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Firefighter Celebrates 50 Years of Service

By Mike Truax
Duneland News, Chesterton, IN

When most people think of fire, they usually think of heat, and for half a century Stanley Carlson and his fellow Beverly Shores volunteer firefighters have seen more than their share.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA), during a special ceremony at the Beverly Shores firehouse Sept. 6 honored Carlson.

Carlson was honored by IVFA representatives Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman; Buzz Koehler, IVFA vice-president; and Dennis Schavey, IVFA public relations for the northwest portion of the state.

Carlson started with the fire department Aug. 1, 1950, giving the town more than 50 years of courageous service. Carlson remembers the equipment was more than slightly different from what firefighters have available today.

"It looked nothing like this," Carlson said, pointing to the modern fire engine he was standing by. "We had a 1937 Chevrolet fire truck with the pump mounted on the front bumper and a little 1946 Ford tanker that held 1,200 gallons.

"The two trucks always went out together," Carlson said. "Neither one was any good without the other."

The next piece of equipment the department obtained was an early 1960s International Harvester Scout, "because we had so much open country," Carlson said.

"This was long before the national park existed and we had to fight brush fires where the park stands today," he continued. "We had an old nursing home in town and the nearby bulrushes were on fire."

"When we bought the Scout we were told that it would go anywhere," Carlson's friend and longtime firefighter Pat Wagner said. "We found out that day the salesman was wrong."

"We had to drive the Scout into the swamp," Wagner said with a chuckle. "It took awhile, but we did manage to find enough of the truck to hook a chain to and pulled it back out."

Carlson's memory is fading like the rest of the population as it ages, but he well remembers a major change in the town ordinances because of a single fire.

"We had a house fire in the hills," Carlson remembers. "The home had really high ceilings. Our pumps could not put out enough pressure to reach the ceilings, which were on fire."

"The home burned to the ground as a result," Carlson said. "The town immediately revised the ordinances so that ceilings could not be any higher than we were able to shoot water."

There's some history that the firefighters would just as soon forget, like when the firehouse burned to the ground July 16, 1971. Cost of the fire was in the neighborhood of $300,000. According to the firefighters, the embarrassment was much more expensive.

"The World's Fair Mt. Vernon replica was on fire," Tom Carlson, Stanley's son, said. "Someone wanted that home to burn because this was the third or fourth time the department was out there. "Like his father, Tom is also a firefighter.

"We fought the fire all night," Wagner remembers. "We had the fire truck back in the barn about 4 a.m. and went home."

"A half hour later the alarm went out that the firehouse was on fire," Wagner said. "Either some fumes leaked or something overheated. The fuel ignited and the firehouse was engulfed in flames when we arrived."

"It was the darndest thing I ever saw," Carlson said. "As we stood there spraying water on the firehouse we heard a crash."

"We always parked the truck in first gear so it wouldn't roll," Carlson said. "The intense heat inside the firehouse melted some of the truck's wiring shorting out the battery, solenoid and starter simultaneously."

"The fire truck came bursting through the flaming doors running on its starter alone," Carlson said. After 29 years the amazement was still obvious in his voice. "Before it had completely stopped, the men were hooking up hoses to the truck to further fight the structure fire and the fire on the fire truck.

"Even with all the water we sprayed on the fire, we lost the firehouse and all four trucks," Carlson said. "It was a total loss."

The fire chief at the time of the fire was Al Smith, who recently retired as a teacher in the Portage school system. "Al still comes around," Wagner said. "A lot of the old firefighters stop in from time to time.

Wagner, about the same age as Carlson, still goes on fire calls, too. In addition, with friend Dick Cleaton, the pair makes the decorations that adorn the intersection of Beverly Drive and Broadway each holiday.

A Letter of Thanks from the IVFA President's Wife

As many of you already know, in February of 2000, President of the IVFA, Jack L. Cox suffered a massive stroke. He was at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis from Feb. 3 to March 8. There he underwent successful surgery to relieve the pressure on his brain. The stroke did result in brain damage and Jack started therapy at Methodist. From Methodist he went to Oak Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Richmond, IN on March 8 and then to Hooks Rehab in Indianapolis on April 28.

On May 19 I finally got to bring Jack home for good. He continues to go to therapy and is improving all the time. Jack's sense of humor and courage are great. It is at this time that I want to express my gratitude for all the support from family and friends that I received, for Jack and myself. Everyone was great. I received so many wonderful cards and visits and prayers. Jack really enjoys hearing from everyone. He may not always fully understand how everyone pulled together to cover the many responsibilities he had, but I am sure he is grateful, as I know I am.

Thank You,
Nancy Cox



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Disputed claim awards may be appealed to the Board of Directors by the claimant at the next scheduled officer's meeting.

Suitable claim forms covering all necessary information shall be furnished by the Association to all member departments.

Roland "Bub" Wise Receives Award

At the I.V.F.A. 2000 Convention in Michigan City, Roland "Bub" Wise of the Crown Point Fire Department received the State of Indiana Governor's Meritorious Service Award. This award, given by the State Fire Marshal, was presented to Bub for "41 years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Crown Point Fire Department, citizens of Lake County and the Great State of Indiana."

Although Bub has been actively involved with the CPFD for many years, his first association with the organization was at the age of 12 when they sponsored him in the local Soap Box Derby. In 1959, after watching the firemen battle a fire at the old Timothy Ball Elementary School, he decided to submit an application and was accepted. From the start, Wise was able to make daytime calls, as his employer at the time, The Lake County Star, allowed him to leave his job, without loss of pay, whenever the alarm sounded.

Bub has held many different positions both as a fire-fighting officer and on the Board of Directors during his years with the department and in 1975 was appointed Chief, a position he held for 17 years. He has also been involved in the lake County Fire Service and District I & II meetings.

Bub is currently employed by the City of Crown Point and also serves on the Center Township Advisory Board. He and Shirley, his wife of 45 years, share eight children and 14 grandchildren. He enjoys woodworking but much of his free time is spent watching the local high school football and basketball games as well as any other sports and activities involving his grandchildren.



Roland "Bub" Wise of the Crown Point Volunteer Dept., receiving Governor's Meritorious Service Award from Ivan Nevil, Director of Training for State Fire Marshal's Office.

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Prayer For Today

Gracious Heavenly Father,

Thank you Lord for the many blessings we have in this great land we live in. Thank you for our work, our families, our homes and our fire departments. Thank you for the opportunity to help others in their time of peril. And thank you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birth we all soon will celebrate.

Amen

Minute Message

The following e-mail message was recently received at our place and it has such wonderful meaning that I had to relay it to you all.

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Ruth went to her mailbox and there was only one letter. She picked it up and looked at it before opening, but then she looked at the envelope again. There was no stamp, no postmark, only her name and address.

She read the letter:

Dear Ruth:

I'm going to be in your neighborhood Saturday afternoon and I would like to visit.

Love Always, Jesus

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer."

With that thought, Ruth remembered her empty kitchen cabinets. "Oh my goodness, I really don't have anything to offer. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner." She reached for her purse and counted out its contents. Five dollars and forty cents. "Well, I can get some bread and cold cuts, at least."

She threw on her coat and hurried out the door.

A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk...leaving with Ruth a grand total of twelve cents to last her until Monday. Nonetheless, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey lady, you can help us, lady?"

Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans; she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the hallway. A man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags.

"Look lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living *out here* on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold and we're getting kinda *hungry* an', well, if you could help us, lady, we'd really appreciate it."

Ruth looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad, and frankly, she was certain that they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to.

"Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor woman myself. All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him. "Yeah, well, okay lady, I understand. Thanks anyway."

The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned and he headed back into the alley. As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart.

"Sir, wait!"

The couple stopped and turned as she ran down the alley after them. "Look, why don't you take this food. I'll figure out something else to serve my guest."

She handed the man her grocery bag.

"Thank you lady. Thank you very much!"

"Yes, thank you!" It was the man's wife, and Ruth could see now that she was shivering. "You know, I've got another coat at home. Here, why don't you take this one?" Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman's shoulders. Then smiling, she turned and walked back to the street...without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest.

"Thank you lady! Thank you very much!"

Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her front door, and worried, too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer Him. She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox.

That's odd. The mailman doesn't usually come twice in one day. She took the envelope out of the box and opened it.

Dear Ruth:

It was so good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal. And, thank you, too, for the beautiful coat.

Love Always, Jesus

The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed.

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It is a paradox that in this land of great prosperity there are still quite a number of truly needy folks. If most of our nearly 16,000 members were to help just one family like the one in the story, through direct assistance or indirect aid through the various relief agencies, the pain of poverty would be lessened in our communities. Please consider this as you do your Christmas shopping this season.

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Fire Up For Fun In 2001!

by Jim Berger, Chairman

Convention plans continue for excitement in Fort Wayne, June 13 - 16. The convention headquarters will be the Grand Wayne Center with its attached Hilton Hotel. All meetings and events will take place in the convention center or within walking distance.

For those arriving on Wednesday, we will provide free transportation to Headwater Park, just north of Downtown for Germanfest. All IVFA members will get free admission, a free meal and drink. Shuttle service by two trolleys will be from 4pm - 10pm.

Miss Flame contest starts on Thursday morning with a noon luncheon and completion in the afternoon. Tours are being scheduled for Thursday with possible sites being the General Motors Plant, Navistar or Uniroyal Goodrich. For the ladies, a tour of Vera Bradley is in the works.

A new event will be a Color Guard competition. This event is tentatively scheduled for Thursday morning with plans for the winning teams to perform at different events during the week. Teams will be judged as either Beginners or Regular with beginners with less than 2 years experience. If your Department is interested in competing you can call Chief Jim Reed at the Huntertown Fire Department (219) 449-3696.

The Hot Dog Bust will once again be hosted by Southwest Fire and will be held at the Firefighters Museum just two blocks west of the Grand Wayne Center. The Firefighters Museum will also extend their hours so it will be open throughout our convention. Following the opening meeting a DJ will play music to keep the fire burning until midnight.

Following the morning koffee klutch and mens' and ladies' business meetings, the Memorial Service will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church across the street from convention headquarters. While leaving the memorial service, you can stop by the outside vendors which will be set up on the street in front of the church. The banquet on Friday night will have a nice steak dinner with a Band playing from 9 until midnight. Spike and the Bull Dogs, a 1950's rock n roll band will provide outstanding entertainment. The Fire Department Explorer Post will host a children's party during the banquet so parents will have a place to leave their children.

By Saturday, all the business will be complete so the "Games can begin". Along with the games, a fire truck muster will be held on the street next to the game area so visitors can look at old and new fire apparatus while checking out the games.

As the headline states, "FIRE UP FOR FUN IN 2001" and make Fort Wayne the place to be in June.

Fire Truck Muster Comes To The 2001 Convention

Old and new fire apparatus will be on display during the games at the 2001 convention. Fire Departments from across the state are invited to bring either an antique fire truck or a piece of in service apparatus.

With the game location close to the Headwater Park, the site of Germanfest, persons attending this festival will also have the opportunity to watch the games and visit with area firefighters.

Departments wishing to participate in the Muster should submit the registration form found in this paper to the address shown. Any department bringing apparatus that they would like stored inside should note this on the form. Attempts will be made to have inside storage at area fire departments for this equipment during the convention.

If you have any questions about the Muster, please contact Fire Chief Jim Koeneman at the Cedar Canyons Fire Department at (219) 627-2272.

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June 16, 2001

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1&2

South Haven VFD
July 19, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m. by District One Chairman Bill Howe. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Bob Esserman.

Guests included: past president Lawrence Swartz, past president Mitch Parrish, vice president elect Buz Koehler, PRNW elect Dennis Schavey, 50 year member Julius Demik, District Two chairman Larry Stott, past PRNW Bob Esserman, Phil Griffith from Hoosier Burn Camp, District One IVFAA chairwoman Martha Thomas, and District Two chairwoman Ann Moss.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Howe reported Mitch Parrish received the Mr. IVFA Award this year, Bub Wise from Crown Point VFD was presented the Governor's Award to over 40 years of fire service, Bob Esserman was presented the Fire Marshal's Award, Bill A. Howe won the Midwest Award for District Two.

Phil Griffith reported 28 kids were at the Burn Camp this year and they hope to have 40 next year.

Treasurer's report: balance $855.09.

Roll call answered by 33 members from District One and 14 from District Two. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago from District One and St. John from District Two.

South Haven Fire Chief Bill Dillin gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters.

Paul Neely from Task Force Tips gave a demonstration after the meeting on the Blitzfire Personal Monitor.

Vice President-elect Buz Koehler thanked everyone for their support.

Bob Esserman thanked everyone for their letters and cards of condolence when his wife Bernice passed away.

Mitch Parrish reported the next paper will be 36 pages long. Articles for the paper in November must be in by October 10. He said he was very honored to be presented with the Mr. IVFA Award this year.

John Geary from St. John VFD said that Bill Howe as PRVW and District One chairman and Larry Stott as District Two chairman have both done an outstanding job over the years. A standing ovation was given to both men.

Bill Howe reminded everyone that dues are late if received after July 31. You will lose your Bridgeport benefits if dues are late.

Clarence Moss reported he and his wive attended the Burn Camp and enjoyed themselves. They hope to go again next year.

Announcements: New Chicago having a chili dinner this Saturday. The drawing for the fire truck model raffle they are having will be at the next meeting at Lake Dale. All proceeds from the raffle will be given to the Burn Camp. Crown Point having a golf outing on September 16.

One death reported since last meeting. Joe Kolosci from Lake Station. A minutes silence was held in his honor.

Next meeting will be August 16 at Lake Dale VFD.

Election of officers presided over by Buz Koehler and Mitch Parrish. District One chairman: Jim Bradford nominated by Bob Esserman. There were no other nominations. One unanimous ballot cast by Mitch Parrish for Jim Bradford.

District One secretary: Tom Orrell nominated by Jim Bradford. There were no other nominations. One unanimous ballot cast by Mitch Parrish for Tom Orrell. Tom will also be District Two secretary.

District Two chairman: Clarence Moss nominated by Bub Wise. Clarence declined the nomination. Bub Wise nominated by Norton. Bub declined the nomination. Larry Stott will continue as District Two chairman until someone is elected.

District One and Two treasurer: Clarence Moss nominated by Dale Morgan. There were no other nominations. One unanimous ballot cast by Mitch Parrish for Clarence.

50-50 Drawing: $67.00 collected, $33.50 won by Candy Smith from South Haven VFD. Spanner wrenches donated by TFT won by Fred Willman from St. John VFD and Bob Szot from Crown Point VFD. Gold coin from 50 year convention won by Ann Moss.

Motion by Paul Watland, seconded by John Schavey to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jim Bradford
Secretary

Lake Dalecarlia Fire Department
August 16, 2000

Meeting called to order at 8:05 PM by District Two Chairman Larry Stott. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Past N-W P.R. & Past District One Chairman Bill Howe.

Guests included: Past President Mitch Parish, Vice-President Buzz Koehler, P.R. N-W Dennis Schavey, Past P.R. N-W & Past District One Chairman Bill Howe, District One Chairman Jim Bradford, District One & Two Treasurer Clarence Moss, I.V.F.A.A. District One Chair Martha Thomas, I.V.F.A.A. District Two Chair Ann Moss, I.V.F.A. Gold Card Members Julius Demice, Roland Wise and Paul Wantland, P.S.T.I./I.S.F.M. Representative Ivan Nevel, Porter Co. I.M.A. Director Phil Griffin, Lake Co. Fire Chief's Assoc. Director Todd Wickening, Lake Co. "911" Coordinator Scott Musgrove, IN State Representative Roby Kuzman, Lake Co. Commissioners Jerry Schub & Jeff Popck, and IN Conservation Officer Dan Doolin.

Lake Dalecarlia Fire Chief Bob Carr introduced dignitaries, gave a historical review of the Department and described their current equipment.

IN State Representative Robert Kuzman spoke reference the "Build Indiana" funds and current legislation.

GUEST SPEAKER, Dan Doolin (Indiana Conservation Officer) presented a program on the Indiana Conservation Officers' responsibilities, "Off-Road" vehicle accidents, boating accidents, and hunting & fishing law enforcement.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the July meeting (held in South Haven) was made by Robert Zott, seconded by Paul Watland, and passed unanimously.

The roll call was answered by 18 members (from 6 departments) from District One and by 59 members (from 7 departments) From District Two. The attendance trophies were won by Merrillville for District One and by Cedar Lake for District Two.

Past President Mitch Parish spoke on the National Volunteer Fire Council and the "Good Samaritan Act".

Vice-President Buzz Koehler advised that Jack Kearney (McKutchinville V.F.D.) has been installed as the new President due to the incapacitation of Jack Cox. He further stated that the deadline for items to be submitted for the next issue of the I.V.F.A. Newsletter is October 10th. Buzz also discussed the proposed changes to the "24 Hour Training", noting that any changes will be in the content and not the duration.

P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey thanked everyone for their support and outlined his goal for more participation and increased support to the Departments in his area.

Lake Co. Fire Chief's Assoc. Director Todd Wickening advised that his organization will be doing a class for the 40 hour (Basic) training and that they will be sponsoring a Firefighter I / II class in February.

Ivan Nevel, representing the State Fire Marshal's Office and P.S.T.I. advised of additions to the Firefighter's Certification program, proposed changes in the content of the "24 hour" training, and advised of training opportunities available. Ivan further discussed and answered questions on the I.F.S.A.C. Certifications and training procedures.

Representing State Fire Marshal Boatwright, Ivan Nevel presented a Certificate to Lake Dalecarlia Fire Chief Bob Carr in recognition for the Department's Fifty Year Anniversary.

Also on behalf of State Fire Marshal Boatwright, Ivan Nevel recounted an incident in Lowell where Emergency Responders participated in the saving of some small children. Ivan presented Paramedics Michael Kowal and Alan Moore with Certificates from Fire Marshal Boatwright. Presented with the Fire Marshal's Medal of Valor were Lowell Fire Chief Jack Eskridge and Captain Charlie Scott. This was followed by a lengthy standing ovation by those present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clarence Moss advised that our current balance is: $889.09.

Public Relations Northwest Dennis Schavey pointed out that District Two Chairman Larry Stott had agreed to fill in as Chairman only until a replacement could be elected at this meeting and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of District Two. Larry Stott nominated Curtis R. Reifow from Lake Eliza Fire Department. He was elected unanimously.

Under NEW BUSINESS, District One Chairman Jim Bradford advised reference the State Officer's meeting activities. A discussion was held reference a proposed 'addition; to the "By-Laws" governing "gender specific" terminology and references.

*A MOTION was made by Dennis Wilkening and seconded by Clarence Moss to accept the addition as presented. This passed unanimously.

A discussion was held reference a proposed "By-Law" change involving "Active Member" definitions.

*A MOTION was made by Brian Kennedy and seconded by Paul Watland to accept the change as presented. This passed unanimously.

There will be a retirement party for Bill Howe on August 27 at the Firehouse Tap in Schererville. It is requested that you R.S.V.P. at (219) 865-5510 with Bill, Jr.

There were no 'volunteers' or nomination for Secretary of District Two.

The "50/50" was won by Mike Havaland of Lake Dalecarlia. A "Fire Service" hat was won by Tom Orrell of Beverly Shores.

The drawing for an antique Fire Truck (model) by New Chicago Fire Department with benefits going to the Indiana Children's Burn Camp was won by Clarence Durell, Sr.

Under ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lake Dalecarlia's Ladies' Auxiliary is having a "Steak Fry" on August 26 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Lake Dalecarlia Fire Station.

Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force is conducting a raffle with over 10,000.00 in prizes. The tickets are $10.00 a piece with the drawing to be held on October 1.

The Crown Point Fire Department is holding a "Golf Outing" on September 16 at 8:00 AM at the "Summer Tree". Cost is $75.00 and R.S.V.P. is at (219) 662-3248. This is a "pre-paid" event.

The Lake Station Fire Department is having a "Fishing Contest" on September 16 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the "Three Rivers County Park". Cost is $10.00 with a "50/50" prize for the ten biggest pan fish.

*Motion was made by Jake Thomas and seconded by Clarence Moss to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Tom Orrell
Secretary, District One

Ogden Dunes Fire Department
September 20, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by District One Chairman Jim Bradford. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by P.R. Northwest, Dennis Schavey.

Guests included: Past President & 2000 "Mr. I.V.F.A." Mitch Parish, P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey, District One Chairman Jim Bradford, District Two Chairman Curt Reifon, Past District Two Chairman Larry Stott, District One Secretary Tom Orrell, District One & Two Treasurer Clarence Moss, I.V.F.A.A. Corr. Secretary Martha Thomas, I.V.F.A.A. District Two Chairperson Ann Moss, Porter Co. "Fire Investigation Strike Team" Ass't. Director John Kepshire, "5-Alarm" Sales Representative Dale Hensley, "Hoosier Fire" Sales Representative Dan Bowers.

Ogden Dunes Assistant Fire Chief Larry Bornstein introduced his department members and gave a history of the Ogden Dunes Fire Department.

Assistant Director John Kepshire gave a presentation on the Porter County "Fire Investigation Strike Team".

The roll call was answered by 29 members (from 9 departments) from District One and by 8 members (from three departments) from District Two. The attendance trophies were won by Union Fire from District One and by Lake Eliza Fire from District Two.

*MOTION was made by John Kepshire and seconded by Bob Zott to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the last month's meeting. - Passed unanimously. -

P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey advised that the deadline for the I.V.F.A. Newsletter is October 10.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clarence Moss advised that our current balance is: $982.09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Force is having a Pancake Breakfast on October 1 at the "old fire station".

The Merrillville Fire Department is having a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 AM to noon and an "Open House: from 1:00PM to 4:00PM on October 8 at the Fire Station at 18 West 73rd Avenue in Merrillville.

The "50/50" was won by Dan Bowers of Hoosier Fire Equipment. A pair of goggles, donated by Hoosier Fire Equipment was won by Wally Cook of Merrillville Fire Department. A shirt, donated by "5-Alarm" Fire Equipment was won by Ann Moss of Lake of the Four Seasons Auxiliary.

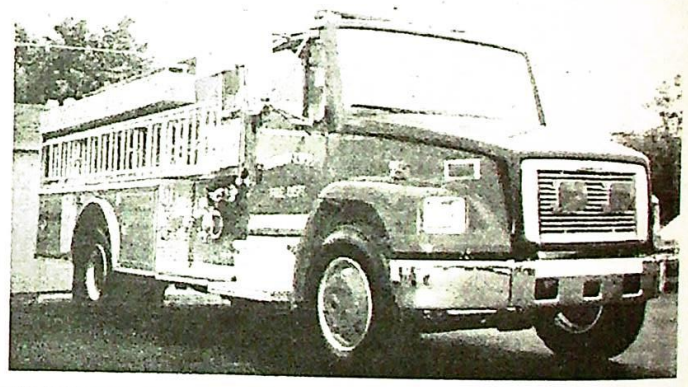
*MOTION was made by Wally Cook and seconded by Keith Austin to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Tom Orrell,
Secretary, District One

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2001 ISSUE OF THE IVFA NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 10, 2001



THE CEDAR CREEK TWP. FIRE DEPT. OF LOWELL ARE THE PROUD OWNERS OF THIS NEW SMEAL PUMPER. THIS FREIGHTLINER 4-DOOR WHITE OVER RED CHASSIS HAS A 1250 G.P.M. PUMP, 1000 GALLON TANK, FRONT SUCTION, AND ROLLUP DOORS. THIS UNIT WAS SOLD BY SOUTHWESTERN FIRE & SAFETY.



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DISTRICT 3

Thursday, July 20, 2000
Noble Township Fire Department

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. There were 11 members representing six departments along with six guests present. Chairman Tim Sandy led the pledge. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all of the Firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Buzz Koehler, PR Director NW District, newly elected Vice President, Mitch Parrish, District 9B, Bill Howe, District 1, Bruce Yonkers, District 1, Dennis Schavey, newly elected PR Director NW.

The minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was given and approved with a balance of $386.58. (A copy is enclosed).

Communications:

1. Comments from PR Director Buzz Koehler -

a. Thanked everyone for their support of his candidacy for Vice President;

b. Complimented 3rd District on the Convention and stated he enjoyed himself;

c. Reminded everyone to get any legislative items to the Committee ASAP;

d. Reminded everyone that dues must be in by July 31st in order to retain benefits from the Association.

2. Comments from Mitch Parrish

a. Announced that he was greatly honored to have been selected Mr. IVFA at the Convention;

b. Also complimented 3rd District on the Convention;

c. Announced that there is a fireworks bill in legislative action. Appears it will be similar to Seymours's law.

Training:

None.

Next meeting: September 21, 2000 - 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) Lincoln Township Fire Department Fish Lake (LaPorte County). Meeting location changed due to Bass Lake's withdrawal from the Association.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with 50/50 being won by Mitch Parrish.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 3 TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 20, 2000

Balance as of May 18, 2000.....$534.99

Receipts

50/50.....10.50
Total Receipts.....10.50

Disbursements

Miss Flame Kristen Pawlik150.00
Postage.....8.91
Total Disbursements....$158.91
Beginning Balance.....$534.99
Receipts Added.....10.50
Disbursements Subtracted.....$158.91
Balance as of July 20, 2000.....$386.58

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

September 21, 2000
Lincoln Township Fire Department - Fish Lake

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Tim Sandy. There were 14 members representing seven departments along with three guests present. The pledge was led by Chief Dave Kaufman. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all of the firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Dennis Schavey - Acting PR Director NW, Bruce Yonkers - District 1, Duane Lantz - Past State Chaplain.

The minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was given with a balance of $386.17. (A copy is enclosed.)

Communications:

1. Comments from Dennis Schavey -

a. Stated that the upcoming issue of the paper needs articles.

2. Comments from Chairman Tim Sandy -

a. Explained that this meeting was moved to Lincoln Township due to Bass Lake withdrawing from the Association. Their department is upset with the Association due to their denial of a memorial service for a 35 year retired member that passed away. Bass Lake had not been paying his retiree dues, therefore, an IVFA memorial was not allowed. Chairman Sandy reminded everyone that dues must be paid in order to retain the benefits, including the memorial service.

b. Announced that the EDITH house was retrieved from Bass Lake and is being stored at the Springfield Township Fire Department.

c. After looking over the 2000 paid dues, announced that three of the seven departments in Starke County have maintained their membership in the Association and that all LaPorte County departments have paid their dues.

d. Commented that the newspaper is sticking very close to its schedule and if your articles are not to them on the due date they will not be printed until the next issue.

e. Reminded everyone that he still needs lists of those firefighters eligible to receive the new IVFA 25 year pin. He needs a letter from the Chief and included on the list must be the name, date joined the fire service and their status as active or inactive.

g. Announced that there is no current legislative active.

h. Reminded everyone to update their beneficiary lists if there have been changes. There have been a couple of instances where an exspouse was given the benefits due to not updating the paperwork.

i. Announced that the Fort Wayne Fire School is over and that plans are coming together for next year's Duneland Fire School. There are going to be some new classes and he strongly recommends the grant writing class. Also reminded all that the IVFA pays $5 towards your registration fee for fire schools as a benefit for your membership.

Convention Committee: Co-Chairmen Tim Sandy and Dave Kaufman

1. Tim stated he believes that the last bill has been paid. The $4000 draw will be returned to the State and we will have a profit of just under $2000 to add to the District treasury.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Chairman Sandy explained that the Association By-Laws need to be changed to show the gender name change. Each district must take a vote and the Chairman will place their vote at the Officer's meeting. Motion made and seconded to approve the name change from Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Chairman Sandy also stated some terminology needed to be changed in the By-Laws. He explained that the word "reserves" needed to be added to retain members of departments that have gone from a volunteer status to a paid/with volunteers (reserves) status. Motion made and seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

3. There was a lengthy discussion on the Harbor Homes training site in Michigan City. Several departments have taken the training that includes an SCBA course and "getting out alive" training. The SCBA course is done through two apartments and includes a 300' crawl and takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes per person to complete. The "getting out alive" training takes approximately 1½ hours. A few members present at the meeting had participated in the training and commented that this was by far, the best training that had ever taken. Departments interested in the training can contact Mike Osborne of Michigan City Fire Department or Chairman Sandy.

4. Chairman Sandy announced that the Association has hired a new lobbyist after they voted not to renew the contract of the current lobbyist, John Shanks. Bingham, Summers, Welsh and Spillman of Indianapolis was hired. John Shanks will be retained as the Association attorney and will continue to be paid per hour of service.

Good of the Order:

1. Chairman Sandy stated has volunteers from Michiana Shores and Springfield Township Fire Departments to paint he Edith House and asked for permission to purchase the paint. Motion made, seconded and carried to buy the paint. The Edith House is available to all departments in the district but needs a large truck with a 2 5/8" ball to haul it.

2. Ed Ritter from Kingsbury announced that there is still frozen BBQ left over from the Convention. After some discussion, it was decided to give it to departments hosting the district meetings until the supply is depleted. Ed Ritter will take care of getting it to the respective departments.

3. Jeff Wiatrowski of Lincoln Township stated he attended a class and there was some discussion of NFPA 921 that states that in order for a firefighter to become a fire investigator, he/she must have an engineering degree. He also states that many of the large companies are supporting this proposal. This proposal will be addressed in next year's NFPA meeting.

4. Chief Dave Kaufman reminded everyone on the NIOSH laws that become effective the first of the year reference filling tanks.

5. Scipio Township will be having a pancake breakfast on October 15th.

6. Kingsbury will be serving food at the Scarecrow Festival. They will again have their Haunted House for Halloween and will be having a pancake breakfast on October 29th.

7. Westville will be having a pork chop dinner on September 30th.

8. Springfield Township will again have their Haunted House for Halloween and will continue to have their turkey shoots through the first week of October.

Training: Chief Kaufman had a video and demonstrated the use of a Res-Q-Disc that had just been purchased by his department. There was also some discussion on OSHA standards.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm with the 50/50 being won by Jeff Wiatrowski of Lincoln Township and an equipment bag donated by Dave Kaufman of Boone Fire Equipment being won by Ed Ritter of Kingsbury.

The next meeting will be held November 16, 2000, 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) - Long Beach Fire Department (LaPorte County).

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 4

August 31, 2000
New Carlisle Fire Dept.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Greg Freed. Prayer by Russ Petterson. Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call found 12 present from six departments with 663 calls since our last meeting. John Ferro lost the treasurer book but has the money, $2173.00.

Greg told us that some of the turn out gear from California does not meet NFPA Standards. Three By-Law changes were presented, two about gender, and one about paid or commercial fire department with volunteers, the volunteers could join the IVFA. We passed all three bills.

Gean Goddard talked about a memorial that is to be built in Indianapolis honoring paid fire and police and EMS that died in service. The state to pay the bulk of the money. This seems to be a well kept secret. New officers for 2001 are Char. John Ferro, Ast. Greg Freed, Sec. Paul Kunz, Chap. Russ Petterson. Next meeting to be at Cleveland Twp. New Carlisle fed us a Polish dinner. Too bad more of the District did not attend, you missed a good meeting.

Paul T. Kunz
Sec. 4th District

DISTRICT 5

Culver-Union Fire Department
Culver, IN
September 14, 2000

Meeting was called to order at 1954 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 12 members representing five departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, Northeast Public Relations.

Minutes were read by District Secretary Kissinger and approved as presented.

Chairman Kissinger read a proposal to change the S.O.G. and by-laws to make them more gender friendly. Lenny Berkey made motion to accept. Motion passed unanimously.

The I.V.F.A. is looking for ways to bring membership back up.

Discussed more on the blue light law.

Talked about next year's convention at Ft. Wayne. Mike Mackin brought registration forms, shirts, and hats.

The 2002 I.V.F.A. convention will be in Evansville.

Good of the Order:

Bourbon will be having a fundraiser on October 21, 2000.

Culver has ordered a 3000-gallon pumper/tanker.

Tippecanoe will tentatively be having a fish fry on November 4, 2000.

The next meeting will be held November 9, 2000 at Rochester Fire Department, Rochester, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2051 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

DISTRICT 6

September 21, 2000
Cromwell, Sparta Twp. Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Jones at 19:56 hours. A light lunch was served by Sparta Twp. Fire Dept. and was enjoyed by all.

Roll call was answered by 10 members, three guests, from six departments.

Chairman Tim Jones asked for announcements: St. Joe Twp. and Aboite Twp. Fire Departments will be having a Chicken B B Q on Oct. 7th, Thorncreek Twp. on Oct. 14th will have a pancake and sausage breakfast, with an open house.

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DISTRICT 6

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Johnson Twp. will have a chili and bean supper on Oct. 28th.

The minutes were read Jim Gilbert from Thorncreek Twp. motioned to accept. Jim Mynhier from Johnson Twp. seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Mike Mackin opened a savings account.

Committees: Training - Troy Fornof from Provident Insurance and Paul Zilz from Lupke Rice & Associates, talked on Indiana Firefighters Relief Association proposal.

Suggestions were given to Jim Gilbert, who is the training officer for the District.

Old Business: Chairman Tim Jones told everyone that a book from Midwest Fire was available for $100.00. The book is from Homatro Rescue Equipment about auto extrication.

New Business: Public Relations Mike Mackin told about the new lobbyist for the Association. Mark Leamon from Sparta Twp., and Richard Mackin from New Haven Adams Twp. received a 25 year service award pin from the Association.

Bob Leamon from Sparta Twp. asked about a Color Guard competition. Sparta Twp. will participate at the Emittsburg Fallen Firefighters Ceremony on Oct. 8th and 9th.

Jim Gilbert from Thorncreek Twp. motioned to adjourn, Larry Gilbert from Thorncreek Twp. seconded, motion carried at 21:03 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
District #6 Secretary
Michael "Mike" Mackin

DISTRICT 9A

The meeting was called to order at the Galveston, IN, Volunteer FD on July 27, 2000. Mark Ancil gave the prayer and the pledge to the flag was recited by all.

Guests: Linda Baker and Ann Bogardes, Midwest Fire & Safety, Buzz Koehler PRNW, Mitch Parish, Pat Downey, Bruce Yonkers, Jim Bradford, Tim Shott, Southwestern Fire & Safety, Inc., Dennis Shavey, Leigh Ann Randle and Mrs. Randle.

Roll call: 42 members from 11 fire departments were present reporting 445 alarms answered.

Business: Tim Shott said he had brought some products for the crowd to inspect. Pat Downey reported that since their Workman's Comp. Coverage started in May, 100 fire departments have joined. He had some CD ROMs to give out on training and fire investigation. Buzz Koehler asked that anyone wanting to propose new legislation get it in writing to the legislative committee. There has been a good response with articles for the next newspaper. Have all items in by August 10th. At the recent convention, the Board of Standards and Education met and looked at a proposal to change some of the 24 hour training. So far, everything in there now is left in with the addition of Fire Behavior. Hours can be shortened somewhere to fit this in as specific times for each module are not mandated. The State Fire Marshal's Office would like our input on what should be in the 24 hours training. Buzz is the new IVFA Vice President and he thanked everyone for their support. He reminded us to all be strong in our mission as volunteer firefighters and we are all important. Chairman Cline then thanked him for his service as PRNW. Buzz introduced our new PR officer for 9A. He is Dennis Shavey from Hobart. He is anxious to get started and will be looking for new members.

Linda Baker introduced Ann Bogardes who will cover the Eastern part of Midwest Fire and Safety business. State chaplain Charlie Baker was unable to attend and sent us his regards. Chairman Cline said the EOC wants any field/brush fires of 10 acres or more to be reported to them.

Mitch Parish is Mr. IVFA 2000. Congratulations!

Upcoming events: Harrison Twp.-Alto VFD will have a Safety Festival, August 12th, 4-8 PM, at Conseco on S. Dixon Rd., Kokomo, with a Fish and Tenderloin "all you can eat" dinner. Young America VFD will have a Hog Roast on Aug. 19th and see an antique tractor show in town, too. Audie Hopkins reported that a First Responder class will start Sept. 11th at Harrison Twp.-Alto VFD. It costs $75.00 and 10 hours ambulance duty is required. Call 765-453-3755 for info.

Chairman Cline presented Delphi Fire Chief Bill Schock with the 2000 Midwest Award and described Bill as being an "outstanding fireman".

Leigh Ann Randle, the 9A Miss Flame representative, thanked all the departments for their donations. She had a great time at the convention and is looking forward to attending events in the district this year to help advance the volunteer fire service.

Buzz Koehler then conducted the election of officers. There being only one nomination for Chairman, Buzz cast one unanimous vote for John Randle to be our next chairman. Dee Mauntel was reelected Secretary/Treasurer.

Program: Larry Hamby with the HazMat division of the State fire Marshal's Office spoke on the Incident Command side of HazMat incidents. He said that knowledge, training and experience are all needed to know what you are handling. Anyone may get Incident Command, not just an officer. Contractors that are sent in to clean up large spills, such as 11 companies at the train wreck at New Waverly last month, are watching to see if the locals know what they are doing. All agencies had Safety Officers. You must know HAZWOPER CFR 29 OSHA 1910.120(f) that was mandated in 1989. All the lawyers know it. All smoke is hazardous. For example, smoke from a bog fire contained 41 different chemicals. It had been a swamp into which farm chemicals had been draining for years. And fire does not destroy chemicals, but just rearranges them. The Fort Wayne FD has fitted out a tractor-trailer for decon. They will respond anywhere in the state. Larry said he will teach HazMat classes and has some openings left for the first part of 2001.

Jim Bradford won the 50-50 drawing. Jim Buettner won extrication gloves from Southwest. Downey Ins. Dan Birnell, Bill Schock, Jim McRae and J.W. Harris all won hats from Southwest. Thanks vendors for the prizes.

The next meeting is September 28th at Harrison Twp.-Alto.

Meeting adjourned and a meal was served.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

September 28, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Jon Randle. The pledge to the flag was given and Rev. Frank Kilcline gave the invocation. A buffet supper was then served.

Guests: Linda Baker, Rev. Kilcline, Bruce Yonkers, Buzz Koehler, Brandt and Lisa Kirshman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Roll call: 13 members present reported 115 alarms since the last meeting.

Chairman Randle had the list of 25 and 50 members and the 25 year pins. He would like to know the date and time of all the 9A department's monthly meetings so that he can attend and hand out the awards.

Buzz Koehler reported on the last state meeting. Amendments to two articles in the state Bylaws had been proposed and needed to be voted on by all districts. Article XVI asked that all pronouns can also be considered feminine for gender neutral terms. The change in Article III pertained to combination department's membership in the IVFA. If paid personnel already belong to the IVFA they can remain so. New hires as paid only cannot be members. Vote was taken and both passed. Buzz said the date for the annual fire caucus dinner is February 2001. The deadline for newspapers articles is Oct. 10th. There are still some incorrect addresses for members, but the situation has improved with fewer papers being returned. He listed the benefits that members have from the IVFA including sponsoring fire schools, legislative representation, clothing, eyewear and hearing aid replacement funds, affiliation with the National Volunteer Fire Council, death benefits and annual awards, and a chaplain for funerals and memorial services. He encouraged departments to keep up the dues of their elderly former members so that their death benefits will not lapse. Their dues are half price if they are associates. The special license plate fee of $5.00 for the IVFA goes to the scholarship fund and for printing costs. EMS members on fire departments can belong to the IVFA.

Linda Baker showed the new Y2K compliant fire gear. The material allows more air flow and is waterproof. There is also a new bloodborne pathogen approved outfit that is rip and puncture resistant.

Brant Kirshman spoke and he is running for state senator. He wants to improve funding for volunteer fire departments and find better sources of money for the volunteers.

Future events: Oct. 10/11, Delphi FD will have an open house from 6-9PM. The Midwest Fire and Safety open house was Sept. 29th. Logansport FD will host a training on Oct. 28th, Delphi FD will have a ham and bean supper on Oct. 28th.

Chairman Randle presented Past Chairman Charlie Cline with a plaque from all the firefighters honoring him for his nine years as 9A Chairman.

Rev. Kilcline gave the program on Fire Department chaplains. Chaplains serve firefighters by helping them through difficult times, hold memorial services, assist burned out homeowners, aid with Critical Incident Stress and SIDS incidents, coordinate debriefings and the Employee Assistance Program, interact with members and their families not only in times of disaster, and help with notifying people of bad news. The Federation of Fire Chaplains has training available for interested ministers as well as a publication of fire department funerals and free dress uniforms for the deceased.

Jon Randle won the 50/50 and Rev. Kilcline won the flashlight from Southwest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

The next meeting is November 16th at Harrison Twp.-Lucerne at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel,
Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9-B

On July 13, District 9B firefighters gathered at the Wolcott Fire Department with 29 firefighters answering roll call. A total of 79 alarms have been answered since the last meeting. There were seven guests also present. It was announced that Past President Mitch Parrish had been elected as Mr. IVFA for the year. Elections were held and Randy Denton was reelected Chairman along with Larry Bartley as Secretary/Treasurer for another year.

On September 14, District 9B firefighters met at Ambia Fire Department with 17 firefighters answering roll call. A total of 50 alarms have been answered since the last meeting. There were five guests present. Chairman Randy Denton advised that at the officer's meeting in August that the main question asked was "How can IVFA help departments and get membership up?'

Past President Mitch Parrish advised that he still has several copies of the 50 year book for sale. Chairman Denton also advised that he needs a list of those firefighters who have 25 or 50 years service.

Also a vote was taken and passed to add Reserves to the roster of the IVFA.

Next meeting will be at Boswell on November 9th.

DISTRICT 11-A

Hello Firefighters,

A special thank you to Seelyville Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our July meeting. Our featured speaker Jeff Stainfield was not able to attend due to a back injury. Elections were held for the 2000-2001 year. I have the pleasure of serving as District Chairperson, Bob Meyers - Otter Creek 1, Vice Chairperson, Shelly Watson - Cory, Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Hays - Honey Creek, Sergeant-At-Arms, Pete Taylor - Van Buren, Chaplain. All of this year's officers are very excited about making this the best year yet. If any of us can be of any service to you, please let us know.

It has been a very busy quarter in District 11-A. On August 26 we sponsored a meeting with Becky Blackengrave of the EMS Commission and Gary Robison on the new Nifers Program. Both speakers were very informative and answered alot of questions from Firefighters and EMS Personnel attending the program. A special thank you to Cory Volunteer Fire Department for the use of their station and to Shelly Watson for fixing lunch for us.

On Sept. 17 the Dist.. 11-A and 11-B picnic was held at the Forest Park in Brazil. Fun was had by all 80 who were in attendance. Roberta Russell supplied the music and the games, and the wooden playground was very popular with the kids. Thanks to Bob Meyers for cooking the ham and beans, Pete and Bev for securing the facilities for us. And to our grill cooks. We had a very special speaker, our State Miss Flame Miss Nikki Luebcke who spoke on her project Operation Heal. A donation was collected and given to Operation Heal. A special thank you to Nikki and her family for making the drive to be with us.

On Sept. 22 and 23 we were busy at Bleemel Days. We had games for the kids to play. A table full of all kind of information. A million thanks to Clay County Fire Chief's Association for letting us use the Save A Life House. We estimate that approx. 150 to 200 children and adults went through the house. Smokey and Sparkey made appearances throughout the weekend. Thanks to the Community Blood Foundation for the blood drive on Friday. Thanks to those who set up both days, The American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, The Vigo County Sheriff Department, The Terre Haute City Police. A waterball tournament was held on Saturday with eight men's and two women's teams. Pictures and stories will be in next issue. I would like to personally thank everyone who worked the festival. On October 7 and 8 we sponsored a Farm Rescue and Hazmat Class. It was a very informative class. Saturday morning was classroom with Instructor Stan Capobianco, the afternoon we were on the farm. Sunday morning, Don Wyse brought in the ammonia tank roll over class and then we were back on the farm with more hands on.

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Mary Mackin

Hello!

There is definite nip in the air, so I guess that means fall and winter is not far away. Of course that means raking leaves and shoveling snow. I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun filled summer.

My family wishes all of you a forthcoming Happy Holiday Season.

The Auxiliary is selling two year planners. See your District Chairman or Barbara Kerney to purchase one at only Two Dollars each.

It is time to start thinking of a girl to represent your District for the Miss Flame Contest at Convention. The new Miss Flame Chairman is Patty Miller. Send her your candidate's application at RR #1, Box 414, Rosedale, 47874. I would like to see a girl from every District. March 10 is the deadline!

This year's Tacs and Charms should be here by November 5th. See E. J. Smith to purchase them. They will sell for $5.00 each. She also has other jewelry.

If anyone has questions, please don't hesitate to call an officer. We want to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Mary Mackin
Auxiliary President

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING
MARTEN HOUSE
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AUGUST 13, 2000

President Mary Mackin opened the meeting at 9:05 A.M. asking Chaplain Joann Hayes to lead us in prayer and followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Mariam Schaekel, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Roll call was given by Diana with some corrections as Joann Keller, 939 members instead of 939 depts, and $8156.14 instead of $8516.14. Minutes stood as corrected. Membership stands at this time is 24 depts., 14 ind., 22 life, and 297 members making a total of 333 members.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand May 31, 2000.....$8156.14
Income:
Dues:.....628.00
Interest.....21.40
Jewelry.....360.00
V.P. Project.....1865.00
Total income.....+2874.40
Disbursements:
Operating Expense.....358.59
Annuals.....200.00
Mileage.....689.70
Phone & Postage.....74.88
Over paid dues.....10.50
V.P. project.....200.00
Awards & Gifts.....189.30
Total disbursements.....-1722.97
Balance on hand.....$9307.57

Tim Jones, Dist. 6 Chairman and Co-Chairman of the 2001 convention reported that 85% of the rooms are taken at the main headquarters and if you need one don't delay and he left forms with us to use as soon as possible. Wednesday night will have a meal at the German Fest in town and you will have to have your ticket that you get when you pick up your registration. Thur. will have the indoor and outdoor displays, Hot Dog Bust, opening meeting, tours to Vera Bradley, G.M., Nova Star Design Center and a dance. The Banquet will be at the Grand Wayne and entertainment will be Spike and the Bulldogs. Child care will be at the Science Center during the dinner.

Joann welcomed Melinda Bell back as she has just had back surgery and announced a new baby son, Alan Michael for Tammy Hungate and her husband and she is having an assistant for Dist. #15. She is Karen Kerney and if she needs help we are there for her. Joann also gave out Memorial pictures for the Dist. Chairman to take back to their meetings to give to the family of the loved ones they have lost in the past year. She reported as of now she has no deaths and she sent out three get well cards and three thinking of you and two sympathy cards.

Martha read some thank you cards from our Miss Flames thanking us for all the help they received this year with support, gifts and anything that they needed to help with their gitters. A letter was also read from Eula Bush as this was her last year as Chairman of the committee. We will miss her bright and shining face on Thursday night when she reads the girls' names for the honors they accept. Patty Miller is taking Eula's place and I know she will do Eula proud. If you need any help just ask and welcome aboard Patty.

Auditing: Lou states everything is just fine.

Games: Marilyn Deever said they had five women's teams and five men's teams this year.

Installation: Barb Parker stated she guessed everything went well we were still in office.

Financial: Lou wants all of the Dist. Chairmen to take back to their meetings about raising the mileage to 25¢ or 27¢ for the officers attending the state and convention meetings as this will bring us up to the state's standards. We will see how they feel about this and bring it to the Nov. meeting.

Toni Zorg wanted to know why the Lois Boaz winner Marilyn McFadden did not have her picture in the August newspaper as it was sent in very early to them. She asked Buzz Koehler if it could be put on the front page in the next issue. He said he would try to get it done for us. Also some of our ladies who have no husbands in the I.V.F.A. would like to have the papers sent to them and why have they stopped receiving them. Barb Kerney stated to make sure that the addresses are correct as it is very expensive when they have to be returned.

Miss Flame: Eula returned $29.51 from her committee working fund. And again, welcome Patty Miller.

Vice Pres. project: Mary took in $1556.00 and after the $200.00 was awarded the profit was $1356.00 and we need to have more tickets sold this next year. The Chinese auction brought in $760.00 and Barb and Martha want to make $800.00 next year so start saving your money for these two money makers. We appreciate all the help we can get for these projects. Diane Morgan won the $200.00 and the bank went to Adam Davies.

By-Laws: Martha says nothing so far. I guess we must be doing something right.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith states we have $502.00 and more is still available.

Nominating: Nothing available.

Pres. Advisory: Loy says we're okay.

Old Business: Barb Kerney has bought two computers and made them ready for Diana to use for her secretary's work. Diana already has permission to buy a printer. Motion made, seconded and carried to pay for the computers.

Jean Parrish, wife of Mr. I.V.F.A. 2000 was introduced and congratulations to both of you.

Also, please keep Jack Cox, past president of the I.V.F.A. in your thoughts and prayers as he is doing much better each day but still has a long way to go. GOOD LUCK, JACK.

An announcement of a retirement open house for Bill Howe, Sr. will be Aug. 27th at the Firehouse Tap in Schererville. He has been Dist. 1 Chairman, P.R. Northwest, and a Mr. I.V.F.A. winner. We wish Bill and Betsy all the luck they need when they move to their new home in Tennessee. I think maybe Betsy might need the good luck. TAKE CARE BOTH OF YOU.

Toni wanted to remind us of the Firemen's Festival they will be having Aug. 25th and 26th. come and see them and have a lot of fun.

Mary asked for a motion to adjourn and Faye Sallee made the motion with a second by Lou Bartlow. Motion carried.

See you in Indy Nov. 4th and 5th. Have a safe trip home.

There was a lot of GOOD JOB, MARY heard around the room. I guess you can tell Mary is following in Faye's footsteps and Faye has taught her well.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary,
IVFFA

DISTRICT 1 & 2

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, District #2 Chairperson at 7:10 Pm with prayer and history given by Lorraine Arnold from Lake Dale.

The host department Lake Dale served dinner.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 37 members in attendance and two guests representing nine departments. Other guests were Bill Howe, Sr. Past President Dist. 1 I.V.F.A., Kurt Reifon Lake Eliza, Nikki Luebcke, Miss Flame 1999 from Dist. #2 and Lynn Luebcke, mother of Miss Flame, Clarence Moss, Treasurer Dist. 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.

Minutes from the May 2000 meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner in the absence of Dist. 1 Sec. Kim Gornik. Passed as read.

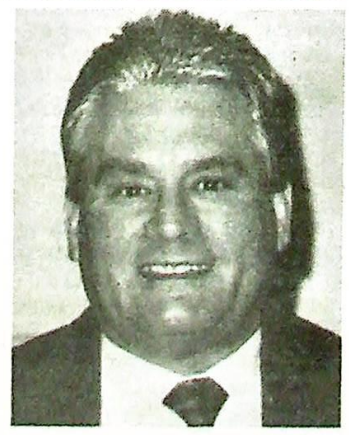
Treasurer's report was given by Ann Moss. Passed as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Ann thanked everyone that participated in this year's convention at Michigan City. Great time was had by all!

Winners of the state raffle were Diane Morge, LaPorte, who chose

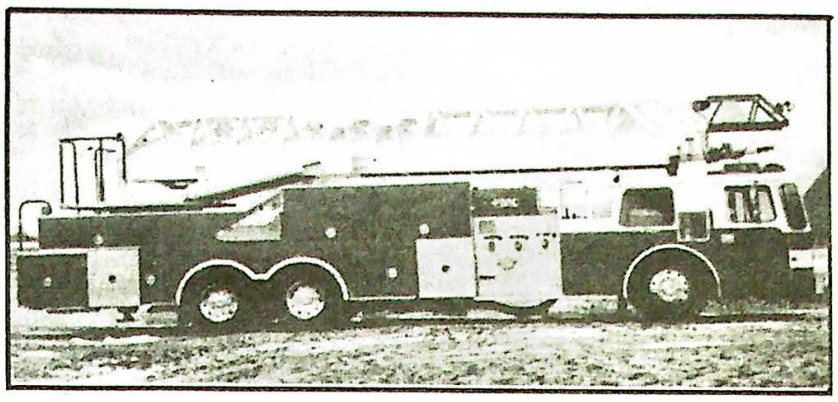
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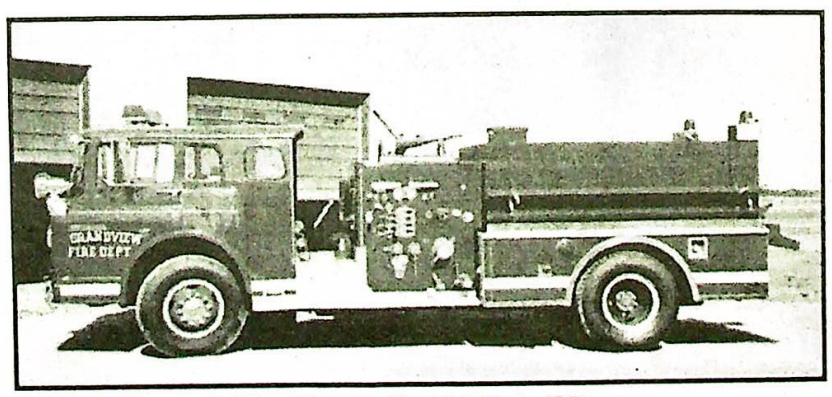
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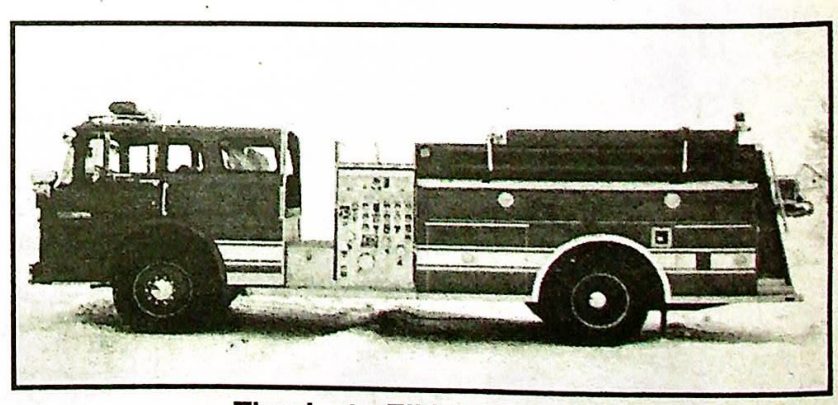
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DISTRICT 1 & 2

$200 cash, and Adam Davis from 11B received the Collectible Fire Bank.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Dee Kennedy and seconded by Barb Wilkening to bring four items for the silent auction at the next district meeting. Motion passed.

Elections were held because of the opening of District 1 Chairperson by Martha Thomas who was elected to a state position. Nominations were taken from the floor for District Chairperson Phyllis Vargo was nominated by motion from Jill Brady and seconded by Michelle Carpenter and passed by members. Nominations were taken from for District #2 Chairperson. Ann Moss was nominated by Barb Wilkening and seconded by Jill Brady and passed by the members. Nominations for District #2 Secretary were taken from the floor and Marge Baumgardner was nominated by Barb Wilkening and seconded by Jill Brady and passed by members.

There is a new Chairman of the Miss Flame. Patty Miller is from District 11B. Deadline for application is October 15th to your District Chairperson. We will hold Miss Flame contest at the November meeting at Munster.

Lois Borg Awards must be in by February 1st. They must be long hand, not typed and you need to tell about what the person has done in your fire department.

Ann brought back to the members about how we feel about the mileage reimbursement. They want to up the mileage 25 cents up to 27 cents. The ladies want it to state to pay the federal government allowed of 32 cents a mile.

Ann talked about the convention for 2001 will be in Fort Wayne June 13, 14, 15 & 16. Rooms for the convention are $78.00.

Ann presented Service Certificate to Viola Rose with 25 years of service and with over years of service and with over 40 years of service.

Mr. & Mrs. Subinack were present with a rose and pictures from the State Memorial Service.

Bill Howe Sr. asked to speak at the end of our meeting. Bill just wanted to inform everyone of his plans to retire and move to warmer climate. He thanked everyone for the long friendships that he has gained over the years.

Attendance Trophy: District 1 - Munster; District 2 - L.O.F.S.

50/50 Winner: Susan Casten of Cedar Lake.

Motion was made by Susan Casten and seconded by Barb Wilkening to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner, Dist. #2
Secretary

Ann Moss, District #2
Chairman
Phyllis Vargo, District #1
Chairman

DISTRICT 6

The Sixth District Auxiliary met at Rome City Fire Department, on July 20, 2000. We had an enjoyable meeting, with ten auxiliary members present representing three departments.

Election of officers was held. I was reelected Chairman, EJ will remain as Secretary, and Mary will remain as Treasurer. Marty Myhnier was elected Sgt. of Arms. Please let any of us know how we can serve you.

The September 21, 2000 meeting was held at Sparta Township, Cromwell with seven members representing three departments.

We have decided to prepare the ditty bags for the Miss Flame contestants at next year's convention. We will need to prepare 25 to 30 bags, so any items you can contribute will be appreciated by the girls. Please bring the items to any district meeting or call me, leave a message, and I will pick them up. We will need to complete this by June 1, 2000.

The next meeting will be on November 16 at Albion. We will be electing the Miss Flame to represent 6th District at Convention. Please call and leave a message, if your station has a contestant.

Marilyn Dever
6th District Chairman

DISTRICT 11A

We had a beautiful day for the annual 11A-11B picnic held at Forrest Park with 80 in attendance. Good food, fun and fellowship was had by all. Our special guest, State Miss Flame 2000, Nikki Luebcke, *gave a presentation of her program, Operation H.E.A.L. Thanks again, Nikki.*

Our District also helped with Bleemel Days in Terre Haute in late Sept. Waterball, children's games, smoke house, Smokey Bear, Sparky, etc. Thanks to all who helped make it a success.

IVFAA is selling 2 year calendars @ $2.00 each. Please let me know how many your departments might need.

The next District meeting will be Nov. 19, 2000 at 1:00pm.

A reminder: it is time to be looking for next year's Miss Flame candidates. We will be selecting our district Miss Flame at our Annual Miss Flame Dance to be held Jan. 20, 2000 at the Kreitenstein Post 104 in Terre Haute, 8-11pm.

Upcoming events:

Nov. 11 - Sandcut VFD chili supper and bake sale - 2-6pm; Nov. 19 - Lewis Twp. VFD Christmas Auction - 3pm; Jan. 21 - District meeting, Lewis Twp.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving - A Merry Christmas - A Great New Year.

Carolyn Morris
District 11A

DISTRICT 11B

As I write this, the leaves are beginning to change into beautiful colors. Fall is upon us, and soon we will be in the midst of the holiday season. My how time flies!! Seems like just yesterday, we were so worried about the Y2K!!

I want to thank a very special person who has given her all to this district and to the state. She has been the mother of many Miss Flames. She has chosen to step aside to let others experience these challenges. I know she will be right there to help if we slip or stumble. I have big shoes to fill. Thank you, Eula, for all your hard work as District 11-B chairman, and Miss Flame chairman. You have laid the solid groundwork for us to continue to build on.

The annual combined District picnic was held September 17th, hosted by 11-A. We had a beautiful day at Forest Park in Brazil, IN. Next year's picnic will be hosted by 11-B.

All fire departments and auxiliaries in 11-B 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.

Letters will be sent to all district fire departments and auxiliaries with rules and more details about the dance. We will also include a calendar of events with the letter. If you have any dates for events schedules for 2001, get this information to me.

The next district meeting will be held at Reelsville, November 12, 2000 at 1:00pm. Lunch will be served.

As the new district chairman, I would like to be invited to attend your auxiliary meeting. Please call me at 765-832-6931. I would love to meet you all.

This will be the last paper of 2000. We made it through Y2K!!! Imagine that!! I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Respectfully submitted by,
Patty Miller,
District 11-B Chairman

DISTRICT 13B

District 13B met on August 15, 2000 at Centerville Fire/Rescue.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Karen Freestone followed by prayer given by Leslie Spears. A poem was read by Connie Bright.

District 13B Miss Flame contest will be held in February. The contest will be held at Centerville. It's time to be thinking of a young lady from your department. Hoping to have a lot of girls to compete in our district.

If you haven't sent your dues in yet, please do so. They were due September 1.

Next meeting will be held November 21, 2000 at 7:00pm at Lewisville fire station. We are trying to get more ladies to join our Auxiliary. If you are interested contact Karen Freestone at (765) 987-7825 or Diana Griffin at 765-935-2694 or join us at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen Freestone
I.V.F.A.A. District 13B
Secretary

DISTRICT 19

The May 9, 2000 meeting for District 19 IVFAA was held at Morris Volunteer Fire Department; twenty-two members and one guest were present. Chaplain Marilyn Smith said the opening prayer, the pledge to the flag was made and the buffet was served and enjoyed.

Roll call was taken and the secretaries' and treasurer's reports given and accepted. Edie Zimmer made the motion with a second from Vi Bruns that the parents of the current Ms. Flame representing District 19 (Jennifer Caudill) be given a check for $75.00 to help defray costs. The motion received a unanimous vote. The present balance of the treasury is $323.38.

Marilyn mentioned she is still sending out cards as needed and also Beth mentioned the various state officers who are ill or have passed away.

Beth requested the raffle tickets be turned back in and they were and we discussed the gift we would be giving for the Chinese auction. Pam will donate the basket and Beth will fill it and take it with her. Also Kim Hountz brought in a donation for the ditty bags. The convention was discussed and Jennifer was given our best wishes.

Upcoming events include: Manchester - a chicken dinner in July and Halloween dance in October; Sunman June 9-10 the Festival and in October a dance on Sweetest Day; Morris is having a chicken dinner on June 17; Blooming Grove is having their festival on the last week in July.

In August a nominating committee will be picked for the election in November for new officers.

The 50-50 drawing netted $15.50 for Kim Hountz and the organization. Sunman will host the meeting in August; Delaware will host the meeting in November and Manchester will host the February one. The closing prayer was "The Power of Prayer" read by Marilyn. Sheryl Scheele and Linda Pornheder won the door prizes.

Due to inclement weather moving in, the games were cancelled and people encouraged to head for home. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Scheele, Secretary

The August 8th meeting of the District 19 IVFAA was held at Bruns Lake and hosted by Sunman Fireman's Auxiliary; 13 members and one guest were present. Chaplain Marilyn Smith read a poem and then a lunch was served. The Caring Clown Troupe was the evening's entertainment.

President Beth Caudill called the meeting to order. We then said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and had roll call. The treasurer's and secretaries' reports were given and accepted. The treasury has a balance of $263.88.

Chaplain Marilyn Smith said she continues to send cards as she receives information on people and asked the auxiliaries to keep her informed.

Under old business we discussed the convention. The Memorial service was discussed, 15 women were honored and the brochure passed around. The convention had been held in Michigan City and the weather was fine. Marilyn McFadden was the Lois Boaz winner and the Chinese auction was down this year. Our contribution to the auction was a kitchen basket of goodies. It was motioned and seconded to reimburse Beth Caudill for the supplies used in it. The cost was $25.59. The treasury balance for the state is $8156.14. There are three ladies in our district who have been members for 25 years. Vi Bruns, Marilyn Smith and Pam Gerdowsky.

There were 19 contestants in the Miss Flame contest. The winner was Nikki Luebcke.

The Miss Flame contest will be in November at the men's meeting.

The present officers will be looking for replacements. Any volunteers?

Upcoming events include:

Morris - breakfast in November and open house Sept. 10;

Sunman - a Halloween dance and they were going out to eat;

Blooming Grove - Nothing

The next meeting will be Nov. 11 - Delaware, Feb. - Manchester and May - Batesville.

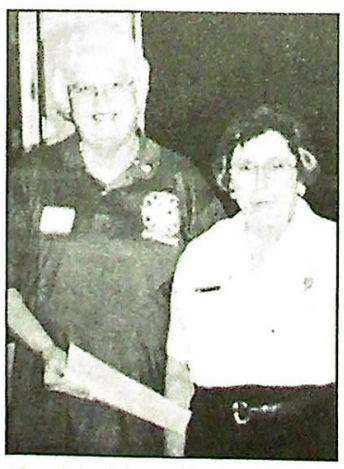
The 50/50 Drawing of $9.00 was won by Rosie Weisenbach.

Jennifer Caudill motioned the meting to adjournment with a second by Vi Bruns.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Scheele, Secretary



Mr. & Mrs. Saberniak memorial service and a rose and the name "Florence Saberniak" - 93 yearsold his aunt. Also pictured is Ann Moss. (Photo submitted by Ann Moss, District 2 Chairman).



Alma Dooley receives award with well over 25 years with Lake Eliza Fire Auxiliary. Also pictured is Ann Moss. (Photo submitted by Ann Moss, District 2 Chairman)



Viola Rose receives award from Cedar Lake Auxiliary with over 25 years of service. Also pictured is Ann Moss. (Photo submitted by Ann Moss, District 2 Chairman)

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NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

2001 Important Instructions!
Please Take Note

The State of Indiana provides Special Recognition License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association.

You will not be able to obtain plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

To obtain your license plate(s) you must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.

2. Return your Individual Plate Request Application to the IVFA Central Office *NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE THE MONTH YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR PLATES.* This form should contain the number of plates you are requesting for the year 2000, along with $5 for each plate.

Renewal months by first letter of your last name

January - Corporations February - A, B, Rental, Bus
March - C, D April - E, F, G, Personal May - H, I
June - J, K, L July - M, N, O August - P, Q
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.*

5. The license plate form will be sent to each individual at their home address.

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

7. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!

8. See additional instructions for BMV procedures. (Below)

BMV Procedures

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time, it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail 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.

Please, do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, only to the BMV.

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

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From "Barb" at the Central Office

It's that time of year that the clock gets turned back in southern Indiana. That also means that the office has been in operation in Evansville for a year.

Jack and I have tried to make the office more efficient, update information, and make it accessible for firefighters that do not have the use of a phone during the day. We still have some problems we are working on, but I hope the membership has been pleased with the changes we have made and the response times we have acted on for your requests. We are turning your license plate requests around the same day we receive them. We have no control over "snail mail."

I hope everyone is pleased with the progress we have made over the last year. We have worked long hours to process all of the dues in a timely manner. By working long hours, we have kept from hiring temporary help, which has saved the association money. I think it has also minimized the mistakes made in entering information.

All dues and license plates have been processed. We are now trying to update the member files to match the computer files. This will be a long process to make sure all of the information is correct.

Address changes are still a major problem. Our membership is not notifying us of their address changes. This is costing the association about $350 extra to obtain address correction on the newspaper delivery. We pay $.50 for each returned copy. *If you have moved, please fill out an address correction form found in the IVFA paper.*

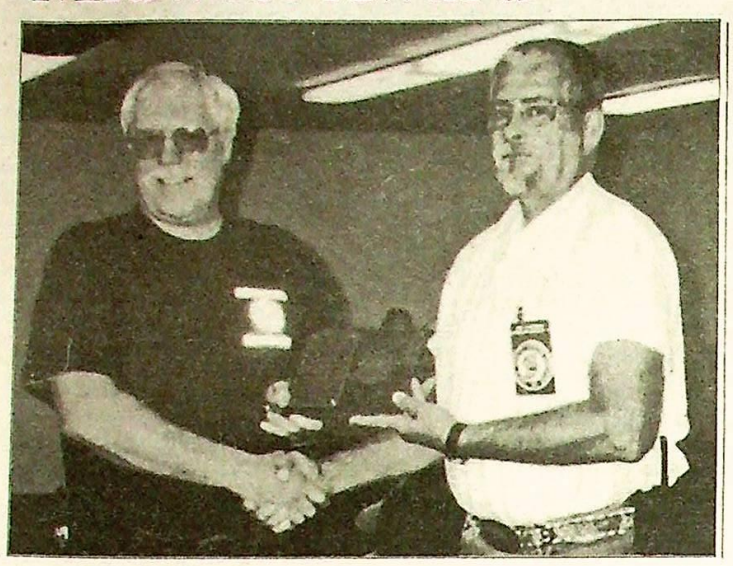
Thanks for your support and understanding during the transition from Indianapolis to Evansville.

Happy Holidays from the IVFA Office
Jack & Barbara Kerney

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Larry Baldwin Receives District 5 Midwest Award



Over 40 individuals from all six county fire departments attended the bi-monthly Fulton County Firefighters Association meeting held at the Kewanna/Union Twp. Fire Department. Also in attendance were two representatives from Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment, Indianapolis and Don Kissinger, chairperson of District 5 of the Indiana Volunteers Firefighters Association.

A presentation from a representative from Lion Apparel, manufacturer of firefighting clothing and equipment immediately followed a meal hosted by the local department. A meeting was held subsequent.

The highlights of the meeting was the presentation of District 5 Midwest Award given to a nominated individual for public service, not only in the fire service, but also within a community. This year's award winner was Larry Baldwin.

Larry has served this area for more than 25 years. His duties have included fire chief, town police officer, Local Emergency Planning Council member, arson investigator and lifetime member of the Methodist Church.

Members of Kewanna/Union Twp. Fire Department nominated Larry.

Fire School Discounts

The Indiana Fire Instructors' Association and Emergency Books and Training have been instructed not to accept social security numbers as membership numbers, to identify yourself as an IVFA member. The IVFA Office has went to great lengths to remove the social security number as your membership number. All 2000 dues cards have a membership number you should use instead of your social security number. We will also be sending an IVFA Membership list to these organizations to verify membership. If your dues are not paid, you will not receive this discount.

Walters Recipient of Annual Firefighter of the Year Award



At the September meeting of the Clark County Association of Fire Chiefs, they presented their annual Firefighter of the Year Award. This year's winner was Lt. Jay Walters of the Sellersburg Fire Department. Pictured (left to right) presenting the award is Roy Richardson, President, Jay Walters, Mark Furnish, Vice President.

Letter To The Editor

Officers Names Inadvertently Changed

September 2, 2000

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the newspaper, while reporting the results of elections held at convention, we inadvertently changed the listing of the officers of the Association on the inside of the front page.

I apologize for this mistake and we meant no disrespect and certainly did not mean to offend anyone.

At the last Officer's meeting the Vice President Jack Kearney was elevated to President and Vice President-elect Buz Koehler elevated to Vice President to facilitate continued operation of the Association.

Again I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Vice President
I.V.F.A.

IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Letter To The Editor ...

Doing Well In Tennessee

Editor I.V.F.A. Firefighter:

Just a note to let the people of the Association know that Betsy and I made the big move to Tennessee and we are doing fine. We will most likely see most of you at the annual meeting next June.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Firefighters, officers and friends that send cards or attended the surprise retirement party that was given by Betsy, our children and the Schererville Fire Department in August this year. I received many wonderful gifts as well as several plaques that Betsy says we have to hang along the wall. All of the plaques were very much appreciated, especially the Schererville Fire Department, The I.V.F.A., The Medallion from the Governor's Office through the Fire Marshal, the flag presented by Senator Lanske and one from each of our children, this makes the time and effort all worthwhile knowing that it was appreciated.

I would like to especially thank Betsy and our children for their support and encouragement that helped make these forty-one (41) years in the fire service a success. The fire success allowed our family to meet many people and go to many places across Indiana that we would not have been able to go otherwise.

I would like to especially thank the past and present officers of the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A. along with Ivan Nevil of the Fire Marshal office for coming to the party and presenting the Medallion and some of the wonderful gifts.

In closing, Betsy and I wish each of you the best of Holiday Seasons and may God bless.

Respectively,
William H. Howe
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See page 2 for information on NEW IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE and NEW SECRETARY

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

QUARTERLY OFFICER'S MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2000

Vice-president Kerney called the meeting to order and asked Chaplain Baker for the Invocation. Buzz Koehler then led us in the pledge to the flag.

Jack Kerney reported that he and Mr. Glant had visited with President Cox and presented him with his Past-President's pin and plaque. Mr. Cox was very thrilled and wore his pin with pride.

Mr. Kerney thanked everyone for the support in the elections and promised to do everything he can to make this a better organization. He apologized for the apparent misunderstanding which caused the new officers to be listed in the newspaper. He wondered why we had so few pictures of convention in the paper but no one had an answer. He has tried to stay close to home and get the dues into the computer but has attended an open house, a fund raiser, helped with one funeral, one memorial, made two board meetings of the firefighter standards, presented the Ollie Sandberg award at the 17A meeting, and got to the IFIA meeting in Fishers.

For the Central office report, Jack called our attention to the printed report he had passed out, said all dues postmarked July 27 or before have been processed and have 115 packets received since then that need to be worked. He only has about eight packets which were late so far. We had 8 packets which were returned as not deliverable. The license plates are current. The chairmen were reminded to turn in the voucher for the District secretaries.

The newly elected District Chairmen introduced themselves and all officers needing a badge and/or business cards were asked to sign a list.

Tim Martin reported he had noticed some increase in the inactive members in one of his departments which had a firefighter pass away and his dues had not been paid so his family received no grave marker or Bible. This presents no problem since the inactive member is entitled to the Chaplain, if requested, the grave marker and a Bible.

Chaplain's report: Charlie has had a somewhat busy quarter, and thanked those involved for the assistance in preparations and getting people out. He has attended a couple of station dedications, which is always a pleasure. He had passed out the picture packets and for the benefit of the new chairmen and those which may have forgotten, he covered how we intend for them to be given to the families of the deceased members remembered at the convention memorial service. He also covered the funeral voucher, it must be filled out with all information asked for given. This is very important.

Secretaries' report: Red indicated that everyone should have a received a copy of the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting. Mr. Zeeks moved we accept the minutes as distributed and printed in the paper. Larry Petro gave a second and the motion passed. The minutes of the convention officer's meeting were passed out. Everyone was asked to read them this evening and we would address the approval tomorrow morning.

Treasurer's report: Mr. Harker distributed copies of the report and covered the major points. Jack Zeeks moved to accept and Nelson Ehlers seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. We were reminded that we have to have receipts for all meals. Also, it was pointed out we will need to pay the Bridgeport Fund the three dollars per plate purchased. Jack Kerney advised us that there is a rumor going around saying we are going to do away with the IVFA plate. This is not true ... the IVFA plate is still being sold and will continue to be.

Sergeant-at-arms: Larry Ketchem, pro-tem for Bush, has some supplies and if we need what he doesn't have, fill out a slip, and Bush will mail them to us. He also has three clocks for those who have ordered them. Motion was made about the size of the clocks. Larry was asked to bring some pricing on a couple of larger clocks, still on the State shape, to the next meeting. We also need to address the change on the decals to firefighters. Prices need to come to the next meeting for printing the decals, all models.

Public Relations reports:

PRNW Buzz Koehler stated he has made all the district meetings and attended an open house dedication. He introduced Dennis Schavey as his incoming replacement and indicated Dennis has been following him around.

PRNE Mike Mackin has made all his district meetings and is glad to have a chairman in District 6 who he feels will do a good job.

PRWC Don Johnson was missing, Larry Bartlow, incoming, has made a couple of district meetings and came to listen.

PREC Don Cushman missed one meeting and attended one dedication.

PRSW Jack Harker said he had passed the reins to incoming Ron Bell so he could concentrate on the Treasurer's responsibilities. Ron says he attended three district meetings and two memorial services. He is enjoying it and has Jim Abrams doing a good job in his old slot.

PRSE Nelson Ehlers attended Dist. 14 and 19 meetings and has a question on the 25 year pins. We have a problem. How do we obtain the date a member joined the IVFA? Carl Bruns will check with Lee Kissel and see if he can help from the old computer files.

Paul Covington made a motion that we pass out a pin to those who, on their honor, and with the concurrence of the Chief say they have been an IVFA member for at least 25 years. Larry Petro gave the second and after some more discussion, the motion passed.

Buzz Koehler made a motion that the Sgt.-at-arms be the one to distribute the 25 year pins to the District Chairpeople after they have received a list from the Chief of the respective member departments. Tim Sandy produced the second. The motion passed.

Past-president reports:

Parker, Bruns, Parish, Glant, and Zeeks all passed.

District Chairman Reports:

Dist. 1 - Jim Bradford had one death, mentioned that the Sec. of State is again mailing out the not-for-profit forms, attended a meeting in Galveston, and announced a retirement party for Bill Howe to be on Sun., 8-27-00. RSVP info was made available.

Dist. 2 - Larry Stott missed the May meeting because of work, has had no deaths, and has visited 12 Departments trying to find a warm body to take his spot.

Dist. 3 - Tim Sandy is sure glad convention is over. Hopes everyone had a good time. Convention didn't lose money.

Dist. 4 - Greg Freed - no deaths, next meeting 8-31-00, Norm Crocker is now in the ranks of the retired.

Dist. 5 - Don Kissinger - things have been quiet, they enjoy a good attendance, and the next meeting will be in Culver on 9-14-00.

Dist. 6 - Tim Jones has only been in for three weeks, has visited two departments, next meeting 9-14-00 at Cromwell, and is still learning the job.

Dist. 7 - Mort Sorg has a new secretary, Gary Markley, has had one death, had one firehouse dedication, thanks for buying peanut brittle, and the next meeting will be 9-18-00.

Dist. 8A - Bill Pape has visited six departments, presented the Midwest Award, had 23 people from eight departments at the last meeting, and the next meeting will be 9-13-00.

Dist. 8B - Larry Petro missed the July meeting but was re-elected anyway by the 22 members from eight departments, presented the Midwest Award, has made eight department visits, and the next meeting will be 9-13-00, where he hopes the attendance will be better.

Dist. 9A - Jon Randle says he is new but can be taught, and the next meeting is to be 9-28-00.

Dist. 9B - Randy Denton was re-elected, presented a clock, and the next meeting is to be 9-14-00.

Dist. 10 - David Israel has had one meeting where 29 members from 10 departments were in attendance, and the next meeting will be 8-16-00. The program will be Troy Fornoff. David is in need of gold cards and was told they are on order. Also, he asked about a change on the cover of the Bridgeport application. Mr. Bruns assured us it will be in a new format very soon.

Dist. 11A- Diane Harrison reported 0 deaths, one firehouse dedication, 29 people from 11 departments at the last meeting. Cory will host a session on the new fire and EMS software 8-26-00, invited everyone to the picnic at Brazil on 9-17-00, announced the Bleemel Days in Terre Haute, which includes waterball on Sat., on 9-22/23-00, advised us they are holding a farm safety class 10-7/8-00 and hosting Abbottville's class on 12-2/3-00.

Dist. 11B - Larry Ketchem advised he was elected in July, commented that he is sure we can get a lot of mileage out of the pins if we present them to honor the firefighters, and is looking forward to the challenge of being a District Chairman.

Dist. 12 - John Ross was not in our midst.

Dist. 13A - Tim Martin said they had not met since the last meeting due to some conflicts, has had two deaths, had one firehouse dedication where he presented a clock, and the next meeting will be 8-17-00.

Dist. 14 - Roy Richardson has had three new firehouses, found 18 members from six departments at the last meeting, said the pins are being well received, feels things are going well, and the next meeting is 10-18-00.

Dist. 15 - Steve Anderson was re-elected by 18 members from nine departments at their last meeting, has had direct contact with 13 departments, indirect with six departments, attended two county meetings, two other district meetings, had one open house, said lightning stopped the waterball just as it was starting, and the next meeting is 9-19-00.

Dist. 16 - Dale Scott was missing the action.

Dist. 17A - Jim Abrams passed to Ron Bell who reported 40 members from eight departments present for the elections, has had two deaths, next meting is 9-23-00, turkeys at Oden 11-18-00, Green Co. games will be 9-27-00, he started a discussion about the old style grave markers which have been seen in a couple of cemeteries. The pictures show that the marker is larger, has the name inscribed, and has the name of the fire department on it.

Dist. 17B - Luke Kluender has just resigned.

Dist. 18 - Charles Parker had 86 members for their election, has ordered new shoulder patches, and the next meeting is set for 9-21-00.

Dist. 19 - Paul Covington was re-elected by the 32 members from nine departments and he even has a secretary. His next meeting is 9-28-00, they've had two deaths, and one open house. They have one new IVFA department but it may be disbanded by the trustee. It's part of the riverboat deal.

Dist. 21 - Perry Martin said their election was by 32 members from nine departments, he gave it up and Don Fultz is the new chairman but was not able to be here, they presented the Midwest Award, and he had visited the Burn Camp.

Committee Reports:

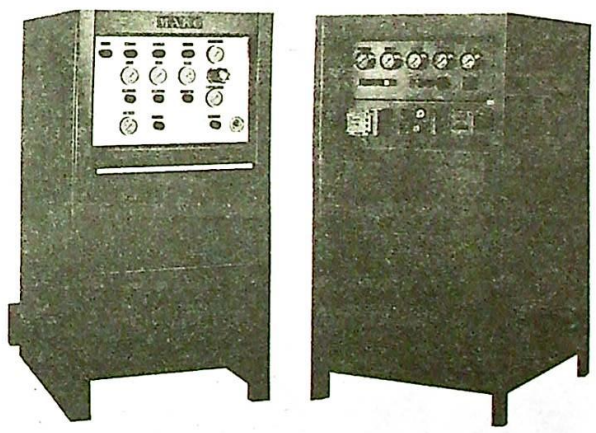
Resolutions committee was disbanded.

Legislative - Charlie Baker said they have talked with four firms interested in the lobbyist position for the IVFA. He then passed to Mr. Parker for a briefing. Jim filled us in on the interviews that have taken place. The committee feels that they don't want to give us a recommendation but they made some less than favorable comments as their own opinion. They also offered some

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DISTRICT 11-A

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January 20, 2001, 8pm till 11pm for our Miss Flame Dance. It will be at the Krietinstien Post #104 in Terre Haute and we will have the same DJ as last year.

Registration forms will be mailed out soon for Abbottville (it is a table-top exercise). If wanting to attend please fill out the form and get it mailed back in. Class size is 35.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison
Dist. 11-A Chairperson

DISTRICT 13A

Greetings from Dist. 13A

It has been a very busy period since the last issue. Aug. meeting was at Buck Creek Twp. Station #2. Round table meeting discussion was on convention and election of officers, 25 yr. pins, also had discussion on proposed changes on S.O.G. and Bylaw changes.

Sept. meeting was at Dunreith V.F.D. Round table meeting discussion was on I.V.F.A. newspaper, historical book, proposed changes of IVFA S.O.G. and Bylaw changes. Also discussed any problems or dislikes or changes that might need to be in place with the IVFA.

October meeting will be at Shirley V.F.D. in Shirley. Special guess are to be Sen. Beverly Gard, St. Rep. Bob Cherry, St. Rep. Tom Sanders.

Under other news, Ingall's V.F.D. had a hog roast on Sept. 30th. The food was great and so was the fellowship. I attended the Fire Marshal's annual memorial service at Greenfield Fire Dept. Station #1 on Oct. 6. Thanks to all who helped with that. On Oct. 7th, Spiceland V.F.D. had a chili supper and a new truck dedication. They had a very good turnout of the town township and the food was very good also.

Dist. Chairman
Tim Martin

DISTRICT 14

September 25, 2000
I.V.F.A. 14th District Report

Dear Chief and I.V.F.A. Members,

The 14th District has been busy this summer. I have gotten the 25 year pin in and have given some out to the departments in the 14th District and to the District Chairman. The pin is to be given out to the members, not to the chief; you can go to the department meeting and give out to the members.

Call the Chief and get the members there, this is a good PR for you and the I.V.F.A. This is what I'm doing in the 14th District. I've had a good response.

The members like to be recognized; also you will have a chance to do a little PR work. To make contact with the fire department is good. The District Chairman is the key to success.

Thank you,
Roy Richardson
Chairman
District 14 I.V.F.A.

DISTRICT 15

The July 18, 2000 District 15 meeting was held at Alcoa Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 19:53 hours.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Anderson.

Roll call was answered by 16 members and nine departments.

Guests in attendance were Ted Med Don Kiefer and Randy DeGloyer EMS supplier from Indy, Jack Harker PR/SW and 2000 IVFA Treasurer, Ron Bell District 17-A Chairman and 2000 PR/SW, Tim Montgomery WSF Fleet Services, Steve Braden AES and John Barr, Past District Chairman.

Secretary Jack Kerney presented the minutes of the May meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved as distributed. Balance as of June 31, 2000 was $2,028.04.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Anderson stated that District 15 will be the host of the 2002 Convention. The dates of June 12 thru 15 will be the confirmed dates.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave an update on the condition of IVFA President Jack Cox.

NEW BUSINESS

IVFA Central Office Manager, Barbara Kerney, gave an update on the office since being moved to Evansville.

Secretary Kerney will have a new list of District 15 meetings at the July meeting.

Chairman Anderson gave convention highlights for Convention 2002. At our first meeting the slogan selected was EVANSVILLE AND YOU IN 2002. Organization meetings will be set up and you will be asked to lend a hand to help us make another great convention. It will take a lot of help. All are urged to participate.

Waterball Tournament will be hosted by Owensville on August 5th at 2:00 PM. Entry fee will be $5.00 per team. Trophies will be furnished by the District. Jack Kerney will get the trophies.

Legislative update was given by Chairman Anderson and Secretary Kerney.

State Officers for the IVFA were announced. Jack Kerney from District 15 is the newly-elected State President. Jack was also honored at the Convention with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the fire service over the last 35 years. The award was presented by Marshal Boatwright.

Secretary Kerney talked to group about certifications as well as the updates from Personnel Standards and Education.

Fire Schools and their schedules were discussed.

Election of officers was held: District Chairman - Steve Anderson, Vice Chairman - Ernie Lasley, Secretary-Treasurer - Barbara Kerney, Chaplain - Karen Berning, Sergeant-At-Arms - Harry Logan.

Department News: Alcoa - 54 runs this year; Yankeetown - runs are down; McCutchanville - runs are up, new rescue will be completed in July; Scott - runs up, has three paid shifts; Perr - has Rescue 6 in service for EMS responses; Patoka - in new station, have new rescue tools, designing new station for Toyota; Marrs - rescue for sale, runs are up.

American Environmental gave a presentation on Meth Labs.

Chairman Anderson thanked Alcoa for hosting the meeting and for the nice meal served.

Next meeting will be at Buckskin on Sept. 19, 2000.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:15 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kerney
Secretary

DISTRICT 17A

The July meeting was held at Winslow Fire Dept. Jim Abrams was elected District Chairman, Scott Byers was elected Vice District Chairman and Don Malone was elected Secretary. Our sympathy on the death of James Doyle Webster goes out to his family, and Odon Fire Department of which he was a member.

Richard-Taylor Fire Department hosted the September district meeting. Eric Dunn was the speaker. He addressed the problems of meth labs.

The next District meeting will be at the Odon Fire Department on November 18th.

If I can be of any help to any of the departments in my district, please feel free to contact me at 812-384-3160 or write me at RR 5 Box 82C, Bloomfield, IN 47424.

From the President



Jack Kerney

My article did not get published in the August issue of the newspaper, but there are some things that I still want to say from that article.

I would like to thank everyone that has supported and helped me as your Vice-President. I appreciate your vote of confidence in electing me as your President at our annual meeting and convention in Michigan City. I will do my very upmost to continue to promote and see to the daily activities of our organization.

When I attended my first convention in 1988 in Michigan City, I would have never imagined that I would be your President. In 1988 my only concern was to help plan our first IVFA Convention in Evansville for 1989. Barb and I have met, and made a lot of new friends during our travels. You have made us feel like a part of your community and departments. For this we say a big thank you.

This was my last time of serving on the Mr. IVFA Committee. It was very rewarding to receive this award and participate in selecting the Mr. IVFA for the last three years. There was not a person nominated that did not deserve this award. This year was no exception; it was just as hard to select a winner as the other two years. My congratulations go to the 2000 Mr. IVFA, Willie "Mitch" Parish. Mitch will have the honor of being the first Mr. IVFA of the new Millennium.

As Vice-President one of my duties was to be in charge of the Ollie Sandburg Award and the Mid-West Awards. These also were very difficult to select winners. The 2000 Ollie Sandburg Award winner is Archie Sapp from Union Community Volunteer Fire Department. Our congratulations to both of these fine firefighters.

I would like to thank Bill Kinsey for his years of dedicated service as an officer of the IVFA. Bill has decided, for personal reasons, to resign as treasurer of our organization. Bill has held many offices and has served on many committees of this association. He will truly be missed.

With the resignation of Bill Kinsey, we will appoint our newly-elected treasurer, Jack Harker as the treasurer for the remainder of Bill's term. Jack has been District 17-A Chairman, and has served as the Public Relations Director of the Southwest area. Jack and his wife, Beverly reside in Vincennes.

I would like to congratulate Chief Virgil for his retirement as Chief of the Carter Fire District. Virgil has been a long time friend and a true friend of the fire service. Congratulations Virgil!!!

Now that Barb and I have all of the office dues caught up we were allowed to start traveling to department functions and meetings again. In August we were at Bloomfield Fire Dept. to judge the Greene County Firefighter Days and Games, the open house and dedication at Morris Vol. Fire Dept. and Chief Ed Scheele, the Greene meeting at Highland Twp. Fire Dept. and Chief Abrams, the District 11-A and 11-B picnic at Winslow, the District 15 meeting at Buckskin Fire Dept. and Chief Ron Cromer, the District 18 meeting at Jasper, the 17-A meeting at Richland Taylor Fire Dept. and Chief Bill Babcock, the District 15 waterball games at Poseyville, and the District 6 Convention meeting at Ft. Wayne.

Please continue to pray for our President Jack Cox, for that he may have a complete recovery from his stroke. If you have a little time, send him a GET WELL card and thank him for his contribution to the IVFA. I know he will appreciate it.

I hope to see all of the officers at the November 4 & 5 meeting. Thanks to all of you for your support and confidence.

Jack Kerney

Attention All Fire Departments and Districts:

Time To Be Looking For Miss Flame Candidates

It is time to start looking for your Miss Flame candidates for the contest to be held at the convention in Fort Wayne in June. In this issue of the paper, you will find the Miss Flame Guidelines, qualifications and rules to enter the IVFA Miss Flame Contest.

Applications for the contestants that will compete in the State Miss Flame contest are to be sent to me by March 10, 2001.

Only one contestant from each district may compete in the state contest and only one from each department can compete in the district contest. Therefore, you can't wait until the last minute to start working on this. Let me know when you are holding your district contest and I will try to attend.

I am challenging all districts to sponsor a contestant. It would be great to have a contestant from every district for this year's convention.

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

Applications are available from your district chairman or from me. See address below:

Patty Miller
R.R. 1 Box 414
Rosedale, IN 47874
Phone: 765-832-6931

Happy Holidays To All!

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 effort 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.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN
PLEASE NOTE:

The Miss Flame Commitee requests each district provide their contestant with a sash with district number on it to wear to the convention competition.

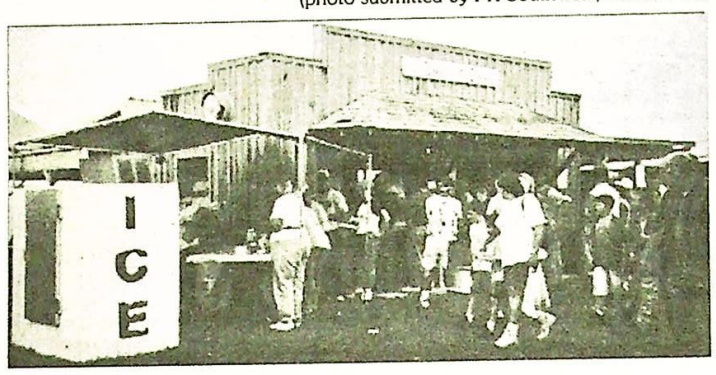
If any one has questions, please contact Patty Miller at 765-832-6931

IVFA Miss Flame Contest Qualifications and Rules To Enter

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the IVFA or the IVFA Auxiliary or be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single and a non-parent.
3. Entrant must be 15 years old but not more than 18 at the time of the IVFA 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 will be decided at discretion of the District.
8. District winner will be entered in 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. IVFA Miss Flame will be selected at the State Convention.
13. Convention host department will provide judges to select 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. Each District will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons to District winners prior to Judging on Thursday of Convention. (see below)
16. IVFAA will furnish IVFA "MISS FLAME" ribbons, flowers, trophy and a $100 savings bond.
17. IVFAA will furnish IVFA "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.



August 10, 2000
Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of their new E-One fire truck. Looking new firetruck over are: Madison Twp. firefighters Benija Spears and Tom Miller, Capt. Ronald Bell and Ken Boes, sales representative.
(photo submitted by PR Southwest, Ronald Bell)



September 9, 2000
Pictured above is the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department working their food stand, called "Chat & Chew" at the Antique Days located at the Daviess County Fairgrounds, Elnora, Indiana.
(photo submitted by Public Relations Southwest, Ronald Bell)

Public Relations West Central



Don Johnson

Happy Holidays! to everyone

Color Guard Competition Registration

June 14, 2001

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Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____
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Date Team Formed: _____

Return to:
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Chief Jim Reed
15412 Lima Road
Huntertown, IN 46748
For information call: (219) 449-3696 or FAX: (219) 449-3699

Volunteer Firefighter Honored

By John Martin
Evansville Courier & Press staff writer

As a firefighter, Dale Naylor sees vulnerable times in life. He sees them when they're injured, afraid, angry, upset, or some combination of those things.

He relishes the opportunity to offer a helping hand, even in the middle of the night, even after a long day of teaching physical education at Plaza Park Middle School.

That dedication is one reason the Kiwanis Club of West Evansville honored Naylor, a member of the Knight Township Volunteer Fire Department, as its volunteer firefighter of the year. Naylor said the job requires commitment, but it seldom comes without positive returns.

"It still doesn't bother me to go fight a fire and then get up and teach the next day," said Naylor, 41, a firefighter for 12 years. "In this business, we live for our departments."

Naylor said, "they couldn't pay enough for the feeling you get when you take someone's hand, and you *make their worst nightmare livable."*

Naylor was honored Thursday night during a dinner at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. IN giving the award to Naylor, Kiwanis Club of East Evansville President Del St. Clair noted Naylor's extensive involvement with the Knight Township department.

He's been a chief, assistant chief, lieutenant, captain, safety officer, membership chairman, fund-raising chairman and a board member for the 60-member department.

Naylor is also an emergency medical technician and a member of the department's dive team. He's a firefighting instructor, and his current position with the department is division chief in charge of special operations.

"He's done everything a volunteer firefighter can do," St. Clair said.

The Knight Township department covers 16.2 square miles on Evansville's East Side. Naylor said he intends to stay with the department "as long as I can."

Naylor's was the sixth Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award given by the East Evansville Kiwanis Club. Candidates are nominated from the German, Knight, McCutchanville, Perry and Scott fire departments.

(This article courtesy of the Evansville Courier & Press and was submitted by District 15 Chairman, Steve Anderson).

Happy Holidays!

276 Years of Markle Fire, Rescue Service

11 Past, Present Firemen Honored for 20 or More Years

by Jim Barbieri,
The News-Banner,
Bluffton, Indiana

When the needs mounted for enlarging the Markle Fire Station, the town government had its hands full and its funds tied to other major infrastructure demands.

No matter.

"Just get us the materials and we'll do the job," was the message and spirit of the Markle Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Unit.

And so the recently-finished major addition to the fire station was built entirely by the department personnel.

It's a department which actually serves not only the town but also Rockcreek and Union Townships of Wells County and Rock Creek and Union Townships of Huntington County.

And the service dedication has been extraordinary. The fire station project was only typical.

Wednesday night, the Markle Fire Department and Rescue Unit, along with family members and some civic representatives, celebrated exceptional service.

Honored with large handsome plaques citing bravery as the hallmark in this service were 11 past and present Markle firemen each with more than 20 years of service on the Markle Department.

Well, one of them was listed for "only" 17 years as a department member, but that ex-firefighter, John L. Woodward, had several prior years as an associate member of the department and was the recipient of a pin honoring 50-year membership in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Woodward was a member of the Markle Department from 1942 to 1959. He was fire chief from 1953 to 1956, and secretary from 1943 to 1959.

In all, the 11 honored Wednesday night have given a total of 276 years as members of the Markle Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Unit.

They included four current members of the department and seven retired from it.

With Fire Chief Jim Mossburg among the honorees, Assistant Fire Chief Rick Asher and department president Scott Spahr led in the presentation event.

Included also were words of special praise from Dr. Gerald Miller who recognized from his professional medical role and leadership in the Markle Medical Center the vital role provided through the years -- lifesaving service on a number of occasions.

Those honored with plaques in addition to Woodward were:

- Duane Brumbaugh - 22 years on the department. 1978 to present time. Assistant chief 1991-1994, president 1989, 1990; vice president 1987-1988 and 1997 to present time.
- Bob Buroff - 27 years. 1961 to 1988. Secretary-treasurer 1967 to 1970, 1980 to 1988.
- Jeff Gearhart - 20 years. 1980 to present. Assistant chief 1982 and 1983.
- Paul Gearhart - 35 years, 1953 to 1988. Fire chief 1983, assistant fire chief 1967-1971 and 1976-1978; president 1956-1958; 1967, 1980-1982, 1987; vice president

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Dorothy E. Masters, President
Maynard D. Masters, Vice-President

Minutes of the June 15, 2000 Annual IVFA Meeting

Friday, June 15, 2000

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Okay, I said we'd start at 7:30 sharp, I'd like to call the meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association to order. At this time I will call on Chaplain Baker to do the invocation.

CHAPLAIN BAKER: Please rise and join me in the Invocation.

(Invocation Given)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Please stand for the pledge of the flag.

(Pledge cited in unison.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Okay, at this time we'll have the reading of minutes from the 1999 annual meeting.

MR. HOWE: Bill Howe, District One. I make a motion we accept the minutes as printed.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: We have a motion by Bill Howe to accept the minutes as printed.

MR. MACKIN: Mike Mackin, PR, Northeast, second that motion.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Mike Mackin, PR, Northeast second the motion. All in favor signify by saying "aye".

(Ayes in unison).

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Opposed, same sign.

UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Aye.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thank you. At this time, I would like to have Marshal Boatwright step forward and talk to the body.

MR. BOATWRIGHT: Thank you, Jack. Good morning.

MR. BOATWRIGHT: I've come up with some things that I want you all to know and be aware of. One thing, I have gotten very involved – there's an organization of fire marshals – state fire marshals all across the country called the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and I've gotten very involved with that organization. I'm on the Board of Directors. And I think that at our upcoming convention in Lexington in July, that I'm going to be elected treasurer to that position, which will put me on the Executive Committee, with the President and the Vice President, and trying to move up in that organization. They do a lot of good things dealing with issues, like furniture flammability. We have testified in Congress on the Bill on different issues, like furniture flammability, and that kind of thing, so I try to stay very involved in that organization. They do some really great work, and I hope that I can make Indiana proud. Some day I'd like to be President of that organization, if I'm fortunate enough to be State Fire Marshal that long. Being a State Fire Marshal sometimes like being a second Lieutenant in combat, your life span's not to the awfully long.

Another thing I wanted to talk a little bit about, and you've probably seen him here, Gary Robison is our new NFIRS program manager. And if you've not – I don't know, is Gary in here this morning yet? He was here yesterday with Mike Bigler around there at our booth, and we purchased six hundred sets of that firehouse software, and Gary now has that all distributed to fire departments all across the state. And we're now utilizing some of the software; EMs bought the same software. They bought 600 sets as well. And some of it, as I understand it, and I'm not a computer genius by any means, but has both the EMs and the fire modules on the same set of software, so we're now using some of the EMS fire combined software for departments that do both; so if you haven't received your software yet, Gary is here. Try to get with him some time. He should be around the day, and I know that he brought some of the software with him. It says in the law that, you know, that fire chiefs you shall report your fire runs and incident reports to the State Fire Marshal's Office, and so it's always – I've been State Fire Marshal for eight years, and it's always been my dream to try to get that NFIRS up and running and be something that we could be proud of; create a book for you all, like a year-end annual report that you could look at and see where you stand in comparison to other departments, and that kind of thing, and see what the fire situation is around the state. And I think that Gary's just done a whale of a job. He's on the road constantly. Every time we have a staff meeting, he says, "I'm going here tonight and there tomorrow night and northern Indiana the next night, and southern Indiana the next night, so he's really working hard to try to get this NFIRS program up and running the way it should be.

If any of you need to call Gary or talk to Gary, or talk to any of us, our 800 number through the day is, 1-800-423-0765. And our 800 number in the EOC, and this is one thing that I'd like to stress to you. You know, we've always said that you could call state police dispatch if you need us for like a Haz-Mat situation, or an arson investigator. I want to try to discourage you from doing that going forward. Our EOC is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and if you need us from the Marshal's Office, please try to utilize the 800 number in the Marshal's Office. That number is 1-800-669-7362. We had a situation the other day where somebody called state police dispatch to request an arson investigator, and for one reason or another, it never got back to us. Then we had a Fire Chief that was mad, "How come the investigator didn't show up?" We didn't know anything about it. So, the best way is to utilize that 1-800 number in the Emergency Operations Center.

I made mention last night about the drought. We have a drought committee set up down in Indianapolis, and made up of a number of different people; myself and Mike Bigler, and the folks from SEMA, IDEM is involved, a lot of different agencies; DNR, of course, state police. And we anticipate that this fall it's going to get bad. I mean, we've had some recent rains, it's helped a little bit but we are still not over the hump by any means. So, we're still doing what we were doing last year when it got bad; if you have a wild land fire, a grass fire of 10 or more acres, please notify the EOC dispatch of that. And, as I said last night, they'll ask you a few questions about – I think there's a list of six or seven questions that we've put together. That's also the way that if you have – Mike Bigler's put together kind of a protocol for the use of the helicopters with the water drops, and there has to be either occupied structures or lives in danger before we can call those things out. That is very, very expensive to do; and so, you know, you might – if it's just a field fire and there's no homes around there, you might get told that we can't – we can't send the helicopters with the water drops for that. But, as I said, if it's occupied structures, if there's lives involved and that kind of thing, we will try to help you get the helicopters up there with the water drops, and they do a whale of a job. It's been amazing.

And I mentioned last night about public display permits. That the public display permit is still up the Fire Chief. That's something that's at your discretion. If you don't approve of that site, or if you don't believe that the shooter is qualified – and please don't ask me what that means, because that's not defined -- but that's at your discretion. And if you tell somebody, no – I mean, most of the time when it's your community, why you're trying to help those folks and work with 'em, so you know who the good guys are and who the bad guys are. So, but if you deny one of those permits, you better have a real good reason, or you could get yourself – you could find yourself in court if you turn down a public display permit.

The last thing that I think – and before I forget. I mentioned a couple of people's names in my office that I want to give a lot of credit to, and one is Mike Bigler. Mike's my Chief Deputy, and I don't know whether he's here this morning. He was my Assistant Chief and we worked together on the Marion Fire Department; a very, very knowledgeable individual, and has been a big, big help to me as my Chief Deputy. He's very knowledgeable about Haz-Mat and that kind of situation. And just a real go-getter about getting things done. And I'd like to give credit to Mike here today before this body. And then another guy that I know you all know probably better than I don, 'cause I've only know him since I was back in the Legislature, is Ivan Nevil. Ivan just does a whale of a job. He and a very short staff of people really do a yeoman's work in trying to keep that certification straightened out, and get out and teach the classes, and that kind of thing. And for those of you that were in the Board of Firefighting meeting yesterday, you can see it's pretty complicated and it's pretty hard to stay on top of everything that's going on with all of the changes. So I'd like to give Ivan a lot of credit.

Another is Myra Snyder. Myra's, our attorney in the office. She does a whale of a job. One of the things that I have appreciated about Myra is, everything that we do in our office is done the same way every time. And, you know, I like to try to help people and work with 'em, and help your constituents and the people you provide the services to. I try to treat customers the way I'd like to be treated if I was that business person out there instead of being autocratic and go in and say, No, I'm going to close you down blah, blah, blah, blah; we try to work with people. But one thing that Myra has brought to our office is a consistency, and she knows the Code very, very well. And she's been a big help, I know, to a lot of departments out there, so I'd like to give her a pat on the back as well.

The thing I want to finish with and then I've got something I'd like to read that I found. There was a State Representative here last night, Representative Scott Pelath, and he may, as I guess John Shanks said, he may come to the banquet tonight. He's got checks for three – Was it three or four – Three? Three or four fire departments from the Build Indiana Fund. And if you folks don't know what the Build Indiana Fund is, you got to get educated. The way that's done is through your State Representatives, and as most of you know, I've served six years in the Legislature, and if you don't know who your State Representative is or your State Senator it would behoove you to find out.

Two – Four years ago in 1996 there were 163 fire departments – I believe that's the correct number. Don't hold me to that. I've got it on my desk, but I don't have it up here. A hundred and sixty-three fire departments that got money from Build Indiana Fund. In 1998, the number was like 393 departments got money from Build Indiana Fund. You need to find out who your State Representative is and wine and dine those folks a little bit. And I don't mean take them out and buy them for dinner. But have them out for a chili supper, or something, and show them the problems that you've got with finances and how tough it is for you to get by. That's a big, big help, and it can be done. But you got to play the game. And so there's more and more departments that are doing that, but it's – We have fire departments that call our office and ask, "Where can I get some money for this or money for that?" And that's the first thing that I tell 'em is, Build Indiana Fund. It takes a little while to get it done. So, if it's something that you need by this fall, why you're not going to get it done that way, but . . . please keep that in mind. And we were just talking up here about trying to make sure that you all are aware of who the players are and who the representatives and the senators are.

I'd like to close with something that I said I wanted to read to you and it's – it was something that's, "Dedicated to the Children of Firefighters Who Have Died in the Line of Duty." And before I read this and close, I would like to say, I am so proud to be your State Fire Marshal. I've been the State Fire Marshal for eight years, and I hope if things go well, I'll be your State Fire Marshal for four more after this Governor's term. State Fire Marshals, as you all know, serve at the pleasure of the Governor, so I hope that I'm continuing to do a good job, and that Governor O'Bannon is happy with the job that we do. So, as I said, it's been my privilege and my honor to be State Fire Marshal. I've told a lot of people I was a State Representative, one out of a hundred Reps and 50 Senators, and I thought, Wow, you know, that's pretty good for a dumb old firefighter with a 12th grade education to be a State Representative, but then I got appointed State Fire Marshal and there's only been 17, I think, State fire Marshals in the history of the whole State of Indiana, and Mr. Bill Goodwin was one of 'em, and it's quite an elite crowd. And I'm very, very proud to represent you as the State fire Marshal. Let me read this to you.

"My father was a fireman. He drove a big red truck, and when he'd go to work each night, he'd say, 'Mother, wish me luck,'

"Then dad would not come home again 'til sometime the next day; but the thing that bothered me the most was the things that some folks would say;

"A fireman's life is easy; he eats and sleeps and plays, and sometimes he don't fight a fire for days and days and days; when I first heard these comments, I was too young to understand, 'cause I knew when people had trouble, dad was there to lend a hand:

"And my father went to work one day and kissed us all good-bye, but little did we realize that night we all would cry;

"My father gave his life that night when the floor gave way below, and I wondered why he had risked his life for someone he didn't know.

"But now I realize that the greatest gift a man can give is to lay his life upon the line so that someone else might live.

"So, as we go from day-to-day and we pray to God above, say a prayer for your local fireman, you may save the ones you love."

Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thank you, Tracy.

Those of you who don't get a chance to call the Marshal's office and ask for their support or ask for their help, you're missing a good resource. I've never called up there and never got a no answer or never not got a call back; they'll always respond to your needs. So, it's a good resource, and I suggest you use it.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: I made a couple changes. And in your packets you should have, the District Chairmen, you should have some new voucher sheets for the delegates. We kind of made them up a little different so that we'll have a district number on that voucher so that when we write the check we know where that check needs to come back to, to which district, so we can get them handed out a little faster. So, if you would – For the delegates, don't use your normal expense voucher; use the delegate expense voucher, please.

I made a change in the convention committees that serve during this convention. And if you don't like it, please let me know, and we'll change it for next year. But my feeling on this was that, I think the District Chairmen need to be out there with their Districts, and handling the problems that's there at your district. So, on the Convention Committees, that will serve up here today, will be handled by the PR people, and the past presidents. And the District Chairmen will stay out there with their districts and handle the problems out there.

Convention – There's one committee, though, the Audit Committee has to be made up of Chairman of the Board and Board District Chairman, so that will stay.

Convention Committee will be Bill Kinsey, Chairman; Mike Mason; Tim Martin; Dennis Spears, and John Ross. Nominating Committee, Chairman Richard Glant; Jack Zeeks; Jim Parker; Mitch Parish, and Carl Bruns.

Election Committee, Red Morris, Chair; Charlie Baker; Jim Parker; Lawrence Swartz; Ivan Nevil;

Audit Committee, Jack Zeeks, Chair; John Ross; Steve Anderson; Greg Freed; Dennis Spears.

Mileage and Credentials, will be Jack Zeeks, Chair; Jack Harker; Nelson Ehlers; Don Cushman; Mitch Parish,

Roll Call Committee will be Buz Koehler; Carl Brun; Don Johnson; and, Richard Glant.

So, we are going to try it this year to see how it works. If it don't work out, next year we'll go back to status quo. But I thought that maybe the District Chairmen ought to stay out there with their District so we can get these ballots counted, and if there's any problems out there, that they can handle that.

Move into officers' reports. Of course, all know that as Jack is still on the mends and will not be with us. My report, we've spent a lot of time.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Before you get into that, sir, you said expense vouchers, you meant these, right? Election vouchers?

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: No, there should be another packet there that says "Delegate voucher". Got it? Barb and I spent a lot of time in the office trying to get that thing back together, and, hopefully, we've got the reports we need, and hopefully we've got all of the problems straightened out, and we should start getting some good information off that computer now. When we're entering the departments as they come in, we are taking a lot of time and make sure that the information we are putting in there is correct. So, it's taking a little extra time on getting the departments entered. But we are getting them in there. We're up to date when we left Evansville Wednesday morning; we were up to date at that time. And everybody that we have entered should have got their membership cards back. So, all the departments up through Wednesday that we had received in the office, has been posted, and you should have got your membership cards back; we only got six departments that got returned for bad addresses, and we got two of them reissued, and we're working on the other four. I got a couple calls from departments that said they didn't get their dues packet; and, basically, then I started asking questions as to who's picking up the mail, and we got those two resolved. The mail just wasn't getting to where it was supposed to be, so we got those corrected.

Chaplain Baker, your report.

CHAPLAIN BAKER: It's been a privilege to have served you as Chaplain this past year. I, off the top of my head, cannot recall how many services we've conducted. I suppose this year, so far, we're in the neighborhood of 15 or so. This, I think, is a very humbling experience for any Chaplain, and I appreciate all the support you have given in assisting me in the performance of my duties. I pray for each and every one of you, and I thank you for the honor.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thank you, Charlie.

If the – If I might go back a little bit. If the District Chairmen would check and make sure they got everything they need for to run their district for this convention, let – I hope we got everything printed. I made some phone calls and got some ideas, and I hope we got everything out there that you need.

Father Lantz, would you like to address the body?

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: I don't think he's in here.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Don't see him out there. Sergeant At Arms, Bill Bush.

MR. BUSH: I'm Bill Bush, that you order the firehouse plaques with, and I really appreciate when you do that. Make sure you give me the correct name so that I don't want to send one back that says "November, 1999", which I've got to do. So please do that, if you need supplies, as long as I'm around, tell your District Chairmen; I'll get them for you. That's all I got. Have fun. When we have an election after while, when I say "bar the doors," the gentlemen I have asked, nobody out, nobody in. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Bill. Secretary Red Morris.

MR. MORRIS: I think 'cause most of you know, I stepped in behind Bill Kinsey. I have been trying to do the job that I think needed to be done. That was my intention. And as things go along, we'll continue to do the same. My phone number is published in the paper. If you would like to call at any time, feel free to do so. I'll do whatever I can to help you. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Red. Mr. Kinsey, would you like to address the body?

MR. KINSEY: Yes, I would, please. Good morning. I want to thank everyone for the support and help they've given me during the years that I've served as treasurer and secretary/treasurer. I apologize to the body for the circumstances that have made it necessary for me to retire or resign from each of these offices in term. You deserve better but, unfortunately, the circumstances dictated that that become necessary. I do thank you very much for all the support and friendship and fellowship that you've given me during the years that I have been active in this association as an officer. I hope that continues. I certainly have no intent to retire from living or from associating and being involved in the fire service in Indiana. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Bill. I want to express our gratitude and the association for the time that you have spent, which has been, I'm sure, numerous hours in performing the duties in the offices that you've held.

Public relations, Northwest, Buzz Koehler.

MR. KOEHLER: Good morning. It's been my pleasure to serve the firefighters of northwest Indiana, and appreciate their support and their help through the year, and wish them all a good convention. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Buzz. PR, Northeast. Mike Mackin.

MR. MACKIN: Only thing I want to do is introduce Jeff Barkhaus as the Acting Secretary – or District Chairmen this year for convention. He's stepped in for Mike Mason. Other than that, it's been a pleasure to serve the Association.

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I.V.F.A. CONVENTION SCHEDULE 2001

JUNE 13 - 16, 2001 - Allen County

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Wednesday, June 13th

1200 - 1900	Registration	Hilton Lobby
1600 - 2000	Germanfest	Headwaters Park
2000 - 2100	Miss Flame Mixer	

Thursday, June 14th

0800 - 1800	Registration	Hilton Lobby
0800 - 1200	Miss Flame Judging	
0800 - 1200	Tours TBA	
0800 - 1200	Color Guard Competition	
TBA	Men's Officer's Meeting	
1100 - 1800	Tours - Firefighters Museum	
1200 - 1700	Vendors (inside)	
1200 - 1300	Miss Flame Luncheon	
1300 - 1600	B.F.F.P.S. & E. Meeting	
1330 - Close	Miss Flame Judging	
To Follow	Woman's Officers Meeting	
1600 - 1800	Hot Dog Bust	Firefighters Museum
1900 - 2100	Joint Opening Meeting	
2100 - 2400	Entertainment - DJ	
2100 - 2400	Beer Wagon	

Friday, June 15th

0630 - 0800	Koffee Klutch	
0700 - 1500	Registration	Hilton Lobby
0730 - 1030	Men's Business Meeting	
0800 - 1030	Women's Business Meeting	
1000 - 1600	Vendors (inside & outside)	
1100 - 1200	Memorial Service	Cathedral Church
1200 - 1400	Lunch Buffett	
1200 - 1600	Beer Wagon	
1330 - Close	Men's Business Meeting (if needed)	
1330 - Close	Women's Business Meeting (if needed)	
1730 - 2130	Children's Party	
1800 - 2100	Banquet	
2100 - 2400	Entertainment (Spike and the Bull Dogs)	
2100 - 2400	Beer Wagon	

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A new event scheduled for the 2001 Convention will be a Color Guard Competition. The competition will be divided into two divisions, a beginner's category for teams with less than 2 years experience and a regular division for more experienced teams. Having two divisions will allow teams with less experience the opportunity to compete with teams at their own level.

Currently the committee is still working on the rules and procedures for the competition, however, these should be finalized soon. Area drill instructors, band directors and color guards are being contacted to assist with the rule making and judging.

Plans are being finalized to have the top three teams present the colors at the opening meeting, the business meeting and the banquet. One team may also take part in the memorial service. We are also looking for a corporate sponsor for trophies or plaques.

Jack Kerney, Chairman of the 2002 Convention in Evansville, attended our last meeting and states they will continue this competition to make it an annual event. Color Guard competitions have become more visible at regional and national fire departments conferences.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Jim Reed at the Huntertown Fire Department (219) 449-3696. A registration form can also be found in this newspaper if you would like to register at this time.

"Tiny" Is Letts' Newest Addition



Letts Community Volunteer Fire Department is seen here with Smokey the Bear and Sparky the FireDog in the local Fair Parade. It was 87 degrees out when Josh and Jeremy Haley dawned these suits for over an hour and a half just to make kids happy. They're seen on Letts' newest addition "tiny" driven by Ersel Rogers. Of course, proud Chief Steve Dinn jumped a side ride to clear bystanders for the truck to turn. Tiny was recently put in service as a tanker reload and wildfire suppression vehicle. They adapted a military surplus 10-ton truck while Byron Baltus was Chief. The military truck has two Gorman Rupp 4" pumps to create a vehicle that can reload a tanker in excess of 1000 GMP from pond drafting basins. The truck carries 400 gallon of water with three hand lines for wildfire suppression. Because of the six-wheel drive, winch front and back, the truck can cover rough terrain in about any weather conditions. Fire Department volunteers put the truck together in the fire station building on the ideas and suggestions of many fire department personnel. Our own fireman, Gary Cunningham, did painting and lettering of the truck and his wife, Joanne, better known as Cunningham Signs and Graphics.

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Pictured are: Deputy State Fire Marshal Michael Bigler (left), Stephen Dinn, Lavonda Dinn, Ersel Rogers, Jerry D. Wells, Homer (Rudy) Dietz.

Fighting fires is a full-time job for some. For others, it's something they volunteer for. In Letts, it's something they live for.

Recently, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Michael B. Bigler was at the fire house to honor those who have faithfully served this cause, rain or shine, snow or sleet, for decades. There are firefighters in Letts who started fighting fires before some of the "New Guys" were even born. Men like Stephen Dinn, station chief, who served his company for more than 22 years, and his wife Lavonda, who has served 18 years as a lieutenant and now assist chief.

Bigler had come down from Indianapolis to award five service medals for "dedicated, unselfish service and heroism". This is a program we initiated in 1981 to honor volunteer firefighters," said Bigler. "We look for a specific criteria - Valor, service years, etc. All five met the criteria.

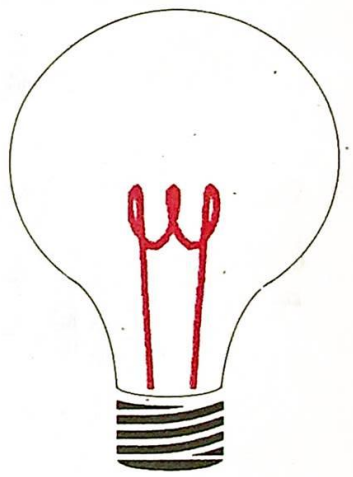
Ersel Rogers with 22 years, Homer (Rudy) Dietz with 22 years, Stephen Dinn with 22 years, Jerry Wells with 20 years, Lavonda Dinn with 17 years, not only years but what they have accomplished with in those years. All five of these members have held high ranking offices on the department. Several were also board members and held President positions. They helped bring the two truck department to seven trucks, from 12 members to 28 members. All five have had a large impact on the department to bring it up to what it is today. Letts V.F.D. should be very proud of what and who they have on their department. Congratulations to all of the department members.

As Chief of the department Stephen Dinn gave out service pins to his members whom he is very proud of. The State awards were kept a secret but went well in the end.

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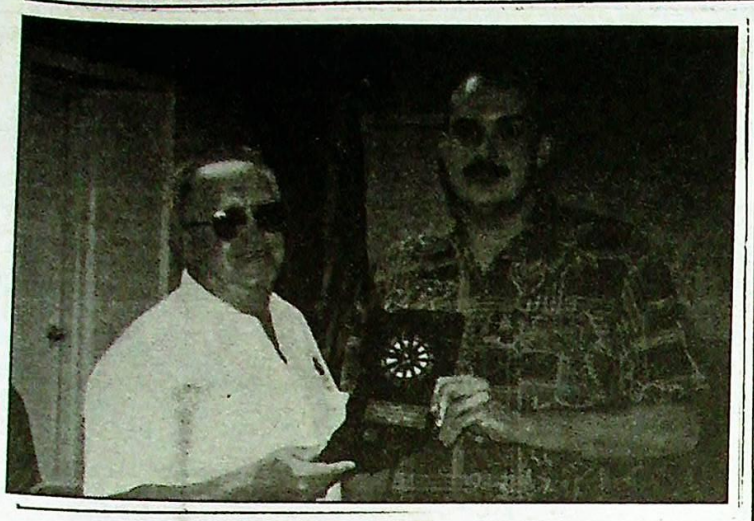
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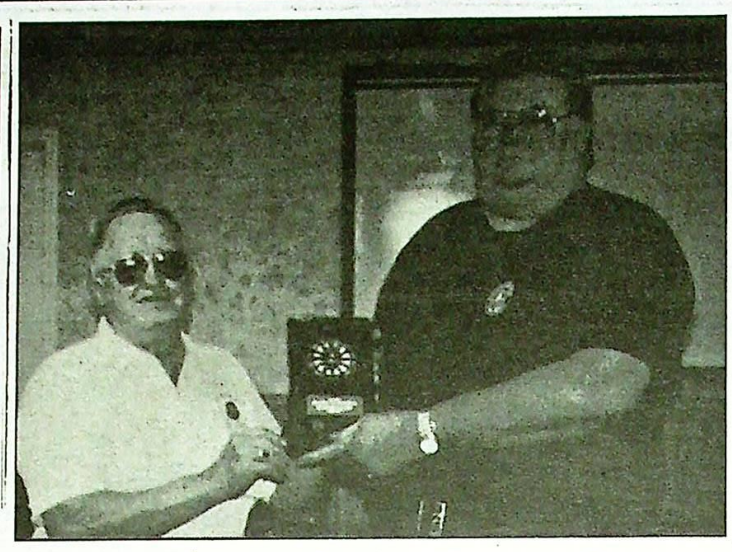
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Utica VFD Receives Clock and Plaque

ROY RICHARDSON (left) presents an IVFA clock and plaque to Deputy Chief Nichalos J. McDonner for their new headquarters at Utica Vol. Fire Dept.

(photo submitted by Roy Richardson, Dist. 14 IVFA Chairman)



Sellersburg Receives Clock and Plaque

ROY RICHARDSON (left) presents an I.V.F.A. clock and plaque to Chief Mark Ball for a new station #5 at Sellersburg Vol. Fire Dept.

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I.V.F.A. 25 Year Membership Pin Info

Dear Chief & Firefighter,

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If there are any questions about who belongs to I.V.F.A., the Department Chief & District Chairman will work it out. We will need the firefighters' name, department and when he or she joined the I.V.F.A. If he or she joined the fire department 30 years ago, but did not join the I.V.F.A. less than 25 years, he or she will not get the service pin. You must be an I.V.F.A. member for 25 years or longer to get the pin.

Thank you for all your help.

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District 14 Chairman

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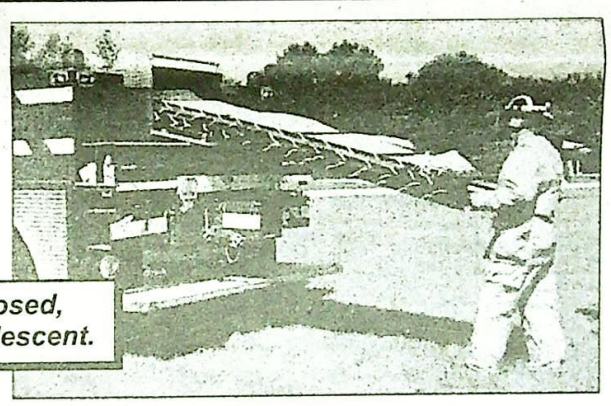
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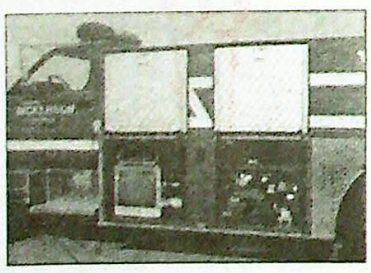
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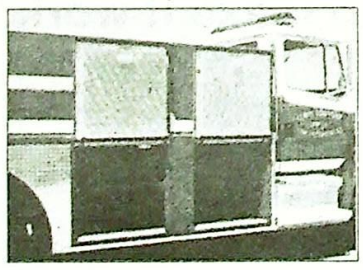
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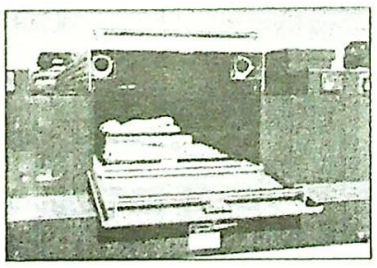
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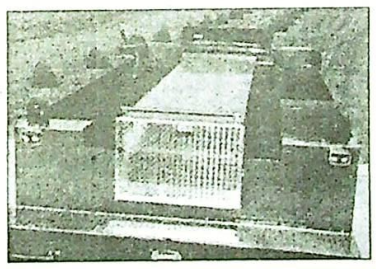
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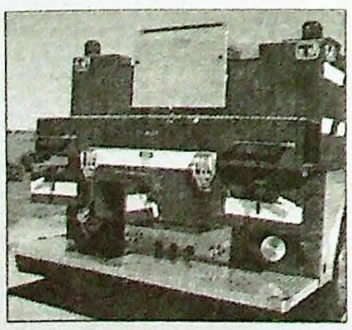
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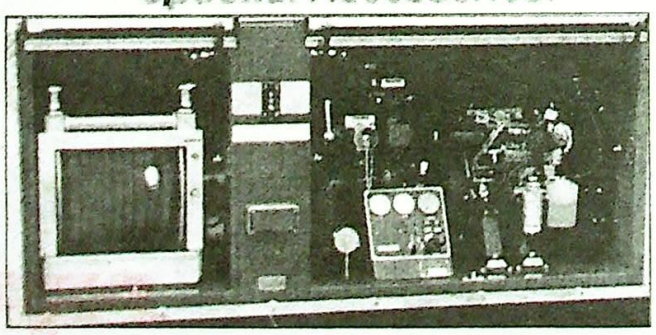


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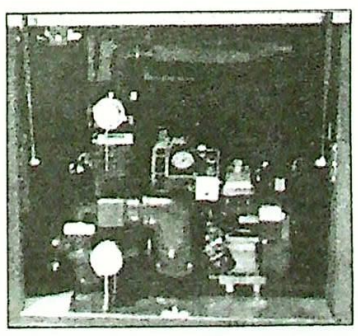
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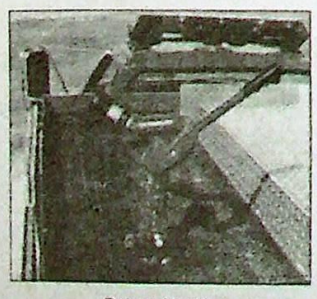
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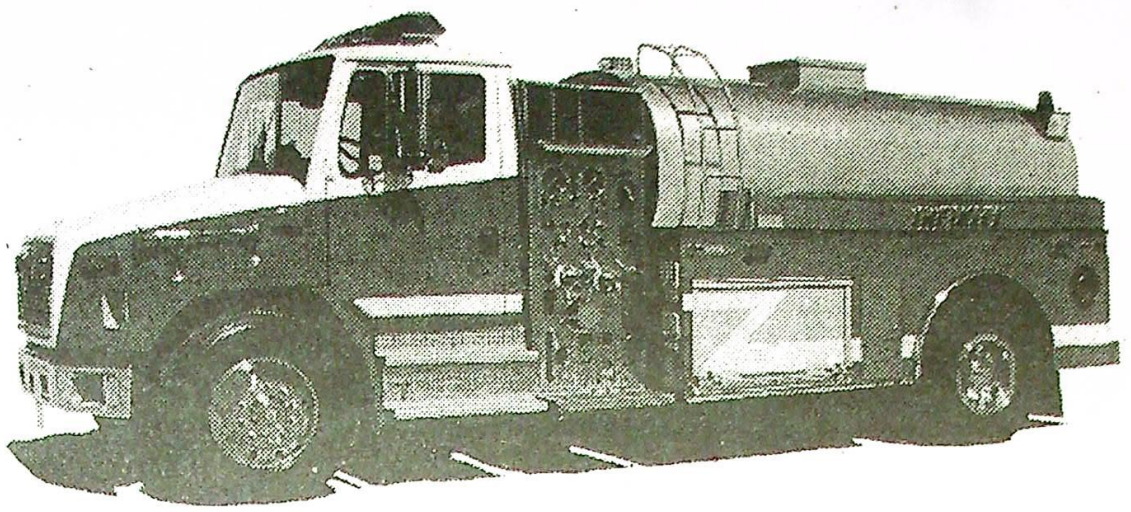
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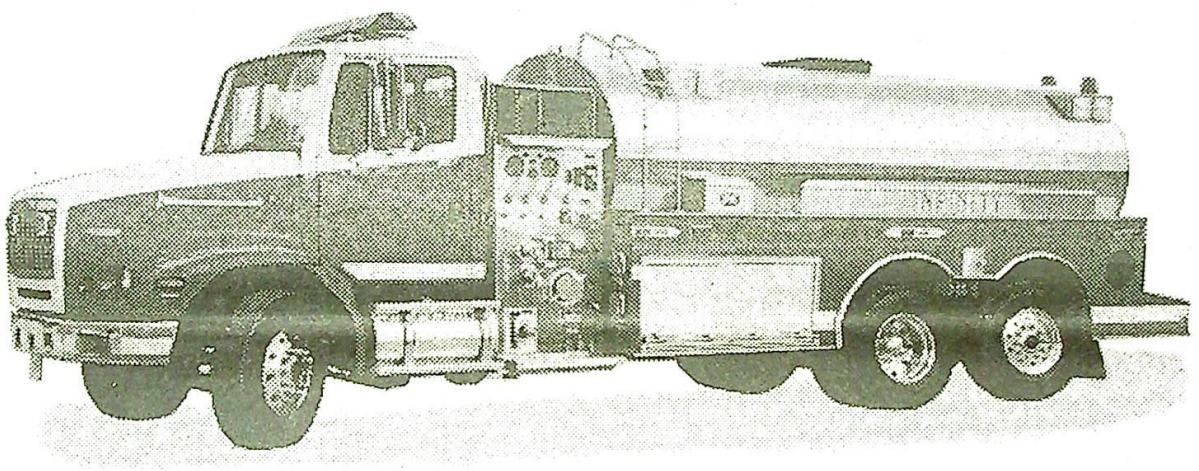
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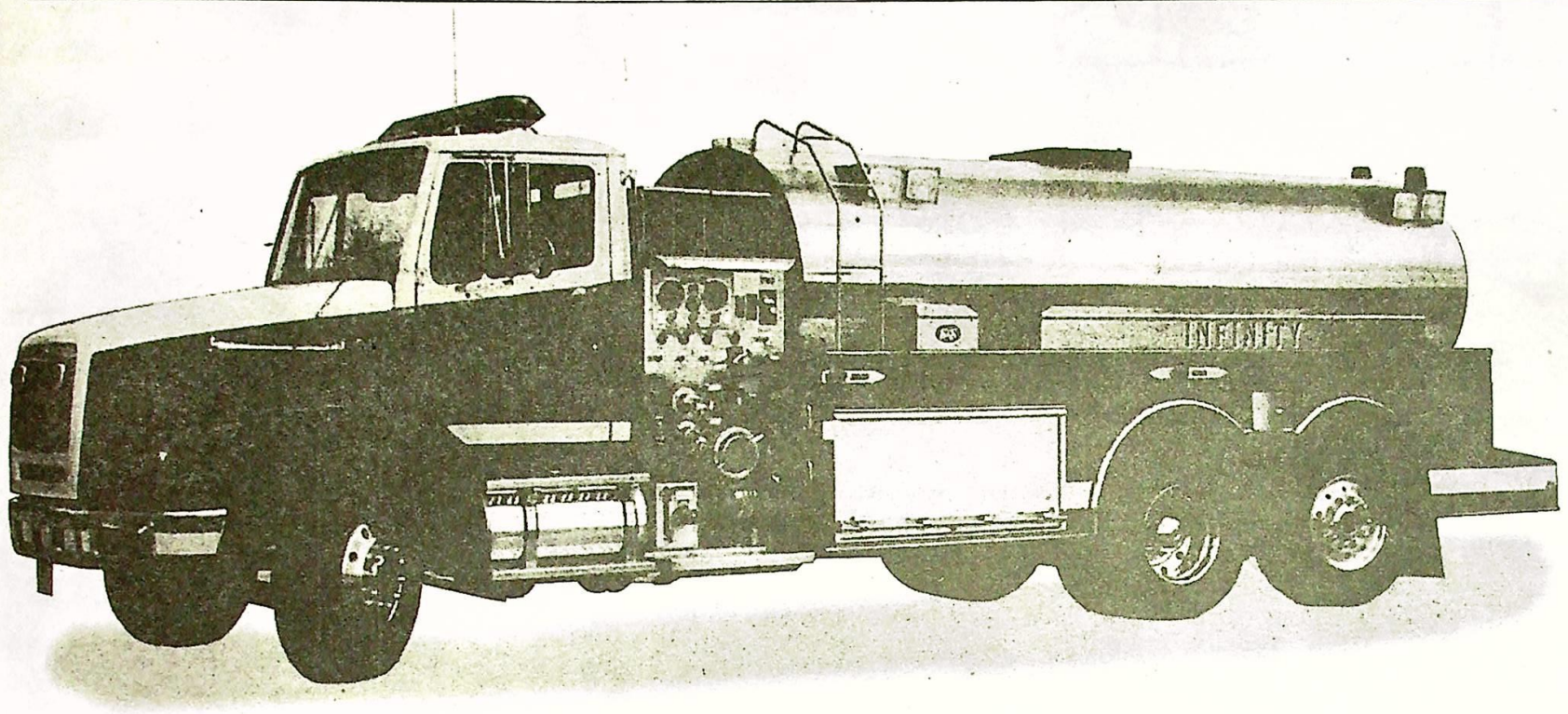
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Fire Department Outgrows Station

New space to allow for more trucks, storage

By Staff Writer
Ryan Bentley

The Washington Township Fire Department hopes to break ground in the next several weeks on a new station, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Barley said.

The new facility, which the department will build immediately west of its current station at 1513 N. Bethlehem Road, will provide space to park all give department vehicles, Barley said.

The current station only has space for three of the fire trucks - a pumper, tanker and mini-pumper.

"We've outgrown it," Barley said.

The department's grass fire rig currently is parked in a local farmer's barn, and a car used for department business is kept at the chief's house, he added.

A $115,000 Build Indiana grant received by the department earlier this month will provide a majority of the funding needed for the station's construction, Barley said.

State Den. David Ford, R-Hartford City, helped department officials secure the ste funding, he added.

Build Indiana grants are funded with state lottery and gambling proceeds and are administered by the Indiana General Assembly.

The 5,760 square-foot station, which is expected to be built with a wooden frame and metal siding, will have six bays for fire apparatus, Barley said.

It also will provide a larger meeting room for use by firefighters.

The additional garage space will allow the department to expand its fleet later when funds become available, Barley said.

"We'd like to acquire another tanker or pumper and tanker," he said.

The department is awaiting state approval to relocate a septic system at the station site before construction of the building can begin, Barley said.

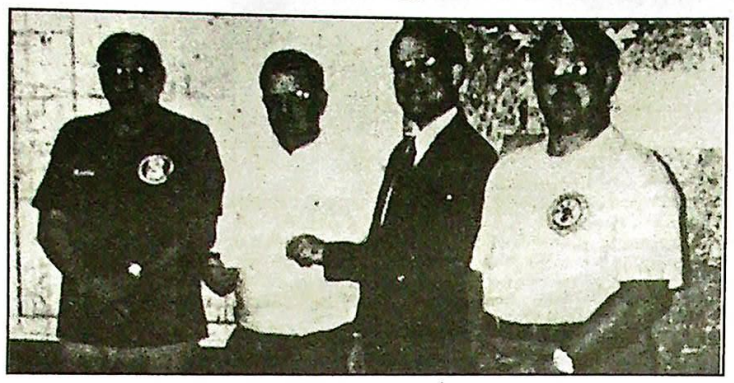
Barley said he hopes the station will be finished by September or October.

Three other local municipalities also are seeking to replace fire stations in the near future.

The City of Marion currently is accepting bids to rebuild its NO. 5 fire station, which served the northwest part of town.

Van Buren recently received its own Build Indiana grant, with which it eventually plans to construct a new town hall and renovate the current hall into a fire station.

Upland officials also plan to pursue Build Indiana funds or other grant assistance in the coming months to enable them to eventually build a new, larger fire station, Town council member Chip Jaggers said.



MONEY AWARDED - State Senator David Ford (third from left) presented a $115,000 check from the Build Indiana Fund for the Washington Townhip Volunteer Fire Department to construct a new building. Accepting the money are (from left) Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department assistant chief David Barley, Washington Township trustee David Pickett and Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department chief Ricky Hix. The new building will be constructed west of the existing building, which the volunteer fire department has outgrown because of the increase in the number of vehicles it has in service.

(The above article and photo were sent in by Kent Gressley, Captain, Washington V.F.D., Marion, Indiana.)

Open House Held For Retiring Fire Chief

An open house was held to honor the retirement of Virgil Heneisen, Chief of Carter Fire District, Dale, IN.

Virgil has served as a member of the Dale Volunteer Fire Department (now Carter Fire District), since 1959. He was chief from 1978 until his retirement in July of this year. During his tenure, the fire department has been updated and modernized. He encouraged training for all members.

The department bought two new fire trucks, a jeep, rescue vehicle, and a water tank. His joy and sense of accomplishment, a new fire station was erected in 1999. (At that time, the name was changed to Carter Fire District).

In addition to serving as local chief, Virgil was elected I.V.F.A. District 18's chairman from 1988 to 1993. Although Virgil is retiring, he will remain a lifetime member of Carter Fire District.



Pictured above are (left to right) I.V.F.A. Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell, retiree Chief Carter Fire District Virgil Heneisen, and I.V.F.A. Seargent-at-Arms Bill Bush.

(Photo submitted by P.R. Southwest Ronald Bell).

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1957,1966-1971, 1985-1986; secretary-treasurer 1961, 1962; assistant secretary-treasurer 1955-1957.

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• Dennis Kreisher - 31 years. 1961 to 1992. Vice president 1972, 1976, 1978.

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• Jim Mossburg - 25 years. 1969-1983, 1989 to present. Fire chief 1981, 1982, 1990-1998, current chief; vice president 1978, assistant fire chief 1979, 1980, 1983; secretary-treasurer 1972-1976, assistant secretary-treasurer 1970-1972, 1977.

• Robert Randol - 20 years. 1947 to 1967. Secretary-treasurer 1949, assistant secretary-treasurer 1950-1953, 1954, 1955.

• Harold Wood II - 27 years. 1973 to present time. Assistant fire chief 1999, president 1994, 1995; vice president 1981, 1982, 1990-1993; assistant secretary-treasurer 1978, 1979.

All but Jackson and Kreisher were able to be present Wednesday night.

Asher, who introduced the program, wasn't far from the recognition plateau himself as an 18-year member of the department.

He is the current town services superintendent and was working for the town, he noted, in 1982 when a town assignment regarding a water line and generator caused him to go to the old fire station on Morse Street (Ind. 116).

Asher said that until then he never had seen the inside of an ambulance or had been close to a fire truck.

"When we (he and Don Wolf) went inside the Fire Department, I was amazed to see all of the fine equipment which was used to serve and protect the citizens of Markle and the surrounding community," Asher related.

It occurred to him that a high level of commitment was involved in the training and action of the personnel "at any given time, 24 hours a day."

Thus, a few months later, when he was approached about joining he accepted -- leading to experiencing over the 18-year span since then the importance of the service to the community.

"In this organization, you meet a lot of dedicated personnel -- people that you put your trust in," declared Asher.

He told of having the guidance and wisdom of the department's older members to help him. Now, as one of the older members, he wants to pass on the lessons of experience to the newer members.

"I am very proud to be part of this organization and have a lot of respect for the past, present and future members of the Markle Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Unit Inc.," Asher summarized, as he voiced thanks to the honorees and their family members for the exceptional community service.



Pictured above is a 2000 International F-One, 1800 gallon tank, 1250 pump. It was bought and delivered in April 2000 by the Rockcreek/Union Townships of Huntington and Wells Co.



Pictured above are Carter Fire District fellow firefighters with their retiring chief Virgil Heneisen of Dale, IN.

(Photo submitted by P.R. Southwest Ronald Bell).

IVFA 25 YEAR MEMBERSHIP PIN INFORMATION

To receive a pin, you must be a member for 25 years. The fire chief of department must submit names or eligible members to I.V.F.A. District Chairman.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Mike. Don Johnson, could not be here, he had an accident and had some stitches in his head. He is PR, West Central. East Central, Don Cushman.

MR. CUSHMAN: It's been a pleasure to serve the Association, and think you're doing a good job on the convention. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: PR, southwest. Jack Harker.

MR. HARKER: It's been a pleasure being a PR person in and being able to go around to the different departments, and I appreciate the support that I've had from the group I've had to represent. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: PR, Southeast. Nelson Ehlers.

MR. EHLERS: I'd like to welcome everybody to the convention. Here the last couple of months I haven't been too active, especially because of work and some other things. I'd like to welcome Ed Shilling. He's Assistant District Director for 19th.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks. District Reports. District one, Bill Howe.

MR. HOWE: Thank you for 25 years, and this will be the last one. But I will be around. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Those of you that weren't around last night, Bill is going to retire and move to Tennessee, I believe, and is going to be kind of different not having him sitting out in the District One Chairman seat.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District Two, Larry Stott.

MR. STOTT: District Two, Larry Stott. I pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District Three, Tim Sandy.

MR. SANDY: Again, I'd like to welcome you all to the convention. I think it's going fairly good, I guess. I haven't got much to say, except thank you for comin', and it was a pleasure serving this past year. Look forward to being around a little longer. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Tim. I want to thank you and your district for hosting this year's convention. It's been great.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District Four, Greg Freed.

MR. FREED: Greg Freed, District Four. It's been a pleasure to work with everyone involved with IVFA, and wish them many years of continued success.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Greg. District Five, Don Kissinger.

MR. KISSINGER: District Five, Don Kissinger. I'll pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District Six? Jeff, would you like to say something?

MR. BARKHAUS: No, thanks.

District Seven, Mort Sorg.

MR. SORG: I'll pass, but I thank Tim for a good convention.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 8-A.

Bill Pape.

MR. PAPE: Bill Pape, District 8-A. I appreciate you and the organization, and I'm glad the Vice President finally got the name right.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: I practiced that all night, Bill.

MR. PAPE: I know you did. Thanks, Jack.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 8-B, Larry Petro.

MR. PETRO: District 8-B. Want to thank you for a good convention, and I pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 9-A, Charlie Cline.

MR. CLINE: I want to thank everybody, also, for having this program. I think they've done a great job, and I'll pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 9-B, Randy Denton.

MR. DENTON: District 9-B, Randy Denton. Glad to be here. Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 10, David Israel.

MR. ISRAEL: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 11-A, Diane Harrison.

MS. HARRISON: Diane Harrison, District 11-A. I'd just like to thank everyone for the support for this year and having this convention.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 11-B, Larry Bartlow.

MR. BARTLOW: District 11-B, Larry Bartlow. Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 12, John Ross.

MR. ROSS: District 12. Thank you for a good convention. District passes.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 13-A, Tim Martin.

MR. MARTIN: 13-A, Tim Martin. Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 13-B, Dennis Spears.

MR. SPEARS: District 13-B, Dennis Spears. I'll pass.

BILL BUSH: Mr. President????!

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Yes?

BILL BUSH: We got visitors!

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Eula, would you like to come forward?

MRS. EULA BUSH: Good morning. I'd like to introduce to you our 2000 Miss Flame. Nikki Luebcke from District 2, Crown Point. Do you want to step forward there a little bit? Aren't you going to give her a hand?

(Applause.)

MRS. EULA BUSH: I'd like to introduce our runner up, Amanda Davies for 11-B from Fillmore.

(Applause.)

MRS. EULA BUSH: And all the other winners, because they certainly are! They're your district winners, and they've done an excellent job. Let's start from the District 1. Brenda Rosendaul.

MRS. EULA BUSH: District 3, Kristen Pawlik (Applause). District 6, Kimberly Smith (applause). District 7, Brittani Evans (applause). 8-B, Amanda Horner (applause). 9-A, Leighanne Randle (applause). 9-B, Heather Lyons (applause). District 10, Rebecca Cole (applause). District 11-A, Briana Husband (applause). District 12, Samantha Burnett (applause). 13-B, Angelleen Cunningham (applause). District 14, Amanda McKenzie (applause). District 15, Stephanie Conger (applause). District 17-A, Heather Porter (applause). District 18, Jill Landauer (applause). District 19, Jennifer Caudill (applause). District 21, Sarah Brovont (applause). And, our 1999 Miss Flame, from District 11-A, Carol Tempel (applause).

I think Jack has some things to hand to the girls, and while he does that, I want to tell you a little something here. The gifts that he's handing to the girls right now were sponsored by you, the IVFA men's organization, and Bliss McKnight, Charlie Jones is the representative for them. They're getting a really nice gift. And I'm going to tell you what it is, 'cause we are really proud of it. It is a gold heart and a gold chain. And I hope they'll wear it and be proud of that.

We have a lot of people who have donated, and once again, I want to thank you. I know most of you were at the opening meeting last night. I want to thank everybody for your support and to continue to encourage you to have Miss Flames because it's a wonderful learning experience for these girls. I know they have really been nervous, but now it's fun time. And they're going to have a good time today, I know they are. And thanks again for everything you've done for the contest and the girls. Do you want them to say anything, or --

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: If they can.

MRS. EULA BUSH: Nikki or Amanda, do you want to say anything? You should. You should say something, okay.

MS. LUEBCKE. First of all, I'd like to start with thanking my department for supporting me, and I'd like to thank all you guys who supported me. I feel really honored to have this title, and I'm going to be using it to, hopefully take Operation HEAL farther. I started a non-for-profit organization called Operation HEAL; stands for Helping Encourage Aspirations In Life. I visit pediatric burn victims, and I take them a stuffed animal bunny that has an "Operation HEAL" sash on it, and I take them the book of "The Velveteen Rabbit." It kind of goes along with it. And if you guys don't know the story, I will just kind of give you a brief synopsis. It's about this little boy who has a stuffed animal bunny; and it's like his favorite toy in the entire world. And this little boy become sick. And after he gets over his sickness, they have to burn all his toys because they don't want him to get sick again. And they go to burn this little bunny, but because the boy loved him so much, this fairy comes and turns the bunny into a real bunny and it's better than it was to begin with. So it was kind of encouragement along those lines.

I really wanted to thank these guys. They've been such good friends to me. They've really touched my heart. I just want to thank you again for giving me this honor. And thanks. (applause).

MS. EULA BUSH: Amanda, do you want to say something?

MS. DAVIES: I just want to thank everybody for coming to the convention, and supporting all of us Miss Flames, and I want to thank all the girls for being so friendly and being good friends to everyone. And I want to thank Eula Bush for her getting us all together and organizing everything. And just for my fire department and my district for having me.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Don't forget grandma and grandpa.

MS. DAVIES: And my grandma and grandpa, and you, too. Thanks (applause).

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: We want to thank the girls for participating. They took some time out of their busy summer vacation, and we appreciate you coming to our convention and participating in the Miss Flame contest. And we thank all of you to the deep of our heart.

MS. EULA BUSH: Okay, let's go.

(Applause.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Okay. We move on to continue with our District Chairmen reports. District 14, Roy Richardson. If the District Chairmen will get their mileage and credentials turned in to Acting Treasurer Zeeks, we can start writing those checks. So if you would get them to Acting Treasurer Zeeks.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: We need the mileage and credentials committee up front; that would be Jack Zeeks, Jack Harker, Nelson Ehlers, Don Cushman, Mitch Parish. Also, we might go ahead and announce that the District Chairman need to distribute their delegate vouchers so they can be filled out.

Remember, only one delegate from each department gets mileage, and that will be from your home to Michigan City and back. District Chairmen, you should also call your delegates and get them recorded on your roll call sheets.

Okay, now we'll continue on to District Reports. District 14, Roy Richardson. Somebody wake Roy up.

MR. RICHARDSON: I'd like to thank the Marshals, Mr. Baker, Ivan Nevil, all of them for attending the 150 years of service at Madison Creek, at Madison, Indiana, a month ago. Had a good turnout, and there was some awards given out, and we had a good time. Also, want to have our next district meeting there at the station at Madison on July the 19th, and I hope everybody in that area can come down, and we will have some of the state officers down at that meeting. There will be some awards be given out at that meeting, and hope everybody will come down and we have a good time and our next, as I say, our next meeting will be on July the 19th at 7:30. Okay? Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Steve Anderson, District 15.

MR. ANDERSON: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 16, Dale Stott?

MR. STOTT: District 16, Dale Stott. Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 17-A, Ron Bell.

MR. BELL: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: 17-B, Luke Kleunder. Don't think he's here. District 18, Charlie Baker.

MR. PARKER: Charlie Parker, and District 18 passes.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 19, Ed Schele filling in for Paul Covington.

MR. SCHELE: I represent District 19, and I pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District 21, Perry Martin.

MR. MARTIN: District 21 passes.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Past president's report. Bill Goodwin.

MR. GOODWIN: Yeah, I got it.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Past president's report.

MR. GOODWIN: I haven't said anything for a number of years. And I just want to report that, I talked to Jack and Ruth Ford this week; they're in very good shape, in spite of the reports that she had passed away, and they extend their best to everybody. Well, it came as kind of a shock. I called in from Florida to talk to Jack and extend my sympathies, and he said, "Just a minute, I've got a surprise for ya," and Ruth started talking.

(Laughter).

MR. GOODWIN: Anyway, there was a fireman out in front of the fire station working on a fire truck one day and he looked up and noticed there was a little boy over there with a little wagon made like a fire truck. Had it hooked up to a dog and a cat. He talked to the little boy, and he said, "Well, I'm playing fireman." He said, "I want to be a fireman." And he said, "That's great." Walked over a little closer, and he noticed that the dog was -- the rope was tied to the dog's collar, and the rope was tied to the cat's testicles. And he said, "Son, I don't want to tell you how to run your fire department, but," he said, "don't you think you'd get more speed if you'd tie the rope to the cat's collar?" He said, "Yeah, I probably would, but," he said, "I'd lose my siren."

(General laughter and applause.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: How'd we ever elect him president? Jim Parker.

MR. PARKER: Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, I'll pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Carl Bruns.

MR. BRUNS: Carl Bruns passes.

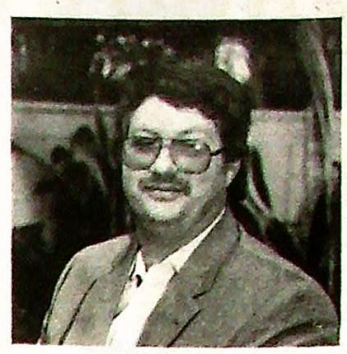
ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Lawrence Swartz?

(No response).

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Ivan Nevil?

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Burket Honors Longtime Fireman, Claude Swick

By David Slone, Times-Union Staff Writer

BURKET - He wasn't expecting it at all. And that was the idea.

Wednesday, Burket Fire Department Capt. Claude Swick was presented with a bronze ax for his 39 years of service to the department, 29 years of which he served as captain. The handle of the ax has his name engraved on it.

"We want to let him know how much he means to us," said Kevin McSherry as he presented the ax to Swick. "He's always there, thick or thin. Whenever you're down, he's always there."

Swick, with his eyes tearing up, accepted the ax from all the men of the fire department. "I wish to thank whoever thought of this. It's an honor for me, gentlemen," he said.

Before joining the fire department in 1961, Swick said, he "just helped out" for two years because the department was short on manpower. His sons, who were already on the fire department, convinced him to join.

He said, "We didn't have as good equipment as we have now. We weren't trained as well as we are now."

"I just try to be a good fireman," Swick said. "(They're) a good group to work with. You can't beat a good bunch of firemen."

At one time, Swick said, his six sons served "on the fire department beside me." His family has more than 145 years in the fire service combined, he said.

His son, Max, has only one word for his father – "brave".

Fern, his wife of 64 years, said they've had "a lot of good years" together.

How long does Swick plan to continue to serve?

"I'd like to get 40 (years). If it feels good, I'll go longer," he said. Good health, he said, has been the key to his longevity. "I've been healthy all my life."

Swick's son, Frank, has served on the fire department for 41 years. "All my brothers joined before I did. We talked (Dad) into joining." Working under his father is something he said he wouldn't have any other way.

Four generations of the Swick family were present to congratulate Claude on his accomplishment. And while the youngest generation has yet to serve in the fire department,

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Ronald Bell

First I want to say that I appreciated being chairman for District 17A, had a lot of fun and was a learning experience for me. Now that I have been elected as Public Relations of Southwest, if there is anything that I can help your district or department with please feel free to contact me at any time.

July 15th, meeting was held at Winslow, a new District 17A chairman was elected to take my place. New Chairman is Jim Abrams of Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department. August 10th, Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department, my home department took delivery on a new fire truck. August 27th attended retirement for Virgil Heneisen, of Carter Fire District.

Lost a retired firefighter, James Doyle Webster, not only had he been a firefighter, but also he and his wife had been dispatchers for our fire department.

September 9th, was Antique Days at Daviess County Fairgrounds, Elnora, IN. Our fire department has a food stand, called the Chat and Chew. On Sept. 19th I attended District 15's meeting at Buckskin Fire Dept. On Sept. 21st, I also attended District 18's meeting at Jasper, Haysville Fire Department was the host Department.

Sept. 23rd attended District 17A's Turkey Supper and meeting at Bloomfield, Richland/Taylor Volunteer Fire Department was host. Indiana State Trooper Eric Dunn was guest speaker. He gave an educational/demonstration on Meth Labs, 325 labs have been taken down so far this year.

Oct. 1st, attended open house at St. Meinrad's Fire Department's and Antique Tractor Show. Was a judge along with District 18's Secretary Kenny Lau, and Jim Anderson, News Director of WJTS UPN 27, for the judging of the antique tractors. Chief of St. Meinard's Fire Department Tom Click, took the time to show me their new E-One Fire Truck they had gotten this year.

Had a great time and enjoyed attending all of these events.

Remember if you have anything going on or need me for anything, don't hesitate to contact me.

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During the interim session, the time when the legislature does not regularly meet, much work is being done in crafting new policy and legislation for the upcoming session. Your government affairs team at Bingham Summers will regularly monitor these activities to ensure that the IVFA's interests are promoted and protected.

On Wednesday, September 13, the Local Government Finance Commission met to discuss, among other matters, the financing of township fire protection. The Local Government Finance Study Commission was established by P.L.242-1997 to review laws affecting local government finance in the State of Indiana. The Commission was first established in 1992 and was re-established in 1994 and then again in 1997. The Commission is set to expire in November of 2001. Pursuant to P.L.242-1997, the Commission was charged to conduct a study of matters concerning local government, including:

1. Ways to simplify and recodify statutory property tax controls;
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5. Substantive changes to the Barrett Law.

At the September 13 meeting, the Commission heard testimony regarding various townships which have resorted to emergency, short-term borrowing to fund township fire protection since 1997. When a township takes an emergency loan, tax dollars are increasingly being devoted to interest payments and attorney fees rather than providing fire protection. Additionally, as some township fire departments switch from being volunteer to career departments, no mechanism is available to pay for the transition. Indiana law currently does not allow for an adjustment to a township's property tax levy. Consequently, many townships are forced to go outside the property tax levy to fund expenses.

In an attempt to remedy the situation, proposed legislation was offered for the commissioner's consideration which would add grounds for a township to appeal to the State Board of Tax Commissioners for an increase to the township's maximum permissible property tax levy under I.C.6-1.1-18.5-13. Under this proposed legislation, townships that have taken short-term, emergency loans in the previous two years may appeal to the State Board of Tax Commissioners for an increase in the township's maximum levy for the current year. The proposal would limit a township to no more than one appeal every three years.

Commission members questioned whether this issue is a problem in growing communities and if a more tailored solution could be drafted to address the townships' needs. However, further testimony and discussion among commission members indicated that the issue is driven primarily by the transition from voluntary to career fire departments. Rural areas may soon be impacted by this same problem as fewer and fewer people are willing or able to become volunteer firefighters. Additionally, some rural townships are, in fact, bumping against their maximum levies.

No official action was taken on the proposed legislation presented to the Commission. Representative Markt Lytle (D-Madison), Chairman of the Local Government Finance Commission, instructed Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to review the proposed legislation and provide the Commission with a preliminary draft at its upcoming October 11, 2000 meeting.

By the time you read this article, the Local Government Finance Commission will have already conducted its October 11 meeting. We will continue to follow this issue and keep you apprised of any developments. In the interim, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Shokrina Radpour Beering at (317)635-8900. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent the IVFA in its government affairs and legislative needs.

Lumberyard Hit By Fire

By Sara Eaton
The Journal Gazette

A lumberyard blaze at Westwood Lumber Sales Inc. in eastern Allen County Friday night shot flames into the air and heavily damaged a warehouse, firefighters and neighbors said.

The fire in the 1400 block of Bandalier Road east of New Haven was reported about 9:34 p.m.

New Haven-Adams Township Fire Department crews arrived at 9:43 p.m. and found heavy smoke coming from the roof of the warehouse, which held wood and staining chemicals. But the staining chemicals were not involved in the fire, said Ed Lytal, spokesman for the fire department.

Firefighters from eight departments had the blaze under control at 10:25 p.m. Late Friday night crews were cutting the warehouse's roof out because firefighters feared it would buckle and fall.

No one was in the building at the time of the fire.

No one was injured.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation Friday night.

A damage estimate was not released.

Firefighters used water directly from a water tower on nearby Ryan Road to fight the blaze.

Roads were temporarily blocked within a mile.

The lumber company broke ground at the site near Edgerton Road in 1990 as a wholesaler and distributor of specialty lumber.

During the fire, neighbors of the lumberyard saw flames shooting from the roof.

Twenty-year-old Lisa Jacobs, who alerted fire crews to the blaze, said she became suspicious because there was a thicker fog than usual around the building.

"We were playing cards, having a good time in the house, and we noticed thick smoke outside, so we ran over to check," said Tim Warner, 22, a neighbor and Jacobs; boyfriend.

"We saw it blazing on top, and we were really impressed with all the fire departments."

Eight fire departments, including crews from Grabill, Leo and Monroeville, were called because the large amount of wood around the lumberyard created a big fire hazard, Lytal said.

"A building that large, there are several possible exposure problems," Lytal said. "We'd rather be on the safe side than get caught with our pants down, so to speak."

(This article courtesy of The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne)

Ingalls Open House Held

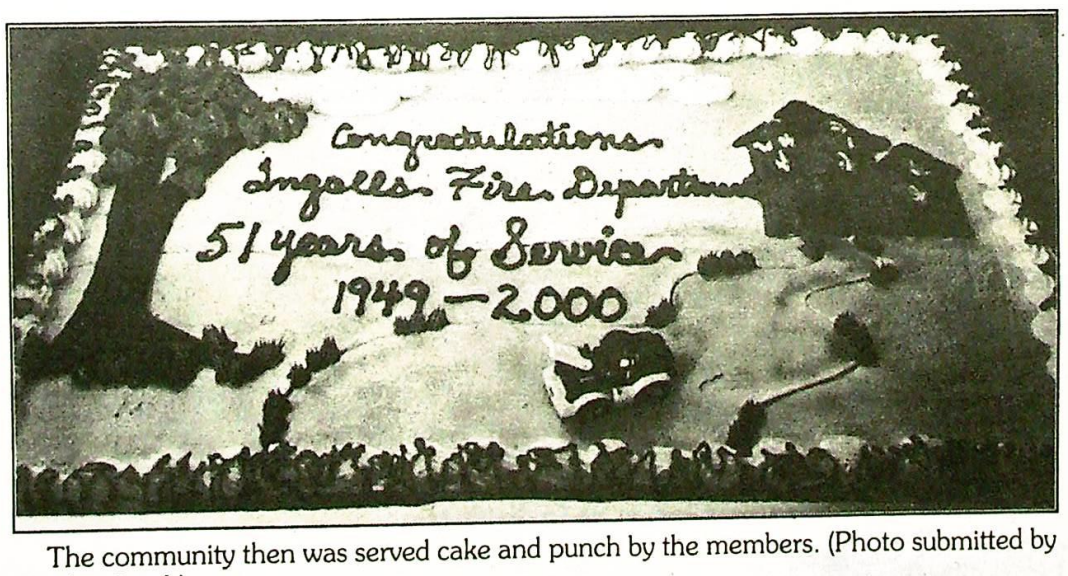
On July 22, 2000, the Ingalls Volunteer Fire Department held an Open House for the town residents to dedicate their new fire station.



Chairman Tim Martin, on behalf of the I.V.F.A., presented a wall plaque/clock to Chief Michael Hammond in recognition of this occasion. (Photo submitted by Debbie Smith).



State Representative Scott Mellenger presented a State flag and a supportive small town fire department/EMS speech. (Photo submitted by Debbie Smith)



The community then was served cake and punch by the members. (Photo submitted by Debbie Smith)



All in attendance were then put thru different booths set up to educate them on different equipment we use. Pat Fox demonstrates the uses of the thermal imager. (Photo submitted by Debbie Smith).

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Claude's grandson, Isaiah Rensberger, has been with the North Webster Fire Department for four to give years.

"It would be tough (to serve as long as my grandfather)," Rensberger said. "(I'm) really proud of him."

He said he got into the fire service because of his family, and "it's pretty exciting."

(This article courtesy of Times-Union).

PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

Public Relations Northwest

Dennis Schavey

Winter is just around the corner and as firefighters we must be extra careful.

I am proud to be your PR Director for the next year, and I know that Districts 1-2-3-9A and 9B are the best Districts in the State.

You district chairmen are doing a fine job, so keep up the good work. Also, would like to say thanks to the district secretaries hard work they do to keep us informed.

If you have any events or dedications, or just want to meet. Just call at my home (219) 947-7036 or at the Fire Station (219) 962-1311. Would be my pleasure to meet with you.

Dennis Schavey
Public Relations - Northwest
IVFA

Happy Holidays!

PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

State Officers' meetings ...

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positive comments when asked pointed questions. It was decided to think about it this evening, sleep on it, and we will have it on the floor the first thing after the Chaplain in the morning. Start time to be 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 13, 2000 at 8:30

Mr. Kerney reconvened the meeting and called on Chaplain Baker for the minute message. Charlie read the first eight verses from Romans 14 and then gave the morning prayer.

Our attention was then called to the minutes of the convention officers' meeting and Red indicated we needed to correct the spelling on the name Barkhaus. With this corrected, Mort Sorg moved to accept the minutes as printed, Don Cushman seconded. The motion was approved.

Back to the question of lobbyist. Several questions were asked, comments made before it was held for board action.

Mr. Kerney announced he had appointed Tim Jones to take care of updating the web site and see if we can get some mileage out of that.

The floor was then opened for discussion on who we would use as an attorney in the legal matters other than the legislature. Again we had several comments and questions before it was held over for board action.

Continuing with committee reports:

Editor's assistance - Since Bill Howe is no longer among us, Jack said we will be selecting someone else but in the meantime, Buzz Koehler said everyone should have gotten a paper, if not, we need to know IN WRITING who etc. so something can be done. He apologized for some articles not getting in the last issue, but said it is better to have too much than not enough to fill the paper. The question is do we want to consider going to an additional expense for a larger paper. Combining the ad taker's report.

Ad solicitor - Mitch Parish gave us the numbers on the May issue, the convention book, and the August issue. All in all, the paper is still costing us money but we are close to reaching a break even point. We were again reminded articles MUST be in by the deadline or it will not be in the paper. Most of us felt it would serve us better to add the extra pages if we had the material, try it and see.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Mitch Parish advised us he had been to the NFPA meeting and they had expressed concerns about the requirements of turn-out gear by manufacturers. Factories in non NFPA states don't have to comply with the NFPA standards. Buyers beware. Furthermore, we learned the NVFC is wanting to boycott the NFPA committee meeting in protest of NFPA 1710/20. Most of our officers felt we should attend so we can be heard. The next NVFC meting is the first part of Oct. so maybe we'll learn more at our next meeting. Paul Covington said that, as an individual member of NVFC, he is going to write a letter and ask WHY? More words were spoken and the IVFA will write a letter asking why.

Fire Services Institute - last meeting 7-13-00. John Shanks had talked about the fireworks bill, Larry wasn't too happy with the legislatures who went up the back stairs and bypassed the booths, 2001 dinner will be 2-5-01 with Rep. Curt Weldon present, Mr. Curl was re-elected President, and the burn camp had 26 registered but only 22 made it to camp. Everyone had a good time and next year's will be held May 27 thru June 1, 2001.

By-Laws - Jim Parker had three subjects that need addressed; by-law gender, sog gender, and establishing a "reserve member" class of membership. Dist. 8B proposed the changes. Paul Covington moved to accept the proposals for consideration. Bill Pape had the second and each of them passed. They will be voted on at the next meeting after each District has had a chance to discuss them and vote on them.

Public Education - no report.

EMS - we need someone to take this responsibility.

A question came up on the administration of the 25 year pins. Jon Randle made a motion to reconsider the motion from yesterday. Al Mendel gave the second. The motion to reconsider passed 23-3. Reconsidering the motion to have the Sgt.-at-arms handle the pins failed to pass by a 2 (yes) and 25 (no) show of hands. It was pointed out that each district should keep a record also. Obtain the pins from Dist. 14. Carl Bruns had heard from Lee Kissel that records only went back five years.

EMS - Paul Covington agreed to take the responsibilities.

Membership - Carl Bruns brought up putting out a survey and/or making a video we could have to show the non member departments. Carl will have some more at our next meeting. Roy Richardson thinks maybe we can use the pins to help bring dropped departments back. Nelson Ehlers moved and Larry Petro seconded that Carl move forward with the survey and the video. The motion carried.

Mike Mackin talked about having a department that has been out for five or six years that is considering rejoining. He thinks maybe we should be able to maybe reduce the dues for the first year so they can give us a try at a reduced rate. Tim Sandy has a situation that calls for something but he isn't sure what. Jon Randle thinks we should invite those departments to the district meeting and have some officers there to discuss the problems. Jim Parker said he was sure the past-presidents would be glad to help. Steve Anderson wants the input from all district chairmen for the survey and thinks we need a time set aside for discussion at the next meeting. We will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday to discuss the membership at the November meeting. District Chairs will have the school at 1pm Saturday 11-4-00.

Bridgeport - Carl Bruns reported we had 20 applications this year. Deadline for next year is March 1, 2001. A new front page will be developed for the applicants and it will show the proper procedures.

Fire schools - Jack Kerney had spoken with Maynard Masters at the IFIA meeting and they are working on a way to better identify our members. Jack has not been through the Indianapolis school list yet.

Historical - Mitch Parish said we should be able to sell the books. Try harder. Break to check out.

Vice-Chairman of District 12, Al Mendel spoke in John's absence; he told of a good meeting at Coatsville, where John and he were re-elected and they have a new secretary.

Insurance - Bill Kinsey said nothing new is up but we are putting specs together so other carriers can bid on the next renewals. Chaplain Baker moved we buy an extension to the A&H policy so they will come due all at the same time and make it easier to complete coverage quotes. Red had the second and the motion carried. Bill will have some beneficiary forms for all officers to sign at the next meeting. This will have a current list on file.

Awards - Buzz Koehler will be working this area by directive of Mr. Kearney.

Photography - Don Kissinger will be taking pictures of the new officers and any one else that wants an updated mug shot for the convention books. We had a discussion on what pictures needed to be taken at the annual meeting to be put in the paper. Mitch Parish will work up a set of guidelines for our consideration.

Standards and Education - Paul Covington spoke on some of the possible changes in the 24 hour class. They are also working on breaking the driver operator class into smaller modules. They are also looking into the test bank for Instructor.

2000 Convention - Tim Sandy is glad we're working on a set of guidelines, he's just sorry it wasn't before theirs, but hopes it will help those in that position in the future.

2001 Convention - Tim Jones says it will be June 13-15, 2001 and the rooms are in short supply in headquarters hotel. Several items on the schedule are taking shape and will be in the paper. Vendors will have a choice of one or two day sets. Caps and tee-shirts are on sale.

Games - Al Mendel is planning to modify the trailer a couple of ways over the winter.

Clothing - Larry Bartlow thinks maybe we should revisit the allowance for eye glasses.

Associate members - Larry Stott says it is to deal with business owners that can belong to the organization for $20.00 per year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phone cards - Red Morris reported on the latest plan offered by AT&T and how it compares to our present one-call plan. He requested and was given permission to continue his pursuit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting - same place, 11-4/5-00, 9am Sat. start. Make desires known on whether we want to stay here in 2001 or look for another place to hold the quarterly meetings.

The Chair entertained a motion by David Israel to adjourn the Officers meeting and go into the Board meeting. Tim Jones gave a second before Jack used the power of the Chair and declared the meeting adjourned and called on Mr. Zeeks to conduct the Board meeting.

IVFA BOARD MEETING AUGUST 13, 2000

Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Mort Sorg offered a motion to have them approved as printed. Seconded by Roy Richardson passed without a dissenting vote.

Business: Re-appoint Districts 13A and 21 to the Logo committee for another term. Paul Covington made the motion and Mike Mackin seconded. Passed.

Advance Dist. 6 the $4000.00 for the convention committee. Tim Sandy got the motion and Don Kissinger the second. Motion passed.

Authorize the Sgt.-at-arms to procure, after obtaining quotes, 2000 outside, 500 inside small decals, and 500 large outside decals. The motion came from Bill Pape and the second was by Nelson Ehlers. We did have some discussion, but, the motion carried.

Mike Mackin made a motion that we cover $50.00 per night for two nights toward the room expense of the Auxiliary officers which don't have a spouse which is an officer in the IVFA at the annual meeting. Jim Bradford gave a second and by a show of hands vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

Jim Parker reported the Legislative committee recommended we engage the firm of Bingham, Summers, Welsh, & Spillman as a lobbyist for this organization. Mr. Zeeks asked for a motion to accept the recommendation, and a motion was properly moved, seconded, and passed.

David Israel has an individual who wants the Bible and grave marker now before he passes. The department is willing to guarantee payment of his dues until that time. No one objected.

There being no more business to come before the body, Mr. Zeeks declared the meeting would be adjourned following the Benediction.

Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer *Firefighter*

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Berne Fire Department Dedicates New Fire Station

By Eric Mann
The Decatur Daily Democrat

Sunday was dedication day in more ways than one for the Berne Fire Department as its nearly $1 million home was dedicated and as the city's present and past firefighters and chiefs - notably, current leader Armando "Army" Velasco - were honored in several ways for dedicated service.

Berne, which has had a fire department for 105 years, spent $968,000, two-thirds of that in city funds, to erect a large, drive-through fire station at County Rd. 150 West and Parkway St., just wet of South Adams Junior-Senior High School and Chalet Village retirement center.

The six-bay building, which took nine months to complete by Briner Building of Bluffton and local subcontractors, allows Berne to make different use of the space in the building that houses the city's offices as well as the police department and, until now, the fire department.

Speaking to several hundred people outside the new station, including representatives from the other four fire departments in Adams County and the Rensselaer department, Berne Mayor Blaine Fulton declared yesterday "Berne Volunteer Fire Department Day" and said, "This is a special day in the life of the Berne community."

The mayor noted that the money to build the firehouse came not just from the city treasury, but also involved $220,000 from the state's Build Indiana Fund - thanks to State Rep. Mike Ripley and State Senator Dave Ford - and less than $100,000 in proceeds from Adams County's county economic development income tax.

Fulton thanked Swiss Village, a retirement center in Berne, for "a substantial gift" that allowed the city to buy furniture, kitchen equipment, laundry equipment, etc. for the station.

He also commended Chief Velasco and City Councilman Floyd Liechty for organizing the dedication ceremony and thanked, by name, the four men who served as mayor before him: Richard Lehman, Willard Wulliman; Gaylord Stuckey, and Delmar Neuenschwander.

Turning to the assembled members of the Berne department, Mayor Fulton stated, "You deserve this fine building. Our thanks to you for all you do for us."

Later, the mayor reminded Velasco about the requests the chief made over the years for new fire trucks and a new station, then drew laughter by quipping, "This is about it. I think."

In opening remarks, Velasco, now in his fifth decade on the fire department and its chief since 1995, thanked the mayor and the city council for "understanding our needs" after "many years of thinking" about building a new station.

"Thank you very, very much for this beautiful place," said Velasco, who then gave thanks to the members of the department, calling them "my team" and saying, "I love them very, very much." He also congratulated the firefighters' spouses and friends.

Among the special guests at the event were relatives from the families of the 12 chiefs in the history of the Berne Fire Department, plus several former firefighters.

Mayor Fulton took care to thank the Berne department's auxiliary, composed of wives and others from the firefighters' families, for all they do in support of the department.

Rep. Ripley, a rural Monroe resident, called the building "magnificent" and "one of the nicest I've seen in Indiana" and said to the firefighters.

"Truly, this is your day."

Sen. Ford, from Hartford City, stated that this new station brings to mind "all the wonderful things we symbolize," such as the cooperation it took to erect the building. He also praised those who created "a march of time" by having the former fire chiefs' relatives invited.

Indiana Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright was also on the program and referred to Berne as "a really neat community," with a very cooperative spirit. He described the fire station as "a fantastic, beautiful building."

Boatwright, whose fire service career began in Marion in 1973 and includes five years in the Indiana House of Representatives and seven years as fire marshal, told the large audience, "The most trusted building in any community is the fire station."

Boatwright gave Velasco a plaque to be put on a wall in the new station.

A lengthy, part-humorous and part-serious poem was delivered by its author, Gordon Sprunger of Berne, speaking of unintended false fire alarms at Swiss Village, but ending prayerfully with a wish for the safety of all firefighters.

Liechty noted there is a time capsule in the building that is to be opened in 2050.

At the end of the afternoon event, Boatwright read a moving description of what a firefighter is, then the closing prayer referred to the prime duty of those who fight fires: "saving lives in peril."

(This article courtesy of The Decatur Daily Democrat)

Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

HELLO NORTHEAST INDIANA:

Summer is coming to an end, and fall is fast approaching us. So be ready for the type of fire runs that come with the season.

To continue with the benefits that the association offers

1) DEATH BENEFITS: As an active or inactive member of the I.V.F.A. you are entitled to a memorial service by the I.V.F.A. State Chaplain and a presentation of a Bible and a Grave Marker to your beneficiary. These are presented as a token of appreciation for being a member of the I.V.F.A. In the event of a line of duty death, your beneficiary is also entitled to a $3000.00 death benefit from the Bridgeport Fund. The District Chairman for your area has the details for this benefit. A 'CHAPLAIN FUNERAL; service, free for asking when available. Our Chaplain (in connection with your Fire Department) will appear, if you desire, for a final service and tribute.

2) CLOTHING FUND: If a request is filed with your District Chairman within 60 days after a loss, the I.V.F.A. has a fund from which will be contributed up to $100.00 for clothing losses sustained at fires or at firefighter activities, meetings, fire schools, and drills. This clothing fund has been amended to provide a maximum contribution allowance of up to $50.00 for the loss of eye glasses, except in the case of an hearing aid in connection with eyeglasses, where a maximum allowance is limited to $75.00.

3) ASSOCIATION PAPER AND LICENSE PLATES: Members receive THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER. This newspaper is published quarterly and contains articles from the volunteer fire service throughout the state. Members can also purchase Association License Plates Forms. This plate allows members to be identified statewide.

More benefits will be talked about in the next issue.

The members of the Allen County Fire Departments, are working hard on the Convention. So GET FIRED UP FOR FUN IN 2001.

Until we meet at your District meeting.

Public Relations-Northeast
Michael "Mike" Mackin

From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

Fall is here, the temperature has fallen and it is going to get cold. They say we might see some snow this Sunday (10/8/00). I hope not.

It has been quite a chore getting familiar with the treasurer's job. I have the files set up now and feel a little more organized than I did at first. I am paying the bills within three to four days after I receive them.

There are two things I would like to see on the vouchers. One is the office you hold, such as Chairman of District # ?, the other is for you to print your name after your signature.

This has been a very busy and hectic year. I have tried to attend as many meetings as possible in the southern part of the state. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the November quarterly meeting.

Jack Harker,
Treasurer

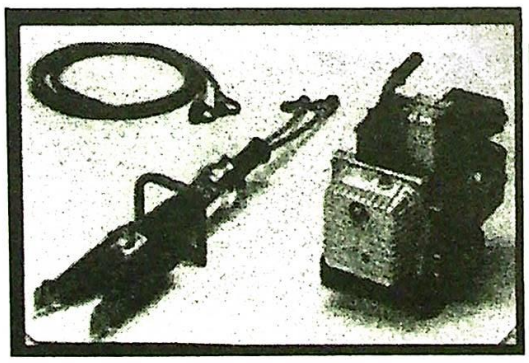
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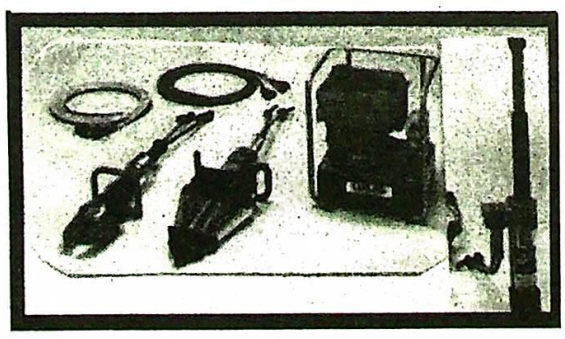
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Wanted Crafters For Bazaar

Baugo Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring a

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All proceeds go to help buy needed equipment for the Fire & EMS Departments.

Bazaar is December 2, 2000
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tables are $35.00 with discounts available.

Please call Robin Pedzinski @ 522-4130
or Janice Werts
@ 522-6383
for more information.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



Pierceton Firefighters Complete Classes

Nine firefighters from the Pierceton Volunteer Fire Department recently completed Firefighter I and Firefighter II at North Manchester Fire Department. Classes were held twice a week for five months.



Pictured (left to right): Erick Taylor, Tim Meloy, Matt Brubaker, Mike Braddock, Jarrad Lancaster. (photo submitted by Gene Burkett, Fire Chief Pierceton Volunteer Fire Department).



Pictured (left to right): Joe Lardino, Mark Stoddard, Rob Butler, Gordon Baker. (photo submitted by Gene Burkett, Fire Chief, Pierceton Volunteer Fire Department).

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

***District 2* Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001**

***District 6* Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001**

***District 18* Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001**

***District 21* Term - January 2000 to December 31, 2002**

***District 13-A* Term - Jan. 2000 to December 31, 2002**

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

Happy Holidays to everyone in the IVFA & IVFAA!!

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District 15 Waterball Contest Held Sept. 23

The annual District 15 Waterball Contest was held on Saturday, September 23, in Poseyville. It was originally scheduled for August 5 but it had to be postponed due to heavy thunderstorms and lightning. Six teams, representing five departrments, competed this year. First place went to Marrs Twp.; second place to Owensville-Montgomery FPD team #2; third place to Owensville-Montgomery FPD team #1; other participants were McCutchanville VFD, New Harmony VFD, and Poseyville VFD. Special thanks to Poseyville and Owensville for hosting, and to Cynthiana-Smith Twp. for the use of their brand new engine.

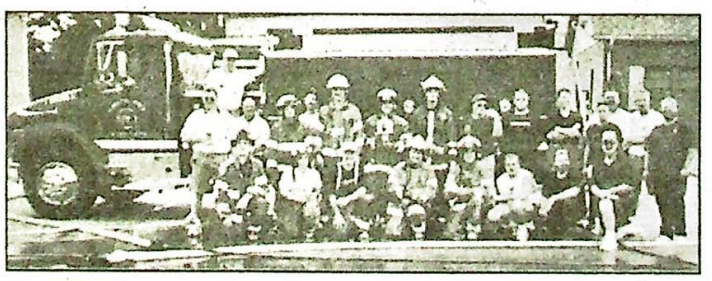
(Photos submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 Chairman.)



First place - Marrs Twp. VFD



Second place - Owensville-Montgomery FPD



All participants with the new Smith Twp. engine

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Morris Firehouse Dedication; Senior Firemen Honored

The Morris Volunteer Fire Department dedicated their new firehouse addition with an open house on Sunday, September 10, 2000. Senior firefighters were also honored at the 1:00 ceremony. A goodly crowd of the community were in attendance.

Frank Martin was specifically honored for 50 years of service to the department. He received a clock/plaque from the department, a gold card life membership from the IVFA, and a Governor's Citation and Gold Medal from the State Fire Marshal's office. Also honored with the Governor's Citation and gold medal were Ray Vankirk with 49 years, Ray Weisenbach with 48 years, and Tony Moster with 35 years. Honored with a Silver Medal and Fire Marshal Citation were Jim Kirschner, Joe Schneider, and Jon Case with 21 years, and Chief Ed Scheele, Louis Scheele, and Bob Hartman II with 20 years.

Ted Meer, Association President, acted as emcee for the dedication ceremony. He called upon Father James O'Reilly, assistant to the pastor of St. Anthony's Church for an invocation and blessing. Fire Chief Ed Scheele spoke of the former crowing and need for the addition. He pointed out the difficulty of maneuvering three trucks into two spaces and the cramped conditions of meeting and training 27 very active firefighters in a room only designed for about 15. He thanked the community for its support and specifically mentioned the $45,000 Build Indiana grant and the $50,000 Rising Sun Foundation grant plus around $15,000 in local donations for the cause. The rest of the $140,000 need was provided by association savings from local fund raisers over the years without any specific community fund drive.

Jack Kerney, Vice President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, spoke of the 17,000 members throughout the State and the value of volunteerism in our communities.

Mike Bigler, deputy State Fire Marshal, told of the 969 fire departments in the State and the need of a firestation as a symbol of safety and community-mindedness, the dedication of firefighters and the trust they develop in each other through training, as well as the dedication of the auxiliary members at various community functions. He stated that the fire department are ALWAYS there to help! He presented a plaque from the Marshal's Office honoring the dedication.

State Representative Cleo Duncan spoke of the pleasure of helping local communities acquire Build-Indiana funds and of the safety and well being these projects provide for southeastern Indiana.

Paul Covington, District 19 President of IVFA, presented the traditional clock they provide for new firehouses in the State.

The Morris Fire Auxiliary presented a plaque with the Firemen's Prayer for the firehouse.

The project is actually a three phase endeavor with two phases completed at this time. Phase I was the new 60 x 40 addition with ample room for three large trucks, individual turn-out gear storage and extra room to work besides. Phase II included gutting the old building (west end) and providing a radio and chief's room, an air conditioned meeting room complete with new tables and chairs, as well as a newly refurbished kitchen and pantry, while retaining one truck bay for equipment. Phase III will remodel the east end of the firehouse and will include another truck bay as well as new restrooms, possibly a laundry room, and other undetermined needs. It will be completed as soon as funds are made available. The entire outside of the building was insulated and new windows and siding installed to make a new look. The department is grateful for the continuing community support and quite proud of its new facility!



I.V.F.A. President Jack Kerney speaking at the dedication on the value of volunteer fire departments. (Photo submitted by Fire Chief Ed Scheele, Batesville, IN)



Part of new addition.



Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Bigler presenting Fire Chief Ed Scheele with a plaque from the Fire Marshal's Office for the dedication.

(Photo submitted by Fire Chief Ed Scheele, Batesville, IN)



District 19 Chairman Paul Covington *presenting the* I.V.F.A. clock to Fire Chief Ed Scheele and President Ted Meer. (Photo *submitted* by *Fire Chief* Ed Scheele, Batesville, IN)



Auxiliary member Mari Jo Moody presenting Fire Chief Ed Scheele with a plaque of the Firemen's Prayer. (Photo submitted by Fire Chief Ed Scheele, Batesville, IN)

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Fire chief Ed Scheele presenting Frank Martin a clock plaque for 50 years of service to the community.



District 19 Chairman Paul Covington presenting Frank Martin with the IVFA Gold Card for 50 years of service to the fire department.



Firemen receiving Fire Marshal's Award for Service and Governor's Award for Service. From left (front row): Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Bigler, Ray Weisenbach (hidden behind Mike), Jim Kirschner, Ray VanKirk, Frank Martin, Jon Case; Back row (from left): Joe Schneider, Bob Hartman II, Tony Master, Louis Scheele, Ed Scheele.

Lockridge First Female To Earn Spot On Rensselaer VFD

By YANCY COTTRILL
Rensselaer Republican Staff Writer

RENSSELAER - Rensselaer's newest firefighter may appear at first glance to be out of place, but in all reality she's just one of the guys.

Carol Lockridge has transcended the gender barrier and has become the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department's first woman firefighter.

Carol was the fire station quite a bit before becoming a volunteer firefighter because her husband, Jerry, was on the force. One day, former Fire Chief Marty Shuey suggested to Carol that she should join the department. She took Marty up on his suggestion and on Dec. 27, 1999 she joined the crew.

Born and raised in Rensselaer, Carol, a 1977 RCHS graduate, felt a need to contribute to her community.

"I always wanted to give back to the community that has given so much back to me over the years," Lockridge said.

Carol, like all new volunteer firefighters, had to go through 24-hour basic training and an eight-hour hazardous material training.

All new members of the force are automatically put on one year probation, then they have their status reviewed by the department at year's end.

Like the rookie member of any organization, Carol is expected to do a little extra. She doesn't mind being the newest member and having to do extra because she views it as a learning experience. Carol knows that when there's a job to do that it does not matter if you've been on the force for 28 years or one year, everyone has to work together.

"When there's work to be done we all pitch in and get it done," she said.

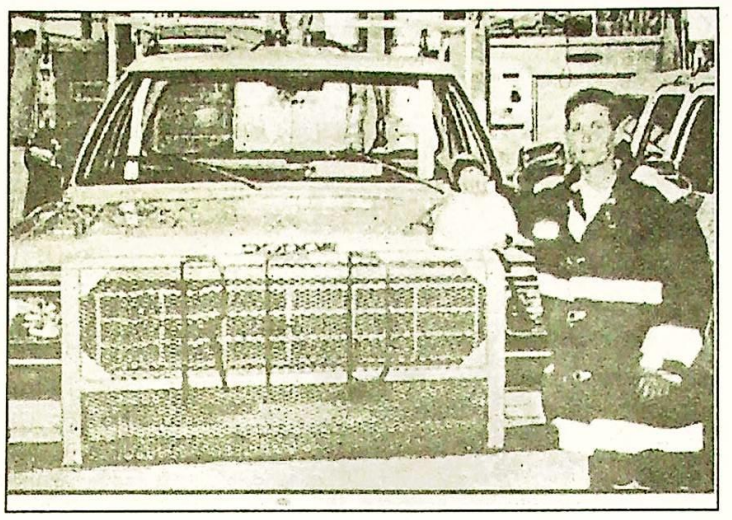
Even though she is surrounded by men, Carol does not feel out of place.

"I work with men, and I am used to being around them anyway. It doesn't feel strange or unusual. They treat me like one of the guys."

She realizes she has her limitations but so does everyone else.

"I think limitations come with anybody, whether it be physical or mental limitations," she stated.

Carol has logged 65 runs so far this year out of the 106 runs that the department has responded to.



Carol Lockridge, the newest member of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department, must ride on the fire trucks for an entire year because the rookies are not allowed to drive to the scene of a fire until their first year probation is complete. (Photo by Yancy Cottrill, Rensselaer Republican staff writer).

She also serves on the equipment committee where she is responsible for the equipment in two trucks.

Lockridge has to check the trucks at least 48 hours after they have responded to a call to make sure that all the equipment has been put back in its proper place.

Besides being the first woman firefighter in the history of Rensselaer, she is also a mother, wife, and a Rensselaer Gas Department employee.

Carol and her husband have three children: Emily, 15, Adam, 14, Heather, 18 and two stepchildren Ashlie, 15, and Brandon, 19.

She talked with her children before joining the department.

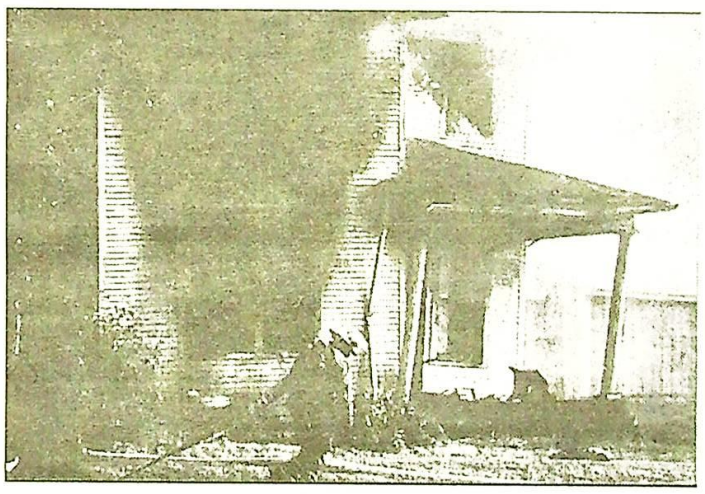
"They think that it is cool. I talked to them before and they were very much all right with it," Lockridge said.

Carol has enjoyed her part on the force.

"It's an honor to be a part of such a great group."

(This article and photo courtesy of the Rensselaer Republican).

House Explodes After Gas Line Hit



Post-Tribune Staff Report

BOONE GROVE - A natural gas explosion rocked this tiny community Friday evening, leaving one house a fire-blackened ruin.

The house's occupants escaped, shaken but uninjured.

The explosion at 558 Lucretia St., just south of Boone Grove Elementary School, happened about 5.15 p.m.

Workers for Always Underground, a Wheatfield company subcontracting for GTE, were digging about three feet underground when they hit a 2-inch plastic Northern Indiana Public Service Co. natural gas main, Porter County police and NIPSCO officials said.

The gas filled the nearby house and then exploded. A few minutes later, the wood-frame structure burst into flames.

Connie Casbon, her daughter and two nephews were in the house when the explosion happened, Porter County Officer Barry Chayhitz said.

They escaped safely. Chayhitz said the two boys - 1 and 3 years old - were taken to Porter Memorial Hospital to be examined.

Nearby workers helped get one of the children out of the house, a neighbor said.

Maria Roy said she heard the explosion and thought at first that something heavy had fallen. When she looked outside, she saw smoke coming from the house and a wall leaning.

"Thank God they're not hurt," she said of the Casbon family. "They lost everything, but we live in a small community and people can help."

Afterward, a gas smell, along with smoke, drifted over the community. Residents within a couple of blocks of the house were told to stay out of their homes.

Volunteer firefighters from the Lake Eliza, Hebron and Lakes of the Four Seasons helped Porter Township and Boone Grove firefighters.

NIPSCO spokesman Larry Graham said the gas main had been shut off and repaired before 9 p.m.

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MSA Thermal Imaging Camera Finds Highway Accident Victim

On an early spring evening this year, two units from the south-central Pennsylvania's Cumberland-Goodwill Fire & Rescue Department arrived at the scene of an automobile accident on an interstate highway.

The vehicle had left the highway, overturned a number of times, and ejected both occupants. On the way to the hospital, the first patient, who had been lying near the car, regained consciousness and reported that his pregnant wife had also been in the car.

Back at the accident scene, the second search began. Two rescuers grabbed their MSA Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC) and started to search the dark wooded area. Within "a very short time," they located the second victim about 200 feet beyond the vehicle. She had wandered away from the accident scene, delirious with head trauma.

The firefighters credit their TICs for detecting the woman's warm thermal image almost immediately. They had just bought two MSA cameras JUST THAT WEEK from MSA-authorized distributor Fire and Rescue Products of New Kingstown, Pa. Both husband and wife are doing fine.





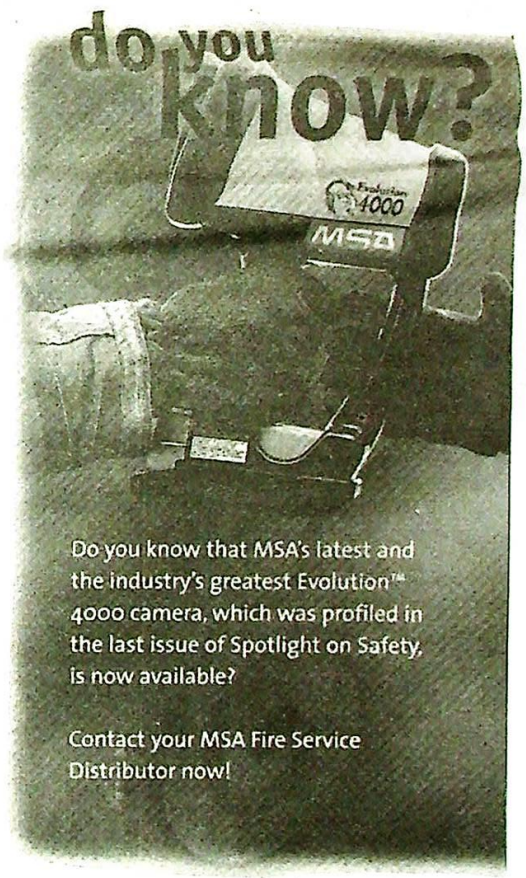
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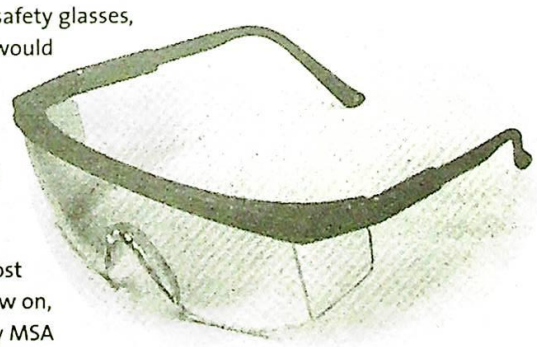
For more information about MSA's durable FiveStar Alarms, call your MSA distributor or MSA at 1-800-MSA-2222.



You never know where the danger will come from

Ha-Keem Stanton, an employee with Fluor Daniel, was doing some welding work on a Jacksonville Electric Co. combustion turbine project in St. Johns River, Florida, last November when misfortune struck.

The hose of a 110 psi air-driven impact wrench broke free from a work area above him and whipped around wildly. A large metal attaching mechanism slammed into Stanton's face. Stanton was wearing MSA protective eyewear, which took the brunt of the impact. While the glasses were bent – one stem was twisted about three inches above the other – his only injuries were some facial bruises and a slight headache. He took some Ibuprofen, got a new pair of MSA Sierra™ protective eyewear, and finished his shift.



"I've always worn safety glasses, but I don't think I would have gotten the same protection from a smaller, sporty brand that I used to wear," Stanton said. "I might have even lost an eye. So from now on, I'll always wear my MSA glasses. And I strongly recommend that others do the same."

Fluor Daniel awarded Stanton its "Fluor Daniel Safety Cross," a brass medallion presented to employees who survive life-threatening accidents, because they were wearing safety equipment.

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FiveStar Contest Winner Gets $30,000 in Free Instruments

Fritz Kin and Marathon Ashland Petroleum have 30,000 more reasons to continue using MSA's quality safety equipment.

Kin, a safety manager with the Findlay, Ohio, company's Terminal, Transport and Marine division, was the grand prize winner of $30,000 of free MSA products through our FiveStar Passport to Savings promotion.

The FiveStar promotion gave customers a $300 rebate (toward more products) with each FiveStar® Alarm they bought between September 15, 1999, and January 15, 2000. And, each purchase gave customers a chance to win the grand prize.

Kin, a satisfied MSA product user for more than a decade, said he ordered 76 FiveStar Alarms through MSA distributor Donley Safety because the gas monitors are so easy to use. Kin and his safety specialists like how quickly they can change the FiveStar's sensors, record and download information, and get accurate gas level readings.



Gretchen Manning, left, and Kay Garcia from MSA present lucky customer Fritz Kin a "check" for $30,000 worth of MSA products.

"The folks in the field really like the ease of calibration and calibration checks," he said. "It's menu-driven ... so it's pretty easy to use, once you've been through it once or twice.

"The instruments have always been very reliable for our application. The FiveStar Alarm works very well."

Kin said the division uses FiveStar Alarms and other MSA products at 94 Marathon Ashland facilities to help protect its 1,300 workers by monitoring confined spaces and the air around storage tanks that hold their products until shipping.

Kin used the $300 rebates earned through the FiveStar promotion for infrared download kits and some MiniH2S® Responders. With so many quality MSA safety products to choose from, Kin, an industrial hygienist for 10 years before joining Marathon Ashland, hasn't decided yet how to spend the $30,000 prize.

However, additional Responder® Alarms and MicroGard® Portable Alarms will likely be in the mix, he said.

"We're pretty well covered on (MSA) accessories and other things at this point, but I'd like to get some more instruments into our fleet and upgrade the overall fleet of instruments," Kin said.

Congratulations to Fritz Kin of Marathon Ashland Petroleum, our FiveStar Passport to Savings winner!

Support Your Local Firefighters *(continued from page 1)*

Some departments can't even afford the essentials. Monihan pointed to the Brixey and Rockbridge Volunteer Fire Department in Ozark County, Missouri, as an example. With an annual budget of $6,500, the department responds to a 150-square-mile area. About $2,200 goes to their insurance premium, leaving about *$4,000 for fuel,* upkeep of equipment, and any *upgrades they can* make. Their members go into burning buildings wearing sweatpants over jeans, he said.

"One of the largest problems faced by America's volunteer fire service is funding. Most volunteer departments serve small, rural communities, quite often as the area's only line of defense," Monihan said. "Unfortunately, these departments are struggling to provide their members with adequate protective clothing, safety devices, and training to protect those communities."

At the same time, the federal government asks the fire departments to respond to calls involving terrorism, hazardous materials, natural and man-made disasters, and wildland/urban interface fires, he said.

Demanding conditions demand excellent equipment

In his 43 years of volunteer firefighting, the Lewes (Delaware) Fire Department firefighter has seen firsthand how valuable the right training and equipment can be. However, turnout gear costs more than $1,000 per set and self-contained breathing apparatus are close to $3,000 each. Thermal imaging cameras can cost up to $25,000, he said.

"Unfortunately, many volunteer fire departments are unable to take advantage of this new technology because of budget restraints," Monihan said. "Do you know how many pancake breakfasts it takes to buy a $25,000 piece of equipment? Many departments can tell you, because that is how they have to pay for it."

Investing in firefighters' protection and training pays off

The funding problem isn't limited to volunteer companies. Frederick Nesbitt, director of Governmental Affairs for the International Association of Fire Fighters, told the Congressional subcommittee why its appropriations are needed to protect our nation's firefighters.

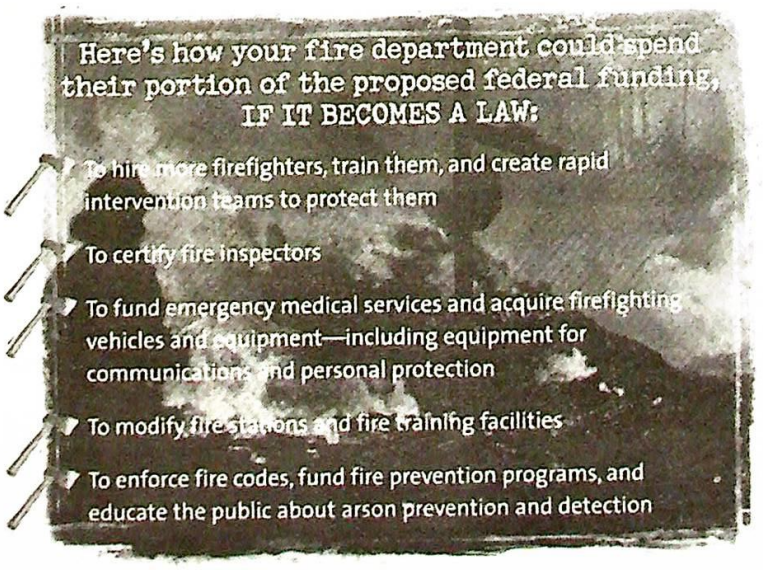
"Most deaths and injuries suffered by firefighters are preventable. In every investigation into firefighter fatalities, NIOSH found correctable problems," Nesbitt said. "Proper training and equipment, adequate staffing, and other programs save *firefighters' lives.* Unfortunately, too many jurisdictions do not provide these basic protections. They make firefighters' health and safety the last priority in their departments' budget."

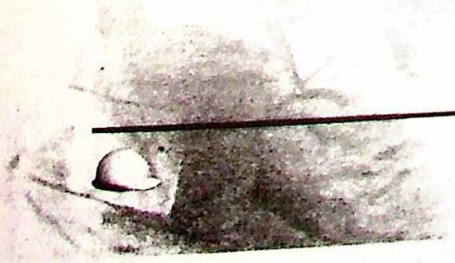
Ron Herring, director of marketing for MSA, said MSA helps fire departments with fundraising kits and other ways of obtaining funding, but it's often not enough. With the proper funding to help fire departments buy what they need, we all can concentrate on matching the best protection with their needs.

Herring related an incident at a trade show in Indianapolis this spring when several firefighters approached him at MSA's booth. The firefighters, from Columbia, South Carolina, said MSA safety equipment helped save one of their own when a ceiling collapsed during a building fire that produced 1,700-degree heat.

"His friends said the only reason he's alive is the safety equipment he was wearing," Herring said. "You look at that, and you say, 'Wow, ***that's*** why we're making it!'"

Please join MSA in pushing for Congressional funding for firefighters. Contact your Congressional representatives NOW to make sure they support the Firefighter Investment Response Enhancement Act.





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June 15 minutes continued ...

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MR. NEVIL: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Mitch Parish?

MR. PARISH: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Congratulations, Mitch, on your Mr. IVFA 2000.

MR. PARISH: Thank you.

(Applause).

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Richard Glant.

MR. GLANT: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Jack Zeeks?

MR. ZEEKS: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Have I missed any officers? We'll go into committee reports. Legislation. John, would you like to address the body?

MR. SHANKS: Thank you very much. On the subject of the Marshal's office, I would like to thank the Marshal and the staff of the Marshal's Office. They are a big help to this body during the legislative session, particularly helpful to have a Fire Marshal who is a former legislator because he understands the possess very well, and can, from time to time, give us guidance on how to approach certain issues.

The officers of the Association have copies of the legislative report in hand. Where did Red go? Here is a copy for the minutes. The Legislative Report has been published in the latest issue of the IVFA newspaper. So you will have it in front of you -- In fact, some of you, I know, have the paper here, because I'm already answering some questions regarding some of the legislation. The 2000 Session of the Indiana General Assembly was known affectionately as the short session. That just simply means it's a long session condensed, if you will. As some of you may remember, used to be that the Legislature only met every two years in a biennial session. There is an increasing movement within the Legislature, and I don't think it's joking, that they go back to that. Either that or some even say, Let's just meet every four years. The point of the short session was to deal with emergency matters, but it's really changed dramatically since the 1970's when this was enacted. This year there were 965 bills introduced into the Legislature; 445 in the House, and 520 in the Senate. Of those, 154 were passed, 11 were vetoed by the Governor. And the reason that the Governor vetoed many of those bills was because of their fiscal impact. As you may recall, near the end of the Legislative session, the Governor's office announced that there had been just a wee mistake in income forecast because of the impact of a tax reduction in personal property tax in the previous session. I believe the wee mistake was around $200,000,000, and that put in jeopardy any bill before the Legislature that had fiscal impact.

During the session, it was my pleasure to work with your Legislative Committee, Jim Parker and Charlie Baker. And I mention in the report that it was certainly helpful to have the Chaplain as part of the Legislative Committee because we needed all the help we could get. We would have a prearranged conference call every Monday evening to review the happenings in the Indiana General Assembly from the previous week. This is the second year that we have done that, and it was very helpful to me. We sent out a Legislative Report, usually on Thursday, that went to Jim and Charlie, and to a couple other people. And then we would have this conference call. And I certainly appreciate their input and their guidance in working through the legislative process.

We followed, I thing at one point, over 50 bills that had an impact on the fire service. As the session progressed, as they made what they call the turn, for those of you who play golf, you know what the turn is; when you go from the 9th hole to the 10th hole. But that is where bills go from the first chamber in which they're introduced into the second chamber, and that's where you have the greatest falloff. So, then after that process, you start watching to see what bills are reintroduced in the form of amendments to other bills, during the committee process, but that's when it gets very tedious, and you have to literally be there all the time just to keep up with the process. Toward the end of the session, bills which have passed both houses, but have been amended in the second house, often to go what's known as conference committee. Conference committees are members of the two chambers, who are appointed by the leadership; generally, the author and sponsor of the bill from the first house and the author and cosponsor from the second house, and then they meet. They only post those notices once. If they meet and then reconvene, they don't have to post the notice. So we have usually an intern or someone from our staff or me, over in the statehouse virtually 10 to 12 hours a day watching postings on the bulletin board. Even though we do subscribe to an electronic service through the legislative services agency, those postings do not always get posted to the web site as quickly as we would like so we have to follow it manually on bulletin boards.

I would like to share with you bills that passed that impact the fire service. You don't need necessarily to make notes because they are in your newspaper. But one of the bills, House Bill 1068, is a bill that we have tried in a previous session. This affects fire protection districts and fire districts or – fire – I'm sorry, fire protection districts and the fire protection tax levies. It allows fire protection districts to levy outside of the property tax levy limits and allows fire protection territories to use money in their equipment replacement fund for buildings. Presently the equipment replacement fund for territories could only be used for equipment. Equipment replacement fund was similar to a CUM fund, and it became more expeditious as the session went on, rather than creating a whole new fund, to allow the equipment fund to be used for housing as well, so that it could be used for buildings.

The equipment fund, incidentally, was already outside of the levy of the tax – property tax freeze, so it made it very simple. This bill also allowed a municipality that was located in two counties to establish a fire protection district. It also provides that the dissolution of the fire protection district takes effect three months after the latter of the adoption of the ordinance to dissolve or the payment district's liabilities.

A second bill, which was, I think, a no-brainer for the General Assembly, and that has to do with battery on a firefighter. This is House Bill 1137. In the testimony that was received in the committee, and in the two committees, it was perhaps a greater problem that certainly I realize, the number of firefighters who are assaulted during the course of performing their duties. Often this happens to firefighters who are making medical runs, but also firefighters who are fighting an active fire. So now, if there is bodily injury to a firefighter performing his or her duties it's a class D felony. That one, as you might expect, sailed through.

House Bill 1271, tuition exemption for survivors of public safety officers or veterans. You may remember in the, I think, the 1999 or the 1998 session, we had a bill which expanded the definition of the fees that would be paid for by the state to children of deceased firefighters; this was finally accomplished. It simply redefined the fees, which are part of the tuition exemption, to include all mandatory fees, which would be lab fees, and other things, which were previously not covered under this tuition reimbursement program, or tuition exemption program.

House Bill 1328, Indiana Emergency Medical Commission. This was really only a nomenclature change. It changed the term "ambulance service" to "emergency medical service" in describing the two members which set on the commission. One from the volunteer fire department and one from a full-time municipal fire and police department.

Public -- Or, Senate Bill 62, this bill affects only members of the IVFA who are in PERF, and it's a 43-page bill. It's long. It has -- I mentioned in the report that it became known as the Christmas Tree Bill, because it sort of had something on it for everyone. It affects PERF; it also affects legislator's retirement. It affects lobby reports and so forth. If there are any members here who are in PERF, and you'd like a copy of this bill, or just want to discuss it, give me a call, and I will review it with you individually. I have had a couple calls. I mentioned this in the report that was published in the newspaper, and I've already had two calls for copies of the bill. And while I'm thinking about it, let me give you my toll free number. I do this every year, and I found this to be a very helpful way for you to stay in touch with us. If you want to jot this down, it is 1-800 – Bill Howe, you already have.

MR. HOWE: I'll write it down.

MR. SHANKS: 800-548-9325. And we appreciate hearing from you. The Bill that was kind of a surprise that popped up during the session, was a bill dealing with laser pointers. Now, there was a problem out there that I was unaware of, but many of you may have already seen this happen, it's called "dotting". And it really came out of the law enforcement community. But there is, particularly among teenagers, a very popular game of taking a laser pointer. And they're so inexpensive now, you can buy them on key chains for 10 or 15 dollars. I've heard even less. But they would be in a crowd, say at a concert or something, and they would start point laster pointers at public safety officers. Well, as you probably know, you can buy laser sights for weapons; very popular on handguns. The dot that is made by a laster pointer and dot that is made by a sighting device are the same. They're indistinguishable. So, you have the problem of a police officer, particularly being involved in a crowd situation, or traffic stops. The testimony that we heard in committee, were officers testifying about being dotted making a traffic stop at night. Well, if you see a dot appear on your body, or on the person that you're interviewing, you don't know whether it's a sight, or somebody just playing a trick with a laser pointer. So, if you're a police officer, particularly, you're going to take a defensive posture and probably draw a weapon. And we heard in testimony that there already had been on death attributed to dotting, where a police officer drew a weapon and shot someone, and it turned out that what they were doing was dotting him with a key chain.

So, this bill was introduced by state representative -- or, I'm sorry, Senate – Senator Charles Bud Meeks, from up in northern Indiana. Bob Meeks' brother, who was also a former sheriff, was also on the bill. And in the house it was sponsored by Gary Cook who was a retired police officers from Plymouth.

It took some explanation, and some demonstration to show members of the Legislature of why this is a problem. Needless to say, it was received very positively. However, during the course of this bill, an amendment was made to include as a prohibitive weapon a knife that is former – Well, it's made in Russia – but several of these were confiscated at flea markets in Brown County, and it was a knife that was designed by KGB for, I would say, assassination. You've all probably seen, heard, or at least heard about switch-blade knives. Well, they're banned. But the nice thing about at switch-blade knife was, the blade stayed with the handle; well, this knife, the blade did not stay with the handle, and it would project out through the handle, and it had an effective range of about 50 feet. It had a very effective range of 30 feet. It looked like – It had a spring on it that looked almost like a small automotive spring and you had to push the blade down into the handle by putting the blade on the floor and pushing the knife down.

One Legislator who had this device on his desk, was showing it to some people, and handed it to an intern, who in turn set it down on his desk. Well, this device does not have a safety. Once the blade is cocked, it's ready to fire. Well, it turns out he set it down on the trigger and it put a hole in the wall. Fortunately, no one was around because it could have been fatal. Gary Cook, in demonstrating it in the Senate Committee, which was meeting in the chambers of the conference room -- or, in the conference room of the Supreme Court, they would demonstrate this knife in Committee and on the Floor, by putting a box on the floor, and in the past, it was my understanding, they had a piece of wood in the bottom of the box. Well, unfortunately, someone had removed that piece of wood when Representative Cook had decided to demonstrate the knife, and he put a hole in the floor of the Supreme Court conference room. But be aware that these are out there. And they will be, now as of July 1, an illegal weapon in Indiana. It's an absolutely awesome thing. The handle is about nine to ten inches long, and blade is probably seven inches long. So, when it protrudes outside of the handle, it looks very small. It only protrudes out about an inch and a half, maybe two inches at the most. But it is an incredibly powerful weapon. And the prosecutor in Brown County, when conservation officers confiscated these things at a flea market, found that there was nothing in the law that prohibited them. So, if you happen to run onto these in flea markets, please notify local law enforcement, because it is a dangerous, absolutely incredibly dangerous, weapon, because there is no safety. Once that thing is locked in there, it's ready to fire, and they have a hair trigger. So that was somewhat of an unexpected addition to that bill.

There was a very controversial bill, which affects the fire service, Senate Bill 330, which started out as foster care, long-term care bill. The provision that affects the fire service, particularly the emergency medical providers within the fire service, provides that a person may leave an infant child with an emergency medical provider, literally abandon the child to that person, and avoid criminal neglect charges. Now, this may sound very, very odd. But the testimony was, and there are other bills similar to this around the country, a as you may have seen, or heard, we had a rash of infant deaths in the Indianapolis area, particularly, where people were abandoning children literally on the doorsteps of buildings. There was one infant found in a snowbank that was just a few days old. The reality is that there are young parents who just cannot handle having a child. Under current law, there is no particularly effective way to give that child up, other than through an adoption process, which is long, and the thinking was that if there was a method provided where a child could be placed in a safe environment, to give this parent an opportunity to not abandon the child in a dangerous environment, that they would do this. Needless to say, it was very controversial, but it did pass. So, it provides that a mother or a father may simply bring a child to an emergency medical provider, which does include EMS, and drop the kid off. Now, that may sound very cold, but at least it provides a methodology where the child runs a better risk of receiving care and not being abandoned in the cold.

It will be interesting to see if that provision in the law survives. I have a feeling we'll probably see some legislation in the next session to maybe make some changes in that. But be aware, if you're an EMS person, you may be presented with a child at some point and you need to make provision within your own unit how to involve Child Protective Services, or other medical personnel, in caring for that child on a very temporary basis until it can be placed. Doesn't mean you have to keep them overnight or anything, but you could end up with the responsibility of an infant unexpectedly.

Tracy, in his comments, mentioned the "Build Indiana Fund." This is a wonderful opportunity for fire departments and local government to get money for special projects. If you do not know who your state legislator is, and I do occasionally encounter that (loud beep_ -- Does that mean time is up? Times up? I didn't see the hook. But if don't know who your local legislators are, give me a call and I will get that to you.

It certainly is our pleasure to have represented the IVFA for now more than 10 years, as your representative in the General Assembly; we feel very honored to represent the Volunteer Fire Service, and look forward to continuing to do that. I appreciate literally the cards and letters we get and the phone calls; it's wonderful to have your input. We look forward to continue to work with you. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, John. Okay, District Chairmen, make sure your vouchers have been turned in and delegate registration sheets. Everybody got them turned in? Okay, other committee reports. Resolutions. Jack Harker.

MR. HARKER: Nothing.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: None? Editor's Assistant, Bill Howe.

MR. HOWE: The last issue of the paper was by the new publisher. The next issue is due out August 1st. If you have anything that you would like to have in it, have it to him in Rensselaer by July 10th. And that is the cut-off date.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Okay. Everybody clear on that? If you want an article in the next issue of the newspaper, July the 10th was the cutoff date. So make sure you get your articles in there. Advertising. Mitch Parish?

MR. PARISH: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Volunteer Fire Council, Mitch?

MR. PARISH: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Jim Parker, Bylaws.

MR. PARKER: Nothing new.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Public Ed. Jim?

MR. PARKER: Nothing new.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Membership. Carl Bruns?

MR. BRUNS: Carl Bruns, Membership. Probably there has never been a time in the history of the IVFA that we have lost so many people, due to various reasons that were part of this organization; officers, directors, whatever it might be. Now, you may think, well, the thing is not in good hands and not being taken care of, but I can assure you there's some aggressive officers that are doing a great job and looking forward to many, many things. So, if you have any doubts about this, and not renewing your membership, we encourage you to do that. Continue to join the greatest organization the fire service has in the State of Indiana. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Carl. Carl, do you have anything on Bridgeport.

MR. BRUNS: Negative. That will all be taken care of this evening.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: We'll have two scholarships that will be given away at the banquet this evening and Carl will be taking care of them.

Fire Schools and Training. Seems to be on the incline. A lot of people going through the fire schools. And again, for you that don't know, if you're an IVFA member, you get a five-dollar discount for those participating in fire schools.

Awards. We did have a Midwest -- We did have a Mr. IVFA award winner, Mitch Parish. We will have a Bridgeport scholarship this evening. We will have an Ollie Sandburg this evening, and also the Midwest Awards will be presented this evening. Insurance. Bill Kinsey.

MR. KINSEY: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Historical, Mitch?

MR. PARISH: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Fire service institute. Mitch?

MR. PARISH: Pass.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Mike, would you like to say anything about the 2001 convention?

MR. MACKIN: Yes. Number one, I am not the convention chairman. Jim Burger, Chief of St. Joe Township; he is the convention chairman. He's supposed to be here later on, I believe setup around their displays, and they will be taking registrations. They are $45 here at convention and along with that, you will get a tee shirt which Jeff and them are wearing; so sign up after we get done here.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Well, for not being convention chairman, you sure know a lot.

MR. MACKIN: I'm on the committee, but that's it.

MR. HOWE: Are you sure about that?

MR. MACKIN: I know. Once is enough.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Ivan, would you like to say anything about PSTI?

MR. NEVIL: I want to thank the Good Lord for being here this year. We had a rough time last fall, but we came through it. One thing that we have done, everybody mark their calendars; September 8th and 9th of the year 2001, Indiana weekend will be held at National Fire Academy. So, if there's been a lot of GBC's that nobody knew about when it was going to be, so we're trying to give you plenty of advance notice. The information will be out on the internet; everything that we've got is going to be posted. We're going to try to get it in all of the publications. So, September the 8th and the 9th of 2001. National Fire Academy has come out with a new course; fire prevention for small fire departments. It is designed for departments in cities of 25,000 population or less. It is not really designed for any of the larger Metropolitan or urban areas. We have -- Between now and November, we have six of these – or, excuse me, five of these courses scheduled throughout Indiana. If you are privy and you have a chief that cared about you, he posted the information on the bulletin board for you. If not, why, let me know, and we'll circumvent the chief and see that the information gets to you. But on August the 18th and the 19th of this year, Aurora, down by Lawrenceburg, Cincinnati area, down in there, will be hosting one; Washington Township in Marion County will be hosting one on the same weekend; Rossville, which is – What district is Rossville in?

MR. HOWE: District 21.

MR. NEVIL: District 21. They will be hosting one on the 23rd and 24th of September; these classes will be filled on a first-come/first-service basis; maximum of 40 students in each class. After October the 1st of 2000, we will offer two more of these courses. One of them is October 28th and 29th and at Seymour; the second one is November the 4th and the 5th and it will be held in Highland in Lake County.

Also, if you're into counter-terrorism, we have three new courses available in counter-terrorism; they are Emergency Response And Tactical Considerations For Haz-Mat; Tactical Considerations For EMS; and Tactical Considerations For Company Officers. This fall they're coming out with a fourth one, which will be Tactical Consideration For Command Officers; so that one is going to be designed for the chief, the assistant chief, and not the privates. But we're really trying to get these courses out for everybody.

If you would be willing to host one, give us a call in the office, and we'll set one up and do a course for you. Like all NFA courses through the office, they are free. Which is good to hear.

I know there's a lot of chiefs in here that belong to the Indiana Fire Chiefs; their conference is scheduled for July the 18th through the 21st at Bloomington. If you did attend the board meeting yesterday, you were aware that part of the board has some major issues coming up on changing the rules, adding some certification levels and making a lot of changes. One of 'em – one of 'em that will probably draw more comment than anything else is, that the board is looking at changing the context within the mandatory training. We are not going to even think about touching, doing anything with, approaching, any type of word you want to use, the 24 hours. It will be 24 hours, but the context within that frame is going to change. What it's going to end up, we do not know yet. In the next mailing that goes out, you will be given a -- some ideas of what the Board is going to be looking at for the context within that 24 hours, but the Board will be soliciting input from you on what you feel should be in that 24-hour time frame.

Public Safety Conference will be held on August 18th, 19th, and 20th at the Adams Mark, Indianapolis airport; there's some brochures over there in the Fire Marshal's booth, or if you need one, know somebody that needs some additional, give us the call and we will send them to you at the 800-666-7784 number.

There is a new program out there for firefighter's certifications that you can use to train with. In the past, you could pretty much limit it to IFSTA publication, the third and fourth edition, for Firefighter's Certification. DelMar Publishing is coming out with a program. It will be out shortly. I don't know how soon. But we have one pilot program that we're going to be going to be running in Indiana for DelMar, the City of Fort Wayne is starting a class on the 26th, and they're going to be doing a pilot program for them. All of our testing that will be validated, or it is validated presently, to the IFSTA, IFSTA, fourth edition, as well as the new DelMar program. So, whichever program you decide to go with, will fit the testing that we do have.

There was a proposal or bid proposal that went out earlier concerning the fire Academy for the State of Indiana. Do you, as firefighters, want one, or don't you want one? There was so many restrictions on that first one, that no vendor throughout the United States bid on it. So it came back in, or the time lapse, Marshal Boatwright and Myra Snyder and I sat down; we went though the proposal, made several changes in there and tried to put it back on the street again to find out if the firefighters in Indiana are interested in having a firefighting academy. Do you want one facility in Indiana? Do you want two facilities north, two facilities south; one facility south; one central; one north? You know? It's going to be up to you, the firefighters, to decide whether or not Indiana gets one. So, when this contract is out, and the proposal hits the street, if somebody contacts you my mail or phone, please respond back to them, because your input is what is going to dictate what happens to the fire service.

Lastly, I want to thank the association for giving me the opportunity to attend the services dinner in Washington, D.C. recently there on the first of May. And if anybody has any questions, I'll try to field them now. If not, I'll be around the rest of the day. Any questions? You folks have always been too easy. Thank you.

(Applause.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Ivan, is Gary in here? Did he want to say anything, or Mike Bigler?

MR. NEVIL: Mike, do you want to speak?

MR. ROBISON: I don't know what it would be about.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: At this time, District 15, Steve Anderson. Would you like to address the body?

MR. ANDERSON: At this time, District 15 would like to put in a bid for proposal for hosting 2002 convention. Evansville. And to start us off, I'd like to introduce Mike Burns from the Evansville Visitors and Convention Bureau; he's going to give our presentation.

MR. BURNS: My name is Mike Burns. I'm with the Evansville Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The first thing I'd like to do is to thank everybody that came by our little hospitality party last night. Laurie White and I had a great time. We had a real good time, and we hope you did, too. Laurie, why don't you stand up just in case there's one person here who hasn't met Laurie. She's our Director of Convention Services, and she's got the tough job.

The second thing that I'd like to say is that Evansville is very interested in hosting your 2002 convention. Evansville has a lot going for it. We've got a brand new convention center that we just built and we boast over 3000 hotel rooms in our city; so, all the hotels are looking forward to hosting your group, and we are offering special discounts. Now, I say picture works is worth a thousand words, so I'm going to be real brief, cut to this Power Point presentation and there's a little two-minute video that I'd like to show.

MR. BURNS: So, Evansville is very excited about hosting your group for 2002, and I thank you very much for your time. I said I'd be brief, so thank you very much. (Applause).

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: At this time, is there any other business for the 2002 convention? If not, I will entertain a motion to accept the bid of Evansville for the 2002 convention.

MR. BUSH: Mr. Vice President, Bill Bush, Sergeant at Arms. I make a motion we accept their offer.

MR. COOK: I'll second the Sergeant at Arms' motion. Walter Cook, District 1.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Okay. We have a motion. We have a second. All in favor of accepting Evansville proposal for the convention in 2002, signify by saying "aye."

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Four Honored For Saving Life of Child

Lowell Fire Chief Jack Eskridge and fellow firefighter Charlie Scott will probably never forget the morning of August 12, 1999, when they helped rescue six-year-old Emily Schiewe from her burning home. Neither will Tri-Creek Emergency Medical Services paramedics Alan Moore and Mike Kowal, who helped revive the young girl.

For disregarding their safety to save Emily, Eskridge and Scott were each awarded a Medal of Honor from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA) last week. Moore and Kowal were also recognized by the organization with certificates for reviving the girl and saving her life.

The awards were presented at the IVFA District #1 meeting, held August 16 at the Lake Dalecarlia Fire Station. The Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department hosted the meeting in honor of their fiftieth anniversary. The awards were presented to the four men by Ivan Nevil, an administrator at the Indiana Fire Academy representing the State Fire Marshal. "These are all acts of heroism," Nevil stressed.

The acts of heroism took place one year ago, at 836 Mohawk Drive in Lowell, then Emily's mother, Patricia Hepworth, drugged the child and set their home on fire. Hepworth, who said she intended to kill herself, too, escaped through a window with minor burns and went to a neighbor's home to report the fire. When police arrived, the heat, smoke and flames had engulfed the duplex, and the girl's location was unknown.

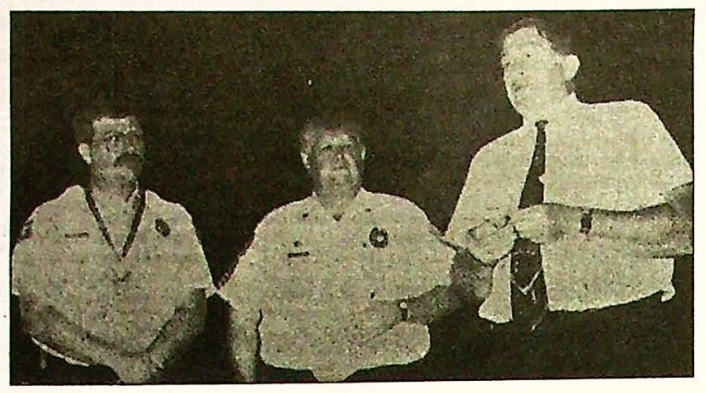
Lowell Police Officer John Swisher was the first on the scene and tried to enter the locked home in search of Emily, but was driven back by the intense heat and smoke.

When Eskridge and Scott arrived on the scene, they entered the house in firefighting gear and found the girl unconscious and lying on the living room floor. Once rescued from the blaze, paramedics Moore and Kowal revived Emily, who had suffered burns to her legs and back and whose body was so hot that emergency personnel could see and feel smoke. She was then rushed to St. Anthony Hospital, and soon flown to the University of Chicago Hospital.

A year later Emily, now seven and living in Illinois with her father, is recovering and undergoing physical therapy, but "still has a long way to go," admitted Eskridge.

Eskridge also said the youngster recently visited the Lowell fire station and inspired the firefighters who put their lives on the line to save the lives of their friends and neighbors. "It was great to see her," he said, "a lifeless body, burnt ... and to see her now, I mean, that's what it's all about."

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Lowell firefighter Charlie Scott and Fire Chief Jack Eskridge received medals of honor from Indiana Fire Academy Administrator Ivan Nevil at the District #1 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association meeting held August 16 at the Lake Dalecarlia Fire Station. Scott and Eskridge were honored for saving six-year-old Emily Schiewe from her burning home on August 12, 1999.



Tri-Creek Emergency Medical Services paramedics Alan Moore and Mike Kowal were honored last week with certificates presented by Indiana Fire Academy Administrator Ivan Nevil, for reviving six-year-old Emily Schiewe after she was rescued from her burning home on August 12, 1999. The awards were presented at the Lake Dalecarlia Fire Station during a firefighters' meeting.



Crown Point Fire Dept. Winners of Chain Saw

Pictured at left are ... Assistant Fire Chief Gerard Abraham with the chain saw won by the Crown Point Fire Department at 2000 IVFA Convention; Roland "Bub" Wise from CPFD, recipiemt of the Governor's Meritorious Service Award; Paul Watland of CPFD with Midwest Award for District 2 IVFA.

Firefighters Needed For Daytime Calls

The Lowell Volunteer Fire Department is putting our a call for new members, especially those who would be available on weekdays to answer emergency calls.

"We love people who work shift work, because they really help us out," said Lowell Fire Chief Jack Eskridge. "You must have an interest in helping your community, but it's a bonus if you available for daytime calls."

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, live within the Lowell community, pass an agility test and attend meetings and training sessions. "We have one business meeting and two training sessions a month," noted Eskridge.

Those interested are urged to pick up an application at the Lowell fire station or phone 696-6144 as soon as possible, since the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association is hosting a 40-hour basin training session in September. "We'd like to get our new people into that training, which you need to complete before you can be a full-fledged firefighter," added the fire chief.

The 30-member department has been holding its own, but most members work out of town during the day, and can't respond to many calls. "It's definitely a commitment, but it can be very satisfying, too," said Eskridge.

OBITUARIES

VT Hughes

VT Hughes, 87, Roanoke, died Monday, September 11, 2000 at the Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Hughes had been employed with International Harvester for 34 years and had been a volunteer with the Roanoke Fire Department for 25 years. He was a member of the Roanoke United Methodist Church. He had been a member of American Legion Post 160, Roanoke, for 50 years; and was a member of Masonic Lodge 195, Roanoke; Order of Eastern Star Chapter 62; and UAW Retirees.

He was born Oct. 26, 1912, in Huntington to John and Pearl Gamble Hughes.

Survivors include a son, Ted V. Hughes of Cromwell; a stepson, Charles H. Willen of Fort Wayne; four stepdaughters, Jo DeFord of Roanoke, Norma E. Patton of Fayetteville, N.C., Barbara O'Dier of Bloomington and Patricia Schaefer of Fort Wayne; a sister, Anna McHenry of Huntington; two brothers, Red Hughes of Marion and Bob Hughes of Waynedale; 20 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

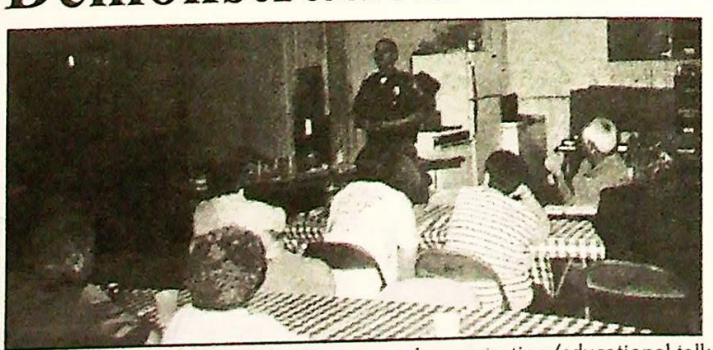
He was preceded in death by his first wife, Princess Olive "Pat" Wiest, who died in 1958; his second wife, Ola Craft Hughes, who died in 1997; a son, Wayne Hughes, who died in 1984; and a sister, Jean Lockwood, who died in 2000.

Calling was 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, with Masonic services at 7:30 p.m., at the D. O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne, where funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday. Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to the Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department.

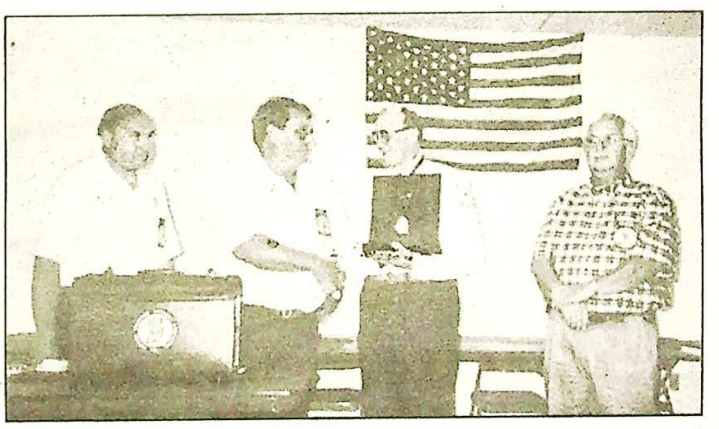
VT Hughes was a 50 year IVFA Gold Card recipient.

State Trooper Gives Demonstration/Talk



Indiana State Trooper Eric Dunn gives demonstration/educational talk on meth labs at District 17A's supepr and meeting at Richland/Taylor Volunteer Fire Department at Bloomfield Station on August 23rd. (Photo submitted by Ronald Bell, IVFA Public Relations Southwest).

Union Fire Chief Archie Sapp Surprised With Another Award



On July 15th, Archie Sapp was awarded the Ollie Sandburg Award. Present at the District 17A meeting at Winslow Volunteer Fire Department to present this to Archie was I.V.F.A. President Jack Kerney, I.V.F.A. Treasurer Jack Harker and District 17A Chairman Ronald Bell. (Photo submitted by IVFA Public Relations Southwest, Ronald Bell).

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June 15 meeting minutes continued ....

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(Motion passed)

(Ayes in unison.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Those opposed, same sign.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

(Laughter.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: We did check with the Convention Bureau and also the hotel. Those $72 rates, are what they will be in 2002; they will not go up, 2002 -- the rate will be $72. So I want to thank Mike for coming, and thanks for the presentation.

At this time we'll move into election of officers. Richard Glant.

MR. MORRIS: Do you want the Election Committee?

MR. GLANT: Will the Election Committee please come forward; Red Morris; Charlie Baker, Jim Parker, Lawrence Swartz, Ivan Nevil. Right over here.

(Election Committee members assemble at their designated table.)

MR. GLANT: Okay, let's get this done as early as possible. I'm opening the floor for nominations for President. The Nomination Committee places in the hands of the body the name of Jack Kerney. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations?

MR. GLANT: Third and final call, any further nominations?

(No response.)

MR. GLANT: I declare the nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: As the Secretary, I am very pleased to cast one unanimous ballot for our new president -- You got anything to say?

MR. KERNEY: No.

MR. MORRIS: -- Jack Kerney, and he says he has nothing to say.

MR. GLANT: Okay. We will move on for Vice President. The Nomination Committee places in the hands of the body the name of Buzz Koehler. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Third and final. Further nominations? I declare the nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: Again, it's my pleasure to cast one unanimous ballot for the office of Vice President, Buzz Koehler.

MR. GLANT: Nomination for Secretary. We have two. John Davies and Red Morris. Are there any further nominations?

MR. SCHELE: Ed Schele, District 19, I nominate Joe Caudill.

MR. GLANT: Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? I declare the nominations be closed. District Chairmen poll your districts. The nominees are John Davies, Red Morris and Joe Caudill.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Can we see who they are?

MR. GLANT: Oh, John Davies, are you here? Stand up. Red Morris, you know who Red Morris is. John Caudill, stand up.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Do they want to say anything to the group?

MR. GLANT: Do you guys want to say anything to the group? John?

MR. DAVIES: For the benefit of those of you who don't know me, my name is John Davies. I have served this glorious organization in the past; for many years as your recording secretary and then for several years as your assistant secretary. I would like to have the job of being your regular secretary this time. Thank you.

MR. MORRIS: I'm Red Morris, and if it is your pleasure, I will serve you as your secretary to the best of my ability, and I will listen if anyone wants to tell me what they think we should be doing, I'd like to hear it.

MR. GLANT: I guess Joe is not going to talk to us. He declined. They are voting. I forgot to tell him to bar the doors. Sergeant at Arms, did you tie all the doors?

Okay, if all the ballots are in, we're going to move on just a little bit so we can speed this up. We're going to vote for PR Directors that are not in the nominees for Secretary's areas. The first one is PR northeast, which is districts 4, 5, 6, and 7. The nominating committee places the name of Mike Mackin in nomination.

MR. BUSH: Mr. Chairman, if you have the doors barred, when the count is going on, how are you going to let them people out there vote for them?

MR. GLANT: There's people outside?

MR. BUSH: Yes, now they're voting for the next office.

MR. GLANT: I didn't know there was people outside, there shouldn't have been.

MR. BUSH: What do you mean they shouldn't have been? They were out before the vote. I think you ought to let them come in and vote.

MR. GLANT: Okay, unbar the doors then.

(Doors unbarred).

MR. GLANT: Okay, now we're going to move on. If they want to be in here, they can be. I'm ready for nomination from District 4, 5, 6, or 7. Any further nominations from District 4, 5, 6, and 7? Any further nominations from District 4, 5, 6, and 7. If not, I believe the nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: Thank you for the opportunity to cast one unanimous ballot for Mike Mackin, PR northeast.

MR. GLANT: We can go to PR northwest. The nominating committee places the name of Larry Stott in nomination, from Districts 1, 2, 3, 9-A, 9-B.

MR. STOTT: Larry Stott, District 2 Chairman, I decline the nomination, and at this time I'd like to nominate Dennis Shavey.

MR. GLANT: District 1, 2, 3, 9-A, 9-B, we have the nomination of Dennis Shavey. Any further nomination from District 1, 2, 3, 9-A, 9-B? Any further nomination from District 1, 2, 3, 9-A, 9-B? Is that two or three? Third and final. Any further nominations from Districts 1, 2, 3, 9-A, 9-B? I declare the nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: I'm proud to be able to cast one unanimous ballot for Dennis Schavey, PR northeast.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: West.

MR. MORRIS: Northwest, excuse me. Northwest.

MR. GLANT: PR East Central. The nominating committee wishes to nominate Don Cushman.

MR. GLANT: Any further nominations from 8-A, 8-B, 10, 13-A, 13-B? Any further nominations from 8-A, 8-B, 10, 13-A, 13-B? Any further nominations from the District 8-A, 8-B, 13-A, 13-B and 10? I declare the nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: I am proud to be able to cast one unanimous ballot for Don Cushman, PR director east central.

MR. GLANT: We'll move on to PR southeast. The nominating committee wishes to nominate Nelson Ehlers.

MR. GLANT: Are there any further nominations from Districts 14, 16, and 19?

MR. GLANT: Any further nominations from Districts 14, 15 and 19? Any further nominations from 14, 16 or 19? Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: It is a pleasure for me to be able to cast one unanimous ballot for Nelson Ehlers, PR southeast.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: We want to also announce that all the old and new officers are encouraged to participate in the Saturday parade, and they will lineup at noon -- At where, Tim Sandy?

MR. SANDY: Elston and Franklin.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Where? Elston and Franklin Street. Lineup at noon, the parade is at two.

MR. MACKIN: Jack? Mike Mackin, PR. Where is the church at that we're going to have the memorial service today, what streets?

MR. SANDY: Ninth and Franklin Street.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY. The church is at 9th and Franklin.

MR. SANDY: Right where it turns one way is 9th Street; it's right there.

MR. HOWE: Northeast corner. Are we having transportation over there?

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Yes, there is transportation provided to the church, right? Yes, and there's transportation provided to the banquet tonight. I also might announce that at the conclusion of the business meeting this morning, we will not have to return this afternoon for the business meeting. We will have conducted all the business that needs to be conducted. So, at the conclusion of this meeting, we will not have to return this afternoon.

MR. MACKIN: Jack, another question. People are asking where the banquet is going to be at, too.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Give me some help; where is the banquet?

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Orak Temple. South end of town.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Host Convention Committee, who is taking up the raffle tickets?

MR. HOWE: What, what, what,

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Raffle tickets, who is taking up the raffle tickets that was mailed to each department? Do we know who that is? Nobody knows.

MR. MORRIS: Where is Tim?

MR. BUSH: I'll take them and take your money and turn the tickets in.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Do we have any other business that needs to be conducted?

(No response).

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Al Mendel, would you like to say anything about the games?

MR. MENDEL: I can talk back here, I'm loud enough. Games will start at eight o'clock tomorrow morning. They will be over on the peninsula; we don't have too many teams, so we are going to be running through them pretty quick. The men's drawing is back there on the wall; Miss Flames have got some teams in the women's contest, also. Looks like we're going to have a pretty good time tomorrow. Again, we are going to start at eight o'clock in the morning. If you're not there by eight, you're not going to be able to participate. So make sure everybody is out bright and early in the morning. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Thanks, Al.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: What time's the dinner, six or seven? The banquet?

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: The question was what time the banquet starts. It starts at six o'clock.

MR. GLANT: Okay, gentlemen. Results of the secretary's election. The secretary is Red Morris (applause). We'll now open the floor for treasurer. The Nominating Committee nominates Jack Harker. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further? Are there any further nominations from the floor? I declare the nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: I am indeed very happy to cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Harker; the treasurer for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association.

MR. GLANT: Next on my list is Sergeant At Arms. The Nominating Committee nominates Bill Bush. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Third and final, further nominations from the floor? Nominations will be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: As one of the old timers around here, as Bill would say, it is a pleasure to cast one unanimous ballot for the other old timer, Bill Bush, Sergeant At Arms, IVFA.

MR. BUSH: Thanks guys (applause).

MR. GLANT: Okay, we have two more PR's to go through: West central -- The nominating committee nominates Don Johnson. Are there any further nominations -- Wait a minute. This is Districts 11-A, 11-B, 12, 21.

MR. MENDEL: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to nominate John Ross for PR West Central.

MR. MAX HARRAH: Max Harrah, 11-A nominates Larry Bartlow for your west central PR.

MR. GLANT: Are there any further nominations from the floor from District 11-A, 11-B, 12 and 21?

MR. GLANT: Any further nominations. Third and final, any further nominations. Districts 11-A, 11-B, 12, 21, poll your districts. You have Larry Bartlow, John Ross, Don Johnson.

MR. GLANT: Sergeant At Arms bar the doors.

(Doors barred).

MR. GLANT: While they're polling their district, we now have one more PR, PR southwest. We have Jack Harker listed, but now he's treasurer. This one is 15, 17-A, 17-B, and 18. The nominating committee nominates Ron Bell. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? I declare the nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: I am proud to be able to cast one unanimous ballot for Ron Bell, PR director southwest.

MR. GLANT: Are the ballots in from 11-A, 11-B, 12 and 21?

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Yes.

MR. GLANT: Nominations are now open for Chaplain. The Nominating Committee nominates Charles Baker. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? I declare nominations be closed. Mr. Secretary.

MR. MORRIS: I get to do the honor of casting one unanimous ballot for Charlie Baker, Chaplain, IVFA.

MR. GLANT: The PR for West Central is Larry Bartlow.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: It looks like we are going to get out of here before 10:30. Is there any other business that needs to be brought before the body at this time?

MR. ZEEKS: Audit Committee.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Mr. Zeeks.

MR. ZEEKS: As Chairman of the Audit Committee, we reviewed the audit this morning, it is our recommendation to this body to accept this report.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: We need a motion to accept the Audit Committee's report.

MR. HOWE: Bill Howe, District 1, I move we accept the Audit Committee's recommendation for the 1999 books, right?

MR. MACKIN: Mike Mackin, PR northeast, I'll second.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: We have a motion and a second. All in favor of accepting the audit signify by saying "aye".

(Ayes in unison.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Opposed same sign.

(Ayes in unison.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Motion carried.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Any other business?

MR. BUSH: Somebody take the signs and everything done, because there is nobody to handle the show.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Mr. Mackin?

MR. MACKIN: Yes.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: I know you're not convention Chairman.

MR. MACKIN: I know. Signs.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Old business -- Warren Rich.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: District Chairmen that do not have your mileage checks yet, you need to stay here until you get those. At this time, if there is no other business, we will adjourn as soon as we have the closing.

(Benediction)

MR. HOWE: Motion we adjourn.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Second.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Have a motion to adjourn and second. All in favor signify by saying "aye".

(Ayes in unison).

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Opposed same sign.

(Ayes in unison.)

ACTING CHAIRMAN KERNEY: Meeting adjourned.

(Proceedings concluded.)

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Delphi Firefighters Josh Mulbarger and Scott Delany are shown giving an Extrication Demo at the Fire Safety Open House on Oct. 10 & 11 at Delhi Fire Station.

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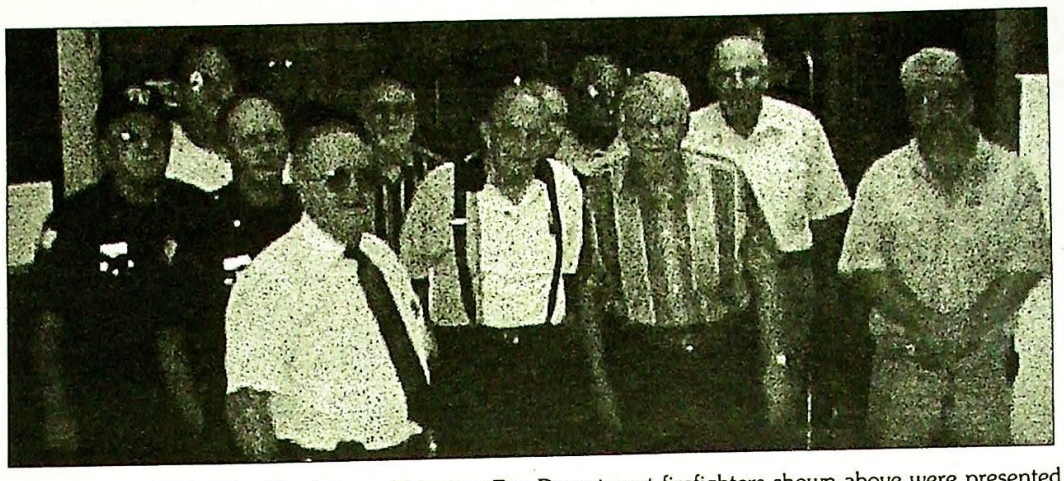


Receives Rose In Memory of Husband

On October 3, 2000, Roy Richardson, District 14 Chairman presented a rose to Mrs. Daniel Grace in memory of her husband. Firefighter Grace was a member of the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department, Charlestown, Indiana.

(Photo submitted by Paula Schindler, Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department)

Service Pins Awarded



October 3, 2000 - The Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department firefighters shown above were presented pins for service of 25 years or more. From (left to right) are: Roy Richardson, District 14 Chairman, making the presentations, Carl Hall, Bill Caldwell, George Morgan, Lawrence Trump, Richard Henderson, Gerald Hall, Joseph Eberle, Bill Brewer, Steve Davenport, Art Vogt and Ed Shain. Not in attendance receiving pins were: Ralph Webb, Bill Collins, Arnold Hall, Roger Miller, Don Ennis and Jim Ennis.

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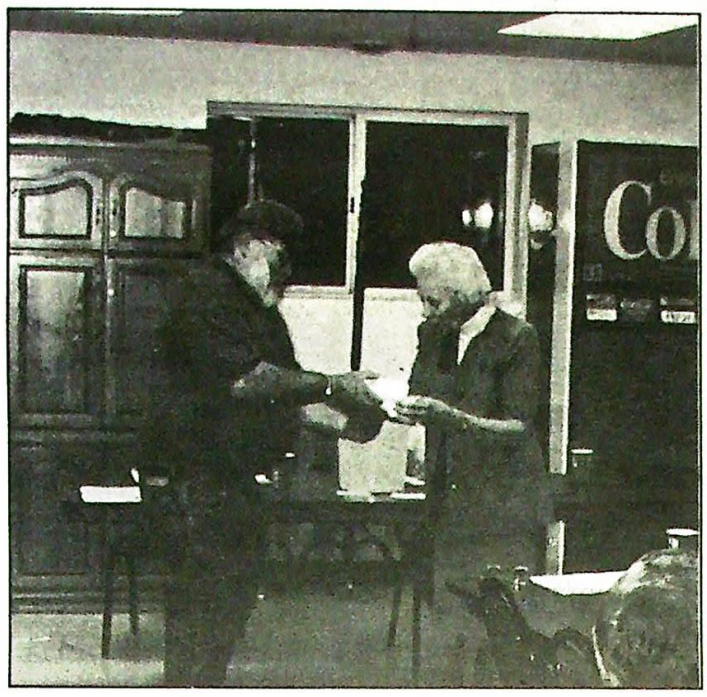
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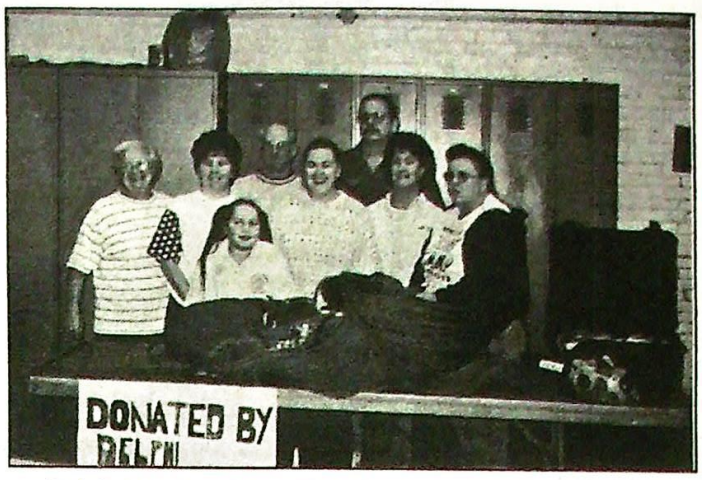
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Senator Katie Wolff Receives Necklace



Senator Katie Wolff received a gold fire truck necklace from President Mike Hoffman of the Carroll County Fire Association for her services as State Senator.

New Purchases Made



Delphi ladies' auxiliary, Chief Shock and 2nd Asst. Chief Randle are shown with new rope equipment, chain saw and gas detector purchases.

Decision Made to Re-visit 24-Hour Training Requirements

The Board of Directors of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education has made a decision to re-visit the 24-hour training requirement for firefighters in Indiana.

Under IC 36-8-10.5 training to be completed prior to becoming a member of a fire department consists of the following:

Orientation - one (1) hour
Personal Safety - two (2) hours
Forcible Entry - two (2) hours
Ventilation - two (2) hours
Apparatus - two (2) hours
Ladders - four (4) hours
Self contained breathing apparatus - six (6) hours
Hose load - one and one half (1.5) hours
Streams - one and one half (1.5) hours
Basic recognition of special hazards - two (2) hours

The Board is open to suggestions on how to restructure the content and times within the law. Be advised that the Board has no intention of changing the 24-hour law but all members feel that some time should be spent on other areas pertaining to firefighting.

For example, special hazards could be included in personal safety and haz-mat under basic firefighter certification.

All comments and suggestions should be returned to:

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Growing Communities Require More Fire Protection

INDIANAPOLIS - Families had to watch as flames covered their belongings and their memories as blaze tore through three houses in a New Whiteland May 17th fire with only three firefighters from the local department showing up to put it out.

Tammi Hickman, a Johnson County community resident, said, "This was a big wake-up call for me and my husband."

"If the town is going to build more and more houses, then we must have proper fire protection," she said.

But that's getting increasingly difficult for many of the dozens of Indiana towns that rely on the state's 750 volunteer fire departments for protection. The departments cover 85% of the state.

The need for dependable, 24-hour protection continues as communities continue to grow, such as the ones like New Whiteland, that are near urban areas.

It's not just that the growing towns mean more buildings and more people to protect; communities that are close to bigger cities see increasing numbers of their residents commute far away to work every day - and far from any fire that might break out at home.

Bill Kinsey, 66, treasurer of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and a member of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department in Allen County, stated that "It is impossible in the daytime to get the people needed in time."

"It's inevitable that eventually volunteer departments are going to have to make a change," he said. "Purely volunteer departments will not be able to exist much longer."

Among those who believe a slow response and ineffective maneuvers by volunteers contributed to the destruction is New Whiteland resident Kelly Martz, who home was destroyed by the daytime fire.

New Whiteland Volunteer Fire Department officials contend firefighters followed correct procedures and arrived as quickly as they could, even if only three of the department's 26 volunteers made it. Other departments responded to New Whiteland's call for help.

The lack of daytime volunteers is prompting departments to switch to full-time or combination paid/volunteer departments, said Jack Kerney, chief of the McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department in Vanderburgh County.

One problem is the law. Employers aren't required to let workers who are volunteer firefighters leave when called. State government employees who volunteer, however, must respond to calls regardless of work duties.

The Avon Fire Department felt the heat of staffing problems and, within seven years, went from a totally volunteer staff to 40 paid positions.

Department spokesman, Jeff Thompson, stated that, "Our daytime staffing was the biggest concern." "We just didn't have enough people around during the day to make the runs." Now, just three volunteers remain.

(This article was courtesy of The Associated Press from The News Sentinel, Fort Wayne).

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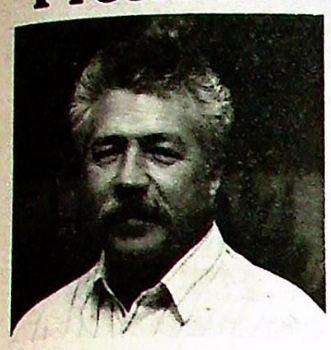
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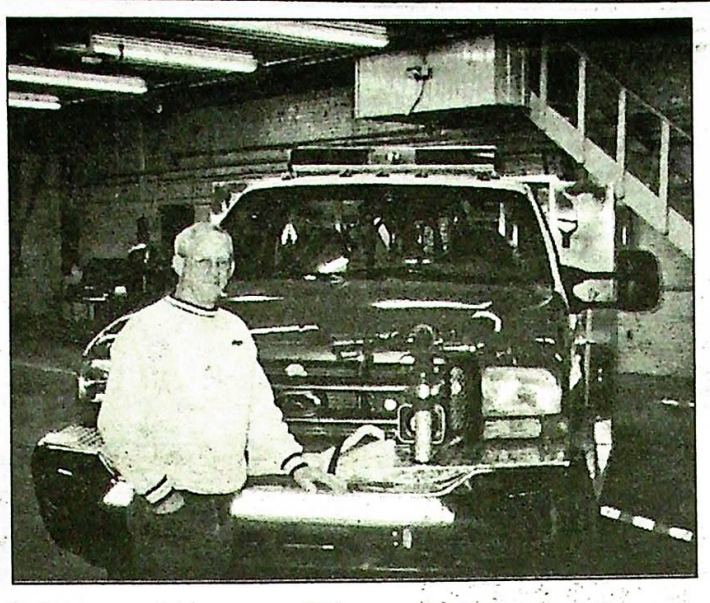
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L.E. "Buz" Koehler
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New Grass Truck Purchase

Delphi Fire Chief Bill Schock is shown with the new grass truck purchased within the past year by a grant that he built.

ATTENTION

CPSC, Vaid Enterprises Announce Recall of "BIC" Cigarette Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Vaid Enterprises, of Jersey City, N.J. is recalling about 294,000 disposable cigarette lighters. The lighters do not have child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

CPSC and Vaid Enterprises are not aware of any injuries involving these cigarette lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The disposable cigarette lighters being recalled are oval-tube-shaped 'BIC' and mini- 'BIC' brand lighters. The lighters have a green, red, blue, black or yellow body and a metal top. 'BIC' and "made in France" is imprinted into the metal top of the lighter. A label on the lighter reads, "WARNING KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN". The standard size lighters have the UPC number 3 086120 600020 and the mini-lighters have the UPC number 3 086120 600051.

Convenience, gas, grocery and thrift stores in the Eastern U.S. sold these disposable cigarette lighters from January 2000 through April

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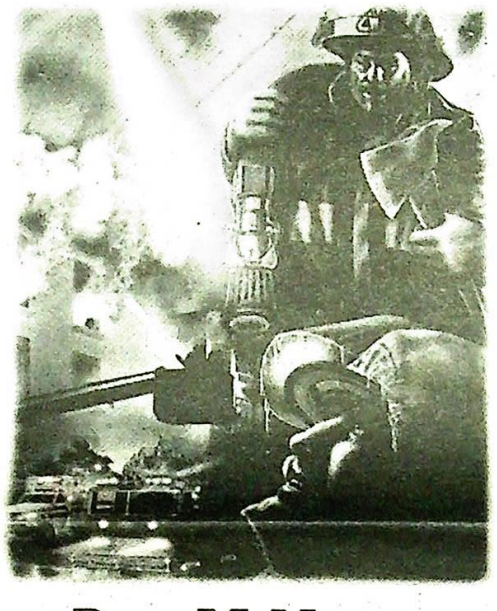
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NOTICE:
TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

A REMINDER TO ANY DEPT. BUILDING OR THINKING OF BUILDING A NEW STATION

The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

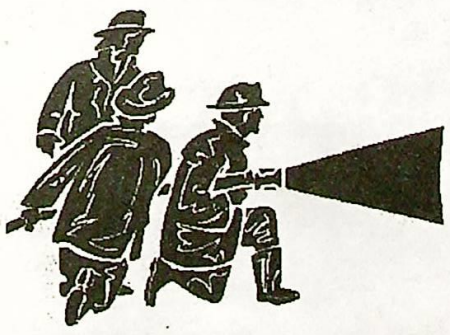
Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

Please contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213 at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. He will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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