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From the President



Buz Koehler

October 10, 2003

Well, it has been a pleasure to be your President for this past year and I loved meeting and visiting with all of you. It has been very rewarding to continue to work hard to get to as many meetings and functions as I can, to meet with you.

Earlier this year after getting the web site up and running we promised that we would have the Bridgeport Scholarship form up on the web site.

We accomplished that the second week of September and it is available 24/7 to you. If you have difficulties

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The web site is for all members, so please use it as much as you want. If you have items you wish to see on the web site, don't hesitate to contact one of the officers or the webmaster. With the calendar of events section, many of us can get to your departments when you have meetings and other functions, so keep us informed and we will try to be there.

We are preparing a list of legislative items we will be putting forth during the next session. So please attend your district meetings so we can discuss your thoughts and ideas. There are several items from last session that we expect will come up again this session and we will work to be ready to address them.

With the holidays quickly approaching we have a lot to be thankful for. I ask that each of you remember those that have answered their last alarm during this past year and their families and departments in your prayers.

Until we meet at the district meetings, please be safe and Happy Holidays to each of you.

President

Happy Holidays!



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- Articles written by officers and district chairmen;
- Procedures for I.V.F.A. license plates;
- Information about the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Assoc. Ladies' Auxiliary and their officers;
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Prayer For Today:

God of mercy and of grace, we stand today in the midst of life. We've gone to work or to school, fixed a meal, cared for our children or grandchildren or aging parents. Many of us have responded today to another person's call for help: a fire, an accident or illness. We pray that whatever we've done today has made our part of the world a little better -- that we've eased someone's pain or fear, stopped the destruction of someone's home or livelihood, brought a smile to someone's face, made someone's life a little safer, given someone the gift of hope. At times we tend to separate life into the sacred and the secular -- as if we only meet you in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Remind us again that there is no part of life from which you are absent, that in fact when we offer a teddy bear to a child who is afraid, or when we care for a stranger who's had an accident, or when we respond to a neighbor's fire we are doing it to you. May we always see your face in the faces of those we serve. And may they always see your face in ours.

In Jesus' name.
 Amen.

Chaplain's Message:

I begin this article with a word of thanks to all of you who serve as chaplains in the fire service -- some as department chaplains, some even as official or unofficial district chaplains. The health of our firefighters and EMS personnel, the lives of the people we serve are better because of what you do. And if you are reading this and your department or district has a chaplain, please take a moment to thank them yourselves for what they do! I am always honored to be asked to conduct a service anywhere in Indiana, but the service is much more personal when a local chaplain is also involved.

I also offer a word of thanks to all of you who responded with applications or letters of recommendation for one of the six IVFA PR Area Chaplains' positions we are creating. It was difficult to choose from among such well-qualified people. Here are the names of the six who will be worn in at the February IVFA Officers' meeting. A couple live just outside the PR area they will serve, but were the most qualified for the position. All are active firefighters and local chaplains:

- PR Northwest: Jerry Cohen
- PR Northeast: The Rev. David Sickelka
- PR West: The Rev. Melvin D. Camp
- PR East: The Rev. Kenton M. Lord
- PR Southwest: Bro. Giles Mahieu
- R Southeast: Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky

It is a joy for me to welcome them to this shared ministry. All of us follow in the big footsteps of Charlie Baker and "Father" Duane Lantz.

If you don't know the person from your area, I hope you will make the effort to get to know them and welcome them to this ministry. Call on them just as you call on me.

Invite them to your meetings. Thank them for their service. They are just one of the ways that God blesses all the volunteer firefighters of Indiana.

Grace to you and peace,
 Fred

In Memoriam

Correction from last issue:

- Jack L. Beedy - Cedar Canyons VFD - District 6
- We regret any distress caused by this error.*
- Firefighters who answered the final alarm during the third quarter of 2003:
- George G. Conner - St. John VFD - District 2
- Samuel DeYoung - St. John VFD - District 2
- Jeff D. McKee - Grabill VFD - District 6
- Dean L. Sharp - Mt. Etna VFD - District 7
- Lynn L. Hutchison - Jonesboro VFD - District 8A
- Gary W. Gettinger - Everton VFD - District 13B
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- Peter Magni - Richland-Taylor VFD - District 17A
- Wilford E. "Gene" Waddle - Birdseye VFD - District 18
- Dale Cotton - Hogan Twp. VFD - District 19
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Happy Thanksgiving
 to all IVFA
 members and families



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DEADLINE**

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From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

I would like to congratulate Charlie Baker for his 50 years in the Fire Service. Charlie has been an inspiration to a lot of firefighters in the state of Indiana. Charlie was also awarded his Life Membership 50 Year Gold Card from the IVFA.

It was a pleasure and an honor to be asked to participate in the 911 Memorial that Dr. Primo Andres and the Terre Haute Center Center dedicated on Sept. 11, 2003 as a symbol of survival and courage in memory of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists' attack on America. The life size bronze statue of a firefighter holding the American flag, with a child holding a teddy bear sitting on the shoulders of the firefighter. Pictures of the memorial are in this issue of the paper.

I would like to congratulate Beverly Hacker for being elected the District 17-A district chairman. I hope everyone in district 17-A will give her all of your support.

It was my pleasure to award the East Evansville Kiwanis Club Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award to Dennis Marks. Dennis is a 12-year

member of the German Township Fire Department in Vanderburgh County, and holds the position of Captain. He is married, wife Krista, and has a son, Josh. He is a Firefighter II, Instructor I, Emergency Medical Technician, Hazardous Materials Operations, and First Responder. He is a member of the IVFA, PTA, and Autism Support Network. Dennis has received two LifeSaver Awards from his department during 2002. He also received his department's Chief Award in 2001. Dennis is in charge of his department's Fire Prevention Program and does an outstanding job in teaching children about fire dangers.

I attended a presentation ceremony, along with SW/PR Jim Abrams, district chairman Chuck Parker and District 18 secretary Kenny Lau, for 10 Jasper Fire Department firefighters who received their 25 year of service pins. Michael Brames, Edward Eckert, Dennis Hasenour, William Jarboe, Thomas Kiefer, William Meyer, Michael Oeding, Ronald Pfau, John Prechtel, and Terry Tanner.

Again this year, I participated in the Greene County Field Days and Games as the judge, along with PR/SW Jim Abrams and treasurer Jack Harker for the Firefighter Games.

District 11-A and 11-B held their annual picnic at Brazil with a combined district meeting. It was rewarding to eat again the original Bar-B-Q turkey recipe handed down to District 11-B chairman Larry Ketchem by his father. Larry and his crew did a terrific job preparing the turkey and the trimmings.

District 18 had their annual Fire Prevention parade at Troy, with over 100 participants, along with the 2003 IVFA Miss Flame Nicole Payne. Congratulations to Jillian Dekemper for being selected District 18 Miss Flame.

Carter Fire District dedicated their Firefighter Memorial, in memory of Steve Beyers. An estimated 75 firefighters and friends attended the dedication. Pictures of the memorial are in this issue of the paper.

Barb and I have been honored to be a part of these memorials and dedications.

Lois Boaz award . . .

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The more information you can provide in the letter will help the committee in their selection.

All letters must be submitted by February 1, 2004. The committee will not be able to consider those written after that date.

This year's committee members are Barbara Kerney, chairman, E.J. Smith and Rosie Weisenbach.

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Rosie Weisenbach, 5322 E. Morris Mill St., Batesville, IN 47006

Please include jacket size in your letter.

Letter to the editor . . .

Dear Editor,

Thank you for including our press release in *The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter* August 2003 issue.

We had submitted new delivery information for Perry Township and Greens Fork fire departments' Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc. brush fire trucks.

We were very pleased with the coverage, and thank you again for putting together an informative, quality publication that is very enjoyable to read.

With best regards,

Chris Hoepfner
Administrative Assistant

Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. takes delivery of new pumper



The Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Department recently took delivery of a 2003 AHRENS FOX CAFS pumper built in Wyoming, Michigan.

The pumper boasts a 2,000 GPM Hale CAFS pump. It has a 950 gallon water tank, a 90 gallon class A foam tank and a 40 gallon class B foam tank.

It carries six firefighters, seven air packs, 11 spare bottles. It has a 10 KW PTO driven generator with a light tower mounted on the roof of the cab.

The hose bed carries 1,300' of 5" supply hose, 300' of 3" hose. It has 3-1 3/4" speed lay attack lines, 2- 2 1/2" Blitz lines and a top mounted monitor gun. The ladder rack on the passenger side of the engine carries a 35' extension ladder, a 14' roof ladder, and a 10' attic ladder along with various tools mounted on the ladder rack.

(Photo submitted by Ray Wesley, Chesterton, IN)



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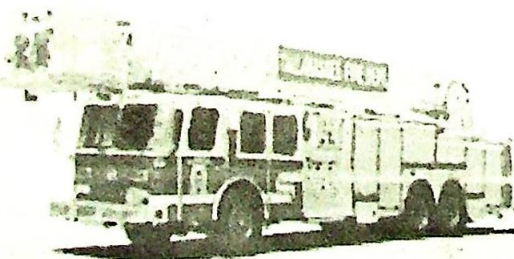
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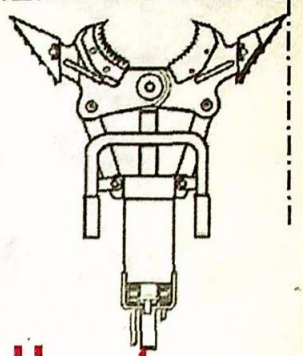


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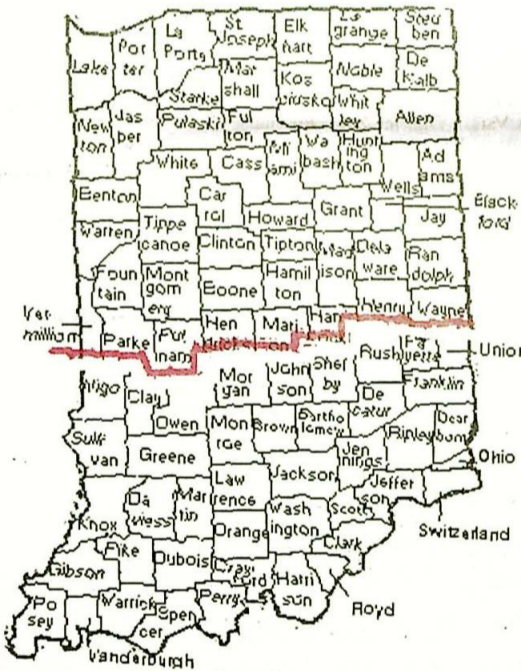
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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Tom Orrell
District 1
Chairman



July 16, 2003
Morgan Township Fire Department

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

President Buz Koehler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. District 2 chairman Paul Watland was unable to attend due to illness.

Guests included: president Buz Koehler, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, District 2 Miss Flame Melissa Sobkowitz, Greg Eckhardt of PC Environmental, Porter County sheriff chief deputy Dave Lain, Porter County K9 officer Charlie Douthett, and Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Greg Eckhardt gave a brief history of the Morgan Township Fire Department and introduced its members.

The program covered Hazmat by Greg Eckhardt and Charlie Douthett spoke on K9 services/assist with his K9 partner.

Fifteen members of 10 departments in District 1 answered roll call with a tie for the trophy by Lake Ridge and Washington Township, and by 28 members of six departments in District 2 with Cedar Lake as the trophy winner.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bub Wise to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Passed.

President Buz Koehler spoke on the turnout for the 2003 convention. PR Northwest Jim Bradford announced who was voted on for the 2003-2004 IVFA officers and award winners, advised the next paper will be approximately 40-44 pages, due out on August 5th. Jim also provided information on FEMA grants. Jim advised 150 people could make a by-law change at convention, proposed a by-law amendment change. Tom Raber of Washington Township made a motion, seconded by Ray Wesley of Liberty Township. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: \$1,682.22, with a check issued to Diana Orrell for stamp purchases, patches still available for \$2 each.

Old business: A folder for Father Lance's widow was passed around the room.

A moment of silence was observed for the deaths of Frederick W. Abel of Munster, Gerald L. Hundt of Beverly Shores, Laddies L. Lesnick of South Haven, James Gurney and Julian Stryczek of Merrillville.

Kim Perry announced there was going to be a fund-raiser for her brother who was diagnosed with cancer in January, advised he is a Gary and Merrillville firefighter.

Elections were held, all nominations made, passed with one unanimous vote, announced by president Buz Koehler. Ike Ridge/Dennis Wilkinings made motion for Paul Watland for District 2. Ray Wesley/Clarence Moss made a motion for Tom Orrell for District 1.

Clarence Moss made a motion for Diana L. Orrell for Districts 1/2 secretary. Diana L. Orrell made a motion for Clarence Moss for Districts 1/2 treasurer.

Good of the order: Porter County fair from July 17th to July 26, 2003.

DISTRICT 1-2

Paul Watland
District 2
Chairman



Free Hazmat Awareness/Operations Level training available from the Fire Marshal's office.

Betty Perry won \$40 in the 50/50 drawing. Don Sutter won a frame and Joshua Begrall won a pocketknife, both donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Diana L. Orrell made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m., seconded by Clarence Moss. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell, secretary
Districts 1/2

August 20, 2003

Dyer Fire Department

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. President Koehler led the Pledge of Allegiance and Brian Podsiadlik sang the National Anthem.

Forty-eight members of 12 departments in District 1 answered roll call with Griffith Fire as the trophy winner and 17 members of five departments in District 2 with St. John fire as the trophy winner.

Guests included: President Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, former District 1 chairman Bob Esserman, former District 1 chairman Bill Howe, Districts 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, District 1 IVFAA chairperson Phyllis Vargo, District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, retired Dyer firefighters Jim Hilbrich, Tom Hilbrich, Ron Reichelt, John Ozahanic, Keith Reilman, Ron Dumski, Chief George Thiel of Griffith FD, Chief Bill Norris of Chicago Fire Department, retired Chicago firefighter, Wally Targos, Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse gifts/supplies, and Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire.

Assistant chief Ron Targos gave a brief history of the Dyer Fire Department and introduced its members.

Chicago fire chief Bill Norris spoke on the career/volunteer departments and the history of the fire service.

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

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

District 2 Term: Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2004

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Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell presented George Theil of Griffith FD with the Midwest Award and then President Koehler and PR Northwest Bradford joined to present Theil's 50 year gold card.

President Koehler issued James Hilbrich and Ronald Dumski with their 50 year gold card, and then along with PR Northwest Bradford and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, presented Rick and Betty Perry, both of Merrillville FD Station #2 with their 25 year pins.

President Koehler spoke on the Public Safety Matters Evaluation Committee, discussed safety bills going to legislation, the training facility at Grissom Air Force Base, advised in mid-September, the Bridgeport Scholarship fund form and other forms will be available to download from the website. President Koehler advised this year there were two recipients of the Scholarship, next year going to try for three scholarships. Past president Parish thanked everyone for their support of the paper, advised issue coming out is 48 pages. District 1 chairman Tom Orrell read a letter he received from District 1 Miss Flame Heather Schmitt. District 2 chairman Paul Watland had a card he passed around for Lowell Fire Chief Jack Eskridge, advised he has been in the hospital for over a month. District 1 IVFAA chairperson Phyllis Vargo announced the death of Janet Hyatt of Liberty Township, advised she was a 33-year member of the IVFAA, and announced the Miss Flame contest will be in November.

Treasurer Moss advised the balance in the account was \$1,654.22, also advised he has patches available for \$2 each.

No old business to report.

A moment of silence was observed for the followed deceased within the districts, Janet Hyatt of IVFAA in District 1, and George Connor of St. John, James Frederick of Lowell, and Samuel DeYoung (former Chief of St. John).

Good of the order: Lake Station announced a hog roast on Sunday, August 24th at the VFW.

New Chicago FD announced a State

Certified Driver/Operator Class starting on Sunday, September 21st, at noon.

Kim Perry announced a benefit for her brother, Mike, a Gary/Merrillville FF battling cancer on Sunday, August 24th from noon until 9 p.m. at Hidden Lake.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17th at Crown Point Fire Department.

Ron Reichelt of Dyer won \$80 in the 50/50 drawing. Tim Lampa from Lowell won a knife, and Tim Tully of Crown Point won a frame, both donated by Perry's Firehouse gifts/supplies. Steve Polley of Griffith won a coolie, Larry Margraf of Dyer won a coolie, and Ronald Dumski of Dyer won a T-shirt, all donated by Hoosier Fire.

Bob Szot made a motion at 8:53 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Keith Austin, passed.

Diana L. Orrell, Secretary
IVFA Districts 1/2

September 17, 2003

Crown Point Fire/Rescue

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 27 members of 11 departments in District 1 with New Chicago Fire Department as the trophy winner and 46 members of 10 departments in District 2 with Cedar Lake as the trophy winner.

Guests included: past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, former District 2 chairman Larry Szott, Districts 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, District 1 IVFAA chairperson Phyllis Vargo, District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, Districts 1/2 IVFAA secretary Marge Baumgardner, District 2 Miss Flame Melissa Sobkowitz, 50 year gold card member (George Thiel - Griffith Fire), Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire and

Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse gifts/supplies.

Chief Greg Delor gave a brief history of the Crown Point Fire Department and introduced its members.

Tim Divine of Bullard Cameras spoke on thermal imaging cameras.

Kevin Austin made a motion, seconded by Johnny O to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes, passed.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford announced the deadline for the next paper is October 10th, website IVFA.org is up and running. Three Bridgeport Scholarships will be available, deadline is March 1st. Johnny O. asked if grandkids of firefighters were eligible for the Bridgeport Scholarships. Past president Mitch Parish announced that heart attacks are now considered L.O.D.D.

District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss announced the deadline for the Miss Flame applications is October 15th.

No old business to report.

No new business to report, no deaths within the districts.

Good of the order: New Chicago FD will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 28th from 7-11; St. John is having an open house from 11-3 on October 5th; Cedar Lake and Lowell having an open house from 11-3 on October 12th.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th at Munster.

Keith Austin won \$64 in the 50/50 drawing. Marty Michaels of Griffith won a T-shirt donated by Hoosier Fire. Wally Cox of Merrillville won a fire truck. Melissa Baumgardner of Crown Point won a knife. Mike Parks of Crown Point won a fire department flag and Bill Missell of Cedar Lake won a knife, all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Terry Schriber to adjourn, passed.
Diana L. Orrell, Secretary
Districts 1/2

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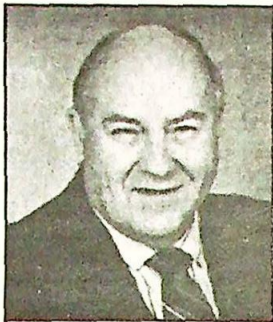
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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

I want to thank everyone for their hospitality at the district meetings I attended in the month of September. Also the fund raisers my family and I went to were very enjoyable, not to mention all the good food we had.

I hope everyone had a successful Fire Prevention Week this year. Ours at Vincennes Township went very good. This training for the school kids in the communities is something that stays with them in the years to come.

So far we've had a really nice fall, I know some day cold weather will be upon us, but we'll just have to bundle up once again to keep warm and healthy.

Since this is the last newspaper of 2003, I want to wish every one a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Jack Harker

DISTRICT 3

Tim Sandy
District 3
Chairman



July 17, 2003
LaCrosse VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. There were 15 members representing seven departments present. Chief Ponch Messer led the pledge. After the pledge, Associate State Chaplain Jerry Cohen from Springfield Township led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: president Buz Koehler and PR NW director Jim Bradford.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$299.11.

Communications: Comments from president Koehler: 1. gave a convention report; 2. talked about the Association's web site

Comments from PR director Jim Bradford: 1. gave a brief report on grant money that has been disbursed as of 7/6/03; 2. announced that there will be three Bridgeport scholarships awarded at next year's convention; 3. announced all of the recipients of the awards at the convention; 4. reminded all departments that hazardous materials training is free from the fire marshal's office. If interested, call them to schedule the training.

Old business: none.

New business: 1. Chairman Sandy announced that there is a takeover attempt with the Fire Grant Program by removing control of the funds from FEMA. He suggested everyone call their politicians to voice their opposition to this change; 2. Chairman Sandy announced that this year's winner of the Midwest Award was Pam Kaufman of Lincoln Township VFD. President Koehler presented her the award at the convention; 3. 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. The officers will remain the same for the next year.

Good of the order: 1. Lincoln Twp. will be having a steak fry on August 30th; 2. Hanna Twp. will be having a beer barn and teen dance on August 16th and 17th; 3. Springfield Twp. will be having a fish fry on September 13th; 4. Chairman Sandy announced when calling him at home, you should press the option of Fire/Emergency Service when he doesn't answer and the call will be transferred to his cell phone; 5. Chairman Sandy announced that Associate Chaplain Cohen has been helping Chaplain Page with memorials; 6. Lincoln Chief Dave Kaufman announced that the communications upgrade and repeater system would be discussed at the chief's meeting next week.

Training: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Jim Bradford won the 50/50 and Kenny Freeland won a hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire.

Next meeting: September 25, 2003, 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) San Pierre VFD.

DISTRICT 5



Don Kissinger
District 5
Chairman

May 8, 2003
Atwood Fire Department
Atwood, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1935 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 10 members representing six departments.

Guests: Richard Glant, past president.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary/treasurer Kissinger and approved as read.

Richard Glant talked about the proposed change to the by-laws concerning the IVFA president holding any elected position except president or vice-president after serving two terms as president. The proposal was turned down at the quarterly meeting and the by-law will stay as is.

Discussed H.B. 1605 concerning EMS using blue lights. The wording has been changed and is not supposed to affect the volunteer firefighters.

If there is a Bill that you are for or against, please contact your local Senator or Representative.

Discussed the health benefits and solution program that will give quotes on insurance and discounts to volunteer firefighters.

Mike Blair advised the new International Fire & Building Codes would go into effect on 5-21-03.

Talked about open burning problems.

Good of the Order: Atwood will be having a chicken BBQ on 5-24-03 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Burket will be holding an auction at the Burket School on 5-10-03 at 10 a.m. to help purchase equipment for their new truck.

Bourbon will be having a sesquicentennial celebration on 8/15, 8/16 and 8/17 with a parade, antique fire truck show

and waterball on 8/16.

North Manchester and Chester Township Fire Departments will be holding their annual tenderloin dinner on 6-14-03 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the North Manchester Fire Department, and will be raffling off a pop-up camper at the dinner.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was John Tucker from Burket.

The next meeting will be held July 10, 2003 at Argos Fire Department, Argos, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2021 hrs. with refreshments being served by the host department.

July 10, 2003
Argos Fire Department
Argos, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1934 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 13 members representing five departments.

Guests: Richard Glant, past president.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary/treasurer Kissinger and approved as read.

Chairman Kissinger talked about the State Fire Marshal Office's "Integrated Mobile FT-IR" that will analyze unknown powders such as anthrax.

The I.V.F.A. officers will be the same as last year except for SWPR.

Richard Glant talked about the attempt to change the by-laws concerning the IVFA president holding an elected position except president or vice-president after serving two terms as president.

Discussed H.B. 1605 concerning EMS using blue lights. This is going to come back to haunt us if we don't do anything about it. Contact your local Senator or Representative.

Discussed Miss Flame candidates for District 5. Anybody that has a daughter between 13 and 18 who would like them to be a candidate needs to contact the district chairman before the November meeting.

Talked about the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Richard Glant asked a very good question about why each department can't send at least one representative to district meetings.

The Midwest Award recipient for District 5 was Cam Kissinger from the North Manchester Fire Department.

Chairman Kissinger presented a 25-year pin to Dennis Good of the Argos Fire Department.

Officer elections were held. Don Kissinger and Cam Kissinger retained their positions.

Good of the order: Bourbon will be having a sesquicentennial celebration on 8/15, 8/16, and 8/17 with a parade, antique fire truck show and waterball on 8/16.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Paul Martin from Bourbon.

The next meeting will be held September 11, 2003 at Denver Fire Department, Denver, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

September 11, 2003
Denver Fire Department
Denver, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours with the pledge to the flag following and a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11/01.

Roll call: 11 members representing six departments.

Guests: Richard Glant, past president and Mike Mackin, PRNE.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary/treasurer Kissinger and approved as read.

Chairman Kissinger discussed a By-Law concerning districts having more than one vote at quarterly meetings. A motion was made to have Chairman Kissinger vote NO at the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Glant introduced David Selckelka. He will be assisting the IVFA

Chaplain.

Anyone that wants to have a memorial service needs to contact the district chairman as soon as possible.

Discussed a proposed SOG change concerning the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Richard advised that the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund is open to just about anyone, and the application has to be postmarked before March 1st.

Mike Mackin talked about the Games Committee writing down the rules for the games at Convention concerning late entries, etc.

Mike also discussed having departments register on the IVFA website.

Mike advised that Tim Sandy (District 3 chairman) has been appointed to the EMS Commission.

Any department that would like to see any new legislation can contact the District Chairman Kissinger, PRNE Mike Mackin, or past president Glant.

There will be a Miss Flame judging at the November meeting to determine a candidate to represent District 5 at next year's convention.

Good of the order:

Bremen will be having a Stag on 10/02/03 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

Bourbon will be having a fund raiser on 10/18/03 at 6:30 p.m.

Denver will be having a beef roast on 10/04/03 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held November 13, 2003 at Monterey Fire Department, Monterey, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2023 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

Cam Kissinger
District 5
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 7

Maurice Sorg
District 7
Chairman



July 21, 2003
Uniondale

Guests were: Gary Robison of the State Fire Marshal's office and Mike Mackin, IVFA Public Relations Director-Northeast.

The meeting was called to order by District 7 chairman Mort Sorg and he led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

The first roll was answered by 21 members from nine departments.

Mort announced the annual dues notices have been mailed and response is requested accordingly. Mort announced the winners of the annual awards and we were happy to here Mort was the recipient of the Mr. IVFA award.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mike Mackin also reminded members of the annual dues mailing. Gary Robison gave an update on financial grants, the SFMO website, and the new law stating if an EMS provider contacts body fluids from a patient, the patient must be tested with the results of the test sent to the EMS provider. (IC 16-41-10-2.5).

Mort opened the floor for nominations for District Chairman and District Secretary. Mort Sorg was re-elected district chairman and Gary Markley was re-elected secretary.

Mort announced the retirement ceremony for Charlie Baker on August 10th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Wayne Township Training Center.

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

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

September 15, 2003
Warren

Guest was Gary Robison - SFMO. The meeting was called to order by chairman Sorg at 8:10 p.m. with the

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Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary was formed at Hartford City, Indiana in June, 1952. Mrs. Ridgeway of Hartford City acted as Chairman.

IVFAA President



Barbara Kerney

With a nip in the air, frost on the pumpkins and the fields being harvested, you know that the holidays are just around the corner. It has been a great summer. Jack and I have enjoyed being at your activities in the various districts and departments. We haven't been home for me to cook much this summer, but my waistline is expanding. It has been said that firefighters love to eat; but how can you not when we have such great cooks.

Congratulations to June Cahill for being elected as District Chairman of 17A. The ladies of this district have organized, selected their officers for the

year and are already busy on money-making projects. Thanks to all those ladies who came to the organizational meetings and have offered their support and have made a commitment to support their district as well as the state.

A big thanks goes to the ladies of District 3 and their chairman, Leona Uryga for their care packages, which they donated to the Hoosier Burn Camp. These ladies gave so the youth at the camp will have some "extra" things they normally would not have. Our camp is a great project and all who help in any way will receive a blessing for helping these special kids. Thanks, ladies? I applaud your efforts.

Congratulations to Concord Township Auxiliary, District 4 on your 50th anniversary. I, as your state president, along with all our members say thanks for your efforts, your dedication and the support you have given to the IVFAA, your community and to your fire department. I hope you continue to grow in strength and numbers.

Thanks to Patty Miller and her employer, Dr. Primo Andres for inviting me to the presentation and dedication of the firefighter statue at the Terre Haute Heart Center. It was a nice tribute paid to all those who have lost their life in service to others.

We will miss Leslie Spears as she will no longer be able to continue with her duties as our state chaplain. Leslie has some added responsibilities in her

life at the present and feels she must direct her energies to those for now. We wish Leslie the best and will continue to keep she and her family in our prayers. I have asked Phyllis Vargo to assume this position to fill out the term. She has agreed very willing and I appreciate her taking on this responsibility. At this time Districts 1 and 2 will be combined and Ann Moss will serve as District Chairman for the two. I would ask all district chairmen and chaplains to work with and support Phyllis.

At our last meeting, we talked of some changes that will be happening as the year progresses. I hope you are attending your district meetings so you can know what goals we are working toward and that you are willing to be a part of these decisions that must be made. Remember we are working for you.

Remember to get your nominations in for your Lois Boaz Award. There are a lot of deserving ladies who should be nominated for this award. All letters should be in to the committee no later than February 1, 2004.

Again, thanks for your support and encouragement. I take pride in being your leader, but it's not a one woman's job. I need all of you to make our organization a successful one for the next 50 years.

Love,
Barb

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

Columbus, IN
August 10, 2003

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order with a prayer by chaplain Leslie Spears and the pledge to the flag led by Sgt.-at-Arms Mariam Schackel. Barb stated that the best kind of a helping hand is the one at the end of your arm.

Roll call was given by Diane Gray with 24 members and nine guests. Diana reminded the members to let everyone know that the dues are now \$5.00. She stated that we have 34 departments paid, Ind. 20, life members 16, paid by departments 447 with a total of 467 at this time and trying for more. Let everyone know that Diana can only verify what forms are received by her.

Dorothy Reiter gave her treasurer's report as:

Balance on hand June 1, 2003.....	\$4169.75
INCOME:	
Dues	1854.00
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Jewelry	245.00
VP Project	3066.00
Unrelated Inc.	3.17
Total Income	+5168.87
DISBURSEMENT:	
Operating Exp.	119.38
VP Project	200.00
Awards & Gifts	363.76
Total Disbursements.....	-683.14
Balance on hand Aug. 7, 2003.....	\$8655.48

Martha Thomas read thank you notes from Amanda Verkamp, District 18 and Jaelyn Joseph, District 12 Miss Flames.

Leslie gave an update on Mary Mackin, Susie Stout, Calvin Schackel, Kim Smith, Virginia Wilson, Dennis Spears' mother, all of these wonderful people have been ill and some have surgery, IVFA chaplain's wife also ill and Barbara Surber has lost her husband. All our good well wishes go to those who have been ill and our sympathy goes to the Surber family. Mary Boyd has moved to Florida and her address is P.O. Box 125, Tangerine, Fla. 32777-0125. Barb and Jim Parker have been married for 54 years and Phyllis Vargo has a new granddaughter.

Faye Sallee and her committee has audited the books and were found and now just fine.

Marilyn Dever says that they may have to change a few of the rules concerning the games.

Patty Miller and her Miss Flame committee had a little bit of trouble getting the \$25.00 fees in to her and may have to make a slight change. Tammy Hungate made a motion to have the fee in to Patty before the convention with a second by Phyllis Vargo and motion passed. Patty has had some donations to help defray expenses and could use more if the Districts could help as it is getting to be quite expensive.

COMMITTEES FOR 2003 - 2004

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Brandy Miller
Jean Randle

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E.J. Smith - Chm.
Marilyn Dever
Pam Melton
Sharon Bray

Lou Bartlow as financial chairman would like everyone to turn in whatever they will need as far as expenses they come into contact with, no matter how small or large they may be.

Joann Hays gave a big thanks to those who helped her with selling the tickets and mostly the Miss Flames that sold like crazy the night of the banquet. Lou made a motion to have the drawing the night of the banquet as most people had left early the next day and a second by Bev Taylor with the motion passed by all in attendance.

E. J. Smith says that we are down by about \$60.00 at this time and has some mark downs from previous years. She has about \$375.00 now.

Ann Moss, historian, states that she has had nothing turned into her so keep looking for something to give her.

Lou as president's advisory says everything is okay.

For anyone who has letters to write for their special ladies that deserve the Lois Boaz award get them into the Lois Boaz committee by Feb. 1, 2004 so that the committee will have some special lady to get the award. Every department should have a special someone to nominate. Get those letters in. Parliamentarian Toni Sorg says everything is just fine.

Chuck Parker, chairman of the 2003 convention, had pictures of the convention to be shared by all. All Williamson, chairman of 2004 convention in Clarksville, states that the dates are 10, 11, 12, 13th with the banquet to be on Saturday evening. Get your reservations in as soon as possible. The main sight will be at the Holiday Inn at \$69.00 a night.

Jane Ferro says that Concord auxiliary has had 50 years in their department and Barb sent a letter of congratulations to them.

Leona Uryga says there has to be a change to by-laws concerning the removal of the mileage and the annuals.

The cookbook committee needs to have the recipes in by the November meeting so that Toni can start the typing or sooner if possible. They discussed having a special section for recipes from past presidents.

Joann gave the good news about her V.P. projects. The firetruck tickets brought in \$2978.00, Chinese Auction \$883.00, and calendars \$778.00 with a total of \$4639.00. Thanks to all for the good work this year and we'll try to pass this amount for next year.

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IVFAA Vice President



Joann Hays

October 10, 2003

Happy Holidays to each and every-one.

By the time you read this fall will have passed and winter will be upon us. So, Season's Greetings!

Thanks to all for a great 2003. A busy one, but that's how it goes when you're having fun.

Thanks to all of you for your supporting the V.P. projects. I appreciated it.

Now! Here comes project 2004. I will be hitting you all up again, Sorry! Not really. Had to do it!

Our raffle prizes will be a fire truck, \$200 cash, and a TV/VCR. They're wonderful prizes, plus my tickets. I'll have all the donations in the February paper.

Your district chairmen will once again have tickets to sell - \$1.00 for one or 6 for \$5.00.

Also, besides V.P. Projects I will have our V.P. Project #2, the Chinese Auction and hope by May, but do know we will have by Convention time Project #3 which will be a cookbook put together by the auxiliaries all over the state. So don't forget to purchase them.

Hope you are all getting your reservations in for 2004 convention in Clarksville. Sounds like real fun to me. So come along and have fun in the sun.

Well, folks, so long for now and have a very safe holiday and best wishes to you all.

Love and prayers,
Joann Hayes
IVFAA Vice President

P.S. - Thanks, Barb: For all of your help. You're doing a great job. Keep it up and hang in there, friend!

State officer's meeting ...

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Barb adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer by Leslie and we will see you in Columbus Nov. 1st and 2nd. Have a safe trip back home and hope everyone has good health.

Submitted by, Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary IVFAA

DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Phyllis Vargo
District 1
Chairwoman



Ann Moss
District 2
Chairwoman

September 4, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, chairman of I.V.F.A.A. District #2 at 7:10 p.m. followed by pledge. Jackie Steiner of Shelby Auxiliary gave prayer.

Desserts were served by Shelby's Auxiliary.

Kathy Larson of Shelby Vol. Fire Department gave department history.

Ann introduced the guest for the evening. They included Jim Bradford, P.R. Northwest, Tom Odell, District 1 men's chairman, Paul Watland, District 2 men's chairman, Clarence Moss, treasurer of District 1 & 2.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 22 members in attendance representing six departments.

Marge Baumgardner read minutes of the May 1st meeting. Passed as read.

Ann Moss gave treasurer's report, passed as read for audit.

OLD BUSINESS: Ann talked about the state cookbook. We would like to see every member of District 1 & 2 to submit a recipe for the cookbook. Please have your recipes to district chairman by November district meeting. Make sure your name and department name is on the recipe.

NEW BUSINESS: Ann talked about the Miss applications which are due to your district chairman by October 15th. We will have district competition at the November meeting. See Ann or Phyllis if you need an application.

Next meeting should be at Munster on November 6th. Check your district cards for location.

Department Announcement.

Motion was made by Donna Szafranski, seconded by Maria Michaels to hold a silent auction and each auxiliary should bring three craft items to the November meeting. Motion passed.

Attendance trophies: Schererville District #1, Lake Dalecarria #2.

Motion to adjourn made by Maria Michael, seconded by Teresa Moeller. Motion passed.

Marge Baumgardner

DISTRICT 3

Leona Uryga
District 3
Chairman
IVFAA



The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. by chairperson Leona Uryga, hosted by Lincoln Twp. Volunteer Fire Department auxiliary.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by chairperson Uryga, followed by a prayer led by Rose Stantz, District 3 chaplain.

Roll call was answered by 14 members from four departments: Springfield Twp. four; Michiana Shores two; Coolspring Twp. four and Lincoln Twp. four.

District 3 I.V.F.A. secretary/treasurer Pam Coffman presented a check in the amount of \$200.00 for Jenna Schultz, District 3 Miss Flame representative to help defray convention expenses.

Secretary/Treasurer Mary Nowatzke read the minutes of the March 19, 2003 meeting and approved as read. Nowatzke reported the action of the treasury and filed for audit.

Lincoln Twp. Auxiliary also donated items for the Indiana Hoosier Burn Camp for Children. Chairperson Leona Uryga will take all items to the convention.

Leona Uryga distributed additional operating guidelines from state to all departments present.

Miss Flame raffle was won by Gertrude Matukas of Michiana Shores Auxiliary.

The Honesty Bag fundraiser was enjoyed by all with members being accessed for waists measurements and color of eyes.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Mary Nowatzke and Dorothy Moffitt, both from Coolspring Twp. Auxiliary.

Events approaching: Springfield Twp.: Motorcycle/Bike Rally, June 28, 2003; Coolspring Twp.: Car Wash sponsored by Jenna Schultz, District 3 Miss Flame, all proceeds donated to the Hoosier Burn Camp for Children; Lincoln Twp.: Pork Chop Dinner, May 24, 2003.

The next I.V.F.A.A. meeting will be July 16, 2003 at Coolspring Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments of Bar-B-Que, chips and Texas sheet cake enjoyed by all and served by host, Lincoln Twp.

Each attendee received a wrapped gift.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dorothy Moffitt, Coolspring Twp. and seconded by Gertrude Peterson, Michiana Shores.

Submitted by:
Mary Nowatzke
Secretary/Treasurer
District 3 I.V.F.A.A.
Michigan City, IN

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association Auxiliary meeting was called to order Wednesday, July 16, 2003 by chairperson Leona Uryga at Coolspring Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was by chairperson Uryga, followed by a prayer led by Rose Stantz, District 3 chaplain.

Roll call was answered by three (3) departments: Springfield Twp. nine, Michiana Shores three; Coolspring Twp. eight and guest Ms. Jenna Schultz, District 3 Miss Flame.

Secretary/Treasurer Mary Nowatzke read the minutes of the May 21, 2003 meeting and approved as read. Nowatzke reported the action of the treasury and filed for audit.

District 3 Miss Flame, Jenna

Schultz gave a report about the state convention that was held June 18th thru 20th, 2003 at French Lick, IN. She shared her experiences and pictures. Also, Leona Uryga reported on the business aspects of the convention. Lucille Cohen reported on the Memorial Service in which Florence Lingus, Coolspring Twp., Connie Tremmel and Ruth Kuhnle, Michiana Shores were remembered.

Joan Steinke, Joan and Bob Houck and Mary Nowatzke attended the open house at Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN for the Indiana Hoosier Burn Camp for Children (a non-profit) organization, at which time a presentation of proceeds from the car wash that District 3 Miss Flame, Jenna Schultz sponsored and worked at of \$368.00.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Mary Nowatzke and Linda Pavlak, Coolspring Twp.

Hand-crafted door awards by Joan Houck, won by Leona Uryga, Gertrude Peterson of Michiana Shores, Bonnie Smith, Rose Stantz, Lucille Peckat of Springfield Twp.

A salad bar served by host department Coolspring Twp. was enjoyed by all.

The months of July and August Honesty Bag fund raiser was enjoyed by all with members being accessed for triple shoe size and each letter in the state of your birth.

Events approaching: Springfield Twp. - Fish Fry, September 13, 2003; Michiana Shores - Fish Fry, July 26, 2003; Coolspring Twp. - Fireman's Ball, July 18 and 19, 2003.

The next I.V.F.A.A. meeting will be September 17, 2003, 7:00 p.m. at Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department.

Submitted by:
Mary Nowatzke
Secretary/Treasurer
District 3 I.V.F.A.A.
Michigan City, IN

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association Auxiliary meeting was called to order Wednesday, September 17, 2003 by chairperson Leona Uryga at Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by chairperson Uryga, followed by a prayer led by Rose Stantz, District 3 chaplain.

Roll call was answered by three departments: Springfield Twp. 11; Michiana Shores 7; Coolspring Twp. four and one individual, Lee Pera. Total of 23 members.

Secretary/treasurer Mary Nowatzke read the minutes of the July 16, 2003 meeting and reported the action of the treasury.

Chairperson Uryga made several announcements: 1. All recipes are due by 11-1-03 for the state cookbook fundraiser. Kindly list fire department and individual's name on bottom and mail to Leona Uryga. 2. as of date, I.V.F.A.A. membership has 34 departments, 20 individuals, 16 life membership - total of 447; 3. there is no meeting in January, District 3 Miss Flame contestants should be submitted by the November meeting; 4. The 2004 I.V.F.A.A. convention will be June 10th thru 13th at Clarksville, IN.

Election of the following officers for 2003/04: secretary/treasurer Miss Kimberly Krueger, Springfield Twp.; Chaplain Jody Brinckman, Springfield Twp. Chairperson office pending until the November meeting.

Lucille Cohen, Springfield Twp. distributed flyers in reference to being prepared and informed about terrorist attacks. Always rely on your local fire departments in emergencies. Discuss the subject at your local department meetings.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Marge Wozniak, Michiana Shores and Rose Stantz, Springfield Twp.

The months of September and October Honesty Bag fund raiser was enjoyed by all with members being accessed for each letter in your birthstone and just put in 10 cents in bag!

The next I.V.F.A.A. meeting will be November 19, 2004 at LaCrosse V.F.D.

A lavish buffet was served by host department Michiana Shores, with each member in attendance receiving a Halloween decoration.

Events approaching: Springfield Twp. - Haunted House Oct. 17/18, 24/26 and 29/31; Michiana Shores - Pancake breakfast/bake sale Oct. 26th; Coolspring Twp. - Cow Drop Bingo Oct. 4th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charity Gonzalez, Springfield Twp. and seconded by Chris Stephens, Springfield Twp.

Submitted by Mary Nowatzke
District 3
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 6

Marilyn Dever
District 6 Chairwoman
IVFAA

Please join us at the district meeting. 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 22 the district met at Avilla 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 23 we held our meeting at Hamilton Volunteer fire department in Steuben County. We discussed the cookbook the state auxiliary is going to be selling. Get your recipe into the committee as soon as possible. As our money making project for the district, we are going to be giving away a figurine at the next meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Our next meeting will be at Columbia Township Volunteer Fire Department in Whitley County on November 25. We will have the Miss Flame judging to determine the district Miss Flame for 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 25th. For further information, my answering machine is always on, so please leave a message (260-627-2802).

The January 27, 2004 meeting will be at Cedar Canyons Volunteer Fire Department in Allen County.

Marilyn Dever
District 6
IVFAA chairwoman

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller
District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA

Hi, everyone!

Well, summer is winding down, and fall is in the air. Can't wait for next week, for the Covered Bridge Festival. That should be good for a couple pounds weight gain!

Hope all who attended the 11A-11B picnic had a great time. Those who missed it will have to put it on your calendar for next year. It will be hosted by 11A and will be the third Sunday in Sept.

I would like to thank all who helped make ours a great success! All the men who did the cooking that great turkey, the door prize committee, and Lori Bush for doing a great job with the children's games. However, I'm not sure

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**DON'T WAIT TIL IT'S TOO
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YEAR'S CONTEST!**

Anyone interested in becoming a Miss Flame contestant should contact your District Chairman for information on a contest for your District.

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DISTRICT 11-B IVFAA

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 who had the best time, Lori or the kids! Oh! I can't forget all those great cooks who brought covered dishes. I certainly came home with a full stomach.

District 11B, please start thinking of a candidate for the Miss Flame contest in February. It's not too early to get your candidate! Any department who has questions, please give me a call. Any other district should get a hold of your district chairman and find out when your district will hold their contest.

Plan on attending the district meeting in Reelsville on November 10, 2003. They will be serving a Thanksgiving meal. It's always great!

Please see that your IVFAA dues are sent in. Remember they are now \$5.00 per member. And start thinking of those awards to be given out at next year's convention! Get your letters in early! I know we have a lot of deserving women and firefighters in our district.

Well, I've taken up enough space, so I will sign off for now. Have a safe and happy holiday. See you next year!!

Patty Miller
 District 11B chairman

DISTRICT 7

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pledge of allegiance.
 The first roll call was answered by 29 members from 12 departments.

Mort reported on a discussion at the quarterly meeting about the use of a fiscal year opposed to a calendar year.

Gary Robison provided information on the change of Governor due to the death of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Mort explained of a proposed change to the Standard Operating Guidelines of waterball games. It was moved and seconded to accept the change. Motion passed.

Mort provided information for an amendment to Article XV of the by-laws. It was moved and seconded to accept the change. Motion passed.

Mort read a list of those departments that are delinquent on their annual dues and urged those to submit their dues as soon as possible.

The second roll call was answered by 29 members from 12 departments.

The next meeting will be at Warren on November 17, 2003 with "Miss Flame" judging.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Gary L. Markley
 Secretary

DISTRICT 9A



Jonathon Randle
 District 9A
 Chairman

The July 24, 2003 meeting of District 9A was called to order by chairman Jon Randle at 7:30 p.m. at the Democrat Twp. VFD fire station in Cutler, IN.

After the pledge to the flag, Charlie Baker gave the invocation praying for blessings on our troops in Iraq and on us.

Guests were Buz and Carol Koehler, Helen Hollingsworth, Mitch Parish, Bruce Yonker, Jim Bradford, Charlie and Linda Baker and Brad Idlewine.

Roll call: nine fire departments, 24 members with 120 fire runs and 49 EMS responses since the last meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

There were no deaths reported in the District. Illnesses include Chief John Minglin of New Waverly and Chief David Betzner of Bunker Hill.

Mike Titus of the Flora VFD was the Midwest Award winner for 9A.

Old business: The Delphi VFD is working on having the Arson Investigation course the first weekend of December at Delphi High School possibly.

New business: The Fire Investigator's Conference is August 18-19-20 in Indianapolis.

Mark Ancil reported that Harrison Twp.-Alto will have their annual Safety Festival, hog roast and car show on August 23rd at the St. Joan of Arc School in South Dixon, Kokomo. There will be extrication demonstrations, smoke house, Lifeline and Samaritan helicopters and a dive team rescue demo.

Lt. Dick Hawkins, Delphi VFD has let us know that their smokehouse is out of commission with roof problems until further notice. The safety trailer is OK.

Buz Koehler gave a report on the convention. He was re-elected as state president and said the convention was very well run. See pictures on IVFA.org. The Bridgeport Scholarship form will be on the website in September. Turn in any legislative items to him. Deadline to sign up for Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy is July 25th. IVFA dues must be in by July 31st.

Jim Bradford, PRNW, reported that \$578,000 in FEMA grants have come to Indiana. The State Fire Marshal's office has free hazmat training. Chairman Randle has books and a CD for hazmat. Jim told us about a volunteer

fire department out East that is running a million dollar raffle with many prizes for a \$100.00 ticket on Firehouse.com. It will be interesting to see if they can sell 10,000 tickets. He told us that Linda Baker was the President's Award winner this year. She has played the piano for 20 years for IVFA memorials. Other award winners will be published in the newspaper.

Linda Baker invited all to a party for Charley on August 10th, 2pm at Wayne Township Conference Center.

Bruce Yonker had information on the annual "Expo for Specials Persons" at the White County Fairgrounds in Reynolds, IN on August 17th. Up to 400 handicapped persons enjoy this day of fire trucks, etc. He encouraged the 9A fire departments to participate by sending a truck or two. Their number is 219-253-6568.

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

Fire Chief Jay Bordner introduced Justin Darling of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and the new EMA Director for the county. He gave an overview of what happened during the July 4-5 flood in their area. There were two deaths. They declared a local disaster emergency under Indiana Code 10 that will give them assistance in covering the costs to recover. The FEMA number of disaster assistance is 1-800-621-FEMA. He said that local EMA's are now under Homeland Security.

Helen Hollingsworth asked Jon Randle to recount his experience with the swift water rescue he was involved in Howard County. David Ancil told about the rescue of people off their roof in Harrison Twp., Howard County, and getting horses out of a barn with the assistance of the Fishers water rescue team from Hamilton County.

Dee Mauntel won the 50/50. Chuck Ryan, Carol Koehler, Joyce Ancil, and Bill Schock won prizes donated by Brad Idlewine of Fire Service, Inc. Mitch Parish won Charley Baker's hazmat book.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Pizza was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting is September 25th. Pipe Creek Twp. VFD at Bunker Hill will be contacted to see if they can take the turn they missed last year while they were constructing their new station.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

The District 9A meeting was called to order on Sept. 25, 2003 by Chairman Jon Randle at the Pipe Creek Twp. VFD, Bunker Hill, IN.

Charley Baker asked blessings on us and our country. The pledge to the flag was recited by all.

Guests: Jim Bradford PRNW, Bruce Yonker, Brad Idlewine, Jean Randle and family, Helen Hollingsworth and Josh Francis.

Roll call: 23 members present from eight fire departments reported 125 fire and 35 EMS responses since the last meeting.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Upcoming events are Cutler Ham and Bean dinner, Sept. 27; Camden Pancake and Sausage breakfast, Oct. 4; Delphi dinner, Oct. 25th; Pipe Creek Pancake breakfast Oct. 11; Harrison Twp.-Alto, ISO class, Sept. 28th. The annual firefighter of the year award dinner at the Elks in Logansport is Nov. 3rd at 7 p.m.

Old business: Chairman Randle reminded the members about the eyeglasses and personal clothing damage claim forms from your fire chief or the district chairmen.

New business: Chief Jason Lemons of Harrison Twp.-Alto reported they will be receiving five flashover chambers for training in November. There will be one, two and three stories. They will also have a semi-tanker. After the first of the year this can be used by other fire departments.

Ike and Helen Hollingsworth invited all to their 60th wedding anniversary and his 80th year in the fire service. This will be in Russiaville on Oct. 10th, 1-4 p.m. Congratulations!

Bruce Yonker thanked the Delphi FD for sending their smoke trailer to the "Expo for Special Persons: in August. Next year will be the 20th year for this event and activities are already being planned. Richard Hawkins of Delphi said that it was a great day and whatever firefighters can do to make someone's day is really worth it. Put your heart in the right place!

Jim Bradford gave us the state news. Oct. 10th is the deadline for articles for the newspaper. The Bridgeport Scholarship forms are now on the website. Health insurance is now available through the IVFA at a good rate. He said that a state fire training facility may be quartered on 250 acres at Grissom. A feasibility study is being done. (In regards to this, Jason Lemons said that he had been at a meeting with Mitch Daniels and 14 other firefighters regarding equipment and training for paid and volunteers to better serve their communities. Besides the Grissom site, other satellite training locations may be built in other areas in the state. Qualified instructors are needed to insure consistency in training statewide. He asked them to work on having all firefighter training funded as mandates come down and we have to pay. Most legislators are not aware of this. This would be a good incentive to get and retain personnel.)

Jim explained an amendment to the IVFA constitution that would allow one vote per district on the state level. As it is now, past presidents also have a vote giving some districts more votes on state business. Joe Troutman, Young America, moved that we accept the amendment, Bill Schock, Delphi, seconded. Passed unanimously. See apparatus for sale or free on IVFA.org.

Regarding training, Ward Lesh commented that younger firefighters need funds to attend fire classes. Many departments don't have training money in their budgets, yet these people are expected to keep advancing.

Everyone was happy to see how well Chief John Minglin, Miami Twp. VFD and Chief Dave Betzner, Pipe Creek, have recovered their health. Jason Lemons paid tribute to Charley Baker for his presence and assistance with the sudden death of Harrison Twp.-Alto's President Keith Fallon last year. Charley received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award in August.

Program, Chief Dave Betzner explained the process of building the spacious firehouse we met in this evening. They had been badly crowded in downtown and with the realignment of Grissom Air Base, they became responsible for all of the buildings over there. Land was bought from the town for one dollar and then the fire corporation took over the building process and buying a new engine. They were dedicated last year. He said to ask for donations from your area to help keep expenses down. Do good planning up front for years down the road, so that changes do not have to be made. Josh Francis, of BFI Buildings, provided information on how the building progressed.

Jim Bradford won the 50/50. Bruce Yonker won Charley Baker's hazmat book. Bill Hardy and Bill Schock won prizes donated by Brad Idlewine from Fire Service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 with a cold buffet.
 The next meeting is Nov. 20th at Flora.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dee Mauntel,
 Sec./Treas.

Happy Holidays!

DISTRICT 10



David Israel
 District 10
 Chairman

District 10 summer has flew by fast. I think this year. By the time you read this in the paper it's Thanksgiving and Christmas time. The District is doing well. The last meeting at Southwest VFD was a little short of people. But it is harvest time. We skipped the October meeting.

Hate to tell this but I'm your District 10 chairman for another year. We have a new secretary for the district, John Ray from the Hartsville Fire Department. Welcome aboard, John.

Thanks to all the departments that have listed their department on the IVFA website. District 10 had the most on the site last time I checked. We have to beat Steve Anderson's district. So all you other departments, get listed on there. Go to ivfa.org, go to forms and fill it out.

Congratulations to Scott Chasteen of the Greensburg Fire Department and our training person for the district. He received the Decatur County Firefighter of the Year Award from the local Optimist Club during Fire Prevention Week. Way to go, Scott.

Congratulations to Merrill Clouse from the Hope Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years in the fire service.

Way to go, Merrill.
 Don't forget, you can get the Bridgeport application forms on line off the website and the plate form. The IVFA is giving away three scholarships in 2004, that's \$1500.00 each.

The next district meeting will be at the Marietta VFD in Shelby Co., Nov. 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Our first meeting of 2004 will be at Edinburgh Fire and Rescue Department in Edinburgh in Johnson County on January 21, 2004.

I have part of next year done but need more departments, so I'll be calling - if you haven't had a district meeting in the last three years, you are due. Better go. Have a fire safe holidays. See you at the meetings.

David Israel,
 IVFA District 10 chairman

DISTRICT 11-A



Jack McFarland
 District 11A
 Chairman

Greetings from 11A
 Thanks to Jack Wilson and the firefighters from Wright Twp. Fire Dept. for hosting our July meeting.

The election of officers was held with the following results:
 Jack McFarland - chairman
 Dave Phelps - vice chairman
 Bridget Blanton - Sec.-Treas.
 Pete Taylor - chaplain
 Steve Downing - Sgt. at Arms

It's been a very busy summer. We've been to a lot of fish fries, pancake breakfasts and other fund raisers. Please keep in mind I cannot attend your events if I don't know about them. Please call or e-mail me with the information. My apologies for not making Otter Creek's open house. Sometimes there are more places for me to be than I can get to in one day.

Our sympathy goes out to Bob Myers' family. Bob's wife, Janet, passed away. She was very active in the auxiliary and in the district. She will be missed by all the people who know her.

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Feb. 15 - A-Be	June 15 - J-Km	Oct. 15 - U-Wk
Feb. 28 - Bf-Bz	June 30 - Kn-L	Oct. 31 - Wl-Z
March 15 - C	July 15 - Ma-Me	
March 31 - D	July 31 - Mf-O	
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April 30 - G	Aug. 31 - R	
May 15 - Ha-Hn	Sept. 15 - Sa-Sn	

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
4. You only need to send **\$5.00 per each license plate requested.**
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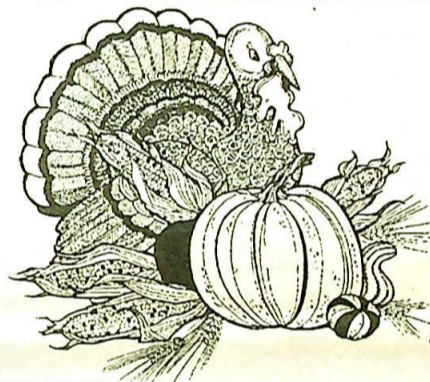
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This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

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DISTRICT 11-A

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Thanks to 11-B for hosting the 11-A & 11-B picnic. They did a great job and everyone had a great time. Our next meeting will be November 16, 1:00 p.m. at Prairie Creek Fire Dept. Hope to see you there. Until next time, brothers and sisters, be careful out there.

District 11-A chairman
Jack McFarland

DISTRICT 11-B

Larry
Ketchem
District 11B
Chairman



Perrysville
July 16, 2003

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 district chaplain Con Mankin. Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests present: IVFA VP Jack Kerney, State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush, State Secretary Larry Bartlow and West Central PR Diane Harrison. District auxiliary chairperson Patty Miller introduced Barbara Kerney, IVFAA president. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call was taken with 21 members from nine depart-

ments answering the roll.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Ketchem called on IVFA VP Jack Kerney who spoke on the action of the legislature. Driver's training was discussed and he also spoke on the various bills that did not go anywhere. The \$20,000 ceiling on the salary of volunteers did pass, several bills that failed in this session will be put back in for the next session.

Diane Harrison stated that e-mail and phone calls to the legislators had a major impact to the legislators and was appreciated.

Chairman Ketchem spoke about the delinquent dues from the departments within the district. He also mentioned that any previous past president of the IVFA may run for that office again.

NEW BUSINESS: The next meeting will be held at Forest Park on the 14th of September in Brazil. It will be a joint picnic with District 11-A. The meat and drinks will be furnished by the host district. State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush spoke on the new fire houses being built requiring a plaque for each new firehouse. Chairman Ketchem acknowledged the trophies from the waterball contests and games at the convention that members, men and women from this district won. Chairman Ketchem commented about the agenda for the 2004 convention.

At this time, Chairman Ketchem turned the floor over to the election committee 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 and Chaplain Con Mankin.

Chaplain Mankin announced that he had conducted two memorial services since the last district meeting. There was a discussion about the casket flags. Auxiliary chairperson announced the agenda for the joint district picnic. A motion was made that the men would match the donation made by the auxiliary, a second was made and the motion carried. The host certificate was presented to Phil Brannin and also the 2003 Midwest Award by Chairman Ketchem.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by the district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, secretary

DISTRICT 12

Larry Bruner
District 12
Chairman



The District 12 meeting was held at Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department September 22, 2003 with 18 members from eight departments present.

Guests included Joe Griffith, a contract instructor for the Public Safety Training Institute of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Joe is a 32 year veteran of Decatur Twp. VFD. He shared with us a program the State Fire Marshal has for "free" classes to train and certify our firefighters.

Diane Harrison, PRWC commented on the awards programs currently in progress. We decided primary effort at this time needed to go to the Miss Flame contest. Discussion of the Bridgeport Scholarship and the fact that they were increased to three scholarships awarded annually this year. We discussed and voted on the changes made to the IVFA By-Laws/SOP's. Motion passed.

District 12 celebrated two members receiving their Gold Card (50 year award). Don Johnson, his first 25 years with Wayne Twp. VFD and his past 25 years with Decatur Twp. Fire Dept. and Sylvan Salsman, 50 years with Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept.

More to come on new equipment in the District. Morgan County's new mobile command/communication vehicle, Hazelwood VFD's new rescue engine, and Brooklyn VFD has plans for two new units, one a ladder truck.

District 12 next meeting will be at Lizton-Union Twp. VFD November 17, 2003 and Hazelwood VFD will host the January 2004 meeting to include the District 12 Miss Flame contest.

Food for thought: A vision is just images not yet acted upon. Inspire Motivate Achieve Grow Empower Succeed.



DISTRICT 14



Al
Williamson
District 14
Chairman

Well, it looks like the frost is after the pumpkin and everything else around the southern part of the state. I hope everyone had a good summer.

The convention 2004 is progressing very well at this time and the Holiday Inn Lakeview is really working very closely with us. Just a reminder, all Convention 2004 registrations received by March 31, 2004 will be entered in a drawing to have two nights stay at the Holiday Inn compliments of the motel.


On September 30, 2003 I had the pleasure of presenting a clock to the Spencer Twp. F.D. at their new station in Hayden. They helped me put on a couple of unneeded pounds with a great meal of BBQ chicken, vegetables and of course, homemade desserts. I had the honor of meeting 82-year-old Ed Kehr who along with William Leudeman started the department in 1956. As in many of Indiana's communities there was a need and Ed along with a sizeable cash donation of his own brought together the people needed to accomplish that need. Many donated dollars and much labor and effort accomplished that need and the Spencer Twp. F.D. started serving its community from the new station after moving a mid 1940's Ford pumper from its home in a barn. Three years ago a new Freightliner pumper was placed in service and was dedicated on Oct. 13, 2000. The Fire Department now has a pumper, a tanker, a brush truck, and another brush truck currently waiting on a tank before being placed in service. Spencer Township's new station has four bays with an overhead fill hose in each bay. The new station was built at a cost of approximately \$70,000 and also a lot of labor and pride. The new station was finished in November 2002. Congratulations and thanks to Spencer Twp. F.D. for their dedicated service to their community.

Some information that may interest many of you is Clarksville will be celebrating The Birthplace of the Corps of Discovery Commemoration beginning in October 2003 running thru 2006. The event billed as the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial which is where Lewis and Clark met and began their trip to the west. As a tribute to these men, Clarksville has renamed the former s.r. 131 to Lewis and Clark pkw.

For those of you that have been in or through the Sellersburg/Clarksville area during the past several months the construction in the Clarksville area should be done by Convention 2004 making it easier to get around.

Al Williamson,
Chairman, District 14

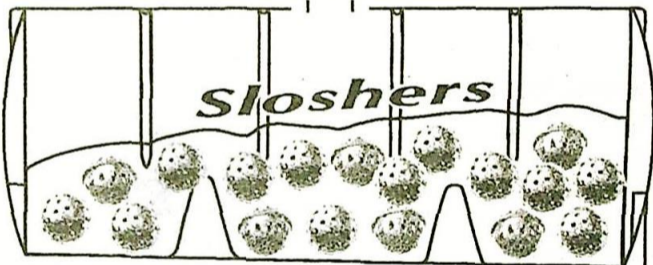
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Jim Abrams

I attended District 15's July meeting at Griffin Volunteer Fire Department.

Elections were held: Steve Anderson - chairman, Barb Kerney - secretary/treasurer, Mark Seib - vice chairman, Andrea Seib - chaplain, Harry Logan - Sgt. at Arms.

September's meeting was held in Evansville at Perry Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended District 17-A's July meeting held at Oaktown Volunteer Fire Department. Elections were held. Beverly Harker was elected chairman, Debbie Ockerman, secretary-treasurer, Sam Emery, vice chairman.

September's meeting was held at Veale Volunteer Fire Department with Myron Mackie of Bicknell Volunteer Fire Department speaking on E.M.S. Commission.

Our thoughts and prayers go the family of Pete Magni, Richland-Taylor firefighter who passed away of a heart attack.

I attended Pete's memorial service in Mitchell. He will be missed.

I attended District 18's July meeting at St. Anthony Volunteer Fire Department.

Elections were held: Chuck Parker - chairman, Kenny Lau - secretary/treasurer, Richard Schmitt - vice chairman,

Brother Giles Mahieu - chaplain, Morton Holman - Sgt. at Arms.

September's meeting was held at St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department. Brother Giles Mahieu was presented a 25 year pin and plaque.

I attended Jasper Volunteer Fire Department's dinner in August. The food and entertainment was wonderful.

I attended the memorial service for Gene Waddell of Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

PR Southwest
Jim Abrams

DISTRICT 15



**Steve Anderson
District 15
Chairman**

July 15, 2003

IVFA District 15 met on July 15, 2003 at Griffin Bethel in Posey County. The meeting was called to order at 19:26 by chairman Steve Anderson.

A reading was given by Barb Kerney followed by prayer led by Chaplain Andrea Seib. A moment of silence was observed for those who had passed away since our last meeting.

The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt. at Arms Harry Logan.

Guests were introduced: Jim Abrams, PRSW and his wife Stella, state treasurer Jack Harker and his wife, Beverly, Nicole Payne, 2003 state Miss Flame, Jack Kerney, state vice president and Kirk Whipple from Five Alarm.

Roll call was answered by 19 members, 10 departments and six guests.

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed by the secretary. A motion was made by Tim Wargel to accept minutes as written, seconded by Bud Fehribach. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was submitted. A motion was made by Bud Fehribach to accept as given, seconded by Tim Wargel. They will be filed for audit.

Barb Kerney gave an update on Les Lantaff. She had a card for all to sign. Harry Logan gave an update on his and Elaine's accident. Glad to report they are okay.

2002 convention chairman Harry Logan presented the district treasurer a check for \$3,531.00. This is the money that was left in our convention account after all bills were paid and the convention report was finished. We had a successful convention and had money left to help with financial needs of the district. Harry thanked Susan Wargel for taking care of getting the financial end cleared.

Nicole Payne, State Miss Flame gave a report on her activities at the convention. She thanked the district for their support. She is looking forward to her reign this year.

Jack Kerney noted the awards that were given, a large number of them were in the southwest area. Congratulations to all winners.

Annual district waterball tournament will be held on August 2nd at Owensville. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee for all teams participating. Barb Kerney has gotten the trophies that will be presented.

Old Business:

Dues are due. Please see that your department has them in to the office by July 31st.

Look at the IVFA website for current information.

New Business:

Steve announced the state officers that were elected at the convention. We have two new PR officers: Jim Abrams, PRSW and Roy Richardson, PRSE. Jack Kerney was re-elected as vice president.

Driving requirements were discussed that will be required by state. Jack and Steve discussed what was presented at convention at the Personnel Standards and Education forum.

Francisco, Oakland City, Cannelton and Wright Twp. have received FEMA grants in our area.

August 6th there will be a terrorism class offered at U of E. One day course, no fee required.

Election of officers was held for the district.

Steve Anderson, District Chairman
Mark Seib, Vice Chairman,
Barb Kerney, Secretary & Treasurer

Andrea Seib, Chaplain
Harry Logan, Sgt. at Arms
Steve thanked Griffin Bethel for the nice meal and hosting our meeting.

Next meeting will be September 16th at Perry Twp.

Department reports were given by members present.

With no further business to be discussed, meeting was adjourned.

Barb Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 17A

**Beverly Harker
District 17A Chairman**

I want to thank Veale Township Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the District 17A meeting on September 17th.

A delicious meal was served before the meeting. Twenty-two members were present representing nine departments. There were eight guests. Myron Mackey from Bicknell Fire Department was guest speaker.

I haven't contacted all the departments in my district yet, but I am planning on doing so as time permits. Please let me know when an event is going to take place at your department and I will try to help get the word around to help with attendance.

Beverly Harker
District 17A Chairman

DISTRICT 18

**Charles Parker
District 18
Chairman**



September 18
The September 18 meeting of District 18 was hosted by the St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department and was held at the St. Meinrad Community Center. It was called to order by chairman Chuck Parker at 7:30 p.m.

A report on the District 18 Fire Prevention Week Parade was given by Bernard "Pudder" Linne, Troy Fire Chief. Troy VFD is the parade host

for 2003 and is being held in conjunction with the department's 135th birthday and the town's bicentennial of 200 years.

District secretary Kenny Lau presented Bro. Giles Mahieu a plaque in observance of his anniversary of 25 years as district chaplain. Bro. Giles has been at St. Meinrad Archabbey for 50 years and has been a professed member of the religious community for 45 years as a Brother.

Southern Indiana REC of Tell City presented an electrical safety program for the meeting.

Seventy-five members were in attendance representing 22 departments and reported answering 261 calls.

St. Anthony VFD announced they will host the district parade on Sunday, October 10, 2004.

Next meeting at West Baden November 20, 2003 at the firehouse beginning at 8:00 p.m.

District 18 Chairman
Chuck Parker

DISTRICT 19

**Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman**



The next meeting of District 19 will be November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Fire Co., Oldenburg, Ind.

The district Miss Flame judging will be at the November meeting.

At the January 22, 2004 meeting at Hogan Twp., the district Midwest Award will be chosen. Bring letters for the Midwest Award to the meeting or send them to me before the meeting.

Letters for the State Awards, Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg and Angel Award need to be at the IVFA office by Feb. 1, 2004.

It is getting time for the holidays. I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

NOTICE

MR. I.V.F.A. COMMITTEE

Please send all Mr. I.V.F.A. nominations to the committee. Committee consists of the following:

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Bill Kinsey
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Fort Wayne, IN 46815

David Israel
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Greensburg, IN 47240

Maurice "Mort" Sorg
14430 Comer Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

Nominees need to be in the hands of one of the above by February 1, 2004.

THANK YOU!!



VICE PRESIDENT Jack Kerney reading the making of a firefighter at the Terre Haute Center.

(Photo submitted by Jack Kerney, IVFA vice president)

February 2004 ad and news deadline is January 10, 2004

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

COLUMBUS, INDIANA
AUGUST 8, 2003

President Buz Koehler called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and asked past-president Carl Bruns for the invocation. Vice president Jack Kerney then led the pledge to the flag. Guests present were Jean Smith and Clarence Moss.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Buz Koehler - He has traveled over 5000 miles this quarter visiting various district meetings, fund raisers and departments.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jack Kerney - He has traveled 3324 miles this quarter attending three memorial services, three county meetings, eight district meetings, two convention meetings, one fire department orientation, one firehouse dedication and the annual convention.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Bartlow - Requested everyone uses the

District and PR report sheets. President called for the reading of the minutes of the May meeting. A motion by Don Kissinger, District 5 to accept the minutes as printed. Don Cushman, PREC, made the second. The motion carried by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Harker - He has driven 1372 miles this quarter attending two memorials, two station dedications, six district meetings, one convention meeting and the annual convention.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Fred Page - Absent.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Jack Zeeks - Thanked Charles Parker and District 18 for a great Convention.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Bill Bush - Absent.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PRNW - Jim Bradford: He attended eight district meetings, eight departments, seven memorial services, one award presentation, and one newspaper committee meeting, for a total of 1638 miles driven this quarter.

PRNE - Mike Mackin: He attended three district meetings, one department visit, one 2004 convention meeting and one games committee meeting, for a total of 1180 miles driven this quarter.

PRWC - Diana Harrison: She has attended all district meetings in her area and several fundraisers.

PREC - Don Cushman: He attended three district meetings and one department.

PRSW - Ron Bell: Absent.

PRSE - Joe Caudill: Pass. New PR Roy Richardson reports that he has attended two district meetings and one

2004 convention meeting.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1: Tom Orrell - last meeting May 21, 2003 at New Chicago Fire Department with District having 28 members from 13 departments and District 2 having 15 members from five departments. The program was the "History and Co-operation of Career and Volunteer fire department presented by Chief Robert "Bobby" Walker of the Gary Fire Department. District elections were held and the results were as follows: Chairman, District 1 - Tom Orrell, District 2 - Paul Watland, Secretary, District 1 & 2 - Diana Orrell and treasurer District 1 & 2 Clarence Moss. There were five deaths in the district this past quarter. The next meeting will be August 20, 2003 at Dyer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 2: Paul Watland - Last meeting was July 16, 2003 at Morgan Twp. Fire Dept. with District 1 having 10 departments and 15 members present and District 2 having six departments and 28 members present. The program covered Hazmat by Greg Eckhardt. Also, Charlie Douthett spoke on K9 services assisted by K9 partner. The next meeting is September 17, 2003 at Crown Point.

DISTRICT 3: Tim Sandy - Last meeting was July 17 at LaCrosse Fire Department with six departments and 16 members present. Elections were held and Tim was re-elected chairman. The next meeting is September 18, 2003 at San Pierre Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4: John Ferro - Last meeting was a good question and answer session as attendance was down. The next meeting is October 22, 2003 at New Paris Fire Department.

DISTRICT 5: Don Kissinger - The last meeting was July 10, 2003 at Argos Fire Department with five departments present. The next meeting is September 11, 2003 at Denver Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6: Dave Elick - Since last quarterly meeting he has had two deaths in the District. He visited five departments. The next meeting will be September 23, 2003 at Hamilton Fire Department.

DISTRICT 7: Mort Sorg - Had one death in District this past quarter. All officers in District were re-elected. The next meeting is September 15, 2003 at Warren fire department.

DISTRICT 8A: Bill Pape - Last meeting was held July 9, 2003 at Center Twp. Fire Dept. in Marion with eight departments and 19 members present. They discussed Convention 2004 and had program by Gary Robison. The district was also elected. The next meeting is September 10 at Washington Volunteer Fire Department in Grant County.

DISTRICT 8B: Larry Petro - Had no meeting in July. The next meeting will be September 17, 2003 at Bryant Volunteer fire department.

DISTRICT 9A: Jon Randle - Held last meeting on May 22, 2003 at Clinton Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

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ment with eight departments and 18 members present. The program was "Grain Dust Explosion" presented by Anderson Grain Elevator. The next meeting will be at Bunker Hill Fire Department on September 22, 2003.

DISTRICT 9B: Randy Denton - Absent.

DISTRICT 10: David Israel - Held last meeting on May 21 at Hartzville Volunteer Fire Department with 11 departments and 33 members present. The program was presented by Mike Summerkamp from SEMA. They had one death in the district this quarter. The next meeting will be August 20, 2003 at Moral Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11A: Jack McFarland - Held meeting May 18, 2003 at Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with eight departments and 32 members present. The next meeting was held July 20, 2003 at Wright Twp. Volunteer Fire Department with seven departments and 25 members present. They held the District Officer's election. The next meeting will be September 14, 2003 at Forrest Park in Brazil. This is the district picnic with District 11B.

DISTRICT 11B: Larry Ketchem - The last meeting was July 16, 2003 at Perrysville Volunteer Fire Dept. with nine departments and 36 members present. Discussed the 2003 Convention and the 2004 Convention. It was also the election of officers. All district officers were re-elected. The next meeting is the 11A and 11B joint picnic at Forrest Park in Brazil, IN.

DISTRICT 12: Larry Bruner - Absent.

DISTRICT 13A: Tim Martin - Held meeting on May 15, 2003 at Buck Creek Twp. Vol. Fire Department, Station #1, with three departments and four members present. Held round table discussion. The next meeting will be August 21, 2003 at Pendleton Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13B: Dennis Spears - Many summer activities interrupting his meeting schedule. He has had two deaths in the district in the past quarter. The next meeting will be announced later.

DISTRICT 14: Al Williamson - Held the last meeting on July 15, 2003 at Deputy with four departments and 13 members present. There were two deaths in the District this past quarter. The next meeting will be October 15, 2003 at a site to be announced.

DISTRICT 15: Steve Anderson - Held meeting on May 20, 2003 at Fort Branch Vol. Fire Department with eight departments and 13 members present. The next meeting was July 15, 2003 at Griffin-Bethel Vol. Fire Department with 10 departments and 19 members present. They elected district officers. The next meeting will be September 16 at Perry Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 16: Ron Melton - Held meeting on May 25, 2003 at Palmyra Fire Department with two departments and 15 members present. They had one death in the District. The next meeting will be at Ramsey Vol. Fire Department on date to be announced.

DISTRICT 17A: Jim Abrams - Held meeting July 28, 2003 at Oaktown Fire Department with 11 departments and 54 members present. Had the election of officers for the district and elected Bev Harker as chairperson. He has also attended Districts 15, 18, and 17A as PRSW Director. Bev Harker announced that the next meeting would be September 17, 2003 at Veal Twp. Vol. Fire Department in Washington.

DISTRICT 17B: Jim Zeeks - Absent.

DISTRICT 18: Charles Parker - Held meeting July 17, 2003 at St. Anthony Vol. Fire Department with 82 members present. They held the election of district officers. All were re-elected. They had three deaths in the

district this past quarter. The next meeting will be September 18, 2003 at St. Meinard Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 19: Ed Scheele - Held meeting May 22, 2003 at Bright Vol. Fire Department with eight departments and 28 members present. He gave out "25-Year Pins". The next meeting was July 24, 2003 at Friendship Vol. Fire Department with eight departments and 32 members present. The program was on HAZ-MAT Response. They also held their election of district officers. The next meeting will be September 25, 2003 at Rising Sun Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 21: Don Fultz - Held meeting on June 30, 2003 at Forest Vol. Fire Department with seven departments and 32 members present. The next meeting will be October 28, 2003 at West Point Vol. Fire Department.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Jack Kerney, pass; Richard Glant, pass; Mitch Parish, pass; Carl Bruns, pass; Jim Parker, pass; Jack Zeeks, pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - GAMES: Al Mendel - Discussed proposed new SOG rules for the Convention Games. All district chairmen and officers have a copy of the rules. The committee also needs patches for water ball and cart race winners. This is board action.

CONVENTION 2003: Charles Parker - Convention over and everybody is paid. The financial report is due at the November meeting.

CONVENTION 2004: Al Williamson - They have met with the IVFA convention committee and got much information that they need. Otherwise everything is starting to take shape.

CONVENTION 2005: Jim Parker - Going great.

EXECUTIVE: Buz Koehler - Pass.
BUDGET: Jack Harker - Presented the quarterly balance sheet and the comparison sheet and the profit and loss sheet. A motion was made by PRNE Mike Mackin to accept the treasurer's report as presented and handed out. The second was by District 4 John Ferro. Motion passed by voice vote.

INSURANCE: Pass.
BRIDGEPORT: Carl Bruns - They will present three scholarships next year (2004). Please advise everyone to read the guideline and get the application mailed in on time.

EDITORS' ASSISTANT: Jim Bradford - This issue of the paper is 40 pages.

AD-TAKER: Mitch Parish - All accounts for newspaper advertisement is current. Made request that Association purchases a digital camera for the photographer. This will be board action.

CLOTHING CLAIMS: Jim Bradford - Had three claims this quarter.

AWARDS: Jack Kerney - Start thinking about nominees for next year.
FIRE SCHOOLS: Jack Kerney - Attendance is up this year.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Parker - The committee needs your input on Legislative issues for the upcoming session. We had a successful Legislative session last year.

MR. IVFA: Mitch Parish - Pass.
BY LAWS AND SOG: Jim Parker - Reprinting and updating By-Laws and SOG's at this time.

MEMBERSHIP: Steve Anderson - The Committee talked over the possibility of changing dues payment to calendar year instead of fiscal year. Much discussion was held on this matter. Jon Randle, District 9A, made a motion to table this issue until we have much more information. Jim Parker, past president, made the second. The motion passed on voice vote. Also discussed

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Quarterly meeting report ...

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AUGUST 9, 2003

cussed increasing membership through Associate Members.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Jack Kerney - Pass.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Don Kissinger - We need new photos for paper. New pictures for everyone will be taken at the November meeting.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Mitch Parish - No meetings since March; the next meeting is in Little Rock, Arkansas.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING INSTITUTE: Jack Kerney - Working on the new "Driver Training" requirement. Also working on the changes to the "24-Hour Training" to include the Driver Training and the OSHA required classes to obtain the level of "Basic Firefighter" with a test and a practical. These changes will not take place until sometime next year.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: Buz Koehler - Last meeting had some discussion on what the Institute would like to do; one being a debate between the candidates for Governor on fire related issues.

Meeting recess at 1900 hours.

Reconvened at 0830 hours.

INDIANA FIRE INSTRUCTOR'S ASSN.: Jack Kerney - Doing a lot DOD training.

WEB PAGE: Buz Koehler - The Web site is available 24/7. Since March the site has had 123,169 hits from 9099 visits. Going to get all forms on the site including the Bridgeport Scholarship application.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Jack Kerney - Dues are still being entered. They have received 3407 license plate applications so far this year. Working to get information more easily from E-Mail. All Social Security number removed from all forms.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike Mackin, PRNE, will present plaques in his area as soon as he hears from the departments as to when it is.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) meetings for 2004. Discussion on location, costs and availability; (2) Voucher for district secretaries need to be turned in today; (3) IVFAA officers rooms for those that attended unattached to any other officer. Much discussion on subject. Requires board action; (4) Web advertising. Web Masters have been asked to advertise on website with links to other Fire Service web page. Motion by Jack Kerney to pursue this issue and find out more details including pricing for the advertisement. All ads not fire related must be approved by the board of directors. The second by Mike Mackin. Motion carries. The web advertisement committee will be Buz Koehler, Jack Kerney, Dave Elick, Tim Sandy and Mike Mackin.

COMMUNICATIONS: E-mail address for 2003 Miss Flame is: IVFA MISS FLAME 03 @AOL.COM. Request for new certificate of date that department joined the IVFA. Motion by Buz Koehler to allow Central Office to make certificates as needed. Don Cushman made the second. Motion carried. Pictures will be taken at the November meeting for everyone.

Motion to adjourn by past president Jim Parker, The second was by PRNE Mike Mackin. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Chairman of the Board Jack Zeeks called the meeting and asked for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by PRNE Mike Mackin to accept the minutes as printed. PRSE Joe Caudill made the second. Motion passed.

(1) SOG change to Article 16: Change number of scholarships from (2) to (3) each year. Motion to accept for first reading by District 5 Don Kissinger. The second by District 6 Dave Elick. Motion passed.

A motion by Buz Koehler that the host convention committee pays for the banquet tickets for the Bridgeport Scholarship winners up to three tickets per winner. Mitch Parish, past president made the second. Motion carried.

District 1 & 2 present a by-law amendment in writing for Article XV. Article XV to be amended to read: These By-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the district chairmen present at a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. The amendment must first be presented at a regular district meeting in writing and passed. The amendment must then be presented in writing at the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors and then taken back to all the districts for their vote before action can be taken on the amendment at the next regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. The district chairmen must vote the way their districts instruct them. This by-law change will be voted on at the November meeting.

The Games committee presented a SOG for the convention games. A motion by Buz Koehler to accept the SOG and add it to the IVFA's SOG. Dave Elick, District 6, made the second. Motion passed.

(2) Purchase games patches for convention games. A motion by Tim Sandy, District 3, we purchase 100 patches. The second by Tom Orrell, District 1. Motion passed.

(3) Need to restock our ribbon supply for convention badges. Steve Anderson, District 15 made a motion to purchase three years supply of ribbons. The second by Buz Koehler, president. Motion passed. Mike Mackin to purchase the ribbons.

(4) Room purchase for IVFAA - Jim Bradford, PRNE, made a motion to continue paying for the rooms for another year and revisit the issue next August. The second by past president Mitch Parish. Motion passed.

(5) Purchase of digital camera for the IVFA. Died for lack of motion.

(6) District 14 requests the loan of \$4000 for convention 2004 startup money. Motion by PRNE Mike Mackin to allow this request. The second by Bill Pape, District 8A. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing.
NEW BUSINESS: Some discussion on Assonate membership. Need more facts and information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Sandy, District 3. Past president Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow,
Secretary



Master Chef Larry Ketchem preparing the original "Turkey Bar-B-Q"
(Photo submitted by Jack Kerney, IVFA Vice President)

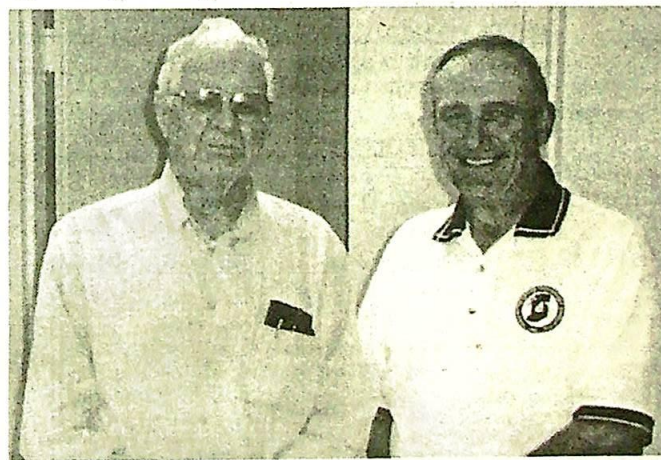
Tom Boardman presented 50 year award for fire service



District 6 chairman, David Elick in July 2003 presented 50 year award to Tom Boardman of the Union Twp. Fire Department of Whitley County.

(Submitted by: Terry Minnick, treasurer Union Twp.)

Earns 50 year pin for fire service



Pictured are Raynold Lanvermeyer, 50 year member of Dillsboro V.F.D. and Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)



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 Welcome to this quarter's edition of the IVFA *FireLine*. This column will provide you information on current happenings with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org. As many of you know the web site has been on-line since March and is accessible 24/7. Statistics indicate that the site is being accessed more and more each week.

As of October 1st we have approximately 190 departments listed, which is up about 50 more than in July. Still, there are 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in our state, so there is plenty of room for further growth.

In the last article we mentioned some planned changes that we had hoped to have in place by now. Recently we added a District Meeting Calendar where the District Chairmen, or other representative, can post their upcoming District Meetings. Previously some of these meetings were being listed in the Events Calendar, and we felt the District Calendar would provide a more effective format for these items.

Additional changes include the launching of a bi-monthly electronic e-mail version of the *FireLine* that will detail all of the Training, District Meetings, and Special Events for the upcoming months. Departments who have submitted their information, and provided an e-mail address with that information, will receive the electronic *FireLine* automatically.

Second on the planned list is developing a web page that will show a State of Indiana Map and the IVFA District boundaries. Clicking on a particular district will open a unique District page, listing the District Chairman information, and the departments in that District.

Without getting into all of the gory details of web site programming and maintenance, there is a lot of "behind the scenes" work that needs to be completed first, that will help automate a lot of the web site activities. Currently there is a lot of repetitive manual work that must be completed prior to any of the items you submit, being viewable on the web site. That "behind the scenes" stuff, coupled with our "real" jobs, has slowed us down a bit. However, progress is being made and we do anticipate having the first electronic version of the *FireLine* sent out within the next few weeks.

As for the District map of the State, that too is progressing in development. One of the issues that is slowing us down on that particular project is the actual district boundary lines in the central portion of the State, particularly around Marion County. At one time there was a District 20, however, that District was dissolved into the surrounding Districts. None of the current maps show the correct boundary lines for those Districts that took over parts of 20. What we are currently doing is plotting all of the departments (in the Central part of Indiana) on a State map, and will use that "plotting" method to identify the current boundaries. Once completed, we will have a very nice system that will be used to provide you all the necessary information related to each specific district.

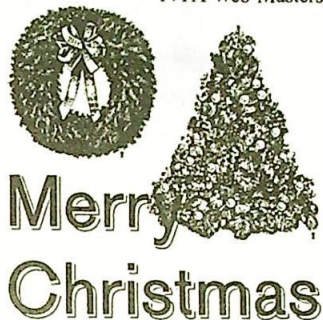
As mentioned in the last issue, other improvements are planned but we're taking each one step at a time. What we do ask is that if you haven't visited the site yet please give it a look. Did you know that many of the forms used within the IVFA are accessible via the web page? Some of these forms include

the License Plate Application, the Change of Information form, as well as the recently added Bridgeport Scholarship Application. The popular IVFA Apparel can be viewed and ordered via the web site as well. The Harrison Township Fire Department, located in Howard County is our current SPOTLIGHT department. Check them out when you get a chance. Want your department in the SPOTLIGHT? The information on how to do it is located within the web site.

And finally, it's never too soon to be thinking about and planning for the IVFA Convention 2004. We have already begun to post materials on the dates, lodging, and special activities associated with next year's convention. District 14 tells us, "There's Fun in Store in 2004!"

In closing, this is your site and is intended to promote the IVFA and provide you the member with the information you need and want. Have an idea, suggestion, other item, gripe, whatever ... e-mail us at webmasters@ivfa.org and let us know what it is.

See you "on-line!"
 Smoke Eater and Buckshot
 IVFA Web Masters



Elick awards 25 year pins to fire members



IN JULY 2003, District 6 chairman David Elick presented 25 year pins to members of the Union Twp. Fire Department of Whitley County. Pictured (left to right) are: David Elick, Richard Kyler, Paul Herron, Tom Boardman and Bill Auer.

(Submitted by: Terry Minnick, treasurer Union Twp. Fire Dept.)

Huntingburg firefighters help Special Olympics



On Sunday, July 13 members of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. held a "road-block" to raise funds to benefit Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Athlete representative Jan Griepenstroh (center) is pictured receiving a check from Huntingburg firefighter and even co-chair John "Walker" Beadles.

To the right of Ms. Griepenstroh is Huntingburg firefighter and even co-chair Jason "Noisey" Weyerbacher. Ms. Griepenstroh addressed the department membership following the presentation to express her thanks on behalf of the organization. The event which raised a total of \$620.00 will go directly to the Special Olympics of Dubois and Spencer counties.

Also pictured are county coordinator Dee Nunamaker (far left), and county manager Doug Fleck (far right).

(Article and photo submitted by the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept.)

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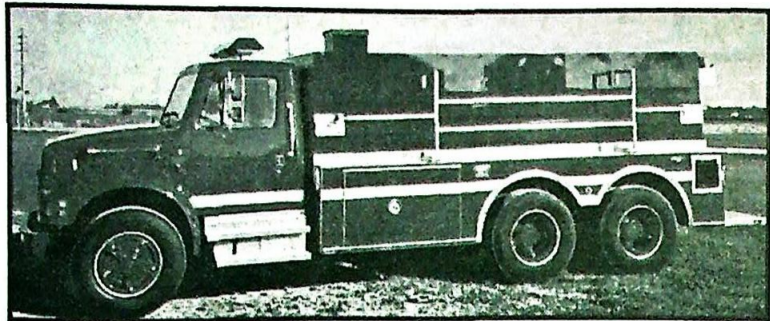
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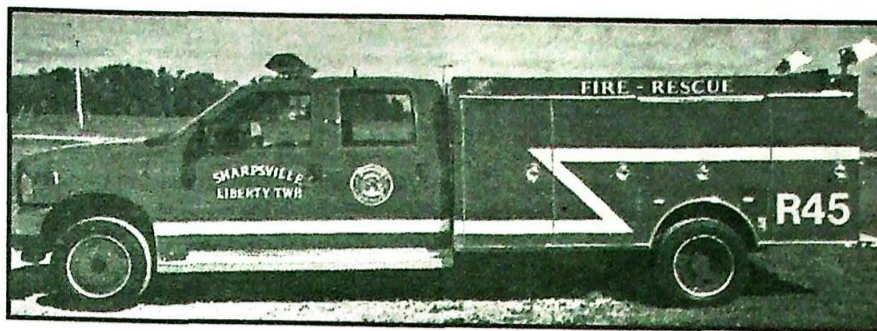
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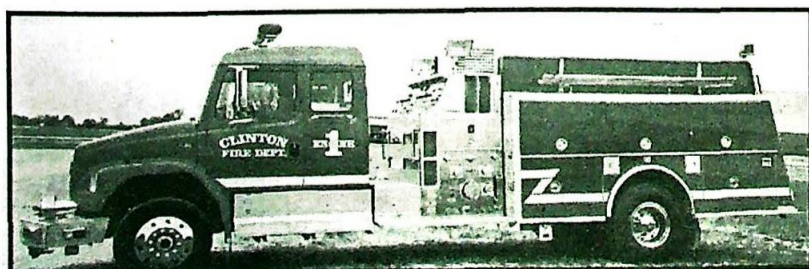
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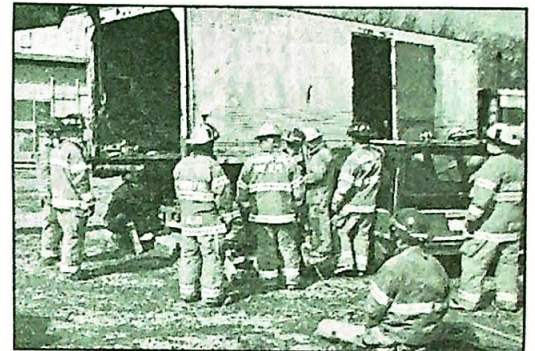
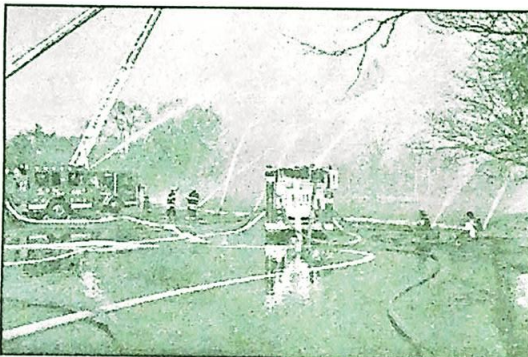
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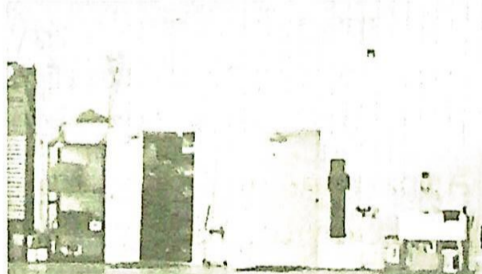
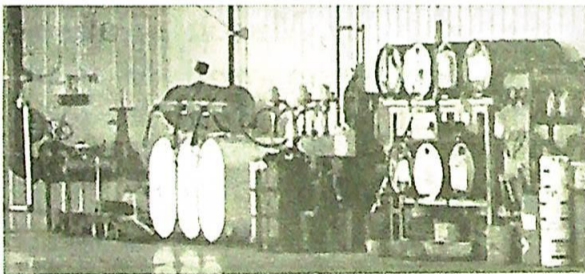
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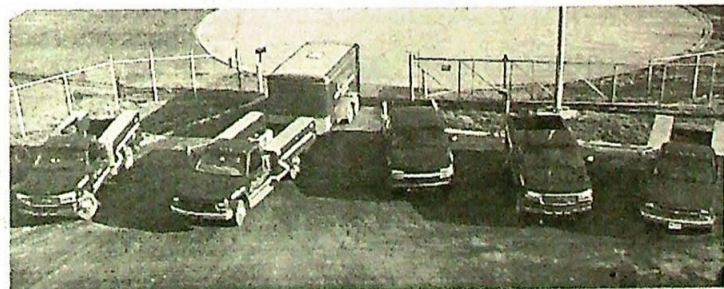
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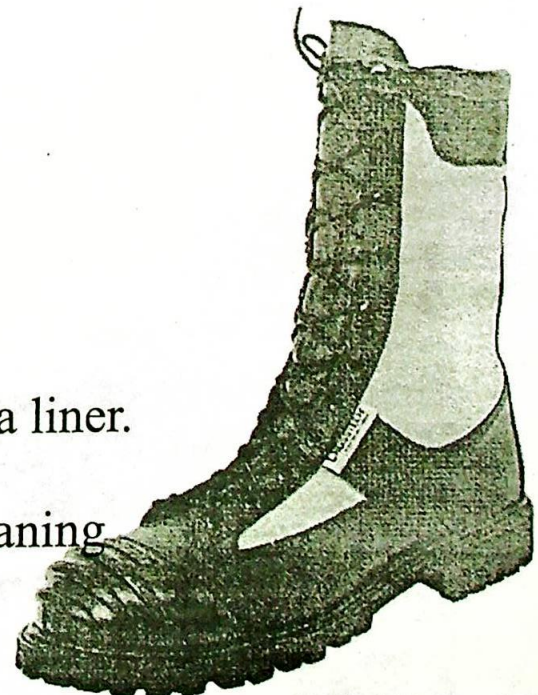
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I would like to really acknowledge the Flora Fire Dept. Chief Scott Sisson, Curt Hufty (Flora town board member) and owner of Collision, Inc. and Doug Abdon of Doug Abdon Chrysler Jeep for their concern and help in getting me back on the road in less than 30 minutes after the accident. Scott gave me moral support, called for a replacement vehicle and a couple of hugs!

Doug Abdon sent another Jeep Grand Cherokee for me to drive home. Curt pulled me off the "Deere" and will be repairing my jeep.

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Linda Baker



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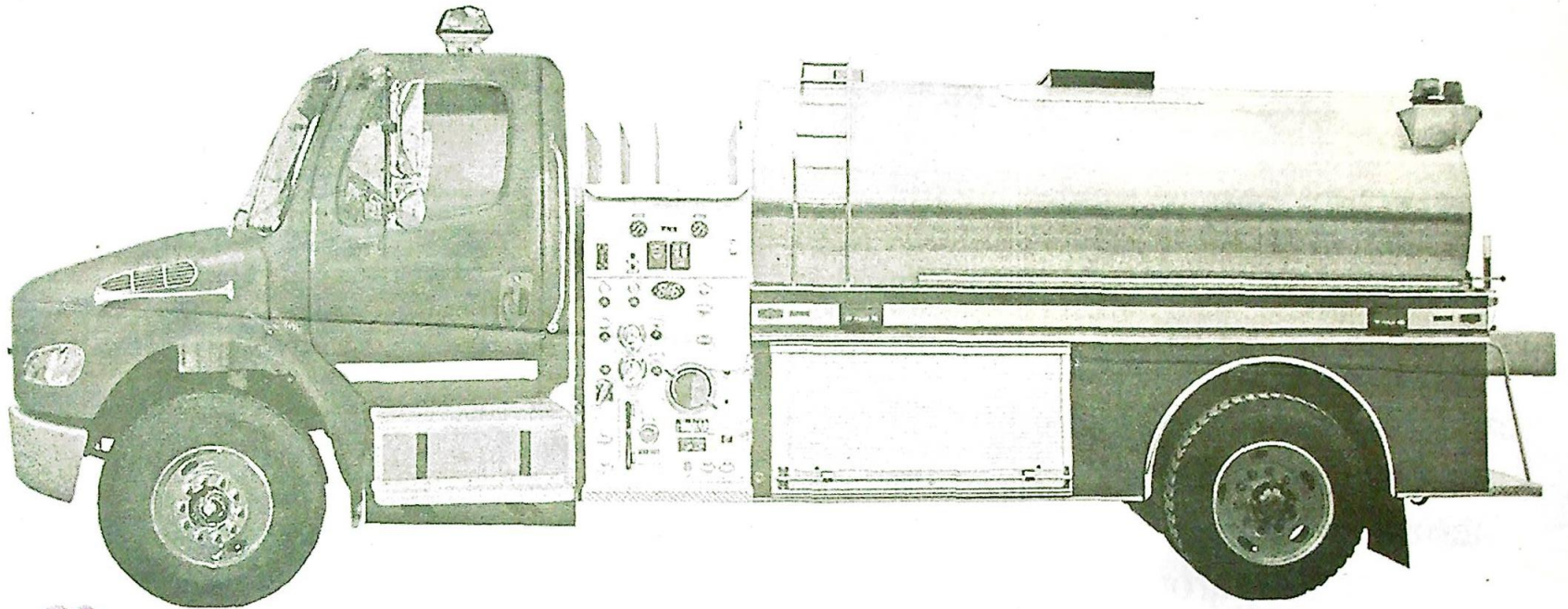
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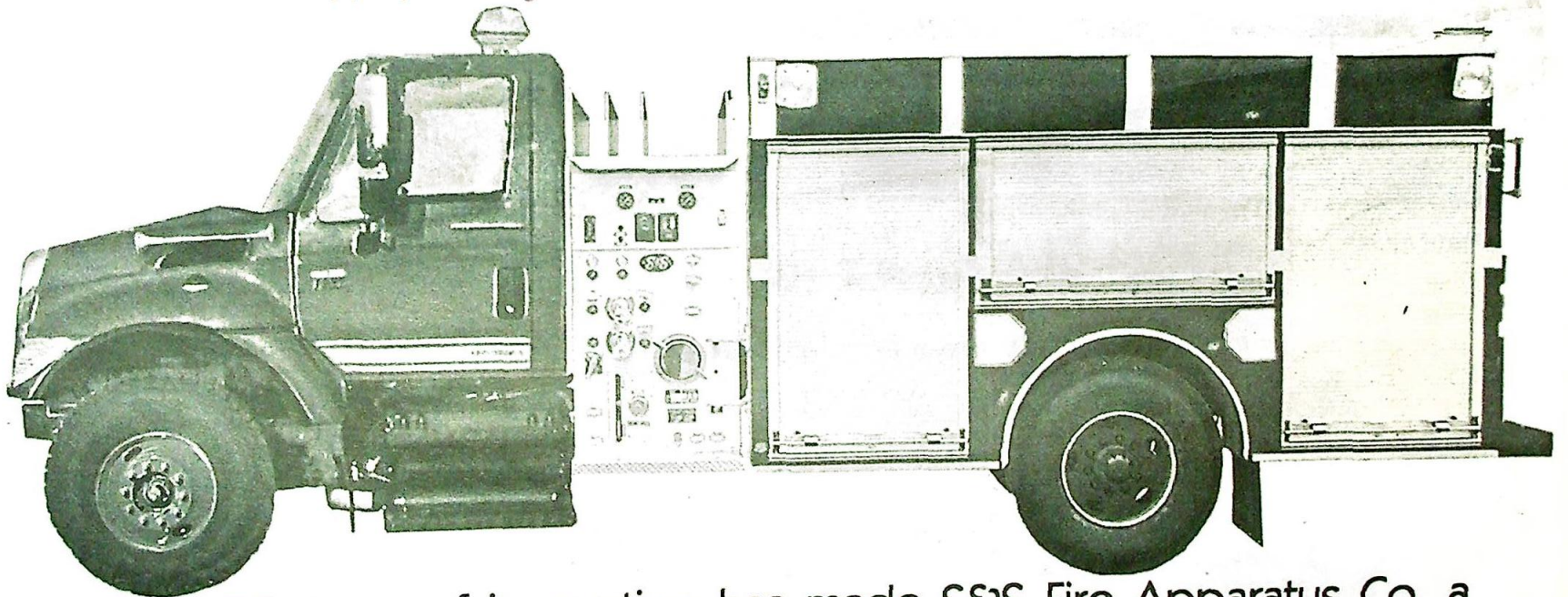
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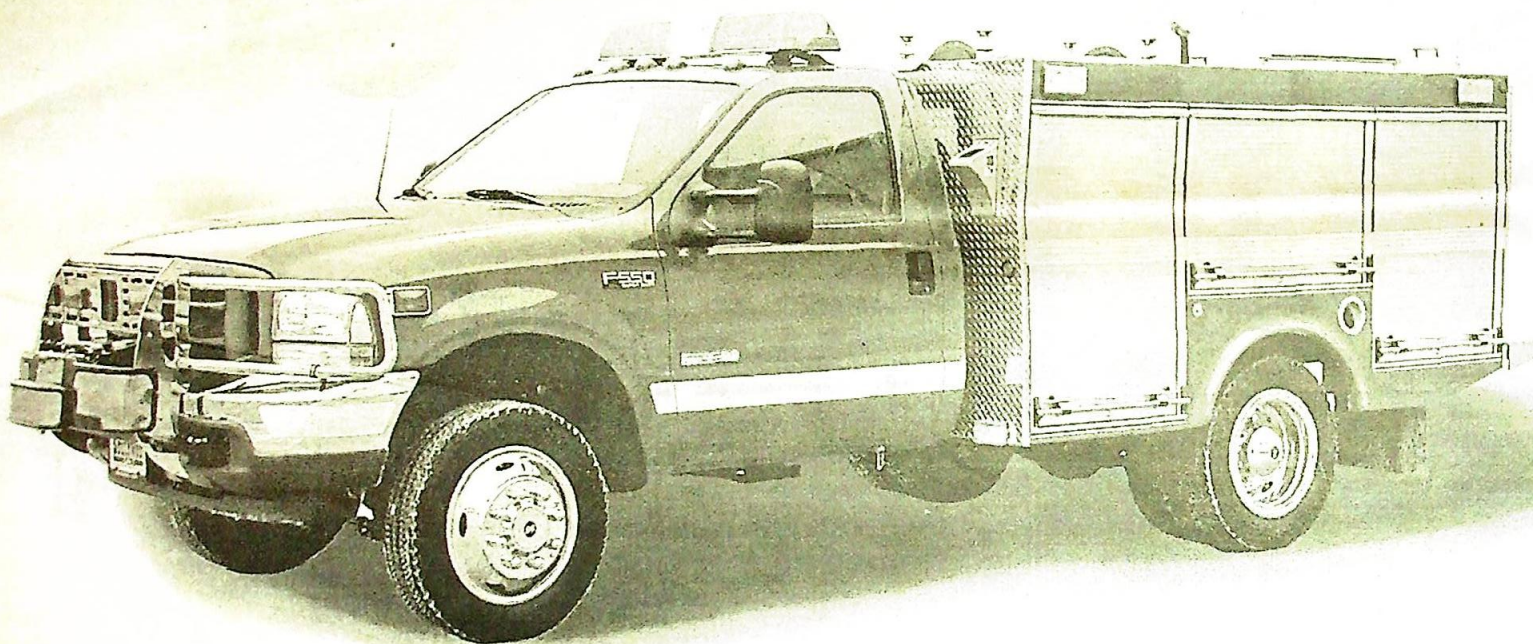
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Fire Service celebrates Charlie Baker's 50 years of effort

About 225 guests were on hand recently at the Wayne Township Fire Department Conference Center to honor Charles J. "Charlie" Baker for 50 years of service to the fire department.

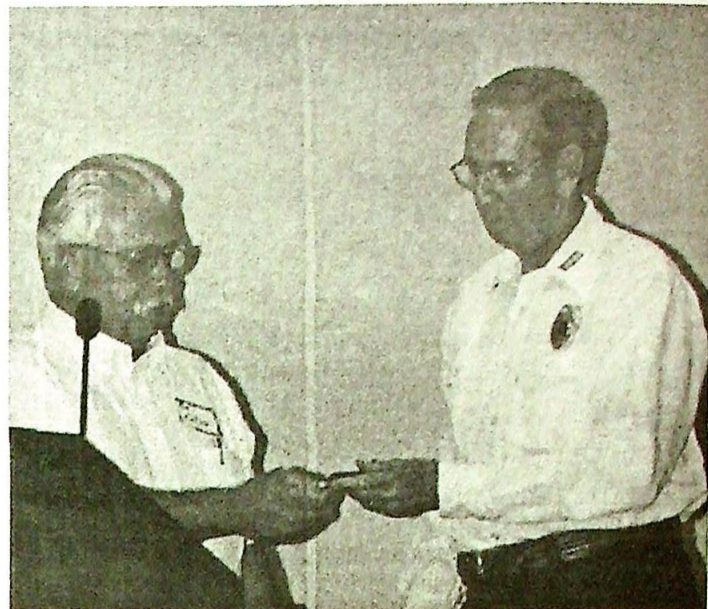
Arranged by wife, Linda and family members, the program was moder-

ated by Rod Carringer, a firefighter and vice-president of Task Force Tips, Inc. Speakers and presenters included, IVFA President Buz Koehler, who awarded the IVFA's Lifetime Membership to Charlie and Fire Chief and Past I.A.F.C. President John Buckman delivered a motivational speech and me-

mento.

State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright presented the State of Indiana's Sagamore of the Wabash award, which was one of the late Governor Frank O'Bannon's last acts.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Mike Bigler awarded Charlie the Governor's



IVFA president Buz Koehler presents Charlie Baker with his Lifetime Member card on August 10, 2003 at the Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. Conference Center, signifying 50 years in the volunteer fire service.

(Photo submitted by Charles Baker)

Meritorious Service Award and Wayne Twp. Fire Chief Ron Evans made the presentation of a beautiful trophy commemorating 50 years of service.

Other presentations were made by President Bob Burgner of the Tri-County Firefighters' Association; Mike Tyler of the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association; Paul Spurlin of the Wayne Township Fire Department; Bill Randle with the Delphi-Tri-Township Fire Department; Clyde Pfisterer with Indianapolis Fire Department; Maynard Masters from Emergency Books and Training, Inc.; Greg Ulrich from Midwest Fire and Safety and Andy Plofkin with Mine Safety Appliances, Inc.

Family presentations were given by my sisters Loretta Buck, Ernestine McKinley and Rose Kirstein and also by children, Kathy Stringfellow, Lynn Gist, Melodie and Mac Baker.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association was well-represented by President and Mrs. LeMoyné (Buz) Koehler; vice-president and Mrs. Jack Kerney, Sr.; secretary Larry and Mrs. Bartlow; treasurer and Mrs. Jack Harker; public relations directors Jim Bradford, Jim Abrams and Diane Harrison; district chairmen Don Kissinger, Mort Sorg, Jon Randle, Ed Scheele and Don Fultz; past presidents Carl Bruns, Jack Cox, Jim Parker, Mitch Parish and Jack Zeeks, Jr. All these, their family members and many more people both in and out of the fire service offered their congratulations.

Toward the end of the program, Charlie's wife, Linda, sang a beautiful, "Wind Beneath My Wings" to a standing ovation. And an overwhelmed fellow tried to thank all those in attendance, without very much success.

Homeland Security provides training

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has just completed training for Dennis A. Harlow of the Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department in Thayer, Indiana, at its

National Emergency Training Center. Homeland Security trains thousands of Americans at this facility each year to enhance the ability of communities to manage significant emergencies and disasters, both manmade and natural.

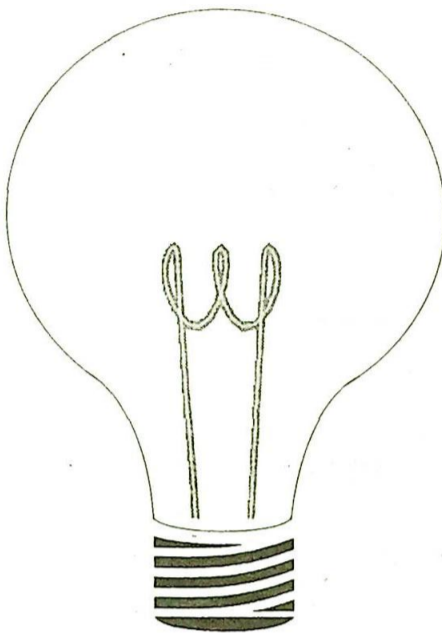
"Homeland Security trains thousands of firefighters, emergency service personnel, government officials and private citizens every year. This training helps better secure the homeland -- saving lives, protecting property and enhancing disaster planning, response and recovery across the country," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "Graduates of these training programs make a major contribution back at home, in communities such as Thayer."

Mr. Harlow completed the National Fire Academy's Emergency Response to Terrorism: Incident Management Course in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on September 26, 2003. This course focuses on fire service response to terrorism from an incident management approach, especially in dealing with the areas of biological, nuclear, incendiary, chemical, and explosive attacks. The course deals with issues such as recognizing a terrorist incident, preservation of evidence, planning and intelligence, federal response and unified command, hazardous materials and emergency medical services response, operations, scene control, termination and recovery.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizens Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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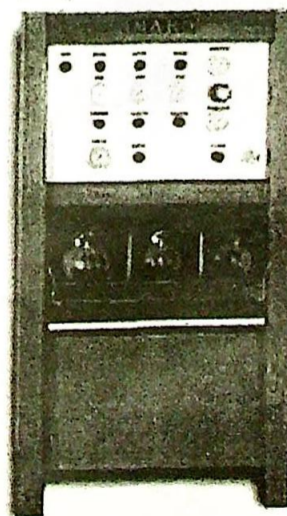
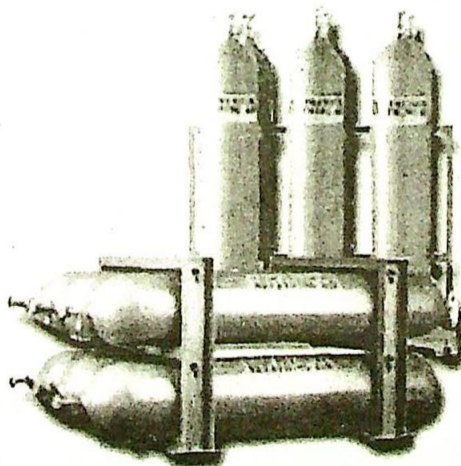
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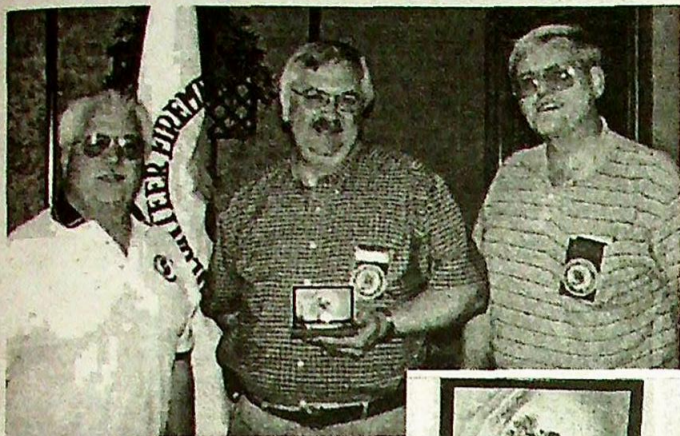
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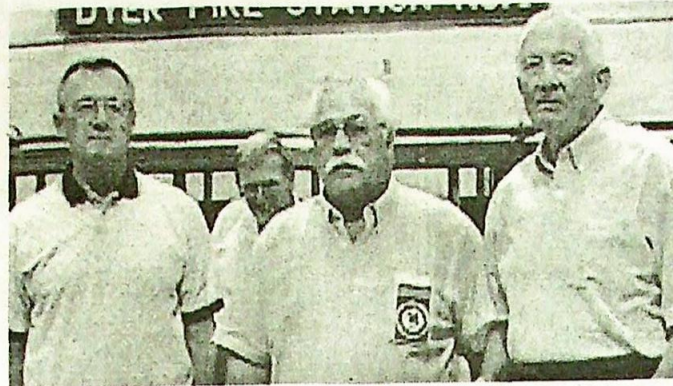
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State Chaplain Page honored



STATE CHAPLAIN Fred Page (center) with President Buz Koehler and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell. Fred was presented with a folding pocket knife depicting an angel comforting a firefighter. This was in appreciation from Merrillville #2 Department Chaplain Rick Perry for his assistance with a memorial service for a Merrillville #2 / Independence Hill firefighter. (Photo submitted by District 1 chairman Tom Orrell)

Two honored for 50 years of service



PRESIDENT BUZ KOEHLER presented "Gold Cards" to James Hilbrich and Ronald Dumski of the Dyer (Lake Co.) fire Department. Congratulations for 50 years (each) of dedication to the Fire Service and the community of Dyer.

(Photo submitted by District 1 chairman Tom Orrell)

Perry's awarded 25 year pins

President Buz Koehler presents 25 year pins to Rick Perry and Betty Perry of the Merrillville #2 / Independence Hill (Lake Co.) Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by District 1 chairman Tom Orrell)



Chief Theil earns Midwest Award

(Photo submitted by District 1 chairman Tom Orrell)



CHIEF GEORGE THEIL of the Griffith (Lake Co.) Fire Department is presented with the "Midwest Award" for District 1 by Chairman Tom Orrell as P.R.-N/W Jim Bradford applauds. George is a "Gold Card" member and still VERY active in the Fire Service.

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Charlie Sorrell dies at 70



Charles R. Sorrell
April 30, 1933 - Sept. 22, 2003

Charles R. "Charlie" Sorrell, 70, a resident of Shirley, died Monday, September 22 in Hancock Memorial Hospital. He was born April 30, 1933 in Shirley, a son of Arthur and Margaret (Clark) Sorrell.

Mr. Sorrell retired in 1990 from Allison Gas Turbine in Indianapolis. He has been a member of the Shirley Volunteer Fire Department since 1963 and had served as fire chief in the mid 1970's. He attended the Shirley Friends Church. He was Korean War veteran in the U.S. Air Force. Charlie was an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jenna L. (Darling) Sorrell of

Shirley; one son, Tim Sorrell of Carthage; one daughter, Tonia Neal of Issaquah, Wash.; his mother, Margaret Sorrell; and five grandchildren.

His father, Arthur Sorrell, preceded him in death in 1969.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, September 26 in the Condo & Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson with Jim Jackson officiating. Burial will follow in McCray Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, September 25. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

By Stacy Cox
General Manager
Knightstown Banner
Published Wednesday, September 24, 2003

A great friend to so many and an outstanding member of the Shirley community passed away early Monday morning. Charles Sorrell, a lifetime resident of Shirley, was the kind of man who will not easily be forgotten.

The general community probably knew Charlie best for his nearly 40 years on the Shirley Volunteer Fire Department, but others this week are recalling a dear friend and mentor who will be sadly missed.

How Charlie came to be a member on the town's fire department in 1963 was indicative of his character.

Returning home from his job at Allison Gas Turbine in Indianapolis, where he typically worked second or third shift, he came upon the scene of a house fire on New Jersey Street. There were only two or three firemen on the scene so Charlie stopped and helped. A couple of days later, Fire Chief Tilden Lipp asked Charlie if he would like to be a fireman with the department.

Charlie's acceptance of Lipp's proposal would prove most beneficial to the citizens of Shirley. Though in his early years, he was often referred to by the other firemen as "the kid", Charlie began working on ways to improve the fire department soon after he joined. He served as an officer in several different positions and as the fire chief in the mid 1970's and up until he fell ill last spring, he continued to push for improvements.

Some may recall the "fire phone" that rang in every fireman's home and was used for more than 20 years by firefighters. Charlie was able to obtain matching grant money and raise other needed funds to purchase the first radio paging system for SVFD.

"Charlie laid the foundation that began the change for the department to become more modern," said current Fire Chief Andy Ebbert, who was just four years old when his father, Marty, followed Charlie as Fire Chief in 1978. "He was big on getting matching grants and making the connections with

people who offered information or equipment to make the improvements."

Charlie, who eventually obtained state certification as a Master Firefighter, would pass on his dedication to improving the firefighters' training and maintaining the department's equipment to the officers who followed him.

Many folks in Shirley said everyone knew they could always count on Charlie. Though in recent years Charlie had stopped going into the buildings during a fire, he still worked doing tasks like filling the air bottles and driving the tanker. Prior to his yearly fishing trip to South Carolina, Charlie would come up to the fire station and make a list of what items were needed in the kitchen. While on his trip he would visit a large flea market and return with things like a pancake griddle and utensils.

Charlie was also well-known for his extensive knowledge of history about the Shirley area and its people.

He and his wife Jean, along with friends, Dick and Donna Thomas, also spent many hours tending to the landscaping around the Depot Museum in the 1990's. He always helped in some way with about every festival or fair the town held through the years, more recently by loaning his own tools or equipment for the community groups to use. He also served as a deputy town marshal for a period during the 1960's and 1970's. In 1996, Charlie and Jean Sorrell were awarded the David L. Estell Civic Award, the town's annual "citizen of the year" honor.

Members of the SVFD, several of whom will serve as pall bearers, will honor Charlie this week by carrying his casket from the funeral home to the cemetery on the department's 1956 truck - the same truck Charlie used when he started with the department.

"Charlie cared about everybody and it didn't matter who it was, he was always there to help," said several Shirley firefighters. "He was kind of a grandpa to us all and everyone will miss him a lot."

Roann volunteer fireman retires after 26 years



Steve Meyer (left), a past chief, is being awarded a retiring plaque and Fire Chief's helmet No. 811 with his name. On the right is Tim Kersey, present Chief, presenting him with the plaque and helmet.

Steve will truly be missed, along with being a Certified Fireman 1 & 2, Steve was a Certified First Responder.

Over the 26 years of service he attended many fire schools throughout the state. Steve has also worked on several fundraisers to help buy needed equipment.

(Photo submitted by Timothy A. Kersey, Roann Vol. Fire Chief)

Firefighter honored

Wednesday, February 5, 2003
Brown County Democrat
By Linda Margison
Managing editor
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When Al McAnany attended a special recognition dinner last month he didn't expect to be in the limelight.

But the state marshal's office had different plans, giving Mr. McAnany the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

"He's dedicated a tremendous amount of time, and if the truth be told, spent a lot of his own money to help Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department," said Mike Bigler, chief deputy state fire marshal.

Mr. Bigler explained more than 30,000 firefighters, most volunteers, provide fire service across the state. Typically, the older volunteers spend countless hours helping the small-community departments get up and running, and then help them keep going.

"They step up ... and organize folks to get things done; more power to them," Mr. Bigler said, adding that volunteers help "unbelievably," and if small communities, with no tax base to support paid firefighters, didn't have people like Mr. McAnany, there would be no one to call in an emergency.

"They are the backbone of our fire

force in small communities; there's no doubt about it."

At 77, Mr. McAnany serves as the Jackson Township fire department's deputy chief, after five years as a volunteer. He decided to join after retiring from Kroger Company with 41 years of service. At the time of his retirement, he has held the company's top-driver spot for several years and was presented the Barney H. Kroger Award for Outstanding Community Service three different times.

As for his firefighting experience, Mr. McAnany donated his time to the City of Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department for 24 years, beginning in 1966. At the department, he moved through the ranks, from lieutenant to captain to fire investigator to lieutenant of investigations. In July 1982, he was promoted to captain of investigations and held that position until his retirement in 1990. He served as the fire department's corporation president for three years, 1974, 1981 and 1982.

Since joining Jackson, Mr. McAnany has devoted countless hours to helping raise funds, including grant money from the state. Also, he has ac-

tively worked to get better personal fire protection equipment, as well as training for all department members.

In July 1985, Governor Robert D. Orr approved a state-level program to recognize the services and bravery of firefighters throughout the state.

When he recommended Mr. McAnany for the award, Chief Ed Holmes said, "Al's connections with other departments has been a valuable asset to our department."

Not only the chief, but also other firefighters admire Mr. McAnany for his achievements and hard work at Jackson.

"Al has probably forgotten more than I'll ever know," said Paul Colvin. "He's a pretty sharp old guy. If you need something done, Al's there; that's just how he is."

Mr. Bigler and his wife attended the fire department's appreciation dinner in December and presented the award to Mr. McAnany.

"It's a lot of satisfaction for all the years I put in volunteering with things," Mr. McAnany said about the award.

(Article submitted by Albert R. McAnany, Morgantown, IN)

Middlebury

Parade marshal an obvious choice

Monday, August 4, 2003
By Gloria E. Salavarría
Truth Regional Reporter
MIDDLEBURY - For one Saturday each summer for the past 20 years, Dave "Koz" Kozlowski stood along Middlebury's South Main Street and helped run the popular Middlebury Summer Festival parade.

This Saturday he'll be on the road again -- this time being featured as the

parade's marshal.

Jeff Barnes, who took over from Kozlowski as a team leader said, "The summer festival committee brought to me their choice of Koz as parade marshal and I said 'yes.'"

Fire chief Chuck Teall said, "It seemed like a 'no brainer.'"

Then Barnes phoned Janis Kozlowski and said, "Tell your hus-

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band he's in the parade, and she said, 'Well, he retired this year...' 'Oh, not he isn't,' said Barnes. 'He's going to be at the front of the parade.'

News of the nomination humbled Kozlowski. 'I've always thought it was a real honor and privilege to serve on the fire department,' he said. 'It's always been a privilege that these guys allowed me to be a part of their team.'

Kozlowski's interest in being a volunteer firefighter began while he sat in his Mill Creek living room one afternoon, watching a televised pool match. 'Willie Mosconi had just drawn back on the cue when my TV blew up -- fire shooting out,' said Koz. 'I called the (Lincoln Township) fire department, and the chief lived down the road from me so he just pulled into my front yard.'

'I ran the wife and kids out of the house and then we grabbed both ends of the TV, carried it outside and threw it out in the front yard. That was close!'

'I started talking to him and asked if they needed anybody on the fire department. They did and I was there for four years, so when I moved to Middlebury, it was a natural thing for me to want to join here, too.'

'I always tell people you don't want to have me visit you in the middle of the night,' said Koz. 'You just hate to see what fires can do to people and their families. You want to make sure you put them out.'

But being a part of the Middlebury firefighting team isn't just wrestling hoses and risking getting one's fire coat scorched.

Twenty years ago while attending a department meeting, Koz was named chairman of the annual Middlebury Summer Festival Parade. 'I've always liked watching parades,' said Koz. 'When I was a kid, I'd watch LaPorte's big Fourth of July parade -- from the first unit to the very last.'

The festival parade became a community project for the fire department at a time when the festival was in danger of dying out.

'The guys thought this would be a positive thing for them to do so they accepted the job,' said Koz.

As to why he handled the phone calls and orchestrated the activities for 20 years, Koz said, 'In our department our philosophy is if you don't mess it up, you've got it. You almost have to die to get out of it.'

Koz jokingly admitted there were times when he thought of sending the parade south to Millersburg just to get

out of the job, but he decided on a more subtle approach.

'I told them each year, starting in 1998, that 2002 would be my last year,' said Koz. 'I figured I'd remind them -- then they couldn't say I didn't tell them.'

Kozlowski is now an honorary volunteer Middlebury firefighter (no more dragging hoses or going on 3 a.m. fire calls), meaning he's looking forward to a good night's sleep before Saturday's parade.

'One thing about a parade is you don't know what you've got until you've got it,' said Koz. This year, Koz also will get to follow the advice he once gave to a tourist accidentally trapped in the parade line-up -- 'Just roll your window down, smile and wave -- and you'll have a story to tell your grandchildren.'

David J. Kozlowski
 Nickname: Koz
 Age: 62

Occupation: For the past six years, he has worked at Elkhart Supply Corp. in warehouse and delivery. Prior to that he served 15 years as Postmaster for Middlebury. He also worked for the U.S. Post Office in Mill Creek and in Chesterton. He has worked 36 years for the U.S. government.

Military service: Three years in the U.S. Army serving on a missile defense battery in Michigan.

Community service: 21 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Middlebury Fire Department and four years as a volunteer on the Lincoln Township/Mill Creek Fire Department. He is rated as a master firefighter.

Residence: Middlebury for the past 22 years. He grew up in LaPorte.

Education: Bachelor of science degree in business administration from Purdue University.

Family: Married to Janis for 39 years. They have five children: Tim and Brian Kozlowski of Middlebury; Julie Sanchez of Coatesville, PA.; Carla Kozlowski of Chicago; and Kerri Ballard of Elkhart.

Associations: Attends St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bristol. He's a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Mark L. Wilt American Legion Post 210 of Middlebury.

Interests: A stamp collector for the last 30 years. He collects United States and United Nations stamps.

Proudest accomplishment: Raising five kids and serving on the Middlebury Fire Department.

(Article submitted by Jane Ferro, District 4 chairman, IVFAA.)

Mailbox project reveals rich history of retired firefighter

August 6, 2003
 by Mark Hunter
 Maybe they should name it the Jack Ford Mailbox.

That would be fitting, considering Ford donated the old fire extinguisher cart that will serve as the base for the Albion Fire Department's new mailbox. 'I hope it stays up many years,' he told Albion's firefighters when they brought him up to the station to see the refurbished equipment.

Ford, who is now in his mid eighties, moved to the Albion area in 1993, but his association with the fire service dates all the way back to 1956. He's a retired member of the Washington Township, Allen County Fire Department, but that doesn't begin to tell his story.

'I've had a nice full life with the volunteers,' Ford told a rapt audience that jammed the Albion station's meeting room on a recent Monday night. He spent 48 years with Washington Township, and says the only worse departure for him than retirement was when his wife died. Family is important, said Ford: 'If your wives, your husbands, or your children tell you not to be a fireman . . . you won't be here very long.'

Jack Ford had that support and ended up in a number of key positions in the fire service. He was presented with the Sagamore of the Wabash Award and a Meritorious Service Medal by the governor of Indiana, served as president of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, and helped lobby at the state legislature on fire related issues.

He spoke of meeting with other firefighters in Long Neck, Long Island, with the idea of getting a new organization off the ground. Wanting it to be more centralized, he suggested moving its headquarters to Chicago. 'From out of that came the International Federation of Volunteer Firefighters,' Ford said, and that organization became involved in supplying fire equipment to protect poor, third world communities.

Ford was also president of the Fort Wayne/Allen County Firefighter's Museum. He left that organization much of his firefighter memorabilia, but one thing he took with him was an old fire extinguisher.

It's not the small, hand held canister most would picture but a large tank supported on two wheels. A hose looped by the tank could be uncoiled to spray extinguishing agent after the cart was wheeled to a fire. Such extinguishers are still in service, typically in large facilities such as airports or factories.

Knepper, Inc., of Albion sandblasted the aging equipment, Leatherman's Body Shop painted it, and a donated mailbox -- sporting a firefighting art theme -- tops the ensemble. Once the concrete base is poured, it will be on permanent display in front of the fire station. But first Albion firefighters gave their benefactor, who is on oxygen and has difficulty getting around, a ride to the station on an AFD truck. After viewing the new mailbox, Ford sat in on a fire meeting.

'It brings a tear to my eye to think of a fire department I never really knew,' Ford said of the AFD, 'the way you've accepted me.'

'This is what firefighting is all about,' Albion Fire Chief Gregg Gorusch told him, referring to the brotherhood that opens firehouses across the country to visits from other department's members.

'Your support has been just the thing I needed,' Ford said.

Although he might be excused for being set in his ways, Ford praised changes in the fire service, including the presence of some women in the

room. 'It's good to see you around. I've never seen anyone who didn't have a talent that can't be used in the volunteer fire service somewhere.'

Ford also offered to give the AFD a plaque featuring reproductions of old fire marks. He described how in the early days of volunteer firefighting property owners would contract with local fire departments, displaying marks to show which residences or businesses should be protected by which departments. Even today, he pointed out, in some towns like Madi-

son, Indiana, each fire station acts as a separate department -- although they no longer fight over which would get first water on the fire as they once did.

On this night Jack Ford got a large ovation, but gave much more -- especially a lesson in history to firefighters, some of them still in their teens, who might otherwise not have discovered the rich tradition of fire service history.

(Article courtesy of The New Era newspaper. Submitted by Judy Loy, daughter of Jack Ford.)



Jack Ford at the Albion Fire Department, July 28, 2003, along with Greg Gorusch, Chief.

(Submitted by Judy Loy, daughter of Jack Ford.)



Jack Ford and Greg Gorusch, July 28, 2003.

(Submitted by Judy Loy, daughter of Jack Ford.)

Liberty FD gets the tall one



On June 24, 2003, the Liberty Fire Dept. and the town of Liberty took delivery of the town's fourth piece of motorized equipment in the fire department's 162 year history. The new truck is a 2003 American LaFrance 75 foot Quint.

The truck features a Cat engine with an automatic transmission, 6 man cab with jump seats, a full set of ladders and pike poles. Naturally the biggest feature is the 75' ladder. This unit will respond to town calls because the department has five township trucks for county calls.

The truck was three years in the planning and was purchased with funds from the town of Liberty's truck fund along with the help of a Department of Commerce grant from the state of Indiana.

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(submitted by Jerry Kahl, Liberty Fire Dept. chief)

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Beginning at 10:30 a.m., a parade of antique fire apparatus rolled down Main Street with lights flashing, bells clanging, and sirens screaming and ended in the 90+ acre park in Gas City. The muster itself had a variety of activities with water games for the young ones, waterball competition for the older adults, concessions for all or just a time to admire these old gems of yesteryear. One highlight was watching as a 1932 Buffalo open cab, 500 gpm drafted from the lake.

Also on hand were vendors that tempted us with buying that shiny old extinguisher or that shiny nozzle to that Federal Q that we just could not live without.

Founded in 1978, (PPPSI) is the Indiana chapter of SPAAMFAA (Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America). www.spaamfaa.org PPPSI is registered in Indiana as a 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation. We are dedicated to preserving, restoring and operating the firefighting apparatus that are part of our heritage.

PPPSI has monthly meetings, promotes safety and training in the operation of apparatus, and sponsors group outings to places of interest to the membership.

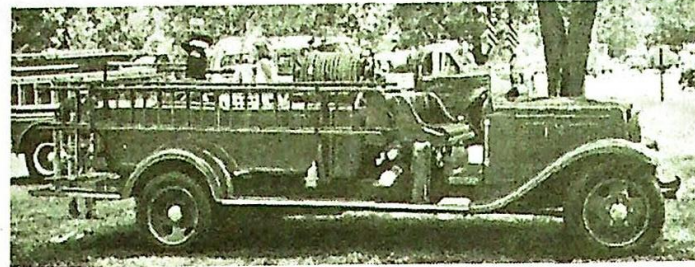
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Mark Storey,
Chairman, Gas City Muster



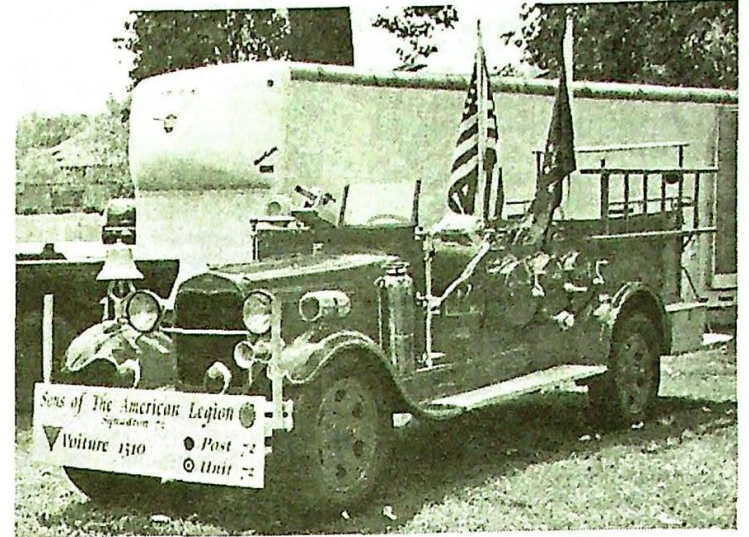
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53 Reo Rescue truck. Gas City Rescue squad had an exact duplicate of this truck.



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Schedule of Events I.V.F.A. CONVENTION 2004

Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville, Indiana

THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH:

- 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Registration + Chinese Auction
- 12:00 p.m. - ? - Golf Scramble (Wooded View Golf Course, Lapping Park)
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Miss Flame Mixer
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - BBQ + Beer Bust
- 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Caesars Outing
- 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Karaoke

FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH:

- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Registration + Chinese Auction
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Seminars 1-2-3
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Miss Flame judging
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Men's officer's meeting
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch @ location of your choosing
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Vendors displays
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Miss Flame luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. - Close - Miss Flame judging
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - BFFPS&E
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Women's officer's meeting
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Southwest Fire)
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Opening meeting
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. - Belle of Louisville Cruise w/Firehouse Rhythm Band & Karaoke

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH:

- 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Registration + Chinese Auction
- 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Coffee Klutch
- 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Women's business meeting
- 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Men's business meeting
- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Vendors' displays
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch @ location of your choosing
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Memorial service (Morton Memorial Church)
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Men's meeting (if needed)
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Women's meeting (if needed)
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Miss Flame outing
- 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Kid's party
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Banquet
- 9:00 p.m. - ? - Dance, Live Band

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH:

- 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. - Games check-in
- 8:00 a.m. - ? - Games

Slightly off the mark

Have you ever heard of the song, "Seven Spanish Angels", by Willie Nelson? No? Well, you'd better go look it up, otherwise this column will make no sense to you at all.

Clearly, September 11 is a date that will resonate for Americans forever, and will no doubt be the December 7, 1941 of our generation. Just as clearly, a lot of ink will be drained in a continuing quest to pay tribute to those who died that day, both rescuers and civilians in all three locations. My plan for this year was to reprint the column I wrote right after the attack, but that was not to be.

On September 11, 2002, a song started running through my head, and I haven't been able to get it out since. I hadn't heard "Seven Spanish Angels" for years, but it was as plain as if Willie was walking alongside me, belting it

out. It drove me nuts. Then, weeks later, as I was singing along (in private), I suddenly heard myself say, "There were seven fireman angels."

And it clicked. Within an hour I had the entire chorus worked out, and I thought it wasn't half bad considering I'm no songwriter. You can argue that it should be "fireFIGHTER", and you can also ask, quite reasonably, "why seven?" I don't know. Why not? Songwriters are allowed to take a certain amount of poetic license.

I then put the whole thing aside and tried to forget it. Fat chance. It was like a signal was being beamed directly into my brain, and I finally realized I couldn't shut it off until I wrote the whole song -- divine inspiration or incipient insanity, take your pick.

So I took Willie Nelson's melody and put all my heart into it, and a few tears came to my eyes as I thought on the subject. Not it's finished, and I present it to you because I felt I HAD to show it to someone.

As I said, I'm no songwriter, and I wasn't overly pleased with the final product. But I'm my own worst critic, and it wasn't going to leave me alone until I finished it. Besides, as they say about homemade gifts, isn't it the thought that counts? I hope you'll take it in the spirit in which it's intended:

"Seven Firemen Angels"

He looked down into the fire,
and tears fell at the sight.
He saw four funeral pyres
that couldn't be made right.

Three thousand people dying,
and they didn't know what for.
Now He saw His children crying,
as their nation went to war.

There were seven fireman Angels
who were dispatched by the Son.
They were coming for the others
who had gone on their last run.

When the buildings fell,
and the smoke cleared
there was thunder from the Throne.
And seven firemen Angels
took the other Angels home.

They reached down and took the
badges
that lay on the smoldering ground.

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Jim Bradford

It's been fairly quiet since the last issue of the paper. I've attended four district meetings, one IVFAA meeting, seven department fund raisers and presented a 25 year pin at Union VFD.

Congratulations to all of the departments in Indiana that have shared \$8,823,008.00 in FEMA grants as of this date (October 9).

Since this is the last issue of the paper before the holidays, I want to wish every one a safe and happy holiday season.

Don't forget to enter your department information on the IVFA web page. Also, if you are having any fund raisers or training sessions, enter them on the calendar section of the web page.

Jim Bradford
PRNW

Slightly off the mark...

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There were cop and medic patches from the victims all around.

But the bodies there were hollow as the Angels passed that way, for they called out, "spirits, follow" and took them home that day.

There were seven medic Angels where the buildings had stood once. They were coming for the others who had made their last response.

When the buildings fell, and the smoke cleared there was thunder from the Throne, and seven medic Angels took the other Angels home.

The sons and wives and daughters cried "how could such a thing be?" And from high above the Lord replied, "It's the price of being free."

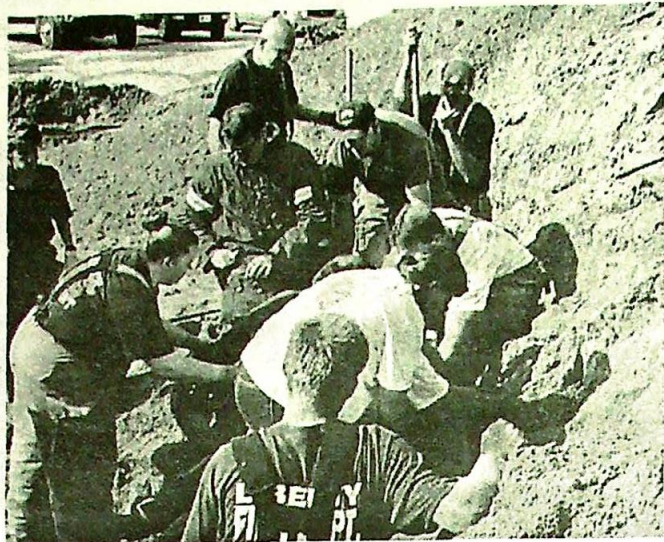
"For the world is full of people, who would do such things today but you can't give in to evil so God bless the U.S.A." There were seven police Angels who answered that last call. They were crying for the others, as they watched their comrades fall.

When the buildings fell, and the smoke cleared There was thunder from the Throne, and seven police Angels took the other Angels home.

Mark Hunter



Man buried alive



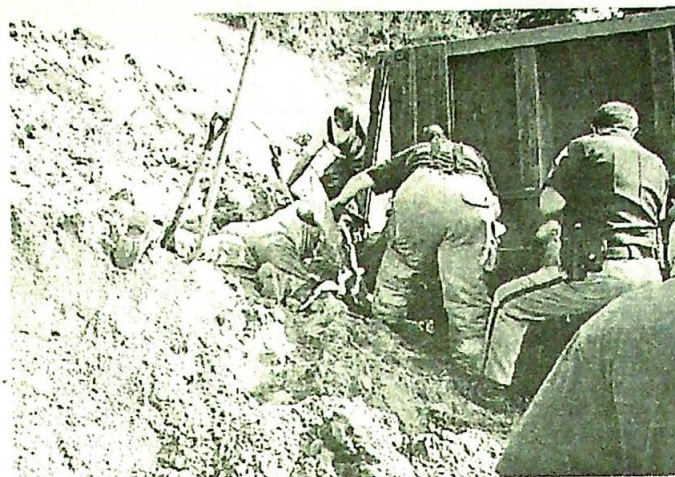
Liberty Township and Washington Township Volunteer firefighters (Porter County) along with Medics from Porter Memorial Hospital EMS work to rescue a 66-year-old truck driver after he was buried alive.

A sand hill collapsed on him after

his truck was loaded at a sand pit.

It took 37 minutes of digging with shovels and by hand to free the truck driver.

The truck driver was very lucky he had a cellular phone on him when the hill collapsed on him. He was able to



call for help when he was pinned up to his waist.

While he was talking to the 911 dispatcher, more sand fell burying him up to his neck. He was transported to Porter Memorial Hospital and released with only minor leg injuries.

(Photos and article submitted by Ray Wesley, Chesterton, IN)

Attend unveiling of statue



Pictured are Jack Kerney, Barbara Kerney, Sylvia Andres, Dr. Primo A. Andres, Larry Ketchem. (Photo submitted by Patty Miller)



Pictured are Jack Kerney, Patty Miller, Jackie Jovanovich-Sprayer, Larry Ketchem. (Photo submitted by Patty Miller)

On September 11, 2003, the Terre Haute Center unveiled a statue of a firefighter holding the Stars and Stripes, while a child holding a teddy bear on his shoulders. Taking part in the unveiling was Jack Kerney, vice president of the IVFA, Larry Ketchem, District 11B chairman and the Terre Haute City Fire Department assistant chief and Jackie Jovanovich-Sprayer, L.P.N., IVFA member.

It's a symbol of the spirit of survival and courage in memory of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America.

"We are in mourning for the death of our heroes and a lot of innocent people, but on the other hand, we cannot stop there," said Dr. Primo A. Andres, Terre Haute Cardiologist who bought this bronze statue and placed it in front of his business. "If you look back, it is their life that we need to celebrate. They invested that for our future."

"We bought the statue not thinking about doing anything with it, but we had a lot of questions and people asking about it. It was inspiring a lot of people, so I thought we should do something about it," Dr. Andres said.

"The child with the firefighter, I think, is like our hope. Like a child, it will grow. And our hope is to grow

into a better tomorrow," Dr. Andres said, "It is up to (us to) nurture this child, this young hope, to get a better future. We have a lot of domestic and national problems, but we can go through those. Our government needs support; firefighters and police need our support."

Jack Kerney read a note he received via e-mail about two months before the 9-11 tragedy. Along with Jack Kerney's reading, prayer was given by

the Terre Haute City Fire Department's Chaplain, Rick Swan, a few words by Mayor Judy Anderson were given. Attending the unveiling were Barbara Kerney, president of the IVFAA, Patty Miller, R.N., District 11B chairman (M.C. for the event and employee), Jackie Jovanovich-Sprayer, L.P.N., IVFA member (employee), David Miller, IVFA District 11B Sergeant-at-Arms, Michelle Ferris, IVFAA member. Also attending were

members of the Honey Creek fire department, Vigo County sheriff's department, Terre Haute city firefighters and the staff of the Terre Haute Heart Center.

If you are in Terre Haute, and would like to drive by and see this tribute, it is located at 455 Hospital Lane, Terre Haute, IN. It is just two blocks south of I-70 and one block east of U.S. 41 behind Regional Hospital.



Perry presented Midwest Award for 2003

District 14 chairman Al Williamson presented Jim Perry of Clarksville Station 3 with the 2003 Midwest Award.

Jim is chairman of the Board of Directors for the McCulloch Firefighter's Association.

(Photo submitted by District 14 chairman Al Williamson)

Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

District 15 waterball contest held

The annual District 15 waterball contest was held the first weekend of August, as a part of the Owensville Watermelon Festival.

The event drew a nice crowd of local residents that came out to support all of the firefighters participating.

Marrs Twp. defended their title and will keep the traveling trophy. They beat Owensville-Montgomery Twp. in the finals. Ft. Branch finished third.

Other teams participating were German Twp. and Owensville-Montgomery Twp. Team 2.

Special thanks to Haily Ellis for presenting the trophies.

(Submitted by Steve Anderson)



Fort Branch



Marrs Twp.



Owensville-Montgomery Twp.

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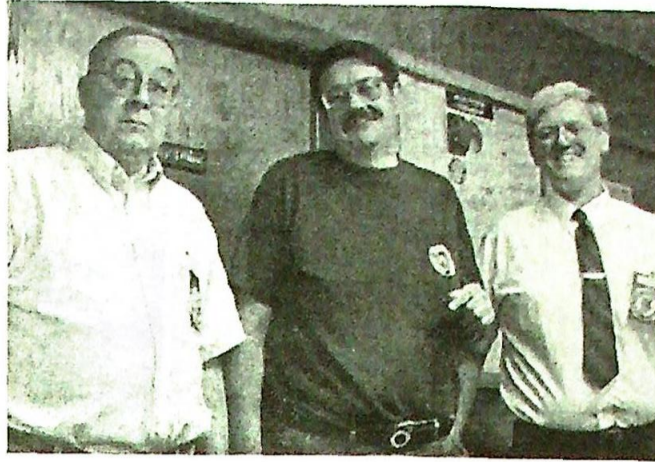
Two honored for 25 years of fire service

On September 8, 2003 the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association recognized milestones for two members of Union Fire-Rescue of Wheeler, Indiana.

Retired Asst. Chief Ronald DeRoos



and current Asst. Chief John Kephire were presented 25-year IVFA pins by District 1 chairperson Thomas Orrell and PR Northwest James Bradford. The presentation was made at the beginning of the department's Board of Directors meeting.



Pictured (left to right) PR Northwest James Bradford, Asst. Chief John Kephire, District #1 chairperson Thomas Orrell. (Photo submitted by John Kephire)

Retired assistant chief DeRoos spent his entire 17 year career with Union Fire-Rescue until health problems forced his retirement in the early 1990's. Since that time, DeRoos has continued to maintain his membership in the IVFA. Unfortunately DeRoos was unable to be present during the evening's presentation and will be presented his pin at a later date by members of the department.

Assistant Chief Kephire began his firefighting career with the Lake Station Fire Department prior to moving to Union Township in 1985. Kephire is also a career paramedic/firefighter with the neighboring South Haven Fire Department. Kephire admitted that having PR Northwest Bradford present his award was especially exciting since Bradford was one of the first officers he served under after joining the fire service.

District 1 Auxiliary members honored for 50 years



Maybelle Byers, left, is pictured with Mary Klym, treasurer of the LSVFD Auxiliary. Maybelle has been a member of District 1 IVFA ladies' auxiliary for 50 years.



Betty Sontag is pictured with Mary Klym, treasurer of the LSVFD Auxiliary. (At right) Chief Ron Good of Lake Station gives Betty a hug.

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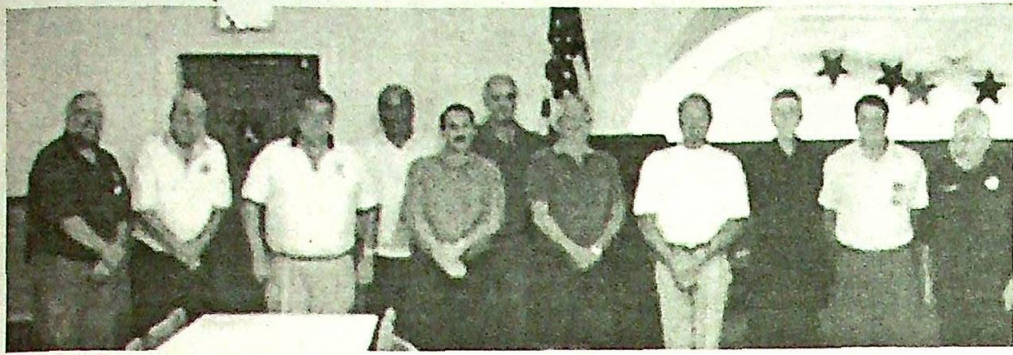
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Jasper Awards presentation held at V.F.W.



The Jasper Fire Department held their annual Wife's Appreciation Dinner August 22nd at the V.F.W. in Jasper, Indiana.

The evening was well attended by invited guests of the District 18 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association, Jasper Mayor William J. Schmitt and active and retired Jasper Volunteer Firefighters.

IVFA District 18 chairman, Chuck Parker, and secretary Kenny Lau presented 25 year service awards to those members who have served 25 years or more.

Receiving awards were Bill Meyer, Mike Brames, Ed Eckert, Dennis Hasenour, Art Jarboe, Ron Pfau, Terry Tanner, John Prechtel, Mike Oeding, and Tom Kiefer.

The evening was spent enjoying the Fred and ray-Jay Band as they entertained the crowd with music and comedy act. (Submitted by District 18 Chairman)

Honored with pins



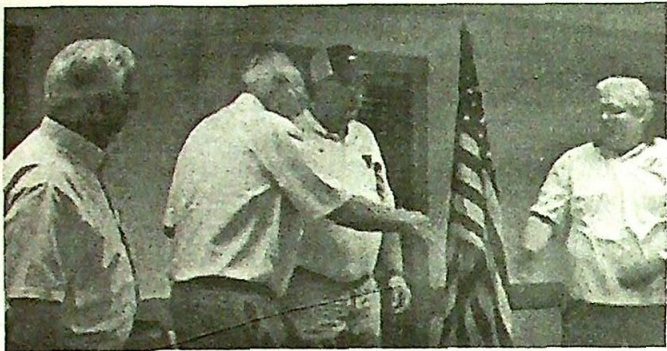
TWO MEMBERS of Rising Sun Vol. Fire Department received their 25 year pin at the district meeting on September 25, 2003.

Lawrence Sickman and Robert White have 25 years of dedicated service to the Rising Sun community.

Pictured (left to right) Lawrence Sickman, Ed Scheele, district 19 chairman and Robert White.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Cushman presented 50 year Gold Card



Don Cushman, was presented his 50 Year Gold card from President Buz Koehler. Also shown are Don Cushman, PREC and Tim Martin, District 13-A chairman

(Photo submitted by Don Cushman, PREC).

Earn 25 year pins



FOUR MEMBERS of Dillsboro V.F.D. received 25 year pins for their dedicated service to the community.

Reynold Lanvermeyer has 50 years of service. Reynold Lanvermeyer, William Schmaltz, Stephen Black and Harold Seamon received 25 year pins.

Pictured (left to right) Reynold Lanvermeyer, William Schmaltz, Ed Scheele, district 19 chairman, Stephen Black and Harold Seamon.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Cushman presented 25 year pin for service



Don Cushman, PREC, receiving his 25 year pin from Tim Martin, District 13-A chairman.

(Photo submitted by Don Cushman, PREC).

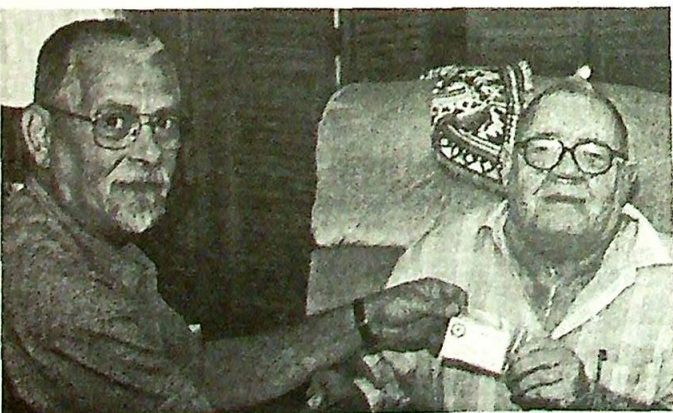
Kahl receives Midwest Award



Kurt Kahl receives the Midwest Award from Tim Martin, District 13-A chairman and Don Cushman, PREC.

(Photo submitted by Don Cushman, PREC).

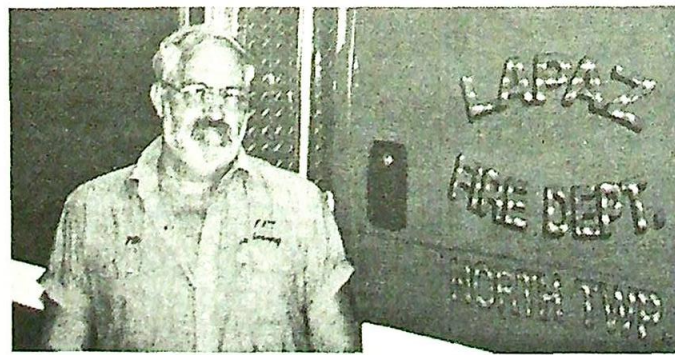
McCan honored for 50 years



DISTRICT 5 chairman Don Kissinger gives Herman "Jerry" McCan his 50 year gold card for service with the Plymouth Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

Tyler receives 25 year pin



PAUL TYLER, LaPaz Fire Department recently received his 25 year pin for his years of fire service.

(Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

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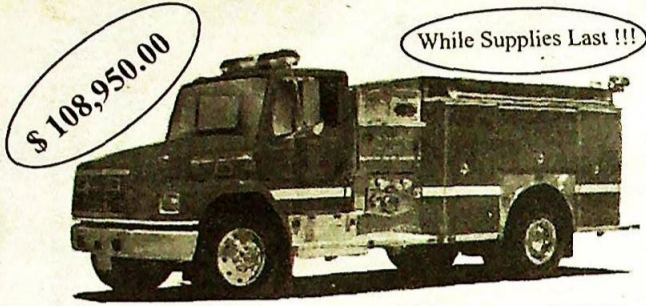
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Clowning around: firemen use act to teach fire prevention

Life along the Wabash - Tuesday, August 26, 2003

(Contributed by Vincennes Sun Commercial)

By Laura Thigpen, staff writer
 Firefighter may be the best medicine, but firefighters from the Vincennes Township Fire Department have discovered that clowning around may also be the best way to teach fire prevention.

So for "Lefty", "Sunkist", and "Hot Spot", donning black or orange wigs, funky shoes and sporting over-sized red noses is about much more than getting laughs.

"Our main goal in becoming clowns was for teaching," said Ed Yochum, the VTFD captain known as Sunkist. "We use clowning to teach fire prevention, especially to children."

Learning to clown was the vision of Capt. Tom Williams, a.k.a., Hot Spot, who also heads the township's fire prevention program. He got the idea from a fire safety seminar in Indianapolis.

"I met a lady clown named Cinder, and she showed how she clowns for the kids to make fire prevention fun," Williams said. "I thought it would be a good way to teach fire safety."

With Yochum and volunteer firefighter Brian Kellams (Lefty), Williams attended a church-sponsored clown school in Evansville hosted by River City Clowns, a local group that teaches clowning to ministers and youth leaders. The clowns-to-be attended 11 consecutive Saturdays in the spring of 2002, and after choosing what type of clown they would be they were ready to graduate.

Since then, Lefty, Sunkist and Hotspot have taught four other volunteers how to clown. They hope to add more community service performances, like the one at Colonial Assisted Living where they had a graduation ceremony for their proteges, Billy Evans and Emily Hansen, volunteers for Vincennes Township, and Linda and

Adam Yochum, Steen Township volunteer firefighters.

"We taught four more people this year, Firefly, Boots, Buddy and Rainbow," Yochum said. "Now we want to start trying to get together to go to different nursing homes and church functions, as well as schools."

With Fire Prevention Week coming in October, the clowns will be busy. Kellams believes he and other clowns can keep children interested in the subject, saying that those who used to get bored now pay attention when clowns teach basic fire safety techniques.

"We make sure children know how to 'stop, drop and roll' if their clothes catch on fire," he said. "We also tell them how to get out of a house that's on fire and how to get to a safe place."

What's different now is that they listen more intently, Williams said, and when local schools send classes to fire safety education, students are more likely to participate.

"It takes the edge off, and gets them to lay back and participate better when we teach the classes," he said. "When a clown walks in, the kids sit up and take notice."

Yochum agrees that clowning enforces the critical lessons children learn about fire safety and prevention.

"We get to see them laugh and smile, and they'll actually answer our questions because they're more into it than before, and they're not as bored," he said. "They're not as distracted because they're into watching us."

This is important because fire prevention education has changed from the days when children went to the fire station, slid down the pole and looked at the fire engine, Williams said.

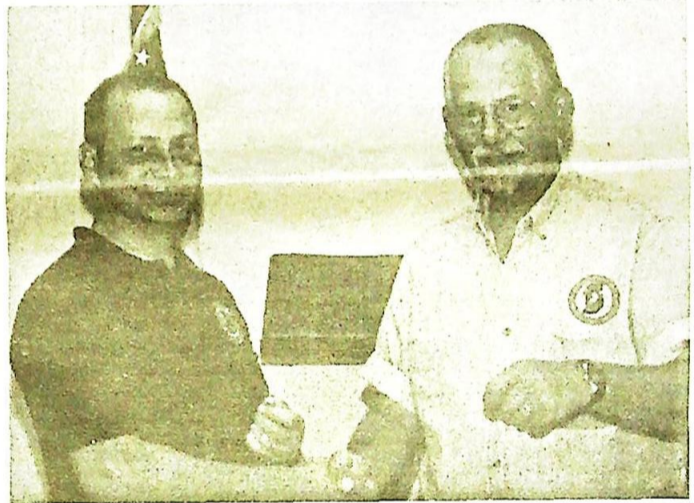
"It's changed, and we have to change with it to educate the public, both adults and children," he said. "We try to make it different every year because the more interesting it is for the kids, the longer they remember it."

Since remembering basic tools may be the difference between life and death for a child facing a fire, the seven local clowns voluntarily give of themselves to drive the lesson home with a laugh.

"We don't get paid for clowning and it takes two or three hours to get dressed and get make-up on," he said. "And some of the clowns have other jobs and are volunteers with the fire department."

But getting that "clown high", something that happens to clowns when they make children laugh, helps make it worthwhile, Williams said. Still, safety is the goal.

"If we can save a life it's worth it," he said. "It hurts when you see a child go down in a fire, it just tears you up." (article submitted by Tim Smith)



Thompson receives pin

MARK THOMPSON, Argos Fire Department receives his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman.

(Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

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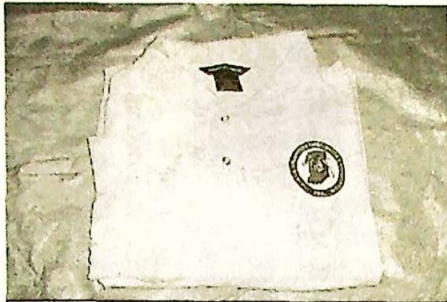
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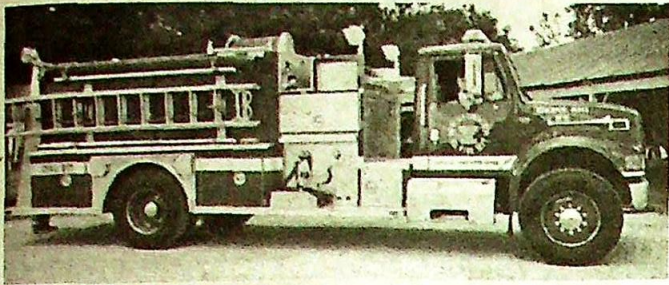
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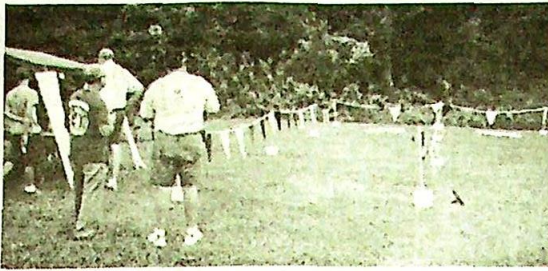
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New Washington Fire Department celebrates 49th year



ONE OF New Washington's newest pumpers shown during their 49th year celebration which was held this past summer.



ANGLERS trying their hand at New Washington's 49th year celebration.



LOTS OF people and long lines enjoyed some great food at New Washington's 49th year celebration.



(At right) NATIONAL GUARD demonstrated some of their physical fitness training at New Washington's 49th year celebration.

(At left) Some tried the bull riding event.



Yankeetown VFD holds annual Kid's Day and Street Dance

On October 4, 2003, Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department held its third annual Kid's Day and Street Dance.

Kid's Day is a day of activities at no charge to the children of our community.

The day began with a bike parade through town at 10:00 a.m.

First and second place trophies were given to winners in four categories for the best decorated. A trophy was also given to each bike parade participant.

After the parade, free hot dogs, chips and ice cream were served for lunch.

Among the many other activities that were available to the children in the community was a guest speaker for the Ohio Valley Search and Rescue, ambulance "tour", dragon slide and hide, and tiger belly bounce. The department also had a dunking booth where the kids could dunk their firefighters and firefighters got a chance to dunk their chief. Donations for the dunking booth were accepted from the adults that will go to the Shriners.

Door prizes and Halloween buckets filled with goodies were given to each child at the end of the day.

The Street Dance began at 5:00 p.m. with food being sold. A DJ began at 7:00 p.m. and kept the crowd dancing until 11:00 p.m. Door prizes for adults were given away throughout the night.

A big thanks goes to the Women's Auxiliary and to the firefighters that helped make this year's Kid's Day and Street Dance a success.

(submitted by Shannlyn Snodgrass, secretary of the Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department)



Open house and dedication of new pumper/tanker held

Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department held an open house and dedication on Sunday, October 5, 2003 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The dedication was for a new pumper/tanker that is replacing their oldest tanker/pumper, Tanker 31, which was purchased in 1964.

The old Tanker 31 has a gas engine, manual transmission, 750 gpm pump, holds 500 gallons of water and costs \$25,000 new.

The new Tanker 31 has a diesel engine, automatic transmission, 1,250 gpm pump and carries 3,000 gallons of water and costs over \$300,000.

Normally, new trucks are dedicated to members that had passed away.

This year Tanker 31 was dedicated to charter members, Charles "Charlie" Christmas and Alan Wangler. Both Charlie and Alan were present at the first meeting on June 6, 1961 and are still active members today.

Charlie Christmas has held several offices in the department. He was chief in 1971 and 1975, assistant chief from 1984 - 1987 and captain in 1968 - 1970 and 1976 - 1983.

Alan Wangler, who has never held an office on the department, has served on the Township Board for many years and has helped the department obtain the money necessary to purchase the equipment and the buildings that Yankeetown Fire Department now have.

A plaque was presented to Charlie and Alan that will be placed on Tanker 31 for their 42 years of dedication and service to Yankeetown Fire Department.

Congratulations to both Charlie and Alan.

(Submitted by Shannlyn Snodgrass, secretary of the Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department)



**February 10, 2004 deadline
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Monterey firemen honored

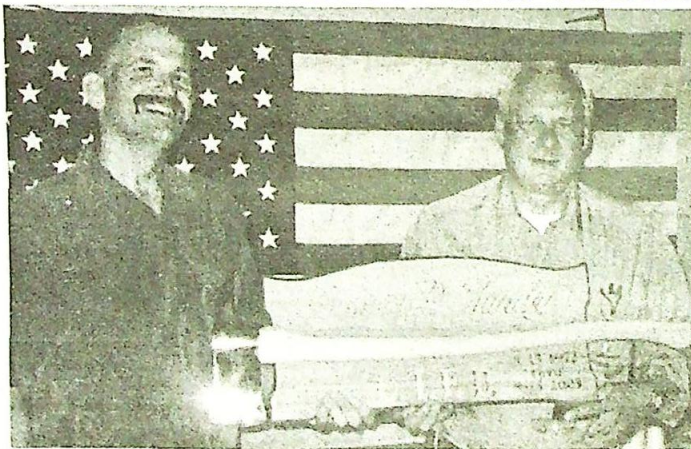
50 YEAR Gold cards were presented to Karl Master and James Zehner. Receiving a 25 year pin was Bill Bauer.
(Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

Tarchala honored with Medal of Valor



WALTER TARCHALA of Lincoln Twp. VFD receives Medal of Valor from State Fire Marshal's office for rescuing a man from a burning house in Thayer, IN. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

McKibbin presented pick head axe at retirement dinner



Chief Mike McKibbin (left) of the Cleveland Twp. Fire Dept. in Elkhart Co. presents former chief John Hardy with a commemorative pick head axe during his retirement dinner in September.

The chiefs, officers and firefighters of Cleveland Twp. would like to thank John Hardy for 31 years in the fire service, 26 of which he was either assistant chief or chief of the department. Chief Hardy has retired from fire suppression duties, though he continues to serve with CTFD as a Limited Active Firefighter.

"This department has changed since I joined in 1972," says Hardy. "We had 30 volunteers, two front mount pumpers, a 1957 sidemount pumper, two tankers and two used grass rigs. Our gear was the long rubber coats with 3/4 boots and plastic helmets and gloves. We were dispatched by an answering service by

plectrons in our homes. Now, we run a full fire, rescue and EMS service with about 22 volunteers, five paid staff, an engine, rescue engine, a rescue squad, two tankers, a brand new ladder truck, a grass rig, two BLS ambulances and enhanced 911. We also have the best gear money can buy."

He is a leader at the state level as well as in the community, having spearheaded legislation to promote fire prevention education and, along with State Rep. Dean Mock (ret) and other fine Hoosiers, fought for and won protection from forced municipal annexation. He is also very active in local politics, so "look out!" commissioners.

Best wishes to you, John, in all your future endeavors. The men and women of CTFD are proud to be associated with you.

Jim Williams
Assistant Chief

Kissinger Midwest Award winner

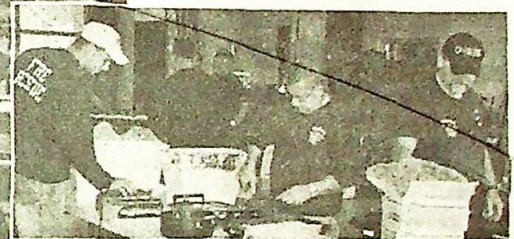


CAM KISSINGER, North Manchester Fire Department, receives the Midwest Award from District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger.
(Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

Crown Point VFD pancake breakfast held in June



LT. STEVE TOBIAS making pancakes at the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department pancake breakfast held in June of 2003.
(Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

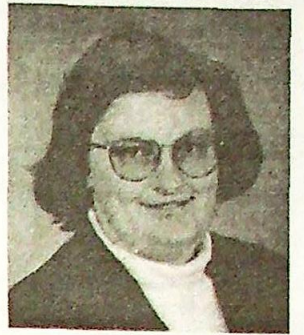


LT. ROBERT SZOT and Captain Len Dunlap cooking sausages at the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department pancake breakfast held in June of 2003.
(Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)



PICTURED ABOVE are people eating and enjoying the pancake breakfast held in June 2003 at the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department.
(Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

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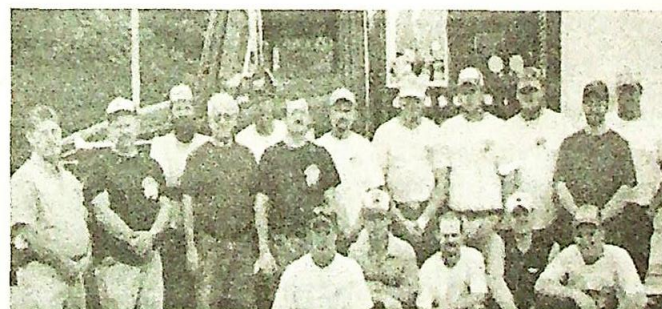
Hello Firefighters and Friends,
I was able to attend Perrysville 11-B, St. Anthony 17-A, Wright Twp. 11-A, Greene County Firefighters Association at Worthington and Highland, Veal Twp. 17-A, Brooklyn Dist. 12.
We have attended several fundraisers but would like to attend more, please let me know of any upcoming events that you would like me to attend and I will do my best to be there.

Congratulations to Otter Creek #1 for 60 years of serving their community.

Our sympathies go out to Bob Meyers and family for the loss of his wife and mother, Janet Meyers.

Be safe out there,
Diane Harrison
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Spencer Twp. fire department members



MEMBERS OF THE Spencer Twp. F.D. pictured with 14th District chairman Al Williamson are (front left to right) Mike York, Danny Simmons, Jon Simmons, Jeff Wheeler, Jim Kent, Mark Habenicht, Troy Noblitt, Steve Smith, Leonard Maschino, Floyd Bowman, Dion Speer, Randy Maschino, Spencer Ruddick, Ryan Richard, Brian Simmons, and Andy Maschino.

(Photo submitted by Al Williamson)

Presented clock for new fire station

DISTRICT 14 chairman Al Williamson presented Ed Kehrt, along with Mrs. Kehrt, a clock for their new four-bay fire station.

(Photo submitted by Al Williamson)





Joe DeKemper honored for 25 years of fire service

Myron "Joe" DeKemper joined the Dubois Volunteer Fire Department in 1975 as an apprentice to follow in his father's footsteps.

His father is a charter member who held the position of assistant chief for 40 years.

Joe was voted on as a fireman in 1977 and in 1978 became the Department's Training Officer. He was a charter member in forming the Dubois County Fire Trainer's Association and designed the emblem for the Association.

In 1975, Joe became and remains a First Responder. Joe was voted on as a firefighter in 1977 and obtained 2nd and 1st class fire training by 1985.

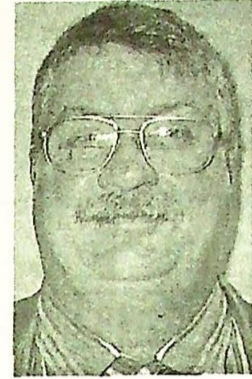
In 1987, Joe was elected Fire Chief and holds that position today. In the 16 years he has been chief, he has been on three new truck committees and in 1998 started on a restoration project which involved bringing the department's first truck, a 1927 Seagrave back to life.

In 1990, he was on the Dubois Co. Fire Chief's Organization. Joe was co-chairman for the IVFA convention in 1990, and a display chairman for the IVFA convention in 2003.

Each year Joe has been active during fire prevention week, going to schools and talking to the kids about fire safety.

(Submitted by Charles Parker, District 18 chairman)

Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

Happy Holidays to all!

Public Relations Southeast



Roy Richardson

October 4, 2003

The I.V.F.A. is going well for 2004 convention in June.

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I visited District 19 meetings at Sun rise. Ed had a good attendance. Ed is doing a good job. I have called District 16 chairman hoping to meet with him very soon.

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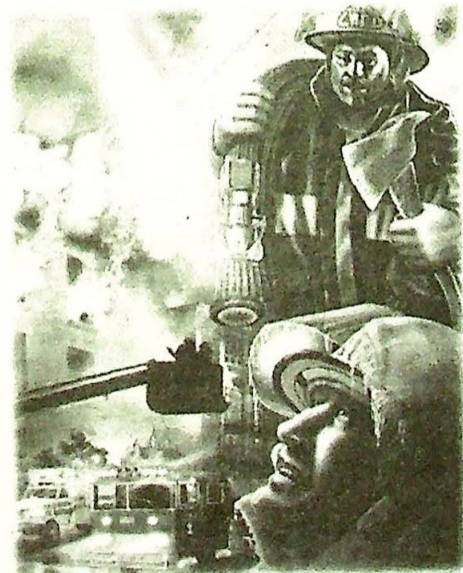
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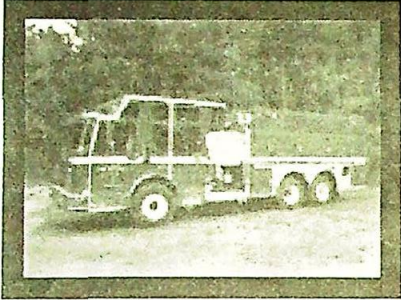
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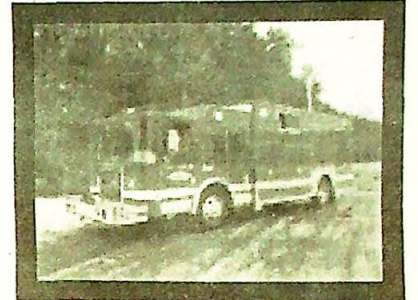
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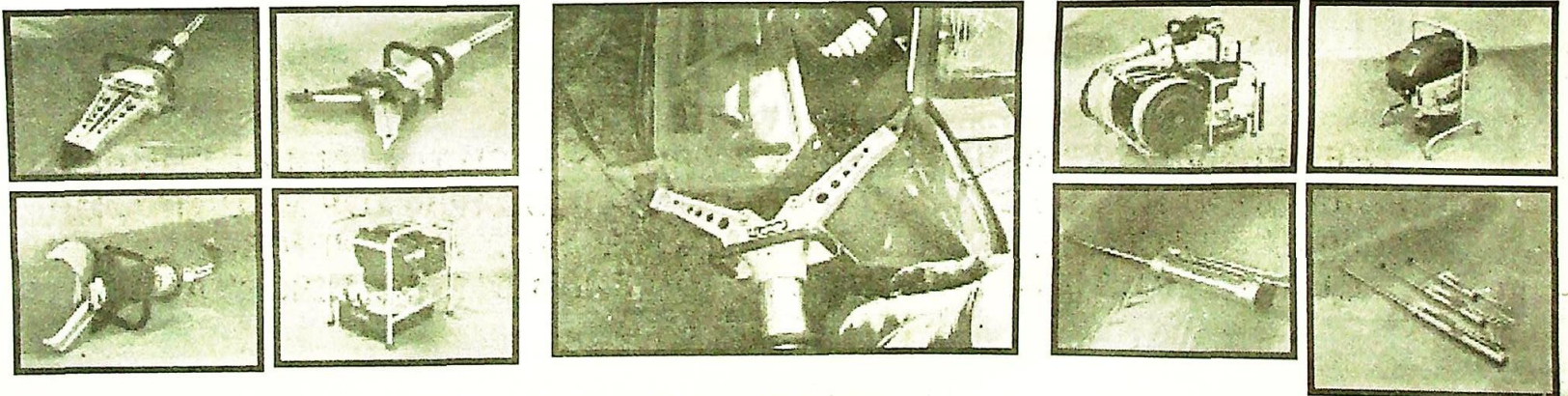


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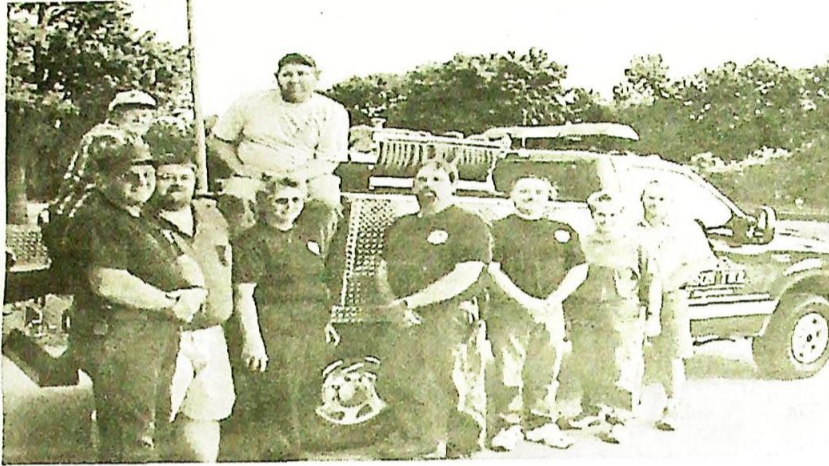
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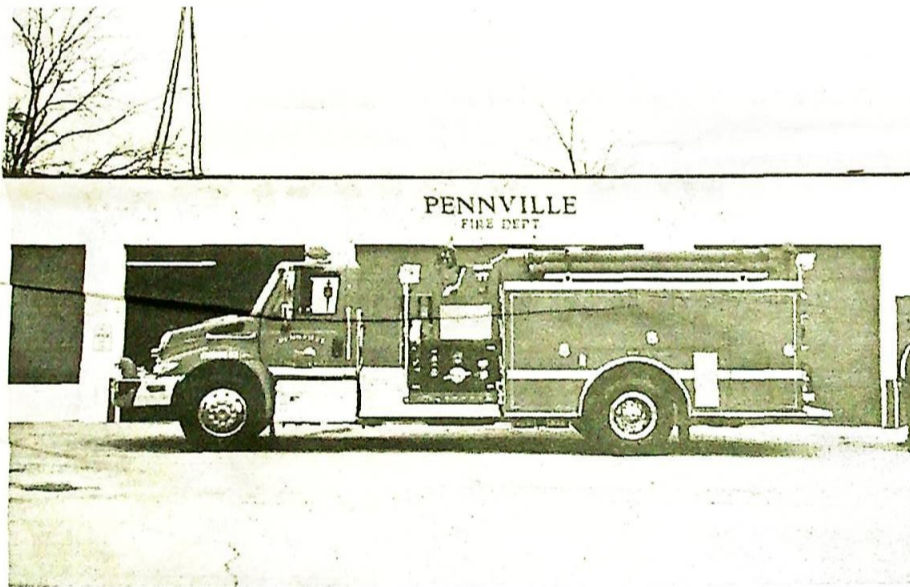
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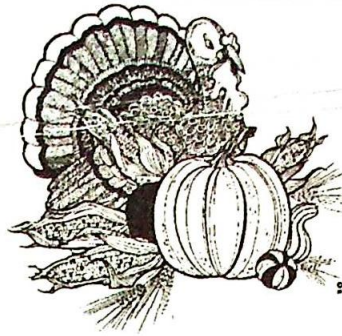
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