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## From the President



**Buz Koehler**

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Well, this is the last article of my term as your President. I want to thank all of you throughout the state for your kindness, your friendship and most of all your support. We were able to move the association forward these last two years and my hope for the future is that the association will continue on a course that is worthy of the pride and dedication of the Volunteers. I have observed through my travels to the many departments in this great state, the dedication and strength of the volunteers. I am proud to have served as your president and to have had the opportunity to meet many of you.

The association is always keeping a watchful eye for legislation that involves the firefighters in the state. This year will be no exception as we are already attending study committee meetings to voice our concerns, and assist our legislators in determining what legislation will be put forth. This is an important part of the legislative process and it requires someone from our association to be present and we will be there at those meetings.

This year's legislative agenda has been put together and we will have to make some adjustments as the session moves along. Again this year, we may call on our members to assist by contacting their legislators.

Our web page continues to grow

and become a mainstay of the Association. It's for everyone to see and learn about our association, even non-members, legislators and anyone else that would care to view the web site. It shows a commitment to our members that we are here to serve them at every turn.

The association's membership has continued to grow, and we would still like to attain that illusive eighteen thousand mark. We'll continue to work on that.

We have added several more benefits to being a member of the association, we give our members the very best that we can.

In closing, I again want to thank all of you for your support. This association does not run by the hand of one person it takes all of us to make it what it is. I would like to thank all the District Chairmen and of course the PR Directors for their hard work.

A special thanks to Past President, Mitch Parish for his assistance on more than a few instances.

Please be safe as you protect your communities, your families and fellow firefighters.

See you at the district meeting.

L.E. "Buz" Koehler, President  
Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association

## Lois Boaz Award Nominations

It's that time again to start writing letters for a nominee for the Lois Boaz award.

The nominee must be in good standing of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary. Letters should include name, address, local auxiliary district, and information on her involvement with her local auxiliary, local district or state auxiliary, and her community involvement.

We would also like to have the jacket size of the nominee. All letters must be submitted to the Lois Boaz Committee by February 1, 2005.

Lois Boaz Committee  
E.J. Smith  
Rose Weisenbach  
Eula Asbury

## Honored with EMT of Year Award

Cordry Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Chief Vernon McGaha selection as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the Year



Pictured with members of his department and Ms. Rebecca Blagrove of the State EMS Commission Awards Committee (far right in white).

Chief McGaha, who has served as Volunteer Fire Chief for more than 10 years, was very humble and appreciative to receive this prestigious award to represent the 26,000 EMT's in the State of Indiana.

The awards ceremony took place at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis on Saturday, September 18, 2004.

Cordry-Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance, is located in a small lakes community area in the northeast section of Brown County, Indiana.

The Chief was honored because of his commitment of more than 25 years of service as an active EMT and his participation in local community affairs.

In his acceptance of the award, he thanked all of those persons who helped make the award possible, especially his "Team of Volunteer co-workers" from his department.

He is truly a leader who is deserving such an award.

Thanks is extended to Chief McGaha from all the members of his department here at Cordry-Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance, Brown County, Indiana.

(Photos compliments of Roger Birchfield, Indianapolis Fire Department).

The following information was submitted on the nomination application by Paula J. York, Ambulance Captain:

Vernon (Bernie) McGaha demonstrates his skills on a daily basis by responding to every incident he can in our emergency response area. His bedside manner with the patients he assists is outstanding as he makes each person feel comfortable with the treatment they receive. His more than 25 years of experience as an EMT demonstrates his sincere dedication to our EMS and lakes community. He lives, works, volunteers and trains here making him accessible to our community almost 24 hours, seven days a week.

He promotes EMS training sessions for all EMT's and firefighters. Helping them to keep up with the latest standards, new techniques and tools available to the EMS community and his co-workers is something he takes pride in promoting. He also promotes safety in the work place by following the new guidelines and standards in patient and



Pictured with his wife, Gina and two sons, Curtis on the left and Corey on the right (both members of the volunteer department), Fire Chief Vernon McGaha was surprised to learn he was selected as the "EMT of the Year" by the State of Indiana EMS Commission for his "Outstanding Service and Dedication".

provider care. While encouraging professionalism as first responders or EMT's, he makes sure we are all protected from today's hazards in the emergency medical field. All EMT's and firefighters look to him for leadership and he provides that leadership, willingly.

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Each Scholarship may be used at the college of the recipient's choice.

The Association also supports this program through the special recognition license plate program in the form of a three (3) dollar fee that is used to maintain the program for the long run.

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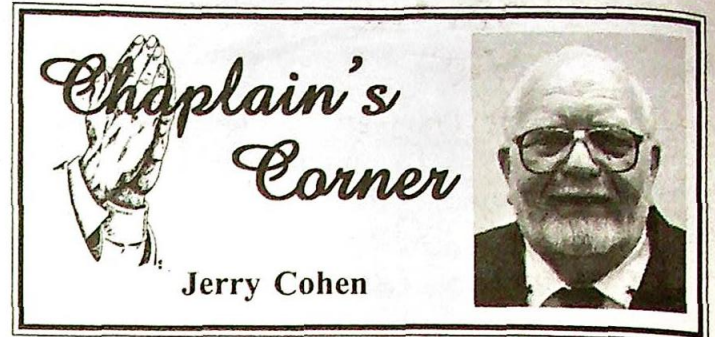
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Lord, God, as we look into the future, let no fear get to us. Help us be as confident that you will be with us in the future as we know you have been in the past.

We know there is no insurance policy against trouble, but rather the guarantee that you will be with us in trouble. That alone should give us strong hearts and confident faith as long as you are beside us, loving us, helping us, what do we have to fear?

Bless each one of us every day as we try to live good believing lives as good firefighters. Where we are inclined to be satisfied with ourselves as we are; make us willing to be changed.

Give us a more sincere kind of faith, a more liveable faith; not a Sunday only faith, but the kind of faith that can be used on Monday and will not disappear by Saturday.

In thy name, we pray.

Amen.

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**GRANT** ..... With the repeating of this second word we are admitting that this higher power is an authority who can BESTOW or GIVE.

**ME** ..... We are asking something for ourselves for the Bible states, "Ask and it . . . and it shall be given." It is not wrong to ask for betterment of yourself, for with the improvement of your character people around you will be made happier.

**SERENITY** ..... We are asking for CALMNESS, COMPOSURE, and PEACE in our lives which will enable us to think straight and govern ourselves properly.

**TO ACCEPT** ..... We are resigning ourselves to conditions as they are right now.

**THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE** ..... We are accepting our lot in life as it is. Until we have the courage to change any part of our lives we don't like, we must accept it and NOT ACCEPT IT GRUDGINGLY.

**COURAGE** ..... We are asking for a quality of spirit to face conditions without flinching.

**TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN** ..... We are asking for help to make a right decision.

If you have to make a decision, consider carefully the worst that could happen to you IF YOUR DECISION TO CHANGE DID NOT WORK OUT. If you can accept the worst and your decision will get you out of a rut, then proceed.

**WISDOM** ..... We are asking for the ability to form sound judgments in any matter.

**TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE** ..... We want to understand clearly a truth of fact.

We want to see things differently in our lives so there can be some distinction. We need to sense a definite value in sobriety over drunkenness if we are to stay sober.

Help me, O LORD, when I want to do the right thing, but know not what it is. But help me most, DEAR LORD, when I know perfectly well what I ought to do, but can't find "the will to do it."

**ASK ONLY IN LIFE FOR WISDOM, ALL OTHER THINGS WILL FOLLOW.**

**Happy Holidays!!**

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# From the Vice President



**Jack Kerney**

The IVFA dues deadline was July 31, if you have not mailed in your 2004 - 2005 dues please do so, or call the office and a new dues packet will be mailed to you.

License plates for 2004 are coming to an end, and it is time to start thinking about 2005 license plates. Please give the office as much lead-time as possible to get them returned to you. Mail your license plate request form

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in early.

It is not too early to be thinking about the IVFA Annual Awards. All award letters are due by February 1. You will not receive another newsletter until after the deadline. Get the letters mailed by the deadline for the Ollie Sandburg Award, Mr. IVFA Award, Angle Award, and the Mid West Award. Every IVFA member is deserving of these awards. Let's start early and be thinking of someone on your department that deserves these awards.

The IVFA awards (3) \$1,500.00 Scholarships each year due by March 1. The scholarship applications are available from any IVFA Officer or visit the web site at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org). All application must be post marked by March 1 to be eligible.

I hope everyone has or will exercise their right to vote. We don not have a right to complain if we do not vote. Regardless of your party affiliation, please vote for the person of your choice.

The IVFAA is having a fundraiser by selling their cookbooks with over 400 recipes from your local firefighter families. Help the IVFAA by purchasing one of these cookbooks for only \$10.00, or call the office and we will put you in contact with someone in your area to contact.

# McGaha - EMT of the Year

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Bernie, as he is known by almost everybody here in our area has been an EMT for more than 25 years.

He also is our local Deputy Sheriff and he has served for more than 10 years as Fire Chief of the Cordry-Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance, Inc.

When he is not busy with his normal community emergency response duties, he is busy researching new ways to better our profession.

We have purchased a new fire engine within the past five years and have recently purchased a new rescue truck for our area, both of which are state of the art equipment.

He makes sure our ambulance is always running in good order and that we comply with all the state regulations pertaining to ambulance providers.

Our State Inspector has on several occasions commented on how well our vehicle and equipment are maintained and we have never been cited for any major deficiency in either our vehicle or equipment.

This EMT has arranged for Life Line to train with our 30 member department and we have practiced methods of Hot and Cold loading of patients, keeping our skill level at an all time high.

When he is on the scene his "Command Presence" is always felt and when he is away he is always missed.

This in itself is a testimonial to his importance as an outstanding EMT.

Bernie is very active in our Brown County community. He supports and participates in community law enforcement groups. He serves as leader of Explorer Post 2192 of the Boy Scouts of America. He is an elected official, serving on the Cordry-

Sweetwater Conservancy Board. He belongs to the Brown County Sheriff's Association and EMT Association of Brown County. He is a member of Morgantown Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Cathedral and Murat Shrine. He is also a member of the Church of the Lakes in our community.

I am recommending this EMT for the prestigious, EMT Basic Award for the following reasons:

**Dedication:** He has served his community for more than 25 years as an Emergency Medical Technician;

**Professionalism:** This U.S. Army veteran serves as an EMT, Deputy Sheriff, Fire Chief and Elected Official of our community. He also promotes youth involvement in the EMS/Fire community by heading up the Boy Scouts of America Fire Explorer Program, Post #2192;

**Leadership:** This EMT leads by example. He promotes safety, protection of both patient and worker and utilizes latest techniques to ensure all those involved are safe. All of his co-workers look to him for assistance because of his knowledge, skills and abilities.

**Good Judgment:** A characteristic that is very hard to measure, but he seems to have a knack for doing the "Right Thing" during an emergency.

Because of all the aforementioned reasons I am submitting the name of

Vernon McGaha, EMT for consideration to receive the "BASIC EMT OF THE YEAR AWARD".

Paula York,  
Ambulance Captain  
Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance, Inc.

## How to submit applications for EMT awards

Emergency medical services providers can submit nominations anytime throughout the year.

The selection committee bases its selection of a winner on the answers that are provided to the questions on the applications. It is, therefore, VERY important that each question be answered. It is generally in the best interest to not send videotapes. Any application can be used to submit nominations for future years. Any application received after the deadline will be saved and considered for the following year.

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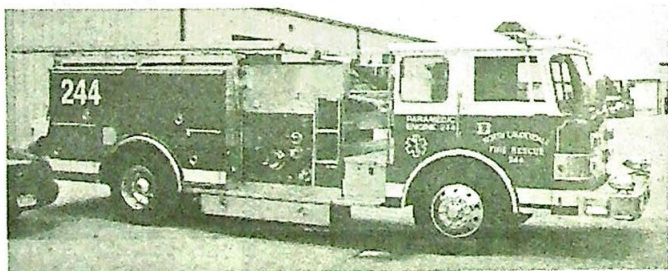
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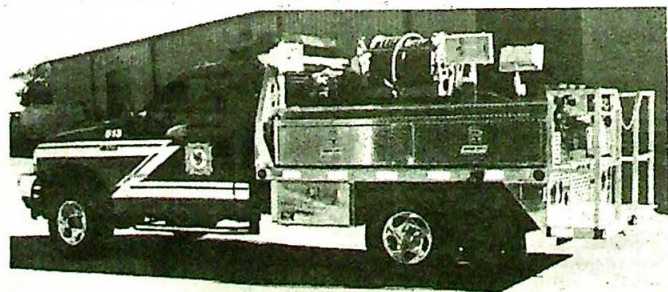


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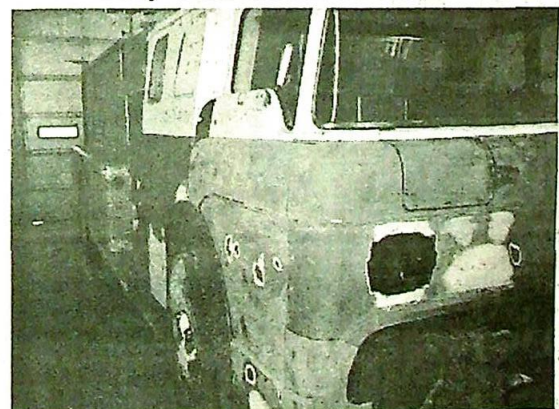
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21 APRIL 2004

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. President Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 37 members of 10 departments in District 1 with New Chicago FD as the trophy winner, and nine members of four departments in District 2 with Crown Point as the trophy winner.

Guests included: President Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, PR

Northwest Associate Chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA Districts 1/2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Lindsey Degard, District 2 Miss Flame Charla Stovall, 2002 Angel Award recipient Mary Wesley, Greg Eckhardt of Hazmat, Phil Griffith from EMA and Jim Daly from Hoosier Fire.

Chief Eric Kurtz gave a brief history of the Ogden Dunes FD and introduced its members.

Captain Tim Tully of Crown Point FD spoke on firefighter injuries on scenes.

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

President Koehler advised HB 1257 passed in the short session, announced the historical page on the website should be up within the next week, the memorial page is still in the works, and looking for used gear for departments in need (usual requests are bunker

coats/pants, airpicks). PR Northwest Jim Bradford announced that Buz Koehler would be running again for president. Hazmat books will hopefully be out in May, distributed by the County EMA's office. Reminded everyone that convention is June 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th in Clarksville and that the State Fire Marshal's office has money to give away, put in grant applications.

District 1 chairman spoke of an e-mail he received about mandates in training, wanting output from everyone regarding same.

Treasurer's report: \$1,984.47; patches available at \$2 each.

No old business.

No new business.

Three firefighter deaths in District 1, Butch Bonomo and Jim Sinks of Lake Station, Alwin Wesley of Ainsworth/Deep River, and the passing of firefighter Keith/Kevin Austin's father (Union). A moment of silence was observed.

Washington Township announced a pancake breakfast from 7-1 on April 25.

Portage FD Dive Team Spaghetti

dinner from 4-8 on Thursday, April 22.

Lake Station annual dance on Saturday, May 1st from 7-12 p.m., \$2 tickets, in dress uniform free.

Lowell FD announced a golf outing/dinner fundraiser for firefighter with cancer, looking manpower to cover calls in town on May 15th.

Lake Ridge announced they have a new smoke house they purchased through a grant, open for anyone wishing to take a look.

Next meeting will be on May 19th at Lake of the Four Seasons.

\$68 was won in the 50/50 drawing, split by John Pateles and Burt Tannas, both of Ogden Dunes FD.

Mike Schilling and Kim Perry won coolies and Guy Davis won a T-shirt, all donated by Hoosier Fire.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Bub Wise to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell,  
Secretary  
IVFA Districts 1-2

Lake of the Four Seasons  
19 May 2004

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM and led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 15 members of eight departments in District 1 with Merrillville Station #1 as the trophy winner, and by 29 members of nine departments in District 2 with Crown Point as the trophy winner.

Guests included past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, PR Northwest Associate Chaplain Jerry Cohen, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA Districts 1-2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA Districts 1-2 chaplain Phyllis Vargo, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 2 Miss Flame Charla Stovall, Jim Branham of PC FA and PC Fist Team, Greg Eckhardt of PC Environmental, Ray Cooley of Francesville FD, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire and Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Chief Mike Parks gave a brief history of the department and introduced its members.

Jerry Bennett and Darrell Marks of Kankakee Valley R.E.M.C. gave a "High Voltage" demonstration during dinner.

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

Mitch Parish spoke on getting Buz re-elected for one more term as IVFA president.

Jim Bradford spoke on FEMA grants, advised the Driver Safety books and Hazmat books will hopefully be coming out soon, advised the Federal Death Benefits will now cover heart attacks if they occur up to 24 hours after any FD function as long as the function was documented. Jim also advised the Fire Marshal's office still has money to give away, up to \$4000 per department, to contact them directly, and reminded everyone of convention next month in Clarksville on June 10th, 11th, and 12th, also requested that people at least try to attend the business meeting to show support for Buz and to get convention north again.

Treasurer's report: \$1,607.25 and patches still available for \$2 each.

No old business to report.

New business: Several items in discussion brought up by Paul Watland.

Motion by Ike Wrench, seconded by Harvey Lanning to make \$150 donation to the burn camp from Districts 1-2. Passed.

Motion by Bob Szot, seconded by Melody Jackson to authorize checks for \$200 to each Miss Flame to offset costs for Convention. Passed. Charla Stovall was given her check, the check for Lindsey Degard was given to Martha Thomas.

By-Law change requests:

Motion by Melody Jackson, seconded by Bill Casbon for Article 6, section 2 (Convention Committee). Passed.

Motion by Melody Jackson, seconded by Roger Jackson for Article 7, section 1 (Executive Committee). Passed.

Motion by Bob Szot, seconded by Bub Wise for Article 7, section 7 (Insurance Committee). Passed.

Motion by Melody Jackson, seconded by Roger Jackson for Article 7, section 7 (Bridgeport Committee). Did not pass.

Motion by Diana Orrell, seconded by Bill Casbon for Article 8, section 1 (Contracts). Passed.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Butch Bonomo of Lake Station.

Good of the Order:

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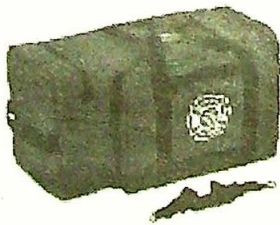
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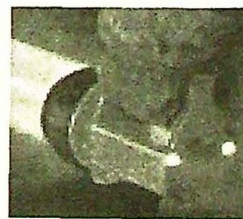
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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Saturday, May 22nd, an indoor/outdoor flea market at the Isaac Walton in Griffith.

Saturday, May 22nd, EMS day in Calumet Township at Cleveland/141st Ave.

Crown Point announced a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 19th from 7-11, and a golf outing on June 26th at Summertree.

1st Annual Car Show in Cedar Lake on July 25th.

Lowell FD gave "thanks" to all departments/personnel that assisted with the fundraiser for Charlie Scott.

Next meeting on July 21st at South Haven FD, convention in Clarksville on June 10th, 11th, and 12th.

No 50/50 drawing held. T-shirt donated by Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire was given to Clarence Moss for the burn camp. Items donated by Rick Perry were returned until the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Casbon, seconded by Melody Jackson at 8:33 p.m. Passed.

*Diana L Orrell,  
Secretary  
IVFA Districts 1-2*

South Haven Fire Department  
21 July 2004

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. President Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 40 members of ten departments in District 1 with a three way tie for the trophy (Burns Harbor, Merrillville and New Chicago) and by ten members of six departments in District 2 with Boone Grove as the trophy winner.

Guests included: President Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish (and wife, Jean), PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, past District 1 chairman John Kepshire, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, IVFAA Districts 1-2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA past president Phyllis Vargo, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, Greg Eckhart of Porter County Hazmat, Ogden Dunes Fire Chief Eric Kurtz, Portage Township Trustee Jack Jent and wife, Honorable Judge Julia Jent, and Advisory Board Member (Liaison) Ed Momola.

Assistant Chief Jim Branham introduced the department and auxiliary and gave a brief history of South Haven FD.

Lt. Chris Curdes and Lt. Evelyn Cramsie spoke on Civil Air Patrol.

Bub Wise made a motion, seconded by Clarence Moss to dispense with the reading of May's minutes. Passed.

PR Northwest Bradford announced Ivan Nevil as the new State Fire Marshal, advised laws concerning volunteer firefighters can be found at [www.IN.gov](http://www.IN.gov), IC code 36-8-12, advised the Fire Marshals' office has grants up to \$4000, and Hazmat books should be out in August.

President Koehler thanked everyone for their support in voting for president, advised he will be Chairman of the Board next year. Announced it was a good convention, also advised three firefighters were added to the memorial on July 8th, was proud to be a part.

District 1 chairman Orrell spoke about the PC Fist Team.

District 2 chairman Watland read a "Thank You" letter received from the Hoosier Burn Camp for the \$150 donation.

Chaplain Cohen advised he would be swearing in a new Associate Chaplain, Patrick Gallagher from Union

Township FD.

Former District 1 chairman Kepshire recommended anyone that got the chance to attend the National Fire Academy.

Treasurer's report: \$1,457.25

No old business to report.

New business - elections, all passed with one unanimous vote.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, nominated by John Kepshire.

District 2 chairman Paul Watland, nominated by Bub Wise.

Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, nominated by Ike Wrench.

Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, nominated by Paul Watland.

A moment of silence was observed for the deaths of Charles Lenker of Merrillville, and Robert Austgen of Dyer.

Chaplain Cohen swore in Peter Gallagher as the new Associate Chaplain.

Good of the order-announcements-Rod Norton of EMA in hospital, not doing very well.

Ogden Dunes having annual fireman's ball on July 31st, 2004 at their station.

South Haven having a Chicken Dinner at their station on Sunday, August 15th from 4-7 p.m. Tickets available or at the door.

Jasper Co. FF Association selling raffle tickets at \$5 each, proceeds going towards a fire safety trailer for kids.

Next meeting at Boone Grove on August 18th.

Rhonda Hartline of South Haven Auxiliary won \$45 in the 50/50.

Bub Wise made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ike Wrench at 9:04 p.m. Passed.

*Diana Orrell,  
IVFA Secretary  
Districts 1-2*

Porter Township FD

18 August 2004

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 25 members of 11 departments in District 1 with Merrillville as the trophy winner, and by 31 members of eight departments in District 2 with Lakes of the Four Seasons as the trophy winner.

Guests included: President Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, IVFAA past president Phyllis Vargo, District 1-2 IVFAA

chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, Jim Branham, President of the Porter Co. Fist Team, Greg Eckhart of Porter Co. Hazmat, Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire and Porter Township Trustee, Bob Wichlinski.

Chief Scott Mann gave a brief history of the Porter Township FD.

No program.

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

President Koehler spoke on pending legislation.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford announced the new Hazmat books will be out in September, the new Driver's Training/Safety books in January 2005, advised change with FEMA grants, advised anyone applying has to be N.I.M.S. certified. Past president Parish advised the newspaper deadline in October 10th.

District 1 chairman Orrell advised he, President Koehler and PR Northwest Bradford presented the Midwest Award to Bill Howe. Tom also advised nominations for awards need to be turned in.

IVFAA correspondence secretary Thomas announced she still had IVFAA cook books for sale.

Treasurer's report: \$1,403.75 after \$52 check sent into the IVFA for new patches.

No old business to report.

No new business to report.

A moment of silence was observed for the death of Troy Saylor of the Lake Station FD.

Good of the order:

Lake Dale - on 09/25, hosting a steak/pork chops dinner from 5-8 p.m. Wheatfield - on 09/11, having a Firefighter dance at 7 p.m. \$10 a couple.

The next meeting will be on September 15th at Ainsworth/Deep River FD.

Rod Norton doing okay at this time. Porter Township Trustee Bob Wichlinski won \$63 in 50/50, donated half to the IVFA and half to Porter

Township FD.

Jake Thomas of Merrillville FD won a T-shirt donated by Hoosier Fire.

Tony Waitkus of 4 Seasons won a picture, Josh Martin of Porter Township won a birdhouse knick-knack, and Brian Denny won a knife, all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Bob Szot made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m., seconded by Keith Austin. Passed.

*Diana L. Orrell,  
IVFA Secretary  
Districts 1-2*

Ainsworth/Deep River  
Fire Department  
15 September 2004

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call included 34 members of 10 departments in District 1 with Merrillville as the trophy winner, and 18 members of five departments in District 2 with Lake of the Four Seasons as the trophy winner.

Guests included past president Mitch Parish, Former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, 2004 Midwest Award winner Bill Howe, PR Northwest Associate Chaplain Pat Gallagher, IVFAA District 1-2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, IVFAA past president Phyllis Vargo, 50 yr. member of Ainsworth/Deep River Herman Buchfehrer, Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies, and Georgia Herzog, wife of deceased Ainsworth/Deep River FF Larry Herzog.

Assistant Chief RD Parpart gave a brief history of the department and introduced its members.

District 1 chairman presented

Herman C. Buchfehrer with his 50 yr. Gold Card.

Jim Jaracz, CFPS (Hobart FD) spoke on Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) and the fallen firefighters foundation in Maryland. [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org)

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

Communication: Mitch Parish advised PR Northwest Jim Bradford was at a funeral in Morocco for a police officer that was killed on duty on September 6th, and advised the Town Marshal was found deceased on the 13th (both were volunteer firefighters). Paper deadline is October 1st, 2004.

Motion made by Bruce Yonkers, seconded by Dennis Schavey to send a card/flowers to the editor of the paper as a thank you for all that she has done, going to surgery soon. Passed.

Phyllis Vargo announced the IVFAA is still looking for Miss Flame applicants for the November meeting in Crown Point, advised the applications need to be into her or Ann Moss by October 1st.

Tom Orrell reminded everyone that nominations are needed from each district for all the different awards that are given through the IVFA, due by February 15, 2005.

Treasurer's report: \$1,541.75

Old Business: Tom Orrell requested that each department get a count on how many firefighters are under PERF reference to HB 1347.

No new business or deaths.

Good of the order: Merrillville FD is hosting a Fire Prevention Open House on October 3rd from 11-4.

Beverly Shores FD is having a pancake breakfast/Open House on October 3rd, times TBA.

Lake Township having a Christmas Auction on November 6th, doors open at 5 p.m., auction starts at 6 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 20th in Lowell.

Phyllis Vargo won \$63 in the 50/50 drawing. Pat Gallagher and Don Buchfehrer won knives, and Dennis

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## IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

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

**District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2004**

**District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2004**

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# From The Treasurer



**Jack Harker**

From the Treasurer:  
I want to thank everyone for their hospitality at the district meetings I attended in the month of September. Also the picnics and fundraisers 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. Also I hope many of you got to see the movie Ladder 49.  
So far we've had a really nice fall, I know someday 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 2004, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.  
*Jack Harker*

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Schavey won a picture, all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.  
District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell advised of an oversight on the presentation of a 25 yr. Pin to Bruce Yonkers and presented same.  
Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Dennis Schavey to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Passed.  
*Diana L Orrell, IVFA Secretary Districts 1-2*

# Happy Holidays!

## DISTRICT 3

**Tim Sandy**  
District 3  
Chairman



May 20, 2004  
Long Beach VFD  
Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.. There were nine members representing six departments present.  
Chief Dave Albers led the pledge. After the pledge, Associate State Chaplain Jerry Cohen led the group in prayer.  
Guests present were: President Buz Koehler, Jim Bradford, PR NW, Past President Mitch Parish, Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$314.63.  
Communications:  
Comments from President Koehler - 1. Gave a legislative update which included talking about HB1257.  
2. Announced that the Association will now be offering discounted legal service as an additional benefit for membership to the organization. A full explanation of the new benefit can be found on the front page of the May 2004 newspaper.  
3. Announced that there has been no feedback on the firefighter survey yet.  
4. Announced that additional updates to the website are almost completed. The Historical page will be finished shortly and a Memorial page will be added also. The "Did You Know?" page was the latest update. There will also be a contest on the website for a free night's stay at next year's convention. Details will be forthcoming.  
5. Reminded all that used gear is still needed by many departments. Anyone wishing to make donations should contact him.  
6. Announced that the representatives from fire agencies have met with one of the gubernatorial candidates and are still working to meet with the other candidate. Information will be forwarded after the meetings are completed.  
7. Announced that in the future, agencies will have to train to NIMS

standards in order to receive federal funds.  
Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Announced that the Fire Marshal's office has grant money available. Contact them for further information.  
2. Gave a FEMA grant update.  
3. Announced that the new haz mat books are still not out yet.  
4. Announced that the driver safety video is not out yet either.  
5. Announced that Grissom is still being considered for the Fire Academy site.  
6. Announced that the federal deaths benefits now cover heart attacks.  
7. Led a conversation about the 9-11 Commission. Consensus felt the Commission was trying to blame emergency responders and that there was no mention of the 25,000 lives brought to safety that day by those responders.  
8. Again announced that there are 17 pages of up-to-date VFD laws available at [www.in.gov](http://www.in.gov) under law 36-8-12.  
Comments from past president Parish - 1. Gave a report on the National Volunteer Fire Council by saying there is a lot going on and there are changes forthcoming that will affect all fire departments.  
Comments from Chairman Sandy - 1. Gave a report on the Congressional Fire Caucus dinner in Washington, DC.  
2. Reviewed the latest Fire Marshal newsletter.  
3. Announced that Duneland Fire School will be sponsoring a \$1000 memorial scholarship in honor of John Brown. The scholarship will be for emergency responders. Applications are available at [www.dunelandfireschool.com](http://www.dunelandfireschool.com) and must be submitted by 8/1/04 in order to be eligible.  
Old Business:  
1. Chairman Sandy announced that the by-law changes sponsored by District 3 will be recommended by the By-Laws Committee. Those changes include: Article VI Sec 2 in regards to votes at convention by delegates; Article VII Sec 1 in regards to Chairman of the Board; Article VII Sec 7 in regards to Insurance Committee and Bridgeport Committee appointments; Article VIII Sec 1 in regards to contracts.  
A motion was made and seconded to support the changes as stated.  
New Business: None  
Good of the Order:  
1. Lincoln Twp VFD will be having a Pork Chop dinner on May 29<sup>th</sup> from

5-8 p.m.  
2. Jerry Cohen stated that he thought President Koehler has been doing a fantastic job as President and stated our support would be needed at the Convention.  
Training: None  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. after a prayer by Jerry Cohen. Dave Albers won the 50/50 as well as a hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; Jim Hall won the other hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; and, Mitch Parish won an IVFA history book. Mitch donated the book to Chief Albers for the Long Beach Fire Department.  
Next meeting - August 18, 2004, 7:30 pm, (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.), Noble Township VFD, Union Mills.\*

August 19, 2004  
Noble Township Fire Department  
Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 23 members representing eight departments present. Chief Mick Hunsley led the pledge. After the pledge, State Chaplain Jerry Cohen led the group in prayer.  
Guests present were: President Buz Koehler, Chaplain Jerry Cohen, Jim Bradford, PRNW, Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$320.56.  
Communications:  
Comments from President Koehler - 1. Gave a legislative update; 2. announced that the Historical and Memorial pages are up on the website; 3. reminded departments to contact him if they have excess gear they would like to donate.  
Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Announced that the new haz mat books are still not printed; 2. announced that the driver's video is due out 1/2005; 3. reminded departments to contact the Marshal's office about fire grants; 4. announced that the registration information for next year's convention was incorrect in the newspaper and will be corrected in the November issue; 5. reminded everyone that awards nominations are due by 2/1/2005; 6. led a discussion in reference to more firefighters being killed in auto accidents than fires. Chairman Sandy had an article from Firehouse stating the same statistics.  
Comments from Chairman Sandy - 1. Announced that Dave Kaufman was named this year's Midwest Award winner; 2. congratulated Jerry Cohen from Springfield Twp. on being elected State Chaplain; 3. announced that OSHA has been visiting fire departments. There have been some fines but there will be no charges unless the department doesn't abate. He elaborated on some of the areas that are addressed and offered his assistance, if needed.

Old Business: None.  
New Business:  
1. 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 and Pam Kaufman was nominated and seconded for the office of chairman. Pam Kaufman declined the nomination. 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 president Buz Koehler. The officers will remain the same for the next year. After the election, chairman Sandy announced that this would be his last year as chairman. He thanked everyone for his or her support during his chairmanship.  
2. Chaplain Cohen announced that he would like to post membership deaths on the web site. He asked that departments contact him. He also announced that he has appointed six Associate Chaplains to assist him and he appreciates all the support he has received.  
3. Chaplain Cohen suggested that

the IVFA purchase another flag made for Memorial Services to be in the care of the State Chaplain. A motion was made and seconded to support this idea. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Sandy will present this request at the next officer's meeting.  
Good of the Order:

1. Springfield Twp. will be having a Fish Fry on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m.
2. Lincoln Twp. will be having a Steak Fry on September 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m.
3. Noble Twp will be sponsoring a softball tournament at Kesling on September 18-19.
4. Kingsbury will have their Haunted House the last two weekends in October and will have a Pancake Breakfast on Halloween Day.
5. Hanna hosted a softball tournament and two dances this summer.
6. Chairman Sandy announced that the LP County Haz Mat team is looking for members. Anyone interested should contact Roger Wolff or chairman Sandy.
7. Springfield Twp has two trucks for sale. Check [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org) for further.
8. Noble Twp also has a truck for sale and will be putting it on the web site too.

Training: None.  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm after a prayer by Jerry Cohen. Kevin DeYoung won the 50/50; Buz Koehler won a hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; Tony Campbell won another hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; Jim Bradford won a Res-Q-Me wrench donated by Ron Prast of Task Force Tips; and, Buz Koehler won a Rescue Wrench donated by Ron Prast of Task Force Tips.  
*Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kaufman  
Pam Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer*  
Next Meeting  
September 23, 2004 - 7:30 pm  
(Refreshments at 7:00 pm)  
Bass Lake - California Twp.

## DISTRICT 4

**John Ferro**  
District 4  
Chairman



Meeting Center  
Twp. Fire Dept.  
South Bend, IN  
July 28, 2004  
Meeting opened by Chairman Ferro. Pledge to the flag. Prayer by Chaplain Peterson.  
Roll call found five departments with 10 members and three guests.  
President Koehler was present and reported on the convention. He also reported on the Fireman Memorial service in Indianapolis.  
He held election of officers for 2004-2005. Chairman John Ferro, secretary Paul Kunz and chaplain Russ Peterson.  
Chic Parish, Mike Mackin and new son were guests.  
Koehler talked on the bills that the Legislature passed on our behalf.  
2005 convention to be held at Columbus, IN June 15, 16, 17, 18.  
We have 27 departments in this district. Too bad our turnout is so low. This is your association, this is where you learn about laws that may or may not be good laws.  
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*Paul Kunz,  
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# IVFAA President



Barbara Kerney

Dear Members:  
Leaves are falling, mornings will soon be crisp and the days are getting shorter. Autumn is here. It has always been one of my favorite seasons. Sum-

mer went by in a hurry and I didn't get accomplished all that I wanted; however, yesterday is behind us and what we did or didn't do is also behind us. It is our mark that we made and we can't go back and make changes.

My hope for this year is that we strive to make an extra effort to work on our membership and learn to focus on working together as a team, whether it be local or statewide. We all can wish for a better organization but it takes many different things and a number of different people to make it happen. WE NEED ALL OF YOU! One person can make a difference.

I know everyone is busy, but let me ask that you spend a few extra minutes each day to promote our great organization. We all our builders in a sense. Your chairman and committee members are your foreman and are there to help when you need guidance or helping you to lay plans for your group. Utilize their talents and energies. It doesn't happen over night, but plans need to be put in place so we can

get to work.  
We will be facing several critical issues this year. I know with your help we can get these issues resolved and go forth and enjoy our times together.  
Share your thoughts and ideas. Be a leader. Step up to the plate and be ready to do what it takes to get the job done. Thanks for your efforts thus far. They don't go unnoticed.  
Barb Kerney

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE

## STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Martha Thomas  
Corresponding Secretary  
IVFAA

Columbus, IN  
August 1, 2004  
President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Joann Hays gave the opening prayer in the absence of Chaplain Beth Caudill and also led us in the Pledge to the Flag in the absence of Mariam Schaeckel, Sgt.-at-Arms.

President Barb read a poem about friendship to which we all need.  
Diana Gray gave the roll call with 16 members and seven guests present. Membership thru July 29, 2004 is as follows: 23 departments, 12 Ind., 15 life members, 311 paid by departments with a total of 323 members at this time.

Diana read the previous minutes with a correction of the treasurer's report.

Dorothy Reiter gave her treasurer's report as follows:  
Balance on hand April 24, 2004.....\$9,686.15  
INCOME:  
Dues.....240.00  
Interest.....37  
V.P. Project .....554.00  
Unrelated Inc. ....437.00  
Total Income ..... + \$1,231.37  
DISBURSEMENTS:  
Operating Exp. ....58.93  
Milceage .....89.95  
Phone & Postage .....61.35

V.P. Project .....59.02  
Total Disbursements.....- 269.25  
Balance on hand May 31, 2004.....\$10,648.27

Jim Bradford brought newspapers into the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions concerning the paper and if anyone needs anything to contact him at any time.

Correspondence read by Martha Thomas of a thank you card from E.J. Smith thanking everyone for their cards and prayers after her surgery and a thank you from Jaclyn Joseph, District 12 for the donations she and the Miss Flame received during the convention.

Auditing: Lou Bartlow states that the books are in order and everything is fine.

Games: Marilyn Dever states that they had three men's teams for three events and Fairview Park took first in all events and New Chicago took second in the events.

Financial study: Lou says okay.  
Miss Flame: Patty Miller stated that we had 18 girls this year and she has handed out forms for the coming District's meeting to choose new girls who are interested in running.

Mary Mackin Scholarship: Eula Bush would take any donations that are given to the committee and Barb Kerney asked if we could bring a good condition handbag to the November meeting to be auctioned off to help the scholarship fund. Bring money and handbags, ladies.

V.P. Project: Joann Hays is all smiles about the projects this year and she has turned in over \$5,995.00. We did good, ladies. Start saving that money for next year to spend at convention. We had good items for the Chinese auction also.  
Jewelry: E. J. Smith gave her up-

date and she still has jewelry.  
President's Advisory: Lou again says just fine.

Lois Boaz: E. J. Smith says get those letters in soon so that they can choose a winner.

Old Business: None at this time.  
New Business: Barbara Ketchum asked if we could get together outside of the Sunday meeting maybe while the men are still in their Saturday afternoon meeting. It will be discussed later.

Barb Parker wants to have everyone get their room reservations in as early as possible and registrations in also.

Get Well wishes go out to Calvin Schaeckel, Carol Koehler, John (Maxine) Davies, Jack Cox, Chuck Bristol, District 10 and all who we do not know of.  
Our next meeting is November 6th and 7th, so get your room reservations in as soon as possible as they fill up early. Keep safe and everyone around you also. We missed those who were unable to attend this meeting and hope to see in November.

Submitted by,

*Martha Thomas*

Martha Thomas  
Corresponding Sec.  
IVFAA

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Ann Moss  
District 1 & 2  
Chairwoman



Minutes of the September 2, 2004 District 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, chairman of I.V.F.A.A. District 1 & 2 at 7:15 p.m.

Followed by pledge & prayer.  
Ann introduced the guests in attendance, which were Paul Watland, I.V.F.A. District #2 chairman, Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, and Tom Orrell, I.V.F.A. District #1 chairman, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary for the I.V.F.A.A., Clarence Moss Treasurer of Dist. 1 & 2 I.V.F.A.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 14 members in attendance six departments.

Marge Baumgardner read minutes of the May 6th, 2004 meeting. Passed as read.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**  
Ann talked about bringing food back to the district meeting. Motion by Dee Kennedy, 2nd by Katie DeBolt for the

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## COMMITTEES FOR 2004 - 2005

### AUDITING

Faye Sallee - Chm.  
Phyllis Vargo  
Jane Ferro  
Lou Bartlow

### BUDGET & FINANCE

Lou Bartlow - Chm.  
Dorothy Reiter  
June Cahill  
Barbara Parker  
Barbara Ketchem

### GAMES

Marilyn Dever - Chm.  
Susie Stout  
E.J. Smith

### CHINESE AUCTION

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Martha Thomas  
Karen Merkel  
Jane Ferro

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Toni Sorg

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Toni Sorg

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June Cahill

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Ann Moss

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Barbara Parker  
Faye Sallee

### MEMBERSHIP

Phyllis Vargo - Chm.  
Diana Gray  
Lee Cohen  
Tammy Hungate  
Pat Fultz

### BY-LAWS

Toni Sorg - Chm.  
Barbara Ketchem  
Lee Cohen

### MISS FLAME

Patty Miller - Chm.  
Miriam Schaeckel  
E.J. Smith  
Brandy Miller  
Jean Randle

### JEWELRY

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Marilyn Dever  
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# IVFAA Vice President



Joann Hays

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2

host department to serve a light meal, (example - finger sandwiches, pasta, or pizza). Motion passed, and it takes effect at the November meeting.

Next district meeting will be November 4<sup>th</sup> at Crown Point

### NEW BUSINESS

Marge Baumgardner brought up the issue of a fundraiser for the district. Marge stated that she had some information regarding Butter Braid fundraiser. We would make approximately \$3.00 a package, if we sold 100 packages for the district, we could easily make \$300 for the district. Marge was willing to chair this fundraiser. The district would not be out any money, because the Butter Braids would have to be paid for prior to ordering them. Motion by Erma Kankowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dee Kennedy to do the Butter Braid for a fundraiser. We will set up delivery for early December, just in time for Christmas. Marge will send out the order forms as soon as she receives them.

Ann spoke regarding how Phyllis Vargo was filling in the rest of last fiscal year for the State as Chaplain. Since the convention Phyllis has fulfilled her obligation, and Ann would like to see Phyllis back as District 1 chairman.

Miss Flame applications are due to district chairman by October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need application, please see Ann or Phyllis.

Silent Auction - each department to bring three items. Motion by Martha Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alisa Lopez to hold a Silent auction at the November district meeting. Motion passed.

### Department Announcements

Attendance trophies: Merrillville District #1, Lake Dale - District #2. Motion was made by Dee Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alisa Lopez to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marge Baumgardner,  
Sec. Dist. 1 & 2

## DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller

District 11B  
Chairwoman  
IVFAA

Hi, everyone! My, this summer went too fast! I hope this finds every one in good health. As far as I know everyone here is good.

Our district had its annual picnic with 11A September 19. We had a great time. It was hosted by 11A at Forest Park. There were lots of great friends and family and of course lots of great cooks. Mark your calendar now for next year. It will be at Forest Park in Brazil again and will be held on September 18, 2005. District 11B will be the host. Our next meeting will be held at Reelsville, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. with lunch to be served. They are great cooks and they serve a good Thanksgiving meal. Come and join us!

Be thinking of a Miss Flame candidate from your department. I will have letters out soon. Our dance will be held on February 12, 2005. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

It's not too soon to start thinking about the 2005 Convention to be held in Columbus, June 15-18, 2005. We always have a great time. So mark your calendars and get your registration and reservations made!

If you haven't started your Christmas shopping, you'd better get started! Try to remember the shut-ins and elderly at the holidays. And don't

forget to pray for our troops for their safe return to their friends and family. Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday.

Patty Miller

Merry  
Christmas!

# Kylie Corwin named Miss Congeniality 2004



## CORRECTION

In the August paper that was published, I made a mistake on the Miss Congeniality Award given at the 2004 Convention.

The young lady that received this honor was Kylie Corwin from District 8B.

Her parents are John and Kathy Corwin of Pennville, IN.

My apologies go out to Kylie and her parents for my mistake and I hope everyone will congratulate her being chosen for this award.

Patty Miller

# Time to start thinking about Miss Flame 2005

It's not too early to start thinking about running for Miss Flame 2005. Now is the time to contact your district chairman to let him/her know you are interested. Some districts are holding their contests at this time of year. **DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!**

Check the qualifications and rules to see if you or your daughter qualifies and make the call today. You must go through your district chairman. If you don't know who he/she is, call the state office to get that information.

### IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER

1. Father, brother, mother, sister,

step-brother or self must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or I.V.F.A.A. and an active member of a fire department or auxiliary.

2. Entrant must be single and a non parent.

3. Entrant must be 15 years old not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention. She must be a resident of the state of Indiana.

4. There may be only one entry from each department in the district contest.

5. The department winner will be decided at the discretion of the department.

6. Winner of a department will be entered in the district contest.

7. District winner will be decided by a run-off - if there is more than one

entrant in that district.

8. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame contest.

9. District winner must have transportation to the state convention and have a chaperone. If the chaperone is not a parent, he/she must be 21 years of age and be responsible for the actions of the contestant.

10. The department and district may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.

11. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at the state convention.

12. The contestant will be responsible for all expenses at the convention, i.e., rooms, meals and transportation.

13. The dress for judging and activities will be announced by the Miss Flame committee.

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

### Advantages of being a Miss Flame:

1. Helps prepare you for interviews for jobs and school.

2. Helps give a young lady confidence.

3. Meet a lot of people. (You never know when someone you meet might be able to help get that job you wanted.)

4. Gives you the opportunity to help the community by volunteering. (There are scholarships available for youth who do volunteer work).

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2. Know something about current events.

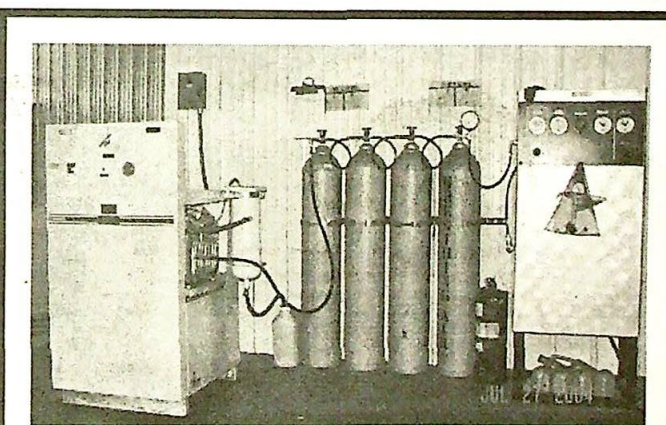
3. Be able to tell people about yourself -- be able to sell yourself as if you were applying for a job.

4. Be able to tell people about your involvement in your school and community.

5. Smile and who your personality.

6. Have the gift of gab!

7. Be able to make friends and have fun!!!



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Use as many additional sheets as necessary but be certain to provide a response to each request.

1. Provide examples of how the candidate demonstrates knowledge and skills relating to the delivery of emergency medical care.

2. Describe activities by the candi-

date, within the Provider organization, which demonstrates a degree of professionalism, eagerness to serve and a quality of leadership, which go beyond the expected norms.

3. List any other voluntary, community service activities of the candidate including those not related to EMS.

4. Explain in your own words why you think the candidate should receive this award.

## DISTRICT 5



**Don Kissinger**  
 District 5  
 Chairman

July 8, 2004  
 Bourbon Fire Department  
 Bourbon, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1932 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 12 members representing five departments.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district chairman Kissinger and approved as read.

Chairman Kissinger re-emphasized to all departments to have their dues paid or postmarked by July 31st and make sure all information is correct.

Effective 1/01/04, Jack Kerney will be the IVFA president and Larry Ketchem will be the vice-president, and Jerry Cohen is the new chaplain effective immediately.

Tracy Boatwright retired effective 06/30/04, and Ivan Nevil is the new state fire marshal.

There were three Bridgeport Scholarships awarded at this year's convention.

Chairman Kissinger re-emphasized that if any member would like to see a new bill in the legislative session to

contact the IVFA office.

Congratulations to District 5 Miss Flame candidate, Holley Farrer, for 1st runner-up at this year's convention.

The election of officers was held and Don Kissinger and Cam Kissinger each held their respective positions. Chairman Kissinger and secretary-treasurer Kissinger each proclaimed that this would be their last year as officers.

Good of the order:

Bourbon will be hosting a waterball contest on 08/14/04.

Bremen thanked all departments that sent trucks to their Fireman's Festival.

Bremen will also be hosting a fall stag. More information will come.

The next meeting will be held September 9, 2004 at Macy Fire Department, Macy, IN.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Don Kissinger of North Manchester Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2012 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

September 9, 2004

Macy/Allen Fire Department  
 Macy, IN

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

Roll call: nine members representing five departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, PRNE and Holly Farrer, 2004 District 5 Miss Flame candidate.

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

Chairman Kissinger discussed HB 1347 and advised that the IVFA is trying to get it repealed.

Chairman Kissinger advised that bunker gear is not covered under the IVFA's clothing allowance.

Discussed the fire code concerning tents, canopies, or membrane structures. The fire code does not exempt them from requirements of flame retardant treatment.

The Bremen Chamber of Commerce is honoring 2004 Miss Flame 1st run-

ner-up Holley Farrer with a Youth Service Award.

PRNE Mike Mackin advised that IVFA Sergeant at Arms, Bill Bush, recently had gall bladder surgery.

Mike also advised that if you see a bill that you do or do not want to see pass the legislature to call your local representative.

If any firefighters' daughters (between ages 15-18) are interested in becoming a Ms. Flame candidate, please contact chairman Kissinger before the November meeting's date. Also, candidates should wear business attire for the judging.

Good of the order:

Bourbon will be having a fund-raiser on 10/16/04 starting at 6:30 PM.

Bremen will also be hosting a fall stag on 10/7/04 at 6:30 PM. Contact the Bremen Fire Department for tickets.

Denver will be having their 2nd annual beef roast on 10/2/04 from 4:30-7:30 PM.

The next meeting will be November 11, 2004 at Lagro Fire Department, Lagro, IN.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Craig Southern of North Manchester Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

## DISTRICT 7

**Maurice Sorg**  
 District 7  
 Chairman



CHESTER TOWNSHIP  
 JULY 19, 2004

Guests: Ivan Nevil, Indiana State Fire Marshal, Gary Robison, SFMO, Mike Mackin, IVFA Public Relations (Northeast).

The meeting was called to order by chairman Sorg at 8:09 p.m. and he led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 22 members from 10 departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg advised the body of current events in the fire service and the IVFA.

Indiana State Fire Marshal Ivan Nevil thanked District # 7 for all their past support as he got his start as district chairman in 1968. He also mentioned things to come such as Basic Mandatory Training will cease to be called the 24 hour training program because of additional material to be taught. Ivan announced the State Fire Marshal's Office will be making a new video dealing with risk management and liability while driving your personally owned vehicle while responding to emergencies. All firefighters must view this tape and sign off on this. Fire Chiefs will be held responsible if this is not done. The tapes must be kept at the fire station.

Gary Robison spoke on the Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy at Emmittsburg, Maryland and offered assistance with the website and software.

Mike Mackin asked for ideas for better legislation for the fire service.

Chairman Sorg read a letter of appreciation from the Executive Director of the Hoosier Burn Camp thanking District # 7 for their \$120.00 donation.

Elections were held for officers of the upcoming year with the following results:

District Chairman - Maurice "Mort" Sorg, District Secretary - Gary Markley.

Chairman Sorg announced the next meeting will be September 20, 2004 at Decatur.

The second roll call was answered by 21 members from nine departments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Gary L. Markley, Secretary

DECATUR  
 SEPTEMBER 20, 2004  
 Guests were: Ivan Nevil, Indiana State Fire Marshal, Mike Mackin, Public Relations Northeast, Gary Teeple, retired from Decatur Fire Department, and Army Velasco, retired from Berne Fire Department.

A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all which was prepared by Tony Stimson, EMT.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Sorg at 8:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited by the body.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg brought us up to date on IVFA happenings and events and news from around the state.

Mike Mackin, Public Relations Northeast, reported he had attended meetings of Districts 5 & 6.

Chairman Sorg announced Fire Prevention Week will be the first full week in October.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2004 at Geneva. This will be "Miss Flame" judging.

The second roll call was answered by 29 members from 12 departments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Following the meeting Decatur Fire Chief Jan Smith introduced Indiana State Fire Marshal Ivan Nevil. Marshal Nevil presented a brief talk on future plans and events concerning firefighting in the state and nation. After the talk Chief Smith presented Marshal Nevil with a plaque of appreciation from Adams County firefighters and citizens.

Gary L. Markley,  
 Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A

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



Well, firefighters, the summer is over with, fall is now here. I wish to thank the departments in my district for the support you have given to me as chairman.

I would ask the departments to please extend to me a little support in the upcoming convention of 2006 in Kokomo.

I would like for this to be the best the states ever seen.

I wish to thank Amboy for inviting myself and wife to their new station. It is really nice. I would also like to thank Madison Twp. for inviting myself and wife to their pork dinner.

Well, firefighters, attend your district meetings and keep up the good work.

Bill Pape

## DISTRICT 9A

**Jonathon Randle**  
 District 9A  
 Chairman




The meeting was called to order on July 22, 2004, by chairman Jon Randle at Harrison Twp. Lucerne. The pledge was given and Chaplain Jerry Cohen said a prayer.

Roll call: 12 members, 74 fire runs and 72 EMS.

Guests: Buz Koehler, Bruce Yonker, Jim Bradford, Mitch Parish, Rev. Frank Kilcline and Jeanne Randle.

Bruce Yonker read a memorial poem and reminisced about Charlie Cline and Ike Hollingsworth, both late of Russiaville FD.

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# 2005 CONVENTION

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2. Return your **Individual Plate Requests** to the IVFA Office - P.O. Box 4797 - Evansville, IN 47724 no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the **number of plates you are requesting, and the year of the plate; along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.**

### Renewal Months By First Letter Of Your Last Name

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March 31 - D	July 31 - Mf-O	
April 15 - E-F	Aug. 15 - P-Q	
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.**
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
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7. See additional instructions for **BMV** procedures.

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1. Submit or mail one (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

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

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**DISTRICT 9A**

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New business: Chairman Randle announced that the 2006 convention will be in Kokomo hosted by 8A, assisted by 9A. We donated a quilt for the Chinese Auction at the convention last month. Jeanne Randle explained how that is run. They also had Scott air bottles made into lamps. Buz Koehler has fire gear and equipment if anyone is in need.

Harrison Twp.-Alto will have a car show on September 11th. They will sponsor the State Certified Safety Officer course on August 28th and 29th. Call 765-453-3755 for more info. Young America will have auto extrication this Saturday.

Jim Bradford reported that Ivan Nevil is the State Fire Marshal until January. The video on driver training is not out yet. Your insurance company may come out and test those people driving your apparatus. The 2004 ERG hazmat book should be out in August. The IVFA has a lawyer available for members to handle civil matters, not divorce, for 15% off. There is no money at this time to put in a training center at Grissom. 74% of firefighters in the U.S. are volunteers. See the history page on the IVFA website. The memorial page will be on it soon. Jim attended the Fallen Firefighter ceremony in Indianapolis, July 28th. Three volunteers' names were added to the plaque.

Buz Koehler said that Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy was great. He explained what the \$20.00 Associate dues are. This is for fire equipment companies and vendors who want to belong. All fire department members pay \$13.50 per year. Retired or inactive members can keep membership for \$7.50. The IVFA has agreed to resist any attempts to remove the trustee system from the state. At the August state officers' meeting, new legislation topics will be worked on.

Chaplain Cohen and Mitch Parish directed the memorial ceremony in Indianapolis. The various families available to IVFA Randle talked about

**State Fire Marshal****Ivan Nevil**

Roll call was taken with five departments and 12 members responding to the call. Chairman Ketchem announced the floor was open for nominations for the 2005 officers.

The following were nominated and elected: chairman Brent Bush, secretary-treasurer John Davies and chaplain Con Mankin.

The office of vice chairman and Sgt-at-Arms will be nominated and an election held at the November meeting. The current chairman challenged those present to give the officers of this district what you want the district to do for you.

Auxiliary chairperson Patty Miller announced the auxiliary recipe books were on sale for \$10.00 each.

Chairman Ketchem presented Chief Rick Talbert of the Covington Fire Department with the 2004 Midwest Award and Host Certificate. He then read the history of the Maltese Cross.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies, secretary

**DISTRICT 12**

of service at Paragon VFD, Gary Drake with 28 years of service at Paragon VFD, and Jack Heylmann with 38 years of service at Amo VFD. The Midwest Award for District 12 2003 was presented to James R. Bruner of Mooresville Fire Department. James started his service in firefighting at Hazelwood VFD in 1963. He became a volunteer at Mooresville Fire Department in 1976 and a year later in 1977 he became a full time career firefighter. During his career at Mooresville FD he has served in just about every position in the fire service profession to include over nine years as chief.

An update was given on the status of new equipment in the area. Amo-Mill Creek District 5 now has a 3,500 gallon tanker ready for operation.

District 12 next meeting will be held at Eel River Vol. Fire Dept. in North Salem September 27, 2004.

**DISTRICT 14****Al Williamson  
District 14  
Chairman**

September 23, 2004  
Greetings,

Fall has arrived and the weather is very beautiful here in southern Indiana but certainly not so for friends, family and other fellow citizens to our south and east and several other countries. Our prayers go out to them.

By now Roy Richardson should be in Hawaii trying to learn how to do a hula dance in a grass skirt. Imagine that picture! By the way, Roy just celebrated his 82nd birthday on September 22. Happy birthday, Roy!

Roy is retiring as an active officer of the IVFA at the end of the year and current District 14 vice chairman, Bob McKenzie, will be taking Roy's PRSE position. Congratulations to Roy and Bob. We will see how many things Roy gets me into now.

Congratulations to Greg Dietz on being promoted to Chief of the Sellersburg Fire Department. After a long time Chief Mark Ball retired in

presented, seconded by Tim Wargel. They will be filed for audit.

District waterball will be with watermelon festival at Owensville on August 7th. Parade will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by waterball at 2:00 p.m. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per team payable to District 15. Barb Kerney will get the trophies. August 6th there will be waterball tournament at Jasper.

Remember dues are due by July 31st to be on time.

Brief summary given on 2004 convention that was held in June at Clarksville by Harry Logan. 2005 will be held in Columbus and 2006 will be hosted by 8A and 8B.

Steve reported that Jack Kerney was elected state president, Larry Ketchem, vice president, Larry Bartlow, secretary, Jack Harker, treasurer, and Jim Abrams PRSW. Barb Kerney was elected to serve as president of the IVFAA.

Barb Kerney was presented with the Angel Award as the Women Firefighter of the year.

Jack Kerney reported that Ivan Nevil is the new state fire marshal.

There is a driver's training video coming out that will be 45 minutes long and each department will get a copy. It will be up to the chief to certify.

New business: Harry Logan brought for discussion whether District 15 wanted to host an upcoming convention. After discussion a motion was made by Tammy Hungate to host the convention in 2007. Motion was seconded by Greg Lueken. Motion carried. Harry has spoke with Executive Inn and asked about their being the host hotel. Greg Lueken will look into getting some ideas for programs and etc.

PRSW Jim Abrams conducted election of officers for the district. Officers for 2004-2005: Chairman: Steve Anderson, Vice Chairman: Mark Seib, Secretary: Barb Kerney, Treasurer: Barb Kerney, Chaplain: Andrea Seib, Sgt. at Arms: Harry Logan.

Department reports were given. Mark Seib will make the clock presentation to Smith Township at their new station on Saturday, July 24th.

Jack Kerney announced that WSR golf scramble will be held at Boonville Country Club on July 24th. Lunch will

**DISTRICT 17B****Tim Deckard****District 17B Chairman**

Greetings, IVFA members:

I would like to thank members in District 17B for electing me for their new chairman, many thanks to Jim Zeeks for his past years served as our district chairman. Thanks to Bean Blossom Fire Department for the invite to participate in judging of the waterball contest at the Gosport Lazy Days festival. Congratulations to Wayne Harrison Montgomery Fire Department for their first place in the contest.

A great time and good meal was spent at the Bean Blossom Stinesville Fire Department Hog Roast fundraiser event.

Our helmets go off to the members of the Oolitic Fire Department for their open house and dedication of their new fire station, great job to Chief Jason Lewis and his team for a great event. Congratulations to assistant chief Ted Maze for his 25 year membership in IVFA.

Many thanks go to the Brown County Firefighter's Association for the good meal at their recent meeting where we recognized Max Kritzer and Dallas Kelp both from the Brown County Volunteer Fire Department for their 50 year service to IVFA.

Congratulations to the members of the Fruitdale Fire Department of Brown County for their recent 50 year anniversary for continuous service to their community.

A round of applause goes to Steve Nolan, Fire Chief of Pleasant Run Fire Department for receiving the Midwest Award in our district.

The district applauds the following fire departments in our district for their recent awards from the FEMA Firefighters Assistant Grant process. All three departments awarded in Operations and Firefighter Safety. Benton Township Fire Department of Monroe County - \$126,132.00 and Huron Volunteer Fire Department of Lawrence County - \$44,460.00 and Van Buren Township Fire Department of Brown County - \$19,584.00.

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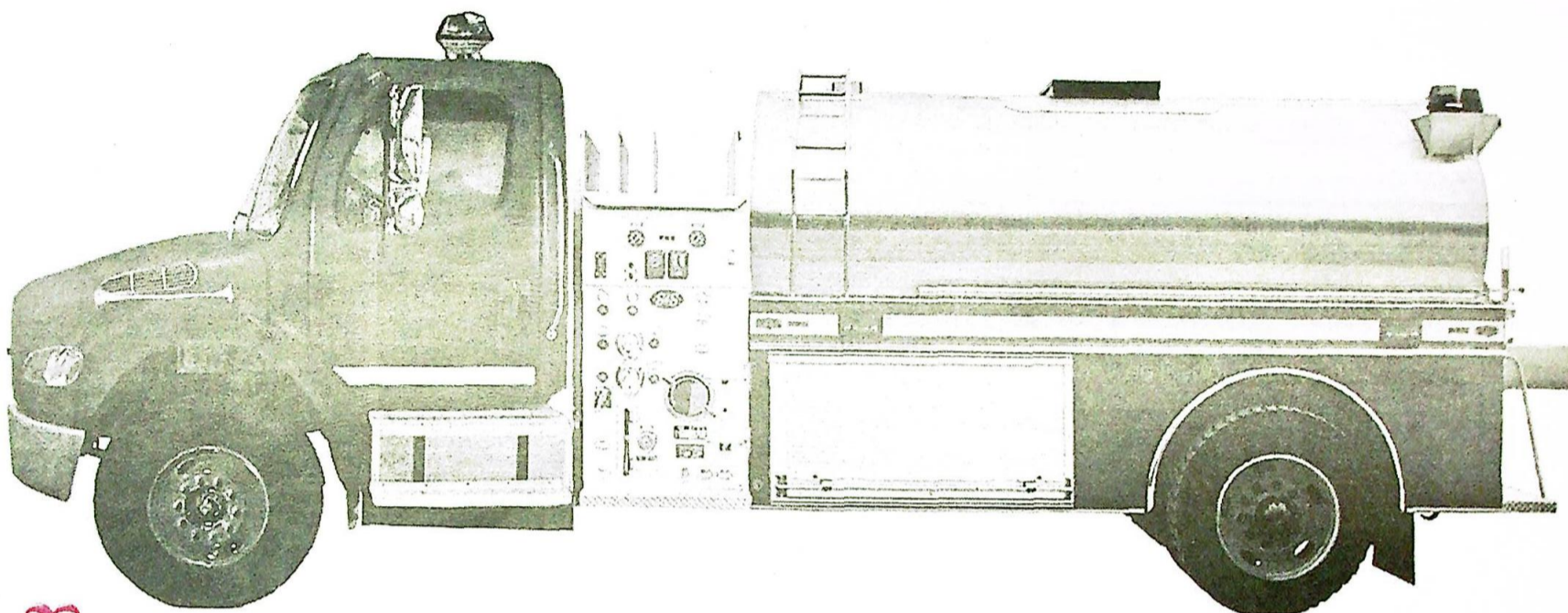
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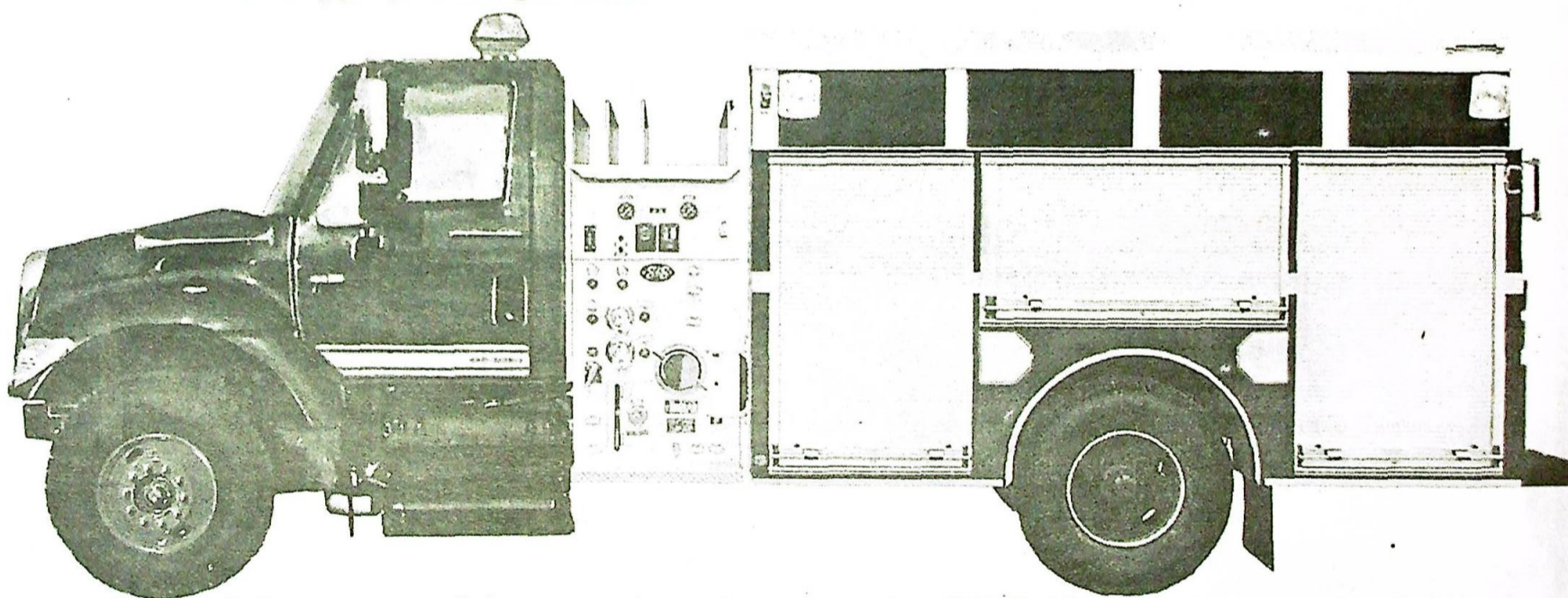
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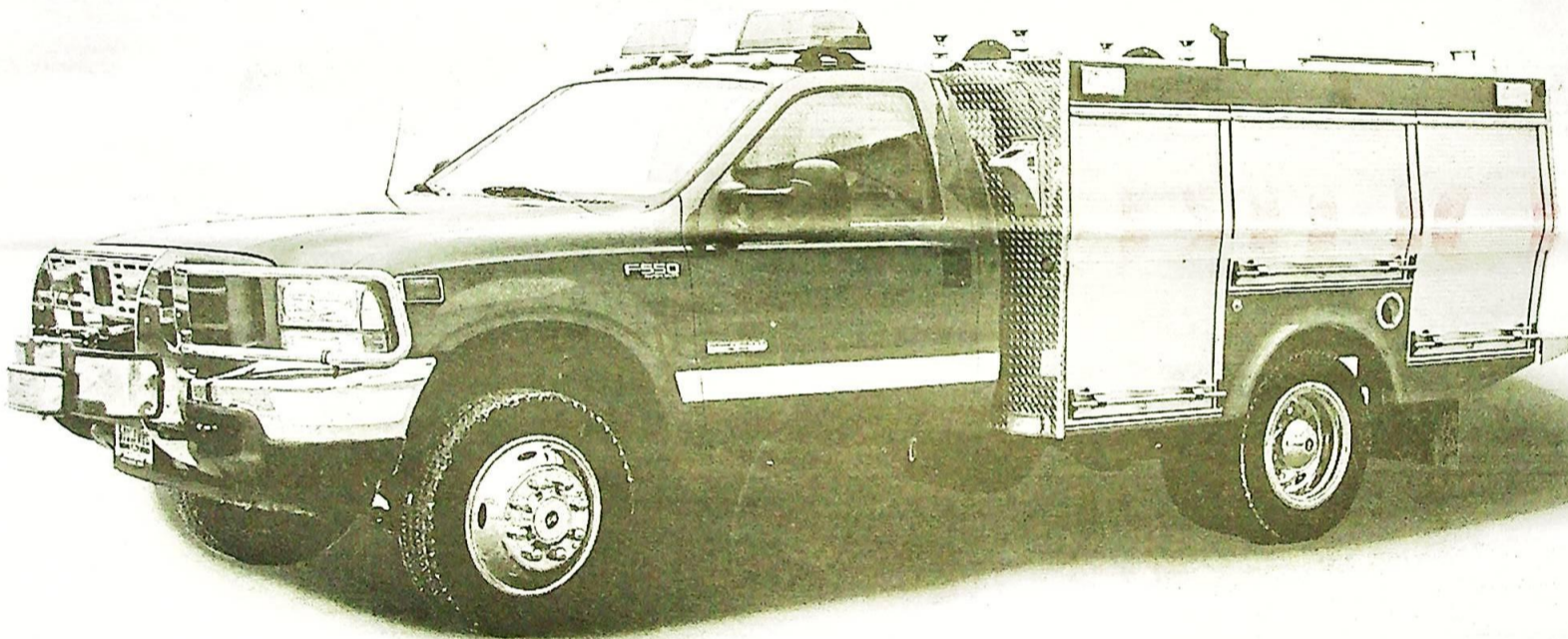
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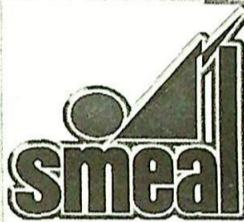
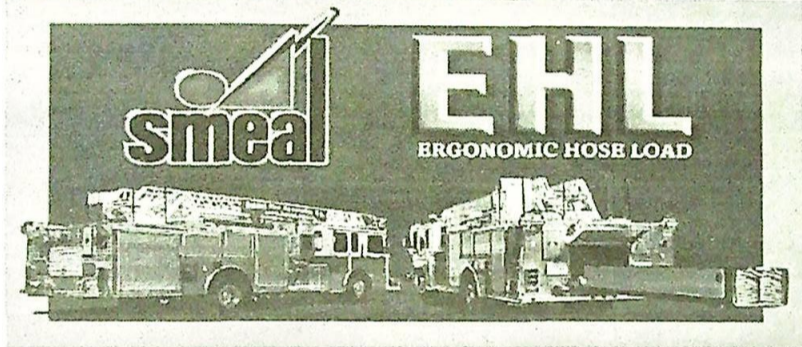
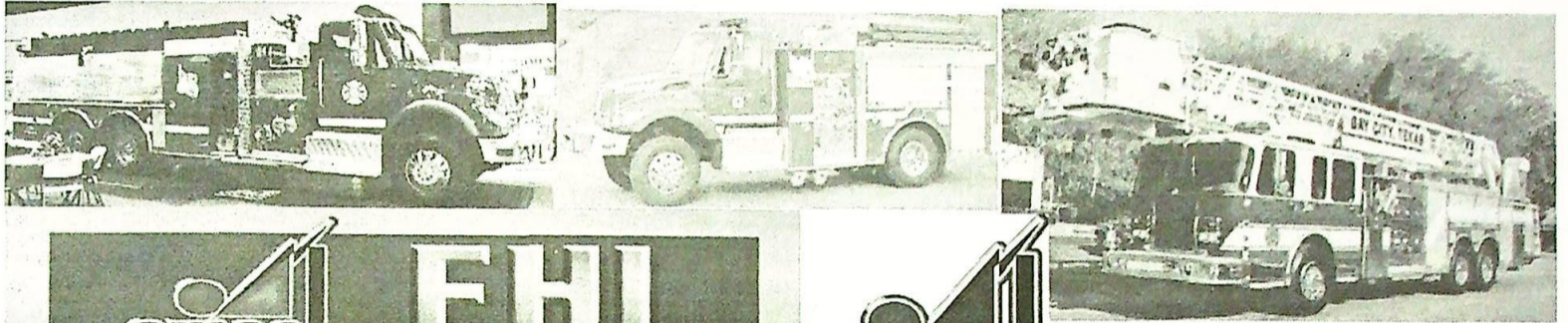
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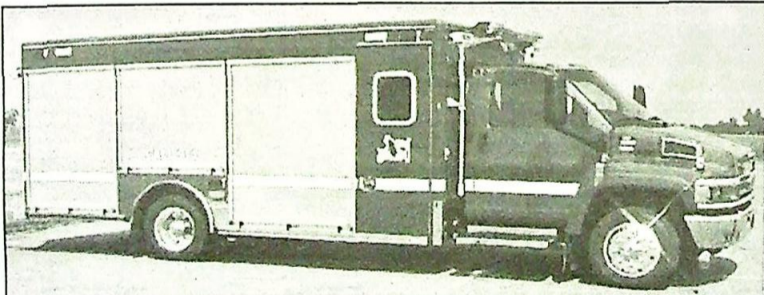
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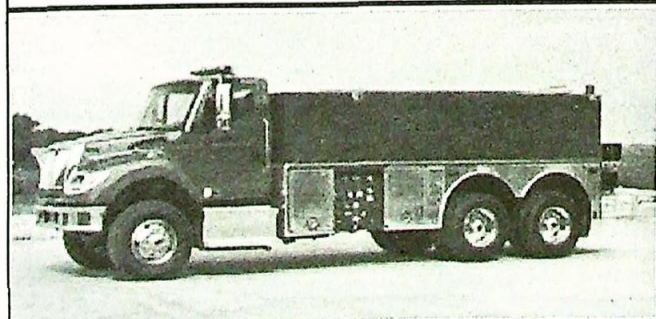


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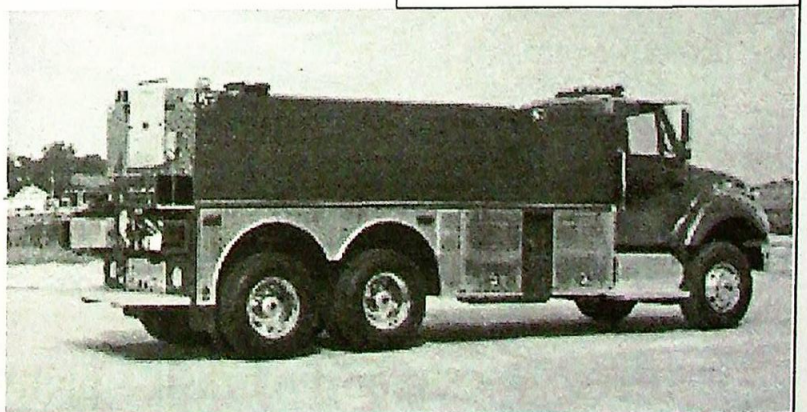
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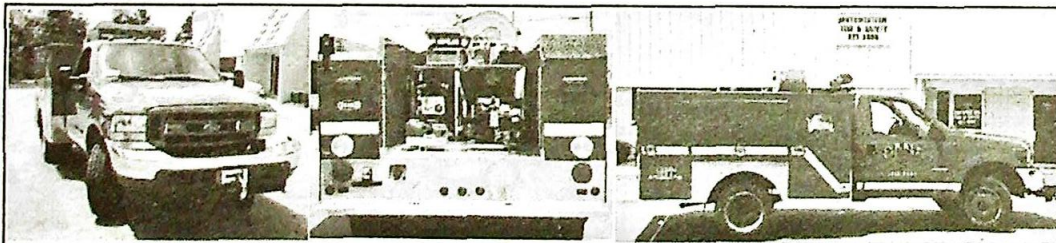


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## Public Relations Southwest



**Jim Abrams**

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays! I can't believe Thanksgiving and Christmas are almost here!

I attended District 17A Beverly Harker's meeting hosted by Owensburg Volunteer Fire Department on July 14th. Convention was discussed and award winners: Johnny Johnson - Ollie Sandburg winner, Debbie Ockerman - Midwest winner, Barb Kerney - Angel Award winner.

Elections were held. Officers are Beverly Harker, District 17-A chairwoman, Sam Emery, vice chairman and Debbie Ockerman, secretary-treasurer.

Elections were held for 17B District chairman and Tim Deckard was elected. He will nominate other officers in his district.

I attended District 18 Chuck Parker's meeting at Otwell Volunteer Fire Department on July 15th. After a great meal and business meeting, they had election of officers as follows: Chuck Parker - chairman, vice-chairman Dick Smith, secretary-treasurer

Kenny Lau, Sgt.-at-Arms Marty Holman, Midwest Award winners were Chuck and Gena Parker.

I attended District 15's Steve Anderson's meeting hosted by Skelton Volunteer Fire Department. After a meal and business meeting they held election of officers as follows: Steve Anderson - chairman, vice chairman Mark Seib, Barb Kerney - secretary-treasurer, Andrea Seib - chaplain, Harry Logan - Sgt.-of-Arms, Midwest Award winner was Susan Wargel.

I attended Greene County Firefighter's Association picnic and waterball games on August 29th.

I attended Bloomfield pork chop dinner fundraiser for Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended Oolitic Volunteer Fire Department new station dedication. Chief Jason Lewis had speakers - Jerry Denbo, IVFA District 17 chairman Tim Deckard, IVFA vice president Jack Kerney, IVFA Jack Zeeks. Also attending were IVFAA treasurer Jack Harker, IVFA District 17A chairman Beverly Harker, Barb Kerney, IVFA auxiliary president and Carolyn Zeeks. They have a wonderful new station.

I attended District 18 Chuck Parker's meeting at Santa Claus Volunteer Fire Department on September 16th. They had a great meal and business meeting.

I attended District 15 Steve Anderson's meeting hosted by Haubstadt Volunteer Fire Department on September 21st. Our thoughts and prayers go to Harry Logan and family who lost his mother and to Tim Wargel and family who lost his dad.

I attended District 17A's Beverly Harker's meeting hosted by Palmyra Volunteer Fire Department. Al Scarpelini was the speaker. After a wonderful meal, Al spoke on democracy.

I will attend District 17B's meeting chairman Tim Deckard is having in October.

Have a great holiday season!  
 PRSW  
 Jim Abrams

# Happy Thanksgiving!

## IVFA Legislative Session

2004/2005 Legislative Session

By Shokrina Radpour Beering, Esq., IVFA Lobbyist and Counsel

The upcoming legislative session is shaping up to be another unusual one. As I write this article, we are in the midst of a heated debate for the governor's race, the outcome of which will drive the upcoming session. The State Senate and House of Representatives will have some membership changes as well. One thing that isn't changing this session is the dire fiscal straits of the State. Once again, the State does not have adequate funds to enact new laws which would have a fiscal impact on the State's financial resources. The legislators are also still dealing with the issues of property taxes and the consolidation of or elimination of local units of government. The City of Indianapolis has already brought the issue before the legislature in a summer study committee. Mayor Bart Peterson's staff will draft its own legislation which will be put forth by a legislator from the Indianapolis area and I anticipate there will be some bills put forward by other legislators encompassing other areas of the State.

The Association's Legislative Committee met over the summer and has come up with five priorities for this legislative session:

1. The Association wishes to get a clarification of IC5-10-5.5 regarding public safety employees incurring a disability caused by hepatitis, meningitis or tuberculosis acquired while performing duties in the scope of his or her employment. This language was enacted as a means to enhance public safety employees' workers compen-

sation benefits. However, the way the statute currently reads, some volunteers have interpreted it to be detrimental to volunteers. The Association will strive to have the limitations in the statute changed so that merit firefighters and emergency service personnel who are also engaged in volunteer firefighting and medical rescue activities and who have been exposed to one of these three diseases will be eligible for benefits.

2. The Association would like to expand the legislation it successfully introduced and had passed last session regarding employee reprimands. HB1257 was signed into law and went into effect on July 1, 2004. It can be found in IC36-8-12-10.5. This legislation allows employees of political subdivisions (local government entities including school systems) to be late for work and not reprimanded due to volunteer firefighting activities as long as the requirements set forth in the statute have been met. The Association wishes to expand this law to apply to all employees, not just those of political subdivisions. I anticipate there to be a lot of opposition from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Indiana Manufacturer's Association regarding this proposal.

3. The Association would like to initiate legislation regarding a length of service award program for volunteers.

4. The Association would like to reintroduce the loan to grant legislation initiated by Senator Craycraft last year, and previously by other legislators.

5. The Association would like to reintroduce the income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters which was also introduced by Senator Craycraft last year, and

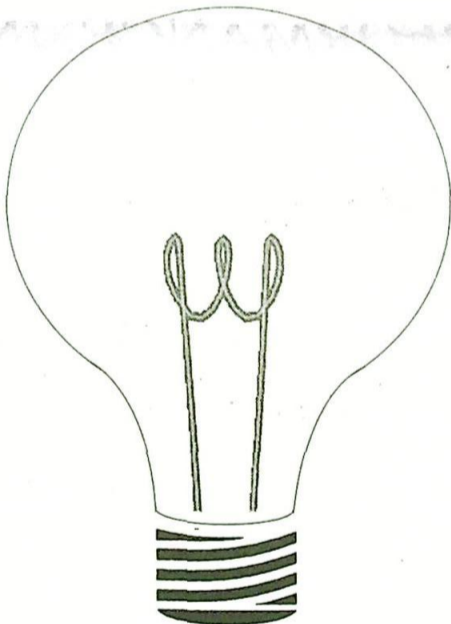
previously by other legislators.

As you can tell, this is a pretty big agenda. It will take a lot of work on behalf of not only myself and your Association leadership but also by each member. The calls you make and letters you write or e-mail to your State Senator and Representative are very effective. You can access each legislator's e-mail address and phone number through the General Assembly's website. The address is [www.in.gov/legislative](http://www.in.gov/legislative).

In addition to the legislation the Association is successful in having initiated, there are always several pieces of legislation filed regarding which we will need to take a position, either for or against. Those will be introduced in early January, at which time the legislative committee will determine the level of priority of each bill it wishes to monitor on behalf of the Association. I will distribute a weekly Bill Status Report to the members of the committee, as well as to the Central Office. If you wish to receive a report, please contact the Central Office and they can forward one to you. Additionally, if you have any questions regarding any legislation, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at (317) 636-2495, Ext. 218 or via e-mail at [sbeering@cohenandmalad.com](mailto:sbeering@cohenandmalad.com). As IVFA initiated legislation is filed and is set for testimony in various committees, you may be asked to call, write, or e-mail your State Senator or State Representative, and the members of the committee where the testimony will be heard. Your call or e-mail does not need to be lengthy; often times a "vote yes" or "vote no" is sufficient for a legislator. Legislators would much rather hear from you than they would from me, so please unite with your fellow Association members to make the Association's positions known. I look forward to continuing to represent you in 2005.

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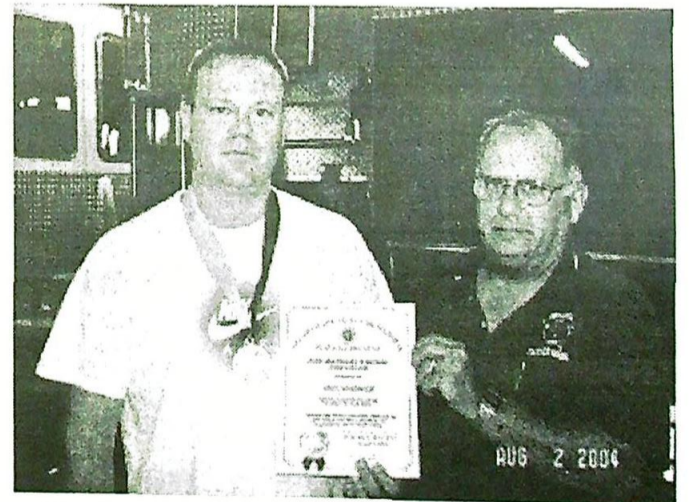
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## Joel Wagner receives Governor's and Fire Marshal's Award of Valor



JOEL WAGNER received the Governor's and Fire Marshal's Award of Valor on 8-2-04 for his act of heroism on 5-5-03 when he attempted to save the life of an unconscious male found inside a burning apartment building in the area of downtown Delphi.

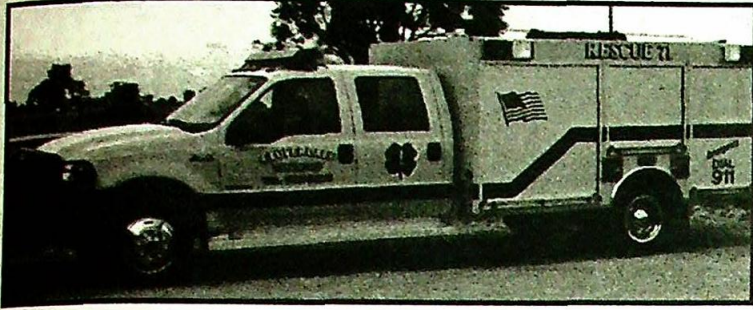
The award was presented by Deputy State Fire Marshal Gary Robinson at the regular monthly meeting of the Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Department.

Not pictured, Jon Randle, District 9-A IVFA representative and a member of the Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Department was instrumental in the initiating the nomination for this award.

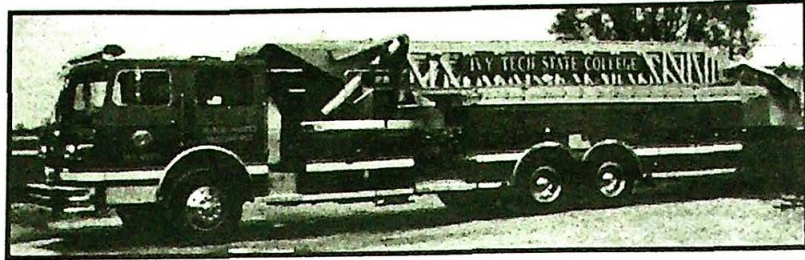
Many paid and volunteer firefighters do every day what it requires to qualify for this award but few are nominated.

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(submitted by Jon Randle, District 9-A IVFA, Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Dept.)



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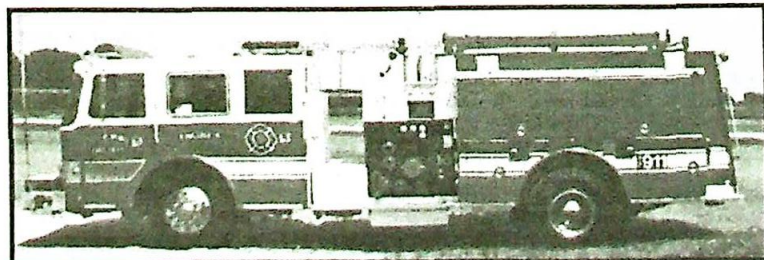
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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

QUARTERLY MEETING  
JULY 31, 2004  
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Vice President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. in the absence of president Buz Koehler who had to leave.

Vice-president Kerney called on chaplain Jerry Cohen for the Invocation. Vice-president elect Larry Ketchum led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guests included John Davies, District 11-B secretary-treasurer, Mark Seib, District 15 vice chairman, Tim Deckard, new District 17-A chairman, Brent Bush, new District 11-B chairman, and Jean Smith.

Vice-president called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the secretary. A motion by Don Cushman, PR East Central, to accept the minutes as printed and mailed. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. The motion passed.

Past-president Richard Glant made a motion to return to the 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. meeting time instead of the meeting from 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Dave Elick, District 6 made the second. Motion passed by show of hands.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** Lemoyne "Buz" Koehler - No report.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jack Kerney - Attended National Volunteer Firefighters Council meeting in Washington D.C., two County meetings. Convention meeting in Columbus, five district meetings and two Board of Firefighters Standards and Education meetings.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Larry Bartlow - Asked that the District Chairmen and PR Directors continue to fill out the forms for each quarter. Also wanted to find out how many officers used our phone card or their own cell phone.

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:** Jerry Cohen - Did two memorial services since June and attended the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Indianapolis. He needs an accurate count of all Bibles that district chairmen and the other officers have. He has only 22 Catholic and 24 Protestant Bibles in his possession.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT:** Jack Zeeks - Congratulations to Al Williamson and his group for the 2004 Convention.

**SGT-AT-ARMS REPORT:** Bill

Bush - Check on all clocks that have been mailed to see if they were received. Also have some supplies with him if anyone needs some.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**PRNW:** Jim Bradford - Attended seven district meetings, one IVFAA district meeting, six memorial services, three fundraisers, one benefit dinner and two newspaper meetings. A total of 1978 miles drove this quarter.

**PRNE:** Mike Mackin - Attended all district meetings and one memorial service.

**PRWC:** Diane Harrison - Attended all district meetings and several fundraisers.

**PREC:** Don Cushman - Attended some meetings and a Convention 2006 meeting.

**PRSW:** Jim Abrams - Attended all meetings. Has a new chairman in District 17B, Tim Deckard.

**PRSE:** Roy Richardson - Attended several district meetings and one memorial service.

### DISTRICT REPORTS

**DISTRICT 1:** Tom Orrell - Held last meeting July 21, 2004 at South Haven Fire Department. District 1 had 40 members present representing 10 departments and District 2 had 10 members from six departments. The program was presented by Lieut. Chris Curdes and Lieut. Evelyn Cramsie of the Civil Air Patrol. All District Officers were re-elected by unanimous vote. There were two deaths in the district this quarter. The next meeting will be August 18, 2004 at Boone Grove Fire Department (Porter County).

**DISTRICT 2:** Paul Watland - Held meeting May 19, 2004 at Lake of Four Seasons with 29 members representing nine departments from District 2 and 15 members representing eight departments from District 1. The program was presented by Kankakee Valley REMC about High Voltage.

**DISTRICT 3:** Tim Sandy - Absent

**DISTRICT 4:** John Ferro - Absent

**DISTRICT 5:** Don Kissinger - Re-elected chairman. Passed several 25-year pins. The next meeting will be at Macy Fire Department (Miami County) on September 9, 2004.

**DISTRICT 6:** Dave Elick - Held last meeting at Kendallville Fire Department. He presented the Midwest Award for the district. Had three deaths in the district. The next meeting will be at Helmer Fire Dept. on September 28, 2004.

**DISTRICT 7:** Mort Sorg - Absent.

**DISTRICT 8A:** Bill Pape - Last meeting was held at Amboy Fire Department with 22 members representing 12 departments present. Presented the Midwest Award. Held election of officers for the district. Also talked about Convention 2006. The next meeting is September 8, 2004 at Lincolnville Volunteer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 8B:** Larry Petro - Absent.

**DISTRICT 9A:** Jon Randle - Held meeting July 22, 2004 at Harrison Twp. Fire Department with 21 members representing seven departments present. They had one death in the district. The next meeting will be September 23, 2004 at Howard County EMA.

**DISTRICT 9B:** Randy Denton - Held meeting July 8, 2004 at Ambia Fire Department with 35 members representing six departments. They had the election of District Officers. The next meeting will be September 9, 2004 at Wolcott Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 10:** David Israel - Held meeting May 19, 2004 East Columbus Fire Department with 31 members representing 15 Departments. Voted on by-law changes, discussed 2004 and 2005 Convention. The next meeting will be August 18, 2004 at Waldron Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 11A:** Jack McFarland - Held meeting July 18, 2004 at Poland Fire Department with 23 members representing nine departments. They had two deaths in the district. The next meeting will be September 19, 2004 at Forrest Park in Brazil.

**DISTRICT 11B:** Brent Bush - Held last meeting at Covington Fire Department with 12 members representing six departments present. They had two deaths in the district. The next meeting will be September 19, 2004 at Forrest Park in Brazil.

**DISTRICT 12:** Larry Bruner - Held two district meetings since last quarterly meeting. Next meeting to be announced.

**DISTRICT 13A:** Tim Martin - Absent.

**DISTRICT 13B:** Dennis Spears - Held last meeting May 27, 2004 at Everton Vol. Fire Department with 12 members representing five departments present. The next meeting will be August 31, 2004 at Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 14:** Al Williamson - Held meeting July 14, 2004 at Hanover Fire Department with 27 members representing seven departments present. They had two deaths in the district. The next meeting will be October 27, 2004 at Austin Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 15:** Mark Seib, vice chairman - they held the last meeting July 20, 2004 at Skelton Twp. Fire Department with 17 members representing eight departments present. They held elections for the district officers and all were re-elected. The next meeting will be September 21, 2004 at Haubstadt Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 16:** Ron Melton - Absent.

**DISTRICT 17A:** Bev Harker - Held meeting May 19, 2004 at Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept. with 30 members representing nine departments present. Drew Dailey from DNR put on a presentation. Presented Bill Thomas of Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept. a 50-year card and Gary Robinson with the Fire Marshal's office presented Bill with the Governor's Award. Held meeting July 14, 2004 at Owensburg/Jackson Twp. Fire Dept. along with District 17B. There were 21 members representing 11 departments present. Elections were held for each district. District 17A officers stayed the same. District 17B elected Tim Deckard from Van Buren Twp. Fire Dept. as district chairman. The next meeting has not been set at this time.

**DISTRICT 17B:** Tim Deckard - Getting started in district - making con-

tact with the district.

**DISTRICT 18:** Charles Parker - Held meeting July 15, 2004 at Otwell-Jefferson Twp. Fire Dept. with 57 members representing 12 departments. Had election of officers for the district. Presented 25-year pins and a Gold Card. The next meeting will be September 16, 2004 at Santa Claus Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 19:** Ed Scheele - Held meeting July 22, 2004 at Brookville Vol. Fire Dept. with 35 members representing 10 departments. The program was on Fire Scene Investigation. The next meeting will be September 23, 2004 at Moorefield Vol. Fire Dept. Presented information about Tent Fire Code that is being enforced.

**DISTRICT 21:** Don Fultz - Held meeting at Colfax on May 24, 2004 with 19 members representing seven Departments. The next meeting will be August 30, 2004 at Sheridan Fire Department.

### PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

**RICHARD GLANT:** District 14 put on a good convention. Thanks for the good time.

**MITCH PARISH - Pass.**

**CARL BRUNS - Pass.**

**JIM P ARKER - Pass.**

**JACK ZEEKS - Pass.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jack Harker - Explained the Profit and Loss sheet and the Balance sheet for all expenses through July 26, 2004 including all convention expenses. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Mackin, PRNE. Jon Randle, District 9A made the second. The motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CONVENTION 2004:** Al Williamson - They have just started to compile the Income/Expense report for the 2004 Convention.

**CONVENTION 2005:** David Israel - They have registration forms with them today for anyone that needs them. They will have a Golf Scramble in 2005, also have seminars lined up. The contract with the hotel for the convention has been signed.

**EXECUTIVE:** No meeting.

**INSURANCE:** No meeting.

**BUDGET:** No meeting.

**BRIDGEPORT:** Carl Bruns - Awarded three scholarships this year and will attempt to do three again next year. Advise everyone to please follow the rules printed with the application.

**EDITORS' ASSISTANT:** Jim Bradford - Mailed 17,595 newspapers this quarter. Deadline for the next issue is October 10, 2004. Pictures sent to the newspaper must be of good quality or they cannot be reproduced in the newspaper.

**AD TAKER:** Mitch Parish - We have outstanding accounts from the May newspaper. Everything else is doing well.

**CLOTHING CLAIMS:** Jim Bradford - Had two claims this quarter. We need a change in the SOG's on what is not allowed for clothing claim.

**AWARDS:** Jack Kerney - It is time to start getting letter for next year's awards.

**FIRE SCHOOLS:** Jack Kerney -

All Fire Schools are complete.

**ANNUAL MEETING DIGEST:** Larry Bartlow - Just received the transcript of the minutes and will set up a date for the committee to review them.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Jim Parker - We have five items on our agenda for the upcoming Legislative session. They are: (1) Exclude Volunteer Firefighters from the three diseases listed in HB 1347 that would deprive them of PERF Benefits; (2) Exempt Volunteer Firefighter from reprimand from employer for missing work do to emergency run; (3) Establish a Length of Service Award program for Volunteer Firefighters; (4) Change the Loan program from the Fire Marshal's Office to a Grant program; (5) Property Tax exemption for Volunteer Firefighters.

**MR. IVFA:** Mitch Parish - they have received no letters at this time.

**BY-LAWS AND SOG:** Jim Parker - The following change to SOG XII items first paragraph. At the end of the paragraph, add the following: Emergency response gear such as helmets, coats, gloves, boots, bunker pants, etc. are not covered by this damaged clothing article even though they may be the personal property of the individual.

**PRNW** Jin Bradford made the motion to accept this change. Paul Watland, District 2 made the second. Motion passed.

Also took vote on the By-Law amendments read at the May meeting. They are:

**Article 6 Section 2:** Co-ordination of proposal from floor of future annual meeting sites for presentation to delegates districts voting: Yes - 5, 6, 8A, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 13B, 14, 15, 17A, & 17B. PASSING - 1, 2, 18 & 21. ABSENT 3, 4, 7, 8B, 12, 13A, 16 & 19. TOTALS: 13 YES, 4 PASS, 8 ABSENT.

**Article 7 Section 1:** Add Chairman of the Board to the Executive Committee.

Districts voting: Yes - 5, 6, 8A, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 11A, 11B, 13B, 14, 15, 17A & 17B. PASSING - 1, 2, 18, & 21. ABSENT - 3, 4, 8B, 12, 13A, 16 & 19. TOTALS 13 YES, 4 PASS, 8 ABSENT.

**Article 7 Section 7:** Add Vice-President to the Insurance Committee. Add Chairman of the Board to the Bridgeport Committee.

Districts voting: YES - 5, 6, 8A, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 13B, 14, 15, 17A & 17B. PASSING - 1, 2, 18, & 21. ABSENT - 3, 4, 7, 8B, 12, 13A, 16 & 19. TOTALS 13 YES, 4 PASS, 8 ABSENT.

**Article 8 Section 1:** Change the words "may be" to "shall be".

Districts voting: YES - 5, 6, 8A, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 13B, 14, 15, 17A & 17B. PASSING - 1, 2, 18, & 21. ABSENT: 3, 4, 7, 8B, 12, 13A, 16 & 19. TOTALS 13 YES, 4 PASS, 8 ABSENT.

**LOGO COMMITTEE:** Charles Parker - Pass

**MEMBERSHIP:** Steve Anderson - Jack Kerney reported that 2003 membership was 17,811. License plates Applications for 2004 are 3040.

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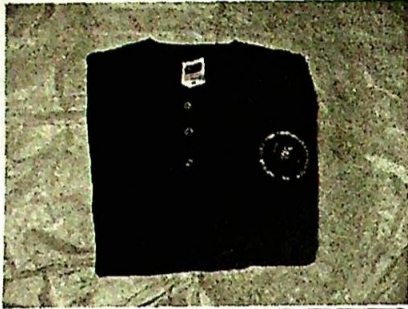
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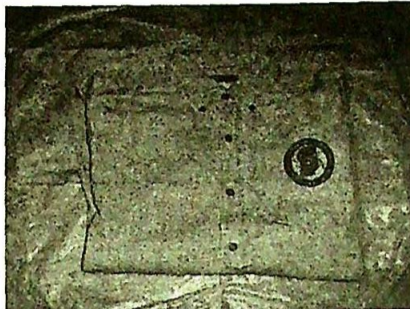
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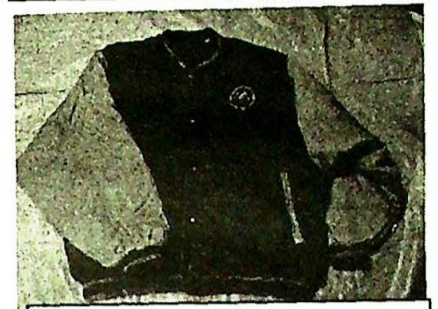
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## Sellersburg's fire chief of 20 years steps down

Mark Ball, a 35 year veteran of the Sellersburg Fire Department, after serving 20 of those years as chief, stepped down this past July.

Mark stepped down after the death of Charlie Reynolds who was Sellersburg's president at the time. Mark will now become president of SVFD.

During Mark's service with Sellersburg he saw the department grow from one station and three trucks to its current five stations and 22 trucks. The fire department also started its own ambulance service which now services both Clark and Scott counties.

Greg Dietz started his career with SVFD as an Explorer rising to the rank of deputy chief under Mark Ball and now becomes the fire department's new fire chief.

Good luck to both in their new positions.

*Submitted by Al Williamson*

# Quarterly report ...

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**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** No report.  
**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Jim Parker/ Don Cushman - Pass.  
**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Don Kissinger - Pictures of new district chairmen and anyone else that needs one will be taken at the November meeting.

**GAMES:** Al Mendel- Absent  
**WEB PAGE:** Web contest for one night's lodging at Convention 2004. Ten questions will appear on the Web Page over a period of time. The winner will be selected from all entries with the most right answers. The Memorial Page on the Web site will be up and running in about one week. Need feed back from districts on how the Web site is working.

Jim Bradford brought up about how close we were to not having the Memorial Folders for Convention as the information was late getting to the printer. We need to establish a firm deadline to submit information to the publisher. Much discussion was held on the topic. Jim Parker made a motion that the memorial list go from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Mitch Parish made the second. The motion was defeated by show of hands vote. District 6, Dave Elick made a motion to submit a list to the district chairman at the February officer's meeting. The list is to be reviewed by the district chairman at the May officer's meeting for all updates and corrections. The list will be submitted to the publisher at that time. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed. The Central Office will provide a memorial list quarterly.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL:** Mitch Parish - Meet in Washington D.C. with 40 states represented. Discussion on new alliance with Town and Township association. The NVFC will support the Trustees Association. Legislative issues for the NVFC (1) Tax free compensation for Volunteers. (2) Safe Bill - Fire safe cigarette. Standard 1971 - Face shield will on helmet will stay the same. Attended LOSAP committee meeting. Safcomprograms.com web site for Federal grants that are available.

**BOARD OF FIREFIGHTERS PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION:** Jack Kerney - July 19 was the last meeting with seven board members present. Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy had 75 attendees. Driver training video should be in place by Jan. 2005.

**EMS:** Tim Sandy - Absent.  
**ANTI TERRORISM:** Buz Koehler - absent.

**FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE:** Mitch Parish - Last meeting held discussion on safety issues. Next Fire Services Dinner will be February 7, 2005.  
**COMBINED CONVENTION:** David Israel- Not much happening at this time.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** Jack Kerney - New phone list in packet along with a Department Paid/Not paid list. Meeting recessed at 6:45 P.M. Meeting reconvened at 8:31 A.M. Vice-President Jack Kerney called on Chaplain Jerry Cohen for the Morning Minute. Chaplain Cohen then asked for a count of Bibles that are in each district for his records. About 50 Protestant and 39 Catholic were reported.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing.  
**NEW BUSINESS:** We need to locate the credit card machine, get it repaired if broken and back in use for the conventions.

Have the possibility of a scholarship donor; need to pursue all aspects of program.

**COMMUNICATION:** Nothing.  
**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Past-president Jack Cox is back home doing well.

**NEXT MEETING:** NOVEMBER 6 & 7, 2004 at Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 1, 2004**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jack Zeeks.

Chairman Zeeks called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PRNE Mike Mackin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Problem of unattached IVFAA members room rate. Past-president Richard Glant made a motion to pay \$50.00 on room rate per night for unattached IVFAA members for one more year and re-address next August. District 9A Jon Randle made the second. Motion passed by voice vote; (2) Credit Card machine. Vice-president made a motion that we table this until the machine can be found and to report at the November meeting. District 9A, Jon Randle made the second. Motion passed; (3) Chaplain's Uniform. PRNW Jim Bradford made a motion that the IVFA buy Chaplain Cohen a new uniform if and when his current uniform shows signs of wears and revisit the issue in one year, August 2005. District 1 Tom Orrell made the second. Motion passed; (4) Chaplain Training Seminar - PREC Don Cushman made the motion that we pay the motel room, mileage and registration for Chaplain Cohen to attend this conference. He is to find out the exact cost of registration and contact President Koehler about attending. PRNE Mike Mackin made the second. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing.  
**NEW BUSINESS:** Treasurer Jack Harker reports needs a new one. Past president Jim Parker made a motion that we purchase a new copier for the treasurer's office. District 8A Bill Pape made the second. The motion passed.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn. Bill Bush made the second. Motion passed.

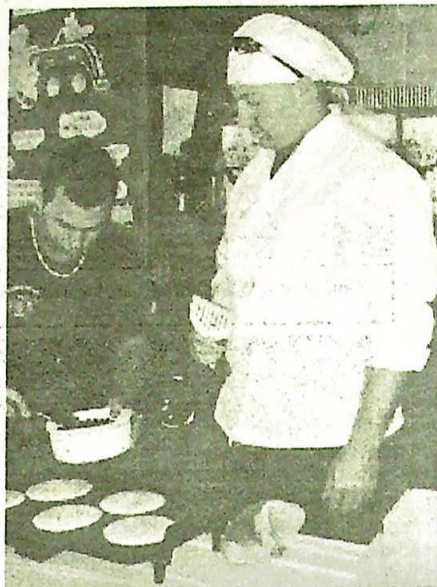
Respectfully submitted,

*Larry Bartlow*

Larry Bartlow, Secretary

Happy Holidays to all!

# Crown Point Fire/Rescue holds annual pancake breakfast



CROWN POINT Fire/Rescue held its 10th annual pancake breakfast on June 19, 2004.

With the help of all members and the support of the community, this year was the most successful one to date. The department served approximately 700 breakfasts. That is a lot of flapjacks!

(submitted by Marge Baumgardner, president, Crown Point Fire/Rescue ladies' auxiliary)

February 2005 deadline: January 10, 2005

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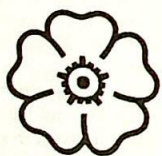
# Linda Paddock presented Midwest Award



DISTRICT 13B chairman Dennis Spears and 2004 Miss Flame Aarica Murphy presented Linda Paddock of the Abington Twp. Vol. Fire Department with the Midwest Award at a recent Wayne County Firefighters, Inc. meeting. Linda is the secretary of the Association and also a firefighter and secretary for Abington Twp. Fire Department. Linda also wrote the application for the FEMA grant and was successful in receiving funds in 2003. Linda's husband, Bill, is the fire chief and they are owners of the Abington General Store. I would like to thank Linda for all of the work she does for the fire service in Wayne County.

*(Submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B)*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the IVFA and IVFAA who kept me in their thoughts and prayers. I truly believe this helped me in my speedy recovery. I appreciated all of the cards and flowers that were sent.*



*Thank you,  
Jean Parish*

# Deffendall presented awards



Chief Deffendall receiving award from Steve Anderson



Deffendall receiving award from Gary Robison from State Fire Marshal's office.



Deffendall being presented a plaque from Captain Tom Bonilla on behalf of the department.

Fire Chief James Deffendall was surprised by his wife and department on Monday, August 30, 2004, for having 25 years of service with the Oakland City Volunteer Fire Department.

He was presented his 25-year pin from District #15 representative Steve Anderson and also from Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

He was also presented a plaque from his department and their families.

A small dinner was held afterwards. Chief Deffendall is married to his wife, Taunya, and they have three children, Aaron, Alex and Ken.

*(Submitted by Lt. Cindy E. Walker, Oakland City Fire Department.)*

# Four Seasons breaks ground on firehouse

Thursday, September 16, 2004 - Post-Tribune  
By Mike Truax  
Post-Tribune correspondent  
PORTER TWP. - After spending several years upgrading its equipment, the Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force will soon have a new home in which to store it.

Firefighters celebrated the groundbreaking of the new firehouse Wednesday on land adjacent to the present firehouse.

"We've always had a dream of a new station," Fire Chief Mike Parks said. "The old station dates back to the 1960s and was getting too expensive to maintain and heat."

The original fire house and land was deeded to them by the LOFS Property Owners Association about 40 years ago. One building addition followed, then another. The last addition, a stand-alone truck bay about 10 years old, will be kept for storage and the rest of the building demolished once the new building is completed by spring.

Situated on 2.54 acres with 62 parking spaces, the 7,220 square foot equipment and bay area includes the control room, work room, storage room and mezzanine storage above.

A 1,938 square foot training room with kitchenette and restrooms, office and conference rooms are also included.

The design and build contractor is McMahon, Inc. of Valparaiso and the project is being supported in part by the INKY Regional Council of Carpenters, Iron Workers Local 395, Sheet Metal Workers Local 20 and Laborers

Local 81.

The cost of the new facility is \$1.3 million and is being financed through Centier Bank.

"This building is not creating any new tax money for the residents," Parks said.

The firehouse will serve several areas in Lake and Porter counties including the West Porter Township Fire Protection District, the town of Winfield and Winfield Township. About 15,000 people reside in its coverage area. West Porter Township also includes Lake Eliza and Boone Grove fire departments.

State Rep. Ralph Ayres said the present state of the economy forces administrations to find more and creative ways for funding important projects like this and commended the

department and West Porter Township's Fire Protection District for being able to jointly bring the project to fruition.

"It's extremely important that fire protection is there and the people expect it to be there," Ayres said.

Robert Wichlinski, the Porter Township trustee, agreed.

"When someone picks up their telephone and calls 911, a (volunteer firefighter) out there at a party or sound asleep at home in the middle of the night gets a page to respond to that call and they do," Wichlinski said. "We have the people, the equipment and facilities to respond and do the job."

*(submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman)  
Article courtesy of the Post-Tribune*

# Rowlands earns 25 year service pin



DISTRICT 2 chairman, Paul F. Watland, presents Chris L. Rowlands of the Lincoln Twp. VFD with his 25 year service pin.

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

## February 10, 2005 deadline is January 10, 2005

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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# Twenty-five year pin presented to Duttinger



PAUL F. WATLAND, District 2 chairman, (left), presents Joseph G. Duttinger of Kouts VFD with his 25 year service pin. Chief Don Sutton of Kouts VFD looks on. (submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman)

# Former deputy chief pinned with Chief's Insignia



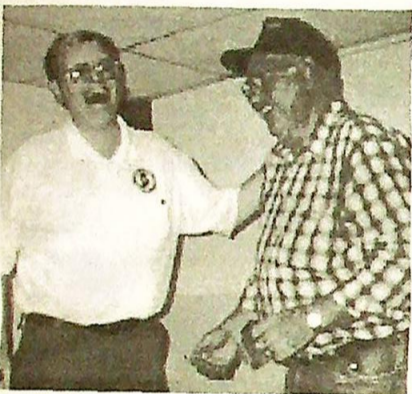
RETIRING Sellersburg Fire Chief Mark Ball pins the Chief's Insignia on former deputy chief Greg Dietz. (submitted by Al Williamson)

# Public Relations Northwest



Jim Bradford

# Buchfuehrer receives 50 year gold card



HERMAN C. BUCHFUEHRER of the Ainsworth-Deep River Fire Department (Lake County) receives his 50 year gold card on Sept. 15, 2004 from District 1 chairman Tom Orrell at the regular monthly meeting of Districts 1 & 2 at Ainsworth-Deep River Fire Department.

(submitted by Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman)

# Twenty-five year pin awarded to Robert Crandell



ROBERT CRANDELL, Moorefield V.F.D. receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. (submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

## IVFA FIRELINE ~ www.ivfa.org ~

LOOK OUT!!!! Did you see it??? That thing was a blur! It went faster than a box of donuts at a 2-alarm fire! I did manage to catch its name on the way by - it said "2004". Wow! Can you believe it's already Fall, and the Holidays (yikes) are just around the corner?

Welcome to this Quarters Edition of the IVFA FireLine. This column will provide you information on current happenings with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org.

As of the end of September we have approximately 340 of the 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in the State listed on the site. New department listings continue to come in and if your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted. Our focus segment this quarter is the "For Sale" page. This is the perfect way of listing, and advertising for free, all of that "extra" stuff that fire departments (and stations) seem to accumulate! And, if you are looking for good used equipment, you may want to look here first.

Now for the good stuff! The IVFA Memorial Section is "on-line"! This was a massive undertaking, as almost 3100 deceased member names and related departments had to be hand typed into a database. Thanks to everyone who pointed out some changes which needed to be made, as well as the nice comments received. I have told President Koehler on several occasions that the comments received about the web page are all the "pay" I need. It's really nice to know that our members do use the web site, and appreciate the hard work put in to it. I personally think the Memorial Section is a fantastic addition to the web site, and more importantly, helps us recognize and remember our deceased members.

Some of you have submitted me

names of members who have recently passed away to be added to the Memorial Section. With almost 3100 names in the database I want to make sure that no name is missed. Because of that, I feel its best that I only add names on an annual basis, once the list is compiled for the annual memorial service held during the convention. Using this list will ensure that all deceased members are properly added to the database, and no one is forgotten. Changes to existing names & department can be made at any time by emailing me at webmaster@ivfa.org.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that President Koehler has asked me about putting together a Legislative Section. After all, one of the primary functions of the IVFA is to be the voice of its members with important issues at the State and Federal level. This project is coming together, and I should be ready to post information when the next Legislative session begins after the first of the year. My understanding is that once the State Legislature is in session, information about pending Bills is available on a weekly basis. What we will do is filter all of that information, and provide you the information on Bills that could impact our members. Once we begin to track the Legislative Bills, we will provide updates as to their progress, whether they were voted on, etc.

Department Information; while the current system provides a nice structured layout based on an alphabetical listing, I think it can be redesigned into a more user-friendly system. Based on the same concept as the Memorial Section, you the user would select the departments you would like to see based on a drop-down selection box. Obviously the alphabetical method would be one choice, and the others would be by "County", and by "District". Using these other methods

would provide you information on departments within a particular County, or District, that could be used when scheduling special training events, coordinating meetings, etc. I have not begun working on setting this system up yet, but will start in the near future.

The second item on the drawing board is an Instructor Resource Center. This area of the web page would allow for instructors around the state to list their special training qualifications, course information, costs, etc. Maybe a department has a need for "high-angle rescue" training, but do know of any instructors who teach this specialized program. They could check the Instructor Resource Center for a list of instructors qualified to teach the program. I am not 100% certain that the Instructor Resource Center would be beneficial or not, so I am asking for feedback from you as to whether you would use it or not, either as an Instructor, or a department looking for an Instructor. Please email me at webmaster@ivfa.org and let me know your thoughts. If there seems to be enough interest, then I will develop the pages.

Every once in a while I receive an email asking about having a "Discussion Board". I am not opposed to this sort of service to our members, however getting to the point of having a discussion board will require effective coordination between myself and the IVFA Central Office. Understandably, many of our members believe that I am based in the Central Office, which I am not. The Central Office is located in Evansville, while I am based in the Northwest part of the State. I am strongly opposed to an "open" Discussion Board. An "open" board means that there is no security built into the system, and as soon as anyone (even people outside the IVFA) type something into the "board", it appears for

everyone to see. This could include vulgar and degrading language, and we would have no way of knowing who posted it. If we do develop the Discussion Board, then it would need to be a secure section of the web, where users must log-on to the system. This is where the coordination between the Central Office and myself will need happen. The Central Office maintains the master IVFA Member list. I would need initial access to that list to load our member's names and membership numbers into the "log-on" database and then regular updates from there-on-after. Each user would then establish their password during their first time logging onto the system. Using a secure system will allow us to monitor who logs on, and if there are language or other issues, then address them properly.

The last item I need to mention (which I also mentioned in the last newsletter) is a growing problem within the spam email world. It is called address cloning, where a spammer takes a known site address, such as ivfa.org, and place that name in the "From" field in an email message. The spammer then places their message within the email to promote their products. When you receive the email, you believe that it is from the IVFA and open it. You then may wonder for instance why the IVFA would be sending you an email message trying to sell you insurance, or to refinance your house, or worse yet, advertisements for sex related products. This is a fast growing concern within the Internet industry, and it is being exploited more and more everyday. I can assure you that the IVFA does NOT send out any email messages other than those that are related specifically to the IVFA activities and organization. If you receive any suspicious emails from ivfa.org, please forward those to me at

webmaster@ivfa.org so that we can track the source and take appropriate action.

Finally, I want to personally thank President Koehler for his many ideas and support of the web page during his past 2 years as President. When I approached almost him almost 2 years ago about "resurrecting" the web page, he was 100% behind it from day one! He helped spread the word about the web site at every meeting he attended, and continues to do so. He provided us with the necessary tools to give you a nice looking web site that supports the activities of the IVFA. He will continue to be active in the web page activities, but I wanted to say a special Thank You to him. I look forward to working with President Kerney after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year on changes/additions that he would like to have on the web site as well. I firmly believe that both President Koehler and incoming President Kerney will agree that the web site has even went beyond our initial expectations of being a valuable and viable communication tool within the IVFA.

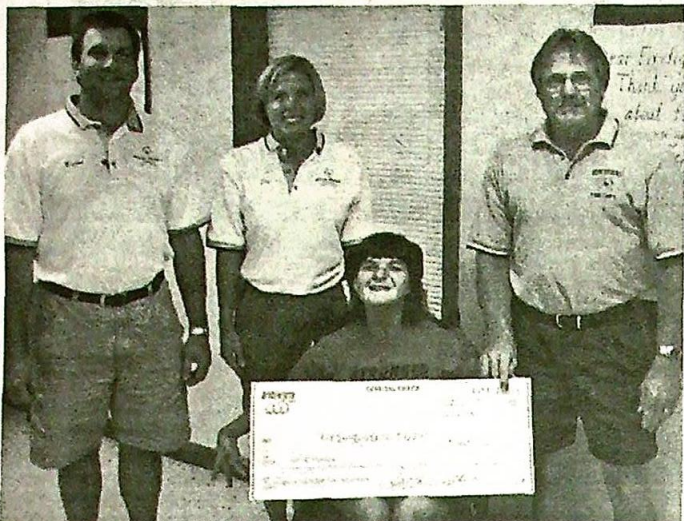
In closing, this is your site and is intended to promote the IVFA and provide you the member with the information you need and want. Have an idea, suggestion, other item, gripe, whatever...email me at webmasters@ivfa.org and let me know what it is. Be safe and enjoy your summer.

See you "on-line"!

Smoke Eater  
IVFA Web Master

# Happy Holidays!

# Huntingburg VFD presents donation to Special Olympics



AT THE AUGUST 18 meeting of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. (Dubois Co. District 18), representatives from the Dubois and Spence County Special Olympics received a donation in the amount of \$540.00 from the Department.

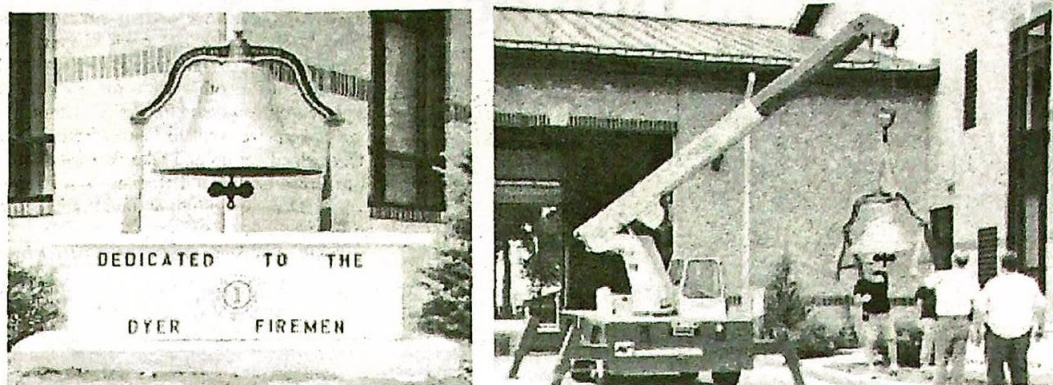
The funds were raised during the department's annual "roadblock" which was held on July 11.

Pictured from the left are: Special Olympics County Coordinator Brian Ketzner, Special Olympics Utility Coordinator Dee Nunamaker, and Department Roadblock Chairperson John Beadles.

Receiving the check is Special Olympics Athlete Miss Allison Werne, daughter of Gail and Terry Werne of Huntingburg.

(Photo and article provided by the Huntingburg VFD)

# Historic fire bell relocated



DYER, INDIANA, August 9, 2004 -- In a month long process, Dyer firefighters relocated the old fire bell Monday to the newly built EMS Building on Hart Street.

The bell, which was purchased in 1916, served as Dyer's fire alarm until 1942, when a modern siren system took its place. Before that, the local phone operator would call St. Joseph's parish priest, who would then ring the church bell to notify firefighters.

In August of 1972, the bell was removed from its tower and ceremoniously placed next to the old firehouse located at Schulte Street as a memorial "To the Past, Present and Future Firefighters of the Town of Dyer."

Now, 32 years later, the bell is again proudly displayed thanks to the combined efforts of Lieutenant Jim Vander Zanden, who oversaw the relocating project; and Captain Chuck Garipey and Firefighter Shawn Bowman, who gave the bell a fresh coat of paint, and the marble pedestal, in which the bell sits on, a good cleaning.

"This bell is a part of Dyer's history, and the firefighters are grateful to Dyer Construction who supplied and poured the cement foundation," Vander Zanden said. "And also to Dyer Public Works for bringing their equipment and successfully hauling the 1,100 pound bell to its now home."  
(submitted by Dyer Fire Department)

# Norman Brown earns 25 year pin



NORMAN BROWN, Moorefield V.F.D. receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.  
(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

# Season's Greetings To All!

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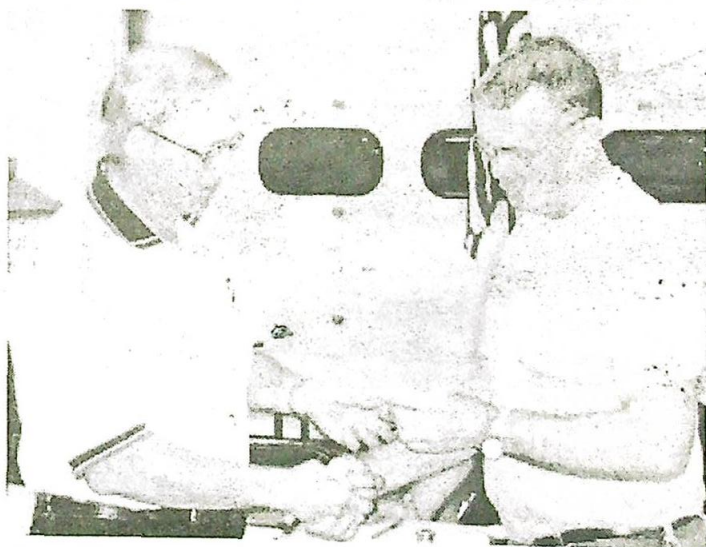
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# Scheele presents 25 year pin to W.T. Scott

W.T. SCOTT, Moorefield V.F.D. receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.  
(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)



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# Howe named Midwest Award winner for District 1



RECEIVING the presentation of the District 1 Midwest Award was William "Bill" A. Howe, acting chief of the Schererville Fire Department (Lake County).

Bill is a former District 1 chairman. The award was presented by President L. "Buz" Koehler, P.R.N.W. Jim Bradford and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell.

The award was presented at the Schererville town council meeting.

(submitted by Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman)

## New tool added to Huntingburg VFD



A new tool has been added to the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department's arsenal of life saving equipment.

Huntingburg Firefighter and Safety Officer Roger Kissling is pictured holding the department's new ML-16S Maverick combination cutter/spreader extrication tool.

The new "combi tool" as it is referred to in the fire service incorporates the features of two different individual tools used in extrication. With a cutting force of 60,000 lbs. per sq. inch, the new "combi tool" can sever most metal obstacles it encounters.

The Maverick also incorporates the ability of spreading metal in the manner that is associated with other "Jaws of Life" with a spreading force of 13,000 lbs. per sq. inch.

While the new unit does not replace the department's current cutter and spreader, Kissling did point out that due to its smaller size and weight, it is easily used by one person.

Because of its size and weight, the department's old spreader requires two persons for its use. Kissling further pointed out that the new addition will be very helpful in cases when multiple vehicles must be worked on simultaneously.

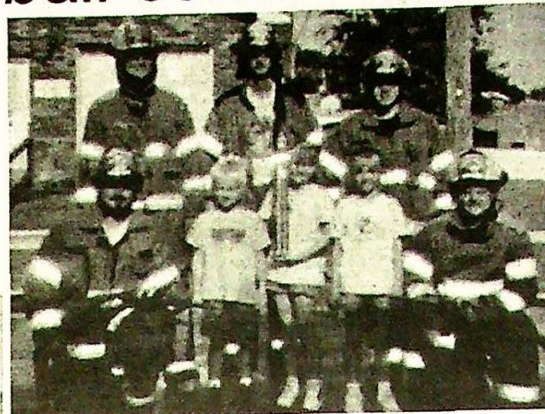
The purchase of the department's new "combi tool" was made possible with funds raised through citizen donations, department fund raising events, and a grant from the Huntingburg Foundation.

(photo and article furnished by the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept.)

## District 15 waterball contest held

The annual District 15 Waterball contest was once again held during the Owensville Watermelon Festival. The hometown heroes did not disappoint as Owensville-Montgomery Twp. beat out four other teams for this year's title. The second place trophy went to Ft. Branch-Union Twp., while the third place prize went to Patoka Twp. Thanks to all those that helped set-up and take-down that day. Special thanks to Ernie Lasley and Rodney Straw for serving as timers, and Brianna, Colton, & Taylor Klusmeier for presenting the trophies.

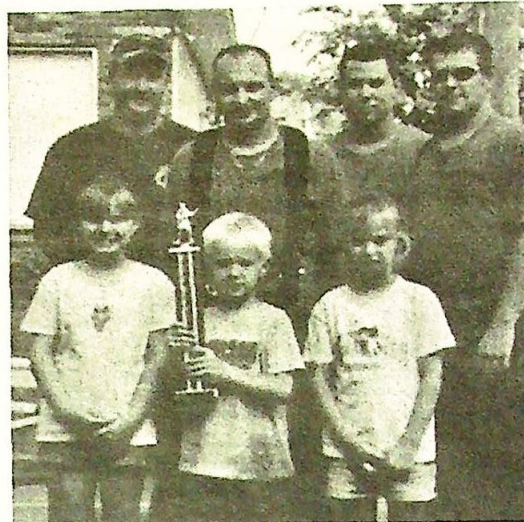
(submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman)



FIRST PLACE - OWENSVILLE-MONTGOMERY TWP.



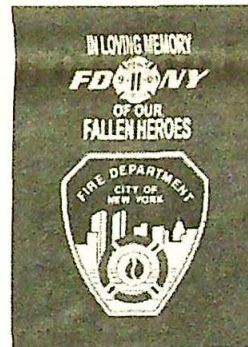
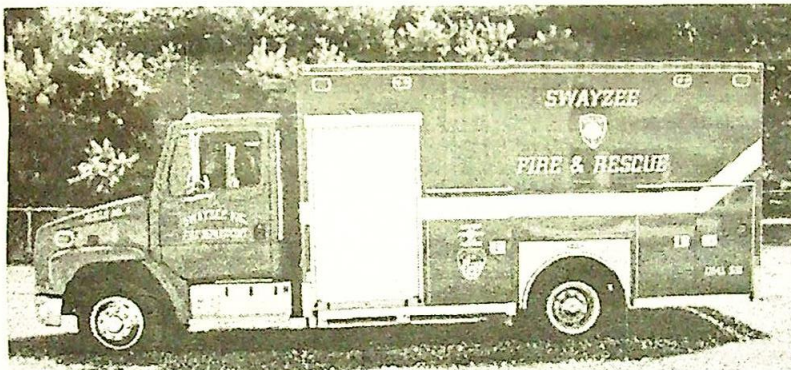
SECOND PLACE - FT. BRANCH-UNION TWP.



THIRD PLACE - PATOKA TWP.

### Happy Holidays To All!

## Swayzee VFD takes delivery of refurbished freightliner



THE SWAYZEE Volunteer Fire Department, in Grant County, Indiana, recently took delivery of a refurbished 2001 Freightliner Res4cue Squad. This unit replaces the department's 1978 Ford rescue squad. The new squad carries equipment for vehicle extrication, lights for fire/rescue scene illumination, SCBA's, along with communications and a rehab area for our firefighters. The S.V.F.D. Res4cue Squad, also honors our brothers in the fire service that lost their lives on 9-11. On both sides of the squad, we put decals honoring those fallen heroes.

(submitted by Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department, Swayzee, IN)

## Finney receives 25 year pin



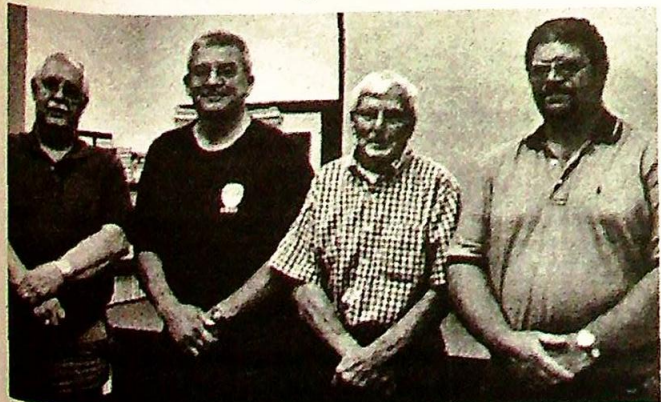
DURING A recent District 12 meeting, Richard Finney received his IVFA 25 year pin.

Richard celebrates 40 years in the fire service with Paragon Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (left) Richard Finney and right, District 12 chairman Larry Bruner.

(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

## McCutchanville firemen receive 25 year pins



25 YEAR PINS were presented to: Jack Kerney, Don Moffett, Paul Moffett and Bob Heilman of the McCutchanville Fire Department in Evansville, IN.

(submitted by Barbara Kerney)

## Drake receives 25 year pin



GARY DRAKE of Paragon Volunteer Fire Department received his IVFA 25 year pin at a recent District 12 meeting.

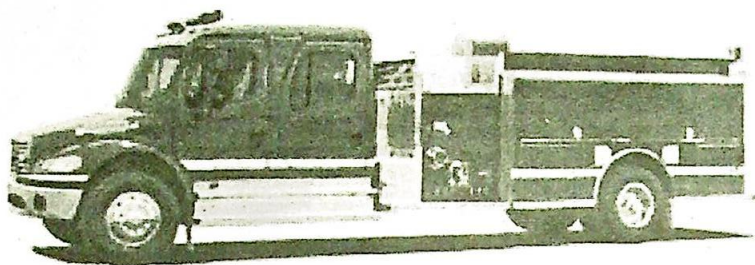
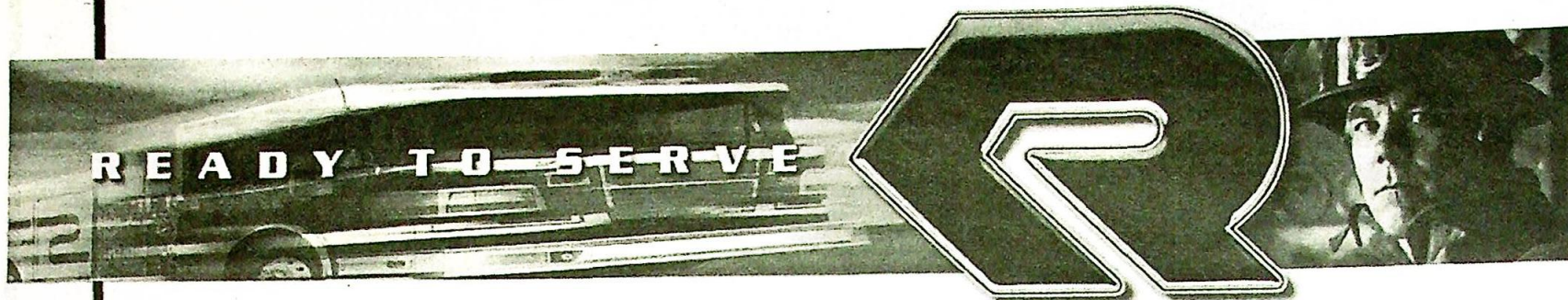
Gary has 28 years with Paragon VFD.

Pictured at left is Gary Drake. Right is District 12 chairman, Larry Bruner.

(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

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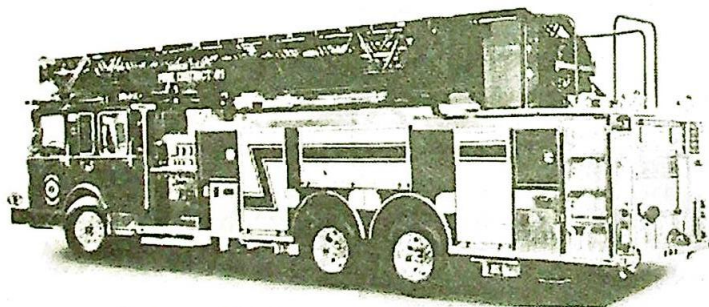
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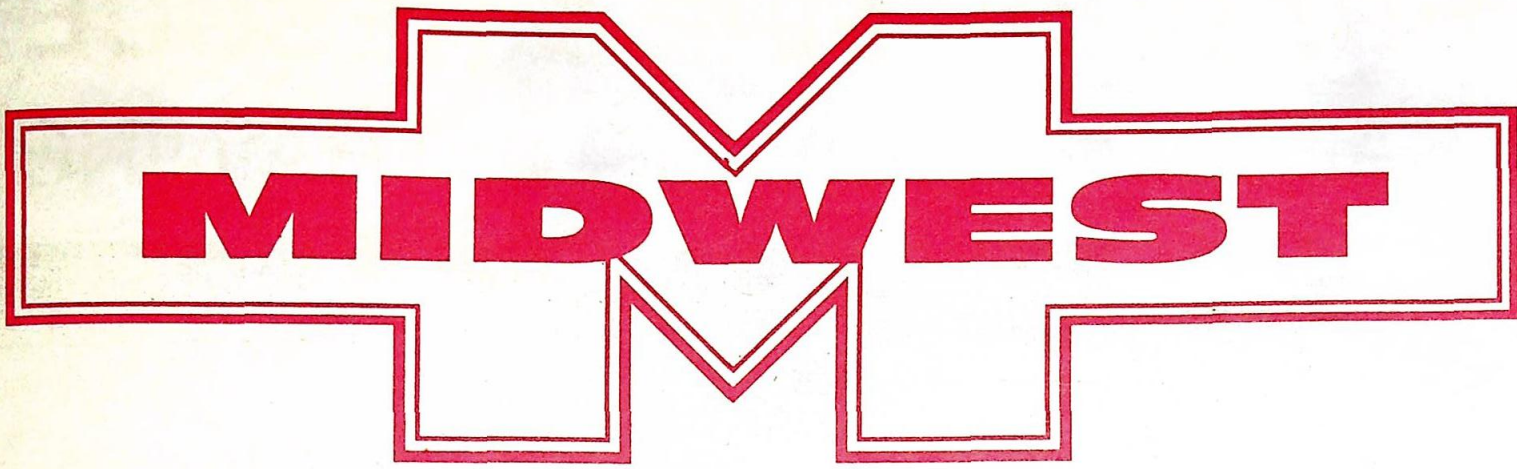


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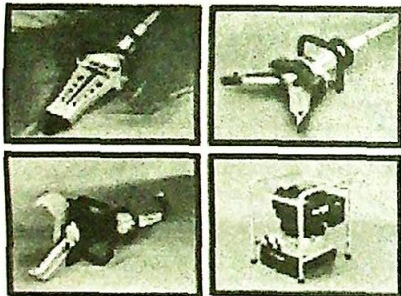
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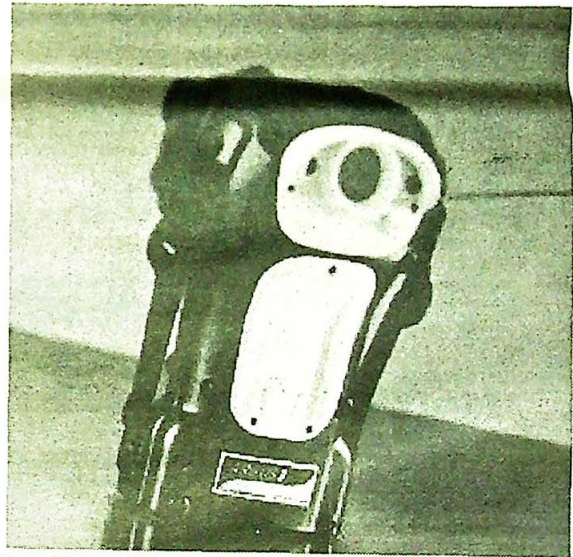
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### Morristown FD takes delivery of brush fire truck



THE MORRISTOWN Fire Department in Morristown, Indiana, Shelby County, has taken delivery of their new Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc. brush fire truck, custom-designed to department specifications. Brush truck 51, a Ford F350 extended cab, has a 20 HP Darley electric start pump with a 225 gallon poly water tank and Scotty Around-the-Pump foam system with five gallon foam cell. Also included in the design are jump seats with seat belts and handlines. The bed includes hose reels with 100' hose, and all hoses are equipped with C&S Wildfire 10-23 pistol grip nozzles. This vehicle has tool storage, utility brackets, and a remote mount 9,000 lb. Mile Marker hydraulic winch. It also features a front brush guard with right and left control spray nozzles and is fitted with Mickey Thompson radial Baja Claw tires.

(submitted by Chris Hoepfner, Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc., 5815 County Road 35, Auburn, IN 46706, (260) 925-1951, www.wildfiremfg.com)

### Recipient of 25 year service pin



WAYNE WHITE, East Enterprise V.F.D. receiving 25 year pin from District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

### White receives Midwest Award



WAYNE WHITE, East Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department receiving District 19 Midwest Award plaque from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

### Heylmann awarded 25 year pin



JACK HEYLMANN of Amo Volunteer Fire Department received his IVFA 25 year pin at a District 12 meeting. Jack is a 38 year veteran of Amo (Mill Creek Station 5). Pictured at left is Jack Heylmann. District 12 chairman, Larry Bruner, is pictured on the right.

(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

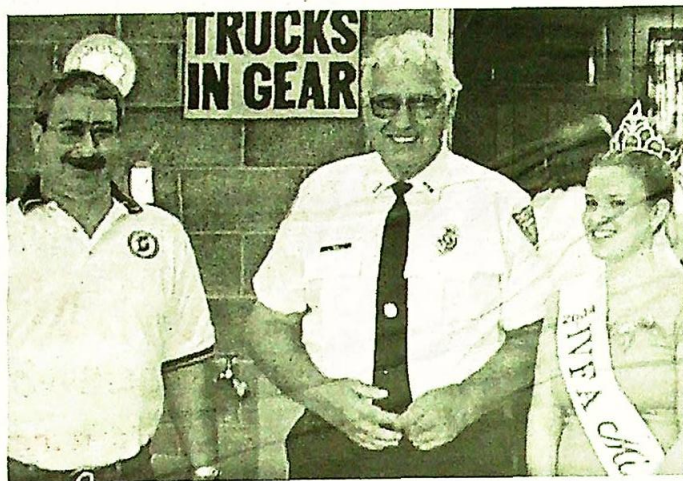
### Gindling receives 25 year pin



MIKE GINDLING, Brookville V.F.D., receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 vice-chairman Steve Mache.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

## Ozbun honored at open house



Hagerstown-Jefferson Twp. Department held an open house in honor of Lee G. Ozbun who has completed 25 years on the department. He was presented a fire axe by Chief Bill Powell.

District 13B chairman, Dennis Spears and 2004 Miss Flame Aarica Murphy presented Mr. Ozbun with the IVFA 25 year gold card.

Lee has served the Hagerstown Fire Department in every position except for fire chief. Lee's dedication to the fire department and the community is greatly appreciated. Lee plans to continue serving the fire department and the community.

Good luck in the future and thank you for your commitments.

(Submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B)

### Recipient of Midwest Award



DISTRICT 14 chairman Al Williamson presented the 2004 Midwest Award to Hanover fire chief James Baldery.

(submitted by Al Williamson)

### Ted Maze awarded IVFA 25 year pin



(Pictured - left to right) - Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman and Oolitic Fire Chief Jason Lewis are shown presenting Assistant Chief Ted Maze his IVFA 25 year pin.

(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

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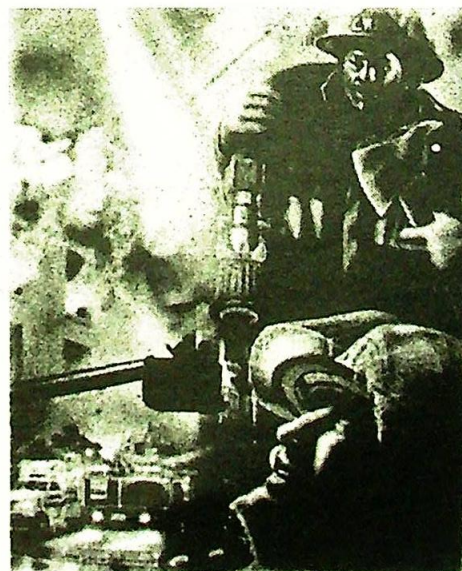
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# Ribbon cutting held at new Oolitic fire station



RIBBON CUTTING was held at the new Oolitic fire station in Lawrence County. State Rep. Jerry Denbo, Delvin Nikirk, city board member, Ted Maze, Oolitic assistant chief and fire chief Jason Lewis are pictured above.  
*(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)*

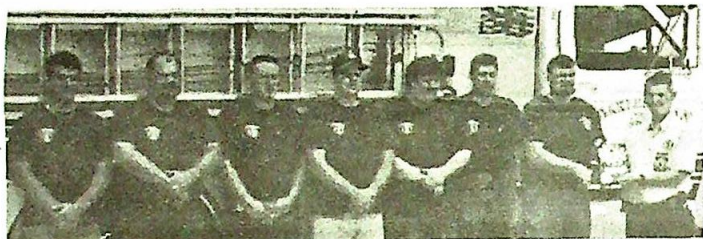
# IVFA clock presented to Oolitic Fire Department



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT - Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman, Oolitic Fire Chief Jason Lewis and Jack Zeeks, IVFA board chairman, present IVFA clock to the Oolitic Fire Department.

*(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)*

# Charlestown Station 4 presented clock at open house



DISTRICT 14 chairman Al Williamson presented a clock to Charlestown Station 4 Assistant Chief Robert Jenkins at their recent open house. Also present, right to left, are Larry Wampler, John Whalin, Mac Cissell Sr., Jay Probst Sr. and Jay Probst Jr.  
*(submitted by Al Williamson)*

# Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department updates "Box Book"

The Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department recently updated its "box book". The department is dispatched with a "box number" that corresponds with a page in the "box book". By using this dispatch/mapping system the department is able to consolidate its entire coverage area into a smaller map enabling them to locate streets, hydrants, and alternate response routes more efficiently. This in turn provides faster response times, and enhanced coverage for the Charlestown Fire Protection District.

The new update includes the newly annexed area of Charlestown City limits, and the new subdivisions, on the western side of the district, which are growing very rapidly. This update was compiled over a four month time span, and included assistance from several other agencies. The Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department would personally like to thank the following for their efforts to make this possible: Charlestown City Planning and Zoning, Clark County Planning and Zoning, the Developers of the new subdivisions, Clark County OEC, Prosser School of Technology-Graphic Communications Department, and all the firefighters that helped drive and map the area.

For any additional information you can visit them on the web at [www.charlestownfiredept.org](http://www.charlestownfiredept.org).

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The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

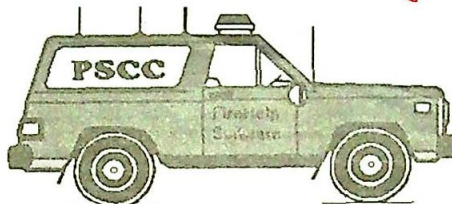
Please contact the District Chairman at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213. He will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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