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From the President



Jack Kerney

We finished the 2001 membership year with 17,200 members. We are already at 16,400 members with some departments that have not paid their dues. I feel confident that we should be able to reach 17,500 members before May 1, 2003.

The IVFA now has available for

sale (see order form in this issue). T-shirts, denim shirts, hats, jackets, pull over wind shirts, and golf shirts, with the IVFA logo. These items are available from the IVFA Office for immediate shipment in time for Christmas. Custom embroidery is available upon request.

It is time for those of you that are thinking about applying for the Bridgeport Scholarships, to start filling out the forms and get returned to the IVFA Office by March 1, 2003. Scholarship forms are available from your District Chairman or call the IVFA Office to have one sent to you.

The IVFA Board of Directors is working on a benefits package for membership. The first package we are looking at will be an insurance package including life and health insurance. More information will be forthcoming at your district meetings as this project progresses. We are looking at other benefits that would be available to our membership.

This will be my last article as your President. It has been a re-

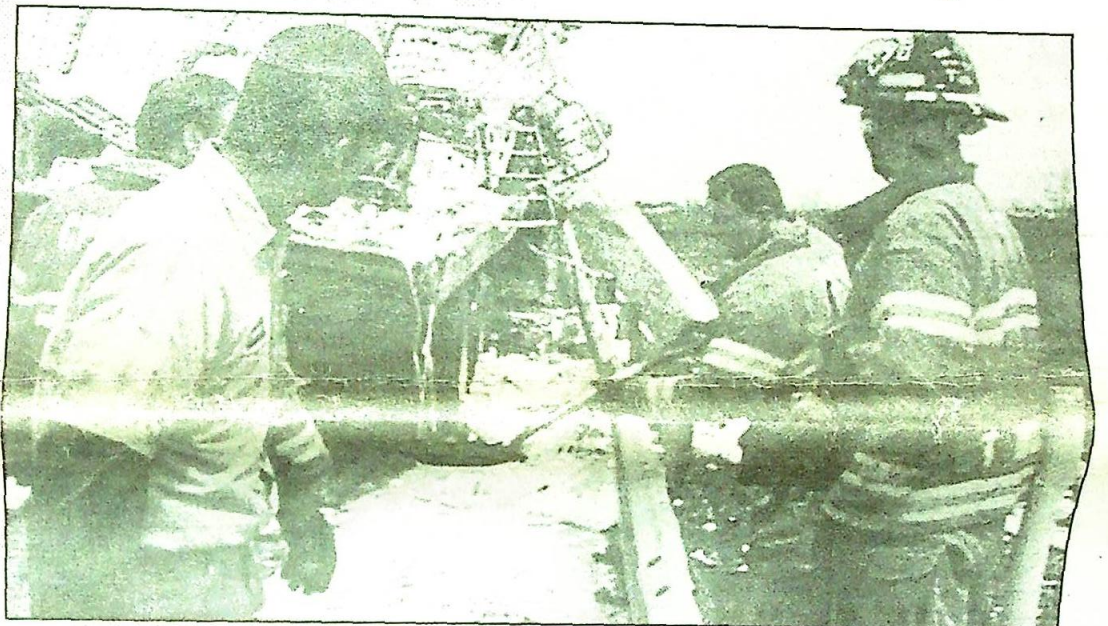
warding three years. Everyone has been so kind and helpful to Barb and me. This Board of Directors has been one of the best boards I have ever had the pleasure of serving with. We have accomplished a

lot over the last three years and we have made some very hard business decisions. I am looking forward to serving the next year as your Vice-President. If anyone

needs help or has questions I will still be available if needed.

Barb and I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Accident Spills 15,000 Dozen Eggs On Roadway



Crown Point Fire Rescue work to clean-up eggs which coated I-65 after driver falls asleep and hits guardrail. (Photo submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman)

I-65 SCRAMBLE

Center Township - Cars on Interstate 65 couldn't travel north on U.S. 231 on Monday morning because a truck driver fell asleep at the wheel, hit a guardrail and spilled the 15,120 dozen eggs he was carrying from a Rensselaer farm to Chicago, state police said.

For 3-1/2 hours, northbound I-65 lanes north of the U.S. 231 exit were closed while firemen and highway workers cleaned up the eggs.

Driving a white 1996 semi-box trailer, carrying eggs for Chicago-based Dutch Farms, he was driving from Rose Acres farm in Rensselaer to Chicago when the accident happened.

He fell asleep while driving, causing the truck's cab and box trailer to drift off the road and bump into a guardrail. Then the box trailer, which contained the eggs, hit a bridge pier, and the trailer's top and right side were cut off, causing the eggs to spill.

Police cited the driver for unsafe lane movement and driving without a trucker's log book.



I.V.F.A. Benefits

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

What Is A District Meeting?????



A place to gather information.

A place to meet those departments around you and in your district to discuss things that you have in common and problems that you may also have in common.

A place to meet your state officers and ask them questions and voice concerns.

A place to see new equipment and receive training in the form of a short program.

A place to discuss and vote on items that affect the Association and your departments as members.

A place to voice your opinions and give direction to the Association.

A place to let everyone around you know what fund raisers and events are going on in your department.

District meetings are held every other month and in the evening at a time decided by the District and on a date set by the District. This allows each district to pick a time that will work the best for that general area.

Each year (usually in July) a district chairman is elected to represent each district at the state level and this is a very important meeting.

As members of the Association, we should look to one another for help to solve problems and lend support to each other.

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.

Changes In Blue Light Law Under HB 1208

1. Lights may be used while en route to scenes of emergencies or to the fire station.

2. A light is only required to have a source of at least 35 watts, instead of 50 watts.

3. Lights may now be placed on the (i) top of the vehicle, (ii)

the dashboard inside, shielded to prevent distracting the driver OR (iii) front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at bumper level.

4. No more than 4 light assemblies may be displayed on 1 vehicle and each assembly must be of the flashing or revolving type.

5. A blue light assembly may contain multiple bulbs.

6. Alternately flashing head lamps may be used as a supplemental warning device. Strobe lights or flashers may be installed into the light fixtures on the vehicle other than the alternating head lamps. The strobe lights or flashers may be either white or blue, with the exception of red to the rear.

7. If a member of a volunteer fire department violates the blue light law, the chief of the department shall discipline the firefighter under fire department rules and regulations.

Signed by the Governor on March 27, 2002 and effective that date.

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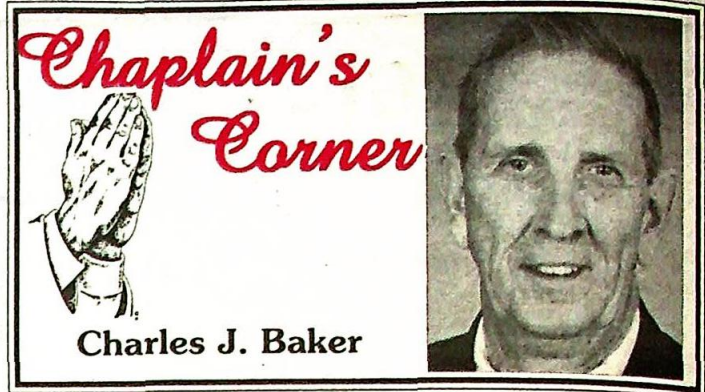
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Today's Prayer

Almighty God,
 Keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this nation having no rulers except you, our Almighty God.

In His Name,
 Amen

Thanks To All!

Who have served their communities these many years and have come to the aid of neighbors, friends and strangers when they have called for help. You have been an inspiration to yours truly in the course of my duties. And, now it is time to introduce your new Chaplain, Fred L. Page, a good and sincere man of God who will replace me at the end of the year.

Here is an abbreviated history of higher learning of Chaplain Page:
 1. 1974 Bachelor of Arts, DePauw University, Indiana
 2. 1980 Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey
 3. 1990 Doctor of Ministry, University of Dubuque, Iowa
 Chaplain Page has the following experience in the fire service:
 1971-1974 DePauw Fire Company; Deputy Chief, Captain, Treasurer and Firefighter/EMT
 1974-1975 East Windsor, NJ Fire Company; Secretary and Firefighter
 1976-1978 DePauw Fire Company, Acting Chief
 1987-1988 Putnam County, IN Fire Chiefs Assoc., President
 1978-1980 Princeton Junction, NJ Fire Department; Chaplain, Secretary and Firefighter
 1980-1984 Dardanelle, AR Fire Department; Fire Chief and Firefighter
 1982-1984 State of Arkansas; Deputy Fire Marshal
 1987-1992 Cooteneck, AR Fire Department; Firefighter
 1989-1992 Temperence Hill, AR Fire Department; Founding member, Training Officer, Firefighter
 1992-2002 Rossville, IN Fire Department; Firefighter, Secretary, Training Officer, Investigator, and Assistant Chief
 2000-2002 Carroll County, IN Fire Investigation Task Force; Investigator

Chaplain Page has received these fire service accreditations:
 1977: Indiana Public Safety Institute; Masters in Firefighter, Tactics and Instructor; 1996: International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC); Instructor III; 1998: IFSAC, Fire Officer II; 2002: IFSAC, Fire Investigator I; 2000: IFSAC, Fire and Explosion Investigator.

Space does not permit listing the rest of Fred Page's accomplishments, especially in his several positions involving the Church and his ministry. Fortunately for the IVFA, Fred has taken a position within the Presbytery and is available for us.

Suffice to say that incoming Chaplain Fred L. Page is superbly qualified (and willing) to carry out the responsibilities of Chaplain, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Please give him your wholehearted support.

Thanks to all,
 Charlie Baker

In Memoriam

These deceased members of the Association have been reported to the Chaplain since the Annual Memorial Service:
 Raymond C. Arnold, Arcola V.F.D., District 6
 Jack Corson, Friendship V.F.D., District 19
 Max B. Foster, Cayuga V.F.D., District 11-B
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MARCH 1, 2003
DEADLINE

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Applications are available from all district chairmen, elected officers of the IVFA, or the Scholarship Chairman.

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From the Vice President



Buz Koehler

Fall is upon us, the changing of the leaves and such beautiful colors. Bonfires, hot dog roasts and hayrides are some things we all look forward to. With the harvest season, it can be a very busy time for fire departments also. We must keep safety in the forefront of our minds at all times. Grass and field fires sometimes present difficult situations. Now is when a cigarette thrown from a car window can ignite a whole field. Please be safe out there and watch over your Fire Department families.

Recently we had one of our own

firefighters in Rensselaer get hurt during our "Fill the Boot" campaign. He was diligently collecting donations when a car came around a corner and for some reason didn't see our firefighter standing there. He was hit and flew over the hood and windshield of the car. He landed face first on the pavement. Luckily, he wasn't hurt as badly as he could have been. He suffered the usual bumps and bruises along with a broken nose and a possible mild concussion. Sometimes things happen beyond our control. Safety is always our number one concern for others and our own.

As your Vice President I have

been traveling around the state to other departments. I have met a lot of wonderful people. I always enjoy that. Indiana's hospitality is second to none and nowhere is it more evident than at the fire stations around our state. I am still in the process of traveling around the state to departments. If you have a special function or meeting you would like for me to attend, please let me know. I try to attend as many as possible.

Stay safe and I will see you at the district meetings.

L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Vice President

Cedar Lake Adds Ladder Truck

New equipment helps fire chief's peace of mind as taller buildings come to town

By Diane Calderone Jostes
Times Correspondent

CEDAR LAKE - Fighting fires on buildings taller than a couple of stories is no longer a tall order for the volunteer Fire Department.

Cedar Lake has recently taken receipt of a 75-foot ladder truck, a piece of equipment firefighters welcome as a couple of three-story townhouses take shape in the community.

Fire Chief Dennis Wilkening's concerns came to light last year as the possibility was being discussed of adding a fourth floor to the former Salesian Preparatory School. Wilkening said then his department did not have the equipment to fight a fire should one break out in the four-story structure.

The good-as-new truck is a 1993 Pierce that Cedar Lake bought from a fire department in Cypress, Texas, an upscale community outside of Houston.

"The men and women (firefighters) thought Santa Claus had come when the truck pulled in," Wilkening said.

And as excited as a bunch of kids at the holiday, the volunteers each got a turn climbing to the top of the ladder, where some said they could see the lake in the distance.

Wilkening said the town would have had to pay \$550,000 for a new truck. This one sold for half that at \$225,000.

"We feel we got a good deal on

the truck and some firemen from other departments who have come to see it agreed," Wilkening said.

It's also easing the chief's mind about firefighting capabilities with some of the taller structures coming into town.

"With this truck we can ventilate roofs and don't have to worry about one of our firefighters going up on a ladder," Wilkening said.

Firefighters are busy now changing the lettering on the truck and getting it ready for service.

The ladder truck is also a pumper and adds to the department's three other pumpers, two tankers, two brush fire trucks and an ambulance. The department also has a boat and hover craft to be used for accidents on the lake.

(Article submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman)

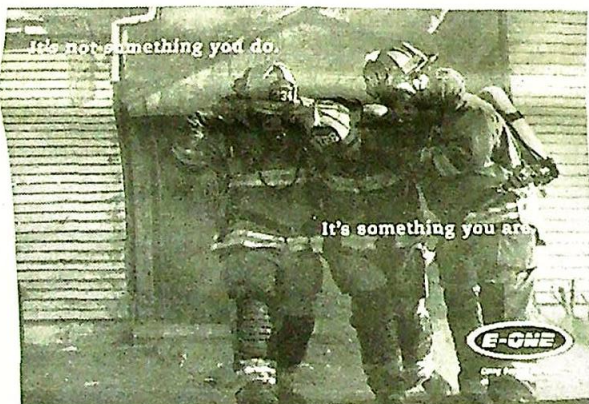
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We will not forget....



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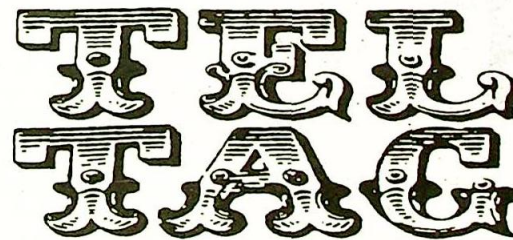


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The Sign That Stays Reflective



District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Tom Orrell
District 1
Chairman



Griffith Fire Department
July 17, 2002

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. PR Northwest Jim Bradford led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Chief George Thiel of Griffith Fire Dept. gave a brief history of the Griffith Fire Dept. and introduced its members. Members of Griffith Fire Dept. then surprised Chief Thiel by presenting him with a plaque for 50 years of dedicated service, the last 20 being the Chief.

Guests included: Vice president-elect Buz Koehler and his wife, Carol, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former District 1 Chairman/former Mr. IVFA Bob Esserman, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, District 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, District 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, District 1 IVFAA chairperson Phyllis Vargo, District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, District 1 Miss Flame/Miss Congeniality Kim Perry, 50 year Gold Card member Earl Alger, Phil Griffith, Guy Davis and Rod Norton of Porter County EMA, head of Porter Co. Fire Association Jim Branham, Tim Tully of ESG Sales, Tom Somers of TM Somers Fire Equipment and Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts & Supplies.

Fifty-five members of ten departments in District 1 answered roll call with the attendance trophy going to Lake Ridge, and 18 members of six departments in District 2 with the trophy going to Lake Eliza.

Keith Austin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last meeting, seconded by Bob Szot. PASSED.

Vice president-president elect Buz Koehler handed out surveys to be filled out reference to changing the convention back to a weekend. Buz also spoke on insurance issues and memberships. PR Northwest Jim Bradford spoke on House Bill 1081, Insurance policies, workman's compensation issues and beneficiary information forms. Past president Mitch Parish spoke on the National Fire Council Paper.

District 2 chairman Paul Watland announced two deaths in his district, Brian Decker of Cedar Lake and Walter Lavarski of Lake Hills, a moment of silence was observed. Paul also presented Keith Schilling with the Midwest Award from District 2. District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell presented the Midwest Award from District 1 to Jim Branham, District 1 IVFAA chairperson Phyllis Vargo advised the next IVFAA meeting would be on September 5th, 2002 at Ainsworth/Deep River Fire Dept., also advised to get the IFVA Miss Flame applications in for each district. District 1 Miss Flame/Miss Congeniality Kim Perry encouraged the girls to run for the Miss Flames.

No old business to report.

New Business: election of officers. One unanimous vote for the following: Tom Orrell for District 1 Chairman, nominated by Eric Kurtz. PASSED. Paul Watland for District 2 Chairman, nominated by Bob Wise. PASSED. Clarence Moss for Districts 1/2 treasurer, nomi-

nated by Dennis Wilkinings. PASSED. Diana Orrell for Districts 1/2 secretary, nominated by Keith Austin. PASSED.

Good of the order:

Shelby Fire Department Pork Chop Dinner on July 20th from 2-7 P.M.

Lake Dale FD Auxiliary Steak Fry on August 10th from 5-8 P.M.

Beverly Shores FD Pancake Breakfast/Edith House on October 6th.

Chesterton FD 100th Anniversary Street Dance on August 10th.

South Haven FD 40th Anniversary Open House on August 17th from 2-6 P.M.

Lincoln Township FD 40th Anniversary August 21st, Steak/Ribs dinner with door prizes.

The next meeting will be held on August 21st, 2002 at Lincoln Township FD.

Mitch Parish won \$59 in the 50/50 raffle. Phyllis Vargo won a 5-way spanner wrench, and Keith Austin won a 2 1/2 lb. ABC Extinguisher, both donated by TM Sommers Fire Equipment. Bob Szot won a fire statue with/child, Earl Agler won a fire statue w/K9, and Bob Esserman won a Dalmatian marionette puppet, all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts & Supplies.

Bob Szot made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Keith Austin at 8:34 P.M.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
Districts 1 & 2

Lincoln Twp. Fire Department
"40th Anniversary"
August 21, 2002

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. Reverend Ron Gann led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Guests included: Vice president-elect Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, former District 2 chairman Larry Stott, District 9B chairman Randy Denton, Districts 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame/Miss Congeniality Kim Perry, 50 yr Gold Card members (Shelby Fire) Art Morrison, Chubb Hall and Sparky Hall, Newton County commissioners Jim Pistello, and Roxanne Hanford, Newton County coroner/sheriff candidate Larry Bartley, Newton County council member Sharon Miller, Lincoln Township trustee candidate Paula Knapp, retired Lincoln Township FF/Medic Bill Ackinson, Newton County dispatcher Kim Hughes, Goodland Fire Chief Don Lah and Goodland Town Marshal Dillon Hall, Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniforms, Rick Perry from Perry's Firefighters Gifts & Supplies, and Jim Daly from Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Chief Charles "Cap" Wann gave a brief history of the Lincoln Township fire department and introduced its members. First Assistant Chief Ralph Knapp introduced the special guests. Chief Wann's wife and members of the Lincoln Township fire department presented "Charter Member jackets" to the three original charter members of the department: Chief Wann, Ralph Knapp and John Knapp. Reverend Ron Gann sang "Proud to be an American" to the members/guests. Bob Mauck gave a program on Terrorism.

Twenty-two members of nine departments in District 1 answered roll call with the attendance trophy going to New Chicago Fire Department and by 65 members of

12 departments in District 2 with the attendance trophy going to Shelby Fire Department.

Keith Austin made a motion to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes, seconded by Mike Hendrickson.

Vice president-president elect Buz Koehler advised working on House Bill 1347 this coming year, working for an equal interest rate for loans as municipalities receive. Working to get County/Municipal employees excused from work when leaving to respond to a fire call. Talk of a 10% property tax reduction for all volunteer firefighters. Encourages calls to politicians, advised it only takes seven calls on an issue to get their attention. Thanks for the volume of calls to legislature regarding the "Blue Light Law". Advised of a new fire school, The Circle City School of Response in October 2002, advised the 12th/13th and 19th/20th, anyone interested in attending, contact Emergency Books/Training for further information. District 2 chairman Paul Watland advised he had copies of the information for the IVFA awards and the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund forms are also available. District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss advised the IVFAA is still looking for Miss Flame candidates, advised to have the applications turned in by October 15th to either Phyllis Vargo or herself.

Treasurers' report: Clarence Moss advised a balance of \$1,364.12 with \$117 that he had put aside for patches to be deposited.

No old business to report. No new business to report. No deaths in the districts.

Good of the order:

Chief Eskridge of Lowell Fire Department advised Lowell is celebrating its 150th birthday with a "Silent Tribute" parade on Labor

Day. Advised will have a coat/helmet from FDNY worn on 9/11 on display. The gear will also be on display at the Popcorn Festival and available to any department that is having a function and wishes to display.

Cedar Lake Fire department is having a "Silent/Celebrity Memorabilia Auction" at the Great Oaks After 4 club on Friday, September 20th at 7 P.M.

Shelby Fire Department is having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 25th from 7-12.

Lincoln Township is having a fall Fire Fest on Saturday, October 5th and will also be holding a Hazmat/Ops class in September.

The next meeting will be in Washington Township on Wednesday, September 18th.

Jim Crowell from Sklarewitz Uniforms advised celebrating 65 years and couldn't have made it without all the fire/police support.

Rod Norton from Lake Eliza won \$116 in the 50/50 drawing, and a F/F set donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Bob Wiese of Crown Point won a F/F flag donated by Randy Denton, District 9B chairman.

Lupe Hinch of Lincoln Township won a "PASS" device donated by Hoosier Fire.

Leann Phillips of Merrillville #2, and Chief Ron Good of Lake Station won T-shirts donated by Sklarewitz Uniforms.

Several fire statues were also raffled off.

Thanks to the host department and kitchen help.

Keith Austin made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 P.M., seconded by Russ Ippolito.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
Districts 1/2

Washington Township FD
September 18, 2002
District 1 chairman Tom Orrell

called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. Vice president/president elect Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Guests included: Vice president/president elect Buz Koehler and his wife Carol, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1 & 2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1 & 2 secretary Diana Orrell, 50 yr. Gold card member Julius Demick, District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, District 1 Miss Flame/Miss Congeniality Kim Perry, head of Porter County Fire Association Jim Branham, Greg Eckhardt of PC Environmental, Rod Norton of PC EMA, Dale Hensley of 5 Alarm, Rick Perry of Perry's Gifts, Tim Tully of ESG, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire, and Kyle Kuebler of Porter County Airport.

Chief George Schmidt introduced the members and gave a brief history of Washington Township FD.

Kyle Kuebler of Porter County Airport spoke on structural fire-fighting approach to aircraft accidents.

Thirty-seven members of 11 departments in District 1 answered roll call with Union FD as the trophy winner. Twenty-three members of eight departments in District 2 answered with Lake Eliza FD as the trophy winner.

Keith Austin made a motion to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes, seconded by Larry Williams.

Vice president/president elect Buz Koehler spoke on House Bill 1347, changes in Firefighter's pay, possible changes to county & municipal workers from being penalized for volunteering, responding to calls. Buz also advised of a new fire school in October, \$5 discount for IVFA members attending.

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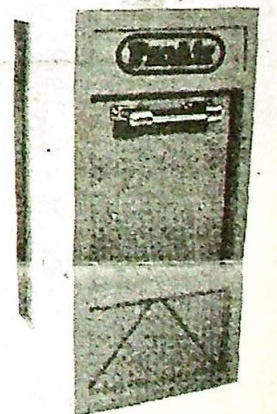
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DISTRICT 1-2

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Paul Watland
District 2
Chairman

District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss advised the deadline for Miss Flame applications is October 15, still looking for Miss Flame candidates.

Treasurers' report: Clarence Moss advised the current balance is \$1,596.12.

No old business to report.

No new business or deaths in the district to report.

Good of the order: District 1 Miss Flame/Miss Congeniality Kim Perry presented two plaques to her mother, Betty Perry for all her love and support she provided during her life and her Miss Flame tenure. Cedar Lake hosting a private auction/party at the After 4 Club on Friday, September 20th at 7P.M. Beverly Shores having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 6th from 8 AM to 12PM. The "EDITH" house will be open from 11 AM to 1PM. Merrillville Station #1 holding a Public Safety Day on Sunday, October 6th from 1PM to 4PM.

Cards for Duane Lance and Mitch Parrish to be signed by those in attendance on a speedy recovery.

October 10 will be the deadline for the November paper.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16 in Wheatfield.

Al Cherry of Lake Eliza FD won \$74 in 50/50 drawing; Al kept \$20 and donated \$54 back to the IVFA.

Greg Wandrey of Kouts FD won a T-shirt and key chain rescue-me tool. Chris Gulbransen of Washington Twp. won a 5/1 Rescue spanner, and Don Baron of Merrillville, and Kevin Austin of Union won key chain rescue-me tools, all donated by TFT.

Mike Schilling of St. John won a T-shirt donated by 5Alarm, and a pillow donated by Perry's Fire-

house Gifts/Supplies. Fred Wilman of St. John won a heat sensor device donated by Rooster Fire. April Perry and AJ Cherry of Lake Eliza both won mugs donated by ESG.

Keith Austin made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 PM, seconded by Kevin Austin. PASSED.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
Districts 1 & 2

DISTRICT 3

Tim Sandy
District 3
Chairman



Hamlet - Davis Township VFD July 18, 2002

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. There were 12 members representing six departments present. Assistant Chief Tom Shearin led the pledge. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Buz Koehler, state vice president and president-elect and Jim Bradford, PR NW director.

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1071.87.

Communications:

1. Comments from vice president Koehler -

a. Handed out a survey asking the membership if the days of the state convention should be changed to Friday, Saturday and Sunday or stay as it is currently. Members not returning the survey that evening were asked to return them via mail to Buz.

b. Announced that the next edition of the paper will be out on August 1st.

c. Announced that articles for the newspaper are due by October 10th.

d. Announced that he has no further information on the insurance packet that is being proposed

2. Comments from PR Director Bradford -

a. Gave an overview of HB 1081 that was signed by the Governor on 3/27/02 that requires a police or fire special service district, a town, a township, a unit using volunteer firefighters, or a provider unit in fire protection territories to pay the medical and hospital care expenses for a police officer or firefighter who is injured or contracts an illness in the line of duty.

3. Comments from Chairman Sandy -

a. Reminded all departments that dues are due by 7/31/02. Dues must be paid on time in order retain the benefits including eligibility for the Bridgeport scholarship. He also reminded everyone that two out of the last three years the scholarship winner has been from our district.

b. Announced that as of this meeting there have been 59 firefighter deaths this year.

c. Led a discussion about line of duty deaths after discussing an article in the May issue of Fire Chief magazine.

d. Gave a report of the convention award winners.

e. Reminded anyone with training ideas to contact Dave Kaufman and that plans are in the making for a FF I/II class to be held this fall.

f. Announced that he and Mike Osborne from Michigan City FD will be conducting RIT training at the training apartments in Michigan City. The apartments are being razed very soon and anyone wanting training should contact them ASAP.

Old Business: None
New Business:

1. Vice-President Koehler presented the District 3 Midwest Award to Ed Ritter of Kingsbury VFD.

2. Chairman Sandy turned the floor over to PR Director Jim Bradford who conducted the election of officers. Tim Sandy was nominated and seconded for the office of Chairman. Being no other nominations, a unanimous ballot for Tim Sandy was cast by secretary/treasurer Pam Kaufman. Pam Kaufman was nominated and seconded for the office of secretary/treasurer. Being no other nominations, a unanimous ballot for Pam Kaufman was cast by chairman Tim Sandy.

3. Chairman Sandy then led a

discussion about wishing to have a vice-chairman for the district and would like to have someone from Starke County fill the position. Anyone interested in the position is asked to contact chairman Sandy.

Good of the Order:

1. Lincoln Township will be having a steak fry on August 31st from 5-8 pm.

2. Kingsbury has their food shack at the Starke County Fair that is in progress this week. They will also have it at the Scarecrow Festival in September.

3. Hamlet has a "Dunk the Firefighter" tank at the Fair this week.

4. Hanna will have three functions going on August 17th at their Summer Festival. There will be a public safety softball tournament and a flyover during the day and a beer barn and dance at the fire station that evening.

Training:

Due to the Starke County Fair being in progress and several persons needing to return, training was cancelled.

Prior to adjournment, chairman Sandy read a very touching firefighter poem and had copies available for everyone.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm with the 50/50 being won Jim Bradford; one hat donated by Dave Kaufman and another hat was won by Ed Ritter and another hat was won by Jim Bradford.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2002 7:30 pm (Refreshments at 7:00 pm) Pleasant Township.

DISTRICT 4

John Ferro
District 4
Chairman



NO REPORT

DISTRICT 5



Don Kissinger
District 5
Chairman

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 6

Tim Jones
District 6 Chairman

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 7

Maurice Sorg
District 7
Chairman



MOUNT ETNA
MAY 20, 2002

Guests were: Buz Koehler, IVFA VP and District #5 Chairman Don Kissinger.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman "Mort" Sorg at 8:09 p.m. with the first roll call answered by 36 members from 11 departments.

"Mort" led the body in the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

"Mort" announced the passing of Bobby Legge, a Uniondale firefighter for many years.

The new "Blue Light Law" was explained by VP Koehler and discussion followed.

"Mort" advised the body of the new LP tanks and the procedure for filling them. Old tanks will not be filled.

The current dues billing has been sent out and departments were advised to send in their dues as soon as possible.

"Mort" announced there were 441 line of duty firefighter deaths in the year 2001, with a good many of them attributed to the terrorists' attacks on September 11, 2001.

The IVFA Convention is scheduled for 12 thru 15 June. "Mort" had handouts from the quarterly meeting pertaining to full time firefighters not being able to serve on volunteer fire departments in their off duty time and the possibility of an exemption from FICA for volunteer firefighters. Serve is to serve as a recruiting tool.

"Buz" Koehler gave an IVFA central office update, and lauded the IVFA newspaper. IVFA group health insurance is being pursued. Better legislative results are being sought.

Mike Mackin announced that embroidered shirts and hats were still available. He gave an update of the condition of Bill Kinsey.

There is a need for assistant chaplains in each district to assist the state chaplain.

Mike announced he will run for election as IVFA Vice President.

Don Kissinger: Don stated he will run for Northeast Public Relations Director if Mike Mackin is elected IVFA Vice President.

The second roll call was answered by 37 firefighters from 11 departments. Next meeting will be July 15th at Nottingham Twp. F. D. in Petroleum, IN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to James L. Adams for 25 years service and Dean L. Sharp for 27 years of service. Both firefighters were from the Mount Etna department.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP
JULY 15, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:13 p.m. "Mort" led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Gary Robison (SFMO), Mike Mackin Public Relations Director - Northeast.

* The first roll call was answered by 33 members from 16 departments. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

* "Mort" announced a survey was distributed to all Districts concerning the start of festivities of the annual IVFA Convention. Currently the convention starts on Wednesday but, it is suggested that it start on Friday or Saturday to allow those who cannot get off work the opportunity to attend.

* "Mort" announced the winners of the annual awards as follows:

Mr. IVFA David Israel
Lois Boaz Award - E. J. Smith
Ollie Sandberg Award - Anthony "Tony" Moster
Angel Award - Mary Wesley
Miss Flame - Toni Lenkensdofer (District #8)

President's Award - Bev Harker
Bridgeport Scholarship Awards - Kyle Lincoln & Jean Randle

* Gary Robison reported The State Fire Marshals Memo will be on the website so all firefighters can access the information therein. Gary also reported of the upcoming Indiana Weekend at Emmitsburg, Maryland and next year's visit is already scheduled.

* Mike Mackin reported he will continue as Public Relations Director (Northeast). Mike also reminded the body that the annual dues are due by July 31, 2002. He also stated that pertinent information

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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

Hope this finds everyone okay. It looks like summer is over and fall is here. Beverly and I have been to some district meetings, convention meetings, fund raisers and two picnics in the last three months. We have enjoyed all the time we have spent with our friends and fellow firefighters. If any departments have fund-raisers going on, let me know (harker@vincennes.net). I will always try to support the different fire departments. I hope everyone has a "Happy Thanksgiving" and a "Merry Christmas".

Jack Harker

DISTRICT 7

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and current beneficiaries should be updated.

* ANNUAL ELECTIONS: The following were nominated and elected by acclamation:

District # 7 Chairman - Maurice "Mort" Sorg. District # 7 Secretary - Gary Markley.

* Second roll call was answered by 33 members from 16 departments.

* The next district meeting will be September 16, 2002 at Ossian.

* 25 year pins were presented to two Nottingham Township firefighters, Charles "Chuck" Brooks - 27 years of service and Steve Herman - also 27 years of service.

MDA representative Becky Sorg gave a presentation on MDA camp and accomplishments of the counselors. A 50/50 raffle was held with the winner donating his prize back to MDA. Becky related she was available to help and assist any fire department in their fundraising endeavor. She or another representative may be reached at the MDA office by calling (260) 486-6698. Supplies may be ordered also.

* The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

OSSIAN
SEPTEMBER 16, 2002
GUESTS INCLUDED: LeMoyné "Buz" Koehler (IVFA VP), Mike Mackin, (Northeast Public Relations Director), Gary Robison and Ivan Nevil (Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office).

The meeting was called, to order by District #7 Chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 7:56 p.m. and Mort led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The first roll call was answered by 38 members from 15 departments, "Mort" gave an update on the IVFA-license plate procurement procedure, and announced that Fallen Firefighters Memorial was moved to Washington D. C.

Buz Koehler announced that HB 1347 was passed but PERF benefits may be affected if AIDS or HEPATITIS "B" is contracted.

Buz also stated that a 10% property tax deduction was requested for volunteer firefighters and other un-numbered bills were explained.

Buz also stated that our IVFA officials are available to all mem-

bers if needed.

Buz reported on the survey for IVFA convention scheduling with input showing about 2 to 1 for a weekend session.

Mike Mackin announced a possible mileage allowance change.

Gary Robison updated the meeting on grants and announced a grant school at Monroeville.

Ivan Nevil reported on the 9 - 11-01 ceremony by Governor O'Bannon in Indianapolis.

Ivan explained about the terrorism equipment program and displayed the equipment for inspection at the meeting.

Ivan explained the update on the 24 hour training rule potentially will change to a new format.

Ivan announced that Jim Schneider has joined the SFMO as an instructor.

Mort Sorg announced that the next meeting will be at Poe on November 18, 2002.

This meeting will be "MISS FLAME" judging.

The second roll call was answered by 38 members from 15 departments.

The following Ossian members were presented with their 25 year pins with their years of service listed after their name: Jach Ash - 26, Darrell Ball - 27, Norm Burke - 29, Jim Hower - 51, Sherwood Hunter - 54, Doyle Middaugh - 49, Robert Parrish - 30, Tom Somers - 37, David Todd - 27, and Lynn Yager - 44.

DISTRICT 8A



E.W. Pape, Jr.
District 8A
Chairman

Well, firefighters summer has passed and fall is here. I hope you all had a "Fire Free" summer! With the dry summer we may have a "tinder box" fall.

I hope it is a safe one for you. I wish you all a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas.

Please attend your district meetings.

Thanks,
District 8A chairman
Bill Pape

DISTRICT 8B

Larry Petro
District 8B Chairman
NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A



Jonathon Randle
District 9A
Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Randle, on July 25, 2002, at Twelve Mile, Indiana, at 7:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Bob Skinner led the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain Charles Baker gave the invocation.

Guests: Charles Baker, Buz Koehler, Mitch Parish, Randy Denton-Chairman of 9B, Jim Bradford, Fred Sumpter and Rev. Frank Kilcline. Chief Skinner then gave a brief history of the Twelve Mile FD in existence since 1941. Fred Skinner has been a member since 1955, Bill Skinner - 1956 and J.R. Slifer - 1958. Roll Call: 33 members from 9 fire departments reported 72 fire runs and 32 EMS. The minutes from the last meeting was read and approved. Old Business: none
New Business: Chairman

Randle reported that the new Pipe Creek Fire House at Bunker Hill, IN, was dedicated on July 14th and they were presented with the IVFA clock. He warned the members to screen whoever wants to tour their fire stations. Terrorists may be looking them over. Clear with law enforcement those wanting in.

Chief Skinner introduced Fred Sumpter of the State Fire Marshal's Office. He spoke NFPA 921 and on the correct manner for the Search and Seizure of evidence from fire scenes. He advised us to not leave the scene or a search warrant will be needed to return. Have the occupant sign a "Consent to Search" form. Don't take accidental fire cause items from the scene as the insurance company would want that. Keep the scene clear and call the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Indiana Arson Conference will be in Indianapolis, Aug. 19th-21st.

Chairman Randle presented a 25 year service pin to Dale Skinner or Twelve Mile. Isadore Davis of Royal Center received the 50 year Gold Card. Congratulations.

Buz Koehler said that the newspaper will be sent out to the membership next week. Please keep addresses corrected. He asked us to fill out a survey regarding moving the state convention to Friday, Saturday and Sunday or not. Next year's convention will be at French Lick, IN. His list of used fire equipment is growing small, so if anyone has anything to donate, contact him.

Mitch Parish had news from the National Volunteer Fire Council. Chaplains will now receive line of death benefits. Keep your beneficiaries names up to date.

Charlie Baker said that new legislation needs to be in writing and sent to the IVFA Central Office by August 30th. Comments from firefighters sent in prior to the passing of the new Blue Light Law were included in the law. So, your input is valuable. Charlie will be stepping down as State Chaplain at the end of the year. Many thanks, Charlie, for all of your guidance.

Jim Bradford PRNW emphasized House Bill 1081 that directs fire departments to provide medical and life insurance for all members as well as workmen's comp. The entity funding every fire department is to give \$100 for clothing expense and \$100 car allowance to every firefighter yearly. The IVFA has a \$100 clothing and \$50.00 eyeglasses fund per person yearly for line of duty losses.

Coming events: Classes- Trench Rescue Aug. 10th and Building Collapse Aug. 31st at Harrison Twp.-Alto. Fish Fry at Clinton Twp. Clymers on Sept. 7th. Galveston FD bucket brigade race July 27th during the Sesquicentennial. Harrison Twp.-Alto Safety Festival and Hog Roast, Aug. 24th, 4-8PM. Twelve Mile has an ambulance for sale. Call 574-664-2028 or 664-5752.

Jim Bradford conducted the election of officers. The chairman and secretary were re-elected.

Dan Alexander from Young America won the 50/50.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. followed by a buffet. The next meeting is September Sept. 26th at Walton.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dee Mauntel, Sec/Treas.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Randle on September 26, 2002 at the Walton Volunteer Fire Dept. After the pledge to the flag, state chaplain Charles Baker gave the invocation. Guests: Charlene Davis, Helen Hollingsworth, Ashleigh Randle, and Jonathan Randle.

Chief Phil Hammond welcomed the crowd. He said that the department was founded in 1930. They have 25 members now and have been in the new station for two years.

Roll Call: 22 members from seven fire departments reported 82 fire runs and 47 EMS calls.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

New Business: Chairman Randle reminded all departments to have their dues in or eligibility for benefits would be denied. Bridgeport Scholarship forms are available for high school seniors. Nominations in letter form need to be in to Jon by February for next year's awards, Midwest, Ollie Sandburg, Angel, and Mr. IVFA.

Ashleigh Randle was introduced as a candidate for Miss Flame for 9A. Any other nominations need to be in the November meeting.

Charlie Baker reported that the IVFA legislative committee has four ideas for the next session. The new state chaplain will be Fred Page as of January 2003. Midwest Fire and Safety "Customer Appreciation Day" is October 18th, 10AM-2PM.

The deadline for articles for the newspaper is October 10th.

E-mail addresses are needed to get information to you.

Mark, David and Joyce Ancil spoke about their trip to Ground

Zero at the World Trade Center site for the first anniversary of 9/11. The size of the area and the walls of memorials containing flowers, pictures and messages made it very emotional. Damaged buildings around the pit are still shrouded. Fire apparatus seen around the city have the names of lost firefighters inscribed on them.

Coming events: Royal Center, Pancakes and Sausage, Nov. 2nd, 6-10AM. Delphi, Ham/Beans and Chili, Nov. 2nd, 4-8PM. Harrison Twp.-Alto, Chili supper, Oct. 26th, 4-8PM. Camden, Breakfast, Oct 5th. Delphi Annual Open House, Oct. 8th and 9th, 6-9PM.

Drawings: Charles Randle won Charlie Baker's new book "Fire-fighter Handbook on Hazardous Materials". Bob Canfield won the 50/50 and donated it back.

Next meeting is November 21st at Young America.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 followed by dinner and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel,
Sec/Treas

Public Relations Southwest



Ronald Bell

Hello Everyone,
Have been pretty busy. Attended District 15's meeting at Chandler Fire Dept. July 15, July 18 attended District 18's United Methodist Church hosted by Jackson Twp. Fire Dept., July 24 District 17A held their meeting at the Worthington Jefferson Fire Dept., Sept. 11 a dinner was held for fire

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IVFAA President



Barbara Kerney

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

STATE OFFICERS MEETING
HOLIDAY INN
COLUMBUS, IN.
AUGUST 11, 2002

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and asked Chaplain Leslie Spears to lead us in Prayer. Leslie read a poem followed by the Prayer. Mariam Schaeckel, Sgt.-at-arms led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Barb stated that she wanted this meeting to be informal and informative as this was her first meeting as our new President.

Diana Gray gave the roll call with 26 members and five guests including Sharon Williams wife of new Dist. 14 Chairman of the IVFA. There are 35 Depts., 37 Ind., 16 Life members, 502 Paid members by Depts., total of 539 members. We are up 160 members from last year at this time and have gained two new departments from Dist. 6 South Whitley and Dist. 11A Posey Township. Welcome ladies.

Diana read the minutes from the previous meeting with a correction of Velma DeKoninck missed as a 50 year member from Poe. Ann Moss made a motion to accept the correction with a second from Patty Miller and motion carried.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter:

Balance on hand June 1, 2002 \$ 4,516.71

INCOME:

Dues.....\$ 1,831.00

Interest.....4.00

Jewelry.....575.00

V.P. Project.....1,808.00

TOTAL INCOME = \$ 4,218.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operating Exp.....404.49

Mileage.....2334.96

Phone & Postage.....31.36

V.P. Project.....200.00

Awards & Gifts.....520.64

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS\$ 3,491.45

Balance on Hand
Aug. 9, 2002 = \$ 5,243.26

Correspondence: Martha Thomas read thank you notes from Toni Lenkendorf, 2002 IVFAA Miss Flame and Lynette Stoner from Dist. 3. We had a good group of girls this year and need more for 2003. Let's get going, girls.

Leslie gave a Chaplain's report stating that Malinda Bell has offered to assist her in any way that she can. It was also noted again that the Dist. Chairman will be able to do any services in their District as needed. Our sympathy to Leona Uryga on the death of her sister and Betty Carr from Dist. 1.

Barb has made two new committees, a Membership committee and a Budget and Finance committee. Phyllis Vargo brought to the meeting about the two year planners that we have sold before. A discussion was held and a motion by Ann Moss and a second by Joann Hays to only order one kind of planners, a flag, motion carried. Lou Bartlow made a motion to order 1,000 planners at this time with a second by Mary Mackin and motion carried.

Fall is arriving. This is not only my favorite time of the year, but it means the holidays are not far behind.

Even though the pace of our lives seem to get more hectic and we seem to move in a fast run at this time of the year, we still value the quality time we spend with family and friends. That's what makes it special.

Many of you are already finding out about some of our new programs and plans, which we hope to initiate in the coming year. I am excited that your officers have taken the challenges I put before them and have already begun the work that is before us. Hopefully in the future all of us will begin to reap the harvest from the seeds we

have sowed.

We can't accomplish our mission without you. We are all members that form the circle of our fire service family. We are known for getting the job done doing whatever it takes to accomplish the task at hand. Please be willing to do your part.

Thanks to all of you who have supported and offered helping hands to Jack and I the past three years. Your love and support has meant so much to both of us. Our lives are much richer because of you our friends.

Happy holidays to all of you and your families. May God bless you.
Love,
Barb Kerney

Patty Miller gave an update on the Miss Flame committee and she will make a few minor changes because of a mixup in this year's Miss Flame's. Everyone needs to work together, IVFA & IVFAA, and start looking for 2003.

A discussion was also held about the raising of the dues to a possible \$5.00 because of the expenses of the IVFAA. We need to help on the V.P. Projects and the Chinese Auction. Joann Hays, Vice-President has already gotten her project in high gear. She stated that she has 1,000 tickets spoken for and she has had donated the Snorkel for 1st place, \$200.00 or a trip of your choice from a bus line for the 2nd, and a shadow box with several items in it pertaining to fire equipments. All of them are very impressive. Items have been donated by Charles Jones and T. R. Downey.

Jewelry: E. J. Smith has quite a few items left over from previous conventions and she will be selling them at a lower price sometime soon.

Barbara Parker stated that we made a profit of \$1010.00 on the Chinese Auction. Let's see if we can beat that at next year's convention.

Lois Boaz Award: Toni Sorg again announced E. J. Smith as this year's winner. Ladies, get your hand written letters in to Toni as soon as possible.

Faye Sallee gave Mary Mackin

her past president's pin and Mary thanked everyone for the phone calls and get-well cards.

Martha asked if two sets of convention meeting minutes had to be sent to each department as she has had a number of them returned and the expense of sending that many out. A motion was made by Leona Uryga to send only one set of minutes with a second by Barb Parker and motion carried.

Games: Marilyn Dover said that she had a lot of games this year and it was exciting.

Steve Anderson, convention chairman 2002, asked how everything was this year and Chuck Parker, convention chairman 2003, stated the dates are June 18, 19, 20, and 21st. Chuck didn't have an itinerary at this time but will have it soon.

Lou Bartlow read something called an Honesty Bag with instructions to do. It was decided to do this and return the bags at the Nov. 2 & 3rd meeting in Columbus. Also Barb asked if we could bring one-half to one dozen cookies to the November meeting to be enjoyed by all. Barb asked if all districts could send her a date of their meetings so that she could attend if possible.

Leslie gave the closing Prayer and we wish all a safe trip home and until we meet again keep the love and faith.

Submitted by,
Martha Thomas
IVFAA Corres. Sec.

DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Phyllis Vargo
District 1
Chairwoman



Ann Moss
District 2
Chairwoman

Passed as read subject to audit.

Old Business: none.
New Business: Phyllis brought up how much we are in need of a good silent auction to bring up our treasury. Motion was made by Barb Wilkening, seconded by Jackie Rench to hold a silent auction at the November district meeting. Each district is asked to bring three craft items for the silent auction.

Bible was presented to Diane Carr of Munster in memory of her mother-in-law, Betty, who passed away in July.

Phyllis asked that the girls notify your district chairman when you have someone pass away in your department.

Miss Flame applications are due to your district chairman by October 15th. If you need an application of have questions please don't hesitate to contact your district chairperson.

Phyllis announced that the State Auxiliary is selling two-year planners. We have 1,300 of them to sell. If you can sell any please contact Phyllis or Ann. They are \$2.00 each.

Phyllis talked about the VP Project, which used to be the Doe Doll Tickets. First prize is Franklin Mint fire truck, second prize is trip for one, and third prize is Shadow Box with fire department items in it. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5.00. We have till May of 2003 to sell them.

Ann presented a certificate of 25 years of service to the IVFA for Cindy Burke. This was given to Barb Wilkening.

Phyllis brought up a comment regarding district meetings are get

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DISTRICTS 1 & 2

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ting to expensive to hold with serving a meal. She believes that this is why some of the departments do not want to host a meeting because of the expense. Phyllis asked if anyone was against changing to back to the way it was a long time ago, where the department just had dessert and coffee. Motion was made by Barb Wilkening, seconded by Cecil Christensen to go back to the way it was with just serving desert and coffee at the district meeting. Motion passed. Phyllis asked Lake of Four Season if they already had a dinner plan for the November meeting, and told Phyllis yes. So with plans already made Phyllis announced that this will take place at the March 6, 2003 meeting.

Department announcements were read.

Next meeting will be at Lake of Four Season at Station #1.

Attendance trophies went to District #1 Merrillville, District #2 Shelby.

Motion by Martha Thomas, seconded by Barb Wilkening for adjournment. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner,
Secretary, District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 3



Leona Uryga
District 3
Chairman
IVFAA

The Dist. 3 meeting was called to order at Lincoln Twp. on July 17, 2002 at 7:00p.m.

The pledge was recited and a prayer was given by Chaplain Rose Stantz.

Roll call was answered by 13 ladies present from four departments. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$316.50.

A thank you card was read from the Ruth Greis Kuhnel family.

Chairwoman Leona Uryga stated that letters were sent to the Kingsford Union ladies for their membership dues and received one response.

Margaret Gaw from Springfield Twp. is in the hospital and a card is being sent to her. Also Lee Cohen is receiving a get well card. Lee Aftowski thanked everyone for her card.

Leona gave a report on the state convention.

The Miss Flame is Toni Linkenstofer and the runner-up is Nicole Payne.

She announced the new officers for the I.V.F.A.A.

The next convention will be in French Lick in 2003.

The topic of the Miss Flame was brought up and problems discussed. Lincoln Twp. was brought up regarding remarks that had been made. Everything explained. They are not against Miss Flame.

The next meeting is Sept. 18 at Coolspring Twp. On Nov. 20 the Miss Flame contest is held.

Election of district officers were held. Lee Cohen requested that someone else be secretary-treasurer. Election held and Leona Uryga from Michiana Shores is chairwoman, Mary Nowatzke from Coolspring Twp. is secretary-treasurer, and Rose Stantz from Springfield Twp. is Chaplain. Carolyn McCarty is appointed assistant Chaplain. Historian will be Mary Nowatzke.

Leona suggested that the auxiliaries hosting the meetings should have either some entertainment or a speaker.

Coming events: Lincoln Twp.,

Steak Fry, in Aug. from 4 to 8, Springfield Twp., Fish Fry on Sept. 14 from 5 to 7 Coolspring Twp., Fireman Ball on July 19 and 20th. from 7 to 12.

Leona went over the list of membership of the various auxiliaries to see if her list is up-to-date.

The auxiliary received \$8.00 from the door raffle with \$4.00 each going to Shelley Kruse and Gertude Matukus.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion made by Ruth Deutscher and seconded by Gert Peterson.

Refreshments of various breads and ice tea served and door prizes handed out.

Kay Kaufman
Secretary Pro-tem

Greetings! !

The I.V.F.A.A. District 5 meeting was called to order on Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at 7:00p.m. by District 5 chairperson Leona Uryga. Hosted by Coolspring Twp. Auxiliary at the fire station.

The pledge to the flag was led by Chaplain Rose Stantz. Roll call was answered by 17 members present; Coolspring eight, Michiana Shores six and Springfield five.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Mary Nowatzke gave treasury report and filed for audit.

"Thinking of You" cards were to be sent to Maggie Gaw and Agnes Battleday of Springfield Twp. Both are recuperating at home.

Highlights of the August officers' meeting were discussed.

The next annual convention at French Lick, IN was also discussed and pamphlets of location were passed around to encourage attendance.

A memorial prayer for Constance Tremmel of Michiana Shores was recited by Leona Uryga.

Events approaching: Springfield Twp. - Haunted House October 19 thru 51, 2002 Michiana Shores - Pancake Breakfast October 27, 2002. Also included a Bake Sale and Candle Sale.

A salad bar was served by hostess Coolspring Twp. and each attendee received a wrapped gift.

Next meeting will be November 20, 2002 at Michiana Shores Fire Station - 7:00 p.m. featuring our Miss Flame contest.

Submitted By:
Mary Nowatzke
Secretary/Treasurer
9201 W. 300 N.
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219/872-2521

DISTRICT 4

Jane Ferro
District 4
Chairwoman
IVFAA



DISTRICT 6

Please join us at the district meetings. We meet at the same date and place as the men. It was decided by the men that the meetings would rotate into all six counties by department alphabetical order.

On July 23 the district met at Albion Volunteer Fire Department in Noble County. We held election of officers with the results as follows: Marilyn Dever, District Chairman; EJ Smith, Secretary; Mary Mackin, Treasurer; and Kimberly Smith, Sgt. of Arms. Please contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the State or District.

On September 24 we held our meeting at Fremont Volunteer Fire Department in Steuben County. Although the group was small, we had an enjoyable meeting. Carol Koehler, wife of President Elect, Buz Koehler joined in our meet-

ing.

Our next meeting will be at Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department in Whitley County on November 26. We will have the Miss Flame judging to determine the District Miss Flame at convention next June. Any daughter who will be age 15 to 18 at convention time is eligible to compete. Each station can have one representative, so get your local judging done, and let Mary Mackin or I know she will be coming to compete on the 26th. My answering machine is always on, so please leave a message (260-627-2802).

Marilyn Dever, 6th District
IVFAA Chairwoman

DISTRICT 7



Susie Stout
District 7
Chairwoman
IVFAA

The 7th district of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary met on July 15, 2002 at the Nottingham Township Volunteer Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by Secretary Toni Sorg in the absence of chairperson Suzi Stout.

Roll call was answered by six ladies from four departments and one guest.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Highlights of the State Convention were discussed. The new officers for the state were read.

Motion was made by Dianna Gray nominating Suzi Stout as chairperson for the next year. Nominations closed. Dianna then nominated Toni Sorg for secretary. Nominations were closed. These officers will again serve for the 2002-2-003 year.

Next meeting will be on September 16 at the Ossian Volunteer fire station.

Becky Sorg spoke briefly to the men and women regarding her involvement with MDA Summer Camp and the upcoming MDA telethon. We then held a 50-50 drawing. The winner donated his winnings to the MDA.

Antoinette L. Sorg

The 7th district of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary met on September 16, 2002 at the Ossian Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by chairperson Suzi Stout with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 11 ladies from five departments and one guest.

Monroeville announced that they had an upcoming bus trip scheduled for September 28. Berne has a breakfast in November. Poe will be starting peanut brittle soon. Poe is also having a fire department Chili Cook Off on October 5, 2002.

Miss Flame contest was discussed. Be sure that all names of contestants are submitted to the men's chairman.

The auxiliary 50 year awards for the Auxiliary were discussed. District 7 has three ladies to be recognized. They are Velma DeKoninck, Poe; Mary Metheny, Poe; and Marjorie Brames of Hoagland. We are planning a special presentation at the November meeting.

The dues for the state were discussed. Motion was made by Alice Snaders to raise the state dues to \$5.00. It was seconded by Bev Lockwood. Motion carried.

The state will be selling planners for \$2.00. We will have them available for the November meeting.

We will have a \$5.00 Christmas gift exchange also at the November meeting.

The next meeting will be a full evening with Miss Flame, 50 year recognitions and the Christmas

exchange.

The next meeting will be on November 18, 2002 at the Poe Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

Antoinette L. Sorg

DISTRICT 11A

Beverly Taylor
District 11A
Chairwoman
IVFAA



Hello, Everyone,
It's October, it's fall and the weather is typical. Cool, crisp air and leaves are turning and falling.

School is back in session and activities are at full speed.

Our last meeting was a joint picnic with 11A and 11B. 11A was host at Forest Park in Brazil, IN. The weather was beautiful and food was great. Hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixings. Games were played and gifts were won and everyone went home happy.

Our guests were recognized and some awards were presented for waterball games that was played at convention from 11B.

It was nice to see Janet Myers and Helen Michel from 11A there.

Not much business took place since it was a fun day for everyone.

Our next meeting will be held at Otto Creek Station Number 2 in Sandcut on Nov. 17, 2002.

Until next time.

Beverly Taylor
District 11A Chairman
Auxiliary

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller
District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA

Hi, everyone! The holidays are fast approaching. Hope everyone remembered to pay their dues for 2002-2003. Don't forget to plan for convention and make those reservations.

Miss Flame contests are being to be planned. Please contact your district chairmen for details in your area. We want to see a representative in every district this year.

District 11-A and 11B had their joint picnic in September. Thanks to the hosts 11- for a great time and all the great cooks for all the great food! Next September 11-B will host.

Our next meeting will be held in Reelsville, on November 10, 2002. We will have a turkey dinner that is always great.

Well, I must be getting this in. I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday. Get together with your family and friends, as there is no greater gift. God Bless.

Patty Miller
District Chairman

DISTRICT 12

Sharon Bray
District 12
Chairwoman
IVFAA



DISTRICT 15

Tammy Hungate
District 15
Chairwoman
IVFAA



DISTRICT 17-A

Just a note to let everyone know that on Wednesday night there will be a hat contest during the entertainment break at the 2003 Convention that is going to be held at French Lick Resort.

Ladies get real creative with your hats, can be colorful, big, small, in between, old, unusual. Don't have to be new. So, ladies, put your thinking hats on and come up with some really good ones.

We are going to try and pick our judges at random, will have three. Also will have prizes for the winners. So will have a more detailed list in a couple months hopefully by the February 2003 state officer's meeting.

2002 District 18's Miss Flame Bridget and I are on the Miss Flames' committee for 2003. Any auxiliary in District 18 that would like to help on some other committees can give me a call at 812-636-4192 or e-mail at ronbell@rtccom.net.

I have visited with Ferdinand's auxiliary and am going to be attending Haysville auxiliary's meeting that is coming.

Malinda Bell
District 17A chairwoman

DISTRICT 19

The 19th district of the IVFAA met on August 13, 2002 at the Blooming Grove Fire Department.

The meeting was opened by the chairperson, Beth Caudill, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 12 members from three departments. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Highlight of the night was "The White Elephant Sale". We had a good time with this sale.

Miss Flame judging on November 21, 2002 at Delaware VFD at 7:30 pm. Lois Boaz letters should be in by February 1st, 2003.

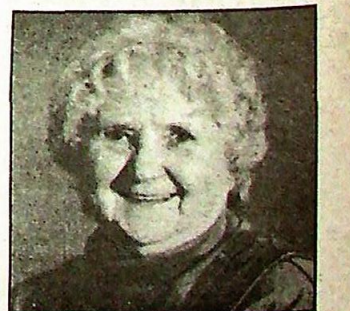
The Blooming Grove Fire Department had a helicopter wreck in their area. They received a "Thank You" letter from the Indiana State Police for their help.

The next meeting will be on November 12, 2002.

If any of the ladies auxiliary in the 19th district would like to join the IVFAA. Please contact Beth Caudill at (765-647-3483).

Karen Merkel
District 19 Secretary

**IVFAA
Vice
President**



Joann Hays

Happy Holidays from your IVFAA Vice President:

By the time you read this, the holiday season will be starting. So I want to take this time to wish

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**Happy
Holidays!**

IVFAA Chaplain

Leslie Spears

IVFAA Vice President

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you all a very safe holiday. I've been busy with my VP project. I'm in charge of the raffle for the 2003 Convention in French Lick.

I'm very proud of the prizes and I also want to say "thanks" to all of those who donated to my project.

Our first prize is a Franklin Mint Firetruck (from TR Downey, Inc.). Thanks, Tim.

Our second prize is \$200 cash or a trip for one (from Turner Lines in Terre Haute). Thanks, Butch Beckwith.

Our third prize is a Fireman Shadow Box (from Bliss/McKnight). Thanks, Charlie Jones. Note: this could be beautiful in any office, fire department or home.

Last, but not least, a big thank you to Dorothy and Maynard Masters of Emergency Books and Training for the donation of 3000 tickets. The raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



Sample of calendars - Price \$2.00

The districts will be selling two-year calendars (2003-2004) for \$2.00. They are red, white and blue. Very fitting for our organization.

They make nice gifts for Christmas, birthdays or any occasion. Great grab bag gifts.

"1980" A Tribute

Twas a night in December Quite freezing and cold; The thermometer registered Eight degrees all told.

The firemen were nestled All snug in their beds -- While visions of firetrucks Danced in their heads.

And all around town; The good citizens of Dale Had just settled down, Come snow, sleet, or hail.

When over the airwaves There rose such a clatter, Firemen sprang from their beds To see what was the matter.

The voice of the dispatcher Said in words so slow -- "There's a fire in Dale; You all must go!"

The homeowner was waiting So anxious to hear The sirens on firetrucks That soon would be near.

When what to their anxious Eyes should appear But two big red trucks And all the fire gear.

With a big, old driver Leading the crew, They knew in a moment It must be Jerry Schue.

More rapid than eagles The firetrucks they came, And Chief Henelsen shouted And called them by name:

Now Musgrave!
Now McCullough!
Now Montgomery and Brown!

On Daunhauer! On, Philippst
On, Brittingham and Stone!

Go, Painter! Go, Rue!
Go, Seneff and Schue!

"To the top of the roof!" Shouted the Dale Fire Chief, As the homeowners stood by All stricken with grief.

It took three hours To douse the fire that night; The fire chief said, "You men look such a fright!"

With frozen feet And ice in their hair, It was almost more Than the firemen could bare.

They spoke very few words And went straight to their work, While at Mrs. Musgrave's house The coffee did perk.

They put out the fire And gathered their gear, And away they all drove To the station so near.

But we heard them say As they drove out of sight, "I sure hope there aren't Any more fires tonight!"

This is a tribute to the Dale Volunteer Firemen for a job well done all year (from your chief Virgil Henelsen)

With the holiday season approaching thought this was very fitting and it is so true. I'm sure this would be an alarm for any department.

I was going through some materials and found it and thought it should be printed. Pray you will have a very safe holiday.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Joann Hays
IVFAA Vice President

Turkey Fryers Labeled A 'Clear Danger'

BUSINESS, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, SECTION 3.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2002

By Ameet Sachdev
Tribune staff reporter

Deep-frying a turkey may produce a tasty treat, but it can be hazardous to your health—and we're not just talking about cholesterol levels.

The fryers, a Southern cooking tradition that has become popular with backyard chefs everywhere, pose serious fire and burn threats, according to safety-testing organization Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

UL will announce Thursday that it has decided not to give its trusted seal of approval to any turkey fryers after testing several brands.

"We're worried by the increasing reports of fires related with turkey-fryer use," said John Drengenberg, UL's consumer affairs manager.

The warning is not enough to spur a recall from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, but the agency is looking at UL's findings. The commission has received reports independently about 30 incidents in the past involving injury or fire damage related to turkey fryers but has not opened its own investigation, spokesman Ken Giles said.

There are several manufacturers of turkey fryers, including Eastman Outdoors, Bayou Classic and Camp Chef. Calls to those companies were not returned Wednesday.

UL is alerting the public a week before the 4th of July holiday, hoping Americans will think twice before firing up their turkey fryers.

Turkey fryers - typically 30-quart aluminum pots - are not just for Thanksgiving anymore. They have become one of the hottest trends in outdoor cooking, thanks to celebrity chefs like Martha Stewart and Emeril Lagasse, who have demonstrated the technique that leaves a crispy crust and tender meat. Sales are hard to track, but UL estimates that there are about 500,000 turkey fryers in use.

"It's somewhat unusual for us to come out with a warning like this," Drengenberg said. "But our mission is public safety, and we

can see a clear and present danger here."

The Northbrook-based, not-for-profit organization is a leading safety-testing firm, evaluating more than 18,000 types of products, including TVs and vinyl siding, last year. UL also often sets safety standards for manufacturers.

Typically, UL issues warnings about items that misuse its mark or do not comply with its safety requirements.

Because turkey fryers have become widespread only recently, UL has not written any safety guidelines for the cooker. A manufacturer, which UL declined to name, recently submitted a model for testing.

After testing that make and others, UL engineers found several risks:

- Many units easily tip over.
- If the cooking pot is overfilled with oil, the oil may spill out when the turkey is placed into the fryer.
- With no thermostat controls, the fryers have the potential to overheat the oil, causing it to spontaneously ignite.

Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause intense bubbling, forcing the oil to overflow.

The alert comes too late for some consumers. A turkey fryer sparked a porch fire at a Rolling Meadows home on Thanksgiving two years ago, causing \$25,000 in damages. A year earlier, a Carpentersville family lost their two-story house after a fire started in their garage, where the Thanksgiving turkey was boiling in a pot of oil.

"Anytime you're heating grease, and there's any equipment malfunction at all, you've got a huge fire fast," said Battalion Chief Paul Hayden of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department.

Despite the incidents of fire and the UL warning, at least one fan of turkey fryers doesn't plan to give up the cooking method. Shelley Dailey of Minooka uses the cooker several times a year and never has had a problem.

"You're talking about hot grease and an open flame, so you just have to exercise some caution," she said. "It's not rocket science."

(Article submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 Chairman)

Crown Point Fire Rescue Members Presented Plaques



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50/50 Winner Also Celebrates 83rd Birthday

Helen Michl celebrated her 83rd birthday at the 11-A/11-B picnic. Helen is being congratulated by District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland for winning the 50/50 drawing.

(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, IVFA district chairman)

NOTICE:
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information
on NEW
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Office

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NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

2002 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, R
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.

PLEASE NOTE!

The form below should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Miss Flame News

Any young lady between the ages of 15-18, contact your district chairman for details of Miss Flame contests in your district. See if you qualify and get involved!

This is a great way to get involved with your fire department and district. Meet new friends and have a great time at convention.

You might be our next IVFA Miss Flame! YOU MUST CONTACT YOUR IVFA OR IVFAA CHAIRMAN FOR DETAILS.

If you don't know who to contact, call the IVFA office or myself.

Patty Miller, RR1 Box 414, Rosedale, IN 47874. 765-832-6931 or e-mail Plmcm@aol.com

Lois Boaz Nominations Needed For 2003

The Lois Boaz committee would like each auxiliary to nominate a member for the Lois Boaz Award. It is an award for ladies who give of themselves to work and help in their auxiliaries, fire department and communities. There are many ladies that qualify for this award.

If you submitted a letter for a lady last year and she was not chosen, please resubmit their names, as each lady was very deserving of the award.

Deadline date for your Lois Boaz letters will be January 25, 2003.

Thank you in advance for your letters.

Mrs. Marilyn McFadden,
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Ron Bell column continued

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fighters, police and EMTs and other medical personnel at Washington, Sept. 11 that evening District 18 held a memorial service at Carter Fire District Dept., Sept. 14, attended Holland Vol. Fire Dept. new firetruck dedication, and open house with a street dance. Sept. 17 District 15's meeting at G.E. at Mt. Vernon, Sept. 19 District 18 at DuBois, attended Haysville Community Fire Dept. building dedication on Sept. 29.

I will be in the IVFA Fire Prevention Parade hosted by St. Meinrad Fire Dept. Wednesday of the Convention 2003 there will be an auction held so if anyone wants to donate a new item they can do so - just contact me.

Also, we need District 18 to get pictures of their men or fire houses and-or trucks to District 18's 2002 Bridget for the slide show on Friday night of the banquet. Could also be of your fire department fighting fires, fund raisers, and-or training. Also District 17A will be having their annual BBQ turkey and meeting at the Odon/Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department's station at Odon, Nov. 16.

Remember if you have any function coming up and would like for me to attend just call me at 812-636-4192 or e-mail ronbell@rtccom.net.

PR SW
Ron Bell

DISTRICT 9B



Randy Denton
District 9B
Chairman

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 10

David Israel
District 10
Chairman



I would like to thank all the Depts. for getting your dues paid on time had under six in the district that are late. That's a lot better than last year. Thank you.

The district needs your help. We need a Miss Flame contestant to represent us next year at convention. The district contest will be at the November 20, 2002 meeting at Hope Fire Dept. For details contact David Israel at 812-663-8952 or Barb Parker at 317-783-9293.

I am starting to get my 2003 meeting list together if your department would like a certain month call me. Jan. 2003 is booked at Whiteland Fire Dept. Congratulations to those District 10 departments that have received FEMA Grants. Way to go. Everyone else remember that if you haven't received a denial letter yet you're still in the running. GOOD LUCK.

Now to the Aug. meeting at Rushville Twp. Fire Dept. I would like to thank Chief Jr. Kuhn and his members for hosting the meal and meeting. Food was great. The IVFA gave the Rushville Twp. Fire Dept. a Station Clock that night. The Department added a new truck bay that will house two more trucks plus a meeting room and offices. LOOKS GREAT GUYS. We also had district elections that night. The train still runs thru Rushville, folks.

Here are the officers for 2003: District chairman David Israel, secretary Peggy Israel. Thanks to Don Cushman our PR Rep. for holding the elections.

We gave Barry Ward from the Posey VFD his 25 year pin. We went over possible convention day changes to weekend. Those attending the meeting didn't think

that would bring attendance up that much. Went over possible bills the IVFA is looking at for this fall session, possible insurance for membership. Scott Chasteen brought us up-to-date on upcoming train. Our program for the night was put on by the Indiana State Police Lab Division on Meth Labs. Thanks, Carl. Meeting Adjourned.

September 18, 2002 meeting was held at the Amity Comm. Fire Dept. Would like to thank Chief Dave Porter and the department for hosting the meeting and the meal. Great food.

The Amity Fire Dept. received an IVFA Station clock for their addition to the Fire Dept. Looks great, Roger. I think Chief Porter was surprised. Jim Parker covered Legislation, Scott Chasteen covered upcoming training.

The evening was end by Paul Bailey showing his 24 min. to music program of Ground Zero in remembering those on September 11, 2001 that were lost that day. Thanks, Paul.

Next meeting will be October 16, 2002 at Anderson Twp. Fire Dept. in Milroy, IN.

The November 20, 2002 meeting will be at 7:00 pm. the Hope Fire Dept. in Hope, IN. This will be a joint meeting with the Dist. 10 Auxiliary. The program for the night will be the WARN Program. Water Awareness in Residential Neighborhoods (covers the dangers of retention and detention ponds in subdivisions) put on by Jerry Richert or Paul Bailey. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE.

Everyone be safe out there and have a HAPPY HOLIDAYS.
David Israel
IVFA District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A

Greetings from 11-A. Now that summer is over and fall is upon us its time to think about Fire Prevention then it will be the holidays it seems that time keeps moving faster and faster.

Thanks to Robert Salmon and Gary Strum for inviting me to their new station dedication. It sure is a



Jack McFarland
District 11A
Chairman

nice one. We had a very nice time with all of the folks there.

Our sympathy goes out to the Jack Wilson family. Jack's wife "Midge" passed away recently. Midge will be missed. She was a firefighter and a permanent fixture at the firehouse whenever there was anything going on. Thanks to all the fire departments and firefighters who assisted in the funeral.

On a hot Sunday afternoon what do firefighters do to relax? They get together, have a picnic and play games. The Greene county firefighter association had their field day. Waterball, hose replacement, bucket brigade, and ladder raise. The overall winner was Wright Twp. Other departments participating were Worthington, Highland, Lewis Twp. and Jasonville. Thanks to Jack Kemey, Barb Kerney and Jack Harker for being judges.

11-A and 11-B had their joint meeting and picnic. (More picnic than meeting) at Forest Park in Brazil. Thanks to Pete and Bev Taylor for getting the shelter house, Thanks to JoAnn Hayes for the games and kids' prizes. Thanks to Sherry McFarland and Diane Harrison for the adult prizes, and for getting the DJ for the kids' games. Congratulations to Con Mankin for receiving the Governor's Award for Meritorious service.

Thanks to the Center Point firefighters for inviting me to present Arthur Hart with his 25 year pin. Arthur is 90 years old and still active with the department.

The Lewis Twp. Fire Department worked a semi wreck September 24th that had state road 59 closed for 10 hours. It takes a lot of cooperation among several agencies to accomplish a task like that. We want to thank everyone involved.

Remember it's time to start writing those letters for the Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, Angel, Lois Boaz, and Midwest awards.

The next district meeting will be at Nevins Twp. fire department November 17th, 1:00pm.

On October 3, 2002 Sherry and I went to Hulman Center to represent Lewis Twp. and District 11-A of the IVFA at the memorial service for Terre Haute firefighter Captain Ralph Stott, Jr. Captain Stott a 25 year veteran with the THFD was killed in the line of duty on September 30, 2002. Our sympathy goes out to the Stott family. I was very impressed and emotionally moved by the service. But what impressed me more was the large amount of volunteer firefighters that came to show their respect. Not only were there a large number at the service but also the area volunteers manned and equipped all of the THFD stations so that all THFD members could attend the service. They also made the memorial walk from Hulman center to 13th and Wabash Avenue. It made me very proud to say that I am a member of one of the greatest and most caring groups that I know of, THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE AND THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

Until next time, brothers and sisters, please be careful out there.

DISTRICT 11-B

FAIRVIEW PARK
JULY 10, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem, the pledge to the flag was led by State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush and the invocation was given by Dist. Chap-



Larry Ketchem
District 11B
Chairman

lain Con Mankin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the treasurer's report was read and approved. Roll call was taken with 20 members from seven departments present. Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests present and Patty Miller, Dist Aux. Chairman introduced her guests.

Vice President Koehler passed out survey sheets concerning moving the convention dates to the weekend. Comments on the subject were aired at this time. He also spoke on the recent convention held in Evansville. State Treasurer, Jack Harker, asked about receiving the IVFA paper and those with any problems contact him. State Secretary, Larry Bartlow, spoke on the past convention. State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush spoke on the responsibilities of his office. West Central PR Director, Diane Harrison announced that dues were due, FEMA grant guidelines were reviewed. She stated the joint picnic of 11-A and 11-B will be held in September. Chairman Ketchem presented a 25 year pin to Randy Benskin and Larry Natalie. The Midwest Award was presented to Tim Wilson of the Cayuga Vol. Fire Dept. Chairman Ketchem spoke on the upcoming joint picnic on Sept. 15th at Forest Park in Brazil.

At this time, Chairman Ketchem turned the floor over to the election committee chairman, Larry Bartlow who conducted this year's election.

The following were nominated and elected.

Chairman - Larry Ketchem
Vice Chairman - Brent Bush
Secretary-Treasurer - John Davies

Sgt.-at-Arms - David Miller
Chaplain - Con Mankin

Bill Bush made a statement that the current memorial flags belonging to the association were obsolete and need to remove them from the district inventory. He recommended selling them at cost \$5.00 for a single face flag and \$10.00 for a double face flag. A motion by Larry Bartlow seconded by Anthony Rohn to sell the remaining flags at cost. The motion carried. A motion was made by Bill Bush to reduce the price on the flags to \$3.00 and \$5.00 respectfully; seconded by Phil Brannin, the motion carried.

Patty Miller announced the location of the 2003 Miss Flame dance will be the same location on Feb 8, 2003 in Clinton. Chairman Ketchem presented the host department certificate to Chief Jim Moore of the Fairview Park Vol Fire Dept. Chairman Ketchem spoke on ways of improving the district meeting attendance and just what we needed to work on, he stated that he was open to any and all suggestions.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Secretary

DISTRICT 12

Brian Witham

District 12 Chairman

District 12 has some new faces in the ranks.

Brian Witham is from Lizton-Union Township Fire Department and he is the I.V.F.A. District 12 chairman.

Vice chairman is Mark Henderson from Amo Volunteer Fire Department. Secretary/treasurer is Debbie Reeder from Amo Volunteer Fire Department. Ser-

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING COLUMBUS, INDIANA AUGUST 10, 2002

President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. He called upon Chaplain Charlie Baker for the Invocation. President Kerney then called upon Vice-President Buz Koehler to lead the Pledge to the Flag. The newly elected District Chairman were asked to introduce themselves. District 6, Dave Elick; District 12, Brian Witham; and District 14, Al Williamson introduced themselves and were welcomed.

President Kerney then called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Secretary Larry Bartlow. A motion was made by Past-President Jack Zeeks to accept the minutes as printed. The second was by John Ferro, District 4. The motion passed by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jack Kerney - He had driven 5266 miles this past quarter attending various District meetings, dedications and memorial services. He attended a meeting on Homeland Security Terrorism Funds and how they will be distributed in Indiana.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Buz Koehler - He had driven about 4200 miles this past quarter. He then thanked everyone for their hard work and extra efforts this past year. The results of this effort have made the IVFA much stronger.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Charlie Baker - Has had a busy quarter with about 15 Memorial Services. He passed out pictures of the Convention Memorial Service to each District Chairman.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Bill Bush - absent

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Bartlow - noticed a need to schedule District meetings farther ahead so that the dates are upcoming in the newspaper instead of already past.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Harker - Explained the figures of the Profit and Loss statement and the Budget Projection and Balance sheet.

President Kerney interrupted Officer reports for a presentation by Jeff Stanfield.

Jeff Stanfield spoke on an Insurance Benefit plan for our members. The individual members can choose from many different choices. They include Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Disability Income, Annuities and Estate planning. All plans available to all IVFA members. This is provided by Health Benefits Professionals. For this Benefit the Company would require a 3-year contract. They would like a full page Advertisement in the newspaper each issue and booth space at Convention. They will provide a Letter of Confidentiality for our membership list.

A motion was made by Past-President Jim Parker to pursue more information on the company and investigate the references by the Executive Committee and make decision on the matter pending Board of Director's action. Larry Ketchem, District 11-B made the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC RELATION'S REPORTS:

PRNW: Jim Bradford - Attended eight District meetings, two Station dedications, two memorial services and several fundraisers. He has driven 1577 miles this past quarter.

PRNE: Mike Mackin - Has one new District Chairman in his area, Dave Elick, District 6. All other Chairmen were re-elected. Attend one Memorial service. He has

nothing to report on Convention 2001. Been unable to get any information.

PRWC: Diane Harrison - Attended Greene County Firefighters Association meeting, Sandcut Firehouse Dedication, one Memorial service and all District meetings in her area. Also attended several fundraisers.

PREC: Don Cushman - Has attended all district meetings in his area and some fundraisers.

PRSW: Ron Bell - Has attended five District meetings, three county meetings, three convention meetings three memorial services and two fundraisers.

PRSE: Joe Caudill - Has attended three district meetings, some fundraisers and one memorial service

PAST - PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Jack Zeeks - Pass, Richard Grant - Pass, Mitch Parish - Absent, Carl Bruns - Pass, Jim Parker - Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

DISTRICT 1 Tom Orrell - Held meeting at Griffith Fire Dept. on Wednesday, July 17, 2002. They had 16 Departments and 23 members present. The district officer's election was held and all were re-elected. Congratulations to Mary Wesley the "Angel Award winner, Kim Perry, Miss Flame " Miss Congeniality 2002 " winner. Midwest Award winners, Jim Branham, District 1 and Keith Schilling, District 2. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at Lincoln Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 2 Paul Watland - Held meeting at Hebron Vol. Fire Dept. on May 15, 2002. They had 16 Departments and 47 members present. They had two deaths in the district. The next meeting is August 21, 2002 at Lincoln Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3 Tim Sandy - Held meeting May 16, 2002 at Scipio Twp. Fire Dept. with 6 department and 16 members present. The next meeting was July 18, 2002 at Hamlet Fire Dept. with six departments and 12 members present. He presented the Midwest Award to Ed Rittor. The next meeting will be Sept. 19, 2002 at Pleasant Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. A meeting will be held November 21, 2002 at Kingsford Union Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4 John Ferro - Held meeting July 23, 2002. They presented the Midwest Award. They had the District Officer's election and all were re-elected. John is scheduled to meet with several departments in the district. The next meeting will be Oct. 23, 2002 at Portage Twp. Fire Dept. They have changed the meeting from Thursday to Wednesday.

DISTRICT 5 Don Kissinger - Held meeting May 9, 2002 at Breman Fire Dept. Four departments and 12 members present. He had a meeting on July 11, 2002 at Winona Lake Fire Dept. and held the district election at this meeting. The current officers were re-elected. The next meeting will be Sept. 12, 2002 at Denver Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 6 Dave Elick - Held meeting at Albion Vol. Fire Dept. on July 23, 2002. Dave Elick was elected district chairman. Since being elected he has driven 160 miles getting acquainted with the district. He also has attended two Memorial services. The next meeting will be Sept. 24, 2002 at a location to be announced.

DISTRICT 7 Mort Sorg - His last meeting the program was presented by Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Also held the district election at this meeting and all officers were re-elected. The next meeting is Sept. 16, 2002 at

Ossian Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A Bill Pape - Absent.

DISTRICT 8B Larry Petro - held last meeting July 11, 2002 at Salem Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in Daleville. They had four departments and 16 members present. They talked about dues and the survey to change the convention to the weekend. The next meeting will be at Stoney Creek Twp. Fire Dept. on Sept. 18, 2002. He has attended several fundraisers and visited six departments.

DISTRICT 9A Jon Randle - Absent.

DISTRICT 9B Randi Denton - Held last meeting July 11, 2002 at Idaville Vol. Fire Dept. with seven departments and 40 members present. They had one death in the district. The next meeting will be September 12, 2002 at Kentland Vol. Fire Dept. The meeting for November will be in Medaryville on Nov. 14, 2002.

DISTRICT 10 David Israel - Had meeting May 15, 2002 at Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with a program put on by Roger Johnson from Elkhart Brass. They had 13 departments and 33 members present. The next meeting will be August 21, 2002 at Rushville Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A Jack McFarland - Held meeting May 19, 2002 at Lewis Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with 16 departments and 88 members present. Chief Paul Bailey presented the program on 911 at Ground Zero. They had one death in the district. The next meeting was July 21, 2002 at Linton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with eight departments and 28 members present. The election of officers was held. The next meeting is the District 11A/11B picnic Sept. 15, 2002 at Forrest Park in Brazil.

DISTRICT 11B Larry Ketchem - Last meeting was July 10, 2002 at Fairview Park Vol. Fire Dept. with six departments and 22 members present. The election of officers was held and all were re-elected. The next meeting is the picnic with Dist. 11-A at Forrest Park in Brazil.

DISTRICT 12 Brian Witham - Meeting held July 15, 2002 at Mill Creek Vol. Fire Dept. in Amo. They had five departments and 15 members present. They held their election of officers and Brian Witham was elected chairman. The next meeting will be at Mill Creek Vol. Fire Dept. in Stilesville. The date to be announced.

DISTRICT 13A Tim Martin - Held meeting May 16, 2002 at Jackson-Blue River Twp. Vol. Dept. with seven departments and 23 members present. The Indiana State Police put on a program on Meth Labs. They had one death in the district. The next meeting is August 15, 2002 at Middletown Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13B Dennis Spears - Held meeting July 30, 2002 at Dublin Vol. Fire Dept. with four departments and 14 members present. Postponed the election of officers until the next meeting. He presented the Midwest Award. The next meeting will be in Sept. with date and place to be announced.

DISTRICT 14 Al Williamson - Meeting held July 17, 2002 at McCullough Vol. Fire Dept. They held their election of officers and Al Williamson was elected chairman. The next meeting to be announced.

DISTRICT 15 Steve Anderson - Held meeting May 21, 2002 at Knight Twp. Co. #6 with seven departments and 20 members present. Most of the meeting was convention update. The next meeting was held July 16, 2002 at Chandler Vol. Fire Dept. with nine

departments and 21 members present. They held their district officer elections. The next meeting will be Sept. 17, 2002 at the GE Posey Co. plant in Mount Vernon. The Nov. meeting will be held at Oakland City Vol. Fire Dept. on the 19th.

DISTRICT 16 Ron Melton - Held meeting July 11, 2002 at Leavenworth Fire Dept. with two departments and 15 members present. He has presented three "25-Year" pins. The next meeting is Sept. 12, 2002 at Greenville Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17A Jim Abrams - Absent.

DISTRICT 17B Jim Zeeks - Absent.

DISTRICT 18 Charlie Parker - Held meeting July 18, 2002 at Gentryville Vol. Fire Dept. with 24 departments and 78 members present. All officers were re-elected. They had two deaths in the district. The next meeting will be Sept. 19, 2002 at Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19 Ed Scheele - Held meeting July 25, 2002 at Jefferson Craig Vol. Fire Dept. with six departments and 17 members present. The election of officers was held. They had two deaths in district. They next meeting will be Sept. 26, 2002 at Metamora Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 Don Fultz - Held meeting July 29, 2002 at Shadeland Vol. Fire Dept. with six departments and 35 members present. Election of officers was held. Attended one dedication and several fundraisers. They had one death in the district. The next meeting is Oct. 29, 2002 at Wabash Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Station #1 in Klondike. This meeting is on a Tuesday night at 7:30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONVENTION - David Israel - Noted changes to Convention guidelines.

EXECUTIVE - Jack Kerney - Discussed the need for membership classes be the same in all places; namely the By-Laws, SOG, and Bridgeport form.

BUDGET - Jack Harker - Nothing at this time. Will meet at the Nov. meeting.

BRIDGEPORT - Carl Bruns - Remember deadline for applying for Bridgeport Scholarship is March 1, 2003.

EDITORS' ASSISTANT - Buz Koehler - The "Blue Light Law" change was printed wrong in the paper. It will be reprinted in the next issue of the paper. Do NOT send faxed pictures to the paper as they will not recopy. A company is offering to bar code our address labels; we need more information on this matter.

CLOTHING CLAIMS - Jim Bradford - Had two claims this quarter. Please note that the district chairman must sign all clothing claims before they are sent to the committee.

AWARDS - Buz Koehler - Pass. **ANNUAL MINUTES DIGEST** - Larry Bartlow - Will meet before next meeting to digest minutes of annual meeting.

FIRE SCHOOLS - Buz Koehler - A new Fire School operated by EBT and named Circle City Fire School requests the IVFA support of this school. It will be held at Warren Central High School. Board action required.

LEGISLATIVE - Jim Parker - Our main Legislative goals this year are:

1. HB1347 Clarification of wording that a member of PERF who, in their off hours, volunteer their services to another organization and become injured or sick would not receive their PERF benefits.

2. Volunteer Fire Departments can borrow money at the Municipal rate.

3. Increase cap on pay for Volunteer Firefighter from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

4. Change loan program to a grant program through the State Fire Marshal's Office.

5. Approach county and municipal governments for their workers to not be reprimanded for being late to work from a fire or emergency run.

6. Property tax reduction for members of Volunteer Fire Dept. of 10%.

SOG/BY-LAWS - Jim Parker - 1. Clarification of Membership Benefits for Honorary and Associate members. 2. Change in Article 3 Section 5 to remove wording of "Member Department". A department must have five active paid members to vote at convention. Passed out SOG change for Mr. IVFA Committee; Page 18.

CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRES - Buz Koehler - Discussion pro and con on change in convention date. All questionnaires must be in by Oct. 15, 2002.

Meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m. by President Kerney. He called on Chaplain Baker for the Morning Minute Message.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LOGO - Charlie Parker - Has request from Ridgeville Vol. Fire Dept. for two large decals for their rescue trailer and District 3 requests two large decals for the E.D.I.T.H. House. A motion by past-president Jim Parker to approve both requests upon receipt of the request letter from each unit. **PREC** Don Cushman offered a second. The motion passed on voice vote.

PUBLIC EDUCATION - Buz Koehler - Pass

GAMES - Al Mendel - states a need to purchase new stopwatches for the Water Ball Trailer. A minimum of five watches required. He will look for prices and types. Also we need arm patches for the Waterball winners.

P.S.T.I. - Buz Koehler - Homeland Security money coming to State for training. How it will be distributed is unknown at this time.

25 YEAR PINS - Roy Richardson - He has 2036 pins on hand.

FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE - Charlie Baker - Held meeting on July 25, 2002. Discussed lack of Fire Services participation in Homeland Security in Indiana. Burn Camp held in May had 38 kids participate. The Burn Camp is in good financial condition. Fire Marshal Office legislative proposal for 2003 include Fireworks enforcement changed to the local jurisdiction. State Fire Marshal to discontinue hard copy memos in favor of E-Mail.

MEMBERSHIP 17100 MEMBER FOR 2001.

OLD BUSINESS - 2002 Convention report- Steve Anderson - some souvenirs left. No startup money involved from IVFA. Final report by Nov. meeting.

2003 Convention Charlie Parker - some problems on credit card use, he will check on the problem.

NEW BUSINESS - PRNW Jim Bradford asked about the replacement of a Gold Card. Informed that it could be ordered and paid for through the IVFA Office. Also requested that the slate of officers to be elected at convention be listed in the May issue of the paper if possible. The needs for new contract to run year to year with option to renew for the IVFA Office. The contract also needs a cancellation clause.

WEB PAGE needs to be updated

IVFA quarterly meeting ...

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and more active. Need to get more use of the site.

FRONT LICENSE PLATE Jim Bradford brought in sample of a new front license plate. Some discussion the need for this plate. A motion by Past-President Richard Glant to not pursue this venture. District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger offered a second. Motion passed on voice vote.

A motion by Past-President Jim Parker to adjourn and go to the Board of Directors meeting. The second was by PREC Don Cushman. Motion approved by voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2002

Chairman of the Board Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order. He called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the Secretary. A motion by PRNE Mike Mackin to accept the minutes as printed. PRSW Ron Bell made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

The first item on the agenda was the presentation on Insurance: A motion was made by Past-President Jim Parker to pursue this Insurance program with the Executive Committee to investigate this to the point that they are satisfied in the

program; and if the Executive Committee of the IVFA is satisfied with the program to go ahead with the program. PRNW Jim Bradford offered the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Next item - EBT Fire School in Indianapolis - A motion was made by Past-President Richard Glant that we support this school. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

Next Item - Cap on mileage expense. Need SOG change to set mileage at \$.30 for the year. To be reviewed each year and establish rate for following year.

Next item - Problem of unattached IVFAA member's room rate. A motion was made by Past-President Jim Parker to pay \$50.00 per night for unattended IVFAA officers' room rate through the 2003 convention, and to revisit this issue next August. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

Next meeting is November 2-3, 2002.

A motion to adjourn was made by District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger. District 18 Chairman Charlie Parker made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Bartlow, Secretary

Hello, fellow firefighters,
First, let me say thank you to those who attended Convention 2002 in Evansville. It was a pleasure to help serve on the Host Committee, and I am already looking forward to the possibility of doing it again in the future. I would like to thank everyone that worked on our Convention. It definitely would not have been the great success that it was without your help and enthusiasm. I also would like to recognize Harry Logan, 2002 Convention Chairman, for overseeing the entire operation.

I would also like to thank the Luce Twp. VFD for donating some used equipment to some of my smaller departments.

In some other news, Black Twp. firefighters held an Awards Dinner on August 10. District 15 Sgt.-At-Arms Harry Logan handed out a 50 year Gold Card to John Yaggi, and a 25 year pin to Roy Schmitzer.

Congratulations go out to the following departments on their new deliveries: Poseyville (pumper/tanker), Elberfeld (tanker), Owen Twp. (engine), Alcoa (engine), Buckskin (tanker), and Scott Twp. (engine).

Before closing I need to thank the following organizations for inviting me to their events:

District 17-A (district meeting), District 18 (district and convention meetings, Miss Flame contest, and parade), Poseyville (chicken dinner, and parade), Marris Twp. (open house and Explosives class), Patoka Twp. (dept. meeting, waterball contest, and parade), Wadesville (parade), Oakland City (parade), Posey, Warrick, and Gibson Chiefs (monthly meetings), Posey Chiefs (9/11 Memorial Service), and McCutchanville (open house).

Next district meetings: Nov. 19 @ Oakland City VFD (new fire-house)

Jan. 21 @ McCutchanville VFD (Miss Flame contest)

Until next time. BE SAFE!!!
Steven T. Anderson
District 15 Chairman

DISTRICT 16

Ron Melton
District 16 Chairman

District 16 has held three meetings since the last report to this paper. The first was held at the Southeast volunteer fire department. Four departments were present. Also, Jack & Barb Kerney, and Joe Caudill were present. We all would like to thank the ladies of the Southeast Fire Department for a wonderful meal. Some new members from district 16 were signed up.

The second meeting was held at the Leavenworth Fire Department. Again Jack and Barb Kerney were present as well as Joe Caudill. Again our thanks goes out to the ladies for a fine meal.

Discussed the possibility of changing convention to Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Majority present wanted to leave the convention on its present schedule. Overwhelming complaints were: long travel time involved on Sunday afternoon and conducting business on Sunday. With this in mind district 16 votes to leave convention on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The third meeting was held September 12, 2002 at the Greenville Fire Department at 7PM fast time. Elections were not held for the second time due to lack of attendance. Orr Safety presented a program on Scott Air-Packs & Thermal Imaging Cameras.

District 16 officers went to convention in Evansville and were impressed as well as overwhelmed by the whole convention process. It was an eye opening experience. We are all looking forward to the 2003 convention

Ron Melton (district 16 chairman) would like to urge all District 16 departments to please send a

representative to the district meetings. These meetings are your place to voice concerns and obtain information about the fire service in Indiana. Any change has to start somewhere. If you want to see changes in the direction of the fire service in Indiana and more importantly the IVFA, you need to send a representative to the meeting to express your department's views.

Three members of the Corydon Volunteer Fire Department received 25-year pins as well as awards from the Fire Marshal and Governor for Meritorious Service. They are Gerald Saulman, Melvin Shewmaker, and Jack Chambers. On hand to present the awards was president Jack Kerney and Tom Hinkle of the Fire Marshal's office.

Three members of the Lanesville Volunteer Fire Department received 25-year pins. Bill Lyskowski, Ron Stilger, and Glenn Schneider were presented the awards at their annual picnic held in Lanesville.

Congratulations to these six firefighters! They are outstanding representatives for District 16.

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2002 @ Salem-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.

Ron Melton,
District 16 Chairman

DISTRICT 17A

Jim Abrams
District 17A
Chairman



District 17A lost two firefighters who were inactive, since the last newsletter. Our sympathies go out to the family of Midge Wilson. She was the wife of Jack Wilson, fire chief of Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Midge was a great person who will be missed greatly by everyone. Highland Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. lost Harold Clevenger, he was fundamental in supplying the fire dept. with much needed equipment.

Greene County Firefighters Assoc. wants to thank Diane Harrison for her hard work in preparing the grant that bought Flashy the Fire Dog for Greene County Firefighters Assoc. He's already been put to use in many parades and at school functions. Thanks, Diane!

District 17A's Miss Flame Deanna Chestnut won the Bloomfield Apple Festival queen contest! Congratulations, Deanna!

Our Greene County Firefighters Assoc. field day was held at Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in September. Thank you's go out to Jack and Barb Kerney, Jack and Beverly Harker and Jack and Sherry McFarland for making the trip to Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. to judge the games, and to Wright Twp. for hosting the games, after the recent loss of Midge.

I'm sorry I didn't have a district meeting in September. We lost three friends and my sister. We had a funeral every week in September. A family friend also had a terrible car accident and is in critical care in Methodist Hospital, so the month got by before I realized it.

Our next District 17A meeting will be at Odon Madison Vol. Fire Dept. on Nov. 16, 2002. Also, don't forget the sausage supper hosted by Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. on Jan. 18, 2003.

Any girl who wants to compete for District 17A Miss Flame, please contact Melinda Bell at 812-636-4192 or myself at 812-384-3160. The contest will be held at Odon-Madison Vol. Fire Dept. on January 26, 2003. Deadline is Decem-

ber 31st for applications.

Switz City Vol. Fire Dept. had a large fire at Bloomfield Bowling Alley. They called in Bloomfield Vol. Fire Dept., Richland-Taylor Vol. Fire Dept., Worthington Vol. Fire Dept., Lyons Vol. Fire Dept., Newberry Vol. Fire Dept., Highland Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. and Linton Fire Dept. Bruce Porter, chief of Switz City Vol. Fire Dept. said, "The cooperation of all the fire departments was great!"

I want to thank Don Malone for the great job he did as secretary-treasurer of District 17A. I also want to welcome Debra Ockerman to the new job as secretary-treasurer of 17A.

We'll miss Jack Kerney as president of IVFA. Jack has done a wonderful job!

Jasonville Vol. Fire Dept. held a September 11th memorial service. Reverend Mark Messmer was in charge, he had Jasonville Vol. Fire Chief Don Tribby speak on the firefighters who were lost, Jasonville police chief spoke, and I spoke on firefighters now, EMT and rescue speaker and Rev. Messmer spoke, Several singers did patriotic songs. It was a beautiful service.

The Odon-Madison Vol. Fire Dept. will have a Christmas auction and bean supper Nov. 9th. Supper at 3:30, auction at 5:30 at Graber Post Bldg. on 900 East.

Congratulations to Owensburg Vol. Fire Dept. and Elnora Vol. Fire Dept. for starting new fire stations!

Sincerely,
Jim Abrams
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B

Jim Zeeks
District 17B
Chairman



NO REPORT

DISTRICT 18

Charles Parker
District 18 Chairman

The September 19th meeting was called to order by chairman Chuck Parker at Dubois fire department at 7:30 p.m.

There were 77 members out of 22 departments answering 113 fire calls and 120 medical calls.

The guests were Jack Harker, IVFA state treasurer, Ron Bell, PR, Jim Anderson, WBDC News, M&S Fire and Safety and state representative Dennie Oxly.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21, 2002 at Chrisney at the 4-H fairgrounds at 8:00.

DISTRICT 19

Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman



The District 19 meeting was held at Metamora V.F.D. on September 26. The next meeting will be at Delaware V.F.D. on November 21. Delaware V.F.D. is located on Hwy. 129, just north of Hwy. 350. The district Miss Flame judging will be at Delaware. Any department that has a contestant needs to contact me or Beth Caudill, District 19 I.V.F.A.A. chairperson, before the November meeting.

Letters for the district Midwest Award need to be sent to me before the January meeting, or brought to the January meeting at

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DISTRICT 12

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geant of Arms is Paula Alkire from Amo Volunteer Fire Department.

District 12 would like to thank John Ross and Sonya Cleveland for a job well done.

If there is any news that a fire department would like to have put in the upcoming papers, please feel free to let me know and I would be more than happy to put it in.

If you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,
Brian Witham
District 12 chairman
Bwitham19@hotmail.com

DISTRICT 13-A

Tim Martin
District 13A Chairman
NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B



Dennis Spears
District 13B
Chairman

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

Al Williamson
District 14 Chairman

District 14 chairman presented 25 year pins to members of Madison Co. 5: William Matthews, Robert Hughs, Richard Black, Nick Robinson, Thomas McClelland, James Royalty, Nolan Sutter, William Ward, and William Wilson.

Also receiving Gold Cards were Hiron Whisman, Loris Mumier, Sanford Banta, Roy Bently, John Hoffman, Joe Hoffman and Charles Peddie.

District 14 Chairman
Al Williamson

DISTRICT 15

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson.

A quotation was given by Miss Flame, Andrea Seib in the absence of our chaplain. Sgt.-at-Arms, Harry Logan led the pledge.



Steve
Anderson
District 15
Chairman

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed by the secretary. A motion was made by Jack Kerney to accept minutes as written, seconded by Charlie Marx.

Treasurer Kerney gave treasurer's report. A motion was made by Charlie Marx, seconded by Harry Logan to accept report as filed.

Convention Chairman Logan stated that our next meeting would be June 2nd at 5:00 at the Executive Inn. We will be finalizing details on the convention. Ditty Bags will be assembled on Tuesday, June 11th in the hospitality room at the Executive Inn. If you have items that will go in the bags, please see that they are at the room on time. Steve mentioned that we still could use workers if there are those who have not signed up to help.

Waterball tournament at Wadesville on June 29th at 1:00 P.M.

Barb Kerney announced that dues packets have been sent out from the office. If you have not received one, please contact the office. Please make changes of address and beneficiaries on the forms. July 31st is deadline for payment of dues on time.

June 9th at 11:00 P.M. will be an open house at Marris Township. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chairman Anderson and state president Kerney reported on last quarterly meeting. President Kerney also noted his travels and what is going on around the state with the fire service.

Update was given on Blue Light Law and surplus equipment.

Due to several departments being out on runs during meeting, no further business was discussed.

Chairman Anderson thanked Knight Township for being our host and for the nice meal that was served.

Motion for adjournment was made by Harry Logan, seconded by Jack Kerney.

Next meeting will be July 16, 2002 at 6:30 P.M. at Chandler Fire Department. Elections will be held at this time.

Barbara Kerney, Secretary

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

DISTRICT 19

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Sunman Rural Fire Dept. Letters for Mr. I.V.F.A., Ollie Sandburg, and Angel Awards need to be at the I.V.F.A. office by February 1. Applications for the Bridgeport scholarships need to be at the I.V.F.A. office by March 1.

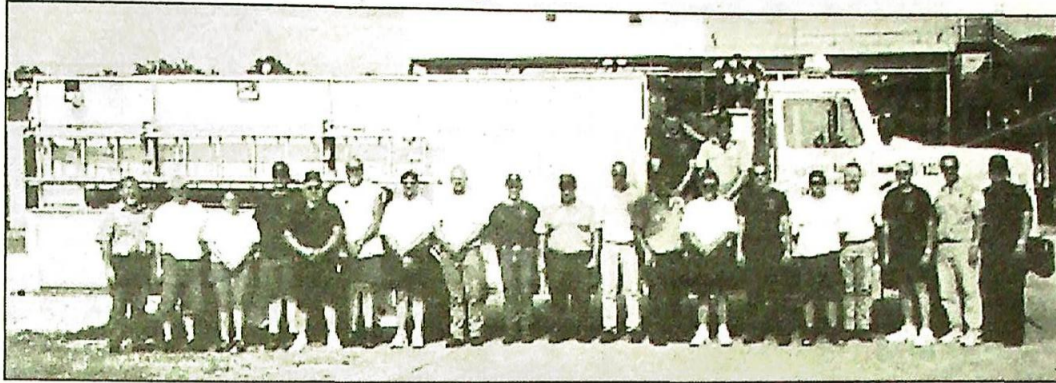
Milan V.F.D. had a dedication of their new fire truck on September 22. Sunman Rural Fire Dept. had a dedication of their new fire station on October 6.

District 19 chairman Ed Scheele

The District 19 IVFA meeting was held at the Metamora VFD on September 26, 2002 with 27 firefighters from 9 departments reporting 95 fire and EMS runs. The meeting was called to order by President Ed Scheele. Vice Chairman, Steve Macke, lead the pledge to the flag. Chaplain, ED Gerdowsky, lead us in prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Guests were Keriana Miles, District 19 Miss Flames, Jim Gillmore, Koorsen Fire & Safety, Joe Caudill, PR Rep., and Mark Bumhart, Mobilcom. The IVFA is selling shirts and etc.-look in your IVFA newspaper for a complete listing and order information. At the state officer's meeting-they talked about getting health insurance made available for all the IVFA members at a decent price will decide at next meeting. Blue light law was printed incorrectly in last paper-will printed correctly this issue. They talked

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White River Twp. Holds Celebration



June 1951 - Fire protection for White River Twp. of Randolph County moved a step nearer realization when the Winchester city council listened to an unofficial fire-fighting proposal presented by a township delegation. Initial negotiations were started at the Winchester Chamber of Commerce seeing the need of fire protection

expansion to the rural area surrounding Winchester.

Francis A. Hartman, fire training instructor of the Public Safety Institute of Purdue University, discussed various methods by which the township could get badly needed fire protection, detailed sections of the Indiana law pertaining to procedure and gave estimated

approximate costs.

Thus began the first 50 years of White River Twp. Fire Dept. of Randolph County.

On June 29, 2002, a day of celebration included:

Fire games involving other Randolph County Firemen;

A beautiful memorial service by State Chaplain Charles Baker along

with a bag piper and taps;

A visit from our own District 8B state Miss Flame queen, Toni Lenkendorf.

The day included food and fellowship of Charter members, past members and active fireman and their families.

Congratulations White River Twp. Fire Dept. . . . Chief Stacey Lewis, Asst. Chief Gail Bud Sears, Asst. Chief Doug Simmons, Captain John Wilt, Lt. Jeff Sears, Melvin Lewis, Lowell Shaffer, Tom Franklin, David Baldwin, Nathan Hardwick, Jeff Horn, Kevin Kenworthy Sr., Trent Kritsch, Shawn Patterson, Joy Harris, Ernie Treutlein, Matt Arnold, Dennis Brown, Larry Franklin, Kevin Kenworthy Jr., Larry Kenworthy, Steve Copeland, Nick Hess. Cadets: Andrew Simmons, Cassie Lewis, D.J. Retz, Ashlie Almonrode.

(Photo and article submitted by White River Twp. Fire Dept.)

Dyer VFD Holds New Station Dedication

A new station dedication of the Dyer Fire Department took place along with IVFA representatives attending on May 13, 2002.

The station replaces an old four bay station built in the 1950s that had outlived its use. The complex is part of a police/fire building that also more than doubled the working area of the police station (and quadrupled the fire side area).

Even though there are no full-time firemen, the station is built for the future with locker rooms, sleeping areas, a kitchen and a gym.

The Dyer Volunteer Fire Department operated in the town of Dyer in far northwest Indiana and St. John Township, south of the corporate limits. The area is approximately five miles by three miles and encompasses a mostly suburban type population of 17,000.

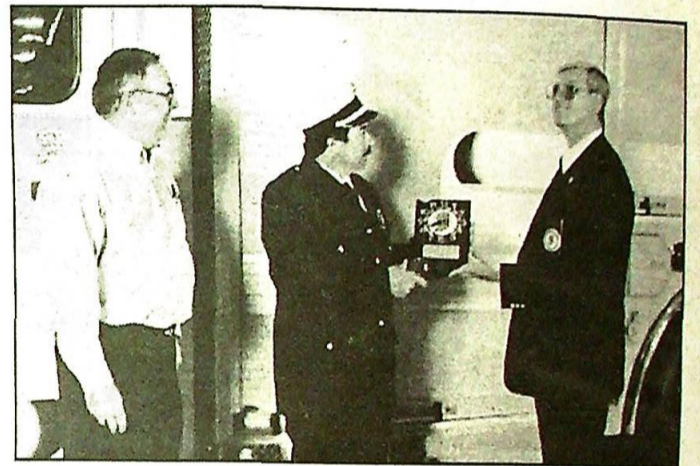
Dyer operates out of two stations with two engines, two rescue trucks, two medical BLS sub-urbans, a 105 ft. tower, a brush truck and an ambulance. The department provides BLS first response to all EMS calls and backup

ambulance service for multiple calls or patients.

Dyer Fire will respond to over 1000 calls in 2002.

(Article and photos submitted by Jeff Zendzian, assistant chief/secretary, Dyer Vol. Fire Dept.)

Chief Bob Bonnin accepting an IVFA clock for dedication of new station. Presenting Fire Chief Bob Bonnin is Jim Bradford (left) and Tom Orrell (right).



Dyer Volunteer Fire Department poses in front of Reserve 2 in their new station. The new station was ready for occupancy in May 2002 and nearly quadruples the size of the old station.

BIF Grant Buys New Rescue Truck For Southwest Fire Dept.



COLUMBUS - Southwest Fire Dept. took delivery in May of a new rescue truck purchased with Build Indiana Funds. The multi-purpose truck is a Ford F550 4-door cab with airpack seats. It has a 300-gallon water tank with foam, and a 500 gpm pump. Fire Chief Randy Dettmer says he expects the truck to make 70-80% of the department's runs, including vehicle crashes and medical assists. Chief

Dettmer credits State Rep. David Yount for supporting the department by sponsoring the Build Indiana Fund appropriation that paid for \$75,000 of the truck. He said Yount showed he is a true supporter of the volunteer fire service by making their grant request a priority. More information: swfd@tts.net or (812) 342-9267.

SOUTHWEST FIRE DEPT. RESCUE 60 - FRONT ROW: Lt. Russ Hardin, Lt. Jay Frederick, Ed Parkin, Doyle Morgan. SECOND ROW: Chief Randy Dettmer, Rep. David Yount, Scott Crase, Capt. Greg Warren, Asst. Chief Wayne Freeman.

(Photo submitted by James Frederick, Southwest Fire Dept.)

Hebron Fire Department Receives Donation from Marti's Place Restaurant



Picture Left to right are: Ron, Madeline, Alesia and Marti Klauer of Marti's Place Restaurant and David Wilson, Chief of the Hebron Fire Department.

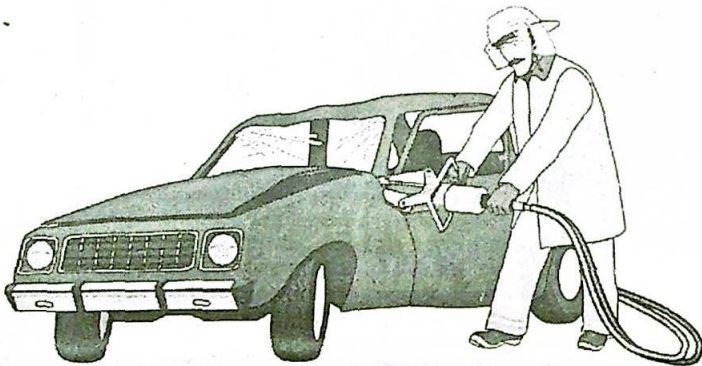
Marti's Place Restaurant, located on the Kankakee River in Hebron celebrated our local heroes on September 11 by donating a large portion of their daily sales on that day to the local volunteer fire department in Hebron.

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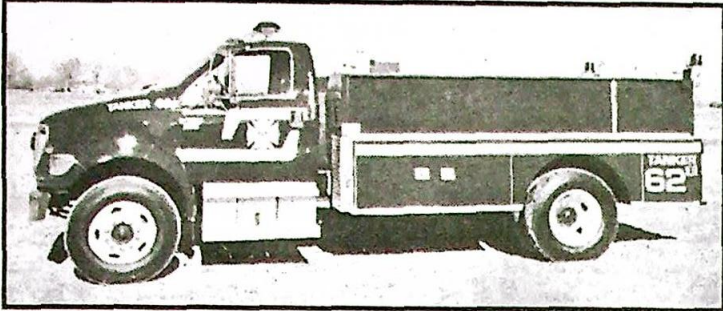
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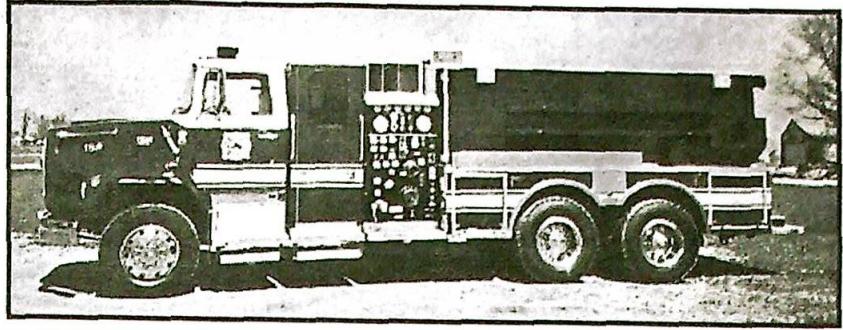
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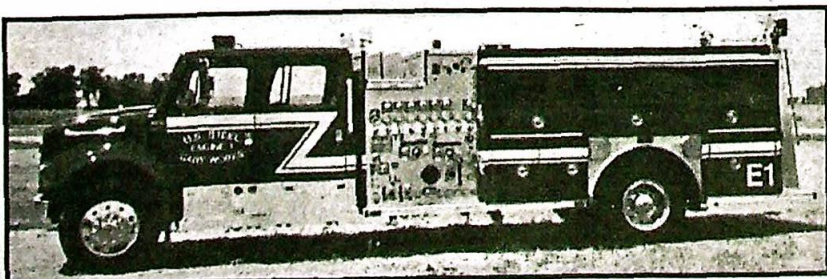
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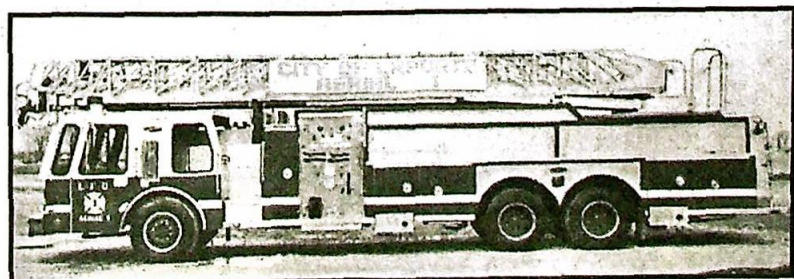
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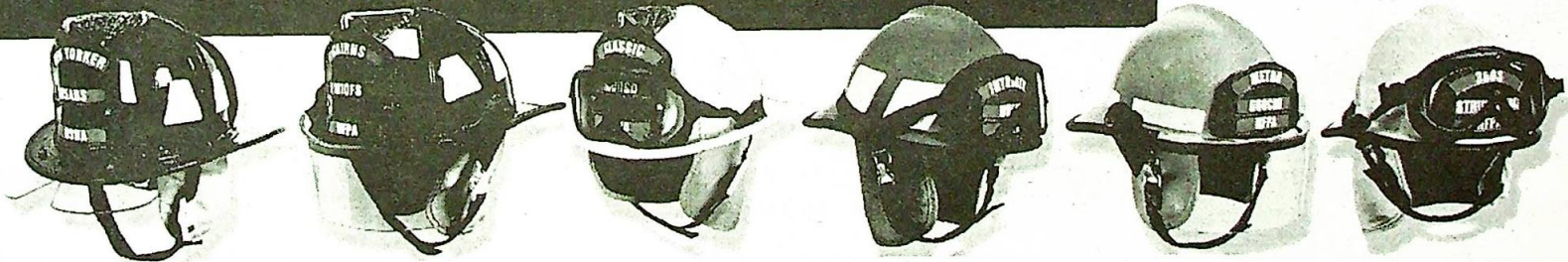
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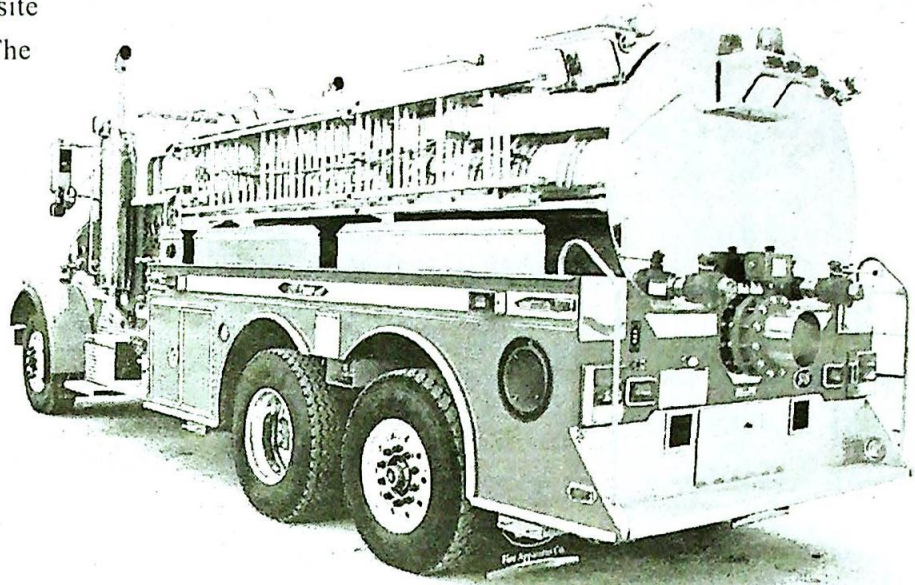
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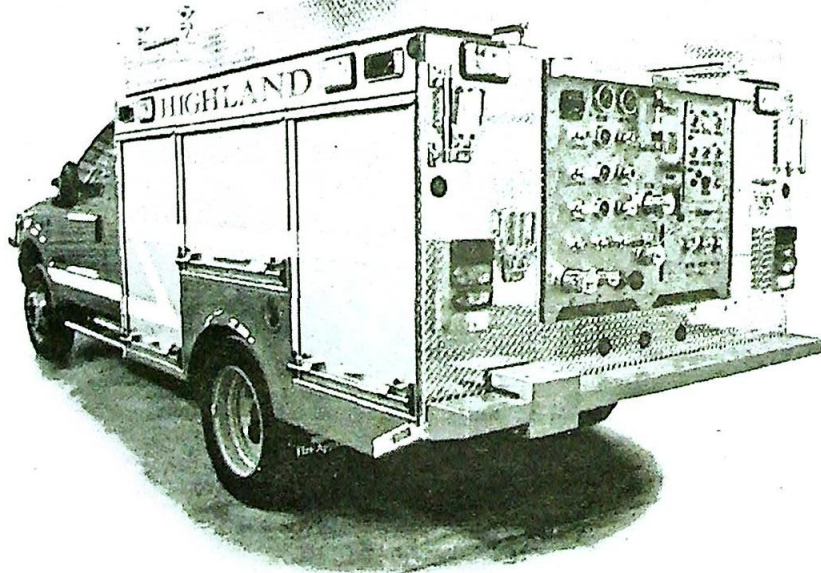
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Public Relations Northwest

I haven't made any meetings or fund raisers since August 16th when I had some serious surgery. I should be able to get back on track by November.

I want to thank everyone who sent me get well cards and E-mails. I really appreciate it.

The state officer's meeting is the first weekend in November and we should be getting some very useful information. I'll get it out as soon as possible.

Thanks again.

Jim Bradford
PRNW



Jim Bradford

The Impact of House Bill 1347 On Volunteer Firefighters

House Enrolled Act 1347 was adopted in this past legislative session. It affects the disability benefit of emergency and public safety employees regarding death and disabilities presumed to be incurred in the line of duty, and creates a new chapter, IC 5-10-13, to the Indiana Code.

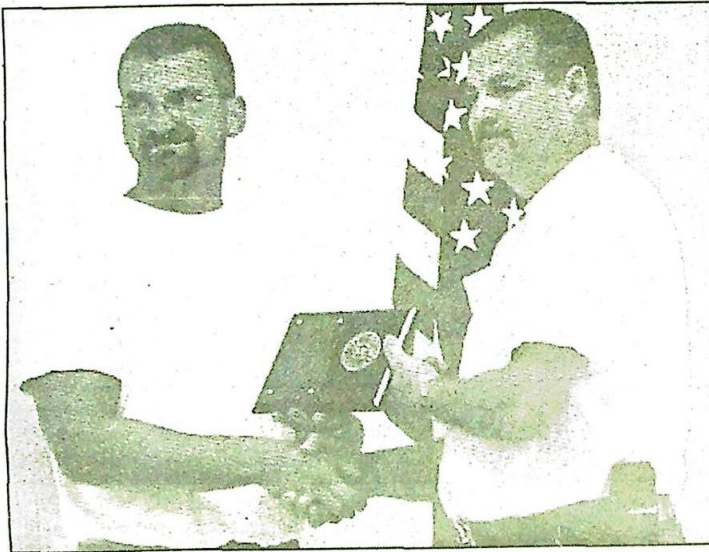
As I stated to those of you in attendance at the State Convention, this legislation is aimed at public safety employees (i.e. merit) who contract hepatitis, meningitis, or tuberculosis while performing duties in the scope of his or her employment. This legislation is aimed at the provision of death and disability benefits to these merit employees. It applies to employees who are employed full-time. The statute uses the terms "employee" and "employment". It is not aimed at volunteers. However, this legislation calls for an employee who is diagnosed with one of the three diseases to sign an affidavit stating that, among other things, the employee has, "outside the scope of the employee's current employment, not been exposed through transfer of body fluids to an individual known to have a medical condition caused by hepatitis". These are reflected in Indiana Code (5-10-13-15(b)(1). A similar provision regarding meningitis is found in (c), and regarding tuberculosis is found in (d). These are the only provisions of the legislation that I see could impact merit employees who also serve as volunteer firefighters or providers of emergency medical services. 9 states that "this chapter does not affect the requirements for determining eligibility for disability benefits provided by the State or a political subdivision of the State except to the extent of determin-

ing whether an employee incurred a disability in the line of duty". The line of duty referenced throughout Indiana code 5-10-3, is again the new chapter relating to emergency and public safety employees.

From my interpretation of the legislation, merit firefighters who also serve as volunteers should only be concerned if they in fact encounter an individual with tuberculosis, meningitis, or hepatitis while volunteering, so that they would be unable to swear in an affidavit

that their exposure was during the course of their employment. I do not think that this is a very frequent occurrence, but if the IVFA sees this is an issue, your membership may wish to place amending legislation on your legislative agenda for the future. It is not the intention of the authors to dissuade volunteers from continuing to serve.

Receives Midwest Award



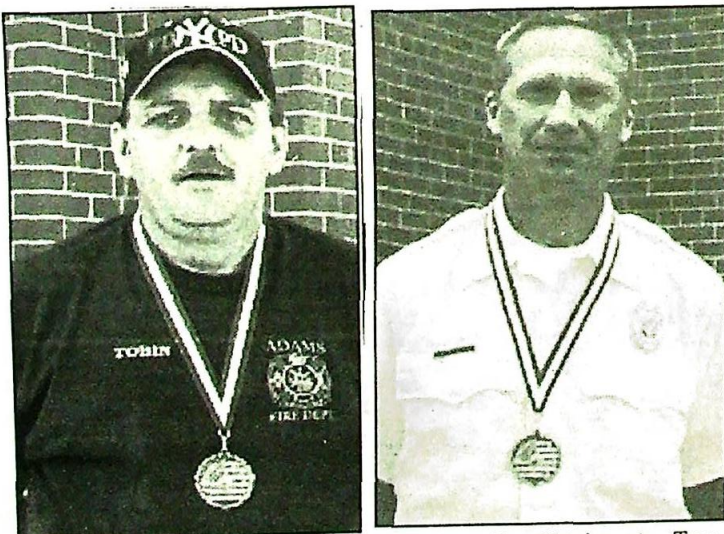
August 6, 2002 - Joe DeLeo (left), of the Andrews Volunteer Fire Dept. recently received the Midwest Award 2002 for District 7 of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association. This award is presented to each district, at the annual convention.

Joe is very deserving of this award, as he has donated his time on several occasions at functions and projects that the department has taken on and he has given of his time to do training within the department. He has given suggestions on ways to improve the department and helps to get them underway.

Joe has been with the department for 13 years and has served in the office as lieutenant.

Joe is shown here with Jeff Gray, fire chief (right).
(Photo submitted by D. Gray)

Two Firefighters Receive Tree City Medal of Honor



Adams Twp. Vol. firefighter and Greensburg Fire Chief receive Tree City Medal of Honor -- Tobin Colvin, Adams Twp. Vol. Fire Department and Chief Mike Wells, Greensburg Fire Department, District 10 were two of several firefighters from Decatur Co., IN to receive the Tree City Medal of Honor.

Firefighters, law enforcement officers and volunteers from all over the county were recognized on September 22, 2002 in a special ceremony.
(Photos submitted by Linda Spurling, District 10)

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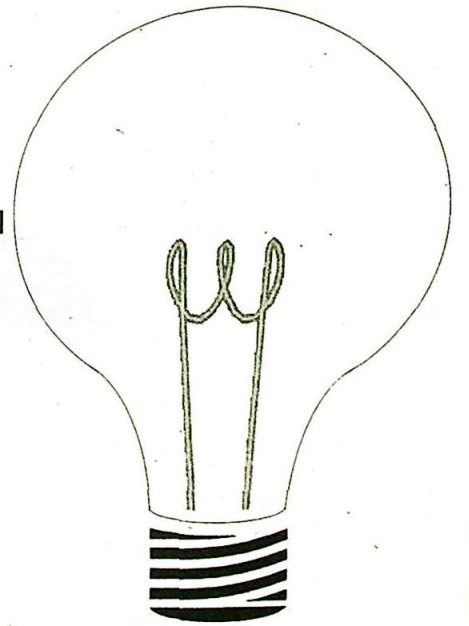
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Diane Harrison

I attended District 12 meeting at Mill Creek and District 21 meeting at Shadeland. I ran the elections for these two districts. I attended 11-B at Fairview Park and District 11-A Linton Twp.-Pimento. Elections were also held at these meetings. I wish all the officers the best of luck on the upcoming year.

I had a very enjoyable time at District 11-A and 11-B joint picnic held at Forest Park at Brazil. I attended Sullivan County Chief meeting with 11-A chairman Jack McFarland, Greene County meetings at Richland-Taylor, Worthington and Highland, 17-A meeting at Worthington and a convention meeting.

Congratulations to Otter Creek #2 - Sandcut on a beautiful new station. All of your hard work certainly paid off. Attended memorial service for Wright Twp. Midge Wilson and Dale Wier of Cayuga. Our sympathies go out to the families and departments.

There was a surprise 90th birthday party held for Arthur Hart who is still an active member of the Center Point fire department. Jack McFarland presented him with his 25 year pin and deputy fire marshal Mike Bigler presented him with the Governor's Award.

Thanks to all the teams who participated in the third annual Bleemel Days waterball tournament. Thanks to Steve Lane and Billy Camp for running the tournament and Jack and Barb Kerney, Harold Harrison for being the judges and to Dave Patterson for all his help.

We have been able to attend several fish fries, breakfasts, and other fundraisers. If your department has an event coming up, let us know and we will do our best to

be there.
We wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season!!!
Be safe out there.

Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mock Drill Turns Into Tornado Response

It was only supposed to be a mock drill.

Johnson County public safety officials were planning to hold a mock emergency drill on September 21. During the drill, officials were planning to test the Project Hoosier SAFE-T communications network to see how it would respond during an emergency situation.

All that changed on September 20. That was when tornadoes ripped through southwest, central and west central Indiana, leaving a path of destruction that affected thousands of families and businesses in 12 counties.

The tornado also turned Project Hoosier SAFE-T's dress rehearsal into a command performance.

As agencies throughout Johnson County quickly mobilized to respond to the emergency situations, they immediately began utilizing Project Hoosier SAFE-T's primary features: enhanced mobile and portable coverage, and interoperability between departments.

Public safety officials throughout Johnson County said that Project Hoosier SAFE-T worked, and was a huge asset for responding agencies.

"The network did exactly what it was intended to do," said

Johnson County Pitcher. "It had 4,000 radio transmissions in a 12-hour period. If we would have had two-channel

IPSC channels since Project Hoosier SAFE-T is a proven IPSC tool throughout Johnson County, other public safety agencies would consider joining.

"After the tragedy, we are considering if the agencies are better off with Project Hoosier SAFE-T."

Man In Serious Condition From Wreck Near Howesville

By BETH CLARK
DAILY CITIZEN STAFF WRITER
TUESDAY ACCIDENTS - A
Bloomfield was listed in serious



condition at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis this morning after he was involved in a two-vehicle accident on State Road 59 near Howesville on Tuesday morning.

William A. Edwards, 50, had to be cut from his semi-truck after it turned over on a curve near Buir's

Lake on S.R. 59.

Edwards was trapped in the wreckage for approximately 45 minutes.

When his truck, with 17 crushed cars, turned over it hit an oncoming 2002 Ford Explorer driven by

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Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Firefighter

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Howesville wreck...

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Tina Inman, 39, of Clay City. Inman was taking her 14-year-old son, Ridge Inman, to school at Shakamak, when the accident occurred. Tina and Ridge were treated and released from St. Vincent Clay County Hospital. They were both wearing seatbelts.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Department, Edwards attempted to round a curve too fast and the trailer and tractor tipped over on its side, strike the Inman vehicle, pushing it off the roadway and coming to rest off the road.

Edwards was airlifted to Methodist Hospital. According to Clay County Sheriff Rob Carter, Edwards was believed to have suffered head injuries, a broken leg and possibly a punctured lung. Edwards' dog was also injured in the accident.

The highway was closed until 6 p.m. as a result of the accident.

The accident was investigated by Clay County chief deputy Larry Pierce, assisted by Carter and reserve deputy Chris Robinson. Also helping at the scene were Lewis Township fire and rescue and Clay County Search and Rescue, along with the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Elnora Firefighter Learns Firsthand The Value Of First Responder Service

Over the course of the past several months members of the Elnora Volunteer Fire Departments have been training with others from surrounding communities to qualify as First Responders, a term given to those who have the training and are certified to administer emergency care at the scene until EMTs or paramedics arrive.

All fifteen members of the Elnora department took the course and became certified, including Chuck Stedman, an 11-year veteran of the department. The men acquired a specially-equipped vehicle and recently took on the added responsibility of loading the Jaws of Life extrication equipment.

Chuck's goal and that of his fellow volunteers who spent countless hours on the undertaking, was to help friends and neighbors (total strangers) in time of need. Stedman works as a jailer at the Daviess County jail and is also an unpaid Elnora reserve police officer.

All that training and hard work paid off for Chuck Stedman last Wednesday (Sept. 18). At home alone, he suffered a heart attack. He says fast response of his buddies may have saved his life.

Stedman, age 41, was able to call his wife (Judy), who was at work at Basiloid Products not far away. She found him on the floor and unresponsive when she arrived and immediately dialed 911 for help.

Several of his fellow firemen have scanners and got the word immediately that Stedman was in trouble. Jessie Emmons arrived even before the department's new First Responder truck and about ten minutes to fifteen minutes before the ambulance pulled up, Stedman says.

Emmons carries oxygen, aspirin, and a few items in his personal vehicle and was able to start these treatments right away. "He was there in two minutes or less," Stedman said, adding that 20 to 25 firemen, including some from Odon, turned out that day.

The victim was loaded and rushed to Daviess Community Hospital. Four or five firemen drove his wife, Judy, to the hospital and accompanied her to Evansville when he was later transferred.

Stedman underwent surgery to correct the problem and is doing

well. He gives credit to the First Responders and ambulance personnel for saving his life.

"I've done this myself for a long time, but never thought it would come back in this way." "I'm really thankful for the training those guys have," he added.

Stedman said he wanted to thank those involved but also hopes that the public will get a better understanding of what the First Responders are all about. He gives much credit to Jerry Beck and Emmons, both emergency medical technicians, for initiating the First Responder program and taking their time to train the firemen.

Stedman said the public should know that First Responders are not paid and they spend many of their weekends in training, often two eight-days at a time. Responders cannot give medication, but they are trained for extrication and the use of backboards and collars to minimize further injury in transport. "We do all we can to stabilize a patient and have them as prepared as possible when the ambulance and EMTs arrive," he said.

Some Responders help with traffic control at intersections and direct ambulances to the scene, anything to cut seconds off the response time.

(Published in Odon Journal newspaper)

(By: John Myers, an inactive Madison Twp. Vol. firefighter)

(Submitted by: District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell, with prior approval to submit this to IVFA paper)

Happy Holidays To All!

PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

Washington Twp. Volunteer Dedicates Engine 9 To Charter Member Firefighter Russell Burris

The new fire truck purchased by Washington Township trustee, Pete Showalter, was dedicated to volunteer fire department charter member Russell.

Chief Tony Wichman announced to the group of 24 fire-

In 1974 Burris and other firefighters had to fight and scratch for the money to get a new truck and needed equipment. "Now we have a trustee that is here to support and help us," Wichman said.

After reminiscing about who got

a plaque with a picture of the engine/tanker and his name while Wichman showed him the plaque that is mounted on the side of the engine.

"I am really surprised," Burris said. "This has everything an engine has but also been made special to hold 1,800 gallons of wa-

ter make our ISO rating

better." Burris said he no longer fights fires, but does drive the truck, helps drag hoses and runs errands for the other firefighters. He has served as firefighter for 30-plus years in Washington Township, the city of Washington, Alfordsville, and in Kansas. Remembering back to when the volunteer fire depart-

ment used now and the makeshift

equipment of his earlier days. "A salesman would come by peddling safety equipment, but we had no money to afford any of it," Burris said. "So we would look it over real good then go home, fire up the welder and start making what we saw. Some of those old apparatus still exist today. I just wouldn't want to have to find them." With the engines and tankers of today being equipped to the teeth, Burris said the firefighters of today do not have to be mindful, as he and others who worked without automatic transmission, faster trucks, bigger pumps and all the safety equipment. "With the ladder truck Washington has, those guys do not have to go into a fire unless it is a small one," he said. "They can't get on that ladder and just spray it down. We had to get into the fires, big or small. Things have come a long

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Burris ...

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way." Having held every office in the department, Burris said he just hangs out with the guys now. "They don't know what to do with me so they just let me hang around," he said. Burris said he is interested to see what new advancements are made in firefighting over the next 27 years. "They are coming up with new ideas and making new, safer equipment all the time. It will be interesting to watch the new things that come about. Maybe they will come up with something that could eliminate firefighters from going into a fire at all."

By Brandy Kellam-Melton
Submitted by: PR SW Ron Bell

Eleven Year Washington Twp. Vol. Firefighter's 15-Year Collection Of New York City Fire Stations Takes On New Meaning Following Events of Sept. 11, 2001

John Cavanaugh has collected patches and other memorabilia from New York City fire stations since 1987. It seemed only natural for him to send letters of sympathy and thanks to the 221 fire stations in New York. Particularly to the 37 stations in the Borough of Manhattan following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

The response from those letters has been more than Cavanaugh could have ever dreamed.

A letter from Engine 9 Group 24 was just one of the letters

Cavanaugh received. Part of it says, "While scanning the display of cards and letters of support I was deeply touched by your concern and it inspires me that fellow Americans like you in Washington, Ind., can connect with a single unpretentious firehouse in lower Manhattan and feel its sorrow."

The letters often included patches from the company, some issued after 9/11 and a few taken off uniforms of the firefighters, police officers or emergency workers worn while working at the site.

Cavanaugh, is a Washington police department dispatcher, part-time EMT, as well as volunteer firefighter. He was enjoying one of the rare days he had off on Sept. 11, when terrorists flew two airplanes into the World Trade Center. He just happened to be up watching TV when the first plane hit, his first thought was how could something like this happen? How are they going to help those people? He was a regular American more concerned for everyone's welfare. As the day progressed, he felt helpless.

Cavanaugh shared his collected with those that attended the United We Stand - for God and country program held at the Eastside Park. He arranged the letters he received along with patches of the company they came from in notebooks for display at the memorial service.

Cavanaugh came by his interest in firefighting, especially in New York City firehouses naturally. The son of Flo and the late John Cavanaugh, his mother was born and raised in New York City, in the Bronx, where her father, Albert Cohen was a volunteer firefighter for New York City in the 1940s.

Cavanaugh has visited family in New York and even some fire stations in the past. His uncle David Cohen is retired from the New York police department. His first

thoughts were of relatives. His mother was able to contact her extended family in New York later on that fateful day and learned everyone was safe.

John says he had been humbled by the responses he has received. "I thought, you mean this guy's got time to write me, a nobody." A letter from Daniel Nigro, FDNY chief, "I'm not with Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles, or even Indianapolis, where in the h--- is Washington, IN?"

Many of the letters he received reflected that same disbelief in that so many from all parts of the country cared so much about what had happened in New York. "In the past when we have lost a firefighter, we have usually only had our fellow firefighters to share our grief with. However, this time that is not the case," wrote a member of Engine 3, Ladder 12, Battalion 7, a station that lost five firefighters.

While letters started coming back to him last September, they have continued and he still receives responses.

Sean M. Giey wrote in April from Tower Ladder Company 50, Engine 89 in the Bronx, "Still yet another funeral tomorrow, we are trying to get back to normal slowly but surely."

Joe Maguire with Engine 64, also in Bronx, wrote, "We continue to be consumed to this day and will for a great while be in the greatest pain members of the fire service have to face as survivors, the death of a fellow fireman, the death of a brother."

Cavanaugh pointed out that while the Manhattan fire stations were rushing to the World Trade Center, stations in other boroughs were protecting the city, doing their job of putting out fires, responding to emergencies and attempting to aid their fellow firefighters. Many of those fire, rescue and police

personnel have spent time at the site helping with the rescue, recovery and cleanup effort.

A letter received in May from Engine 15, Ladder 18, signed by nine firefighters says, "It has been a rough nine months, but your sincere concern and spirit truly shows that together united, we will get through this time of tragedy."

The attacks came at shift change which was one of the reasons so many firefighters were so quickly at the scene and why identifying who perished and who survived took longer than it might have. In many cases both shirts responded to the emergency, just as they most likely would on a small town department.

Renaldo Natal, Lt. Engine 271 wrote, "It makes us proud to know that others throughout this great nation have stood shoulder to shoulder with us." One from Larry Brigati, Engine 70 wrote, "While reading these letters we are getting not only words of support and prayers but also a picture of what the rest of the country is thinking about and doing to show their pride in the USA."

Courage, dedication, sacrifice, all words that many take for granted, but members of the New York fire, police, and emergency services know the true meaning of after Sept. 11.

"The police officers of the city of New York have learned that courage is not acting without fear, but instead, courage is acting in spite of it." Those words, written by New York City police commissioner Raymond Kelly, and many other inspirational letters were read during the program at Eastside Park.

Written by Patricia Morrison,
news editor
Rewritten and submitted by PR
SW Ron Bell

Royal Center Vol. Fire Dept. Celebrates Two Occasions



IN THE TOP PHOTO - The Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department has purchased a new 4 door Pierce Engine. It rolls on a 2002 Kenworth chassis and is equipped with a 315 HP Cummins ISC engine, Allison Auto transmission, 1250 GPM waterous pump, 1000-gallon tank, 5000-watt generator, and has seating for five.

IN THE BOTTOM PHOTO - On June 9, 2002, several members were present to honor one of their members for 50 years of service to the fire department.

Isadore Davis was presented with a beautifully painted helmet and a plaque honoring his 50 years of service.

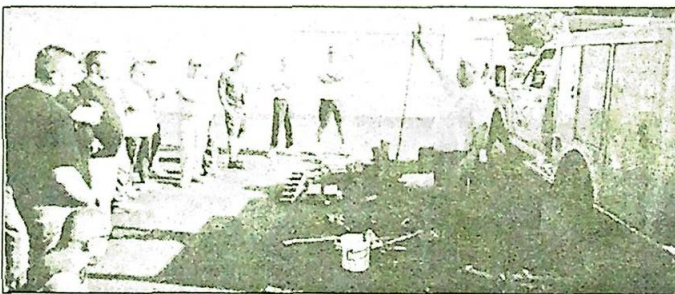
Isadore joined the fire department in May of 1952 and has seen many changes during his time on the department.

Isadore is still very active on the department, manning the radio during fire calls and also attends all of the meetings and fund-raisers.

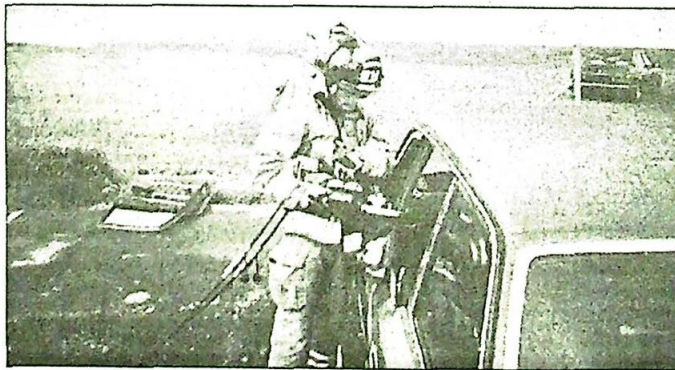
At the July District 9A meeting a Gold Membership card was presented to Isadore for his 50 years of service.

(Photos and article submitted by Roger Knebel, President, RCFD)

Van Buren Twp. FD Holds Extrication Course



Instructor Ron Vandeventer demonstrates some of the rescue equipment from the rescue truck to firefighters in the course.



In August, the Van Buren Township fire department of Monroe County held a Basic Passenger Vehicle Extrication Course.

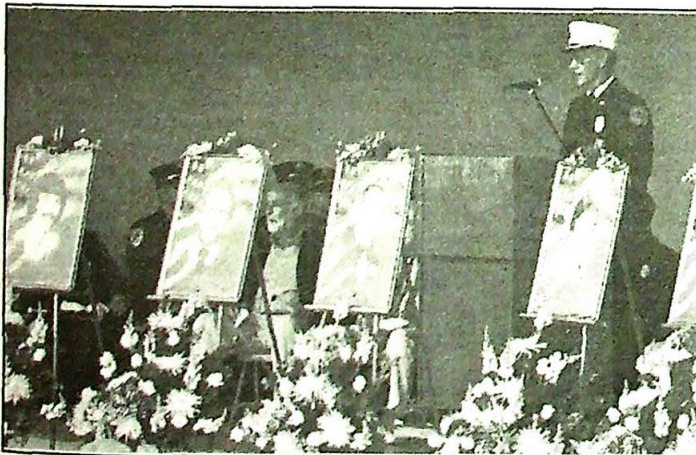
In this course firefighters learned and used the proper technique in rescue of trapped patients in automobile accidents, and other ways to extricate victims using hand tools and hydraulic equipment.

Firefighters from Van Buren Twp., Indian Creek, Bloomington City, Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District attended the course.

(Photos and article submitted by Tim Deckard)

(At left) - Lt. Mike Litz demonstrates the proper use of the rescue shears, as he removes the top from this vehicle, as Deputy Fire Chief Robert Johnson looks on in the background.

Honoring Plymouth's Bravest



TRIBUNE - Mon., July 29, 2002 - PLYMOUTH - When Kim Morrison sang the words of the introduction to "God Bless America" - "While the storm clouds gather ..." -- near the conclusion of the first public memorial service for five Plymouth firefighters killed 20 years ago, real storm clouds and thunder punctuated her tribute.

Some said a higher power kept the rain away long enough for the Starke County Volunteer Firefight-

ers Association Honor Guard to retire the country's colors and allow the more than 300 residents attending to retreat.

Others wiped away some man-made rain from their eyes.

The memorial service was held to remember Plymouth firefighters Alphonse J. (Al) Kriscunas, Randy Hansen, Brian Samuels, Gary Van Vector and Dane Hoffhein. They died when their pumper overturned on Indiana 17 on July 31, 1982.

They were on their way to put out a house fire at Lake Latonka when the accident occurred around 12:15 p.m.

Individual photographs of the men, each superimposed over an American flag, set the tone for the program at Centennial Park's William and Mary Young Performing Arts Amphitheater. The tributes were framed and set on easels. In front of each was a floral tribute in red, white and blue.

But the service was also for the survivors -- the families and friends left behind, the firefighters and

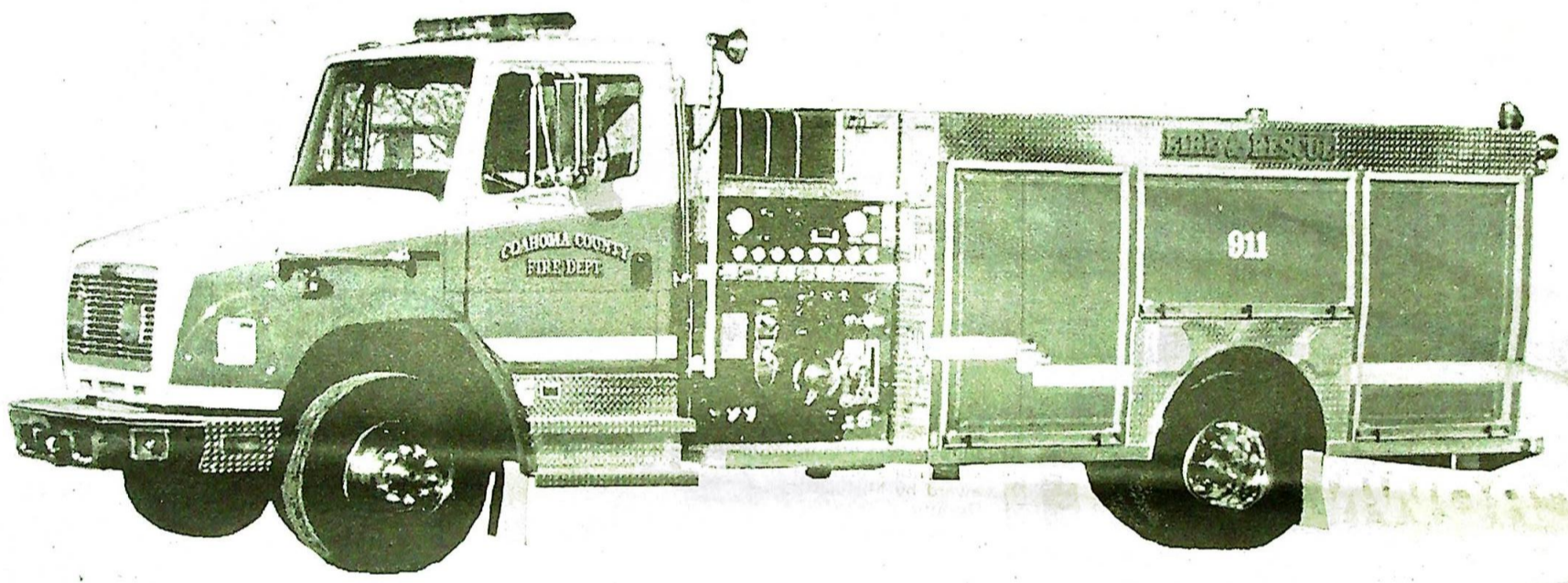
emergency medical services personnel, the community that learned it had to carry on even in the midst of such a loss.

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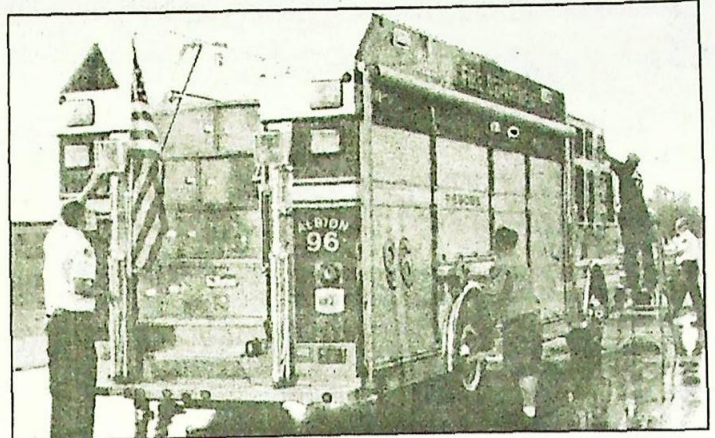
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Joe Caudill

"Wash Down" Held At Parade



August 25, 2002 - (This article originally appeared in Albion New Era weekly newspaper. Text and photos by Mark Hunter, AFD).

Usually people don't raise much of a fuss over washing a truck, but representatives of almost every fire department in Noble County and some beyond, gathered after Albion's Chain O' Lakes Festival parade for a "wash down". An odd, endearing tradition popular on the east coast in which a fire department dedicates a brand new truck with what could be called a baby shower.

About two dozen emergency service workers - representatives of at least nine fire departments, accompanied by Noble County EMS,

local police personnel and family members - gathered to celebrate the Albion Fire Department's new rescue truck. It was delivered this spring, equipped and put into service about a month ago, and made its first special event appearance in the parade.

Assistant Albion Fire Chief Gregg Gorsuch began the dedication, and expressed the hope that the gathering of members from all area fire departments to welcome new apparatus will become a regular affair. Gorsuch believes such events will encourage neighboring departments to continue to work well together.

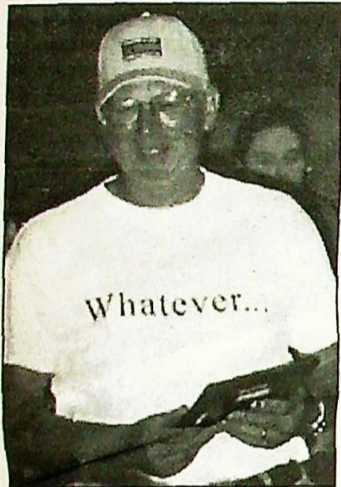
Pastor Dan Carlson, who doubles as a member of the Noble

County EMS, led the group in a prayer and commented wryly that he's "never baptized a truck before".

Finally, a heavy rain came down on a sunny day, as members of each department used fire hose from their trucks to "wash down" the new apparatus, a tradition that started hundreds of years ago in the northeast and continues to be popular in many parts of the country. Then, of course, they stuck around

to dry the truck off.

A line of rescue trucks from other departments, including an Orange Township (Rome City) apparatus that Albion firefighters helped wash down a few weeks ago, was parked near the Albion firehouse during the ceremony - ironically, at the end of the line was the older, now retired Albion rescue unit.



Wise Awarded "Man of the Year"

Roland "Bub" Wise, (at left) "Man of the Year" awarded by the Crown Point Chamber of Commerce.

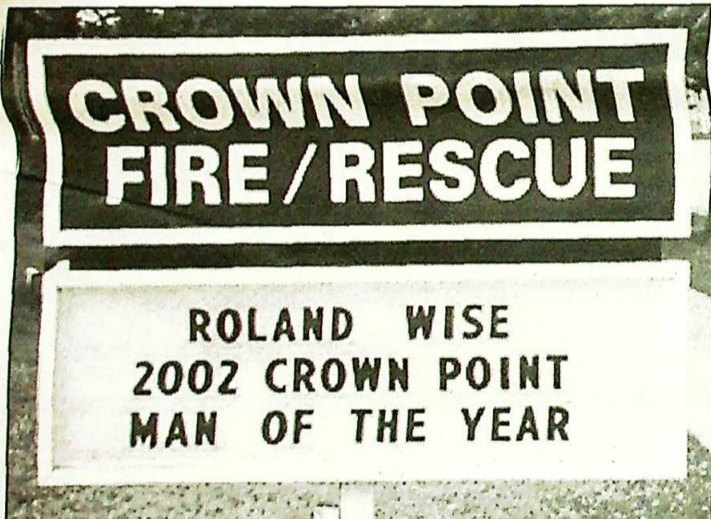
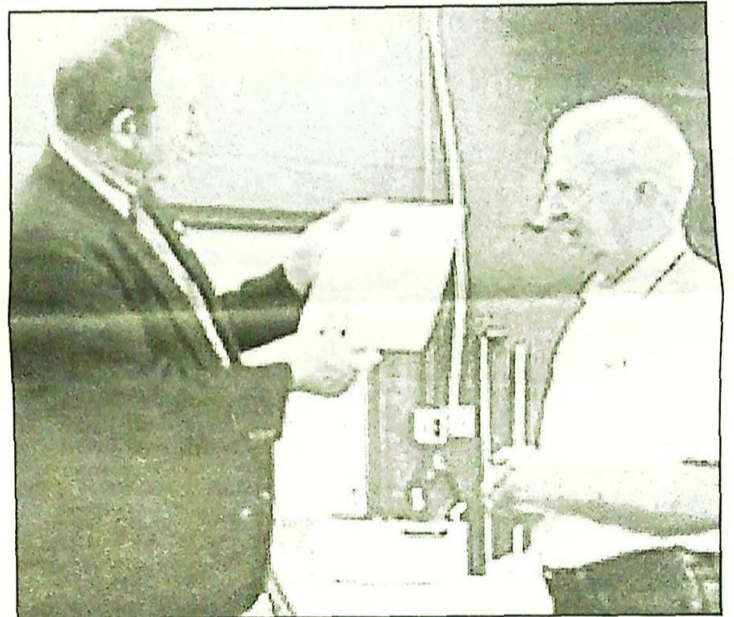
(Photo submitted by District 2 chairman, Paul F. Watland)

Joe Stephens Honored

Recently Joe Stephens of the Cleveland Township Fire Department in South Whitley was honored for his 50 years on the department with a surprise hog roast at the station. There were 125 in attendance.

Joe was presented with a fireman afghan, a keepsake clock/plaque and was awarded the Governor's Meritorious service award by Michael Bigler, Chief Deputy with the State Fire Marshal's office.

(Photos submitted by Cleveland Township Vol. Fire Dept.)

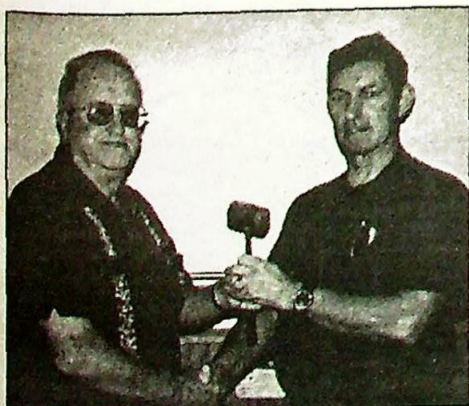


In announcing Wise's award, Van Sessen said that he "has been a lifelong resident of Crown Point. He grew up in the Bridgeport section of town, and he worked for Crown Point's own newspaper, the Lake County Star until his retirement, ending his career there as the general manager. Now he works for the city he loves in the Public Works Department.

"This man has served as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department in Crown Point for 43 years. He served as both part time and full time fire chief for over 19 of those years. He still belongs to the volunteers and has earned his place in history as one of our longest serving volunteers.

"He is also currently a member of the Center Township Trustee Board, serving in that position for the past four years. I personally have known this man for over 10 years and if you are involved in this city at all, you would certainly recognize him also."

Gavel Presented To New Chairman



Roy will be the vice chairman.

Al has been a member of the McCulloch Firefighters Assoc. since June of 1965.

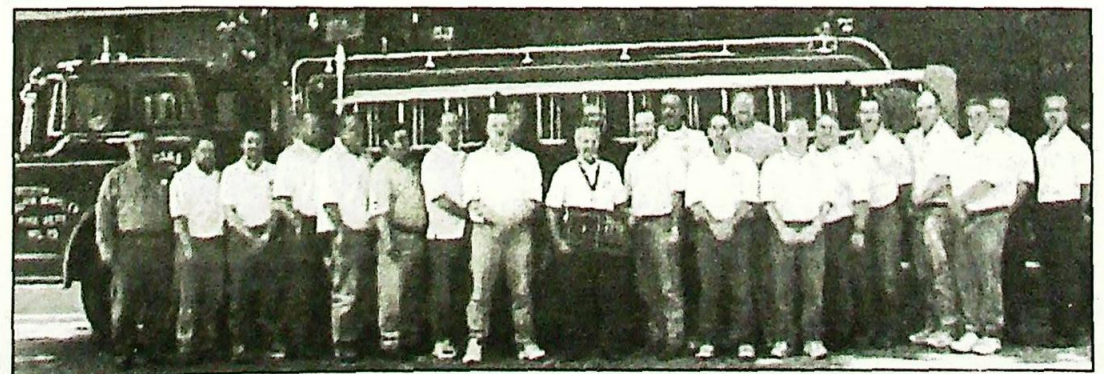
Al can be reached at home (812) 283-1046, fire station (812) 945-3313, work 3rd shift (812) 285-6385.

Al is a 911 dispatcher for Clark Co. Central Alarm.

Roy said after many years as chairman he was ready to slow down a bit.

(Photo submitted by District 14 Chairman, Al Williamson)

Past 14th District chairman, Roy Richardson, presented the gavel to newly-elected 14th District chairman, Al Williamson at the district meeting in July.



Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

DISTRICT 19

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about 6 new bills for 2003 put in legislative to help firefighters and department. The state firemarshal's office has money to put on training classes-you must have 20 signed up the have a class. Call fire marshal's office for more information. Next year's convention is June 18-21 at French Lick. The November meeting will be at Delaware VFD-that night we will be the judging for the new Miss Flame-So get your candidates and be there. The letters for Mr. IVFA Award, Ollie Sandburg Award, and Angel Awards needs to be in the IVFA office by the February 1st, 2003 - letters for the District Midwest Award must be turned into the District president by the January meeting. Applications for the Bridgeport Scholarships must be in at the IVFA office before March 1st, 2003. Clothing claim forms and a request for a clock must go thru the District chairman first. Second roll call was heard-Each department present talked about an event coming up or fire they had. The next meeting is at Delaware VFD on November 21st, 2002 at 7:30pm.

District 19 Secretary
Randy Merkel

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Don Fultz
District 21
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NOTICE

See page 2 for information on **NEW IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE and NEW SECRETARY**

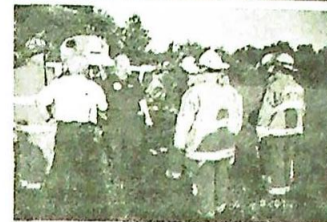
Helicopter Safety Program Hosted by Burns Harbor FD

The Burns Harbor Fire Volunteer Fire Department, located in Porter county in northern Indiana, hosted a helicopter safety training exercise on August 28, 2002. The training was attended by members of various fire departments including Burns Harbor, Chesterton, Pine Township, Ogden Dunes, and South Haven. Attendees were provided the opportunity to perform patient loading scenarios working with the Memorial Air Angels medical team and its helicopter, Angel 2. These scenarios followed completion of a classroom safety session that reviewed air medical transport guidelines as well as safety considerations for establishment and operation of landing zones at emergency incidents.

Memorial Air Angels is a joint air medical helicopter transport program of Air Angels, Inc. and Memorial Hospital. Based at the South Bend Regional Airport, Angel 2 is a Bell 222A configured to carry one patient along with pilot,

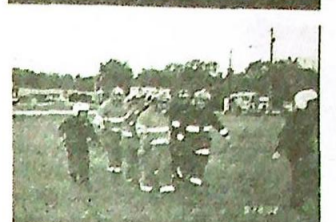


critical care flight nurse and flight paramedic. The program is available for inter-facility medical transports as well as for emergency scene response and patients are transported to the closest appropriate care facility. This air medical program provides a supplement to emergency service providers for



the critically injured patient needing rapid transportation at a time when minutes may be the difference between a successful outcome and a tragedy.

The hands-on training exercise was coordinated through the efforts of Lt. Wally Macchiarella and Chief Ray Poparad of the Burns Harbor

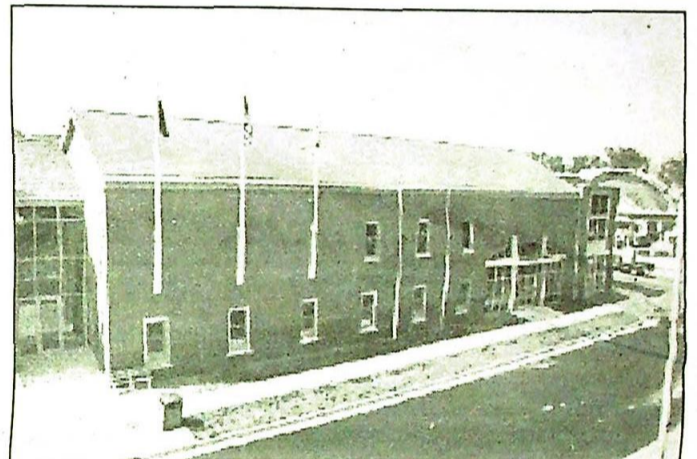
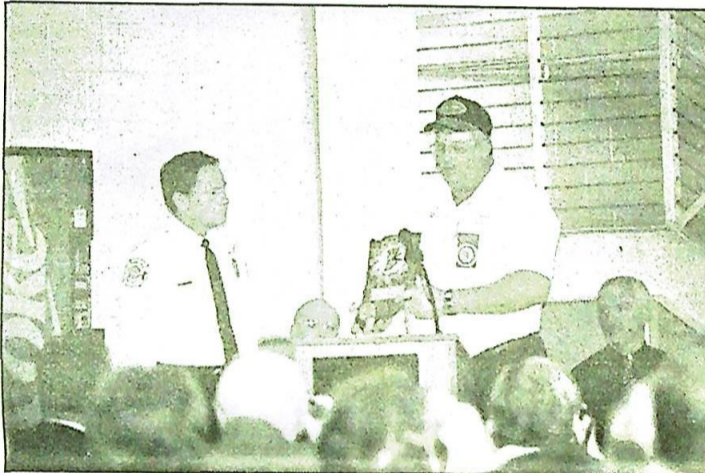


Fire Department.

For information related to Memorial Air Angels or to schedule a free safety training class, contact Ken Nemes, Outreach Transport Coordinator at 574 284-3473 or e-mail:

knemes@memorialsb.org.
(Photos submitted by Ken Nemes)

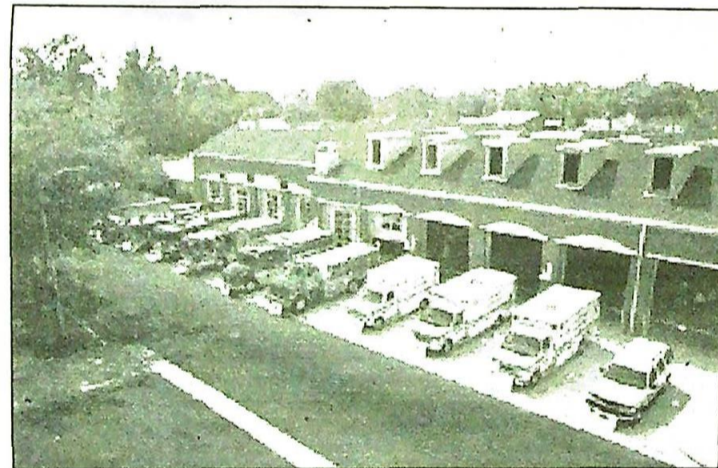
Dedication Held For Fire Station September 8, 2002



A dedication ceremony was held on Sunday, September 8, 2002 at the Pendleton-Fall Creek Township Fire Station.

A clock was given to Chief Kirt Kaul by East Central Public Relations Don Cushman.

(Photos submitted by ECPR Don Cushman)



Flag Put On Display To Honor 9/11 Anniversary



The flag in the picture is a 20 ft. x 38 ft. flag that was put on display in observance of the one-year anniversary of 9/11.

It is on Truck 736 on the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept.

The display was a joint undertaking by members of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. and Huntingburg City Workers. It was positioned at the intersection of Highways 64 and 231 in Huntingburg, IN (Dubois Co.)

(Photo and article submitted by Sara Songer and John Smith)



West Central PR Diane Harrison displays the cake with black icing her "Friends" gave her for her 40th birthday.

(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, IVFA district chairman)



Marrs Township VFD - first place



District 15 Waterball Contest Held

On Saturday, August 3, District 15 held our annual waterball contest, with Marrs Twp. once again capturing the first-place trophy.

The event was held in conjunction with the Owensville Watermelon Festival.

Five teams representing Marrs Twp. VFD, Owensville-Montgomery Twp. FPD, and Ft. Branch-Union Twp. VFD competed in the double elimination tourney.

Thanks to Ernie Lasley, Chief of Patoka Twp. VFD for taking the pictures.

(Photos submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman)



Owensville-Montgomery Twp. FPD Team A - second place

Retired Lake Station Fire Members Receive Gold Badge For Service



At a recent Lake Station volunteer fire department business meeting, recently retired members were presented with an engraved gold badge for at least five years of service or an engraved watch for at least 10 years of service.

Pictured (left to right, with their years of service) are Paul Oldaker (20), Tony Chavez (10), Jody Taylor (19), Steve Hoskins (27), and Andy Mula (8).

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, PRNW)



Ft. Branch-Union Twp. VFD Team A - third place

February 10, 2003

Deadline Is

January 10, 2003

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 Thanksgiving To All!

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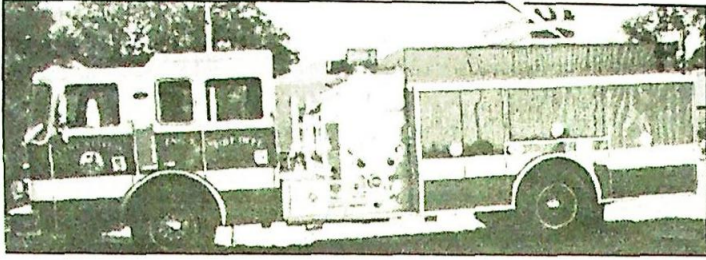
50/50 Winner Also Celebrates 83rd Birthday

Helen Michl celebrated her 83rd birthday at the 11-A/11-B picnic.

Helen is being congratulated by District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland for winning the 50/50 drawing.

(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, IVFA district chairman)

Lake Station Announce Arrival of Pumper/Tanker



Lake Station Fire Chief Ron Good and Assistant Chief Bill Loving (Station 2) are pleased at the arrival of the 2003 KME 1500gpm Pumper/Tanker with a 1500 gallon on board water supply. Many hours were spent by the truck committee custom designing a piece of equipment which would fit in the limited overhead quarters of Station 2. It was like trying to fit an elephant in where only an alligator would fit. When we got done we still weren't sure it would fit. Chief Good kept telling Bill it would fit and Asst. Chief Loving kept saying it wouldn't. But as usually hap-

pens, the Chief was right. When they backed it into the station for the first time not a layer of paint was removed from the top of the hose bed or the cab.

This apparatus could not have become a reality without the help of many people. Those people who spent many hours designing and redesigning it were the truck committee consisting of Lt. Ray Kindler, Lt. Bob Thews, Capt. Greg Woelk, Batt. Chief Darrell Lowe, Asst. Chief Bill Loving, Asst. Chief Dave Klym, Deputy Chief Alan Janes and Chief Ron Good, our city officers: Mayor Shirley Wad-



ding and the City Council. And those who journeyed to Indianapolis: Chief Ron Good, Mayor Shirley Wadding, and former council member Roseanne Johnson to ask our State Legislators, State Senator Erlene Rogers and State Representative Vernon Smith to assist with finding funds to assist us in the purchase of this much needed piece of firefighting equipment.

The Lake Station Volunteer Fire Department consists of 65 members, which protects approximately 50 square miles in northwest Indiana. That area includes corridors along Interstate 80/94, Interstate 90 (Indiana Toll Road), Interstate 65, US 6, and Indiana 51 and nearly 15,000 residents and the businesses of Lake Station and adjacent Hobart Township.

The new engine (Engine 5) although not officially in service at the time carried a flag draped casket to VFW Post 9323 for a memorial service led by VFW State Commander Rex Lewis, Chief Ron Good, and Ralph Cherry (VFW Post 9323) honoring those lost in the attacks on the United States on September 11. It will be replacing a 1978 Mack 1250gpm pumper with a 500 gallon booster tank. Asst. Chief Loving and his men at Station 2 couldn't be happier and Chief Ron Good and all of the members of the Lake Station Fire Department, Stations 1 & 2 couldn't be prouder of the newest addition to the department.

(This article and photos submitted by Asst. Chief Dave Klym)

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Firefighters Honor Their Captain



Fellow firefighters march behind the casket of THFD Captain Ralph Stott, Jr. Captain Ralph Stott, Jr., Terre Haute Fire Department - 1951-2002, died September 24 in the line of duty.

What Is A Fireman?

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He's a guy like you and me with warts and worries and unfulfilled dreams.

Yet he stands taller than most of us.

He's a fireman.

He puts it all on the line when the bell rings.

A fireman is at once the most fortunate and unfortunate of men.

He's a man who saves lives because he has seen too much of death.

He's a gentle man because he has seen too much of awesome power of violent forces out of control.

He's responsive to a child's laughter because his farms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.

He's a man who appreciates the simpler pleasures of life - hot coffee held in numbed, unbending fingers - the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke-and-fire convulsed lungs - a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling - the camaraderie of brave men - the divine peace of selfless service and a job well done in the name of all men.

He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities.

When he marches, it is to honor a fallen comrade.

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man.

He lives it.

Kuhn Accepts Station Clock



Fire Chief Maurice (Jr.) Kuhn, Rushville Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, accepts an IVFA station clock from David Israel, District 10 chairman for the addition of their truck bay on to their station.

(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

Duane Lantz Recuperating

Former state IVFA chaplain, Duane Lantz has been having some heart problems along with the Alzheimer's disease.

He is at home doing fairly well. Duane would appreciate hearing from his friends.

Please send cards to Duane at the following address:

Duane Lantz
0694 S 500 W
LaPorte, IN 46350

New Point Chief Receives 25 Year Pin

In the photo at right, New Point Vol. Fire Dept. chief Gary Wolford receives his IVFA 25 year pin award from IVFA District 10 secretary, Mike Cole. Not pictured are John Williams and Tommy Trent.

(Photo submitted by District 10 chairman, David Israel)



Young Awarded Service Pin

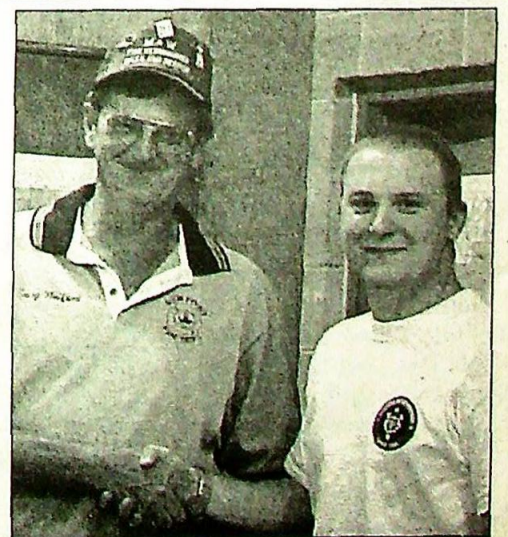
At the August 2002 regular monthly meeting, Jefferson Twp. Fire Dept. fire chief Roger Young was awarded a service pin by 18th district secretary Kenny Lau, for his 25 years of service to the department and the community.

Roger has seen many changes throughout his 25 years such as the department moving from a small firehouse without a meeting room or adequate heat to an upscale modern fire station.

Roger credits his longevity on the department to his wife of 31 years. "She's given me a lot of support and encouragement over the years, she has definitely been my rock."

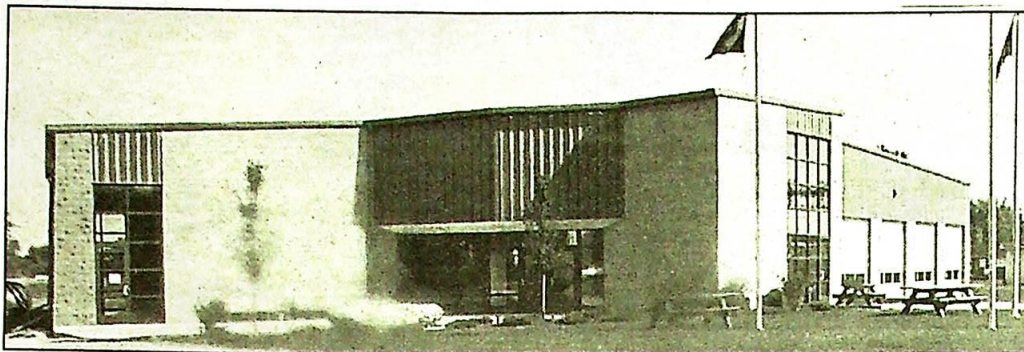
Roger has experienced in his 25 years what many people fail to see in a lifetime. "Twenty-five years is a long time, but it has passed so fast," Roger said. "I just hope to make it to 50 years."

(Photo submitted by Chris Young, Asst. Chief, Jefferson Twp. Fire Dept., Otwell, IN)



Morocco VFD Holds Open House For New Fire Station/Community Center

The Morocco Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank those who attended the open house of the new Beaver Township Community Center and Fire Station. With cooperating weather, the open house was a success. Many people attended the open house to see the building from the inside. The fire department put all their equipment out for display with personnel available to answer any questions. People were impressed with the newer model trucks and the up-to-date equipment the department has acquired. Comments were made about the station housing all of our trucks, as there we had many of our fleet sitting outside year round at the old station. The size of the new station is also impressive.



the dedication of your new fire station. Let it be known that on May 26, 2002 this fire station was dedicated to the saving of lives and the protection of property. From this time forward this structure will stand as a monument to the unselfish sacrifices of the firefighters who serve here."

Buz Koehler, vice president of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association and chief of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department, along with Mitch Parish and Jim Bradford (both of the IVFA) pre-

sented the department with a wooden clock in the shape of the state of Indiana. The fire department appreciates these gifts and the kind speeches given by both men in their presentations.

A big thanks goes to State Senator Sue Landske and Representative Claire Leuck in their help in appropriating the Build Indiana funds. Without these funds this building may not have become a reality.

The fire department began serious considerations of a new build-

ing 10 years ago when it became apparent that they had outgrown the old building. The old fire station served its community well in the past, but time and technology had caught up. It was time for a new plan. Fundraisers were held and enough money was obtained to buy the property the current station occupies; however, funds for a new building were more difficult to come by. The Beaver Township Trustee and advisory board did not have the funds in the budget to build. Shirley Deardurff, trustee and

Van Carlson, acting fire chief began looking for funds through grant monies. The idea was made that the building should incorporate a much-needed community center as well as a fire station.

The members of the fire department agreed to donate the land they had acquired to the township to build the community center and fire station. This left the township with only the funding for a building. Grant monies became available and things got rolling. This new building has been a long time in the making. The current members of the fire department are grateful for all the past and present members whose hard work and dedication helped to make this station a reality. Also, a special thank you goes out to the community who also gave generously over the years to keep this department in equipment and trained personnel.

(Photo submitted by Chief John Kindle, Morocco Volunteer Fire Department)

Anderson Fire Members Earn 25 Year Pins



Pictured (left to right) are Earl Brown 62 years and a 50 year IVFA Gold Card holder, Tom Hadley 29 years, Norman Mahan 30 years.

Back row (left to right) Rick Disbro 44 years, William Loggan 26 years, Larry Gahimer 36 years, Tom Hall 26 years and not pictured - Charles Wildey 44 years.

(Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel)

Needham Fire Members Earn 25 Year Pins



Needham Comm. vol. fire Department members Francis Asher and Martin Wiltsee were presented with their IVFA 25 year pin awards. Also pictured (middle) is David Israel, District 10 chairman.

(Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel)



Ward Receives 25 Year Pin

Posey Township volunteer fireman Barry Ward receives his IVFA 25 year pin award from District 10 chairman David Israel.

(Photo submitted by District 10 chairman, David Israel)

Tell City Wins Third Place In Parade



The Tell City Fire Department won third place in the pre-1961 fire truck category at the District 18 parade with its 1928 Peter Pirsch pumper truck.

Fire Chief Dennis Kessans said the truck has been little modified in the days since it was the front line of fire protection in the city.

Climbing behind the wheel of the open cab fire truck, Kessans sets off a deep-sounding siren -- one of the very few features that may not be original.

"It probably came with a hand-turned siren," said Kessans, "but everything inside is original."

The 74-year-old truck, which is housed in the Humboldt Street fire station, also has its original bell, which is attached to a rope leading to the front seat. Firefighters en route to a fire would ring the bell when approaching an intersection.

(Photo submitted by Chuck Parker, District 18 chairman)

Ed Ritter Presented Midwest Award

Ed Ritter of the Kingsbury Fire Department was recently presented the District 3 Midwest Award by vice president Buz Koehler and district chairman, Tim Sandy.

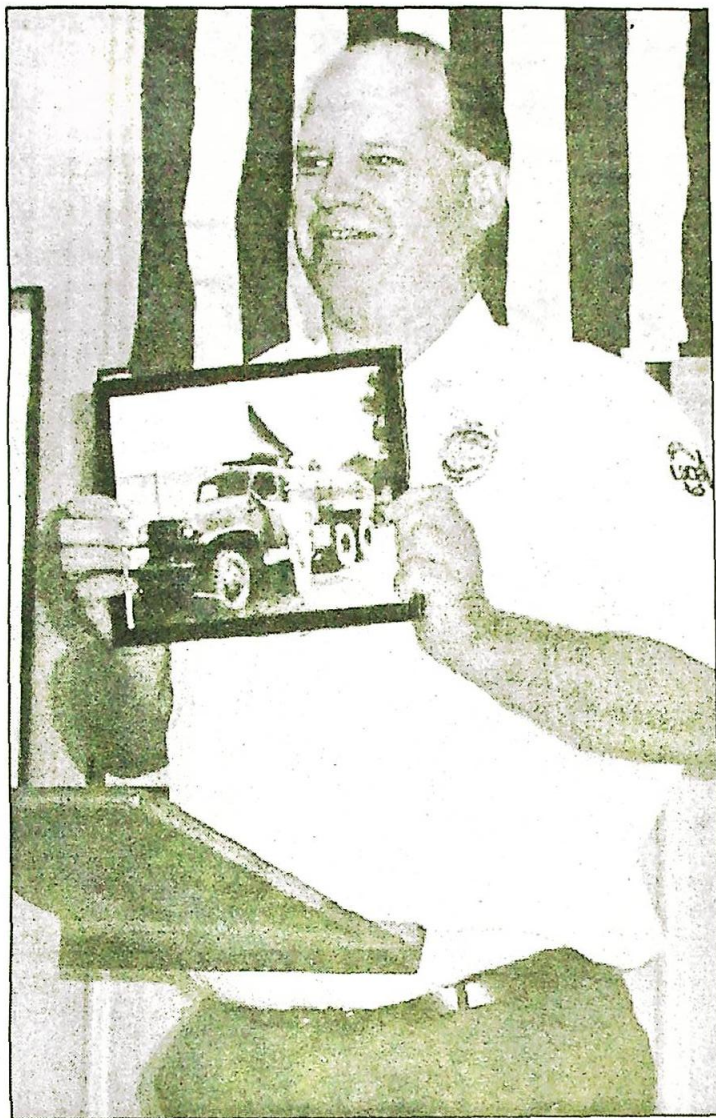
(Photo submitted by Tim Sandy, District 3 chairman)



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Long Awaited Dream Becomes A Reality For Richland VFD



On Saturday, October 5, 2002, the long awaited dream to open a new fire station in Richland became a reality.

The open house and dedication was a huge success. The plans to build a new fire station had been in the works since early 1988. There were major decisions to be made such as, how

to get the money and where to build the new station.

With the help of the Richland Lyons Club, Luce Twp. trustee, Rick Garrett and the Build Indiana Fund, it all started coming together.

The township purchased two acres of land that had been used in the past as an auto repair shop. Since its vacancy it has been nothing more than an eyesore for the town.

After tearing down two buildings, the fire station and government center had begun. On July 13th of this year the fire department officially moved in. The new facility houses three fire trucks, a 1996 rescue squad, 1979 tanker and a 1973 engine.

Also inside the 60-by-110 foot building is the township trustee office, township clerk office, fire chief's office, community.

(Photos submitted by Charles Parker, District 18 chairman)

District 18 Parade A Hit Despite Inclement Weather

Story and Photos by Vince Luecke

Despite a chilly afternoon shower that sent parade goers seeking shelter under umbrellas and ponchos, Sunday's Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association District 18 parade was a hit, drawing hundreds of visitors and more than a dozen departments from Perry, Spencer and Dubois counties.

St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department hosted this year's parade and tied the event to its third annual antique tractor and farm machinery show.

Activities on display included wheat threshing, corn stalk shredding and plowing demonstrations with horses and antique tractors.

The day also gave firefighters a chance to show off a just-completed addition to the firehouse along Indiana 545.

Sunday's parade and open house marked the start of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12, a time when fire departments around the nation promote fire safety and education.

The week has its origins in the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871.

One of the fire departments in the 18th district hosts the parade



annually.

More than 100 units entered this year's event, including dozens of fire trucks, ranging from horse drawn hand pumpers that pumped water as fast as firefighters could work to new pumper trucks able to deliver more than 1,000 gallons of water per minute.

Another tradition of District 18's Fire Prevention Week is the Miss Flame contest. Amanda

VerKamp, representing the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department, was crowned District 18 Miss Flame for 2002-03.

Jillian Dekemper, sponsored by the Dubois Volunteer Fire Department, and Tara Gogel of the Ireland Volunteer Fire Department, were named first and second runner-up respectively.

Fire Departments Get Boost To Help With War On Drugs



From left: Sheriff Jerry Harbstreet, Ron Bell - IVFA Public Relations Southwest Director Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Daviess County deputy prosecutor Dean Sobocki, and Daviess County prosecutor Bryon Overton.

Ron Bell, IVFA Public Relations Southwest Director of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and 30 year member of the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department, accepts a \$750.00 check on behalf of the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department from G. Bryon Overton, Daviess County prosecutor.

Prosecutor Overton is sending each of the Daviess County volunteer fire departments a check for \$750 to help with the War on Drugs.

Many of Daviess county volunteer fire departments have been the first to respond when volatile chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine have exploded and started a fire.

The \$750 check is from the prosecutor's pretrial diversion fund and is to be used for training, equipment, or other department needs. Although the manufacturing of

methamphetamine remains a serious problem in Daviess County, prosecutor Overton said progress has been made. He cited the 64 drugs dealing or manufacturing convictions he and chief deputy prosecutor Dean A. Sobocki have obtained in the last 3 1/2 years and the 776 years of imprisonment ordered for those individuals.

Overton said sooner or later people will understand if you make or deal drugs in Daviess County you will go to jail and it will be for a long time.

Sheriff Jerry Harbstreet said he is initiating a community policing program and will be asking the volunteer fire departments and public for assistance.

Submitted by: District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell

A Little Bit Of History Given On Madison Co. #5

The fire company was organized on July 1, 1952 as North Madison Volunteer Co., Inc. The North Madison Town Hall (known as the Rail Road Depot).

Present at that meeting were J.R. Berch, Sanford Banta, F.E. Smith, John Dierkes, John McQueen and Robert Hines.

The fire company started "housekeeping with a 1936 Chevrolet civil defense pumper, which was stored at Fred Pommerehen's garage at State and Marion Street, until the present fire house located at 1825 Allen St. was completed.

The first company officers were: President - Jake Bersch Vice President - Frank Smith Secretary-Treasurer - Sanford Banta

Chief Director - William Weaver Asst. Chief Director - Paul Hill Engineer - Joe Hoffman Hose Director - Raymond Jackson

Asst. Hose Director - Roy Bentley Pipe Director - Herb Martin Asst. Pipe Director - Hiram Whisman

Messenger - Roscoe Lee Hook & Ladder - Silas Crump Chaplain - Charles Bently June, 1952 - Land for the engine house was donated to the fire company in memory of the late Markely E. Bush, who was a charter member of the fire company.

September 8, 1952 - The fire company was formally incorporated as "North Madison Fire Co., Inc."

September, 1952 - Paper bricks were made available for distribution to members to sell towards the erection of a new building and to purchase of a fire apparatus.

September 29, 1952 - Contract for a new fire apparatus was entered into with the American Apparatus Company.

November 18, 1952 - Floor for the new engine house was poured by A.L. Young Construction Company cost of building approximately \$8,000.

January 5, 1953 - Contract agreed upon to purchase a GMC chassis for the fire apparatus to be mounted on. Cost of chassis and

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Receive Top Awards



Pictured at right are Thunderbird firefighters who have received top awards. Adele Russell was chosen EMS Responder of the Year and Chris Fry, Firefighter of the Year. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, IVFA district chairman)

Carter Fire District Chief Receives Award

At Gentryville (Jackson Twp.) District 18's meeting, Carter District Fire Chief Frank Daunhauer, was presented the Midwest Award.

Doing the honor was District 18's Miss Flame 2002 Bridget.

Frank had been an EMT for 18 years. He is an instructor 1-11 and holds master certifications in investigations and tactics. He has held the offices of secretary and treasurer, and district 18 chairman.

He was formerly the assistant chief, battalion chief and captain.

He joined the department 26 years. He started out as a police officer in January 1975. He helped a lot of people in trouble and saw what the fire service did.

When he was asked to join he was honored to be a part of the fire service. His most memorable experience was going to Washington D.C. as a representative for the district to promote fire service needs for volunteer fire service, also attending the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



Frank and his wife, Jeanne, have four children, and nine grandchildren. Frank's wife and cousins are also involved in firefighting. Frank had no idea that he was going to receive this award. It was

kept very hush, hush from him, so he was quite surprised when he was called to come up front at the meeting. He is well deserving of this award. Submitted by PR SW Ron Bell.

Madison Co. History ...

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fire apparatus was approximately \$16,000.

March 16, 1953 - first meeting held in new engine house.

June 17, 1953 - the number 5 was added when the City of Madison annexed the town of North Madison.

July 1953 - Received new pumper from American Apparatus Co.

February 1955 - Bell was loaned to the fire company and installed on top of engine, the bell is on loan indefinitely from the Madison Board of Education. The bell was purchased in approximately 1850 and hung in the former upper seminary. Mr. George Bersch (Madison Glue Company) first borrowed the bell for sentimental reason before placement on the fire house.

March 1955 - Plaque was purchased and installed on the front of the engine house in memory of Markely E. Bush.

March 1955 - Company became a member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

February 1961 - Mortgage was burned don the GMC pumper.

February 1965 - Fire CO. purchased additional property to the rear of the firehouse.

March 1965 Fire CO. accepted a proposal to add to our engine house.

December 1970 - the fire company accepted delivery of a new Mack fire apparatus, cost approximately \$3,800.

April 1, 1974 - The fire company voted to do a remodeling project on the engine house.

April 3, 1974 - Engine house - extensively damaged by tornado.

July 1, 1974 - The company again able to use our own engine house after extensive repairs after tornado.

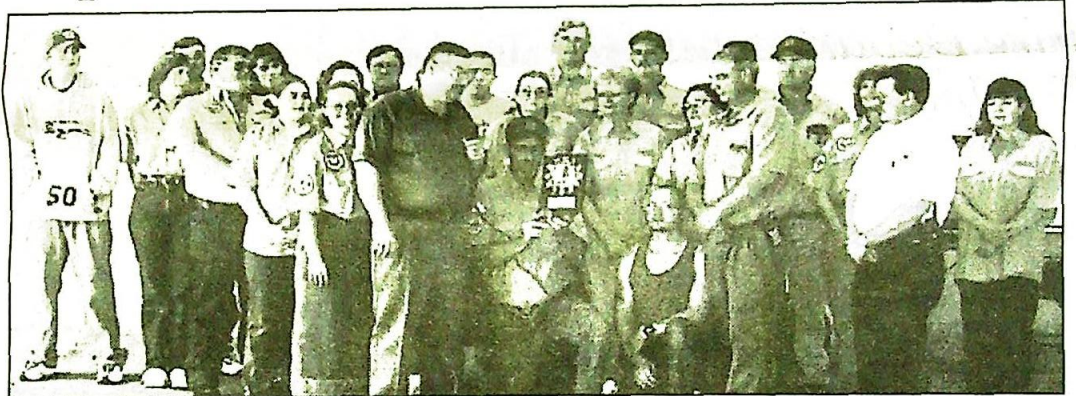
December 10, 1989 - The fire company put into service a new FMC fire apparatus. Cost approximately \$150,000.

March 1991 - The fire company purchased 1200 feet of new 5" large diameter fire hose. The first company in the city to purchase this new type of hose.

Thru out the 1990's the fire company has purchased a lot of new equipment to help out firefighters protect themselves, the citizens of Madison and their property.

Today value to replace the fire engine and equipment would be approximately \$350,000.

Department Receives Station Clock



Southeast Fire Department (Chief Terry Patton), receives a station clock during their fire house dedication. (Photo provided by Ron Melton, District 16 chairman)

Greene Co. Firefighters Participate In Field Day Held At Wright Twp.



Pictured are participants in the Greene County Firefighter Association field day held at Wright Twp. Fire Station. Wright Twp. was the overall winner, winning out of events. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, IVFA district chairman)

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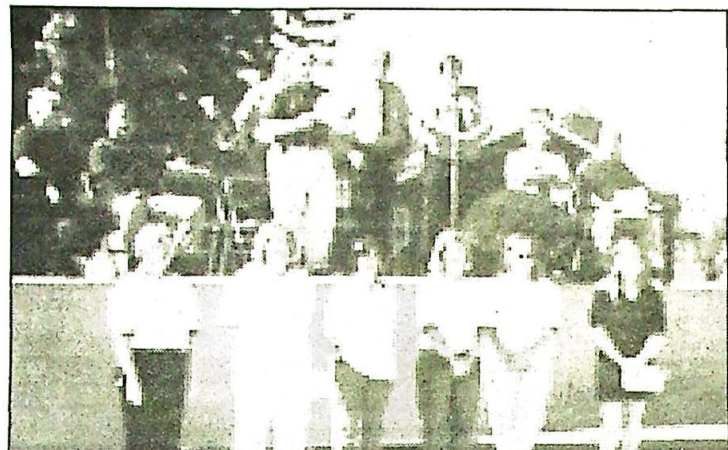
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Haysville Community VFD Dedicates New Firehouse



Haysville Community VFD at the dedication of new firehouse

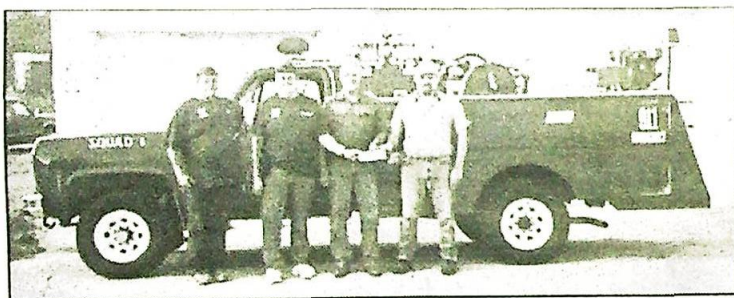


Haysville Auxiliary at dedication of new firehouse for Haysville Community Vol. Fire Dept.



Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Dept. new station dedication ceremony. (Photos by Ron Bell, PRSW)

Gift Boosts Elnora Fire Department's Capabilities



The Elnora/Elmore Township Volunteer Fire Department recently acquired a First Response and brush truck unit for their department. It came almost ready to go on call. The great part about the deal is that it was free - no strings.

The unit, a 1979 GMC was a gift from the fire department of the Town of Kempton in Tipton County. All the Elnora unit had to do was pick it up.

The town of Kempton, located west of Tipton, replaced the unit after receiving a Build Indiana Fund grant for a new truck. Ron Bell of Odon, who also serves as a Public Relations Southwest Director officer of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, learned that the Kempton department was looking to give the truck to a department with a need.

He immediately said yes and contacted the Elnora unit. Bell said the Elnora Department has plans to expand its First Responder capabilities and the find was a perfect start.

Elnora assistant fire chief Wayne Ellis said the department had a little work to do on the unit, basically it was ready to go on call.

The Elnora department has plans to build a new fire station on property obtained from the North Daviess School Corporation and a First Responder unit will be included in the expansion.

Ellis said, however, that plans for a new station may have to be scaled back or delayed a bit. The department, he said had been planning on a \$100,000 grant from the Build Indiana Fund. The \$50,000 arranged by Rep. John Gregg was delivered and is in the bank, but the balance, arranged by Sen. Lyndel Hume, was caught in the state's financial crunch and a check wasn't issued before the Building Indiana Fund was curtailed.

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(Photo by Ron Bell, PRSW)

Please note that there was not enough room in this issue for all articles and photos. They will be in the February 2003 issue of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter. Thank you!

The new firehouse was dedicated Sunday, Sept. 29, after four years in the making.

Public turned out on this fall Sunday to show appreciation and support for Haysville Community volunteer firefighters and their new fire station.

The initial estimated cost of the building was \$340,000. That came in the form of \$60,000 in Build Indiana Fund grants, \$90,000 in donations and pledges and another \$190,000 in sweat.

The solemn ceremony began with the Northeast Dubois Marching band playing the National Anthem as VFW Post 673 honor guard raised the flag to the top of the station's new flagpole.

Master of ceremonies was Terry Seitz. The invocation was given by Pastor Wilmer Hallman of St. John's Lutheran Church. Present chief Steven C. Rotter said, "There is no way to thank each and every person who made this possible. But thanks to all the contractors for donations and bargains and thanks to the community for all the financial support and labor."

Past fire chiefs Edgar Nigg, Roger Hoffman and Dick Schmitt, who along with Rotter, represent over 40 years of service, also spoke at the dedication and occupied places of honor on the dais.

"This beautiful firehouse in such a small community is a great thing," Niggs said. "All the people who worked so hard for this fire station have to be proud. We never had any trouble paying for a truck, or equipment or anything." Added Hoffman, "That's what you call community support."

Schmitt thanked the auxiliary and firefighters' wives for their dedication as well.

Emcee Terry Seitz introduced the 23 members of Haysville Community Fire Department, as well as

the eight inactive members, who remain involved in department concerns and will, if necessary, still answer a fire call.

After recognizing the Board of Directors, past directors who served during construction and the building committee, the fourteen ladies auxiliary members were introduced, as well as ten inactive members and five wives of firefighters.

Trustees of the three townships served by Haysville CVFD were present. Haysville CVFD is unique, in that it contractually serves three townships in two counties, separated by a river. The area covered encompasses 56 square miles. Harbinson Twp. trustee Marvin Eisenhut read a resolution, signed by the township board, congratulating the department and offering best wishes and support.

Boone Twp. trustee Rader Hoffman and Rutherford Twp. trustee Sue Hembree were also in attendance.

The dedication drew representatives from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association on both state and district level, and the state fire marshal's office. State deputy fire marshal Gary Robison observed, "Until now this has been under construction but as of today it is a firehouse. The walls will absorb the personalities of the firefighters. They will share the joys and feel the pain. The station will understand the tears shed . . . before long, firefighters will call this home. The fire station is the most trusted building in a community. It symbolizes people's faith that there will be someone to answer their calls for help. It is a monument to the unselfish sacrifices of those who serve." "I'm grateful we got through the dedication without a call," quipped Seitz.

After AB benediction by pastor Timothy Kramer of Christ Lutheran

Church, the ceremony adjourned to Cokes and cookies.

"The Haysville CVFD open house will be held October 20," Rotter announced. "We could have had it at the same time, but this is a thank you. I'd rather give you Cokes and cookies and have the fundraiser later."

After initial grants were received, firefighters held countless fundraisers and solicited pledges from those they serve. Dennis Voegerl was hired as main contractor, constructing a shell of block and brick, setting trusses and hanging doors. Then the community took over.

Over the next several years, firefighters and community volunteers installed both blue foam and batting for insulation throughout the structure - even in the six bays - and covered all with 5/8 inch dry-wall. Three zones of glow core floor heating are installed under the concrete floor. The 22 by 40 foot meeting room has a stone hard floor, fashioned from epoxy and sand. It costs about the same as ceramic tile. But senior citizens meet here once a month. They can walk on this floor without having to worry about slipping. Another unique feature of Haysville CVFD is that the department is now owned by a governmental entity. We're contractual. The fire station, trucks and equipment are owned by all the members of the fire department. If, for some reason, Haysville Community volunteer fire department is no longer needed and disbands, this will make a community building. The department's next project? "Put some new trucks in this new building."

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Haysville Community VFD Building Dedication Sept. 29, 2002



District 18 chairman Chuck Parker presents Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department their IVFA clock. (Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)

Master of Ceremonies - Terry Seitz
Invocation - Pastor Wilmer Hallman
Present Chief - Steven C. Rotter
Present Officers - Lowell Dorsam, Asst. Chief, Todd Popp, Captain Present Firefighters - Eric Andrews, Bryan Buccha, Dean Collins, Ken Cornetet, Ed Dicus, Danny Dodd, John Fuhrman, Casey Hall, Allen Kempf, Bryant Kieffner, Scott Kieffner, Steve Schepers, Dick Schmitt, Mike Steinhart, David Weikert, Daniel Weisman, Walter Weisman Jr.

Inactive firefighters - Jerry Chanley, Dan Gregory, roger Hoffman, Edgar Nigg, Dennis Neukam, Ron Neukan, Don Noble, Clinton Rickriegel, Amos Weisheit

Charter Members - Edgar Nigg, Clinton Ruckriegel
Past Chiefs - (1) Edgar Nigg, (2) Roger Hoffman, (3) Dick Schmitt
Fire Department Directors - Tim Eckstein, President, Brent Wening, Vice President, Dan Gregory, Treasurer/Secretary, Don Neukam, David Weikert

Past Directors during construction - Tim Mehne, president, Kenneth Fuhrman
Building Committee - Tim Mehne, Don Neukam, David Weikert, Todd Popp, Ed Dicus, Dennis Neukam, John Fuhrman, Lowell Dorsam, Scott Keiffner and Steve Rotter

Ladies' Auxiliary Officers - Marlene Livingston - president, Lila Kempf - vice president, Robin Neukam - treasurer, Birtney Neukam - secretary, Marie Thimling, Lori Fuhrman, Michelle Kieffner, Valerie Kieffner, Kathy Rottet, Wendy Schepers, Vicki Steinhart

Ladies' Auxiliary Inactive - Terri Buccha, Mary Ruth Chanley, Darlene Dicus, Christine Dodd, Barbara Gregory, Sharon Neukam, Lovella Nigg, Ellene Schmitt, Dollie Weikert, Martha Weisheit.

Firefighters' wives - Heather Andrews, Rhonda Hall, Chris Popp, Jeanne Weisman, Lisa Weisman
Township Trustees - Harbinson - Marvin Eisenhut, Boone - Rader

Hoffman, and Rutherford - Sue Hembree

Haysville Ruritan - Don Neukam - president

IVFA Officers - Jack Kerney, president and Ron Bell, Public Relations Southwest Director

District 18 Officers - Chuck Parker, chairman, Kenny Lau, secretary/treasurer

State Fire Marshal office - Gary Robison

Flag Raising - VFW 673 honor guard

Benediction - Pastor Timothy Kramer

N.E. Dubois Band - Donovan Pennington

Article submitted by PR SW Ron Bell

Please submit all articles and photos for the next IVFA issue before February 10, 2003



Corydon Fire Department Members Receive Awards

Melvin Shewmaker, Jack Chambers, and Gerald Saulman all received awards of Meritorious Service from the Fire Marshal and the Governor.

On hand to present the awards was Tom Hinkle of the Marshal's Office.

Jack Kerney (IVFA president), was on hand and presented 25 year pins.

Pictured: (back row, left to right): Tom Hinkle (deputy fire marshal), Jack Kerney (IVFA president), Ron Melton (District 16 chairman), James Kendall (police chief), Fred Cammack (town president).

(Front row, left to right): Melvin Shewmaker, Jack Chambers, Gerald Saulman, Kevin Barrow (fire chief).

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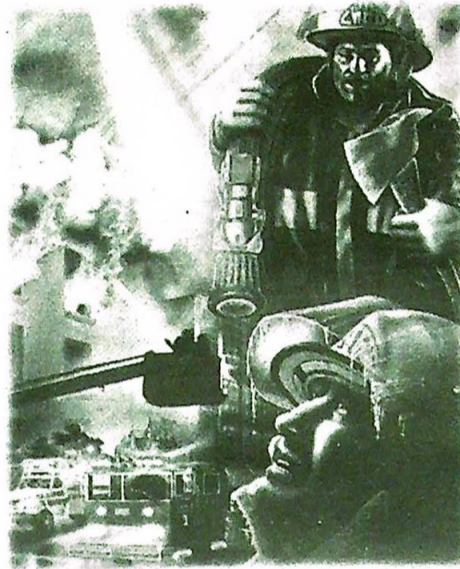
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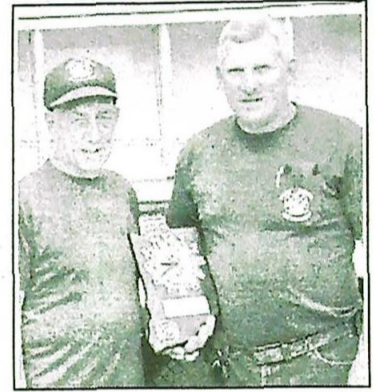
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Department Receives IVFA Clock



Pictured holding their IVFA clock for their new station are Otter Creek station 2 firefighters Donald Sturm and Robert Salmon.

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