their building fund.

Kokomo FD will have their annual firefighter memorial service on October 5, at 2 p.m.

A chili supper was served by the Royal Center Firefighters.

The next meeting is November 19, 1998 at Russiaville.

Respectfully submitted by, Dee Mauntel, Secretary

DISTRICT 9B

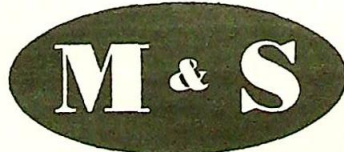
September 10, 1998

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Skinner at 8:30 p.m. at the Idaville Fire Department, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call was answered by the following: Brookston, 2; Buffalo, 3; Burnettsville, 2; Francesville, 2; Idaville, 13; Medaryville, 1; Monon, 1; Monticello, 1; Rensselaer, 3; Star City, 2; and Wolcott, 1. There was a total of thirty-one firefighters present representing eleven departments, with 199 alarms.

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Guests included Justin Darling, State Police; Mitch Parish, Past President; and the EMT Class from Home Hospital.

The minutes were read and approved.

New Business - Idaville is having a pork chop supper on Saturday 19, 6:00 - ? Rensselaer is having a pancake and sausage breakfast 6:00 - 12:00.

Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
Randy Denton, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

If this issue has reached you before the 15th of November, let this be a reminder of our meeting on that Sunday hosted by Gill Township/Merom at the Community Building.

The picnic is behind us, and everyone knows what a good job Don Wells and his "team" did. I wasn't able to find a stone they had left unturned.

The Wabash Valley Fire School is also history. I have not heard a report since, but the preliminary info that was passed on to me sounded like we here in close proximity did not take advantage. We need to or we will lose the chance.

Let's give a tip of the fire helmet to Anna Cardinal, 1998 Miss Flame and Ellen May, our district Miss Flame, for their presence at the Fire Prevention Parade hosted by Sugar Creek in West Terre Haute.

Also a big THANK YOU to each department that was able to have a unit or units following behind them. All in all the volunteers put on a great show and they were well hosted by Sugar Creek.

Somewhere out there, and maybe on your department, is a firefighter with a daughter eligible to be the Miss Flame of our district next year. Look around, find a candidate, and have them represent your department at the January meeting.

We have reached the time of year for us to remember to give thanks for all the blessings we have received, celebrate the Christmas season, and bring in the last year of this century.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully submitted by,
Red Morris, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

The September meeting was held at Deming Park on September 20, 1998, along with District 11A, for our annual picnic. It was a beautiful day and about 75 people attended. A big THANK YOU to the people of District 11A for the games and entertainment they provided.

Next year our picnic will be held in District 11-B. More information about next year at a later date.

This being more of a fun day a short business meeting was held.

The meetings for the next year are as follows:

Nov. 1 - Reelsville-Washington Township Fire Department

Jan. 10, 1999 - St. Bernice Volunteer Fire Department

Mar. 14 - Perrysville Fire Department

May 12 - ??? *(This meeting is at 7:00 p.m.)*

July 14 - ??? *(This meeting is at 7:00 p.m.)*

Sept. 12 - Picnic
Also at this time we should be 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 must be submitted to Larry Bartlow by January 10, Ollie Sandberg letters must be sent to IVFA Vice Pres. by March 1, and Mr. IVFA letters must be in before May 1.

The 1999 Convention is June 16-19 in Shelbyville (Columbus). Now is the time to get registered for a great time with your fellow firefighters.

Respectfully submitted by,
Larry Bartlow, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

The district meeting was last held at the Paragon Volunteer Fire Department on September 21, 1998. Paragon firefighters were very gracious hosts, with good food, kind fellowship and an informative meeting.

Again, however, attendance was low. I feel this is unfair to the hosting departments who go to so much trouble fixing food and setting aside their activities to host these meetings. I also feel it's unfair to the departments in our district who do not bother to send a representative to these meetings and who miss receiving the information exchanged.

These meetings help to keep the departments in the district informed of information handed down by the State. This may include a new state regulations regarding running blue lights, requirements regarding certification and re-certification of EMTs, grant monies available to departments or issues being addressed where your department's vote is important.

It may inform you of new legislation which may directly affect the operation of your department and your firefighters or identify such issues as health insurance, clothing allowances, license plates, discounts or other "perks" that the firefighters in your department could benefit from. But without your vote, these items may not get passed and without a representative from your department being present, you may never know.

The IVFA newspaper usually addresses all of this information, but often items come up between publications that need immediate input.

Also, if an issue is "on the table", it is the district chairman's responsibility to draw a consensus from his district departments and feed this information back to the State. If you do not have a representative at these meetings, your opinion is never heard.

Even if there are no State level items to be addressed, the value of the exchange of information between departments in your area is worth attending the meeting. One department may be getting rid of a piece of equipment that your department badly needs. Or their experience on a certain type of fire or rescue run could help your department in a similar situation. The exchange of information and experiences is invaluable!

Our next district meeting will be held at the Pittsboro Fire Department on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. I'm asking all departments to send at least one representative to this meeting. Your opinion matters!! This type of grouping together, exchanging information, experience and ideas is directly related to the strength of the IVFA and the survival of the "volunteer firefighter."

Do you have a firefighter in your department that you feel deserves to receive recognition for his or her years of hard work and dedication to your department and your community? The Midwest Fire & Safety award is given each year to one firefighter in each district. This award is given at the State Convention.

If you have someone you would like to nominate please write me a letter outlining their years of service and accomplishments relating to your department, community & church and why you feel they deserve this award. I must have all nominations by January 1, 1999.

District 12 mourns the loss of a great man, Gene Stofer. His great accomplishments and dedication to the IVFA are beyond words. We will be searching the crowd for a long time for his white beard, warming smile and those Santa Claus eyes. He will be dearly missed.

Respectfully submitted by,
John Ross, Chairman

DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

At our last meeting we had a video presentation and demonstration from Barricade Fire-Blocking Gel. Barricade is a new product, which combined with water, forms a thermal barrier gel which blocks heat and flame.

We discussed a number of things that were discussed at the IVFA Officer's Meeting, held on August 8 & 9, including health insurance and fire school.

We need the district's input to help get laws passed by the state legislation to benefit fire departments and firefighters in Indiana. The IVFA will make your needs known to the state legislation.

Our condolences go to the family of Gene Stofer from District 14. Gene was the cornerstone of the IVFA and the fire service.

Respectfully submitted by,
Roy E. Richardson, Chairman

DISTRICT 15

The July 21, 1998 meeting was held at McCutchanville Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barr at 20:20 hours.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Barr.

Chaplan Barb Kerney gave a spiritual reading.

Roll Call was answered by ten departments and thirty members.

Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the May 19, 1998 meeting at Boonville. A motion was made by Don Moffett and seconded by Trudy Moffett to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Treasurer Jack Kerney distributed the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Barb Kerney and seconded by Don Moffett to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Old Business - The District 15 Waterball Contest will be held on August 1, 1998 at Owensville. Competition will start at 1:00 p.m. Team fees will be \$10.00 per team. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Fort Branch will provide the stop watches, and Harry Logan will coordinate the games. Jack Kerney will order the trophies.

New Business - Jack Kerney will check with the Fire Marshal's office to see if the Marshal's mailing can be mailed to training officers or department instructors.

Jack Kerney announced he had grant packages for any department that wanted one.

A discussion was held on hosting the 2001 Convention. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Chairman Barr asked Jack Kerney if he would conduct the district elections.

Don Moffett was elected District 15 Chairman. Jack Kerney was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Steve Anderson was elected Vice-Chairman. Harry Logan was elected Sergeant-At-Arms. Barbara Kerney was elected Chaplain.

The next district meeting will be held at the Owensville/Montgomery Fire Protection District, on September 15, 1998. A meal will be served.

Their being no further busi-

ness, the meeting was adjourned 21:30 hours.

Our thanks to McCutchanville Fire Department for furnishing the pork chop dinner.

The September 15, 1998 district meeting was held at Owensville/Montgomery Fire Protection District.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moffett at 20:05 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the prayer.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Moffett.

Roll Call was answered by seven departments and eighteen members.

Chairman Moffett thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for the meal.

Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the July 21 meeting at McCutchanville. A motion made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Ken Corbet to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney distributed the Treasurer's Report. A motion made by Ken Corbet and seconded by Barbara Kerney to accept the report as distributed.

Old Business - The District 15 Waterball Contest held on August 1st, in Owensville, was won by Marrs Township, 2nd place went to Owensville, and 3rd place went to Fort Branch.

Action to bid on the 2001 IVFA Convention was tabled until the next meeting.

The 1999 IVFA Convention will be held at Columbus, rooms are available at the Holiday Inn.

Deadline for news articles for the next issue of the IVFA paper is October 10.

A poll was taken on members interested in the possibility of acquiring group insurance through the IVFA. Four members expressed interest.

New Business - Warrick County Fire School will be held on September 26 & 27 at Alcoa.

Next meeting will be held on November 17, 1998 at Wadesville Fire Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:08 hours.

Thank you to the Owensville/Montgomery Fire Protection District Ladies Auxiliary for the meal.

Respectively Submitted,
Jack Kerney, Secretary

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IVFAA President



Faye Sallee

Changing of the colors may come earlier this year, but it's still a time to reflect on God's wonders.

Fall is here and winter is on the way. This means we must prepare ourselves, our homes, and our vehicles for the anticipated cold weather.

There will be fish fries and chili suppers. We all need to work together for the benefit of our firefighters.

We, the members of the IVFAA, want to express our sincere sympathy to Lucy Stofer and her family on the loss of Gene. They will be in our prayers as we enter the up-coming holiday season.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season.

DISTRICTS 1,2

Crown Point, Indiana
September 3, 1998

Our meeting was called to order by the District 2 Chairman Ann Moss at 7:15 p.m. Prayer was given by Janet Crane of the Crown Point Ladies Auxiliary.

Food was served by the host department of Crown Point. Department history was given by Janet Crane.

There were thirty-one members in attendance, representing six departments and two individuals. Also in attendance was the 1998 Miss Flame Runner-up Alisha Vaught.

Minutes from the May meeting were read by Kim Gornik. A correction in the minutes from \$15 to the correct amount of \$5 was made. Minutes passed with correction made.

Treasurer's report was given by Ann Moss and passed as read. Old Business - None

New Business - Ann read the minutes from the State Convention. The State Auxiliary voted to stop selling the Doe Doll tickets for the fund raiser. Instead they decided to sell the 2-year planner books and sell raffle tickets with first prize being choice of \$200 cash or collector fire truck. Second prize will be what winner of first prize didn't take. They will still do the Chinese auction as part of the state convention.

Ann was pleased to announce that she won the Lois Boaz award this year. She thanked everyone who was involved in nominating her. They have set a new deadline for the Lois Boaz award letters. They must be received by February 1, 1999. The letters can go to Phyllis Vargo, Mary Macklin, or Ann Moss.

Miss Flame application deadline is October 15, for judging at the November district meeting. Applications are available from Ann Moss or Martha Thomas and must be returned to the respective district chairman.

Martha Thomas and Phyllis Vargo were appointed to a committee by the state for the study of raising the dues to \$5. There was a short discussion on how our district felt regarding raising the dues. Everyone in attendance

felt that it was okay.

Sue Casten, Cedar Lake and Millie Holzapfel, LOFS received a certificate for 25 years of service in the IVFAA.

Attendance trophies were awarded to Merrillville, District 1 and Lake Dale, District 2.

Department announcements were given on up-coming events.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Sherry Kozlowski, Crown Point.

Martha Thomas announced that Viola Rose of Cedar Lake lost her husband in August and Munster lost member Herthat Fehring.

Also Past State Chaplain Thelma Lester passed away.

Alisha Vaught read a thank you to Districts 1 & 2 for letting her represent the districts as Miss Flame.

Motion to adjourn made by Phyllis Vargo and seconded by Bobbie Gettler.

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

DISTRICT 3

September 16, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leona Uryga at the Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting began at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Chairman Uryga, followed by the reading of the "Fireman's Poem".

Secretary Tricia Garwood read the minutes from the last meeting and they will stand approved.

Tricia Garwood read the Treasurer's report. There were no outstanding bills to be paid and the report will stand approved.

Chairman Uryga would like to know the exact count of members from each auxiliary. LaCrosse, Michiana Shores, Kingsford Union, Lincoln and Springfield all have 100% membership. The question was asked why Noble, Scipio and Kingsbury no longer have an auxiliary. Chairman Uryga said that Noble disbanded because the men decided that they didn't want the women to participate any longer. Scipio and Kingsbury were both due to the fact that there were not any young women to help and the elderly women found it very hard to continue by themselves, so they went to individuals.

All departments are encouraged to get their women firefighters to join the auxiliary. There are a lot of departments that have not paid their dues to the state. The dues must be paid by August 31, or you are considered late. LaCrosse, Coolspring, Kingsford Union and individuals from Scipio are all paid. Those that haven't need to get them in as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that if the dues are not paid, your auxiliary will lose all of its privileges, such as voting at convention, the Bible, and the memorial services if a loved one or member passes

away.

Old Business - The permanent plaque will be given to Springfield, but it has not been completed yet. They will receive it as soon as it's completed.

February 1 is the deadline for nominations for the Lois Boaz Award. Each department is encouraged to nominate someone. Carolyn McCarty was the last winner or nominee from our district, so ladies, please, nominate someone. Send your nominations to the Lois Boaz Committee of Phyllis Vargo, District 1; Ann Moss, District 2; and Mary Macklin, District 6.

The Miss Flame contest will be in November. Any department that has a young lady eligible to compete is to contact Chairman Uryga before November, so that judges can be chosen. The candidates must be between the ages of 15-18 and be connected some way to the fire department. Inform the men on your department to encourage their daughters to compete.

Discussion on state dues has been held and it will rise in the near future.

Our convention has been set for the year 2000 with the officers being selected. They are as follows: Tim Sandy, Springfield and Dave Kaufman, Lincoln, Co-Chairmen; Officer Eckhart, Knox, Vice Chairman; Jim Johnson, Springfield, Treasurer; and Leona Uryga, Michiana Shores, Secretary. These officers will be attending your local meetings to ask each department what they would like to do for the convention. Knox has already volunteered for security.

New Business - Thank you cards were received from Miss Flame candidates April Marshall, Cindy Caudill and Ashley Zeeks for the ditty bags.

Illness and Get Well cards need to be sent to Dorothy Hendrich, from Coolspring, who had open heart surgery and Lucille Cohen, who is still recovering from her auto accident.

Motion made by Ruth Deutcher, Michiana Shores, to adjourn. Seconded by Marie Moore, Michiana Shores.

The ladies of Michiana Shores served refreshments of B-B-Qs and desserts.

Gert Peterson and Fran Schultz, Michiana Shores won the 50/50.

The next meeting will be November 18 at the Lincoln Fire Station. If there are any changes, you will be contacted.

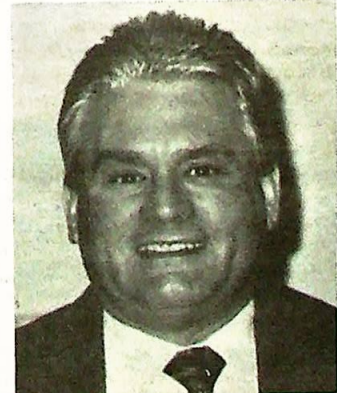
DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 6

We met at Corunna Fire Station, DeKalb County, on July 16, 1998. A joint opening was held with the Pledge to the Flag.

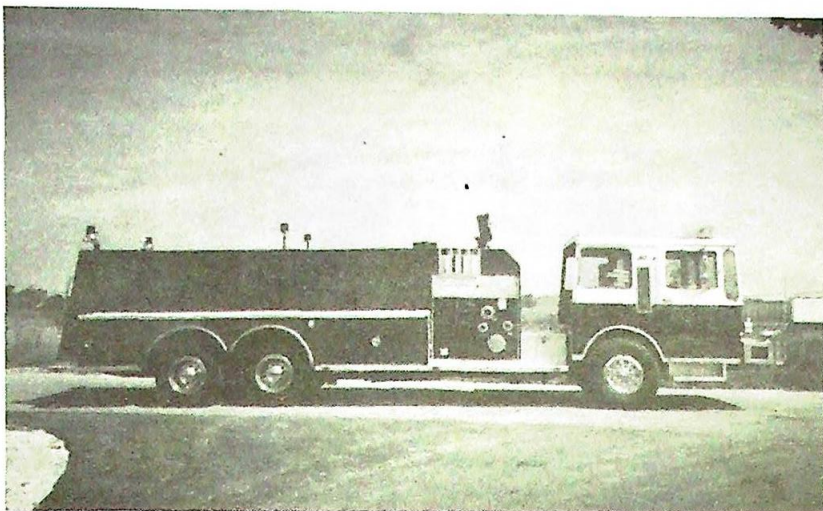
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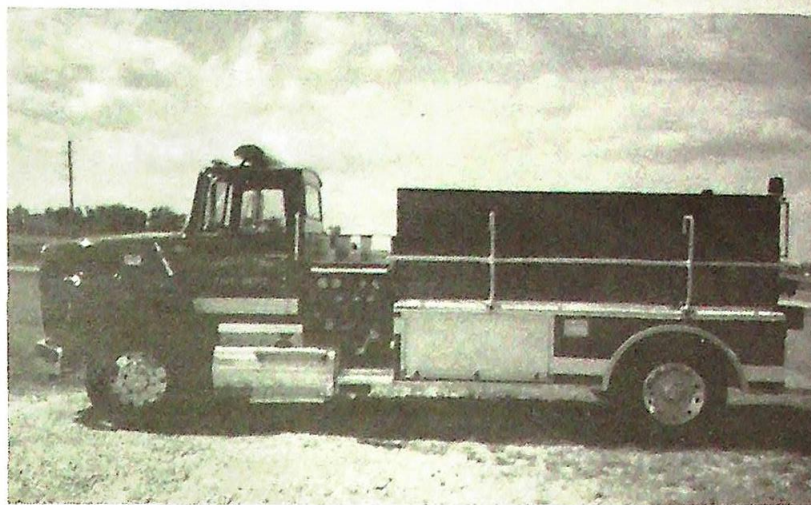
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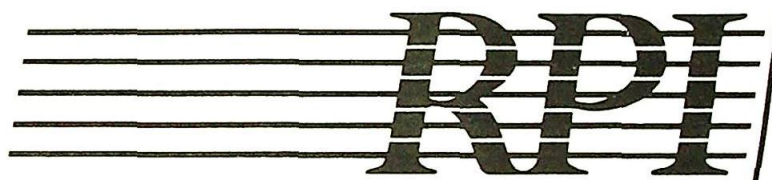
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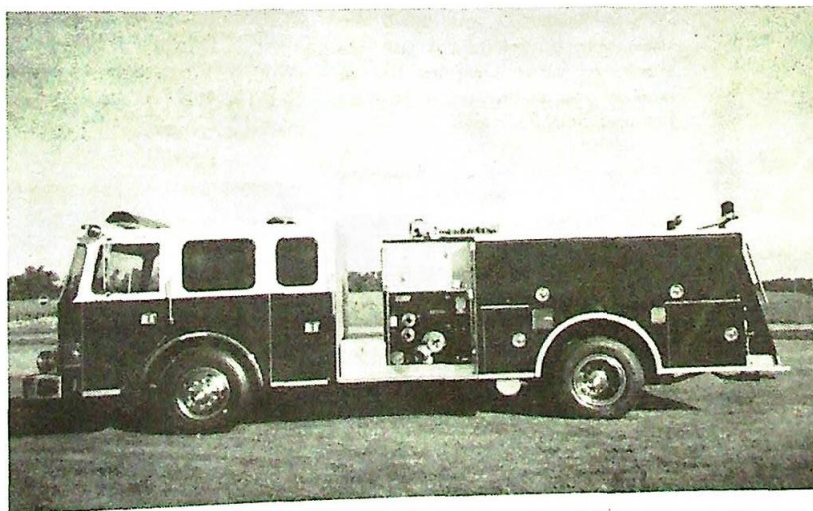
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IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays
A Tribute to
Thelma Lester
(Past IVFAA Chaplain)



*God Broke our hearts,
To prove to us
He only takes the Best.*

A Memorial service was held on August 25, 1998 in Cambridge City, Indiana for Thelma.

Thelma was born on August 3, 1908 and passed away August 23, 1998.

She was first elected as State Chaplain in LaPorte, Indiana at the Annual Convention in 1959.

She was a wonderful chaplain and she did her job well. She was so loved by anyone she met and I know she had many memories of those whose memorial service she served.

And I know all of us have a lot of wonderful memories of her touching our lives just being a wonderful friend. She was so loved by all of us.

Thelma was also the very first recipient of the Lois Boaz award. She received this honor at the convention in 1974 at New Haven.

Thanks to all of those who attended the memorial. A special thanks to Father Lantz, Mary Stafford, Mary Boyd and Miriam Schakael, who assisted me with her service.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Lucy Stofer and her family. Gene went to be with his Lord on September 18, 1998. His Memorial Service was held on September 22, 1998.

Since convention, two other friends have passed away. They are Fran Ellen, District 11A, Prairieton and Loella Crowder, District 11B, Perrysville. We also want to extend our sympathy to their family members.

Fall has arrived. The leaves are turning fast. Soon that white

stuff will be falling. Doesn't this tell you the season is changing fast.

Isn't this how our lives are? So many, many changes. God works in this way. He gives us this option of making changes. But yet, He is there for us to follow His word, and gives us His love; and He's always there for us in such times when our loved ones leave us. He is our strength and will get us through hard times. Just have faith in Him.

I'm praying for all of you, that you take care of yourselves, and praying for the safety of your fire departments and auxiliaries.

May God take care of all of you.

Happy Holidays to you all and let us all remember what Christmas is really all about. Remember the "Christ Child" and why His birth is for all of us and so important to our lives.

God loves you and does answer your prayers.

Psalm 56:3

*Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You.*

Thelma Remembered

Thelma Lester was a very special person.

We worked together for many years, and she was always a helpful and happy person.

Over the years, we had many memorials together, and I was very happy that we could be at hers.

A fine tribute was given by Joann Hays and the rest of the ladies.

Duane D. Lantz

From the Lois Boaz Committee

Congratulations to Ann Moss from Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Dept. Auxiliary, District 2, on being our 1998 award winner.

The past few years it has become very difficult, almost impossible, to find the Lois Boaz jackets. We found someone who can make them, but needs a little more advance notice of the size.

So at our Annual Meeting in June, we voted to change the deadline for ALL letters to FEBRUARY 1, 1999. Please send us your letters as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please send your letters to:
Phyllis Vargo
7756 Durbin Street
Schererville, IN 46375

Mary Mackin
831 Chamberlin Court
New Haven, IN 46774

Ann Moss
1755 Broad Acre Road
Crown Point, IN 46307

District 6 Continued from Page 7

The Midwest plaque was awarded to Tim Jones from St. Joe Township Fire Department.

Roll Call was taken with seven members present representing three departments.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Chairman, Marilyn Dever; Co-Chairman, E.J. Smith; Secretary, Marlene Poling; Chaplain, Lillian Dever; Sgt.-At-Arms, Emily Clingan, and Treasurer, Mary Mackin.

The district picnic was held August 16 at Ashley Fire Station, DeKalb Co. Everyone enjoyed the food, gabfest, and the water-ball contest.

The September 24 meeting was held at Johnson Township, LaGrange County. We joined the men's meeting for an interesting demonstration by the REMC.

We then opened our meeting. Roll Call was taken with eight members and two guests representing three departments.

We discussed the district Miss Flame contest to be held at the next meeting on November 19, at Huntertown Fire Station, Allen County. Please, get your department's representative's information to me or Mike Mackin.

We also still have several cook-books to sell. Only \$5 each and you get two different books.

State Vice President, Mary Mackin started to sell the 1999 state project tickets for the fire truck, so be looking for her to contact you, or better yet, contact her and Sell, Sell, Sell.

We then had an interesting demonstration on the Auxiliary Rehab unit that goes on runs and backs up the fire department.

Respectfully submitted by, Marilyn Dever, Chairman

DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

NO REPORT

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 20. Districts 11A & 11B combined this year's picnic, with 11A hosting. The event was held at Deming Park in Terre Haute with a great day of socializing and fellowship. Next year's picnic will be hosted by District 11B.

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's a good time to start thinking 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 award. Get those letters in and make the committees work in selecting the recipients.

Bill and I personally, and the fire service, lost two dear old friends in the last couple of months. Thelma Lester, who was IVFAA Chaplain for about 25 years, passed away in August at the age of 90 years young.

Then in September, Gene Stofer passed away after about three months of serious illness.

We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and thank them for letting us be a part of their lives.

The next district meeting will be held at Reelsville, November 1 at 1 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.

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 every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Safe New Year.

Respectfully submitted by, Eula Bush, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

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DISTRICT 19

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September-S, T October-U, V, W, X, Y, Z

3. Purchase the actual quantity of plates you requested from the IVFA Central Office.

- a. **DO NOT** request more forms than you plan to use!
- b. The BMV may charge the IVFA for leftover plates you do not pay for!

4. The application contains a space to write the number of plates requested, making it necessary to fill out only ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON NOT PER PLATE.

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6. It is important that the individual or department keep a copy of all forms for their records.

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1. Submit or mail one (1) plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.

2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).

3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.

4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.

5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special Recognition License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates.

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The form below should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:

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County of Residence _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

District News

DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17A

Hello to everyone from District 17A.

Since the last publication, our district has elected new officers. In July, we held elections at the Winslow Volunteer Fire Department. Ronald Bell was elected Chairman and Donald Malone was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Jack Harker and Pete Carter are the past officers. Jack and Pete did a wonderful job and will be missed. Thank you, gentlemen, on a job well done. The new officers hope to do as well as Jack and Pete.

We would also like to thank the Winslow Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the July meeting.

On September 2, 1998, Richland Taylor Volunteer Fire Department hosted our district meeting. All those present were treated to a grilled turkey dinner. This was the first meeting for the new officers. Door prizes were donated by Midwest Fire & Safety and Sternberg 911. Thank you, John and Ken.

Special guests at the meeting included Bill Engle, Past President; Jack Kerney, Vice President Elect; Jack Harker, SWPR Elect; John Mullin, Midwest Fire & Safety; and Ken Boes, Sternberg 911.

Our next meeting will be held on November 14, 1998 at the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department in Odon. A BBQ turkey supper will be served. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30.

On January 16, 1999 the Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department will host our district meeting, along with their famous sausage supper. They will hold the meeting at the Eagles Lodge in Vincennes. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. The supper will start at 6:30.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge everyone to attend your district meetings. District meetings can be very informative. It is also a place to meet fellow firefighters.

Attend your next district, enjoy the fellowship, and see what you learn about your district.

Respectfully submitted by,
Donald Malone, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 17B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 18

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 19

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 21

NO REPORT

IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

RAMADA INN - INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
AUGUST 9, 1998

The meeting was opened by Immediate Past President, Lou Bartlow, in the absence of President Faye Sallee and Vice President Mary Mackin. Lou asked Chaplain Joann Hays to lead us in prayer. Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary, Barbara Kerney gave the Roll Call, with eighteen members and three guests present.

We welcomed a new District 6 Chairman, Marilyn Devers.

Barbara then read the minutes from the last meeting. Barbara Parker made a motion, not to read the district reports and it was seconded by Phyllis Vargo. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand June 1, 1998		\$6437.63
Income:		
Dues	644.50	
Interest	24.79	
Jewelry	650.00	
V.P. Project	2214.00	
Total Income		+3533.29
Disbursements:		
Operating Exp.	64.00	
Annuals	200.00	
Mileage	642.90	
Phone & Post.	23.33	
Overpaid Dues	23.50	
Jewelry	72.84	
V. P. Project	175.00	
Awards & Gifts	117.52	
Total Disbursements		-1319.09
Balance on hand August 6, 1998		\$8651.83
*Subject to audit		

Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gray had nothing to report.

Membership, Barbara Kerney said we have a total of 434 members paid for 98-99. That is an increase of 313 from last meeting. We have 398 paid departments—up 277. We have 21 Life members, 15 Individuals and 27 departments have paid for 98-99. Deadline for dues is July 1st and delinquent after September 30th.

Chaplain, Joann Hays gave her report, saying that since convention she has sent ten get well and one sympathy cards. She also gave one Bible. She has four Protestant and no Catholic Bibles on hand. Joann said she will not be at the November meeting, but will see that the Bibles are here. If you have a Catholic Bible and someone needs it, please pass it on and then when we have all the old ones used, we will order new ones. Joann has the memorial pictures back and they are being given to those districts.

E. J. Smith told us about her mother, Mary Mackin. On July 15th she had a heart attack. She came home from the hospital and then on July 29th went back to the hospital. They nearly lost her a couple of times. But she is home now, again. Her sugar is very low, and it will take time for her to bounce back. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and the family.

Auditing, Phyllis Vargo, said the books for the Miss Flame, Doe Doll and the Recording Secretary are finished. All is well. The books for the Treasurer and Jewelry will be done at the November meeting.

Installation, Barbara Parker, said she hoped all went well. All the officers are installed. She asked if anyone had any complaints about the installation ceremony. No complaints!!

Financial Secretary, Phyllis Vargo said we collected \$1775 on the Doe Doll and \$682 on the Chinese Auction, plus we sold all the two-year planners.

Phyllis said it is recommended by the committee to raise the dues to \$5.00 a year. She said we also need to know exactly what people are spending, but not turning in for reimbursement. This will give us a better count for our finances.

It was also agreed that the Doe Doll has run its course and it is not as appealing to the men. We did do well with the two-year planner. It is fast money...little effort.

The price for the grave marker for the women is \$16.85. We had one passed around to show. There have been questions about what they get for their \$5.00. A Bible is also included.

Miriam Schaeckel mentioned that we will be needing to purchase new briefcases as we have some new district chairmen coming in and we have not got any good cases. Barbara Kerney made the motion to buy 288 of the two-year planners and Martha Thomas seconded it. Motion carried.

E. J. Smith said that Mary Mackin had a fire truck from the Franklin mint donated that we could give away. A discussion followed. It was mentioned that outsiders would not be interest in a fire truck, so we would need to find an alternative. So... Eula Bush made a motion to give a choice of the fire truck or \$200 cash. Whichever the winner did not take, the second name would get what is left. It was seconded by Leona Uryga. Motion carried. We will get 3000 tickets!!

Chinese Auction, Barbara Parker said we had some very nice items this year and we will do it next year. We already have a couple of items donated. That is great!!!

Miss Flame, Eula Bush said we had a lot of donations for the girls this year. They made out like bandits, but that is great. Please use the forms that she provides for the Miss Flame...not the one in the paper. She will ask that each district provide the sash for their girl. Joann made the motion that each girl bring her own sash and Diana Lester seconded it. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gray asked if it would be possible for each district chairman to send their own minutes into the IVFA paper, instead of handing them into her and then she includes them in the minutes she prints up? The reason being....they never get read at our meetings, the paper only prints NO REPORT under each district, which looks bad, and it will save on postage.

Ann Moss made the motion that each district chairman be responsible for their minutes and Miriam Schaeckel seconded it. Motion carried. By-Laws, Martha Thomas said we have none yet.

Jewelry, E. J. Smith, in absence of Mary Mackin, said that they would like to lower the price of the 92-95 and 96 charms and tacks. Lou said we had left that up to Mary...to use her own discretion. Get rid of them!!! Mary sold \$978. Cost was \$767.88 and so we made \$211.12 profit.

Historian, Joann looked through some of Thelma Lesters things and she read some things she found.

President's Advisory, nothing to report.

Lois Boaz, Phyllis Vargo, announced the winner, Ann Moss. She said the cut off date for the letters has been moved to February 1, 1999. So get busy and get your letters in.

We have one plaque, one patch and one pin left. Lou also said at ROOTS, she saw white lined blazers. Haberdashey made it. So we might want to check into that. It was made a motion by Barbara Kerney to purchase pins, patches and plaques and Ann Moss seconded it. Motion carried.

Dues. If we raise the dues to \$5.00 maybe we could have an inactive list, where they would just pay \$2.50. Maybe Faye can appoint a committee to see what would be feasible. See if it is a good idea to have the grave marker.

Barbara Parker has convention forms. You can call the hotel now, to get your reservations.

We have two gals here that want to start new districts...16 & 17. They are:

District 16
Rowena Scott
P. O. Box 25
Pekin, IN 47165
812-967-4097
District 17
Malinda Bell
102 Edgewood Drive
Oden, IN 47562
812-636-4192
Welcome to the both of you.

Leona made a motion to buy six Catholic Bibles, Martha Thomas seconded it. Motion carried.

Next year, convention will be in Columbus, Indiana. Everything will be at the hotel except for the memorial service.

Next meeting is November 7-8, 1998. Entertainment will be furnished by Barbara Kerney and refreshments by Barbara Parker. Come early and enjoy the party Saturday evening.

A motion to dismiss was made by Ann Moss and seconded by Marilyn Devers. Motion carried.

Joann closed with a word of prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 6

They met on July 26, 1998 at Corunna Fire Station. The women met with the men for the opening Pledge to the Flag, and the awarding of the Midwest Award to Tim Jones of St. Joe Township.

Roll call was then given with seven members representing three departments. Election of officers was then held, with Marilyn Devers elected for District Chairman.

It was necessary to elect a new chairman, as Mary Mackin was elected as Vice President of the State Auxiliary.

The district picnic will be in Ashley on August 16, 1998. The next meeting will be September 24, 1998 at Johnson Township, Wolcottville.

District 3

The meeting was held on May 20, 1998 at the LaCrosse Fire Department. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was then given.

A report on convention was given, and it was mentioned that in the year 2000, the convention will be held in Michigan City and hosted by District 3. It will entail a lot of work and a lot of people volunteering their time.

Everyone was urged to vote for a Lois Boaz winner. There is surely someone out there that you think is deserving of this award.

Leona reminded everyone that their department dues are due to be paid. They have not gone up yet...still under consideration.

We also need some girls to run for Miss Flame. If you have anyone in your departments that is ages 15-18, they are eligible.

Election of officers was held and Leona was elected to stay as District Chairman.

Next meeting will be held at Lincoln on September 16, 1998.

LaCrosse women served a salad bar and punch.

District 10

There has been no meeting since convention.

Next meeting is August 17, 1998 at Shoney's Restaurant in Shelbyville.

District 11B

The meeting was held in Fairview Park on July 8, 1998.

Election of officers was held with no changes.

It was decided to have our annual Miss Flame Dance on February 13, 1999 at the Half Century Club. We will have a raffle with prizes yet to be determined.

The next meeting will be the picnic along with District 11A at Deming Park on September 20, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.

Our district is sad to report the death of Louella Crowder.

IVFAA Vice President



Mary Mackin

I would like to thank everyone for the honor to serve as your Vice-President.

Thanks also for all your cards and prayers during my illness. It has been tough for awhile, but thankfully things are looking better.

The Vice-President project this year will be a little different. T. R. Downey Insurance has donated a "Franklin Mint" fire truck (which is a collectable) for our drawing. The Emergency Books and Training has donated the tickets.

So, if we all get out and sell, we can hopefully make enough that we can hold our dues as they are now. It will depend on your help to make this a successful project.

I attended the Open House for the newly remodeled station in Hometown, on October 11th. We enjoyed the afternoon very much.

It's not too early to start thinking of your nominations for the Lois Boaz, Mr. IVFA, and the Ollie Sandberg awards.

This year's Lois Boaz deadline has been changed to February 1st. There are many deserving people out there, so please send in your letters.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you a very Happy Holiday Season.

1998 Lois Boaz Winner Ann Moss



With heartfelt appreciation, I would like to thank all of you who were instrumental in helping me win this award.

A big thank you especially to the members of Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, as well as friends, who wrote letters of recommendation for the award.

This certainly is an honor that will not be soon forgotten.

Thanks, again.

IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

June 19, 1998
South Vigo School, Terre Haute

President Zeeks called this meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to order. Chaplain Baker gave the Invocation. Vice President Cox led the body in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Zeeks introduced guests Linda Jones, Group Sales Manager, and Cara Lewis, Service Coordinator, from the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ms. Jones invited the IVFA to convene in Michigan City, Indiana for their year 2000 Convention. Information packets were handed out to your officers. She encouraged everyone in the audience to secure their copies from the stage after the meeting. If anyone has any questions, they will be in the booth in the Holiday Inn Exhibit Hall.

Officer's Report

President Zeeks thanked everyone for their support over the last two years. It has been a very interesting and rewarding two years, and he apologized to all of the districts he did not visit.

Vice President Cox: Passed.

Chaplain Baker said there were a lot of deaths over the past year. He invited everyone to attend the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. to help honor those who have passed on. He also thanked Father Lantz for his help and support over the last year."

Father Lantz said it had been a pleasure to be with everyone for another year.

Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Bush was absent, attending to convention business.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kinsey said the Organization is solid. All officers should have a copy of the financial report of the Association up to May 31, 1998. Anyone having any questions or problems regarding the Secretary or Treasurer's Office or the Central Office may contact him or call the 1-800 number listed in the IVFA Paper.

President Zeeks said all District Chairmen need to get their delegates polled and onto their Roll Call Sheets.

Public Relation Directors

Northwest Buz Koehler thanked everyone for their support over the last year.

Northeast Richard Glant: Passed

East Central Don Cushman: Passed.

West Central Don Johnson: Passed.

Southwest Jack Kerney: Passed.

Southeast Nelson Ehlers: Passed.

District Chairmen

D1 Bill Howe: Passed.

D2 Larry Stott: Passed.

D3 Bob Uryga: Passed.

D4 Greg Freed: Passed.

D5 Don Kissinger: Passed.

D6 Mike Mackin: Passed.

D7 Mort Sorg: Passed.

D8-A Bob Fleener: Passed.

D8-B Larry Petro: Passed.

D9-A Charlie Cline: Passed.

D9-B Absent.

D10 David Israel: Passed.

D11-A Red Morris thanked everyone for coming to Terre Haute for the Convention.

D11-B Larry Bartlow: Passed.

D12 John Ross: Passed.

D13-A Tim Martin: Passed.

D13-B Dennis Spears: Passed.

D14 Roy Richardson: Passed.

D15 John Barr: Passed.

D17-A Jack Harker: Passed.

D17-B Luke Kluender: Passed.

D18 Frank Daunhauer: Passed.

D19 Paul Covington: Passed.

D21 Perry Martin: Passed.

Past Presidents

Richard Glant: Passed.

Mitch Parish: Passed.

Ivan Nevil: Absent.

Lawrence Swartz: Passed.

Carl Bruns: Passed.

Jim Parker: Passed.

Jack Ford: Absent.

Charlie Jones: Absent.

President Zeeks asked if he had missed calling on any officers?

Committee Reports

Legislature-John Shanks said the Legislative report can be reviewed in the May issue of the IVFA Paper.

Also in the May issue of the IVFA Paper there were three pictures of Gene Stofer with members of the Legislature. The pictures were delivered to Robert Laney with no explanation. Gene Stofer was recognized by both the Senate and the House for his many years of service to the Indiana General Assembly on behalf of the IVFA. This award is the highest award that can be bestowed on a non member of the General Assembly. He will have an article in the next issue of the paper explaining these three pictures.

Many people have asked how the Children's Burn Camp is doing. Several people have stopped by the booth and picked up bumper stickers. One of the fund raisers for the burn camp is the sale of a ball point pen. The cost is a \$5.00 donation. Ginger Shanks is manning the booth and has 1999 calendars and bumper stickers. The 1999 General Assembly will be in session at the beginning of November. There were only 131 bills passed out of the 907 that were submitted. The 1999 long session will be characterized by the fight over the State's excess funds. Property tax will be a big issue and how to use the surplus to reduce them. Everybody has a different idea on how to do this.

If anyone has ideas for the 1999 session, contact Jim Parker or Charlie Baker. They are members of your Legislative Committee. You can work with your Legislative Committee to formulate a bill draft. Any

bills that did not survive the short session can be introduced in this session.

One bill that failed this session was to try and reference the firefighter death benefit with the Workmen's Compensation Act by referencing a section in the code. This would have kept us from going back to the legislature every couple of years to increase the benefits. This bill will be re-submitted in next session without referencing the Workmen's Compensation Act.

President Zeeks asked all District Chairmen to turn in their Delegate Vouchers. Remember only one delegate from each department will receive mileage from home to Terre Haute and back. Please turn them in as quickly as you can.

Editors Assistant-Bill Howe reported the last issue of the paper was delivered the middle of May. If you did not get one, you need to get your address taken care of. The deadline for articles in the next issue of the paper is July 10.

President Zeeks asked the Roll Call and the Mileage and Credentials Committees to come forward at this time.

Advertising-Lawrence Swartz, passed.

National Volunteer Fire Council-Mitch Parish, passed.

By-Laws-Jim Parker, passed.

Public Education-Jim Parker, passed.

EMS-Larry Stott, passed.

Membership-Carl Bruns, passed.

Bridgeport-Lawrence Swartz, passed.

Fire School-Jack Cox, passed.

Awards-Jack Cox, passed.

Insurance-Bill Kinsey, passed.

Historical-Mitch Parish reported the historical books are not completed as of yet.

The recall of Sergeant-at-Arms-Bill Bush said he hoped that everyone was having a good time.

Fire Service Institute-Larry Curl wanted to thank everyone for allowing him to come before them today and allowing him to host the convention last year. The Institute has kicked off the Hoosier Burn Camp and was glad to be a part of a very worthwhile program. The burn camp needs your help, both financial and your volunteer time.

He encouraged everyone to keep their eyes and ears open for the up-coming standards from the NFPA. These proposed standards will effect all of the fire service, paid, volunteer and industrial. He recently was asked to testify before Congress on terrorism. He assured Congress that volunteer firefighters need as much support from the Federal Government as does Indianapolis, the City of Chicago or Los Angeles. We need the equipment and training to deal with terrorism.

President Zeeks at this time turned the meeting over to Eula Bush for the introduction of the 1998 Miss Flame and her Court.

Eula introduced Anna Cardinal, from Washington Township Fire Department, District 17-A, as your 1998 Miss Flame. The runner-up Miss Flame is Alisha Vaught, from Schererville Fire Department District 1. The rest of the court are Eileen Scubelek, District 2; Heather Garwood, District 3; Stephanie Freed, District 4; Amanda Burroughs, District 5; Kimberly Smith, District 6; April Marshall, District 8-A; Tracy McClain, District 8-B; Ellen May, District 11-A; Brandy Miller, District 11-B; Christina Thomas, District 12; Tammy Spears, District 13-B; Angela Willoughby, District 15; Ashley Zeeks, District 17-B; Brittney Neukam, District 18; Cindy Caudill, District 19; and the 1997 Miss Flame Angela Lister, District 21.

At this time, Eula asked President Zeeks to pass out gifts to all of the girls from the IVFA and the IVFAA. She wanted to thank Charles Jones and Bliss McKnight Insurance Company for their donation for the pizza party, Bushmann Carr & Shanks for their donation of the Miss Flame Luncheon, and Jack and Barbara Kerney for their donation of the photo albums presented to the Miss Flame Contestants.

President Zeeks now continued on with the committee reports.

Standards and Education-Paul Covington wanted to thank everyone for attending the morning meeting. The Board is in the process of promulgating the rule changes and changing the dates on the NFPA Standards. All of these changes are housekeeping matters. The public hearing for these changes will be held during the next Board meeting to be held at the September meeting in Ft. Wayne.

President Zeeks wanted to correct a mistake he made by asking for

the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

Public Relations Northwest, Buz Koehler made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Mike Mackin, District 6, seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.

President Zeeks now continued with the committee reports.

1999 Convention-David Israel said the Holiday Inn Convention hotel will not be taking reservations until after July 5.

PSTI-Ivan Nevil said those that planned on attending the 1998 Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy, it has been cancelled due to the lack of interest.

The 1999 Indiana weekend will be May 1 & 2. IFSAC will be scheduling a visit for accreditation for some of our programs the last two weeks of September. These dates have not been confirmed by IFSAC at this time. We will be looking at accreditation for Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Officer I, Fire Officer II, Instructor I, Instructor II-III, Inspector I, Inspector II, Driver Operator, Investigator, Haz-Mat Awareness, and Haz-Mat Operations.

An Incident Safety Officer Train the Trainer course is scheduled for October 13 & 14 in Evansville. There are openings for fifteen firefighters. Also, in Evansville on October 29 & 30 there will be a Health and Safety Officer course scheduled. The sprinkler burn trailer is being refurbished and will be ready for service in the near future.

There are rumors floating around that the PSTI Board and Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education do not meet. I would like to inform you that the PSTI Board meets quarterly and the Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education meets every six weeks. I would also like to stop another rumor that the company that PSTI uses for their test bank of test questions is not accredited by IFSTA and is not a reputable company. I have a letter from IFSTA stating that the company is a reputable company, and that IFSTA uses them occasionally.

At this time Paul introduced Mike Bigler, Chief Deputy from the Marshal's office, to speak on Terrorism at the State Level.

Mike Bigler reported that a terrorism task force has been formed and is made up of

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Federal, State, and Local officials. Subcommittees have been formed to address the training issues. The committee is looking at standardized training state wide. This will allow you to be assured that no matter what agency you may respond with, everyone will have the same basic concept of training.

Fourteen Haz-Mat teams throughout the state will be equipped and trained to respond to a terrorism attack. They were picked due to geographic location, around universities, and large metropolitan areas. Mike encouraged everyone to attend these classes when they come to your area.

Ivan said there were some items that the Fire Marshal wanted him to cover. The State of Indiana Voice Radio Data Communication Strategic Plan. This questionnaire is very intensive and will take a little time to fill out. Ivan said this is probably the most intensive piece of information to come out of the Marshal's office since he had been there. Your input will help all emergency and law enforcement agencies to communicate with one another.

The Revolving Loan Funds' last deadline was May. Five loans were made after the first deadline, and five more loans will be made this time. November 17 will be the deadline for the next loans, with the draw being in December.

Games-Al Mendel reported that the games will start Saturday at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot to the south of the hotel.

PSTI Board-Lawrence Swartz said several programs were in place, and more programs are to be put into place. Legislative support is needed to expand the programs of PSTI.

President Zeeks asked if there was any old business that needed to be brought before this body. If there is no old business, is there any new business that needs to be brought before this body. Since there was no new business, President Zeeks asked that the Election Committee come forward at this time for the election of 1999 Officers.

Election Committee-Chairman Lawrence Swartz asked for the

Sergeant-At-Arms to gather everyone from outside the room. At this time he announced the other members of the committee, Ivan Nevil, Gene Stofer, Mitch Parish, and Bill Howe, Sr. The committee has been able to secure a complete set of candidates to run for the 1999 offices. Nominations will be allowed from the floor, as they always have been in the past. Ivan Nevil will be doing the nominating work during the election.

Ivan: The nominating committee, for the office of President for the year 1999, places the name of Jack Cox.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Cox, for President for the year 1999.

Cox said he appreciated the support he had received the last two years as your Vice President. He is looking forward to the next two years, if possible, as your President. Don't hesitate to call if you need something or have a problem.

Ivan: For the office of Vice President the nominating committee submits the name of Jack Kerney.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Kerney, for Vice President for the year 1999.

Kerney said he will make it to the North for the meetings. If you will let him know when your meetings are he will try his best to get there. He has five weeks vacation and will use this time to attend those over night meetings.

Ivan said that for the last three years we have had the Bi-Jack Show, now we have the Tri-Jack Show.

Ivan: For the office of Secretary the nominating committee submits the name of Bill Kinsey.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Dave Ellis, District 11-B, submits the name of John Davis.

Ivan: Are there any further nominations from the floor?

Ivan: Mr. Davis, do you have any comments you would like to make to this body.

Davis: "My name is John Davis, District 11-B. I have served this organization as Recording Secretary & Assistant Secretary. I would again like to serve as your Secretary."

Ivan asked Mr. Kinsey if there were any comments from him.

Kinsey said those of you that have had dealings with the office of the Secretary/Treasurer, what you see is what you get. We are working and have made major improvements in the software program in the office of the Secretary. This is a major situation when you install software, it takes a lot of time. If you feel I have done a good job, vote for me.

Ivan asked District Chairmen, to poll their districts and send the tally up front as soon as possible so we could proceed.

Ivan said the tally showed Bill Kinsey the 1999 Secretary.

Ivan: For the office of Treasurer the nominating committee submits the name of Bill Kinsey.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Max Harrah District 11-A, nominates John Davis.

Davis declined the nomination. Ivan: John Davis declines the nomination, Max. Thank you.

Ivan: Are there any further nominations from the floor?

Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Kinsey, for Treasurer for the year 1999.

Ivan: For the office of Sergeant-At-Arms the nominating committee submits the name of Bill Bush.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Bush, for Sergeant-At-Arms for the year 1999.

Ivan: For the office of Chaplain the nominating committee submits the name of Charlie Baker.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Charlie Baker, for Chaplain for the year 1999.

Baker thanked all for their support, God bless each and everyone.

Ivan: For the office of Public Relations Northwest, Districts 1, 2, 3, 9-A and 9-B, the nominating committee submits the name of Buz Koehler.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan declared the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Buz Koehler, for Public Relations Northwest for the year 1999.

Koehler thanked Districts

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From the Vice President



Jack Cox

Where has the summer gone? It seems like it was just yesterday that I started mowing grass!

It has been my pleasure to have served you, the members, as your Vice President the last two years. I am excited about the new year and what it will bring to our Association.

In the last issue of the paper, I asked for input from you, the members, as to what you expect for 1999.

As of yet I have only heard from one member! PLEASE, write to me or call me and provide your expectations, ideas, or needs from this Association. I will answer all correspondence!

I was very sad to have been notified of the death of Harold (Gene) Stoffer last September. Gene will definitely be missed by us all in the Fire Service as well as his family.

Gene was always there for the betterment of the Fire Service and devoted many, many hours to assure that the volunteers were not forgotten.

The IVFA and IVFAA paid tribute to Gene with a very fine Memorial Service, along with the Wayne Township Fire Department.

I wish all of you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and hope to see you often in 1999 at the district meetings, as well as the annual meeting at convention next June.

Please attend your district meetings as often as possible. If you are absent, you are missing out on issues and information pertinent to your future in the Volunteer Fire Service.

Fire Damages Home

A Wednesday afternoon (August 25, 1998) house fire near Hamilton caused about \$20,000 in damage, Hamilton firefighters said.

Faulty wiring in the walls of a second story bedroom caused the fire, Hamilton Fire Chief Rodney Snyder said.

The fire was contained to that bedroom and the attic, and minimal smoke and water damage was reported in the rest of the house.

Firefighters from Metz, Angola and Edon assisted. Pleasant Lake firefighters helped fill tankers and Butler firefighters covered Hamilton's station while firefighters were at the scene.

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August 28, 1998

Sellersburg VFD Receives Award From State Association

The Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department was recently recognized by the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana as having the outstanding Fire Prevention Bureau in the state.

This is only the second time the association has presented the award.

Any fire department in the state, paid or volunteer, is eligible for the award.

The award was presented to Bob Stewart, Deputy Chief of the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department, at the annual meeting of two state associations, the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana and the Indiana Association of Building Officials, at their combined convention at the Star Plaza Hotel at Merrillville, Indiana this past summer.

The award was presented to Stewart by Indiana State Fire Marshal M. Tracy Boatwright on behalf of the Fire Inspectors Association.

Bob Stewart has been a member of the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department for forty years, and has been the Chief Inspector of the Fire Prevention Bureau for the Sellersburg Department since the division was created in 1988.

He is a charter member of the Inspectors Association and serves on it's Board of Directors.

Stewart will be retiring from the active fire service at the end of 1998. He was the second person to be employed full time by the Sellersburg Department in 1988.

Currently the department has around thirty-five full time employees and over eighty volunteers.

The department has a twenty year contract with the Tri-Township Fire Protection District covering over sixty-four square miles in three townships in Clark County.

Over 18,000 people reside in the fire district and there are over 250 commercial establishments, churches and schools.

The fire department currently operates from four fire stations in the fire district with a fifth station currently under construction.

The department also has a contract with ICI America, Inc. for fire protection at the former



Pictured (l-r) Wayne Jackson, Richmond, Indiana; Bob Stewart, Sellersburg VFD; and M. Tracy Boatwright, Indiana State Fire Marshal.

Indiana Army Ammunition Plant near Charlestown, Indiana. This is an 11,000 acre military facility with over 3,000 structures.

Sellersburg uses two fire stations in the facility and has a mutual aid agreement with the Utica Volunteer Fire Department in

Utica, Indiana and the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department in Jeffersonville, Indiana for added back up, if needed, at the plant site.

The Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department has an EMS division with ten ambulances that serves much of Clark County, plus two adjacent counties, with both emergency and convalescent ambulance service.

Sellersburg Fire Chief Mark Ball recently attended a public meeting of the Sellersburg Town Council and informed the community of the prestigious award that the community has earned.

The Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. will be observing their 50th anniversary as an Indiana Corporation during the next twelve months.

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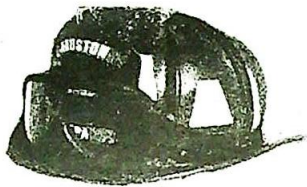
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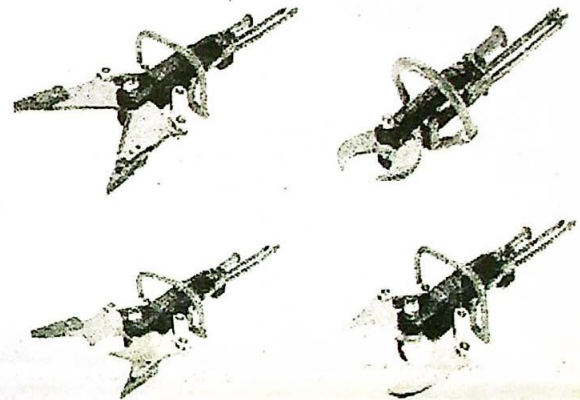
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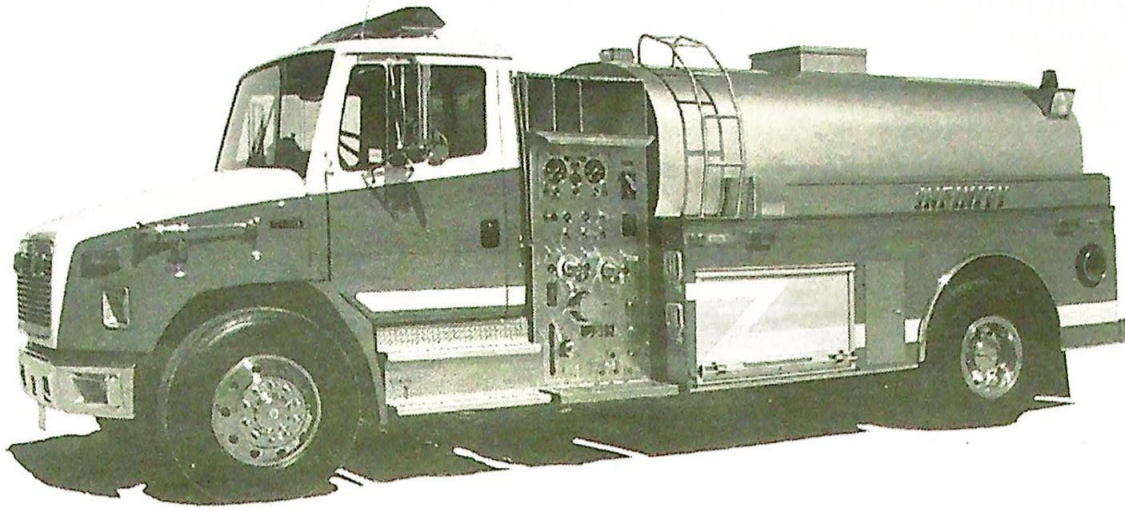
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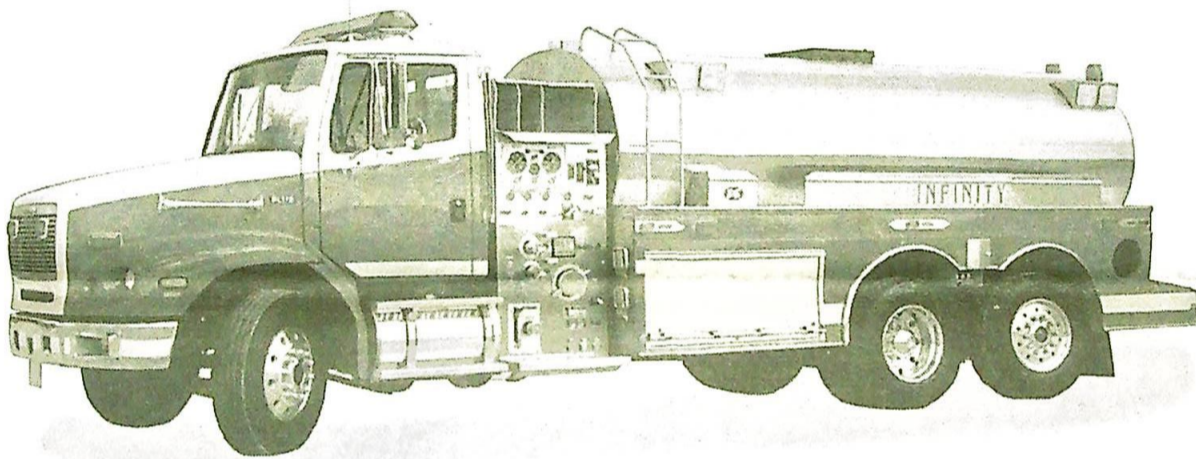
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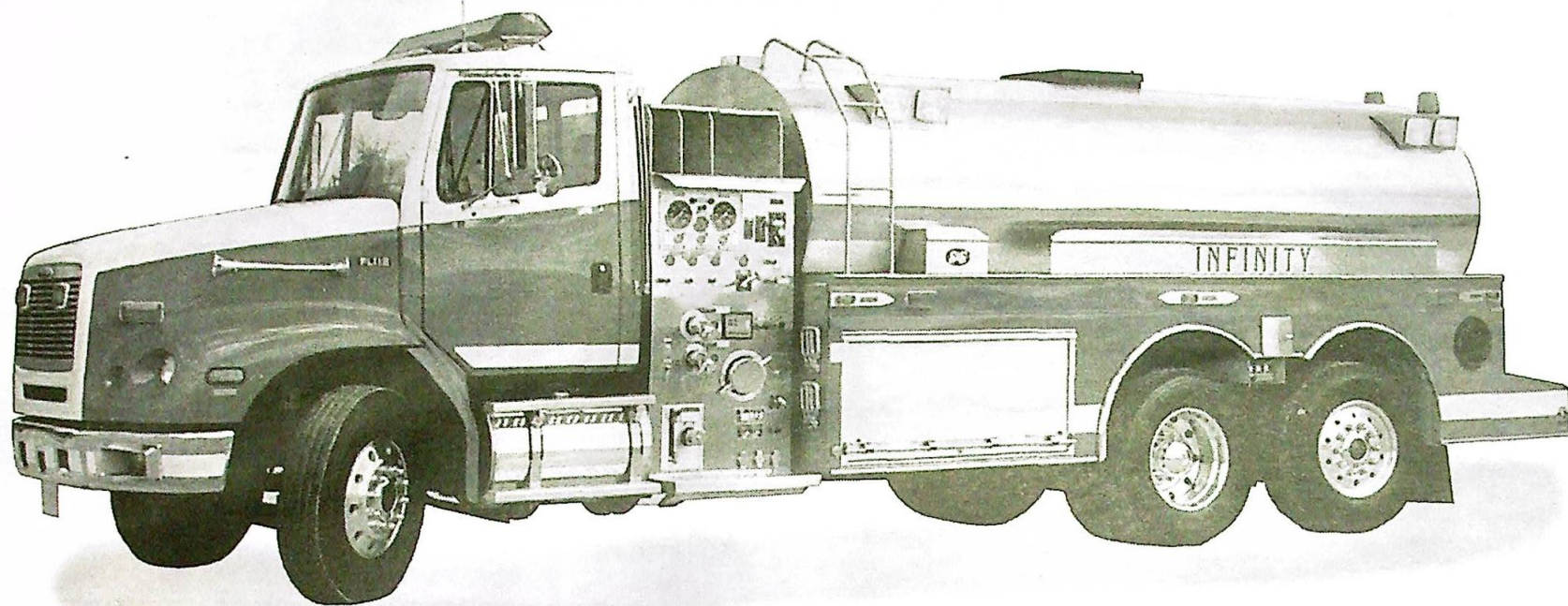
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Traffic accident injures four in St. John

St. John - The St. John Fire Department responded to a multiple vehicle accident on U.S. 41 and Bingo Lake Road in St. John, IN. The vehicles were in the northbound lanes of U.S. 41.

The call was received July 29 at 8:45 p.m. The fire department responded with a total of five pieces of apparatus including one class A engine, two inhalator squads, one equipment truck, and the incident command car.

Lake Hills was also called for mutual aid and responded with manpower, equipment, and an ambulance.

Upon arrival at the scene by fire personnel, four vehicles were found at the intersection of U.S. 41 (Wicker Avenue) and Bingo Lake Road. The vehicles were in the northbound lane and consisted of one semi tractor-trailer, two pick-up trucks, and one car. The two pick-up trucks were engulfed in flames. The semi trailer was damaged from that fire as well as from the burning diesel fuel from the trailer.

All vehicles were occupied by one person, the driver.

Concerned citizens assisted the drivers out of the pick-up trucks before the fire started. All injuries appeared to be non-life threatening.

A total of four persons were transported to local hospitals. One person was transported to St. Anthony's in Crown Point, one person was transported to St. Margaret Mercy South in Dyer, and two persons were transported to Community Hospital in Munster. Lake Hills Ambulance and Co-Med transported the patients to local hospitals.

A total of seven vehicles were either directly or indirectly involved. A fifth vehicle made its way to the Speedway gas station, where that driver was treated. Vehicle number six was hit by some flying debris in the rear window and shattered it. The car had two occupants.

Vehicle number seven attempted to miss the accident and ended resting upon a light fixture for a sign. The vehicle had to be lifted off the light fixture.

With the help of Lake Hills Fire Department, the fire was quickly brought under control and extinguished. St. John Fire, Lake Hills Ambulance, and Co-Med treated the drivers on the scene.

Other agencies that responded to the scene were Lake County Fire Chief's Association, the Lake County Hazard Material Team (HAZMAT), and the Town of St. John Public Works.

Police departments that responded to the scene were St. John Police Department, Cedar Lake Police Department, Schererville Police Department, and the Lake County Police Department.

U.S. 41 was closed for a short time while the fire was being fought. After the fire was extinguished U.S. 41 was re-opened to single lane traffic for both north and south bound vehicles. Investigation of the accident scene is still pending.

The right saddle fuel tank on the semi ruptured and the fuel tanks on the pick-up trucks also contributed to the fire. Several explosions were reported, which were the tires on the vehicles

exploding and burning.

The pick-up trucks were a total loss. Damage to the semi was extensive, but repairable.

St. John Public Works provided sand to dike the water run-off that contained traces of fuel.

The Hazardous Material Team was called to identify the load the semi was carrying. Chemtrec was alerted. The semi was carrying bagged fertilizer to be used by homeowners on lawns.

After it was determined the fire was out and there was no chance of contamination, the scene was cleared.

Sometimes just having something to cling to makes all the difference in the world to an injured or frightened child.

All over the state of Indiana, Eastern Star Chapters will be joining together to help our volunteer service groups by providing them with stuffed toys.

No matter who you are, you can help. By pulling over for emergency vehicles, calling 911 to advise the location of a wreck or fire, or even sharing water from your lake or well and, as always, donations are gladly

accepted.

Reprinted from the Spencer County Journal Democrat

Firemen thankful for donations

This letter was sent to the editor of the Spencer County Journal Democrat by Luce Twp. VFD.

To the editor:
On behalf of the Luce Twp. Volunteer Firefighters, we would like to extend a big thank you to

the officers and members of the Eureka Chapter No. 132 Order of the Eastern Star for their generous donation of stuffed animals.

With this special gift, we will be able to present a stuffed animal or toy to a child in their time of need and uncertainty.

Sometimes the little things mean a lot to a child when they are confronted with an unexpected tragedy. When the community helps out like this, it really does make the job worthwhile.

Once again, we cannot thank you enough.

Lynndell Middleton

OES gives away stuffed animals

Eureka Chapter No. 132 Order of the Eastern Star presented stuffed animals to the Luce Township Volunteer Firefighters at the Hatfield Station.

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1,2,3,9-A and 9-B for their support.

Ivan: For the office of Public Relations Northeast, Districts 4, 5, 6, and 7, the nominating committee submits the name of Richard Glant.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan declared the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Richard Glant, for Public Relations Northeast for the year 1999.

Ivan: For the office of Public Relations West Central Districts 11-A, 11-B, 12, and 21, the nominating committee submits the name of Don Johnson.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Don Johnson, for Public Relations West Central for the year 1999.

Ivan: For the office of Public Relations East Central Districts 8-A, 8-B, 13-A, 13-B and 10, the nominating committee submits the name of Don Cushman.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Don Cushman for Public Relations East Central for the year 1999.

Ivan: For the office of Public Relations Southeast, Districts 14, 16, and 19, the nominating committee submits the name of Nelson Ehlers.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Nelson Ehlers, for Public Relations Southeast for the year 1999.

Ivan: For the office of Public Relations Southwest, Districts 15, 17-A, 17-B, and 18, the nominating committee submits the name of Jack Harker.

Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

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Ivan: Are there any nominations from the floor?

Ivan: I declare the nominations closed.

President Zeeks cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Harker, for Public Relations Southwest for the year 1999.

Swartz said he would like to thank everyone for their patience and support they showed the officers that have led the organization in the past. Some of the officers will be stepping up and leading the organization in the future. He felt we have made a good selection and wanted to commend all of you for it. Thank you.

President Zeeks said he needed the Mileage and Credentials Committee to report up front to pass out the checks.

The Nominating and Election Committee was released.

President Zeeks asked Bob Uryga if he would like to address the body?

Uryga, District 3, invited everyone to Michigan City for the 2000 Convention.

President Zeeks asked if there was anyone else that would like to host the 2000 Convention.

Buz Koehler, PRNW, made a motion we accept the invitation of District 3 bid for the 2000 Convention. Mike Mackin, District 6, seconded that motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.

President Zeeks asked Mitch Parish if the Audit Committee had reviewed the finances.

Parish said the Audit Committee had reviewed the finances of the organization, and found the association to be very solid. The committee recommended the body accept the committee's report. Bill Howe, District 1, seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

President Zeeks asked for any other business that needed to come before this body at this time. All officers were encouraged to participate in the parade. At this time he asked for a motion to adjourn, fol-

lowing the Benediction by Rev. David Barnett, Chaplain of the McCutchanville VFD.

Dick Glant, PRNE made a motion we adjourn. Max Harrah, District 11-A, seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Rev. Barnett gave the Benediction.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Jack Kerney, Acting Secretary

Doug Rodenbeck Wins Marc Mueller Award

Doug Rodenbeck of Washington Township in Allen County was awarded the "Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award of Excellence" by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) on October 10th in Rhode Island.

The Marc Mueller Award is an annual award to a volunteer firefighter who exemplifies the philosophy of fire prevention. All nominees must have made major contributions and accomplishments in the field of fire prevention.

Out of thousands of nominees, the NVFC in Washington, D.C. and Master Protection Corp. decide the recipient based on his/her role in promoting fire safety.

Doug has been in fire safety for over 24 years, most notably by traveling to area schools and teaching over 4,000 children a year fire safety and prevention.

Along with fire safety, Doug has been in active volunteer service for the Washington Township Fire Department, where he has also been the chaplain, treasurer, and township trustee.

Outside of the fire service, Doug has been a 20-year volunteer at the Gateway Children's Home in Grabill and shelter manager for several disasters.

We are proud to have a Hoosier win this award and feel extremely lucky to have him as a resident in our community.

Congratulations, Doug!!

New program available from State Fire Marshal's office

M. Tracy Boatwright, Indiana State Fire Marshal, recently participated in a meeting with other state agencies that were doing counter-terrorism training in some format. At this meeting, the State Fire Marshal's office was designated as the lead agency for this training in the state.

Appointed to spearhead this new directive were Chief Deputy Mike Bigler and Ivan Nevil in the Public Safety Training Institute.

If you are interested in hosting either the counter-terrorism course or a train the trainer program, please give Mike a call at 1-800-423-0765 or Ivan at 1-800-666-7784.

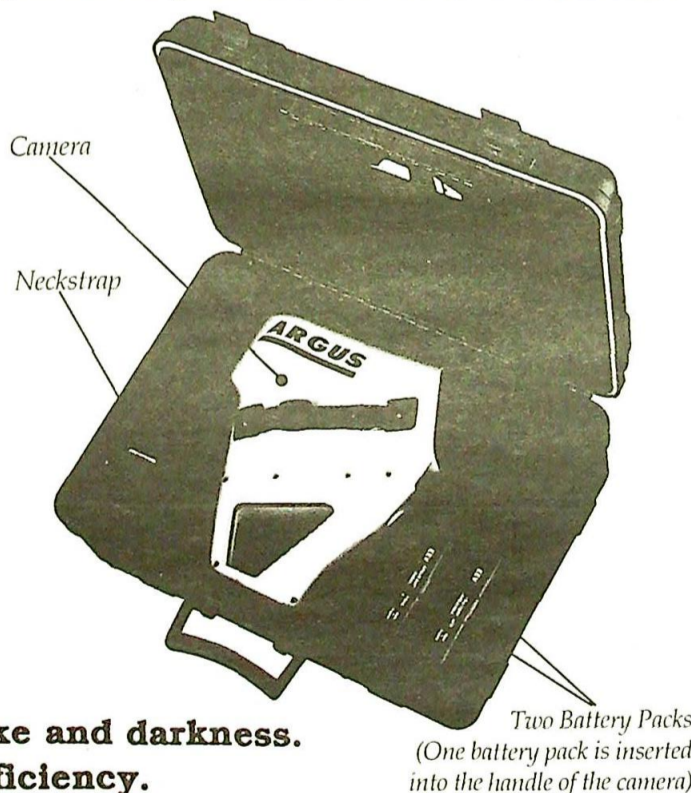
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Letters From Camp

From Ginger K. Shanks
Executive Director, Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc.

A lot has happened since my last letter from Hoosier Burn Camp. In July, I was the guest of the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation at their burn camp near Atlanta, Georgia. Although the names and faces were different, the kids had the same hopeful, vibrant spirit as the kids I met at the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp in June.

John and I arrived at the Georgia Burn Camp the day of their fun fair. There were lots of clowns and eager children testing their skills at various games. Food was plentiful and the sound of laughing children was almost magical. It was obvious that for some of these children this occasion was perhaps one of the few days in their lives when pain and fear were overshadowed by hugs and giggles. They were just being kids. Their joy continues to inspire me.

We have been blessed with much goodwill this past three months. A good example of these blessings is the development of our new logo. Internationally acclaimed artist and sculptor Michael Anthony Ricker has given us permission to incorporate a likeness of his pewter statue known as "Charlie & Robert" into our logo. Mr. Ricker has more than forty galleries throughout the United States which display his work exclusively. One is located in the National City Plaza in downtown Indianapolis. He displays many beautiful pewter creations including a fantastic selection of fire and police service pieces. We had used "Charlie & Robert" as part of a recognition present to First Lady Judy O'Bannon earlier this year for agreeing to serve as Honorary Chairperson of Hoosier Burn Camp. It seemed most fitting that it become a permanent part of the Hoosier Burn Camp tradition. You will have an opportunity to meet Michael Ricker at the Annual Fire & Emergency Services Dinner on February 1, 1999 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. Hopefully he'll bring some fire service pieces for display.

Speaking of the annual dinner, Hoosier Burn Camp is again being honored by Indiana's fire & emergency services community at the annual banquet hosted by the Indiana Fire Services Institute, a coalition of fire & emergency services organizations. The Institute, the brain child of the late (and great) Harold E. "Gene" Stofer, annually gathers in Indianapolis to celebrate its members' service to Hoosier communities. We are thrilled to again be the object of their recognition.

Dinner guests will be honored by having one of the most unique and inspiring young men in America as the evening's guest and keynote speaker. Perhaps you have seen him on national television. His name is Joel Sonnenburg. Joel is a burn survivor from Montreat, N.C. and a junior at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. Joel's story was recently featured on the CBS news show "Public Eye" hosted by Bryant Gumbel and on NBC's "Today Show". Severely burned over 88% of his body in a terrible auto accident at age two, Joel, like the fabled phoenix, has risen from the ashes of that spectacular fire to become an inspiring role model for America's youth, especially burn survivors. Joel has been a featured speaker on radio, television and in selected church and civic organizations nationwide. Sonnenburg has achieved what others thought impossible following the fiery car crash; former Taylor University sophomore class president, Eagle Scout, Olympic Torch Bearer, varsity soccer captain, National Discover Card Tribute Award winner, and former student government president of his high school. His is a story of family, faith and courage. His mother, Janet, an inspiration in her own right, has been a great source of personal support to me. This dynamic family gives new meaning to the term "support system." Listening to Joel speak will be a once in a lifetime experience you will never forget. If at all possible, bring a large delegation from your department to the annual dinner. You'll leave inspired and recommitted to being a part of Indiana's fire & emergency service. For ticket information, call me at 800-254-2878.

Our continuing challenge is raising funds for the kids to go to camp. We are grateful for the money and in-kind donations which we continue to receive. We still have a ways to go to reach our budget goal, but we are confident the money will be there when we need it. Someone pointed out to me at the Terre Haute convention that if every volunteer fire department would commit at least \$200, we'd easily meet our goal. Now there's food for thought. How about it, could your department raise \$200 a year for our kids? A list of current contributors follows this letter and we'd sure like to add the name of your department. Call me if you're looking for fund-raising ideas.

As you can see, our largest single financial commitment has come from an old friend of the fire service, the National Fire Safety Council, headquartered in Michigan Center, Michigan. Most likely if you're doing any public education, you're using their materials. The picture of me and the mascot "Fire Pup" was taken at the Delphi Volunteer Fire Department's Community Open House during Fire Prevention Week. Delphi's department provides fire protection to our camp, which is located just west of town.

Speaking of the Terre Haute convention, congratulations to 1998 Miss Flame, Anna Cardinal from Bicknell and her lovely court. I had the pleasure of spending time with Anna at the convention and was not at all surprised at her selection. She is a very caring young woman and was very interested in the plight of our kids; so when she asked how she could help, we asked her if she would serve as the Burn Camp's Teen Spokesperson and use the influence of her title to promote public

awareness of the needs of juvenile burn survivors. Needless to say, she excitedly accepted our invitation and has been appearing in parades around the state with a Hoosier Burn Camp banner on the parade vehicle. Thanks, Anna! We really appreciate your enthusiasm and willingness to get the word out.

Well, that's all for now. I hope to see you at the Fire & Emergency Services Dinner on February 1st. It will undoubtedly be a night to remember.

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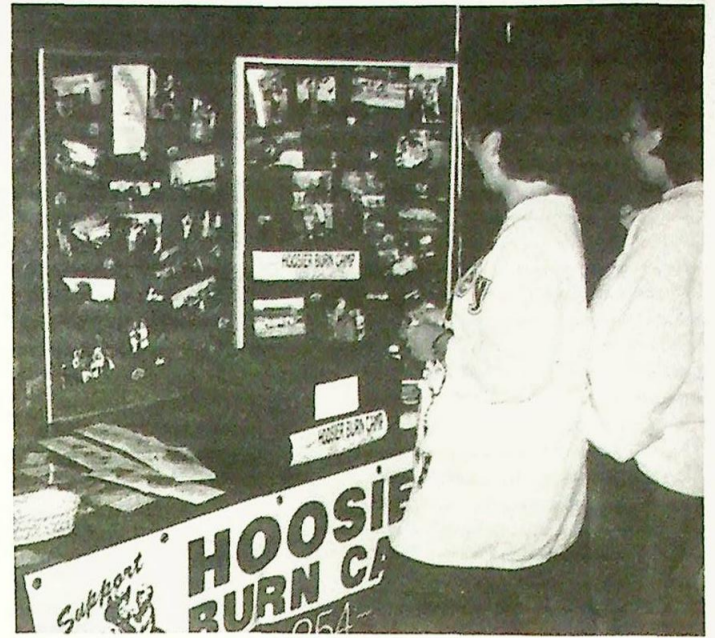
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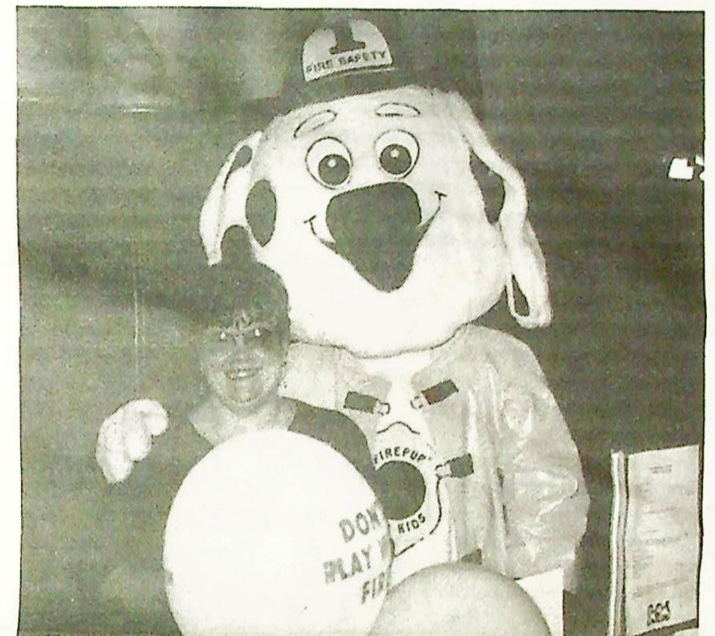
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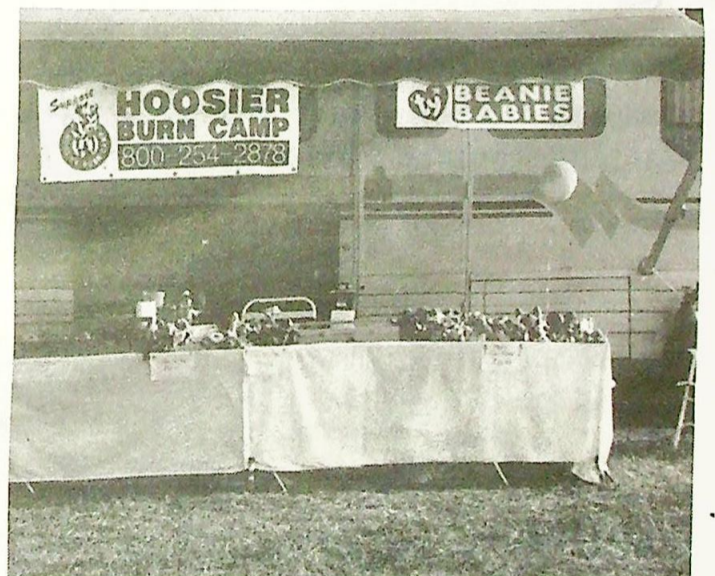
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Typical Burn Camp Booth at fire and emergency services events around state of Indiana.



Ginger gets a big hug from Fire Plug at the Delphi Volunteer Fire Department's Community Open House during Fire Prevention Week 1998.



Riding the tide of Beanie Baby mania, Hoosier Burn Camp sells these cute stuffed animals as another way to raise awareness and money.

This display was set up at the Miracle Fly-In at Mt. Comfort Airport near Greenfield in September. Proceeds went to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.



1998 Miss Flame Anna Cardinal, from Bicknell, is the Burn Camp Teen Spokesperson.

The Roles of Volunteers in Combination Departments

"Combination departments that eliminate their volunteers are making a serious mistake."

By Reade Bush

An increasing number of volunteer fire departments across the country are incorporating paid members into their ranks. Combination departments are most commonly found in suburban areas and densely populated areas, and in recent years found in rural areas.

Volunteer fire departments find it necessary to hire paid staff for various reasons: they need help with handling an increasing call volume; they decide to take on new areas of service such as EMS or hazardous materials response; they are struggling to recruit and retain members, or simply do not have enough members to respond on calls; they need paid personnel to assist with getting an engine "out the door"; they need paid personnel to assist with administrative duties; or volunteers do not have as much time to run calls as in previous years due to increasing training demands.

When paid personnel are incorporated into volunteer departments, there is often a somber sentiment that "this is the

beginning of the end" for the volunteers. Some volunteers fear that they are being replaced and can no longer have a role in the department.

In reality, however, it is rare to close a volunteer operation completely and replace it with a fully staffed paid department.

In most cases, paid personnel are incorporated over time as needs arise.

In the evolution of volunteer to combination department, the volunteers usually outnumber the paid staff at first, creating a situation whereby the paid personnel essentially are ancillary support to the volunteers. In other words, the volunteers are still the primary responders, and the paid members support the volunteers in day-to-day operations.

Paid members can offer a tremendous amount of support to the volunteers to relieve them of certain responsibilities such as station or apparatus maintenance, reporting after calls, etc. This allows the volunteers to focus their time on training and responding to calls. This is particularly important today when many fire departments are losing their volunteers due to excessive time demands.

In fact, many departments have found that the volunteers would not be able to survive without the support of the paid staff.

Over time, localities may find it necessary to hire additional paid staff, and eventually paid members may outnumber the volunteers. Under this type of combination system, the paid personnel are the primary responders, and the volunteers provide support to paid members.

In some situations, the addition of paid personnel is welcomed openly by volunteers because they see a need for assistance of paid personnel. In other situations, the volunteers may not embrace the addition of paid staff, either because they feel additional paid personnel are unnecessary or economically unfeasible, or because they fear the addition of more paid members will effectively eliminate the need for and role of volunteers in the department. This is a valid fear because there are many examples of departments that have eventually eliminated their volunteers.

Combination departments that eliminate their volunteers are making a serious mistake. Likewise, large city departments that do not have volunteers miss out on the services volunteers can provide. Fire departments that are primarily staffed by paid personnel can always benefit from volunteers. Volunteers can serve in many roles that will benefit the department and the citizens it serves. Given the demands placed on fire departments today, there is always a role for volunteers. Besides serving as firefighters and EMTs, volunteers can assist with public education, fire prevention, administration, disaster preparedness, and many other duties.

Unfortunately, some primarily paid combination departments have policies that permit volunteers to serve in administrative roles, but not as firefighters or EMTs. These departments typically claim that they have enough paid staff to handle calls. However, when a disaster strikes or major fire occurs, resources grow thin very quickly. Who will be called to help? Mutual aid

assistance may not be available.

The most important role of volunteers in primarily paid combination departments is to be a ready reserve force. Generally, at least once per year, the paid members will be overwhelmed by a large fire, disaster, or a storm that generates a high volume of calls. When these situations occur, departments should have a cadre of volunteers who can fill-in stations, place additional units in service, and respond to calls. This role for volunteers is similar to that of the reserve system used by the military today. Cities and towns that do not have a backup or reserve cadre of volunteers are not prepared for the busy periods which will happen.

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Volunteer Firefighters Honored

The Elmore Township Volunteer Fire Department recently recognized four firefighters who have been with the department for several years.

Those honored were Wayne Ellis, 20-year member, Master firefighter, Master in instruction and motorsports, First Responder, past Fire Chief, and current Assistant Chief, received 20-year pin; John Abrams, Fire Chief, Master in motorsports and First Responder, received a 10-year pin; Jerry Beck, 17-year member, First Class firefighter and advanced EMT, received a

15-year pin; and Jesse Emmons, 12-year member, Master firefighter, Master in instruction and advanced EMT, past Fire Chief and Captain, received a 10-year pin.

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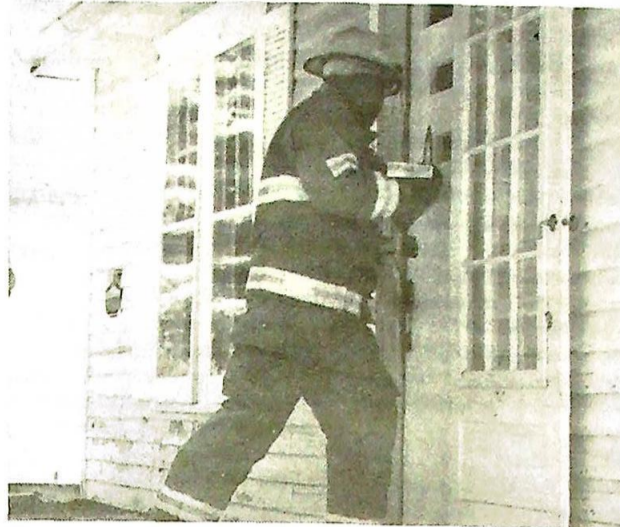
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Brownstown Fire Department Forcible Entry Training

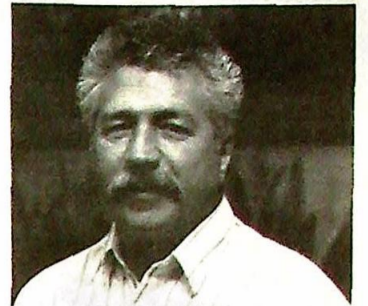
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Brownstown Firefighter Jeff Fleetwood demonstrates the fine art of removing window glass.



Brownstown Firefighter "Big Larry" practices forcing a door with a quick bar.



LeMoyne 'Buz' Koehler

District 10 losses friend and member



Brownstown Firefighter Richard Burrell pulls a ceiling. End of day score, Burrell - 3, Ceilings - 0.

Utilizing the resources at hand, Brownstown Fire Department was quick to take advantage of a soon to be demolished house.

Firefighters from Brownstown and one from Pershing Township enjoyed a day of breaking windows, breaching walls, and pulling down ceilings.

"We even have furniture in place for search and rescue training," said class co-ordinator Jeff Fleetwood. "I brought it all for three dollars and I think we have gotten our money's worth."

The house was a recent purchase of the Brownstown Central School System and was

slated for the bulldozer the following Monday.

"We were thrilled to get an intact structure to play with," commented firefighter Dick Burrell.

"We did it all, from venting the roof to putting the ceiling into the floor. It has been great training."

Pershing firefighter Mike Hall was grateful for the invitation to join the hands-on session.

"It is good to work with other departments in training.

I'm sure we will all work better as a team on our next mutual aid call."

Audrey Utley, age 74, a well-known respected member of the volunteer fire family was fatally injured in a car-truck collision, Tuesday, October 13, 1998, just outside of Wanamaker, Indiana.

Audrey was an active member of the Acton Volunteer Fire Auxiliary for forty years, serving in various positions.

She was also a thirty-year active member of the IVFAA, currently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of the District 10 Auxiliary.

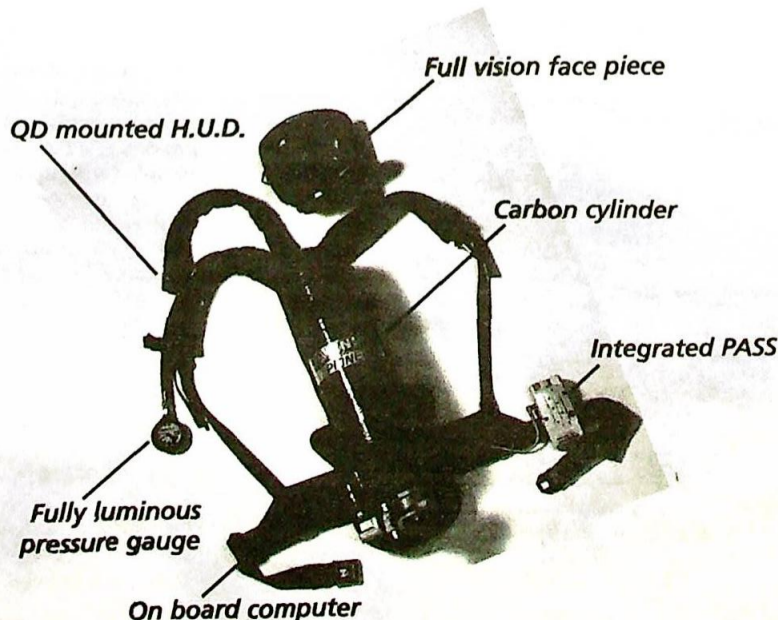
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Grants are available to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural area and towns of up to 50,000 in population. Grants are authorized on a graduated scale. Priority is given to applicants located in rural communities having populations of 25,000 or less and serving primarily rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less. Applicants located in smaller communities with lower populations and low incomes will receive a higher percentage of grants. **WHO MAY APPLY?**

Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to nonprofit corporations and tribal governments.

In addition, applicants must have the legal authority necessary for construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed facility and also be unable to obtain needed funds from commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms.

HOW MAY FUNDS BE USED?

Grant funds may be used to assist in the development of essential community facilities. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. This can include the purchase of equipment required for a facilities operation. A grant may be in combination with other CF financial assistance such as a direct or guaranteed loan, applicant contribution, or loans and grants from other sources. Examples of essential community facilities include, but not limited to:

Health Care: Clinics, Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Centers, Ambulatory Care Centers.

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WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM GRANT?

Grant assistance may be available for up to 75% of project costs. Grant funding limitations are based on population and income, economic feasibility, and availability of funds.

WHAT ARE THE FUNDING PRIORITIES?

- **Serve small communities** - with the highest priority going to those with a population of 5,000 or less;
- **Serve low-income communities** - with the highest priority going to communities with a median household income below the higher of the poverty line or 60% of the State non-metropolitan median household income; and
- **Provide health care, public safety, or public and community services.**

LIMITATIONS ON GRANT FUNDS.

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 - Construct facilities primarily for the purpose of housing State, Federal, or quasi-Federal agencies.

• Finance recreational facilities or community antenna television services or facilities.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS PROCESSED?

The application process is a two-stage procedure. An applicant must submit documentation to support its eligibility status and available funding before making a formal application. RD 3570-B explains the application procedure in greater detail. After determining the order of funding priorities, the RHS will tentatively determine eligibility and ask applicants to assemble and submit a formal application. See "What Are The Funding Priorities?"

WHERE SHOULD APPLICATIONS BE FILED?

Applications are filed with USDA Rural Development field offices. Their staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from Rural Development and sister agencies with USDA. Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available through State and local offices of USDA Rural Development.

Interested applicants may contact the RHS National Office at:

Community Programs Division, Rural Development, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Stop 3222, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-3222 Telephone: (202) 720-1490 Fax: (202) 690-0471 Website:

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St. John firefighter collapses, dies at fire

The volunteer was changing other firefighters' air hoses; evidence of the fire's cause is being studied.

By Amy Lavalley
Staff Writer

St. John - A St. John man is in custody awaiting an arson charge from a Thursday night (July 23, 1998) fire, which may have

contributed to the death of a firefighter.

The State Fire Marshal's office ruled the fire an arson.

A 32-year-old man, who lived in the house where the fire occurred, is being detained at the Lake County Jail on probable cause of arson.

A felony arson charge is expected Saturday morning from the Lake County prosecutor's office.

Meanwhile, the St. John Fire Department is draped in black bunting, and flags across town will fly at half-staff in honor of Matthew Casboni, a firefighter who collapsed and died at the fire.

Casboni, 55, a member of the St. John Fire Department for twenty-two years, was changing other firefighters' air bottles when he collapsed, said Captain James Wozniowski.

"We tried to revive him on the scene. We got the pulse back and lost it and just could not get it back," he said.

Casboni was pronounced dead at St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point.

The Lake County Coroner's office did not release a cause of death Friday.

Casboni is survived by his twin brother, Vince, and a younger brother, Anthony. Both also are volunteers for the fire department.

The three lived together in St. John and owned a discount store on Chicago's south side.

Casboni drove the fire engine in parades, worked with children at open houses, did school inspections and could be found tending the popcorn machine at the annual fire dance, Wozniowski said.

"Matt had a heart of gold. There wouldn't be a thing he wouldn't do to help you," he said.

Joe Gomeztagle, a volunteer with the St. John Fire Department for five years, said Casboni and his brothers portrayed an image of respect, and were always the first at a crisis.

"It just hurts when someone like him passes away in a situation like this," Gomeztagle said. "It's going to be a big loss to the community."

Firefighters were called to the home in the 12100 block of West 95th Place at 8:16 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 1998.

Duane Gettler, a member of the Lake County Arson Task

Force, said the fire was contained to the suspect's bedroom, which was on the lower level of the bi-level house.

"There were certain unusual burn patterns that were not consistent with an accidental fire," Gettler said.

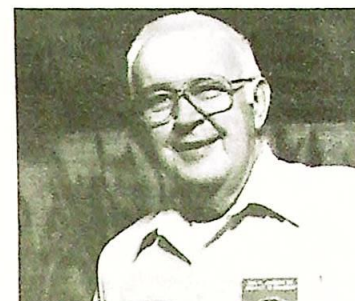
The suspect, who lived with his parents, told police he set the couch on fire with matches, but he denied using an accelerant, Police Captain Bernie Johnsen said.

Material samples from the fire are being sent to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Reprinted from the Post Tribune

Saturday, July 25, 1998

Public Relations West Central



Don Johnson

Hello from West Central. We are alive and well. Everything is fine.

District 21's meeting attendance is up to near what it should be.

I attended the picnic of Districts 11A & 11B, which was outstanding as usual. They have put forth a lot of effort to have the outcome they do.

By the way, I did not receive the notice of the last officer's meeting, so I did not get to attend. But I have received the one for November.

I attended the 50th Anniversary for Decatur Township Volunteer Fire Department on September 26th.

They had several guests, including the Mayor of Indianapolis and State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, who presented them with a plaque commemorating their 50th year.

Their cooks at the celebration were from Indianapolis Fire Department. They did a super job. They had the Honor Guard from Wayne Township Fire Department, as well as, a Bag Pipe unit to present the colors. A very impressive ceremony.

I want to wish all of you and yours a very Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Fire consumes Steuben home

From staff and wire reports
Angola - About 75 firefighters from ten area fire departments responded to a fire that destroyed an Angola farm house.

The fire was believed to have been triggered by an electrical short in a utility room, said Bud Grogg, Angola fire spokesman.

Shortly before 2 p.m., Angola firefighters found the two-story house at 1840 W. 175 S. engulfed in flames, Grogg said.

It took firefighters from Angola, Auburn, Ashley, Salem Center, Pleasant Lake, Hudson, Hamilton, Fremont, Butler and Kendallville about an hour and fifteen minutes to bring the fire under control, Grogg said.

Damage estimated at \$75,000.

No injuries were reported.
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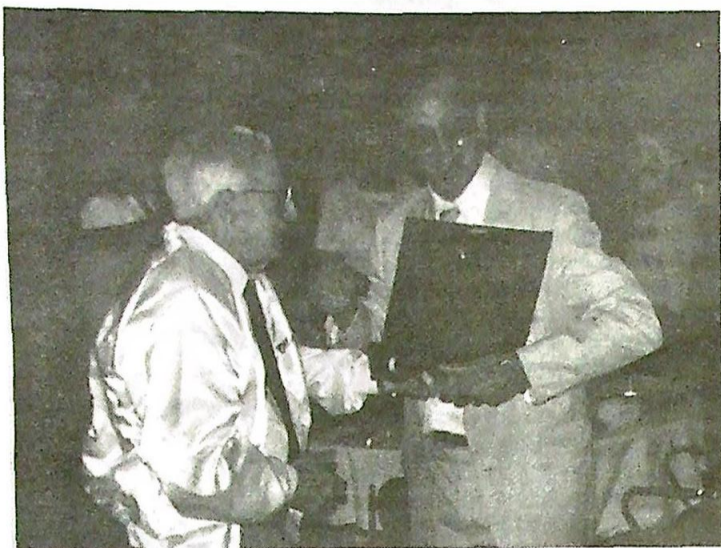


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Ollie C. Sandberg 1923 - 1998



Ollie Sandberg (left) presented Max Harrah with the Ollie Sandberg award at the 1998 convention. This is the only time Ollie was able to attend and present the award he has sponsored.

Oliver "Ollie" C. Sandberg, 74, of Terre Haute died Monday, August 17, 1998 in Terre Haute Regional Hospital.

He was born November 27, 1923 in Vigo County. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen. Survivors include three daughters, one son, and eight grandchildren.

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Pershing FD honors college bound cadets

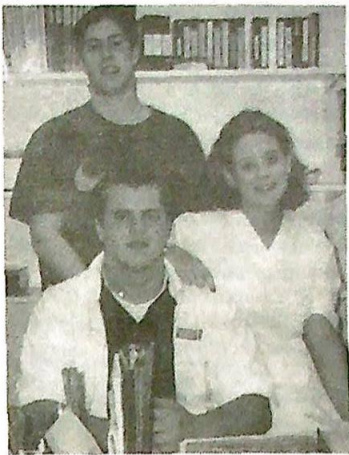
It is the best of times and worst of times for Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department in Freetown. The all volunteer fire department is losing most of its Cadet members. Four Cadets have left to begin their college experience.

"We are of course terribly proud of these young people," said Fire Chief Richard Blaker, Sr. "However, we are sorry to see them leave our nest. We have come to depend upon them for so many things."

Cadet Firefighters Angela Brooke Fleenor, Stephanie Mellenbruch, Clint Rudolph, and Greg Wilson Jr. began college in the fall term. Each has retained their fire department status and hope to continue their participation on vacations and holidays from school.

Fleenor, the daughter of Marvin and Karen Fleenor, is attending Vincennes University. She is working toward a degree in nursing. Angela has been employed with Hoosier Christian Village as a certified nursing assistant and has been very active with the fire department's emergency medical response operations. Angela follows her father's lead into the fire service. Her mother is a member of the department Rehab Team.

Stephanie Mellenbruch is the daughter of Doyle and Barbara Lyon and is a third generation firefighter. She is attending Depauw University at Greencastle intending to pursue a medical career. Stephanie hopes to become a physician and specialize in "psychology or cardiac surgery. She is the Jackson County recipient of the Lily Scholarship and was honored



Standing, Clint Rudolph. Sitting, Greg Wilson, Jr. and Angie Fleenor. Not pictured, Stephanie Mellenbruch.

with numerous academic scholarships.

Clint Rudolph is the son of veteran firefighter Michael Rudolph and his wife Kathy. Clint is also a third generation firefighter with Pershing Township, following his father and his grandfather, who was a founder of the department. His mother is a member of the Auxiliary of the department and works with their Rehab Unit. Clint is attending Ball State University seeking a degree in nursing.

Gregory Wilson, Jr. is attending Vincennes University working toward a degree in Law Enforcement. He has been very active in the fire department's training program and is specifically interested in wildland fire suppression. He hopes to continue his fire education while at Vincennes by volunteering with a local fire unit there. Wilson plans to become an Indiana Certified Emergency Medical Technician

and to obtain advanced wildland fire suppression training. Greg also follows the family tradition established by his grandfather, who was a charter member of the department and his father who is a former fireman.

"What these younger people bring to the department is a breath of fresh air," said Pershing Deputy Chief Rebecca Scott.

"They have new ideas, have good questions, get excited about what is going on, and in general rattle our cages a little. They work well and see the possibilities that we old "dinosaurs" overlook."

"I sure hope they can all come back and make the future of this community much brighter," said Blaker. "Can you just imagine what our EMS program would be with an MD and two RNs on call? Can you picture our wildland program and Search and Rescue Program under the direction of someone with Greg Wilson's enthusiasm and commitment to training? These people have made the department very proud and gives us a lot of hope."

"Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department has maintained a Cadet firefighter program for several years. The program is open to any Pershing Township youngster aged 16-18 with written permission from a parent or guardian.

Cadet firefighters enroll in the departments mandatory basic training program and are expected to complete a minimum of 24 hours within their first year. The members respond to assist firefighters and emergency medical technicians, but do not actively participate in dangerous situations. Minimum age for full membership with the department is 18.

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Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

Fighting fires is all in the family

Volunteer department includes husbands, wives, brothers, sons

By Deana Poole
Courier Staff Writer
Richland City - Fire Chief

Todd Daming says he rarely cries. But when his brother had to quit the Luce Township Volunteer Fire Department last year because of other job pressures,

he said it was an emotional time for all.

"When I had to hand him his final plaque, both my brother and I were in tears," he said.

Daming, his brother and his father are among more than eleven families who have worked for the township's volunteer fire department the past eighteen years.

The department currently has two husband-wife and three father-son teams among the twenty-three members.

Daming said he grew up across the street from the fire station and started "hanging out there" when he was young.

He joined the fire department when he was sixteen years old and a year later, his father and brother joined as well.

He said there are many advantages to working with family members. "We knew how to back each other up. We knew what each other was thinking," Daming said.

But at times, some family members can get on each other's nerves.

"He still drives me a little crazy," Evan Young said of his father, Kenny. But Evan Young, 20, said he and his father work well together because of the mutual respect and trust they have for each other.

As a father, Kenny Young still looks to protect his son from harm.

Evan said he was telling his dad about a fire he went to last week in Hatfield, Indiana. His father's response: "Dammit Evan, you have to be careful." He was being my dad is what he was doing," Evan said.

Most of the volunteers agree the only way to successfully work with family members is to leave their personal lives on the doorstep of the fire station.

"I still call him Dad. But when I'm out there, I think of him as my chief and not as a dad," Evan Young said.

He said his love of firefighting began early in life.

"I can still remember hearing the pager going off at 2 a.m.," Evan said. "There wasn't a doubt about it that I was going to join. I grew up on it."

Daming said the toughest challenge facing the department is maintaining the community's interest in firefighting.

He said the average age to the township's firefighters is 35, which is when "most people's kids are in little league or other activities."

Daming said often volunteers have to quit because other jobs or family commitments consume too much time.

"It's the people who have to quit, they are the ones who do the tremendous jobs," he said.

He said individual family members within the department form a bond and a "bigger family."

Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Bealmear said having family members working on his department keeps the department's roster filled up.

"We've got a wife and husband and the husband has a brother on the department," he said. "We've got a couple brothers who are a cadet, then a father and his three sons are on the fire department."

He said they make a small portion of the forty-member department, but they do a good job.

"All of them are pretty good firefighters," he said. "I have no complaints. They help talk each other into joining and that helps keep filling the roster. I know where to find them when I need them."

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Spencer County Fair hosts fire brigade games



By Mark D. Stalcup
Messenger-Inquirer

Rockport, Indiana - The two firefighters stood poised at the line, their faces tense as the summer heat bore down. They awaited the call they knew would come.

Then, the signal came, and they sprinted toward their waiting gear, donning the fireproof garb in a mad dash, sparing as little time as possible to ensure their uniform straps were fastened.

Where's the fire? In their bellies-the utter heat of competition, midway through the Spencer County Fair's 1st Annual Firefighter's Competition.

The event, which was sponsored by the Luce Township Fire Department, featured practice events that area firefighters utilize to hone their skills in a fun athletic contest.

Ten teams, including squads that came from as far away as Mt. Vernon, west of Evansville, competed, said fair organizer Chris Middleton.

"It's nice for the firefighters to be able to get out, have fun and do something as a team," Middleton said. "Too much of what they do is done strictly under stressful conditions."

Top finishers in the event received \$200 and a trophy.

Among the events in the competition were the waterball contest, the bucket brigade and the six-man bunker gear relay.

Carter Township Fire District of Dale, Indiana in north Spencer County won two of the three competitions. They beat out Ohio Township of Rockport in south Spencer County in the bucket brigade event by three (3) seconds in a double heat elimination. They also edged out Luce Township Volunteer Fire Department #1 in the waterball competition by five (5) seconds. But Luce Township VFD did win the bunker gear relay, beating Skelton Township of Tennyson, Indiana in Warrick County by ten (10) seconds.

The day's events began with the six-man relay, where firefighters donned their gear in stages, with the fastest team declared the winner. Only two teams competed in this event and the winner Luce Township VFD donated half the prize money to the other team in a show of good sportsmanship.

And these games were not strictly a young man's - or young woman's - game. Charlie McMican, a Luce Township Volunteer Firefighter and Spencer County Councilman, dashed and donned his garb against a competitor who was about 20 years younger than him.

"I tell you what, I'm 57 years old," McMican said with a grin. "I may not be able to outlast these guys, but I can sure keep up with them"

That he did, turning in a time of 26 seconds, equalling many of his younger comrades and competitors. His training secret was simple - "25 years as a firefighter," he said with a laugh.

Teammate Evan Young, a fellow Luce Township Volunteer Firefighter, couldn't equal McMican's experience. However, he did beat his time. Young's secret was careful planning.

"Get everything situated just right, have everything at your fingertips and keep your jacket inside out," he said.

Whether Luce firefighters relied on experience or preparation, they nonetheless ended up taking home the prize in the gear relay.

Prizes were donated by area businesses. Alcoa Warrick Operations donated cash prizes of \$200 each winning team of the three events. Plaques were donated by 3J Printing in Rockport, which also went to the winning team. Aggregate of Rockport loaned the use of their scaffolding for the bucket brigade event. Yankeetown Fire Department also donated the use of their special nozzles for the waterball competition.

The First Annual Firefighter's Competition was not only a tremendous success, but also was a time for the fire departments in and around our community to get to know one another a little better.

Organizers said that hopes are high that this will become an annual event and will continue for years to come.

For more information on next year's competition, please contact Lyndell Middleton, Luce Township VFD, Public Relations Officer, P.O. Box 69, Richland, IN 47634 812-359-4266

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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.

1. 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
2. 20% on personality and poise (includes carriage, composure, self-control and self confidence).
3. 10% on ability to carry on a conversation in a personal interview and before a group.
4. 10% on appearance (grooming, neatness).
5. 10% on community involvement (4-H, church, school, etc.).
6. 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
7. 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.

A letter from 1998 Miss Flame Anna Marie Cardinal

Greetings!

I can hardly believe that it's already Fall. Soon the leaves will be falling, and the long hot days will become something of the summer's past.

What a summer it was! Who ever knew that having the honor of being named "Miss Flame" would make one so busy? (At least that is what my parents have been asking.)

My duties began shortly after we left the convention. I attended many parades. The first was in my home county at our 4th of July parade. In the past five months I have traveled to Odon, Sanborn, Scotland, Bloomfield and Bicknell Labor Day to attend parades. This Saturday, I will return to Terre Haute for the Sugar Creek parade.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of you firefighters who made me feel so welcome in your home towns.

I especially appreciated the hospitality shown towards me from the firefighters in Scotland and Bloomfield. They were all very kind and generous. When they learned of me being named the spokesperson for the Hoosier Burn Camp, (keep reading for further details) the Richland - Taylor Fire department donated \$100 to the cause. Some of the men even opened their own wallets and gave \$35 in cash.

I would like to thank them all from the bottom of my heart on behalf of all the children whose lives they made a little brighter.

Oh, and by the way, the firefighters at Riceland Taylor would like me to extend a challenge to all other fire departments to try to beat their donation.

As I mentioned earlier, I was blessed about a month ago to become the spokesperson for the Hoosier Burn Camp. I have been working with Ginger Shanks to get more donations. I am looking forward to attending the opening day of the camp in May. I know it will be a treasured experience.

If you would like me to attend an event at your department please write me at:

IVFA MISS FLAME
Anna Marie Cardinal
3791 N. Long Rd.
Bicknell, IN 47512
Hope to see you soon!

Public Relations Southeast



Nelson E. Ehlers

PLEASE NOTE

MISS FLAME APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MISS FLAME CHAIRMAN:

EULA BUSH
1419 W. 850 S.
DANA, IN 47847
317-665-3213

ONCE THE FORM IS FILLED OUT, IT 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 EULA BUSH BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN MARCH 10.

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

Pershing Twp. VFD celebrates second annual June Jamboree

Harrison Township-Alto Volunteer Fire Dept.



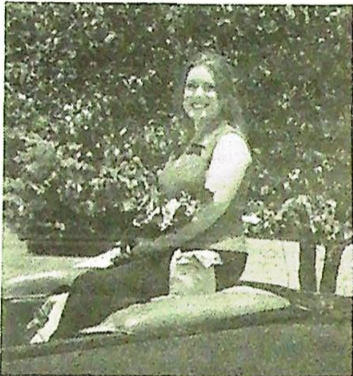
Auxillary President Debbie Rouse (left) presented Sharon Yost with a trophy naming her 1998 Woman of The Year.



1998 June Jamboree Queen and her court.



Medical personnel include: (l-r) Dee Mauntel, John Mauntel, David Ancil, Mark Ancil, Jason Lemons and Darwin Taylor.



Stephanie Mellenbruch, Fire Cadet, was named Grand Marshal of the parade.

Pershing Township Fire Department in Freetown is calling the second annual June Jamboree a success. The event replaced the traditional July 4th Celebration held in Freetown Park for over 30 years. The change was made necessary by the availability of carnival rides and conflicting events on the July 4th weekend.

The Jamboree is the fund raiser that generates the money to operate the department's medical rescue operation.

The June Jamboree featured free stage entertainment, a baking contest, rides, games, an auction, flea market, a laser light show, a Queen pageant, a baby contest, and a parade. The event was well attended and organizers were pleased with the results.

A special moment came during the Parade with the appearance of the Grand Marshal, Stephanie Mellenbruch. Stephanie is a Cadet firefighter with the department making a three generation family commitment to protecting her community. She is the daughter of Ass't Chief Doyle Lyon and his wife Barbara and a recent graduate of Brownstown Central High School. Stephanie has distinguished herself academically winning numerous scholarships and awards. She is the 1998 Jackson County recipient of the Lily Foundation Scholarship and is attending Depauw University in

Greencastle seeking a degree in medicine. She hopes to become a physician and specialize in cardiac surgery or psychology.

"It is always a thrill to have our youngsters do well," said

Pershing Chief Richard Blaker, Sr. "Stephanie has done so much to impact her community in a positive way. I know she'll continue to be an asset to our department and to her chosen career."

Harrison Township - Alto Volunteer Fire Department obtained two defibrillators and other medical equipment through

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Jack Kerney

The IVFA and the Volunteer Fire Service lost a good friend in September with the loss of Harold "Gene" Stofer. My prayers and sympathy are with Lucy and her family.

Barb and I again had a great time at the Annual Green County Firefighter Field Days. The events that were participated in were waterball, bucket brigade, hose roll, hose replacement, and ladder raise. It was a perfect day and the food was delicious.

Congratulations to Wright Township Fire Department, the overall winner of the events. Second place went to Richland Taylor/Bloomfield, third place went to Highland Township and fourth place went to Center Township.

Just a reminder to those departments that are planning to do structural practice burns. Be advised it will be to your best interest to follow the law.

Before the structure can be burned, a completed asbestos demolition notification form must be submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) prior to implementation of the burn.

The Indiana Air Pollution Control Board Rule 326 IAC 14-

10 requires that an asbestos demolition notice be postmarked or delivered at least ten (10) working days prior to demolition.

I suggest you obtain this material to help you understand some of your responsibilities.

1. Asbestos NESHAP Inspection and Removal Requirements for Demolition and Renovation Projects.

2. 326 IAC 14-10, Emission Standard for Asbestos; Demolition and Renovation Operations (state rule).

3. IDEM demolition/renovation notification form.

4. IDEM/USEPA guidance for completing notification form.

Failure to comply with any Indiana Air Pollution Control Board Rules may result in a minimum fine of \$25,000 per day of violation.

For more information, please contact Frank P. Profit, Chief Asbestos Section, Office of Air Management, 1-800-451-6027.

Deliberate burning of a structure is considered demolition, for training or otherwise.

LOFS Scouts all fired up about contest

Not only did the conference give fire cadets a chance to demonstrate, it made them better friends.

By Suzanne Eovaldi
Correspondent

Fire cadets from the Lakes of

the Four Seasons (LOFS) Fire Force are celebrating the national awards they recently won at the University of Maryland Explorer Scout Leadership Conference in College Park, Maryland in July, 1998.

Ten fire cadets placed second nationwide in contests testing their ability to work together as a team, to analyze and simulate a fire scene and get a fire hose fully charged with water.

"The group grew together. We became better friends; we learned teamwork," Josh Wyant, President of the LOFS fire cadets, said.

He headed up the young team that already is helping veteran firefighters like Clarence Moss and Joe McBride, who served as their team sponsors.

Fire cadet Kevin LaDuke, who took part in the national fire trials, said the hard work they all do as volunteers is offset by the fun they have.

He's considering pursuing a career in fire science.

Other young volunteers taking part in the Maryland conference included Troy Hall, Josh Heintzman, Jason Gikas, Robert Allen, Jason DeLasCasas and Adam Romanak.

Also on hand were Ben Poulin, Ernest J. Bleicher III and Kevin LaDuke.

In 1996, the Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Force cadets took first place in the national competition.

The cadet program has been in place for five years.

"They receive exactly the same training, the same certification as any firefighter in the U.S.," fire Captain McBride said of his trainees.

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Keep The Home Fires ^{from} Burning

A series on consumer products and home fire safety from the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

August 4, 1998

Upholstered Furniture Fires: Deadly, But Preventable

Five-year-old Daniel Banks did not expect the upholstered sofa-bed beside him to burst into flames and, within minutes, generate deadly smoke that would kill his two-month-old sister, Casey, asleep in the next room. Daniel's grandmother had told him that matches were dangerous, but in his immature mind, he was only playing a game. Daniel and his grandmother escaped with smoke inhalation injuries, and survived. But little Casey was found lifeless in her crib by fire fighters, one of more than 800 children who die every year in fires originating in upholstered furniture.

Though the names of the victims have been changed to protect the family, the incident described above is a true case that occurred in Washington, D.C., earlier this year. Child play is the largest factor in fire deaths involving open flame ignitions of upholstered furniture, but by no means the only one.

Consider the young Missouri couple who, in 1997, sat on their new couch and used a lighter to burn off strands of thread hanging from a cushion. The cushion began to burn, and the man ran to the kitchen for water. Before he could return, the entire sofa was engulfed in flames, and his girlfriend perished.

In July 1998, a family in Maryland used candles to light their way during a power outage. A candle in the basement tipped over, lit a bookcase and then spread to an overstuffed chair, which caused the fire to rage through the house. The family escaped—but two neighbors, teenaged boys who were sleeping over in the basement with the family's two sons, died of smoke inhalation.

The common and tragic fact of these incidents is that they could have been prevented had the furniture not ignited so easily, causing the fire to spread so rapidly. Fires in which upholstered furniture was the first item ignited account for more deaths annually than any other product under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

In fact, nearly 60 people — the majority of them young children — die in upholstered furniture fires each month.

The reason upholstered furniture is the most dangerous item in the home is that the polyurethane foam used in the cushioning is extremely flammable, fast-burning and toxic.

Yet, furniture manufacturers do not pass along warnings to consumers that caution against exposing the foam to smoking materials, open flames such as candles, matches and lighters, space heaters and other potential sources of ignition.

Moreover, techniques are available to the furniture industry to make every piece of furniture sold to consumers more ignition resistant, including, but not limited to, treatment with fire retardant chemicals. These measures can prevent ignition of fabric and foam from occurring altogether, or can slow down the rate of fire spread to give people more time to escape.

Ironically, fire retardant upholstered furniture is required in many places of public occupancy and institutional settings, such as hospitals, school dormitories, nursing homes and even prisons. Transportation is another beneficiary of fire-resistant upholstery, which is required in cars, trains, buses, boats and commercial aircraft.

California is the only state that requires furniture sold for use in homes to meet flammability standards for open flame and smoldering (cigarette) ignitions, and the state's death rate from upholstered furniture fires is dramatically lower than in the rest of the nation.

In 1993, the National Association of State Fire Marshals petitioned the CPSC to develop national mandatory flammability standards for all residential upholstered furniture.

Unfortunately, the furniture industry lobby has succeeded in blocking progress for over five years, at the cost of thousands of lives.

The furniture industry also points proudly to a voluntary cigarette ignition standard as evidence that it is being responsible, even though deaths from cigarette ignitions still far outnumber deaths from small open flame ignitions, and the CPSC has been unable to determine that the industry voluntary program has had any impact at all on cigarette-ignited furniture fires.

Until a concern for lives overrides political game-playing, and the furniture industry decides to do the right thing, individuals can and should take every precaution to prevent upholstered furniture fires. For example:

- Do not smoke around upholstered furniture or when drowsy, intoxicated, or medicated;
- Keep portable heaters at least three (3) feet from upholstered furniture and always use as directed;
- Place furniture a safe distance from fireplace or wood stove, and ensure proper ventilation;
- Keep matches and lighters out of the hands of children;
- Keep candles away from furniture, draperies and other highly combustible items, and never leave lit candles unattended.
- Replace batteries in your smoke detectors twice yearly, and test them monthly. Hard-wired electric smoke detectors should have battery back-up in case of power failure.

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Michael L. Hall has completed requirements for certification as an Indiana Emergency Medical Technician. The course included several months of classroom and practical training in emergency

medical techniques, equipment, and incident response.

Hall joined the all volunteer department in January 1995 and has been certified as an Indiana firefighter first class. In 1995 he was named Pershing Township's Firefighter of the Year. He currently serves as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Secretary, and Administrative Vice President of the department. He hopes to continue his education and become an Indiana Certified Paramedic.

Hall is a 1969 graduate of Medora High School and is employed with Cummins Engine in Columbus, where he serves with the Emergency Response Team. He resides near Freetown with his wife Robin and children Travis and Cody.

"Mike is a dream come true for our EMS program," said Pershing Deputy Chief & Training Officer, Rebecca Scott. "He is always

wanting to learn, to push his own limits. He will have some wonderful new ideas and inject new enthusiasm into our program. I'm sure Mike will be a big asset in training and keeping us all on our toes"

"Mike has done a fine job with our Search and Rescue Team," added Chief Richard Blaker, Sr. "We are expecting great things and a long career for Mike."



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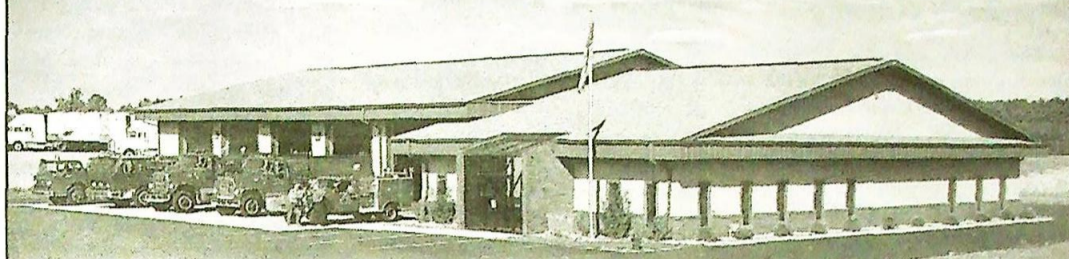
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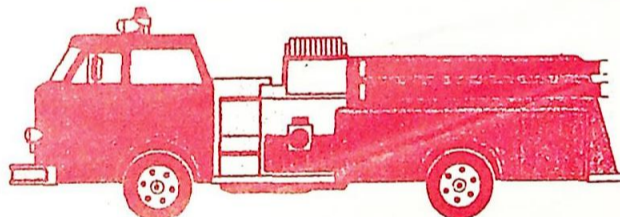
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Indiana volunteer wins Canadian raffle

I'm a volunteer in LaPorte County (Scipio Twp.) and was vacationing in Ontario and fishing Eagle Lake in mid-August. There was a pad of raffle tickets at the cashier's desk at a restaurant in Vermillion Bay and seeing that the beneficiary was a local Canadian volunteer fire department, I plunked down ten loonies (about \$7 in our money) for a ticket. It turned out to be a great investment.

I received a phone call Sept. 7th from the Machin Fire Dept. telling me they had "some good news for me." I thought some divers might have found my casting rod that my inebriated guide had hooked on his back cast and flipped into 15 feet of water.

The news was better than that. I had won the raffle prize, which turned out to be "a boat." I thought someone might have been pulling my leg, as the only two people with my phone number and nickname were the guide and the fire department, and I thought the guide might have been getting even with me for

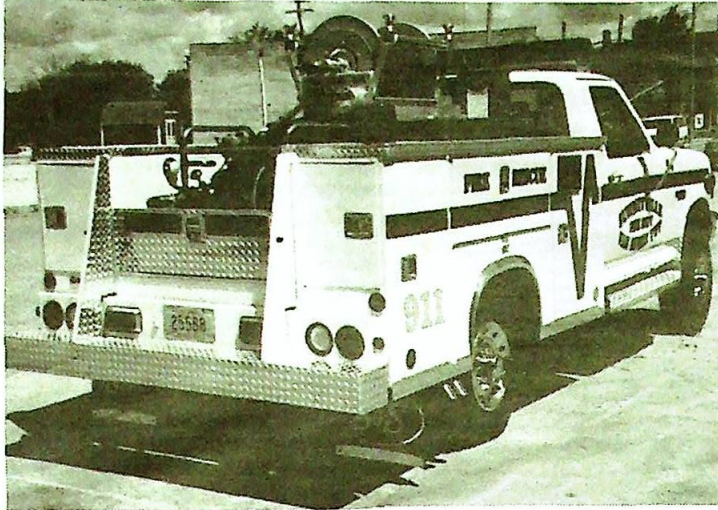
leaving his tip in Canadian money. The phrase "\$13,000 package" got my attention, even if it was in Canadian money.

A second phone call to a different number confirmed that an American had won the boat and it

was a 16' Lund with motor and trailer, all new. It's in the fire station in Vermillion Bay waiting to be picked up in October.

Pretty good deal, eh?
"Butch" Tallant
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Summitville Fire Dept.



Summitville Fire Department recently took possession of a new Grass and Rescue vehicle.

The department was able to acquire the truck due to the efforts of Trustee Harry (Bud) Stitt and they would like to thank him for making it all possible. Thanks, Bud!!

A fire didn't stand a chance

By Bethany Nolan
Staff Writer

A fire didn't stand a chance in Bloomfield Park Sunday afternoon.

Representatives of eight county volunteer fire departments gathered in the Bloomfield Park for a picnic, as well as games to demonstrate their prowess at fire-related duties.

Since they aren't in it for the money, joked some, Brian Swartz with the Wright Township VFD pointed out that helping others is what got him involved in the department.

What draws me is knowing I'm helping someone," Swartz said. "There's nothing else in it. The only satisfaction you get is that you have helped...whether it be in fire, medical or a rescue run."

Volunteer firefighters with Richland-Taylor, Highland, Wright, Center and Lewis Townships, as well as firefighters with Bloomfield, Owensburg and Eastern Departments filled the

park Sunday afternoon.

While their families munched chicken and coleslaw under trees, the firefighters themselves suited up in the gear designed to protect them from fires and set out to show each other who was best.

Several representatives of the IVFA served as judges, including Jack Kerney, Vice President Elect and member of the McCutchanville Township Fire Department; Jack Harker, PRSW Elect and member of the Vincennes Township Fire Department; and Red Morris, Chairman of District 11A and member of the Sandcut Fire Department.

For the games, each department with a team participated in five different events - waterball, bucket brigade, hose roll, hose replacement and ladder raise.

Waterball involves attempting to move a ball on a line to the other team's side using a stream of water from a fire hose, Wright Township Safety Officer Kallie Rehmel said, while the bucket brigade involves the team trying to fill up a barrel with water as other team members hand buckets full of water up the line.

"All of the games are something that firefighters might have to do in a real life situation," Rehmel said.

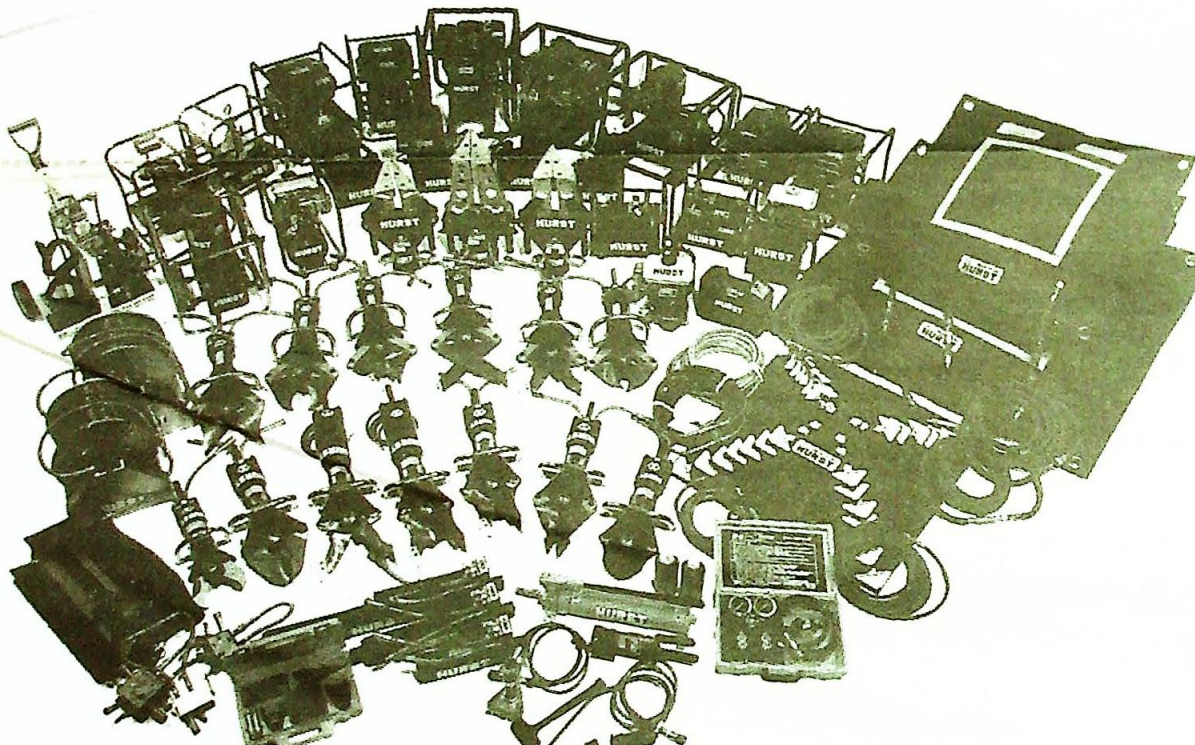
The winner of the traveling trophy for the second straight year was again Wright Township. They ended up with first place in waterball, bucket brigade, hose roll and hose replacement.

Highland Township placed first in the ladder raise.

The Richland-Taylor and Bloomfield Departments, who banded together, placed second overall, while Highland Township was third and Center Township placed fourth.

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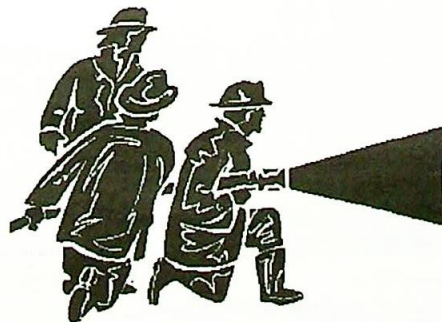
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