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From the President



Jack Kerney

A lot has happened since the last issue of the paper. First is the Firefighter Summit Report. The IVFA will be addressing a number of the issues that were brought up during the summit; the recommended action is listed in this document.

Regional Summit Activity Report Hazardous Materials / Weapons of Mass Destruction / Counter Terrorism Issues

The major issue in this particular area seemed to be a lack of understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the volunteer fire service. Specific guidance is requested from the State Fire Marshal to local volunteer fire departments on the associated duties. How to obtain access to grant funding is a significant challenge for the volunteer fire service. Most volunteer firefighters are extremely busy already with work, family obligations, training, emergency response, etc. and don't have the time or expertise to pursue grants. The assistance from local emergency management directors is a critical aspect of grant awards.

Who pays for emergency response of regional hazardous materials response teams is an issue that is not resolved with the volunteer fire service. The issue of authority and responsibility for command and control of a large scale hazardous materials or chemical incident have also not been resolved to the satisfaction of this group.

- Conflict with EMA Directors
- Equitable distribution of funds for smaller departments

- Awareness of availability of money
- Access to grant funding money
- Where is the \$150,000 that was given to the 10 regional teams?
- Little or no communications from EMA director

- There should be one telephone number to request help from the field incident commanders. This is regardless of large fire, HM/WMC/CT response needed.
- Response cooperation with ATF, FBI, and OSFM

- EMA directors should be accountable for direct contact with Fire Chiefs and Communications Officers.

- State structuring of grants tied into how well the local EMA is coordinating and cooperating with local officials

- **Recommended Action - IVFA**
- Conduct a meeting with County EMA Directors to improve communications and cooperation.

- Assist EMA Directors in understanding the needs of the volunteer fire service.
- Provide free subscription to all County EMA Directors.

- There should be specialized training provided to all firefighters at an awareness level.
- Fire/Police/EMS mandatory refresher courses

- Guidance needed on recertification on HM Operations
- What specific skills are required?
- What are the standards desired outcomes?
- Standard response time for HM team - 2 hours
- There should be clearly defined needs versus wants

- Local FD's need assistance in collecting response fees
- Develop a how to guidebook
- **Recommended action - IVFA President and Board authorize a committee of four members and FM Staff to be formed to develop a how to process for billing response costs.**

- Standard SOP's for mutual aid agreement
- **Recommended action - share the FEMA model mutual aid code with all IVFA members and post on the IVFA website**

- There seems to be significant questions about mutual aid regarding haz mat.
- Not part of the state response
- Who pays?
- **Recommended action - develop a letter encouraging the Department of Homeland Security to clarify the roles and responsibilities and financial obligations for local fire departments. This issue is part of the Homeland Security strategy -- local fire departments will respond to an event at the request of the State but it has not been clarified as to who will pay for response costs, overtime, backfilling and supplies/equipment used.**

- Reimbursement Funding for equipment should also include funding for housing.
- Providing all of this CT equipment but a Local FD needs to construct a building to house it.

- There should be more input on gear and equipment provided by federal grants by the end user before it is selected and given out. (masks)
- The resource database on what our HM teams have must be web based.
- Revisit how training is communicated to the fire service.
- Who specifies training needs.

Communications Issues

The fire service wants clear, concise, consistent and timely communications from the State Fire Marshal. The distribution of an electronic newsletter from the State Fire Marshal is extremely important to this constituent base. The State Fire Marshal should be the clearing house for fire, disaster, terrorist and other information that local fire agencies and leaders should know. The State Fire Marshal website should be used for suggested SOP's for local fire agencies, fact sheets about specific fire service hot topics, minutes of meetings that take place throughout the State. There is a critical vacuum of information right now according to this group in that no one seems to be

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- Periodic testing from State EOC
- Awareness
- 154.280 frequency allocation
- Who answers this frequency at the State level?

- **Recommended action - IVFA through the newspaper, website and leadership inform and educate fire departments who use high band radio frequencies of the availability of this channel for use in mutual aid situations.**
- Provide guidance to local FD's on communications SOP's
- Plain language
- 10 codes
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- Talk about regulations
- Cost
- How to get tax increases
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- sharing information from Indianapolis.
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- Develop critical information sharing system
- Regular in person meetings
- Media Exposure
- Electronic newsletter
- Official Minutes of Board of Fire Fighters on website
- Fact sheets
- Need to know material that requires a fire chief to take action
- SFM should become the clearinghouse for information that is pertinent for fire departments and fire chiefs.
- Information shared by the SFM with the fire service should be written in fire service language not legal language.
- Law changes
- Standardized SOG's
- Technology issues for several difference radios, cellular phones, etc.
- Statewide 800 MHZ system
- Police officer friendly
- Funding sources for fire departments does not exist like it does for PD's and EMA's
- 800 patches to VHF are not working
- FD's should receive grants for funding of conversion to 800 system.
- What will Nextel frequency allocation do to the fire service?
- Why are state/federal grants only for the 800 systems?
- 911 answering points
- Lack of cooperation with VFD's
- Central Dispatch Systems
- There is minimal knowledge about the benefits
- Cost savings / increase
- Lack of standards
- State should encourage county or regional dispatch systems
- Provide high speed internet connection to the State for reporting purposes
- Free software upgrades for NFIRS reporting
- PDA software for NFIRS reporting
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- age for certification reduced from 18 to 16. They would also like the State to develop templates of standard protocols that would be adopted and implemented at the local level. There is a concern about liability and protection of an individual and the family from the volunteer fire service. The groups suggested that the recertification process for first responders and EMT's be targeted at the critical skills that all should possess. An old issue that continues to be raised is the lack of a crossover program for Certified Fire Instructors to be able to certify in EMS training. It is suggested that Fire Instructors I be allowed to certify individuals at the First Responder level and Fire Instructors II/III be allowed to certify individuals at the EMT-B level. There should be some type of initial oversight on this crossover to ensure quality control.
- Web based training and recertification
- High speed internet for all EMS agencies to report
- Computers for all FD's
- State EMS Medical Director
- Standard protocols
- Allow 1st level EMS to check blood
- Clarify role of first responder vs. first on scene
- EMS Commission - Insurance and liabilities worries
- **Recommended action -- IVFA should ask insurance partners to assist in researching this issue. There is significant concern by unpaid medical directors about the liability exposure. Is there an increase in exposure? Is there additional insurance that local FD's should be purchasing? What is the coverage provided in standard policies written for FD's in the State. IVFA should communicate and share the information with the members through the website and newspaper.**
- Instructor certification reciprocity
- Fire Service Instructor certification recognizes EMS Instructor certification but not the other way around
- **Recommended action -- The IVFA should direct their member of the EMS Commission to move that the State allow Fire Instructor I's to be able to teach a First Responder certification level and Fire Instructor III teach an EMT level course.**
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- **Recommended action -- The IVFA recommends to the State EMS Commission appoint a committee to examine the recertification expectations. The IVFA base position is that recertification skills should be based upon critical skills that are important in saving lives and reducing pain and suffering.**
- Can the state host a web based site to hold an individual's recertification status
- Allows a supervisor to examine the status of an individual to meet certification requirements
- Remove the minimum age requirements (16-17) for certification
- **Recommended action -- The IVFA member on the EMS Commission should make this proposal as part of the rule change process.**
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- **Firefighter / Fire Officer Training Requirements Issues**

The major training issue for volunteer firefighters is the desire that there be no additional mandatory certifications required of firefighters or officers. The volunteer fire service does not believe mandatory training will help deliver better

- service. The current "mandatory training" program is adequate. The age limit for certification should be eliminated. There are several programs around the state that put young people through certification training and as long as they can physically complete the skills and pass the test they should be allowed to be certified. Develop a web-based training system.
- Mandatory training
- Any increase in state mandated requirements for training of firefighters must be budget neutral for local fire departments.
- **Recommended action -- The IVFA shall develop a position statement and communicate the position with all levels of State and Local Government that there is no support from the IVFA for increasing the minimum training requirements for firefighters.**
- The IVFA supports a requirement for all new appointed or elected emergency operations officers to be certified at the Fire Officer I level within 1 year.
- The IVFA requires for the implementation of this law that the State provide Fire Officer Certification training at the district at no cost to the attendee or the department.
- Any increase in state mandated training requirements without significant state support in funding and instructors will make it more difficult on volunteer and smaller career departments who don't have full time training staff. The state should develop systems to support local fire departments instead through effective models without requiring implementation.
- The state should not require minimum training without significant research that backs up the concept of increased requirements will benefit the Indiana fire service by reducing risk to firefighters, reducing damage and destruction to properties and/or saving lives of the public.
- The State must not expect that state mandated training would generate money.
- The use of "should" instead of "shall" where appropriate.
- Any mandated training should be designed around the outcome desired.
- What is expected of the student?
- Mandated training that is not pertinent to a local firefighter needs makes it extremely difficult to hold interest. In the volunteer fire service this makes it more difficult to maintain and retain.
- Protection from loss of income or employment while attending state mandated training.
- There should be multiple levels of firefighter certification based upon the role and responsibility of the individual determined at the local level
- Driver
- Exterior
- Interior
- State income tax deduction for certified firefighters. (10% or \$250)
- **Recommended action - develop legislation**
- Recertification of current and past certifications would be acceptable
- Recertification topics should be performance based; concentrate on outcome; identify critical skills; no written test; on-line options; encourage innovation based upon the outcome desired; accountability is critical (fire chief and instructor sign recertification applications);
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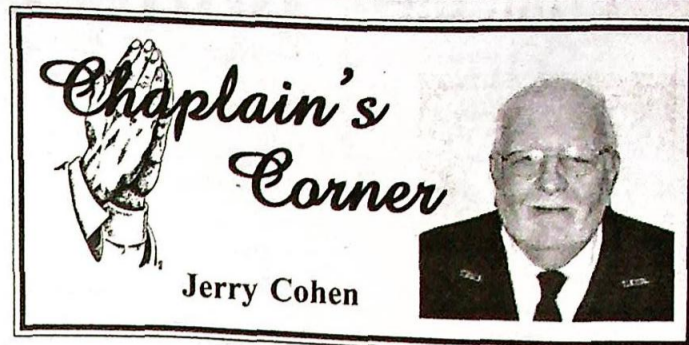
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Chaplain's Message:

Why Go To Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting their by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this . . . They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing . . . God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

(submitted to Chaplain Cohen by Associate Chaplain Ed Serdowsky)

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From the Vice President



Larry Ketchem

Another season has come and gone and as we prepare for the holidays I know we all wonder where the time goes.

I attended a meeting on President Kerney's behalf in Indianapolis. The meeting was in reference to Homeland Security. Director Dietz presented his "Mission Statement" for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the group and named his deputy directors. The meeting was held in the Senate Chambers of the Statehouse. There were many people from different public safety organizations from throughout the state in attendance. Needless to say, many do not agree on what was stated.

On training and where we stand, I have nothing to report at this time; however, our president and myself, along with others, will be attending a DHS meeting on training. The IVFA will be advised of the outcome, thru the website or your district chairman.

Again, I want to remind everyone to get your letters or recommendations for all of our rewards in by the February 1st deadline. You all know of someone very deserving of these awards. Don't ever think your letters don't count.

Lastly, congratulations are in order for Clyde Cuttrel, Newport VFD. Clyde received his 50-year gold card, Sunday, October 9 from IVFA District 11-B chairman Brent Bush. Clyde stated he wasn't ready to retire and would like to stay unless the chief asked him to leave. Larry Southard, assistant chief of the Hillsdale Community VFD gave Clyde an application stating his department could use a "good man". I doubt this will happen. Again, congratulations Clyde on 50 years of continued service.

Please get the message out to the residents of your communities the importance of fire safety with the upcoming heating season. Check those chimney flues, before lighting up. Keep flammables at a safe distance. Be sure to ventilate those kerosene heaters. Just use some common sense. Also, remember to check your smoke detector batteries. Property can be replaced, but lives can't.

In closing, Barbara and I want to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy holiday season. Be safe.

Larry D. Ketchem
State IVFA Vice President

JTFD members receive certification

The Jefferson Township Fire Department in Otwell, Indiana would like to congratulate Roger Young, Chris Young, Shawn Kunz, James Earls, and T.J. Skelton on receiving their Firefighter I & II certifications in July 2005.

2005 Firefighter of the Year

VINCENNES
SUN-COMMERCIAL,
SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005

By MIKE WILSON,
S-C Intern

Years of community service, his dedication to his family, and 23 years of certifications ranging from weapons of mass destruction instruction to EMT training were packed into a 25-page scrapbook compiled by Captain Ed Yochum, a Vincennes Township firefighter.

The scrapbook was judged in competition with three other firefighters, including a fire chief with more than 30 years of experience, for the American Legion Martin A. Werner Firefighter

of the Year Award. To Yochum's surprise, he won.

"I honestly didn't think I would win," Yochum said. "My wife told me she could tell I was actually surprised when my name was called."

He received the award July 10 at an American Legion banquet.

Community members, however, did not share Yochum's shock when he took home the prestigious award.

"He was the best qualified applicant," said Bill Kocher, the American Legion law and firefighter director for Indiana. "And I personally know him, he's a good man."

Yochum, a family man dedicated to his wife and four daughters, has had an

impact in many facets of the community.

One example can be found at the end of his two page long list of certifications, which declare him an expert in everything from diving to handling hazardous materials. The final entry states his certification from River City Clown School.

Yochum teaches children about the dangers of fire and smoke at the Knox County Fair and during Fire Safety Month each year as his alter-ego "Sunkist" the clown.

He is also involved in the Vincennes Relay for Life, is a youth group leader at St. John's Catholic Church, and now oversees the fricassee at the church,

which he said is one of the things for which he has the most pride.

Fricassee is a soup which takes about 24 hour of cooking to create and is made twice a year. Yochum and his cousin took over the project after his uncle, who made the soup for more than 45 years, passed away.

He said he wanted to thank Vincennes firefighter Jack Bailey for helping him get the scrapbook together, Vincennes Fire Chief Tim Smith, who nominated him and Kocher and the American Legion for all the good youth-oriented programs they provide to the community.

(Article courtesy of the Vincennes Sun-Commercial and submitted by Jack Harker, IVFA Treasurer)

Matt Stilwell joins Pershing Township Fire Cadet program



Matt Stilwell has been accepted as a Cadet firefighter by Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Matt is the son of Richard and Peggy Stilwell of Freetown and becomes the third generation of firefighters in his family.

Matt's grandfather Earl Stilwell was a charter member of the department in 1959 and his father, Rick, is currently active as a firefighter and search and rescue team member.

Matt is now participating in the department's ongoing education program and working in operational support positions. He is a junior at Brownstown Central High School and enjoys hunting, fishing, and basketball.

Pershing Township Fire Department's Cadet program is open to residents of Pershing Township age 16-18 with parental consent.

For more information call Fire Chief Richard L. Blaker, Sr. at 497-3297.

Pershing Township FD accepts new firefighter



Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department in Freetown has announced the acceptance of Brent Terry

as a probationary firefighter.

Terry is currently participating in the department's on-going fire education program and is active in departmental operations.

Terry is employed with Hukill Oil Company as area manager for Mr. Lubie Fast Lube Stores. He is a life-long resident of Jackson County currently residing in Freetown with his wife Jenne Lynn and three children Kylan, Regan and Payton.

Terry explained his desire for community service which resulted from a family crisis. "When my youngest son was born he had some heart problems. My wife and I had a lot of support and help from people in the community. I decided to give something back and help other people."

Lyle Ault honored by Pershing firefighters



LEFT TO RIGHT: Chief Richard Blaker, Lyle E. Ault and Joseph McDermid, president - Pershing Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

Lyle E. Ault was honored at a surprise gathering of Pershing Township firefighters and family members at the Jackson County fair. Ault was applauded for his 46 years of continuous service as a firefighter with the all volunteer department.

A large display of firefighter activities at the fair was dedicated in honor of Ault. Pershing Township Fire Chief Richard Blaker and president Joe



LEFT TO RIGHT: Pershing Twp. Fire Department - Marvin Fleenor, Doyle Lyon, Rebecca Scott, Matt Stilwell, Clint Rudolph, Rick Stilwell, Brian Rudolph, Richard Blaker, Lyle Ault, Jeff Ferguson and Joe McDermid.

McDermid presented Ault with a personalized firefighter throw and a framed photo. Mrs. Ault was given a large floral arrangement in appreciation of her many ways of support and work for the department.

Ault joined the infant fire service program in 1959. He is certified as a firefighter First Class and has served

as department trustee, chair of the July 4th celebration committee and was president of the corporation from 1987 - 1988.

Ault attends the Freetown Church of Christ and is employed as a construction contractor.

Lyle and his wife, Marilyn, reside in Spraytown.

Obituary

Paul A. Linne

Paul A. Linne, age 57, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2005.

He had been active IVFA member for over 25 years and had retired from Tell City Fire Department in January 2005 after serving 34 years in the fire service.

An IVFA memorial service was held August 2, 2005 at 6 p.m. at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home, Tell City.

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

DISTRICT 1-2

Tom Orrell
District 1
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Paul Watland
District 2
Chairman



Wheatfield FD
July 20, 2005
District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".
Roll call was answered by 17 members of seven departments in District 1 with Merrillville Station #1 as the trophy winner, and by 40 members of nine departments in District 2 with Keener/DeMotte as the trophy winner.
Guests included: Mr. IVFA - 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 vice president Martha Thomas, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, Wheatfield retired members Bill Davis Sr., Dave Bierma, Warrant Roberts, Ivan Robbins, Dave Cziemiack and Andy Borsma of the Jasper Co. coroner's office.
Chief Dave Witt gave a brief history of the Wheatfield FD and introduced his captain, Ron Scholtz who spoke on garbage truck fires.
Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Glenn White to dispense with the reading of May's minutes. Passed.
Mitch Parish advised the paper would be in the mail on August 5th. Buz advised HB1580 passed, forms on the IVFA website for employers/

employees. Jim Bradford advised IVFA dues are due by July 31st, the deadline for the next paper will be October 10th, any problems with NIFRS software, contact Gary Robertson; advised that everyone must be NIMS certified for their department to be eligible for any grants and reminded everyone that the training office will not take the old 24 hour training forms anymore.
Elections held: Glen White made a motion for Tom Orrell as District 1 chairman, Ralph Knapp made a motion for Paul Watland as District 2 chairman, Paul Watland made a motion for Diana Orrell as secretary and Ike Wrench made a motion for Clarence Moss as treasurer, all passed with a unanimous vote.
Treasurer's report: \$1,494.04.
No old business.
No new business/deaths.
Good of the order: 125-mile motorcycle run for "Expo of Special persons; on August 13th starting and ending at the fairgrounds in Reynolds, IN (Districts 9A/9B); Union FD holding a "blood drive" at Station #2 on Saturday, August 6th from 10am to 2pm; Station dedication at L.O.F.S. (Station #1) on Saturday, August 20th from 10 am to 3 pm, parade line up at 9 am at Station #2, beginning at 10 a.m.; Liberty FD 50th anniversary street dance on Saturday, August 20th; "Expo for Specials Persons" in Reynolds, IN (at fairgrounds) on August 21st from 10 am to 4 pm; Morgan FD 6th annual Labor Day parade in Malden on Sep-

tember 5th, line up 11 a.m., begins at noon (more info, contact Greg at 462-1665); Wheatfield Auxiliary hosting a "pork chop dinner" on Saturday, September 17th, 11:30 a.m. to ?
Next meeting, August 17, 2005 at Lake Ridge FD.
Connie Rice of Wheatfield Auxiliary won \$79.50 in the 50/50 drawing, and Tom Raber won a FD flag, donated by Paul Watland.
Glenn White made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Keith Austin. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell,
Secretary
IVFA Districts 1/2

Lake Ridge Fire Department
August 17, 2005
District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".
Roll call was answered by 49 members of 10 departments in District 1 with New Chicago FD as the trophy winner, and by 13 members of five departments in District 2 with Lincoln FD as the trophy winner.
Guests included: Past president Mitch Parish and his wife, 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, IVFAA vice president Martha Thomas, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, John Kierkowski from the State Fire Marshal's office, retired Lake Ridge members Joe Komiscar and Luke Donsbach and Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.
Chief Melody Jackson gave a brief history of the Lake Ridge FD and introduced its members.
No program.
Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to dispense with the reading of July's minutes. Passed.
Jim Bradford spoke on the following: NIFRS newest software version

(6.0) is available, contact Gary Roberson if you need it; NIMS cert information on FEMA website, download course/test changes to NFPA 1901; state employees can lose benefits and pension if they get certain diseases while working as a volunteer; trying to change tax-exempt forms/grants; training process changed reference training at Purdue; 800 MH frequencies broke nationwide (also advised if you get an 800 MH radio, do not give up your old frequency numbers); mutual aid run reports now need FDID numbers and run numbers from other agencies involved; HB1580 forms available on IVFA website. www.IVFA.org.
Mitch Parish spoke on the following: Marketing plans for credit union and mortgage companies wanting FF lists, need support to stop this; lobbyists cost \$30,000 (\$5,000 less than last year); contract with the IVFA district office; convention registrations, numbers down, need support from the district to get convention north again; FF death benefit (laws include heart attack and stroke - covered within 24 hours of call if on duty).
Tom Orrell advised the driver video still not in production, and reminded everyone to get in their nominations for the various awards.
Jerry Cohen spoke about the cross at the FF memorial during convention and discussed grants/funds for recruitment and retention of firefighters (volunteer and career).
Treasurer's report: \$1,375.24.
Old business: Martha Thomas advised IVFAA needs 15-18 year old female candidates for the Miss Flame.
New business: Melody Jackson presented a statue and badge to Joey Komiscar for his 29 years of service to Lake Ridge FD. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Julius Demick of Munster and Art Morrison of Shelby.
Good of the order: August 20, 4 Seasons station dedication/parade from 10am-3pm; August 20, Liberty FD street dance from 7-12pm; September

17, South Haven hosting a fire fest at Haven Hollow park starting at 2 p.m., Tak-a-bite band starting at 8; September 25th, Merrillville Station #1 having an open house from 12-4; October 2nd, Beverly Shores FD having a pancake breakfast, time TBA.
Next meeting will be at Cedar Lake on September 21st.
Dave Frederick of New Chicago won \$72.50 in the 50/50 drawing, Mike Cope of Griffith won a book, Mona Parks of Lake Ridge won a picture and Kevin Gephardt of Lake Ridge won a puppet all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.
Bub Wise made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m., seconded by Bob Sztot, passed.

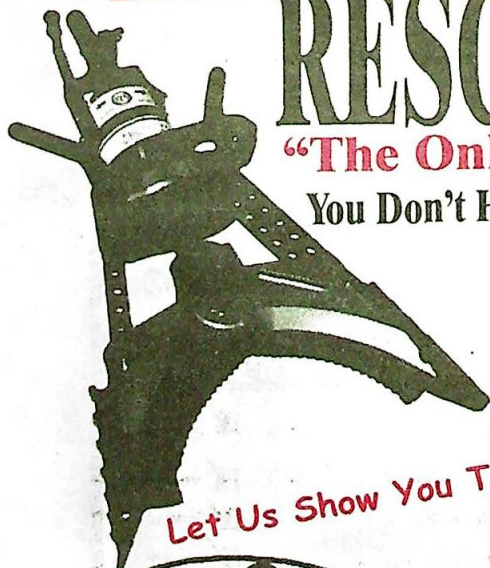
Diana Orrell,
IVFA secretary
Districts 1/2

Cedar Lake Fire Department
September 21, 2005
District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. President Jack Kerney led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".
Roll call was answered by 25 members of 10 departments in District 1 with New Chicago FD as the trophy winner, and by 44 members of eight departments in District 2 with Lincoln FD as the trophy winner.
Guests included: President Jack Kerney and his wife Barb, past president/chairman of the board 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 state chaplain Jerry Cohen, IVFAA vice president Martha Thomas, District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, District 2 IVFAA Miss Flame applicant Rebecca Proud, Jack Eskridge of the Lake County Fire Chief's Association, John Kierkowski of the Fire Marshal's office, Robert Eberle, Ralph Schillo and

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

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Barney Warnoff, all 50 year members of Cedar Lake Fire Department.

Chief Wilkenings gave a brief history of the Cedar Lake Fire Department and introduced its members.

Captain Bill Missal, president of Cedar Lake FD, Nick Dvorscak of Lake County Fire Chief's Association/Hazmat and Ron Svetic of the Lake County Hazmat team spoke briefly on Hazmat and Homeland Security.

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

Jack Kerney spoke on the following: FF training, Grant program, advised at least one training facility in each DHL area, State Training academy (not yet selected), 10 regional facilities-noting that Ft. Wayne almost finished. Advised that each district will have a chance to elect a board of directors to run their respective facility. Different levels for training (1-5) for training facilities, and advised information will be available on the website: www.IVFA.org. Buz Koehler advised he had FF magnets for autos available for \$5 each, from the 2006 convention committee.

Jim Bradford spoke on bidding for 2008 convention in Merrillville. Spoke briefly on the National Volunteer Fire Council www.NVFC.org. Advised if IVFA dues are late, ineligible for the Bridgeport Scholarship. Next paper deadline is October 10, 2005. Most updated version of NFIRS is available and noted that NFPA 1901 is trying to change to trucks older than 1991 model be required to be taken out of service. Jim also had Diana Orrell read a letter he received by e-mail from Fire Marshal Johnson on new training facility.

Ann Moss presented a plaque from IVFAA to Viola Rose for 60-year auxiliary member, also reminded everyone that Miss Flame applications are due no later than October 15, 2005.

Jack Eskridge advised for Region 1 (includes five counties), already been meeting regarding the training facility.

Treasurer's report: \$1,447.74.

No old business.

New business: 50-year gold cards, plaques and the Governor's meritorious service award were presented to Robert Eberle, Barney Warnoff, and Ralph Schillo by Jack Kerney, Paul Watland, Dennis Wilkenings and John Kierkowski. Mrs. Eberle, Warnoff and Schillo were presented with the Firefighter's wife's prayer.

Jack Kerney and Paul Watland presented Dale Morgan of Lake of Four Seasons, and Mark Baumgardner of Crown Point with their 25-year pins.

A moment of silence was observed for the deaths of Raymond H. Burke of Dyer, Les Esserman of Liberty, Frank Pfister of Munster and Dennis Tetmeyer of Lowell.

Good of the order: Griffith FD hosting a boot drive for the Hoosier Burn Camp on Saturday, September 24th; Beverly Shores FD having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 2nd, time TBA; Crown Point FD having an open house on Sunday, October 2nd from 12-4 p.m.; Lake Dalecarlia having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 22nd starting at 8 a.m.; Cedar Lake FD open house on Sunday, October 16th, and pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 23rd from 8-1.

The next meeting will be at Pine Township FD on Wednesday, October 19th.

Dave Frederick of New Chicago FD won \$130 in the 50/50 drawing. Several prizes donated by different sources were also won.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Keith Austin to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell,
IVFA Secretary
Districts 1/2

DISTRICT 3

David G. Kaufman
District 3 Chairman

July 21, 2005

Center Township VFD

Chairman Pam Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. State Chaplain Jerry Cohen opened the meeting with a prayer. Brandon Davie led the pledge.

Guests present were: State chaplain Jerry Cohen, PR NW Jim Bradford and Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

Roll call was taken with 11 members representing six departments present.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as published. Motion carried. Treasurer's report was given and approved with a balance of \$350.64.

Training / Program: Dave Kaufman gave an informative presentation on Length of Service Award Programs (LOSAP). His department is investigating the options of the program. Dave had statistics and contact information for interested departments.

Communications: Comments from PR director Jim Bradford - 1. Gave a report on HB1580 and announced that the needed forms for your employer are available on the Association's website; 2. Reminded all departments that dues must be paid by July 31st; 3. Announced that the deadline for the next edition of the newspaper is 8/5; 4. Reminded all departments to call Gary Robison for NFIRS updates; 5. Reminded all departments that NIMS training is a requirement; 6. Gave a report on FEMA grants and how much Indiana received; 7. Announced that a report on the IVFA Summits will be published after the next Officer's meeting; 8. Reminded all departments to contact their EMA office for the orange hazmat books; 9. Read an interesting fact sheet called "Gee Whiz". One interesting fact stated that there are 952 fire departments in Indiana and 877 of them are volunteer fire departments; 10. Announced that there were 68 kids at this year's Burn Camp.

Comments from Bruce Yonkers: 1. Announced that a group of volunteers has organized a special day for mentally and physically handicapped persons called The Expo for Special Persons. It is held the 3rd Sunday of August at the White County Fairgrounds in Reynolds. There will be a motorcycle ride on August 13th with proceeds going to help with costs of the Expo. Any interested person can contact Bruce at (219) 924-3318.

Committee Reports: None.

Unfinished Business: 1. Pam Kaufman gave a report on the Columbus convention; a) She announced that our Miss Flame, Kayla Wallace was

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

District 13-A Term: Jan. 1, 2003 to Dec. 31, 2005

District 21 Term: Jan. 1, 2003 to Dec. 31, 2005

District 2 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 to Dec. 31, 2008

District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 to Dec. 31, 2008

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unable to attend due to a family emergency. The \$200 check presented to Kayla was returned and voided. The amount was returned to the Treasury; b) Compliments were given to Chaplain Cohen on the excellent memorial service. Being that this was Jerry's first memorial as Chaplain, everyone agreed it was a moving and spiritual tribute to our deceased brothers and sisters; c) Announced that this year's District 3 recipient of the Midwest Award was Jim Hall from LaCrosse VFD. Jim was present at the Convention to receive the award and Chairman Kaufman represented it to him at the dedication of the new LaCrosse Fire Station on 6/20; d) Announced that Chaplain Cohen was presented his 50-year Gold Card during the Awards Banquet at the Convention; e) Presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the IVFA president to past chairman Tim Sandy that was accepted on his behalf at the Convention; 2) Chaplain Cohen spoke to the group and encouraged those present to try to get more members to attend the meetings and convention. We desperately need more representation.

New Business: 1. Election of officers - Chairman Kaufman turned the floor over to PR director Bradford to conduct the elections. Nominations from the floor were accepted for chairman. Dave Kaufman and Pam Kaufman were nominated. Pam Kaufman declined the nomination. Being there were no other nominations for the office of chairman, Pam Kaufman placed one unanimous ballot for Dave Kaufman as chairman of District 3. Nominations from the floor were accepted for secretary/treasurer. Pam Kaufman was nominated. Being there were no other nominations for the office of secretary/treasurer, Dave Kaufman placed one unanimous ballot for Pam Kaufman as secretary/treasurer of District 3.

Good of the Order: 1. Dave Kaufman announced that Purdue University would be doing some mandatory training classes; 2. Pam Kaufman announced a new firefighter website at www.everyonegoeshome.com. This site is derived from the Life Safety Initiatives Program and could serve as a great resource for departments; 3. Tim Sandy talked about the free on-line FEMA training courses available; 4.

Hanna VFD will be having a Street Dance on August 13th; 5. Lincoln Township will be having a steak fry on September 3rd from 4-7 p.m.; 6. Springfield Township will be having a fish fry in September.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. after a motion and second. Joe Wellinski won the 50/50 but donated his winnings back to the treasury.

Next meeting: September 22, 2005, 7:30 p.m. (local time). (Food served at 7:00 p.m.) North Judson - Wayne Twp. VFD.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer

September 22, 2005

North Judson - Wayne Twp. VFD
Chairman Dave Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Associate state chaplain Ron Devenport opened the meeting with a prayer. Chief Jerry Okeley led the pledge.

Guests present were: state chaplain Jerry Cohen, PRNW Jim Bradford, Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

Roll call was taken with nine members representing five departments present.

Training/Program: Chairman Dave Kaufman gave an informative presentation on the newly issued State of Indiana Firefighting Training System and relayed information he obtained from attending a recent meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as published. Motion carried. Treasurer's report was given and approved with a balance of \$376.64.

Communications: Comments from chairman Dave Kaufman - 1. Passed out flyers on INShape Indiana, a program being initiated by Governor Daniels; 2. Read a request for used equipment to be donated to Louisiana departments that were damaged in Hurricane Katrina; 3. Passed out copies of the NVFC Fire Service Project Closing Model to interested department; 4. Read the recent letter from Fire Marshal Johnson.

Comments from PR director Jim Bradford - 1. Reminded all departments to call Gary Robison for NFIRS updates; 2. Reminded all departments to contact their EMA office for the or-

ange hazmat books; 3. Announced that District 1 will be attempting to host the Convention in 2008; 4. Announced that the 2006 Convention will be in Indianapolis; 5. Announced that the deadline for the next edition of the newspaper is 10/10.

Committee reports: None.
Unfinished business: None.
New business: 1. Chairman Kaufman introduced new associate state chaplain Rob Devenport. Ron is a member of Lincoln Twp. VFD in LaPorte County and is the pastor of Mill Creek Baptist Church. He will be assisting Chaplain Cohen with his duties; 2. Chaplain Cohen led a discussion about how to get more members to attend the meetings.

Good of the order: 1. Chairman Kaufman presented Chief Okeley with 25 year pins for the following members of the North Judson Fire Department: Kenneth Dolezal, Ronald Lawson, Harry Lemke, Gerald Mitrius, Kenneth Pfost, Robert Roy, Robert Rozhon and James Stepp; 2. Chief Okeley introduced members of his department that were present and talked about his department. He also announced they just finished a fundraiser with Colorcraft that was very successful; 3. Jim Bradford announced that Fire Service, Inc. will be having an open house in St. John on 10/7/05 from 12-6p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. after a motion and second. Jim Bradford won the 50/50.

Next meeting: November 17, 2005, 7:30 p.m. (local time). Food served at 7:00 p.m. Springfield Township VFD.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

My time as treasurer will be over at the end of this year. I want to thank everyone who has worked with me over the last five years for his or her help and support.

The treasurer's job is not an easy one. There's a lot more to it than writing checks. Computers make it easier but it still takes a lot of time and knowledge to understand the computer program and make the correct entries.

I won't say good-bye because I will still be attending meetings and seeing all of you.

Hope everyone has a "Good Thanksgiving", a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year".

Jack Harker

DISTRICT 5



Don Kissinger
District 5
Chairman

July 14, 2005

Mexico Fire Department
Mexico, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1931 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 17 members representing seven departments.

Guests: Richard Glant, past president; Holly Farrar, District 5 Miss Flame candidate; David Sichelka, IVFA assistant chaplain, PRNE.

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

Chairman Kissinger announced the new IVFA officers for next year. Gene Smith from Poe will be the new PR man for our district.

Convention for 2006 will be in Indianapolis at 21st and Shadeland. Dates are believed to be 6/28 - 7/1.

It was reported that the legislative

session went extremely well for IVFA concerns and could have been even better had it not been for the walkout that stopped action of bills.

The next IVFA quarterly meeting will be the weekend of August 13th.

The floor was turned over to past president Richard Glant.

Glant proposed the creation of District 7 co-chairmen.

Glant also reported that it may be a possibility for the district to host the 2008 convention. He asked the members if they would be interested in doing so.

It was moved by Richard Glant, Bremen, seconded by Craig Southern, N. Manchester to create the position of district co-chairmen. Motion carried unanimously.

Elections of officers were held.

District chairman - Don Kissinger, district co-chair - Tony Farrar, district secretary/treasurer - David Sichelka.

Good of the order: Bremen will be having their fall stag on October 6, 2005; North Manchester Fire Department will be having a Public Safety Day on August 11.

On August 21, district chairman Don Kissinger will be presenting the Midwest Award to Winimac Coil Spring for their cooperation with the Kewanna Fire Department.

The next meeting will be held September 8, 2005 at Noble Township Wabash Co. Fire Department, State Rt. 15 and 200 N.

The question was raised whether the topic of mandatory training was addressed at the convention. Past president Glant reported that the IVFA is doing everything in its power to get it stopped.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Tony Farrar of the Bremen Vol. Fire Department.

Holly Farrar reported on her experiences as a Miss Flame candidate at convention and as a participant in Hoosier Girls' State.

Meeting was adjourned at 2017 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

Submitted by
David Sichelka
Secretary/Treasurer
IVFA District 5

September 9, 2005

Noble Township Fire Department
Wabash, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by District 5 co-chair Don Kissinger with the pledge of allegiance following.

Roll call: 15 members representing eight departments.

Guests: Tony Ciriello, Syracuse Police Chief, Holly Farrar, District 5 Miss Flame candidate 2005, David Sichelka, IVFA assistant chaplain PRNE, Mike Mackin, PR Northeast, Victoria Snyder

of Kewanna, Miss Flame candidate 2006, Gene and E. J. Smith. Gene is PRNE representative elect.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district chairman Kissinger and approved with the correction that Glant proposed the creation of District 5 co-chairmen.

Holly Farrar reported that she will send a letter to all District 5 departments to give notice of Miss Flame selection at the November district meeting. Departments with a candidate should contact Don Kissinger prior to the meeting.

Sample Mutual Aid agreement was presented for benefit of local departments who are interested. Don Kissinger can provide copies.

Regional Summit Report is available from Don Kissinger. One finding is that EMA Directors can have difficulty working with local departments.

Fire Marshal Johnson reported at the IVFA quarterly meeting that mandatory training at Purdue had a number of people fail. The test is being redesigned to be more firefighter friendly. It will have 50 questions instead of 25 and wildland firefighting was added.

The IVFA has been approached by credit union and mortgage companies to solicit participation in their promotions. Turning over membership lists is an issue. The executive committee will make a recommendation.

PRNE Rep. Mike Mackin reported that some bills from last year's legislative session will likely be reintroduced this year. It is hoped that the \$2,000 tax cut for volunteer firefighters will pass.

PRNE elect Gene Smith reminded the body of Fire Prevention Week October 9-15. Of special concern is the number of residential fires starting from candles. A candle safety quiz was distributed.

Good of the order: Denver annual beef roast will be October 1; Bourbon He-She stag will be October 15; Bremen will be having their fall stag on October 2, 2005; Kewanna will host their county meeting with the State Fire Marshal speaking; North Manchester Fire Department now has a web site: www.nmanchesterfire.org.

Thanks to Richard Glant and district chair Don Kissinger for presenting the Midwest Award August 21 to Winimac Coil Spring for their cooperation with the Kewanna Fire Department.

Police chief Tony Ciriello of Syracuse presented a program on Meth labs for fire departments.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Tony Farrar of the Bremen Volunteer Fire Department.

Clarence Rothburn of Noble Township Fire Department was awarded his 25 year pin.

The next meeting will be held No-

vember 10, 2005 at Kewanna-Union Fire Department, Kewanna, IN.

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

DISTRICT 7

Maurice Sorg
District 7
Chairman



May 16, 2005
Markle

Guest was Michael "Mike" Mackin, Public Relations Director Northeast.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Sorg at 8:07 p.m. with those present reciting the pledge of allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 28 members from 12 departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg announced the IVFA will not be using telemarketing to raise funds.

Chairman Sorg clarified the IVFA license plates will remain at \$5.00 for application.

Related by chairman Sorg that four deaths have occurred since the last meeting, those being Nelson Laur of Bippus, Ronnie Morningstar of Geneva, MSG Michael T. Hiester of Bluffton, and Dale House of Monroeville.

Chairman Sorg gave a brief report on the Fire Caucus in Washington D.C. and advised the IVFA website receives 2200 hits per day from all over the world.

Mike Mackin reminded members the IVFA dues are due by July 31, 2005, and to review members for any changes such as address and beneficiary.

Becky Sorg gave information on the upcoming Indiana Burn Camp slated for June 1, 2005, near Lafayette.

Second roll call was answered by 28 members from 12 departments.

The next meeting will be held at Monroe on July 18, 2005. This will include the election of officers.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

Monroe
July 18, 2005

Guests were: Dave Sichelka, IVFA Associate Chaplain, Vicki Ellis, Adams County Red Cross, Michael "Mike" Mackin, PRNE.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Sorg at 8:03 p.m. Chairman Sorg led the membership in the pledge of allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 29 members from 11 departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the membership.

Chairman Sorg announced the death of Joseph N. Cale, longtime Bluffton Fire Department engineer. Joe retired in 2000 after serving for 33 years.

The Mr. IVFA award went to LeMoyné "Buz" Koehler from Rensselaer.

Chairman Sorg reported that Decatur Fire Department held an awards ceremony on June 11, 2005 to honor longtime members and retirees.

The Bridgeport Scholarship had three recipients this year.

Chairman Sorg related various information and happenings around the State of Indiana.

PRNE Mike Mackin asked for suggestions for new legislation and thanked the members for their support while he served as Public Relations Director Northeast.

Associate chaplain Dave Sichelka offered chaplains assistance when needed.

The annual election of officers was held with chairman Sorg and secretary Markley re-elected for another term.

Next meeting will be September 19, 2005 at Monroeville.

Miss Flame Sarah Bultemeir thanked the district for all the support she received while serving as our Miss Flame.

Adams County Red Cross director Vicki Ellis gave a presentation on the

functions of the Red Cross.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

September 19, 2005
Monroeville

Guests were: Gene Smith - Public Relations Director Northeast, Dave Sichelka, assistant chaplain, and Mike Mackin, past Public Relations Director Northeast.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:10 p.m.

Chairman Sorg led the membership in the pledge of allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 20 members from six departments.

Chairman Sorg reported current events and happenings in the first service, and reported results of the quarterly meeting of IVFA officers, the National Volunteer Fire Council.

The second roll call was answered by 20 members from six departments.

Suzie Stout reported on the fatal aircraft crash in Wabash County of a firefighter and his family. Suzie commented on the memorial service and funeral that about 1,000 people attended.

Richard Sorg, Fort Wayne Fire Department, reported on the recent trip by a contingent from FWFD to aid in the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Richard reported they first arrived in Atlanta, GA, then were sent to Orlando, FL and then reported to Baton Rouge, LA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The next meeting will be November 21, 2005, at Mount Etna.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

DISTRICT 8-B

Lloyd Wright
District 8B Chairman

The District 8B meeting was held at the Montpelier Fire Department, Montpelier, IN on July 13, 2005.

Larry Petro called his last meeting as district chairman to order. Twenty-two firefighters and four guests were present. The guests were as follows: Buz Koehler, Mitch Parish, Don Cushman, and Mrs. Williams from Parker City.

Election of officers was held with Lloyd Wright, chairman and Deb Mcgruff Sharp, secretary and treasurer. During the business meeting a discussion was held about training and the laws for firefighters being late to work.

Larry was presented with a fire figurine for his years of service as the district chairman. Larry then turned the meeting over to the new chairman Lloyd Wright.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

On July 6, 2005 Larry and Lloyd traveled to Cowan Fire Department to present some 25 year pins.

Lloyd Wright
District 8B chairman

On September 14, 2005 District 8B held their meeting at Parker City Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was answered by 20 members of eight departments. Also in attendance was one guest, Gary Robison.

Gary talked on different training and what the homeland security is doing for the people affected by Katrina.

Charles Nicholson from Lynn Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a 25 year pin for his service with the department.

Different events that are being held by the departments are as follows:

1. Pennville Fire Department will be having a hog roast on October 15 from 4 to 7 p.m.

2. Parker City Fire Department will be having a chili supper on October 29, 2005 from 4 to 8 p.m.

3. Ridgeville Fire Department will hold an auction on November 25 at 6 p.m.

4. Ward Township Fire Department will be having a fish and chicken supper on December 3, 2005 from 4 to 8 p.m.

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DISTRICT 8-B

Lloyd Wright
District 8B Chairman

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I would like for the departments in District 8B to be thinking of some names to submit for these different awards: 1. Midwest Award; 2. Ollie Sandburg Award; 3. Mr. IVFA Award. These names must be turned in to the district chairman by January 11th. They may also be turned in at the January district meeting which will be held at the Portland Fire Station.

The next district meeting will be held at the Pennville Fire Station on November 9, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see each department in 8B represented.

That's all for now, see you at one of the district meetings.

Lloyd Wright
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A

Robert Meyers
District 11-A Chairman

Our September meeting/picnic was held jointly with District 11B at Brazil, IN.

A lot of fellowship and of course a lot of good food.

Our November meeting will be held on the 20th at Shepardsville Fire Department.

My phone number appears elsewhere in this paper.

District 11-A vice chairman Dave Phelps' number is (812) 299-4257.

Shouldn't be a problem if you need to contact an officer from this district. Until next time, happy holidays.

Robert "Bob" Meyers
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 11-B



Wm. Brent Bush
District 11B Chairman

Greencastle Fire Department
July 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order by chairman Brent Bush, the pledge to the flag was led by Dorman Owen and the invocation was given by Bill Newgent. Chairman Bush introduced the guests present which included the president, vice president and the secretary of the IVFA. The IVFAA district chairperson, Patty Stephens introduced her guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the treasurer's report was read and approved.

IVFA president, Jack Kerney, spoke on the seminar held at the recent convention in Columbus about the Board of Firefighter's Standards and Education. This seminar drew a very large crowd according to President Kerney. A very lengthy question and answer session followed his presentation.

Roll call was taken with 10 members from six departments answering the roll. Southwest Public Relations Director Diane Harrison reported that \$1,314.00 had been raised from the auction at the convention for the Burn Camp. Chairman Bush formed a nominating committee chaired by Dorman Owen from the Reelsville-Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. The annual election will be held at the picnic on Sept. 11th. District IVFAA chairperson Patty Stephens announced for the picnic, the district will supply the table service and drinks. Families are requested to bring a well filled picnic basket. Department upcoming events were mentioned at this time. The host certificate was presented to Chief Bill Newgent of the Greencastle Fire Department for hosting this meeting.

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

Larry Bruner
District 12 Chairman



Greetings from District 12, Our district has really been busy since our last quarterly paper.

Our last meeting was May 16th at Mill Creek, District 7 in Stilesville, Indiana.

We had 23 members representing seven departments. There was a program on "Responding to trucking incidents involving commercial explosives." As firefighters we often rush in before we should. This program emphasized safety first and incident command.

Bridgeport Fire Department had four firefighters there with over 100 years experience in the fire service. Wow, you know they have seen a lot of changes over the years.

Three of them, Chuck Connors, Jerry Lashbrook and Paul Huffer were awarded their 25 year pins.

On May 25th, five departments from District 12 and an antique 1931 Stutz fire truck went to Camp Tecumseh to spend Visitor's Day with the children of Hoosier Burn Camp. A good time was had by all.

A special thanks to District 10 and chairman Dave Israel for hosting this year's IVFA convention in Columbus, Indiana. District 12 had five departments with 11 delegates there. We hope to double our departments and delegates at next year's convention in Indianapolis. Put this on your calendar now.

On Saturday, June 11th, Green Twp. Volunteer Fire Department dedicated their brand new six-bay fire station with training facility, housing, and tornado shelter all within their station. This department has really planned for the future and is growing with the community.

Our next meeting will be held at Green Twp.'s new station on July 18th.

Last, but not least, a special hello to a friend in Oolitic, Ted, see you at convention next year.

Greetings from District 12

Our July meeting was held the 18th at Green Twp. VFD with 17 members representing seven departments.

Guests were Roger Johnson, Indiana State Fire Marshal, Gary Robinson, NIFRS Program Director, and Diane Harrison, PR West Central.

Fire Marshal Johnson led a discussion on the changes to come in training for the state of Indiana and the 10 new District Fire Academy facilities to come.

Gary Robinson spoke on the need to complete NIFRS reports monthly; how the data from these reports are being used to procure grants, financing for training and equipment, and to bring new business and employment into the state.

Gary updated us on NIMS requirements, department reporting - how we were 47th and now we're 10th in the nation, and how the public can receive a free smoke detector from the State Fire Marshal Office.

Diane Harrison updated us on the Hoosier Burn Camp and how the IVFA convention auction raised \$1,314.00 to send burn victims to Hoosier Burn Camp. Diane also informed us HB1580 went into effect, stating employers cannot reprimand you for responding to an emergency; all information is on the IVFA website.

On September 19, 2005 District 12 meeting was held at Madison Twp. VFD with 20 members present representing six departments and three guests.

Lona Huffman of Jones & Associates spoke to us about ESIP, Emergency Services Insurance Program, how they can be cost effective saving thousands on our insurance and provide us with free training.

Diane Harrison gave us an update on House Bills and the status on state

training for Firefighter/EMS personnel. Diane passed out department surveys for our volunteer fire departments to fill out and send in. Surveys were from the National Volunteer Fire Council Foundation, past studies have shown that volunteer fire departments make up an annually cost savings of \$37.2 billion to American taxpayers.

John Lambert received his 50 year Gold card and gave us a very informative history on Madison Twp. VFD.

James Rodenbeck and John Zielska received their 25 year pins.

Submitted by
Larry Bruner
District 12 chairman

DISTRICT 14



Al Williamson

District 14 Chairman

Greetings to everyone, I hope your summer had been a pleasant one.

First, I'd like to thank Brownstown F.D. for hosting the August meeting. I was re-elected as District 14 chairman. Ed Flynn was re-elected as vice chairman. I have been given the name of a Brownstown F.F. who is a minister to serve as District 14 chaplain and still have open the secretary and treasurer's positions.

I was again honored to present two more members of Fair Play Fire Co. 1, 50 year Gold Cards along with Fire Marshal Johnson. Photo will appear in the paper.

I also attended New Washington Festival and picnic along with District 14's Miss Flame Courtney Miller.

I haven't been able to get to very many events due to a lot of overtime at my job as a 911 dispatcher. I did manage to get in a week's vacation but was being paged to come to work before I even unpacked my car.

Please pray for the hurricane victims and do what you can to help.

Al Williamson
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 17-A

Sam Emery

District 17-A Chairman

I attended the July 7th district meeting at Eastern Greene County Fire Department in Solsberry.

At this meeting district elections were held and I was elected district chairman. Jack Harker as vice-chairman and Debi Ockerman as secretary.

I attended a memorial service for South Patoka Twp. firefighter James Earls, we send condolences to the family.

August 28th the annual Greene County Firefighter field day was held. Following a noon meal, fire games were held.

Many thanks to Jack Kerney, Jack Zeeks and Tim Deckard for their outstanding work as judges.

September 17th was the annual Scotland Festival at which I attended and our fire department had its annual breakfast and fundraiser.

Our September district meeting was hosted by Vincennes Twp. A special thanks to Tim Smith for stepping in to help.

Our November meeting will be held at Elnora-Elmore Twp. in Elnora - date to be set later.

Sam Emery
Chairman, District 17A

DISTRICT 17B

Tim Deckard

District 17B Chairman



Greetings fellow firefighters, Our last meeting was held on September 20 at the Oolitic fire department in Lawrence County with special guest from the Indiana State Police to discuss the current problems in Meth

FROM THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER John Davies

Where did the summer go? Like so many others, I am not ready for winter. The thought of exchanging a lawn mower for a snow blower is not what I look forward to. However, this is the time of the year to get out and enjoy the fund raisers put on by the various fire departments in order to make their task of protecting their communities a little easier. The aroma of chicken on the grill, fish being cooked and a big pot of ham and beans is worth the wait in the long lines for these events. This is what friendship is all about, seeing some of the department members that sometime only happens once a year. The local department has been trying for several years to come up with a way to build a much needed station here in town. Believe me, they are doing everything possible to get to their goal.

I have been asked to put together an article about the history of this organization. I am going to start by copying the meeting minutes of a certain convention. For some of you, this is going to tax your brain. Somewhere in the paper, will be the answers to the questions (1) Where are we? (2) What year did this take place.

We are going to reconvene the meeting and call the th Annual Convention of the IVFA to order. After the invocation by our chaplain, you will please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by our Vice President Swartz. Father Lantz. The Parliamentarian for this session is Bill Kinsey. I would like to have the Convention Committee Chairman explain a little bit about what you are going to do today as the schedule is concerned, the Memorial Service and all those kind of things.

President to Jim Parker. Jim Parker, I move we adjourn this meeting. Bill Howe, PR Northwest. Bob Esserman, District 1. I second the motion. President, All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'. Opposed? The th Annual meeting is officially adjourned.

Labs. A special thanks to Chief Jason Lewis and the members of the fire department for hosting the meeting. District 17B has a new district secretary which is Vicki McGlocklin of the Bean Blossom Fire Department in Stinesville. Vicki is currently their Public Education-Prevention Officer, and the district welcomes her aboard.

The district takes their hats off to the following fire departments after receiving FEMA Fire Act Grants. Benton Township - vehicle, Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District - \$60,519.00 Operations & Safety, Bean Blossom Fire Department - \$59,185.00 Operations & Safety.

Just a reminder to everyone, please be in close watch about upcoming Summit and Firefighter Training Facilities. Our voice is being heard and we need your voice to help make a difference in the state. A meeting is being planned for sometime in November, so watch and come help and show your support.

As the holidays approach, Thanksgiving is a time for us to express our sincere Thanks, we have a lot to be thankful for and may you have a bountiful Thanksgiving and may you have the gift of faith, and blessing of hope and peace for the upcoming Christmas season, may Santa fill your stocking full with every good wish be safe.

Tim Deckard,
District 17B chairman

DISTRICT 19



Ed Scheele
District 19 Chairman

The next District 19 meeting will be at Moores Hill - Sparta Twp. Vol. Fire Department on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. We will be having our Miss Flame judging at the meeting. If your department is having a young lady in the contest, let me know by November 10th if possible.

It is time to get names and letters for the state awards at next year's convention. Letters for the Midwest Award need to be brought to the January meeting or sent to me so I have them before the meeting.

It is time for cold and snowy weather. We all need to be extra careful at fire and EMS scenes so no one gets injured. With the high cost of winter heating fuel, there will be a lot of alternative heat. We need to remind our communities of the dangers of heat sources.

It is getting holiday season soon. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman



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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S
QUARTERLY MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2005
HOLIDAY INN
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by vice president Larry Ketchem.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Chairman of the Board Buz Kochler made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Chaplain Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jack Kerney - Driven 6111 miles this past quarter attending two fire summits, 10 district meetings, two Board of Firefighting Standards and Education meetings, two memorial services, the Homeland Security Mandatory training class at Purdue and the Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Indianapolis. Passed out packet on the results of the fire summits for everyone to review. It will be put Web Site. The Public Relations Directors at district meetings will discuss highlighted items.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Larry Ketchem - Attended two Summit meetings, two Convention 2006 meetings, five district meetings, two memorial services, one dedication and the Homeland Security Mandatory Training Class at Purdue.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry

Bartlow - Attended two memorial services.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Jerry Cohen - Looking for Associate Chaplain for the PRNW. Helped three men become department chaplains. Had a donation of 250 Grave Markers from the Arrow Brass Company

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Harker - Attended 10 district meetings, three Fundraisers and three memorial services this quarter.

Explained the financial statement for this quarter; with comparison to year 2004. A motion by Chaplain Cohen to accept the report as read. PRSE Bob McKinzie made the second. Motion passed.

It was noted that the Bridgeport Fund is growing above the \$100,000 limit that was set for the fund when we would start giving three scholarships. Past-president Jim Parker made a motion that entire license plate fee be deposited into a separate account in the general fund and be used for the Bridgeport Fund if it goes below the \$100,000 limit. The general fund to deposit \$4500 each year to pay for the three scholarships. This is an unrestricted item in the budget. District 13A chairman Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Bill Bush - Has supplies for two districts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

PRNW: Jim Bradford - Attended nine district meetings, two IVFAA district meetings, two memorial services, one funeral, one recruitment meeting, one station dedication, two Gold Card presentations, two newspaper office visits, and eight fundraisers, for a total of 2322 miles.

PRNE: Mike Mackin - Made all district meetings. PR-Elect Jean Smith has attended two district meetings.

PRWC: Diane Harrison - Attended five district meetings, two Greene county Firefighter Association meetings, and the Hoosier Bum Camp.

PREC: Don Cushman - Absent.

PRSE: Bob McKinzie - Attended four district meetings and made four department visits.

PRSE: Jim Abrams - Attended five district meetings, visited five depart-

ments and three funerals.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Buz Kochler - Attended seven district meetings, two Gold Card presentations, one station dedication and one memorial. Jack Zeeks - Good Convention 2005 and looking forward to Convention 2006.

Richard Glant - Pass.

Mitch Parish - Pass.

Carl Bruns - Pass.

Jim Parker - Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

DISTRICT 1: TOM ORRELL - Absent.

DISTRICT 2: PAUL WATLAND - Held meeting July 20, 2005 at Wheatfield. Program was about garbage truck fires. District 1 had seven departments and 17 members present and District 2 had nine departments and 40 members present. Election for both districts was held. Both chairmen were re-elected. The next meeting for District 1 will be August 17, 2005 at Lake Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. District 2 next meeting is September 21 at Cedar Lake Fire Department.

DISTRICT 3: DAVE KAUFMAN - last meeting July 21, 2005 at Center Township Fire Department with 11 members representing six fire departments. The program was about LOSAP. The next meeting is September 22, 2005 at North Judson Fire Department.

DISTRICT 4: GREG FREED - Held last meeting at Madison Township Fire Department. The next meeting will be October 25, 2005 at Clinton Township Fire Department.

DISTRICT 5: DON KISSINGER - Held last meeting July 14, 2005 Mexico Fire Department with 17 members representing seven departments. Next meeting will be September 8, 2005 at Noble Township Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6: DAVE ELICK - Held last meeting July 26, 2005 at Ligonier Fire Department. The election of district officers was held. The next meeting will be September 27, 2005 at Hudson Fire Department.

DISTRICT 7: MORT SORG - Held meeting July 18, 2005 at Monroe Fire Department with 29 members representing 11 departments. The program was presented Adams County Red Cross. The next meeting is September 19, 2005 at Monroeville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8A: BILL PAPE - Held meeting July 13, 2005 at Richard Township Fire Department with 16 members representing nine departments. Discussed Convention 2006, the EMA director discussed Radio Patching, and the training for NIMS. The next meeting will be September 14, 2005 at Sharpville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8B: LLOYD WRIGHT - Held meeting July 13, 2005, at Montpelier Fire Department with 16 members representing seven departments present. The election of officers was held. The next meeting will be September 14, 2005 at Parker City Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9A: JON RANDLE - Held meeting July 28, 2005 at Rockfield Fire Department with 26 members representing eight departments. Discussion held on Firefighter Training. The next meeting is September 22, 2005 at Royal Center Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9B: RANDY DENTON - Absent.

DISTRICT 10: DAVID ISRAEL - Held meeting May 18, 2005 at Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department

with 24 members representing seven departments present. Discussion on HB. 1580 Employment reprimand and the IVFA Summit meeting. The next meeting will be August 17, 2005 at German Township Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11A: ROBERT MEYERS - Held last meeting July 17, 2005 at Lewis Township Fire Department with 23 members representing eight departments. Robert Meyers elected district chairman. The next meeting will be September 11, 2005 at Forrest Park in Brazil. This is the joint picnic held with District 11B.

DISTRICT 11B: BRENT BUSH - Absent. John Davies reporting that the next meeting is the picnic at Forrest Park in Brazil.

DISTRICT 12: LARRY BRUNER - Absent.

DISTRICT 13A: CAROL THRAWLEY - Held meeting July 12, 2005, at Fortville Fire Department with 10 members representing five departments. The program was on Cleaning of Fire Gear. Been visiting several departments in the district. The next meeting is September 20, 2005 at Buck Creek Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13B: DENNIS SPEARS - Held meeting on August 10, 2005 at Williamsburg Fire Department with 15 members representing seven departments. Election of officers was held. The next meeting will be October 26, 2005 at Hagerstown-Jefferson Township Fire Department.

DISTRICT 14: AL WILLIAMSON - Held meeting April 14, 2005 at Charlestown Fire Department with 20 members representing five departments present. The next meeting will be August 25, 2005 at Brownstown Fire Department.

DISTRICT 15: STEVE ANDERSON - Held meeting July 19, 2005 at Black Township Volunteer Fire Department with 40 members representing 12 departments present. Held election of officers. The next meeting is September 20, 2005 at German Township Volunteer Fire Departments.

DISTRICT 16: MIKE HOLCOMB - New district chairman just getting started.

DISTRICT 17A: BEV HARKER - Held meeting July 7, 2005 at Eastern Greene Fire Department with 29 members representing six departments present. The election of officers was held and Sam Emery was elected district chairman.

DISTRICT 17B: TIM DECKARD - Held meeting July 7, 2005 at Eastern Greene County Fire Department. The next meeting will be at Oolitic Fire Department on September 20, 2005.

DISTRICT 18: CHARLES PARKER - Held meeting July 21, 2005 at Grandview Fire Department with 69 members representing 18 departments present. Election of officers was held. The next meeting will be September 15, 2005 at Huntingburg.

DISTRICT 19: ED SCHEELE - Held meeting July 28, 2005 at Laurel Volunteer Fire Department with 30 members representing eight departments present. Deb Frey presented the program from Department of Homeland Security on Training Test requirements. The next meeting will be September 22, 2005 at Patriot Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 21: DON FULTZ - Held meeting May 31, 2005 at Clarks Hill with 18 members representing six departments present. The next meeting will be August 29, 2005 at

Thorntown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: David Israel - Need to reorganize Convention Guideline rules. Need all requirements about same subject to be arranged together.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Jack Kerney - Reviewed proposal from a mortgage company and a proposal from a credit union to provide benefits to our members. Will have one proposal at the November meeting. One requirement would have to do with the IVFA releasing our mailing list. Much discussion on this issue. Jim Parker made a motion that all future proposals that are beneficial to the IVFA, or our members, are brought before the Board of Directors for approval/disapproval of the program. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

Next item for the Executive Committee is the contract for our Lobbyist for the coming year of \$30,000. Payment to be paid at \$5000 per month starting in October 31, 2005 and the 30th of each month until paid in full. This for the short session. Will be Board action.

Next item: The Central Office Contract - Office to provide all monthly reports as currently schedule, answer all phone calls and any new reports as desired by the Board. Contract is for \$37,200 for the time period of August 2005 until August 2008. The contract can be adjusted for the rate of inflation on January 1 of each year with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The Central Office worked 8.3 hours per day for the month of July.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Jack Kerney - Will meet in November.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Jack Kerney - No meeting.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: Jim Bradford - Mailed 17,500 newspapers this quarter. Be sure and check all bad addresses and get them corrected. Deadline for the November paper is October 10, 2005. Pictures of all officers will be taken at the November meeting.

AD-TAKER: Mitch Parish - three outstanding bills for the May paper.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: No meeting.

CLOTHING CLAIMS: Jim Bradford - Had one eyeglasses claim. Claim approved.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Larry Ketchem - Now is the time to start getting letters together for next year's Award winners. The deadline for Awards is Feb. 1, 2006.

FIRE SCHOOLS: Larry Ketchem - Need to be more involved in the Fire Summits. All PR Directors will instruct all new district chairmen in the paperwork and forms that they will need. One hour will be set aside for training at next officer's meeting.

CONVENTION MINUTES DIGEST COMMITTEE: Larry Bartlow - Just received the minutes from the recorder. Committee will meet at a later date to compile the digest.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Jim Parker - Need to get legislative agenda together at this meeting. Some ideas are: maximum levy tax relief for rapid growing areas. Exempt volunteers from communicable disease benefits, tent code enforcement and tax deduction for all Volunteer Public Safety Personnel.

Meeting recessed at 5:00 P.M.
Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M.
Invocation and morning message by Chaplain Cohen.

Fire Marshal Roger Johnson addressed the group. He spoke on things happening in the fire service. No decision on where the Fire Training Center is going to be. The Mandatory Training test is being rewritten now. It will be a common sense test. He also talked on the meeting of all Fire Services Organizations, Union Firefighters, Chief's Association and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association with the Governor. The show of unity that this meeting presented to the Governor.

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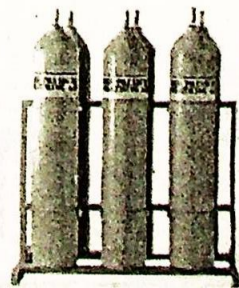
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From the secretary

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The Fire Marshal's Summit report has been completed and presented to everyone. Several items can be accomplished by this organization. They will require work on our part. We need this report published on our Web Site so everyone can read it. Bill Pape made a motion to publish the Summit Report on the Website. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

BRIDGEPORT COMMITTEE: Carl Bruns - A committee meeting will be held immediately after this meeting.

MR. IVFA: No report.

BY-LAWS AND SOG: Jim Parker - Approved clarification of Article 4 of the By-laws passed out to be inserted in the By-laws.

LOGO COMMITTEE: Charles Parker - Pass.

MEMBERSHIP: Steve Anderson - Has had questions about Associate Members and Individual member benefits. Do they have the right to vote? This needs some clarification. Much discussion on this subject. Jack Zeeks made a motion that the SOG Committee research the by-laws and come up with a salutation to addressing rights of Honorary, Individual and Associate members. The second was made by Jerry Cohen. Motion passed.

Buz Koehler brought up the need to have a flyer describing our License Plate printed in color to distribute to members. Requires Board action.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Larry Ketchem - Do a Public Awareness education program of the hazards that are present in our Communities.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Mitch Parish - Last meeting was April 27 in Reno, Nevada with 37 State Delegates present and 16 Alternate Delegates present. The Communication Committee heard of a lot of problems with the 800Mhz and 900Mhz radio systems. Fire Department should keep their High Band frequencies at present time, as they are impossible to get if you let the present frequencies expire. Clothing committee discussed NFPA 1971 concerning turnout gear.

NFPA 1901 Truck Standards - NFPA wants to retire all trucks 1991 and older. This is opposed by the NVFC.

INDIANA FIRE INSTRUCTOR: Jack Kerney - Last fire school held this weekend. The attendance has been good this year. It was brought up that our name in the Indiana Fire Instructor's books about the schools still reflects our old name, Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association and not the correct name Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. A letter will be sent to them on this oversight.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: Mitch Parish - No meeting.

HISTORIAN: John Davies - Setting up file for 2005 history.

WEB MASTER: Buz Koehler - The Web Master needs the dates of district meetings to put on Web Site. Keep district information current.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: Jack Kerney - Meeting held July 25. Several classes are on going at this time. Approve the rule changes to allow In-

structor I to proctor mandatory test. The board discussed making the Practical Skills test on the Mandatory Training be included as part of the test score. Not just a pass/fail test. It was a positive discussion. The request for the Test for Mandatory Training changed from 30 days to 15 days.

CONVENTION 2006: Bill Pape - Convention committee moving along very well. Next meeting is August 28, 2005. A lot of things are planned for the Convention.

OLD BUSINESS

BY-LAWS/SOG: Jim Parker - First action taken in May for Amendment to SOG Duties of the Sgt-at-Arms. To read that the Sgt-at-Arms shall destroy all clothing submitted to the Clothing Committee for reimbursement that is paid. Buz Koehler made the motion to accept the SOG change. Jon Randle made the second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

NVFC cost saving program is available and a good tool to use to show our legislators the value of the Volunteer Fire Service to the State of Indiana. The Public Relations Directors are to contact as many fire departments in their area as soon as possible to put their numbers into the program and establish a value. This will give each a good idea as to their worth to the communities they serve. It will also be good figures to present to Trustee/ Town Councils as to your funding. This is available at www.nvfc.org and link to the cost saving calculator.

The next meeting will be November 12-13, 2005. Room rate deadline is October 7, 2005.

Richard Glant made motion to adjourn. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 11:35 A.M. Called for the reading of the minutes of last meeting. Steve Anderson made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Tim Deckard made the second. Motion passed.

Cost of shirts for the 1st Mandatory Training class held at Purdue. Executive Committee okayed purchase for \$500. Tim Deckard made the motion to pay for the shirts. Mort Sorg made the second. Motion passed.

The Legislative Contract for our lobbying efforts this coming year (2005/2006). Contract calls for a fee of \$30,000 for the year; paid \$5000 per month until paid in full. Motion made by Richard Glant to accept this contract. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

Central Office contract to provide services for \$37,200 plus rate of inflation added in after approval of the board of directors each January for three years. Jack Zeeks made the motion to accept the contract. Tim Deckard made the second. Motion passed. One vote opposing.

Color flyer for license plates: Printed on good quality paper. Tri-Fold type flyer. A cap of \$1000 for 5000 copies. The motion was made by Bill Pape that we make this purchase. Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed.

IVFAA rooms: Jim Bradford made motion to pay \$50 for rooms at all meetings this year. This issue to be reviewed next August. Bill Bush made the second. Motion passed. Two nay

votes.

Flag standard for flags. Need to approve purchase of flag standards for \$68. Motion by Dave Elick to make to purchase them. Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed. A new three flag stand was presented and this would include a new stand, a new flagpole and an Indiana flag for \$78. A motion

by Jerry Cohen that we purchase this. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

New Chaplain's Uniform: The Chaplain needs a new uniform. Carol Thrawley made a motion that we purchase him one. Tim Deckard made the second. Motion passed.

Convention 2006 requested the ad-

vance of \$4000 for next year's convention. Bill Bush made a motion to allow this expense. Steve Anderson made the second. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Elick. Bob McKinzie made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow
Secretary

Jefferson Twp. Fire Department receives grants

OTWELL, IN - The Jefferson Township Fire Department has been awarded a grant of \$72,400 from the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

With FY05 funds, \$650 million representing approximately 5,500 awards will provide direct assistance to fire departments throughout the country. The Jefferson Twp. Fire Department will use their funds for turn-

out gear, SCBAs, thermal imaging camera, and a rapid intervention kit.

The Jefferson Twp. Fire Department also received a \$5,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to be used toward the purchase of training materials and equipment. The fire department will match this grant with \$5,000 of their own money. Equipment purchased includes a laptop computer, projector, copier,

and training videos and literature.

With the acquisition of these two grants, it ensures that our firefighters continue to have the basic capability they require to do their jobs, improve safety and save lives. These grants will allow us to supplant old, obsolete equipment that is in desperate need of replacement.

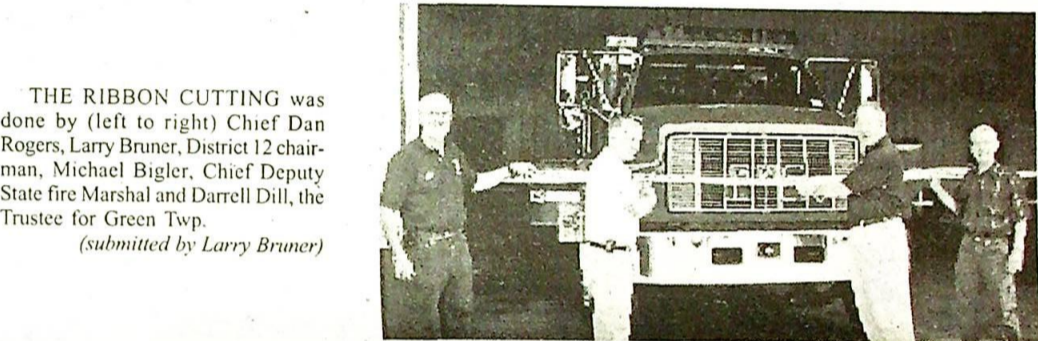
(submitted by T. J. Skelton,
Jefferson Twp. Fire Department)

Green Twp. VFD dedicates new fire station



GREEN TWP. Volunteer Fire Department dedicated their new six-bay fire station on June 11, 2005 to the community in which they serve.

(submitted by Larry Bruner)



THE RIBBON CUTTING was done by (left to right) Chief Dan Rogers, Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman, Michael Bigler, Chief Deputy State fire Marshal and Darrell Dill, the Trustee for Green Twp.

(submitted by Larry Bruner)

Long time veterans awarded 25 year pins



THREE LONG-TIME veterans, Chuck Connors, Jerry Lashbrook, and Paul Huffer, were awarded their 25 year pins on May 16th. They are all from Bridgeport VFD.

Pictured (left to right): Paul Huffer, Larry Bruner - District 12 chairman, Jerry Lashbrook, Chuck Connors and Mr. IVFA Al Mendel, also from Bridgeport VFD.

The five men above have 144 years of serving the community in the fire service.

(submitted by Larry Bruner)

Happy Holidays!

Lois Boaz Award nominations due by Feb. 1, 2006

It is 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 Firefighter'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 community involvement.

We would like to have the jacket size of the nominee.

All letters must be submitted to the Lois Boaz Committee by February 1, 2006.

Lois Boaz Committee
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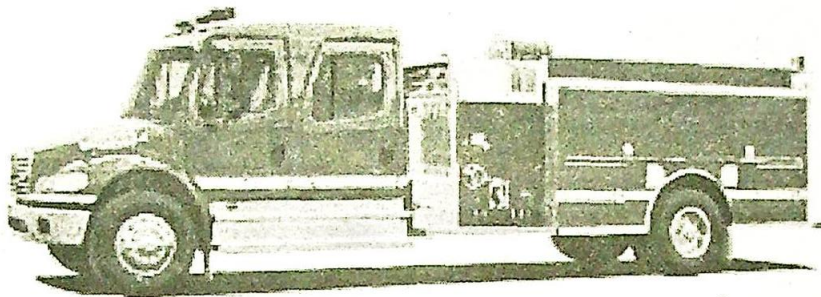
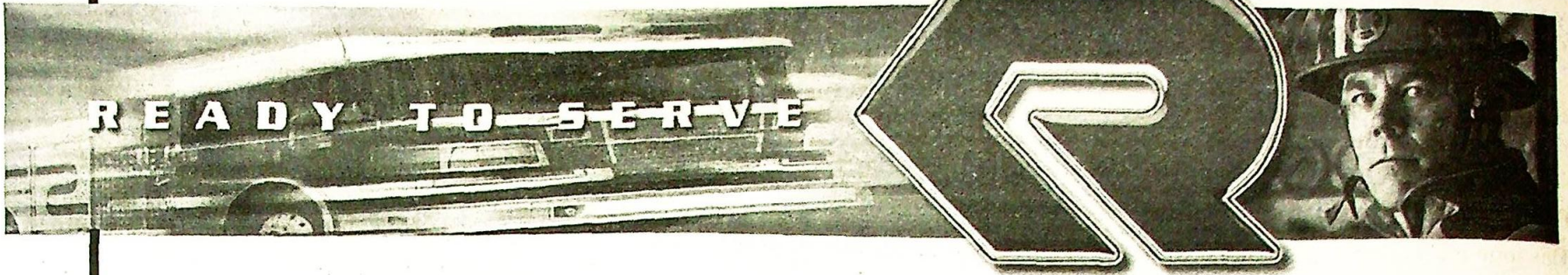
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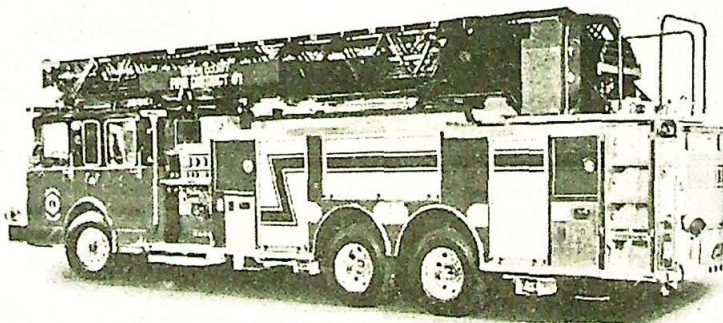
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1. Be a **paid-up member** of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
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March 15: C	July 15: Ma - Me	
March 31: D	July 31: Mf - O	
April 15: E - F	Aug. 15: P - Q	
April 30: G	Aug. 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.

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.

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

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Taylor Township firefighter injured in crash

KOKOMO - A Taylor Township volunteer firefighter was transported to Methodist Hospital by Lifeline helicopter following the crash of a Taylor Township firetruck Tuesday morning.

Joel Kellar, 21, of 2469 E. 200 South, Kokomo, was in good condition at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis on Tuesday afternoon. Kellar suffered a fractured arm, fractured pelvis, fractured toe, and lacerations. The crash occurred at 9:00 a.m. as Kellar was driving Taylor Township Engine 82 northbound on County Road 400 East, at approximately 250 South. The fire truck dropped the right side tires off the east edge of the roadway. Kellar steered back onto the roadway, apparently over corrected and lost control of the large truck. The fire truck traveled off the west side of the roadway, struck two trees, and overturned. The truck came to rest in the front yard of 2270 S. CR 400 East. Kellar was ejected, and was trapped underneath the fire truck. Rescue units from the Greentown Fire Department and the Sharpville Fire Department were sent to the scene for extrication.

Kellar and two other units of the Taylor Township Fire Department were responding to 4826 E. 100 South, after Howard County 911 dispatchers received a report of a 10-month-old infant locked inside a bathroom. The mother could not open the bathroom door. Deputies and firefighters could not locate the address. It was then discovered that the cellular caller was located in Carroll County, east of Flora.

"The call came into the Howard County 911 dispatch center," said Sheriff Marty Talbert. "Land based phones will show us the address where the call originates from. This call was received from an old phase 1 cellular telephone. The information indicated the call was coming from a cellular tower located inside Howard County."

"Newer model cell phones have GPS, and it will show us on our mapping system where the cellular telephone caller is located," Talbert added. The residence was actually located near the community of Flora. The resident did not have a land based phone, and her cell phone service was inactive, allowing her cell phone to only dial 911.

The fire truck was destroyed in the collision. The crash is being investigated by Corporal Brian Fitzgerald of the Howard County Sheriff's Department. "There was a second fire truck following engine 82 northbound on County Road 400 East. The firefighters in the second truck witnessed the crash. They radioed in for emergency assistance as soon as it happened," said Fitzgerald. Kellar was traveling by himself in Engine 82. He was initially unconscious at the scene, but had regained consciousness by the time he was loaded into the helicopter for evacuation from the scene.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to contact Corporal Fitzgerald at the Howard County Sheriff's Department, telephone (765) 457-1105.

(submitted by Jean Randle)

Firefighters' efforts pay off . . . literally

EVENING NEWS
AUGUST 21, 2005
By GREG GAPSIS
Staff Writer

Vision, commitment and persistence are the keys to success. Just ask the members of the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The volunteers learned this month their department has been rated among the three best fire departments in the county and in the upper echelon among the 1,704 departments in the state. It did it by developing a plan, getting support and paying attention to the basics.

"When I joined the department in 1981, we had to have a fish fry to pay the light bill and a 1949 pumper truck that you had to pull start," said Chief Doug Dunlevy. "But during the last 10 years, with adequate funding and a vision, we have made great strides."

The all-volunteer department was recently awarded an Insurance Service Organization top rating of 5, equal to those earned by Jeffersonville and Clarksville, both of which are full-time, professional departments. The ISO rating also scores the Monroe Township department, which serves communities between Memphis and Henryville, among the top 14 percent of all departments statewide.

The ISO is an independent organization that rates the quality of public fire protection in 45,000 fire districts across the country. ISO ratings are used by the insurance industry to predict future fire-related losses and the premiums charged to businesses and homeowners in a particular community.

"A community's investment in fire

mitigation is a proven and reliable predictor of future fire losses," reads an ISO statement describing its program. "If a fire district improves its (rating), homeowners and business in the community often save money on their insurance premiums. If property owners spend their savings in the community, the extra cash can help improve the local economy. And a community with improved fire protection may find it easier to attract new business, increasing jobs and boosting the economy even more."

Dunlevy discussed the 10-page ISO report that touches on everything from the number of phone lines available at the station to relations with the water company and the equipment required on every truck.

"We improved our rating from Class 6 in large part because of new equipment the Fire Board funded, our training and because of the new supply main the Henryville Membership Water Co. put in to Stucker Fork," Dunlevy said. "We now get water coming both from the north and the south. And with the Fire Board's support, we can focus on training instead of fish fries."

The 60-member department, headed by Dunlevy and Asst. Chief Harold Robison, now conducts training each Monday. The most recent training was a field exercise on auto extrication.

"We learned that you don't try and get a victim out of a car, but how to cut a car away from around a victim," said two-and-a-half-year member Andy Jones. "The training is good and we have a good group here. There's good camaraderie and everybody looks out for each other."

The addition of two state-of-art,

\$300,000 service engines also contributed to the department's new rating.

"We replaced two units from the early '70's with trucks that have compressed air foam systems," Dunlevy said. "They create millions of tiny bubbles in a film that sticks. It lets your water go farther, creates less water damage and is seven times more efficient than water alone. We have to thank our Fire Board. They asked us what we needed and said they would find a way to pay for it."

Thanks to growth, and increases in the township's assessed values, recent investments have not resulted in higher tax bills, according to Dunlevy.

"Our budget is about \$210,000 this year for equipment, supplies and fuel," Dunlevy said. "But the fire district's tax rate, including the bonds for the new trucks, has dropped from 25 cents to 14 cents per \$100."

Fire Board member Tom Murphy said he expressed the opinion of his colleagues, in congratulating the department for its accomplishments.

"It's a job well done for them to become the highest rated volunteer fire department in the county, maybe the state," Murphy said. "While the beginning (of these improvements) goes back at least a dozen years ago when we created the fire board, we have 20 to 40 younger men who give us their time, energy and expertise at no charge. That's the real secret."

Dunlevy's group is not resting on their laurels but already focusing on making further progress.

"We are less than two points away from earning a Class 4 rating, and that is our next objective," Dunlevy said. "The ISO report spells out in detail how we were scored and we're already at work on our next improvements."

Two from department work to lower ISO rating



Monroe Volunteer Fire Department Deputy Chief Harold Robison Sr., left, Chief Doug Dunlevy, center, and Station 2 District Chief Harold Robison, Jr. have worked hard to lower the department's ISO rating. The all-volunteer department now has a rating equal to professional departments in the county.

(Staff photo by C.E. Branham)

Carter presented 25 year pin



ON JULY 6, 2005 Jay Carter of the Cowan Fire Department, Monroe Township was presented his 25 year pin by Larry Petro, District 8B chairman.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman)



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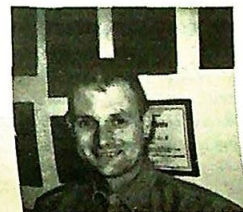
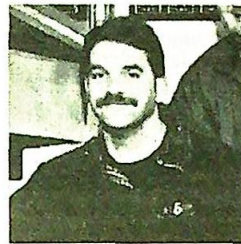
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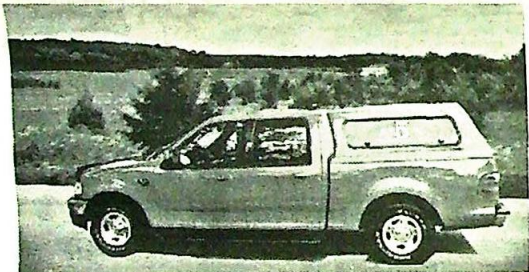


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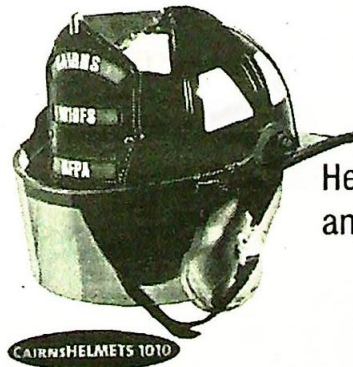
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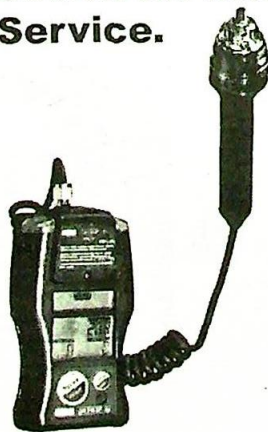
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Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary was formed at Hartford City, Indiana in June, 1952. Mrs. Ridgeway of Hartford City acted as Chairman.

IVFAA President



Joann Hays

October 9, 2005
Hello Everyone,
Hope you are all doing well and that your auxiliaries are having fun and growing in numbers.
Fall has arrived and doesn't seem

possible the holidays are around the corner.

My dear friends, how fortunate we are to be in this great state of Indiana and not down where Katrina and Rita hit. My heart aches for all of them.

I'm sure since this has happened you have all had your thoughts about the situation and how you could help but yet bring your family and friends close to your hearts. I'm sure you have had them in your prayers.

All the money in the world can not bring back what they have lost, their families, homes, livelihood. It is so devastating. May our good Lord touch each and everyone of them who did survive the hurricane.

As your new president, I would like to take time to say thanks to all of you who have renewed your dues for 2005 and 2006. It's appreciated.

Thanks to all of the district chairmen who really do a great job for you. Please feel free to contact your district chairman if you need help with your

auxiliaries. They are there to serve you.

If you can't reach them, feel free to call me at 812-299-1574 anytime.

Ladies, it's also time to think about writing those letters for those special awards such as Lois Boaz, Mr. I.V.F.A., Ollie Sandberg, Angel Award and also crowning the 2006 Miss Flame. All of these awards are presented at the annual convention 2006.

Convention 2006 will be held at the Marriott in Indianapolis on Shadeland Ave. in June 28 thru July 1st.

It's time to get your reservation in, also your registration so you can save some money on registration.

Again, auxiliary members, thanks to all of you and bless each and every one of you.

I would like to take this time to wish you and your families a wonderful and safe holiday.

Bless all of you.

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays
IVFAA President

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

IVFAA Officer's Meeting
Columbus, IN
August 14, 2005

President Joann Hays called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with opening prayer by Chaplain Beth Caudill, followed by the pledge to the flag led by Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel.

Joann thanked everyone for supporting her during the last three (3) years that she was our vice-president and helping with the raffles.

Past president Barb Kerney was presented her past president's pin and Gold Card by president Joann Hays.

Notebooks were passed out to officers and Joann Hays explained the reason for these. New District 11A Glenda Fagg was introduced.

Roll call was given by Tammy Hungate with 24 members and eight guests present.

Minutes from officer's meeting June 17, 2005 were read by Tammy with a correction, a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Dana Fire Dept. auxiliary was given to the Mary Mackin Fund.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on hand June 1, 2005	\$21,925.59
Income	
Dues.....	760.00
Interest.....	7.94
Jewelry.....	236.00
V.P. Project.....	3276.00
Unrelated Inc.....	20.00
M/M Fund.....	162.25
Total Income.....	+ \$4,462.19

Disbursements	
Operating Exp.....	524.27
Phone & Postage.....	8.60
Jewelry.....	388.54
Awards & Gifts.....	36.98
M/M Fund.....	350.00
Total Disbursements.....	-\$1,308.39
Balance on Hand August 9, 2005.....	\$25,079.39

Subject to audit.
Past recording secretary Diana Gray

was wished well on her retirement. Diana, have fun traveling. Thank you card from Diana will be read at November meeting.

Correspondences were read by Malinda Bell, a thank you card from District 19 Miss Flame Ashley Howntz, Lois Boaz winner Carolyn Zeeks and District 14 Sharon Angel.

Membership by Tammy Hungate is as follows: 2005-2006 20 departments, 19 lifetime, 28 individuals and 256 paid by departments. A total of 303 members at this time.

Chaplain's report: Beth sent out (3) get well cards.

Auditing: Lou - everything fine.
Games: Marilyn Dever had four men and Miss Flame teams.

Financial Study: Lou - okay.

Miss Flame: Eula Bush standing in for Patty, nothing at this time. A discussion was held about Miss Flame's essays and on attire for the Miss Flames contestants. This will be brought up again at the November meeting.

V.P. Project: Martha has made contact about the fire truck and \$200.00 and called about the tickets. Project coming together.

Joann went over the committees, a correction was made on auditing committee, board of directors, correction on last name, addresses, telephones, spelling of names and zip code. Corrections will be in newspaper.

Discussion was held on making sure that dues are getting paid, and when they are due. Barb Kerney suggested instead of mailing out minutes to chairmen, let them pick them up at the officers' meetings. Barb Parker read the By-laws on correspondence. Minutes will be left as is, they will be mailed out. Discussion on getting members back giving them an incentive to get their dues paid. Toni Sorg made a suggestion about By-laws little white book to have them made for members. Only have the By-laws in this book. Diana Gray motioned to table until November meeting and Glenda Fagg seconded.

COMMITTEES FOR 2005 - 2006

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IVFAA Line Officer's Meeting
Columbus, IN
August 13, 2005

A line officer's meeting was held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 13th.

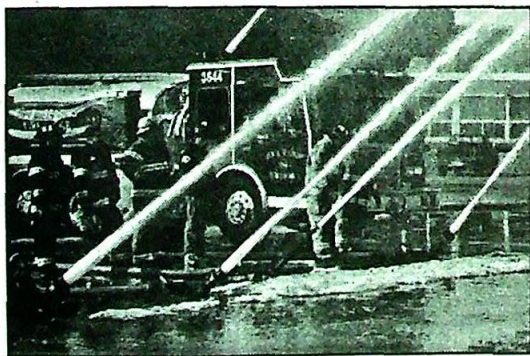
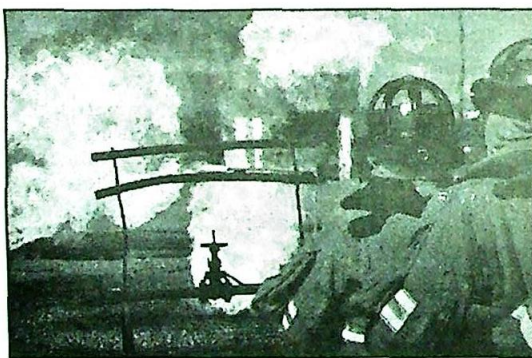
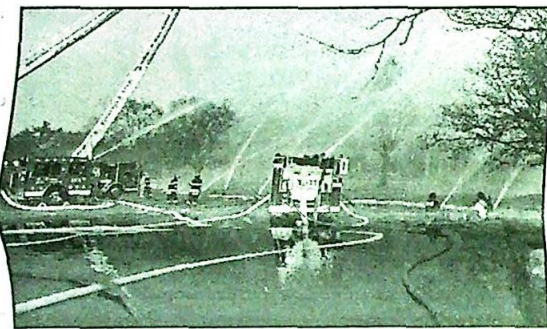
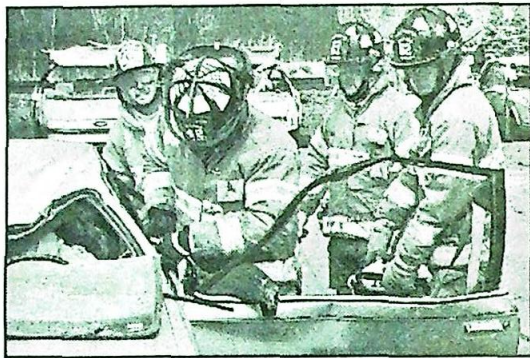
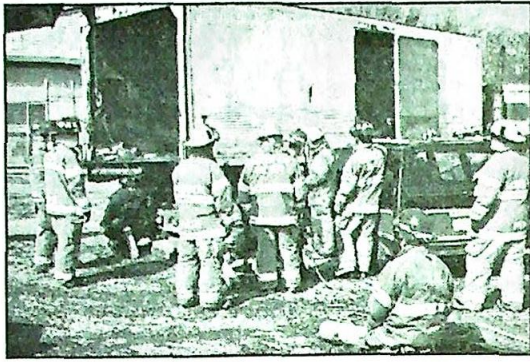
In attendance for the meeting was president Joann Hays, vice-president Martha Thomas, recording secretary Tammy Hungate, corresponding secretary Malinda Bell, treasurer Dorothy Reiter, chaplain Beth Caudill, Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel, and immediate past president Barbara Kerney.

President Joann passed out notebooks to her line officers and explained the reason for them.

A discussion was held on getting information out to all auxiliary, members and individuals. District chairmen need to keep auxiliaries, members, and individuals up to date on when dues are to be paid and an update on things that are going on. We also need to know if any of their members are deceased, and if dues are still being paid for them. We need district chairmen to inform the recording secretary Tammy Hungate, and also notify chaplain Beth Caudill of any deaths.

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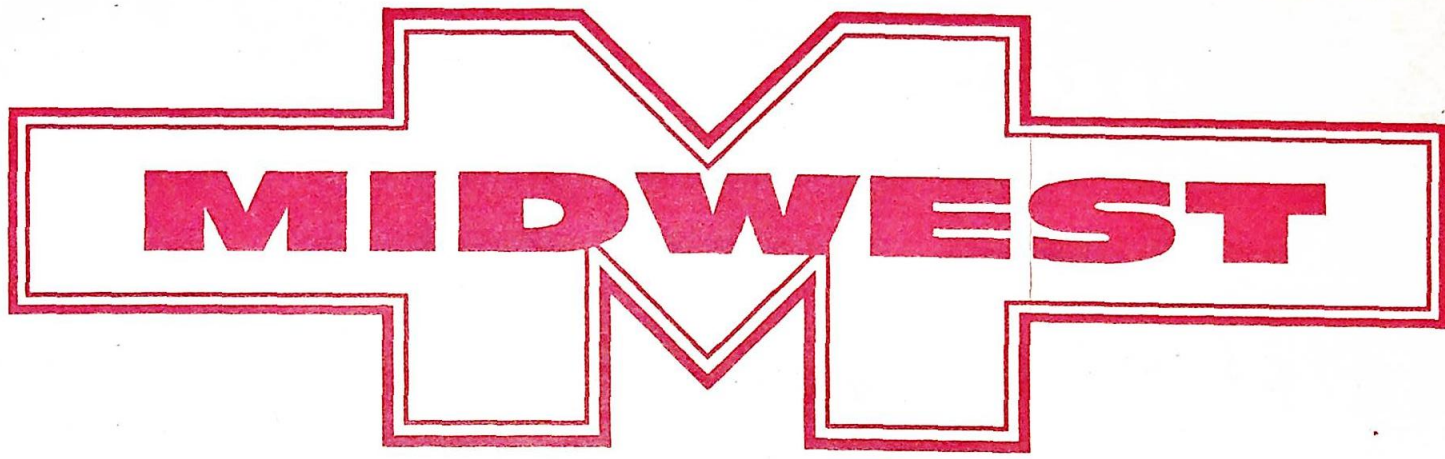
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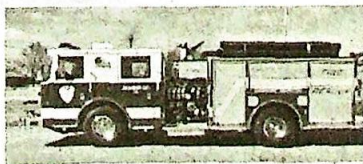
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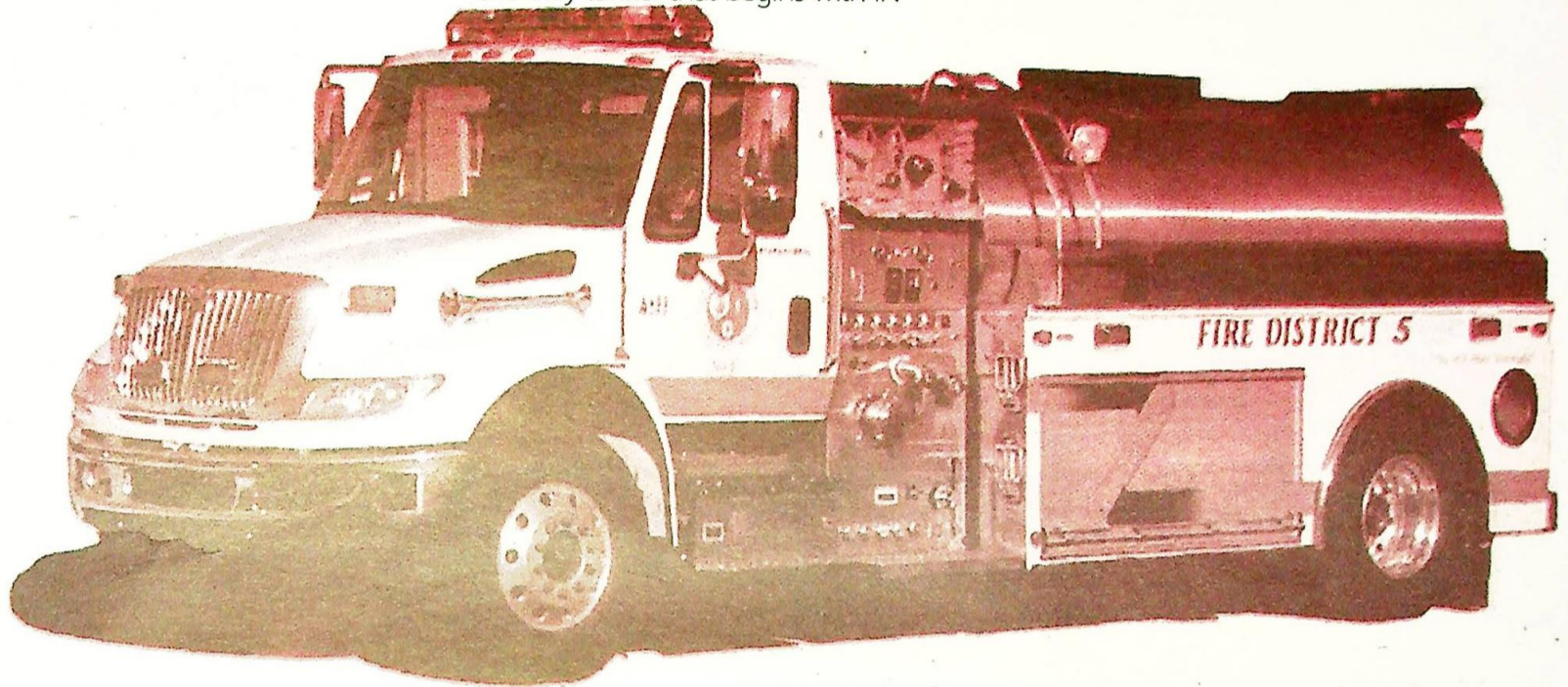
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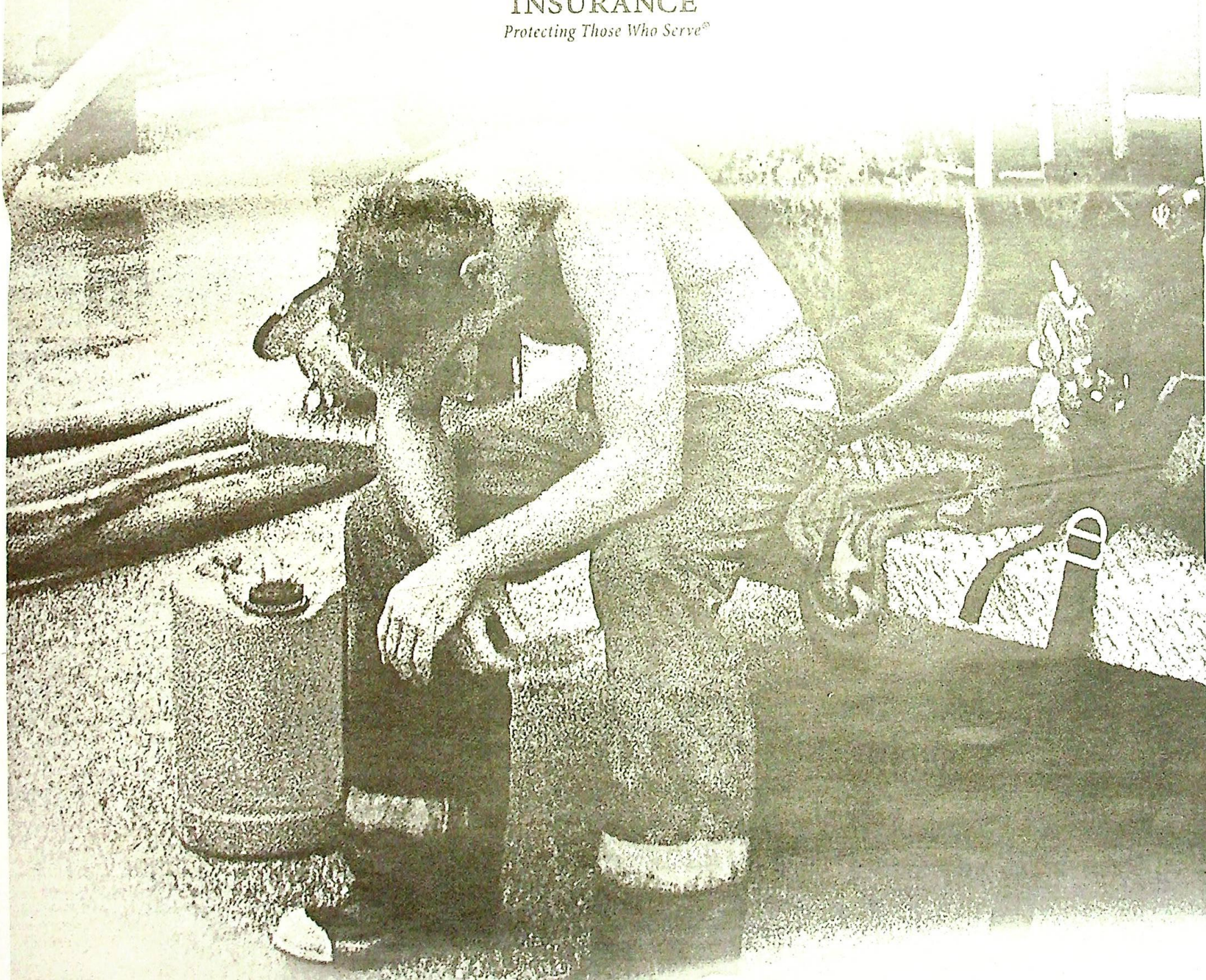
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Line officer's meeting ...
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There are several districts that dues have not been paid as of yet. No correspondence will be sent to District 16 for now. Immediate past-president Barbara Kerney turned in dues from a couple in District 18. A suggestion was made to send out a reminder by April of each year that dues are due by June. There are individuals in the state auxiliary. We need to make sure that everyone knows when the membership dues are due. They are due by June of each year. We do have several men who are members. Also immediate past president Barbara Kerney turned in a thank you card.

In November we have four (4) line officers celebrating their birthdays. Chaplain Beth Caudill gave a closing prayer.

Submitted by Malinda Bell

DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Phyllis Vargo
District 1
Chairwoman



Ann Moss
District 2
Chairwoman

September 1, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss at 7:15.

Prayer was given by Ike Rench of the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department. Meal was provided by Lowell Fire Auxiliary, followed by pledge.

Department announcements were given.

Roll call was taken with 30 members in attendance representing eight departments with one individual.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance who were Martha Thomas, VP of the I.V.F.A.A., Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman, Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Paul Watland, District 2

chairman, Clarence Moss, I.V.F.A. District 1 and 2 treasurer, Jim Vargo and Jake Thomas.

Minutes were read from the May 5, 2005 meeting, passed as read.

Treasurer's report was given, passed as read for audit.

Department announcements were given.

Old business: none.

New business: Motion was made by Dounda Gregor, seconded by Betty Gregor, for every auxiliary to bring three items to the silent auction at the November meeting. Motion passed.

Miss Flame applications are due to district chairmen by October 15th. The candidate must be at the November meeting in order to qualify for the contest.

Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, spoke regarding a group trying to get state convention up here in 2008. It would make it the 60th anniversary of the I.V.F.A.

Phyllis reminded everyone that you need to R.S.V.P. for the ladies' district meeting. This will help with preparing food for the meeting.

State dues are due, if you have not sent them in, please do so by September 30th or your auxiliary is considered delinquent, and will not have voting rights.

There was a discussion on the floor regarding the S.O.G., needs to be changed, we need to have a district submit a change for the district chairman to be reimbursed for mileage again, the reimbursements was stopped due to lack of state funds.

Marge talked about the Butter Braid fund-raiser. They are due to Marge by October 22 with money and pick up at the district meeting at Lake of Four Seasons on November 3rd. Marge reminded everyone if you put in an order, please have someone there to pick up the Butter Braids.

Phyllis asked the department who would like to host the May of '06, November of '06 meeting.

Cedar Lake offered for the May meeting and Lowell offered the November meeting.

Motion was made by Martha Thomas, seconded by Barb Wilkening, motion passed.

Submitted by Marge Baumgardner
District 1-2 secretary

Happy Holidays!

DISTRICT 3

Lucille (Lee) Cohen



District 3
Chairwoman
IVFAA

July 27, 2005

The District 3 I.V.F.A.A. meeting was called to order by chairperson pro-temp Bonnie Smith at 7:00 p.m. on July 27, 2005. The hostess was Bonnie Stoner (I.V.F.A.A. Individual) held at Will's Township Hall. A prayer was led by chaplain Jody Brinckman. The pledge to the flag followed.

The secretary, Kim Krueger, was not present and chairperson pro-temp Bonnie Smith asked Chris Stephens from Springfield Twp. to take the minutes.

Roll call was answered with 11 members present. Springfield Twp. six, Coolspring Twp. three, and two individuals. Also present were three I.V.F.A. district members.

First speaker was Jerry Cohen, I.V.F.A. state chaplain. He showed pictures of convention, explained the purpose of the ringing of the bell at convention. Mr. Cohen thanked the ladies for their service and stated that they were very appreciated.

Second speaker Jim Bradford, I.V.F.A. N.W. Public Relations direction. Jim is the editor of the I.V.F.A. newspaper. The deadline coming up is October 10, 2006 convention will be held in Warren Twp., Indianapolis, IN. Our new auxiliary I.V.F.A.A. president is Joan Hayes and vice president is Martha Thomas. Jim gave us some enlightening statistics on fire service.

Speaker three, Dave Kaufman, District 3 I.V.F.A. president: is lining up many goals for the district to increase attendance, communications and education. Burn camp was discussed and always in need for money. This year's attendance was 58 and the cost per child is \$1000.00.

The minutes of the May meeting were read. Corrections were announced by Chris Stephens per Lee Cohen (chairperson). • Appointed Bonnie Smith treasurer for one term; • State chairperson Patty Miller sold 25 tickets; • Kayla Wallace (Miss Flame), sold 25 tickets and offered to help with cookbook sales; • Cards for VA home to be distributed for June 14th, Flag Day.

Treasurer: Bonnie Smith reported a balance of \$510.71. Also announced we changed banks from First National Bank to Centier Bank and there will be no monthly service fees.

Copies of report available upon request.

Chaplain: Jody Brinckman lit a candle and gave a memorial tribute in memory of Maggie Gaw (Springfield Twp. IVFAA member) who passed away June 2005. There was also a memorial done for family and friends at the funeral home by District 3 chaplain Jody Brinckman. Jody also sent out two get-well cards to Lee Cohen and Carolyn McCarty.

Chairperson pro-temp Bonnie Smith passed out I.V.F.A. pins for last year's officers, Jody Brinckman, I.V.F.A.A. district 3 chaplain and Kim Krueger, I.V.F.A.A. district 3 secretary. Certificates were passed out by Jody to Bonnie Stoner and Carolyn McCarty for outstanding cookbook sales, and Helene Froling for 25 years service.

Pro-temp Bonnie Smith announced that the I.V.F.A.A. convention report and June 16 officer's meeting report and the financial statement for 2004-2005 were available for viewing. Bill H.B. 1580 passed on July 1, 2005, Disciplinary Action for Volunteer Firefighters late for work.

Miss Flame Kayla Wallace was unable to attend convention due to family emergency.

Elections will be postponed until September 21st meeting. Nominating committee is Bonnie Smith and Chris Stephens.

Bonnie Stoner turned in four cookbooks.

Bonnie Stoner was thanked for hosting this month's meeting. 50/50 winner was Lynette Stoner, \$4.50 and \$4.50 went to the treasury.

Next meeting will be September 21, 2005 in fish Lake if remodeling is done. Meeting was adjourned by Bonnie Smith at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Stephens
Pro-Temp

The District 3 I.V.F.A.A. meeting was called to order by chairperson Lee Cohen at 7:06 P.M. on September 21, 2005.

The hostess was Lincoln Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. A prayer was led by chaplain Jody Brinckman. The pledge to the flag followed.

Lee introduced guest associate chaplain of District 3 (one of six in state) Rev. Ron Devenport, Reverend of Mill Creek Baptist Church. He also has been a member of the community for 31 years. He is enthused about starting his term.

The secretary, Kim Krueger, was not present and Lee asked Chris Stephens from Springfield Twp. to take the minutes.

Roll call was answered with 15 members present. Springfield 6, Michiana Shores 4, Lincoln 5. Also present was one IVFA district member.

Minutes were read from the July 27, 2005 meeting. Lee made one correction to the minutes. Patty Miller did not sell the 25 tickets, she gave them to Kayla Wallace for her to sell. Kayla sold a total of 50 tickets.

Treasurer report read by Bonnie Smith, treasurer the total monies is \$521.11.

Lee found a few coins in her briefcase and turned them over to the treasurer.

Lee read the IVFAA officer's minutes held on August 14, 2005 in Columbus, IN.

Jody gave the chaplain report that there were two cards sent out. Bonnie Smith made a motion to support the Mary Mackin Miss Flame Scholarship Fund and Hoosier Burn Camp. Dawn Boles seconded. All were in favor.

All departments accepted the challenge of the calendar fund raiser, to take back to their local departments and support the IVFAA.

Elections were held: chairperson - Lee Cohen, secretary - Chris Stephens, treasurer - Bonnie Smith (voted in May), chaplain - Jody Brinckman. All were in favor.

Dawn Boles made a motion to buy a tape recorder for the secretary. Jody Brinckman seconded. All were in favor.

Lee presented emergency packets and ideas for people and pets. Also reported that District 3 sold 15 cases of cookbooks.

Upcoming event: Michiana Shores pancake breakfast in October; Coolspring and Springfield Twp. Cow Drop Bingo October 8th; Springfield Twp. chili dinner November 19.

50/50 of \$8.50 was won by Carolyn Hunt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Lee Cohen

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Stephens
District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA

Hello everyone,

It's that time of year when you look back and say, "Where did the summer go?" I hope everyone had a healthy and happy summer. I know I always look forward to the fall festivals but hat for the winter to come.

We all had a great time at our annual picnic held at Forest Park. We sure have a lot of great cooks in our districts and state! It was great to see some of old and new friends again.

I want to remind everyone in our district to be looking for their Miss Flame candidate. Our dance will be held on February 11, 2006. I will be sending out information in December.

Our next district meeting will be held on November 13, 2005 at the Reelsville Fire Department. They always have a great lunch with turkey and all the trimmings! Don't miss it.

Well, I must go for now. Our next paper will be out in February, so I will wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Have a healthy and bountiful New Year!!

Patty Stephens
IVFAA District 11-B chairperson

Murat Shrine Circus to present "Public Safety Night at the Circus"

The Murat Shrine Circus will present "Public Safety Night at the Circus".

It will be held Friday, March 3, 2006.

Police officers, firefighters, soldiers and other public safety officials are invited to come to the circus at a discounted ticket price.

Tickets will be available at many locations including The Indiana Firefighters Credit Union located at 501 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

If there are any questions, contact Sherri Miller, chairman by e-mail at sherri@muratshrine.org or by calling the Shrine.

Annual ox roast held

The annual Cordry-Sweetwater ox roast was held Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4, 2005.

This annual event was sponsored by the Cordry-Sweetwater Lot Owner's Association and was free to the public.

This year they hosted "MC Axe and the Fire Crew" to entertain the children on Saturday. This energetic group has appeared on several TV shows and sings songs about fire safety. Games were held for children to participate in each day.

A silent auction was held and special drawings were held during the two-day event.

Seventy-five percent of all proceeds of the Ox Roast helped fund the fire service in the Lakes Area. This money helps keep the firefighters and EMT's trained and certified by the State of Indiana, which is required by law.



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IVFA Legislative Session

2006 Legislative Session

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

It is just a few short months until the 2006 legislative session begins. Organization day for the legislature is November 22, 2005. Legislators will be assigned to committees to hear bills which will begin to be filed in early January. Your IVFA Legislative Committee has met over the summer and determined the following priority for this year's legislative agenda:

1. The Committee has identified the explosive growth of some communities, and the costs associated with that growth, as a primary issue. The IVFA will work with legislators to come up with ways to obtain funding to meet the needs created by this growth. Because the state is still in dire fiscal straits, we will have to be creative.

2. The Association will try to have legislation initiated again this session regarding IC 5-10-5.5 stating public safety employees incurring a disability caused by hepatitis, meningitis, or tuberculosis acquired while performing duties is presumed to have been acquired in the scope of his/her employment. Last year the Association initiated HB1538, which passed first and second readings but was not heard on the required third reading.

3. The Association will try to

reintroduce the loan to grant legislation initiated by Senator Craycraft in 2004, and Senator Landske previously.

4. The Association will attempt to reintroduce legislation for an income tax deduction or credit for volunteer firefighters such as the Volunteer Firefighter Income Tax Deduction filed by Senator Craycraft and the Public Safety Volunteer Deduction filed by Representative Dodge last session.

Once bills have been filed, they will be assigned to various committees. At that point in time, it is important for legislator committee members to hear of your support of particular bills. The calls you make and letters you write or e-mail to your State Senator or Representative are very effective. You can access each legislator's e-mail address and phone number through the General Assembly's website. The website address is www.in.gov/legislative.

There will be thousands of bills filed, some of which may negatively impact the IVFA. For those bills, the legislative committee will determine the level of priority of each bill and decide if the Association should oppose the bill. I will distribute a weekly bill status report to the members of the committee, as well as to the Central Office.

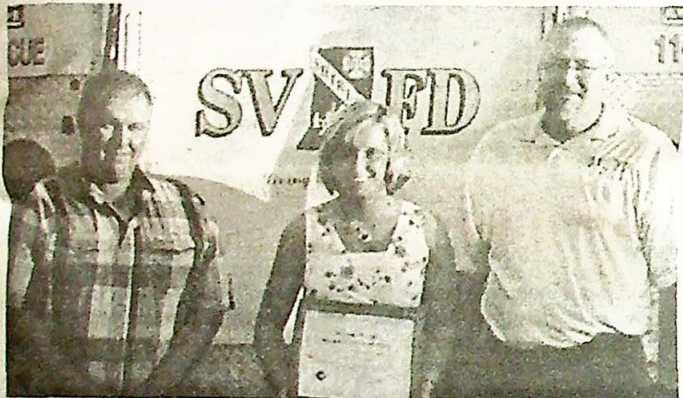
Central Office will put that report on its website so that you can see the Association's position on particular bills. As IVFA initiated legislation is set for testimony in various committees, you may be asked to call, write, or e-mail your State Senator / State Representative regarding your position on a bill. Those messages do not need to be lengthy; often a "vote yes" or a "vote no" is sufficient. The higher the constituent response on a particular bill, the more attention a legislator pays to that bill. The Association has over 17,000 members, so the IVFA's voice can have a significant impact on our legislators.

Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman has told me that transportation infrastructure and economic development will be the key focuses of the upcoming legislative session. This session will be a "short" session, so not as many bills will pass as the time frame for committee hearings will be shorter than in "long" sessions. It is likely that Representative Bill Ruppel will continue as the chair of the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and that Senator Tom Wyss will continue as the chair of the Homeland Security, Utilities, and Public Policy Committee. If you reside in either of these legislator's districts,

please thank them for their efforts on behalf of the fire service, and let them know you will be following their actions this session.

Members of this year's Legislative Committee are Jack Kerney; Buz Koebler; Larry Ketchem; Jim Parker; David Israel; and Larry Bartlow. Please feel free to contact a committee member with any questions or comments you have, or you can contact me at sbeering@cohenandmalad.com or by phone at (317)636-2495, Ext: 218. If you have any questions regarding any bill, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I look forward to continuing to represent you in 2006.

Hannah Sparks recipient of Steven M. Wolski Memorial Scholarship award



The Shirley and Wilkinson Fire Departments award the Steven M. Wolski Memorial Scholarship each year to a student or former student from Eastern Hancock or Knightstown High Schools whose career plans are geared toward the fire service, emergency medical or community services.

Pictured from left to right, Pat Sparks (father), Hannah Sparks (award recipient) and Scott Hardy (Shirley FD).

Hannah is a 2005 graduate of Knightstown High School and will attend Ball State University. Her plans are to become a pediatric nurse. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat

Sparks of Shirley.

This is the sixth year that the \$500, Steven M. Wolski Memorial Scholarship award has been presented and Hannah is the 10th recipient of the award.

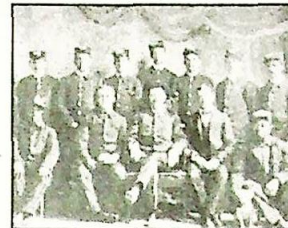
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(submitted by Scott E. Hardy, Shirley Vol. Fire Dept.)

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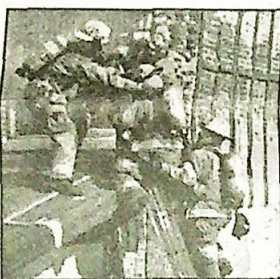
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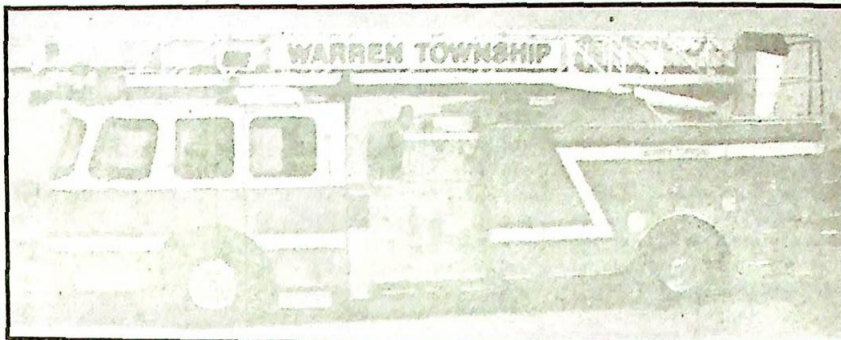
If you are interested in being a Miss Flame, contact the district chairman in your area.

Don't wait, as some districts are holding their contests before the end of the year.

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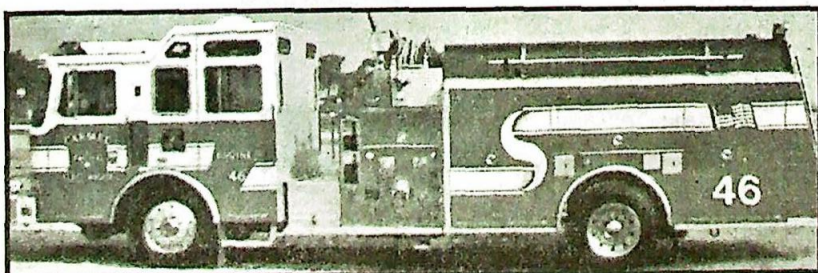
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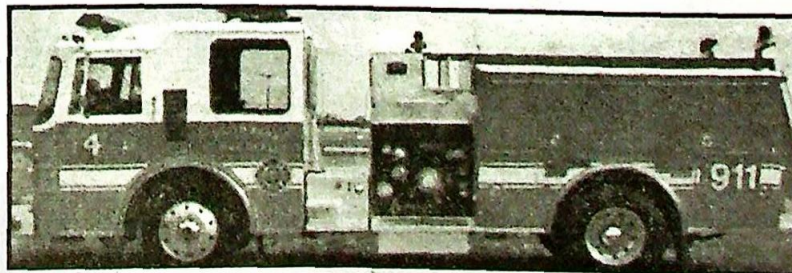
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The Mary Mackin Memorial Miss Flame Scholarship Fund

This fund was established when the I.V.F.A.A. received \$300 from Mary Mackin's family to be used as the auxiliary saw fit. A committee was appointed to evaluate various options and recommended that a scholarship fund be established to promote and enhance the Miss Flame contest.

It was felt that if the monetary prizes/awards to be received by the various winners were more enticing, it would get more young ladies interested in competing in the contest, ultimately getting more contestants and their parents actively involved in the I.V.F.A.A. and I.V.F.A.

As stated above, the fund is starting with \$300. To perpetuate and enhance the fund, the I.V.F.A.A. will put \$100 annually in the fund instead of buying bonds for the Miss Flames. The budget for the administration of the contest is \$300. Currently, an application fee of \$25.00 is assessed each district for their contestant to enter the Miss Flame contest. Depending on the number of contestants and the applications fees received annually, all over \$300 will be put into the scholarship fund. A commitment from Jack and Barbara Kerney for an annual donation of \$100 has also been received. We expect that others will also want to donate to this worthwhile program. This fund and any contributions will be set up in a special "Mary Mackin Memorial Miss Flame Scholarship" interest bearing account.

Starting in 2004 and subsequent years until the scholarship fund grows enough to be re-evaluated, the Miss Flame will receive \$100, the runner-up \$50, and Miss Congeniality \$50.

In addition, each Miss Flame contestant is being asked to submit an essay of 250 words or less stating their involvement with their fire department, how it has affected their lives and how it will in the future. They will turn them in at the "mixer" at convention. The scholarship committee will review them and decide on the two best ones. They will receive \$50 each.

This program allows for up to (5) girls to receive awards or even one could receive more than one. For instance, the Miss Flame could also win one of the essay awards. This scholarship money may be used toward tuition, books, or other expenses.

We appreciate the Mackin family's donation and allowing the I.V.F.A.A. to establish the scholarship fund.

Shane Loper completes training to become EMT



Pershing Township Fire Department has announced that Shane A. Loper has successfully completed training and testing requirements to become certified as an Emergency Medical Technician. Loper attended classes at Ivy Tech in Columbus.

Loper joined the department as a teenager working his way through Pershing's Cadet program. He continues active participation in the fire department training program and has served with distinction as a firefighter.

He is a 1994 graduate of Brownstown Central High School and is an employment specialist for JDI. He is a member of Freetown United Methodist Church.

Shane is the son of Steve and Phyllis Loper. He and his wife, Becky and daughter Caitlin reside near Freetown. (submitted by Pershing Twp. VFD)

Thiel receives certificate and 50 year Gold Card



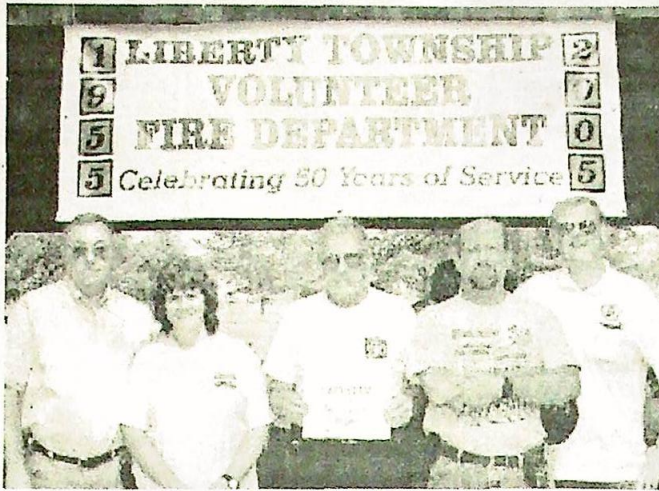
JIM THIEL, retired member of St. John VFD received his certificate of appreciation and his 50 year Gold Card at a recent St. John town board meeting. (submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Current awarded 25 year pin



ON JULY 6, 2005, Fred Current of the Cowan Fire Department, Monroe Township was presented his 25 year pin by Larry Petro, District 8B chairman. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman)

Liberty Twp. VFD celebrates 50 years of service



On July 16th, Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department celebrated 50 years of service to Liberty and Jackson Townships. In attendance were several former members, including Tony Meska, who

with five or six others began the first meetings in February 1955 at Harry Millers J. P. office.

The meetings were then held at the Liberty Township School. Fire service began in January 1956 when the department took delivery of a 500 GPM Darley pumper.

Pictured are (left to right): Jim Bradford - PRNW, Mary Wesley, receiving a 25 year pin and certificate, Bob Esserman, a 50 year card and certificate, Don Esserman, a 25 year pin and certificate, and Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman.

Chief Bill Branham also received a 25 year pin and certificate.

Mary started as a member of the Burns Harbour Fire Department and then the Porter Fire Department where she met and then married the Chief, Ray Wesley. They moved to Liberty Township in 1991.

Ray is assistant chief at Liberty. Don also started at Burns Harbour and then moved to Chesterton Department before joining Liberty.

(submitted by Robert Esserman)

Winamac Coil Spring honored



Winamac Coil Spring, Inc., Kewanna, was recognized for its commitment to the local fire department and the community at an awards program held at the fire station. The company was presented with the 5th District Midwest Award from the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. This award is normally given to an individual. This year's award makes the first time that a company has been honored.

The awards ceremony was opened with prayer by local resident, and volunteer firefighter, Jay Cunningham. Cunningham also read a letter from Larry Baldwin. Baldwin is currently an assistant fire chief for the local department and has also served as chief, but other commitments kept from attending the Sunday festivities.

In his letter, Baldwin congratulated WCS on receiving the award from the IVFA and noted that the company is also a volunteer as it has voluntarily allowed their employees who are members of the fire department to respond to calls during working hours, with no loss in pay. WCS has also committed

resources, material, their facility and monetary gifts to the department. Baldwin also commented that he is impressed by the fact that the company's spirit of helping the department and community has not diminished as the success of the company has grown. He noted, "This is not a little shop, with 10 employees, but a viable corporation that has grown to over 100 employees. It would have been easy for them to have said enough is enough, but they retain the same spirit of commitment to the community and fire service that was established from day one."

Fire Chief Larry Kimble shared the letter submitted to the IVFA, nominating WCS for the award. The letter also noted the company's willingness to allow the volunteers in their employ to respond to fire calls, including the first responder duties now undertaken by the local department.

Kimble outlined Winamac Coil's history from its beginning in a rented 400 square foot garage in Winamac in 1948 to the 150,000 square foot facility housing WCS today.



Over the years, a total of 16 volunteer firefighters have been employed at one time or another at WCS. Presently there are six firefighters employed by the company, which is basically the daytime response crew. WCS helped in the acquisition of a used rescue squad in the late 90's, helped purchase a defibrillator in 2001, and was instrumental in securing a grant for the newest pumper.

Past 5th District IVFA president, Richard Glant, offered his comments prior to the presentation of the award by 5th District IVFA chairman, Don Kissinger. Receiving the award on behalf of WCS was Joe Pesaresi, company president, who offered comments along with Daniel Pesaresi, chairman of the board, and Gene Huber, chief financial officer. All noted that their father and father-in-law had ingrained in them the importance of giving back to their community.

(submitted by Don Kissinger)

Pennville members honored at Lions Fair



ON JULY 8, 2005 the Pennville firefighters and first responders were honored at the Pennville Lions Fair. They were each given a plaque in appreciation of their services.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman)

Happy Holidays!

Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

Northeast District: Districts 4, 5, 6, 7

By now you have heard that as of January 1, 2006, I will no longer serve as your IVFA Public Relations officer. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your PR officer for the past seven years. I have especially enjoyed meeting the volunteers with the various departments.

In the last issue of the paper, President Kerney wrote that he wanted to thank those officers who had decided to leave their positions in the IVFA. The decision to leave the board was not of my choosing, but was a decision made by the voters. Jean Smith from the Poe Volunteer Fire Department was elected as my replacement after being nominated at the June convention in Columbus. I want to wish him well as the new Northeast Public Relations officer.

It is my intention to remain actively involved with the IVFA by attending District 6 meetings. If in the future the opportunity to hold a position with the board arises, I would strongly consider being nominated for an office.

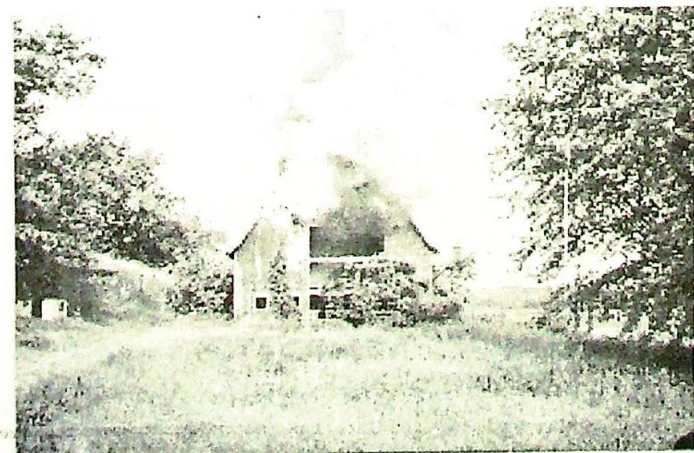
Again, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your public relations officer these past seven years. I hope to see you at the 2006 convention in Indianapolis.

Mike Mackin

Hot Fire!



IT WAS ONLY a training exercise in live burn and mutual aid. The barn was located in Springfield Twp., LaPorte County. Four departments, Springfield, Kankakee Twp., Michiana VFD and Center Twp., participated. *(submitted by Jerry Cohen)*



IVFA FIRELINE

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Boy, I don't know if I can eat another pancake, or piece of chicken! With the number of fundraisers listed on the site this summer you could eat at a different one each weekend. I know I hit several of them and boy were they good eating!

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

Convention News: Convention 2005 award winners and pictures were loaded into the site soon after the convention. Congratulations to all the winners. And we already have information posted on the web site for Convention 2006, being held in Indianapolis. "Early bird" registrations are now being accepted, and an agenda of events can be reviewed. Additional information will be posted as it is released by the convention committee.

Focus Section: Our focus segment this quarter is the "Forms Library" page. We have a vast array of forms now available on the web site. We also have the new Employee Notification and the Employee Incident Activity forms. Both of these documents are the result of House Bill 1580 being passed. Additionally, for the high school students wanting to try to obtain a scholarship, the Bridgeport Scholarship application is also available. Please remember that the deadline for having the scholarship application completed and returned to the committee is March 1st.

President's Page: Recently, I added a new page, entitled the President's Page. This page will list items of importance that I receive from Jack. Currently, there are two items that everyone should take a few minutes to look at. The first is the Summit Report. The Summit Report is a compilation of information summarized from the (6) meetings held statewide. These meetings were coordinated between the State Fire Marshal's office, and the IVFA. There is a lot of good information in this report, as well as some action items detailed.

The second item is a Survey form. The IVFA is using this form to solicit information from our member departments, to be used during the upcoming 2006 State Legislative session. This is your avenue for providing information that is important to the volunteer fire service in Indiana. Please review the information, and complete the survey.

Department Information: As of the beginning of July we had 412 of the 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in the state listed on the site, which means we have surpassed 50% mark. If your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted. Also, as your department information changes, such as the name of the contact person who is listed, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.,

please remember to send me an update.

On the Drawing Board: With the activities of summer my time spent working on additional changes to the web site slowed down. But now that the weather is turning cooler, time will allow me to work on items I stored in the "fire locker". One of the changes that was mentioned in the last *FireLine* was the ability to add pictures to the For Sale items. This section has really expanded over the past few months, and I believe that the ability to add one to two pictures of the items being sold will help our members sell items easier and maybe more quickly. This has proven to be a little more of a task than originally thought. In a nutshell, to implement this system will involve a combination of completing the For Sale form, as before, and then using your own email program to send me the pictures. Before implementing this system however, I need to come up with some guidelines on what picture format to use, the size of the pictures, and the ability to know which pictures correspond to which For Sale items. Once I have the system worked out, I will post the instructions on the web page and will begin to accept pictures.

The other item which I have been already testing is a Search Page. The web site has grown substantially in the past 2 1/2 years, and the search page should make things easier to locate.

Finally I need to discuss a personal

issue. Maybe once or twice a year you may notice a message posted by me, that details something to the effect that "items submitted for posting from "Date A" to "Date B" will not be posted until "Date C"". During the summer I vacation in secluded places where I don't have access to the internet. In some of these places my (yikes) cell phone doesn't even work. As of the time of this newsletter, one of those instances of being "out of the loop" may be happening, as I am traveling out of the country to Asia. I have and maintain a commitment in trying to have all information submitted, posted on the web site within 48 hours after I receive it. In my "regular" job I travel quite a lot, and am able to update the web page from my hotel room. That's the beauty of technology. However, in these instances where I am unable to do so, I appreciate your patience and understanding.

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. Soon the Holidays will be upon us and I want to wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season!

Be safe, and I'll see you "on-line"!
Smoke Eater
IVFA Web Master

District 15 waterball contest held

The annual District 15 waterball contest was held in conjunction with the Princeton Heritage Days.

Participating teams represented three counties and two states. The winners, and now owners of the district traveling trophy, were from the Fort Branch VFD.

In fact, the second place team was also from Fort Branch VFD. They also won a combined \$400 in cash prize money, but immediately donated it to the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund.

Third place went to a team from Allendale, IL, while fourth place went to the hometown Patoka Twp. team. Hazelton-White River VFD and Steen Twp. VFD also participated.

Thanks to all local businesses that sponsored this event. Special thanks to Ernie Lasley and Jeff Robinson for serving as timers, and to all who helped set-up and take down.

Jasper VFD awarded grant

On Friday, August 26, 2005, the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

The grant, totaling \$114,800 will be used to purchase 28 new SCBA's, 28 spare bottles and two 60 minute rapid intervention kits.

Of that \$114,800 the department is responsible for \$5000 of the total.

The department is very proud and excited about receiving this grant which will benefit the firefighters and the citizens which they protect.

District 2 Midwest Award winner



PAUL WATLAND, District 2 chairman, presents Chief Fred Willman of the St. John VFD with the 2005 Midwest Award for District 2.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Jasper Fire Dept. puts new aerial into service



The Jasper Fire Department has recently put into service this 2005 American LaFrance 75' aerial. The new ladder, designated Ladder 1, is in service at Station 1.

Purchased from Fire Service, Inc., this ladder is the third aerial device to be bought in the department's history and currently serves as the first due apparatus on all fire calls.

Specifications for Ladder 1 are as follows: 2005 American LaFrance HD 75 on an Eagle chassis, 515 HP Detroit Diesel engine, Allison automatic transmission, 1500 GPM single stage American LaFrance pump, On-Spot tire chains, 900 feet 5" hose, 300 feet 3" hose, 700 feet 1 3/4" hose, 10 KW Onan hydraulic generator and a 2" Akron Sabermaster nozzle on the waterway.

The Jasper Fire Department is proud to have this new aerial device to serve the citizens and businesses of the city and township which it protects. We plan to see many years of use with this newly added tool within the department's current fire fleet.

(submitted by Adam Vaal)

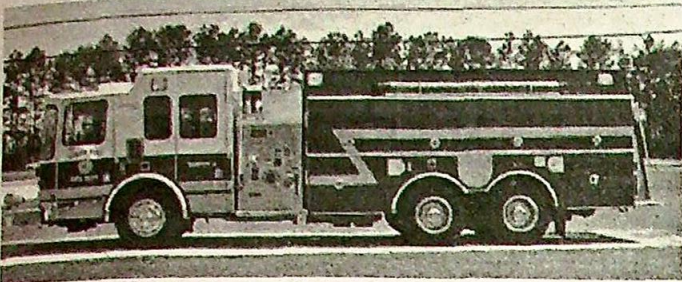
Nichole Randle crowned District 9A Miss Flame



STATE FIRE MARSHAL Johnson crowned Nichole Randle District 9A Miss Flame on Thursday, September 22, 2005 for the 2006 IVFA convention.

(submitted by Jean Randle, District 9A)

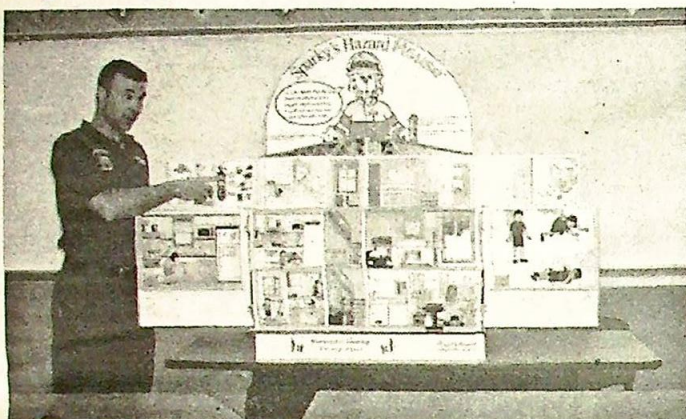
Marrs Twp. takes delivery of new pumper tanker



Marrs Township Fire Department in southern Indiana took delivery in July of a new Ferrara Intruder 2 pumper tanker. This new truck is a 400 horsepower Ferrara Intruder 2 chassis 6 man cab. The apparatus is a 2500 gallon pumper tanker, with a FoamPro 2000 class A foam system. This system holds 40 gallons of Class A foam and is capable of putting foam out of all the discharges. The truck is also equipped with triple dump chutes. This truck replaces a 1976 Ford F750 1250 gallon tanker. Thanks to the truck committee and M & S Fire and Safety for their hard work in designing and delivering the truck.

Chief Don Montgomery
(submitted by Steven T. Anderson)

Department purchases Sparky's Hazard House



BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP Fire Prevention Officer Craig Zollars is shown with their new addition to their public education tool.

Sparky's Hazard House was purchased along with new computer equipment through the FEMA Fire Prevention Grant.

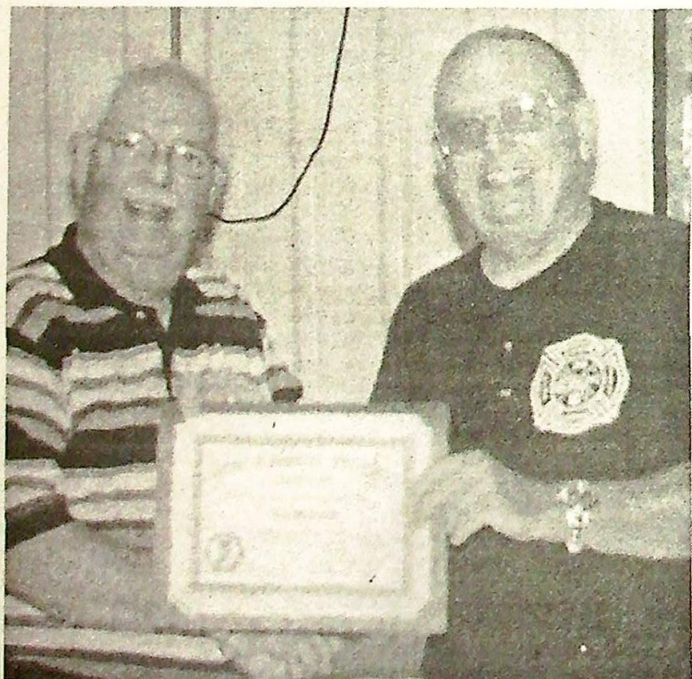
Bloomington Township was awarded \$13,931.00 in the first round of the 2004 fire prevention grants.

Sparky's Hazard House shows children the risks and hazards in and around the home.

The Sparky edition of the Hazard House is all inclusive, and built around the NFPA Risk Watch Program which they are currently using.

(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

McFarland awarded certificate of appreciation



PAST DISTRICT CHAIRMAN 11-A Jack McFarland receives a certificate of appreciation for his years of service to the IVFA from President Jack Kerney.

Diane Harrison presented 25 year pin



LEWIS TWP. firefighter and West Central Public Relations Diane Harrison is presented her 25 year pin by District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland and President Kerney.

Brownstown VFD hosts joint training exercise



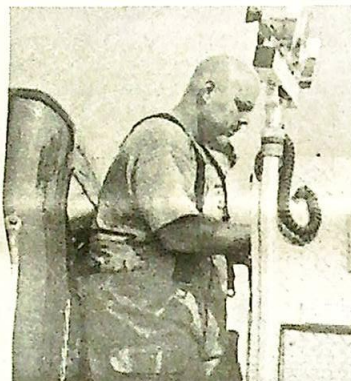
JACKSON County firefighters set up jet siphon during water supply operations training 9-24-05.
(Photo by R. Scott)

Six Jackson County Volunteer Fire Departments participated in a joint training exercise in water delivery operations hosted by Brownstown Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, September 24.

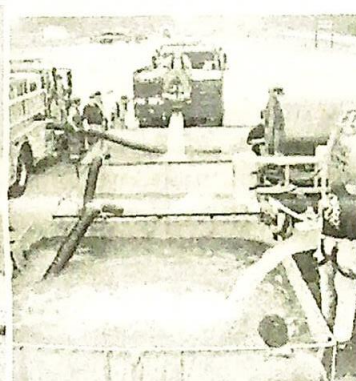
Firefighters from Brownstown, Carr, Jackson-Washington, Owen, Pershing, and Vernon Township Fire Departments practiced establishing water supply routes, deployment of multiple dump tanks joined by a jet siphon system, and pumper relays utilizing larger diameter hose line.

The class was conducted by Jerry Kindred and Robert Stone of Brownstown Fire Department and was attended by 18 county firefighters. Participants were Granville Hayworth, Charlie Banister, Phil Thomas, Corey Strong, Brandon Rueicke, Charles Densford, Kory Kindred, Ron Cox, Derrick Williams, Joe Barns, David Wehrkamp, Ty Schwade, Mike Fish, Don Benter, Shane Loper, Steve Ingle, Joe Scott and Jason Tasky.

Kindred expressed his overall satisfaction with the exercise and expressed appreciation for the interagency teamwork between departments.
(Reported by Rebecca D. Scott, photos by R. Scott and R. Stone)



INSTRUCTOR Jerry Kindred, Brownstown Fire Department, double checks pumping pressures during water supply training 9-24-05.
(Photo by R. Scott)



JACKSON County firefighters train utilizing multiple dump tanks with jet siphons on 9-24-05.
(Photo by R. Stone)



BOB STONE (left) and Don Benter (right) map tanker routes for Water Supply operations training 9-24-05.
(photo by R. Scott)

Coloring and poster contest winners acknowledged at open house



THE PICTURE submitted is from Crown Point Fire/Rescue 2005 fire prevention open house.

Assistant chief Gerard Abraham is pictured with the 2005 winners of the coloring and poster contest.

All winners were from the local elementary schools with the department's fire district.

(submitted by Melissa Baumgardner)

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Water rescue training made fun!



LAKE PATROL FIREFIGHTER Curtis McGaha



LEFT TO RIGHT are firefighters Sheryll Durban, Rodney Gunter, Chief Vernon McGaha, Ralph Pierce, John Cooper, Paula York, Brandon Gunter, Tony Carrico, Lillian Scherer.



FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVE on the scene of a simulated tubing accident and find two patients (Rita Gunter and Mary Carrico). Firefighters Paula York, Mark Cowan, John Cooper and Chief Vern McGaha assess patients and prepare them for transport.



FIREFIGHTERS Curtis McGaha, John Cooper, Mark Cowan, Tony Carrico, Lillian Scherer, Captain Paula York and Chief Vernon McGaha load patient (Rita Gunter) onto a backboard.



FIREFIGHTERS Tony Carrico, Mark Cowan, Sheryll and ambulance captain Paula York place a patient on a backboard.

During the warm days of summer the Cordry-Sweetwater Fire Department personnel took advantage of the warm water and practiced Water Rescue Techniques.

Ambulance Captain Paula York had briefed everyone at the fire station about the scenario but not the injuries. She stressed to the EMT's they would

have to assess the injuries to the patient or patients while they were still in the water. They would then have to, package the patient(s), load them onto the pontoon boat and transport them back to shore, where our ambulance awaited.

After arriving at the beach, firefighter Curtis McGaha of the

Cordry-Sweetwater Lake Safety Patrol met the arriving emergency personnel and informed them of the boat accident where there were two people injured.

Here in a series of pictures, firefighters respond to a simulated boat accident on the lake take necessary action treat two injured patients.

The practice session went well. It was warm, the night air was mild and the firefighters had a little fun while practicing and honing their water rescue skills. We hope we never need them, but we are ready if we do!

In a surprise scenario Chief Bernie McGaha simulated an emergency responder having chest pains and becom-

ing unconscious. He, along with the other two patients were successfully loaded onto the boat and transported to shore. It truly was a good practice session!!

(submitted by Tim Whitaker)

Clinton firefighter gets surprise honor



IVFA District 4 25 year pin - Greg Freed, Dean Rink, Abe Schlabach

By STEPHANIE DEBOLT
Goshen News Staff Writer
(The Goshen News, Wednesday, August 3, 2005)

MILLERSBURG, Ind. - Monthly volunteer fire meetings at the Clinton Township fire station have been a part of Dean Rink's life for 25 years. The Millersburg farmer attends them when he can, but the months that include planting season, hay-making season and harvest season are the hardest for him to manage.

"I've been known to miss one or two," he said with a smile.

Knowing Rink might be preoccupied on the farm, Clinton Township Chief Abe Schlabach made a personal request of Rink ahead of time. In doing so, he learned that Rink had spent the better part of the day managing a 30-acre field of hay.

"Abe called me today and asked me to come down and help him tonight," Rink remarked to the members of his department who were gathered. The group also included Rink's wife and the representative of Indiana's Dis-

trict 4 volunteer fire association, Greg Freed.

"I just came because he said he needed help," Rink said.

That attitude, in and of itself, was the reason Rink was lured to the meeting intentionally, as he was the featured guest Tuesday night. Celebrating his 25th year of volunteer service, Rink was awarded a gold pin from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, accolades and a hearty round of applause from those he works with.

"He's been an active part of our department for many years, and we sincerely hope he continues," Schlabach said. "He's the longest serving member on our department, and we're glad to recognize him."

Rink modestly accepted his award, but was hesitant to be in the spotlight. "I was surprised as usual," he said.

"I'm generally reluctant to accept any recognition, especially in this area. It's my honor to be able to serve my community, instead of being honored for my service."

Rink began his career on the fire

department at the ripe "old" age of 27 in 1980.

"When you're young, you look at everyone else as old. I thought they needed some young blood in here and I was happy to help out," he said. "Now I'm seeing that I'm the old one, and someday I'll be giving up my spot for a younger man to take my place."

At 52 years of age, Dean said that he wasn't ready quite yet to end his days as a volunteer, and that he was happy to have made the commitment of service to his neighbors.

(submitted by Greg Freed - article courtesy of The Goshen News)

District 14 Miss Flame parade marshal



DISTRICT 14 Miss Flame, Courtney Miller, was the parade marshal for New Washington F.D.'s festival and picnic.

(submitted by Al Williamson)

**February 2006
Deadline:
January 10, 2006**

Two from Fair Play Fire Co. 1 presented 50 year Gold Cards



DISTRICT 14 CHAIRMAN Al Williamson and State Fire Marshal Johnson presented a 50 year Gold Card to Donald Vaughn, left center and John Knoebel, right center at Fair Play Fire Co. 1.

(submitted by Al Williamson)

Firefighters complete Firefighter I-II course



CLARKSVILLE STATION 3 firefighters, left to right - back row - Rick Straub, Rob Jacobs, Keith Sellmer. Front row - Dennis Hammel and Danny Moody recently completed the Firefighter I-II course.

(submitted by Al Williamson)

Open house held for Fire Prevention Week

The Cordry-Sweetwater Fire Department hosted an open house on Sunday, October 9, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments were served.

October 9-15, 2005 was designated as "Fire Prevention Week" nationwide. This annual observance is to remind everyone of the Great Chicago Fire that occurred in 1871, which claimed the lives of many people and caused catastrophic destruction to the City of Chicago. Since 1922 a theme is adopted by the National Fire Protection Association to remind everyone about the dangers of fire. This year's theme was "Use Candles with Care". When you go out, blow out!

It is the hope of every fire official that this simple message is enough to remind citizens of the dangers of using candles and then leaving them unattended.

As a reminder for everyone, now is a good time to check your smoke alarms and change your batteries.

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Gold Card recipient



AT THE DISTRICT 12 meeting in Madison Township, John R. Lambert received his 50 year Gold Card.

John talked about some of the past equipment the department has had and what a long way it has come to be the department it is today.

Left of picture, District 12 chair, Larry Bruner, and to right, recipient John Lambert.

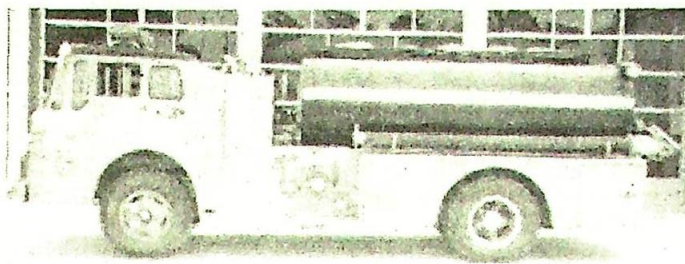
(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Cordry Sweetwater firefighters certified in EVOC



LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: Andrew York, Dave Bennett, John Cooper, Chief Vernon McGaha, Instructor T.J. Champion, Paula York, Rodney Gunter, Paul York, Corey McGaha, Mike White, Teresa Bennett, Cadet Brandon Gunter, Tony Carrico, Jack Junemann and Mark Cowan.

Lynn FD purchases new KME pumper



THE LYNN Fire Department has purchased a 2004 International 1000 GPM KME pumper to upgrade from its previous 1974 Ford 750 GPM Howe pumper. With this purchase the Lynn Fire Department utilized the chassis from the 1974 Howe pumper to modify its tanker.

The tank from the department's current tanker was removed and placed on the 1974 Ford chassis giving it the stability and capabilities the department needed.

This process was completed by members of the Lynn Fire Department in conjunction with the local business of Klein Technologies.

(submitted by Lynn Volunteer Fire Department)

Celebrating 25 years



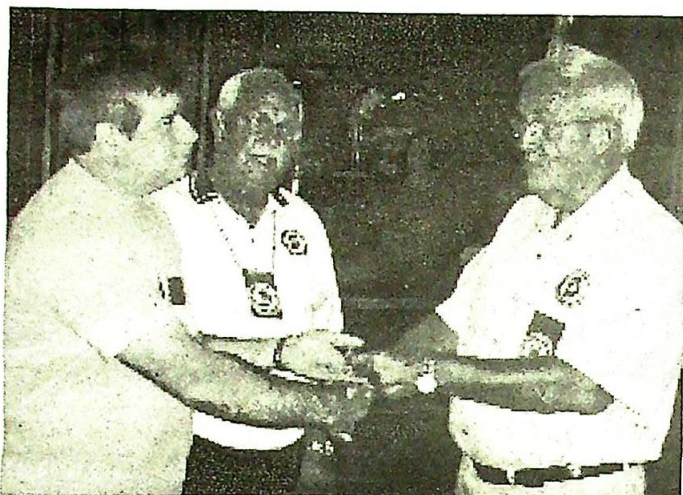
ON NOVEMBER 21, 2005 at Madison Twp. VFD, John W. Zielska received his IVFA 25 year pin.

John has 27 years in the fire service.

John Zielska to left of picture and District IVFA chairman, Larry Bruner to right.

(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Dale Morgan presented 25 year service pin



PAUL WATLAND, District 2 chairman and Jack Kerney, state IVFA president, present Dale Morgan with his 25 year service pin.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

50 Year Gold card awarded to Bernard Wornhoff



PAUL WATLAND, District 2 chairman presents Bernard Wornhoff with his certificate of appreciation and his 50 year gold card.

Bernard is a retired member of the Cedar Lake VFD.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Rodenbeck receives 25 year pin



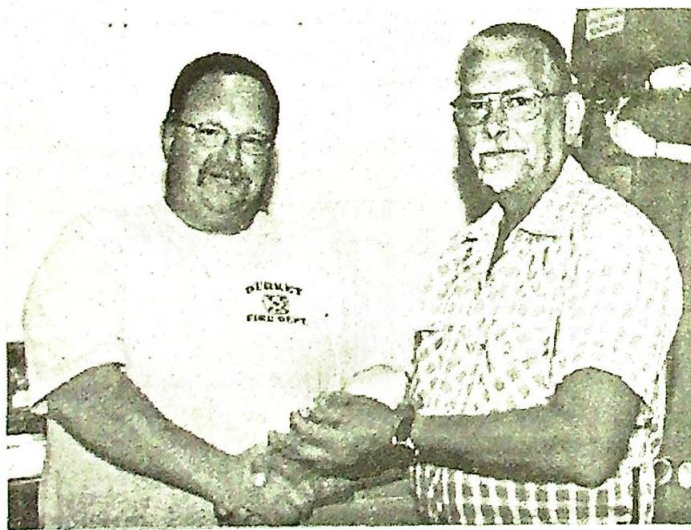
ON NOVEMBER 21, 2005 at Madison Twp. VFD, James L. Rodenbeck received his IVFA 25 year pin.

James has 28 years in the fire service.

District 12 IVFA chair, Larry Bruner to left of picture and James Rodenbeck to right of picture.

(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Burket Chief awarded 25 year service pin



BURKET CHIEF Kevin McSherry (left) receives his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger (right).

(submitted by Don Kissinger)

Receives new pumper



IN MARCH of 2005 Lizton-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Department put their new pumper into service. The unit came from upstate New York. Brian Edwards, treasurer of Lizton Department, and vice chairman for District 12 is shown with the apparatus.

(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

CLASSIFIEDS

Departments are entitled to 1 (one) free ad of 50 (fifty) words or less per issue. One item only. Additional items or words will be billed at current rate.

RATES:

Twenty-five (25) words or less, including name and address, is \$9.40.

TERMS:

CASH with advertising copy. Include name and address in your ads.

Submit legible copy. Publisher is not responsible for errors caused by illegible copy. Type or print all ads. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Firefighter

EFFECTIVE: July 2003

The paper is tabloid size, published quarterly.

Quarterly issues are printed for February, May, August & November. ALL COPY MUST be in the hands of Mitch Parish by the 10th of the month of the preceding month of publication.

SINGLE ISSUE RATE SCHEDULE:

\$ 9.40 per column inch for one color (all black)
\$10.40 per column inch for two color (red and black or red)

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\$600.00 per page for all black
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\$8.00 per column inch for one color (all black)
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P.O. BOX 15
FRANCESVILLE, IN 47946

President's column

(continued from page 1)

° SFM should recommend that safety officer certification should be a minimum for all officers

- Training certification requirements makes recruiting volunteers more difficult
- Lead time of 30 to 90 days to train
- Employers do not allow time off to attend training
- Break training into smaller certification groups (less hours)
- Examine alternatives for volunteers to complete the requirements
 - ° Modularize (education and testing)
 - ° There should be a menu of training material that allows the AHJ some discretion in choosing the training topics needed for certification.
 - There would be a core set of essential skills.
 - Are firefighters learning what they need to know to perform on the fireground?
 - Teach new firefighters what they need to know to ride the 1st truck
 - Why do we teach them eight different hose loads when they only use two on most fire departments.
 - We should not be training to an Essentials manual that was written by someone other than from Indiana.
 - Training should be based around performance and not tests.
 - Current system is designed around written testing not performance of necessary tasks.
 - ISTEP similar - they can pass the test but they can't do math / or pull a hose to the front door.
 - There is little opportunity to share experiences in this training
 - Create a basic firefighter minimum training standard that includes OSHA, and other requirements.
- ° Recommended action -- communicate this position of the IVFA to the Director of Training for DHS.
 - One on one Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for every county.
 - Remove the minimum age requirements (16-17) for certification
- ° Recommended action -- The IVFA member on the Board of Firefighter should make this proposal as part of the rule change process.
 - Officers minimum training requirements
 - Not acceptable
 - Too many variables
 - There should be multiple systems for officer or advance level training
 - On-line
 - Satellite
 - Develop a Fire Chief Orientation program that provides them with some of the minimum skills necessary to be effective as a leader.
 - Recommended action -- partner with the State Fire Marshal and the Indiana Fire Chiefs to develop a new training program.
 - Leadership
 - Negotiation
 - Team Building
 - ICS / Strategy and Tactics
 - Disciplinary Process
 - Roles and Responsibility of Leaders
 - Sample best practices
 - The material should be designed around the outcome desired.
 - Needs to be available in a variety of training mediums / web - satellite - printed - etc.
 - Testing
 - The requirements for an outside proctor should not be part of the mandated requirements.
 - Develop a system to recognize firefighters with the older certifications to be identified within the current certification system.
 - Issue certificates with the word "non-accredited" under the title
 - Results process takes too long
 - Provide an opportunity to demonstrate ability (similar to the instructor cross-over)
 - Develop an in-service requirement for non-IFSA certification.
 - Live fire training
 - EPA/IDEM requirements reduced.
 - Training process for instructors who perform live fire training in acquired structures.
 - Recommended action -- The IVFA should through the newspaper, website and all other communications avenues on a continuous basis the process required to conduct a live burn.
 - Recommended action -- The State of Indiana should provide at each of the Department of Homeland Security Districts a live burn simulator. This would reduce the need for local fire departments to use acquired structures for live fire training.

Training Academy Issues

The development of a state fire training system would be welcomed by the volunteer fire service as long as it is delivered through a regional concept. The delivery of state training must be budget neutral to local fire departments. A state campus should be in the central area of the state and should be free to in-state municipal firefighters.

- Regional campus must be a duplicate of the state campus.
- Portable burn trailers is a must.
- All skills and techniques should be taught at the state fire academy.
- Examine the State of Kentucky model for regional campuses.
- Develop on-line courses
- Must have classes at night and on weekends to accommodate volunteers
- Utilize technology in the delivery of state training academy courses (satellite / 2 way)
- Examine the possibility of providing simulation CD's for regional use.

General Issues

What is the status of the 1-800-FIRELINE program in the FM office? This is on an answering machine in the SFM office. There are maybe two phone calls received in the office. Cindy Cleveland manages this project.

Develop a statewide firefighter recruiting campaign. We already have the 1-800-FIRELINE program in place that has resources available to FD's. Our training staff has the posters hanging in their offices but I wonder if we ever sent any out to FD's. The model has already been developed by the National Volunteer Fire Council. We

should inform and educate the fire service of the availability and how to obtain the information.

What does it cost local jurisdictions to send a recruit police officer to the State Police Academy? According to the Vanderburgh County Sheriff the cost for the education is a state subsidy. The local community pays the salary and transportation costs for the student but no lodging or education fees.

Next is the State of Indiana Firefighter Training System. This is by far not the best system, but is something to build on.

State Firefighter Training Institute Report prepared by John M. Buckmann III and Josh Richardson

PURPOSE:
Indiana should fulfill its responsibilities to develop statewide preparation for emergency response. Indiana requires an organized, trained, coordinated response to regional and state natural and manmade disasters. The first line of defense in every Indiana community is the career and volunteer fire fighter. The capability of local emergency responders will be enhanced by a State Firefighter Training System.

VISION:
Develop a state firefighter training that is comprehensive, high quality and delivers consistent training and education for firefighters, EMS personnel and other personnel.

MISSION:
The mission of the State Firefighter Training Program is to effectively and efficiently provide fire service training to all Indiana firefighters, ensuring that national fire standards are met, quality of training and experience of fire instructors are sufficient; and that the core elements and foundation of an effective fire training system is established and maintained for future generations of firefighters.

BENEFITS:
The development of the State Firefighter training system will assist local fire departments in providing a consistent level of training for their firefighters as well as increase their individual and collective capability to respond to and mitigate disaster situations.

The system will provide a firefighter with increased opportunities for education and certification without adding "contact" hours. In addition, the development and use of web-based training for various modules of the certification levels will increase the availability of training throughout the state without additional costs to the state, the department or the student.

The system will enhance firefighter recruitment and retention in the volunteer fire service because it will improve the availability of training. A common complaint from Fire Chiefs and volunteer firefighters is that they don't have instructors available in some of the smallest communities and therefore they can't participate in the certification process. The system will provide access for all firefighters through a variety of methods to multiple levels of certification classes.

If the district training concept is accepted it will provide certification level training at the local level. The district concept is the key to the success of this program. Career fire departments don't have the backup staffing to be able to send numerous firefighters to a central academy over a prolonged period of time. Volunteer firefighters don't have the time to be able to attend a central academy. The number one complaint from volunteer firefighters is about time. An individual who works, meets family obligations and serves their local community through the volunteer fire department is not always willing to give up weekends to attend classes at a central facility. In many cases volunteers don't have the vacation time to be able to take off work for a week to attend class at a central facility.

The system will provide a unique opportunity for Indiana's firefighters that is not available throughout the country. The development of extensive partnerships with Indiana two and four year colleges will grant credit for training that they are already taking towards a college degree. In addition, the partnership brings the technical expertise of educators to the table as the firefighter certification system continues to grow. Firefighters who actively participate in the certification system could earn enough credit hours to be eligible for a degree in five years. Firefighters who complete advance level training such as Officer, Instructor, Inspector and others with an additional five years of training could achieve an additional degree.

SCOPE:
This document should be used as a reference tool for the development of a statewide fire training program utilizing the Homeland Security District as a basis to deliver fire training to local jurisdictions and to enhance the coordination and communication between multiple agencies and multiple disciplines.

BACKGROUND:
Fire service is made up of 27,000 individuals, of which approximately 20,000 are volunteers.

- Firefighters are currently trained at the local level. In most cases, at their individual fire stations.
- Typically volunteer firefighters pursue training through the basic level.
- Full time firefighters are typically certified through the Firefighter I/II level.
- The State provides a certification system with little oversight of the training that is delivered.
- Training and quality standards vary significantly from community to community.
- Law enforcement has a facility in Plainfield (ILEA).

° The ILEA program has provided basic police officer certified training for all police officers hired at the local or state level.

° The ILEA campus provides education, lodging and meals as part of the State commitment to law enforcement.

APPLICABILITY:
The State Firefighter Training Program applies to all volunteer firefighters and all career firefighters in Indiana's 10 Homeland Security Districts.

REFERENCES:
NFA - National Fire Academy
NFPA - National Fire Protection Association

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

IOWA - Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration

FOCUS AREAS:

• Budget
District Training Grants - \$2.5 million annually (total State allocation)
- These grants at a maximum of \$250,000 per district would be used to fund the delivery of certification training as well as making improvements to training infrastructure. The cost of administration, instructors, books, rebuilding of props is included as part of this expense.

District Infrastructure Grant - \$1.5 million annually (total State allocation)
- Would require an application with supporting documentation and approval by State Council.

- Maximum annual award per district \$500,000
- Would require local match (50/50)
Additional State Staffing \$250,000 annually
- Staffing would consist of five area managers that would be assigned two districts.

• The staff would provide:
° Guidance for infrastructure planning.
° Assistance with program development.
° Oversight of funding support expenditures

Possible Funding Sources
- Fireworks
- Insurance Fund
- Homeland Security Funds (\$38 million annually)

- F.I.R.E. Act Grant
- State Trade Association
- Indiana Propane Gas Association
- Building Trades Council
- Legislative Action
- Partnership Opportunities

- Local fire department who already have training infrastructures
- Fort Wayne / \$15 million state funding
- South Bend Fire Department - Swift Water Rescue (only one of its kind in the State)

- Muscatatuk - Urban Training
• Creation of State Fire Training Council

Establishment of an Infrastructure Grant Fund. This grant program would assist areas of the state that do not have adequate infrastructure to conduct FF I/II training. Money from this fund would be matched dollar for dollar with local funds to purchase equipment needed for Level 2 or 3 training facilities. (Proposed annual budget \$1.5 million for infrastructure grants -- proposed annual budget \$2.5 million for district training funds. District funds would be allotted upon acceptance of a training implementation plan by the State Fire Training Council).

Seek funding sources.
Develop a web based training system that is accessible to all districts.

An annual report shall be developed and published.
- The report should contain measurements and assessments of the system. Encourage innovation in the delivery of training that enhances the learning opportunities of the students.

Develop partnerships with universities, trade unions, fire departments and other organizations that can assist with the development of district training programs. Encourage local district training councils to partner when certain facilities are not used to the extent possible.

Develop a system to remove local district council members who do not participate.
- Develop a system to conduct investigations of local district councils. Develop a system to allow border state fire departments who do mutual aid with Indiana fire departments to attend state sponsored training.

• Executive Director of Indiana Department of Homeland Security
• State Fire Marshal
• Director, Division of Training
• Designee - Indiana Fire Chiefs Association
• Designee - Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana
• Designee - Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association
• Designee - Indiana Fire Instructors Association

(Consider Citizen Representation)
• Creation of District Fire Training Councils

Each of the 10 districts will have a fire training council.

The overall goal of the council is to develop a training agenda, support training facilities, develop infrastructure plans that may include permanent or mobile training facilities, disburse money, oversee adjunct instructors, evaluate course delivery, evaluate instructors, etc.

- Encourage innovation in the delivery of training that enhances the learning opportunities of the students
- Develop partnerships with universities, trade unions, fire departments and other organizations that can assist with the development of district training programs.

- Seek out alternative funding sources.
- Develop relationships to facilitate outside funding sources.
Develop a training implementation plan.
- This plan includes schedules, facility assessment; district firefighter training needs assessment; adjunct instructor selection processes, and coordination, staffing needs.

Councils will be responsible for the disbursement of budgeted funds for training purposes.
- The council will approve sites for training based upon the level that the site poses the capability to provide training that meets Indiana certification standards.

The district fire training council will be made up of:

- 1 career fire chief
- 1 volunteer fire chief
- 1 career instructor
- 1 volunteer instructor
- 1 career firefighter
- 1 volunteer firefighter
- 1 university member
- 2 citizens

- The district fire training council will be elected by the NFIRS qualified fire departments in a meeting held each January.
• Each eligible department would have one vote

• The first year of existence the elections will be for staggered terms to allow for consistency.
• Terms of office will be for two years
• There shall be a Chair and Vice-Chair in each district.

° These positions will have a term of one year.
° An individual may not hold one of these two positions for more than three consecutive years.

- No more than two of the nine members shall be from the same county.
- The committee will elect a chair, and a vice chair from the committee.
- The chair will control agenda and preside over the committee.

- The vice chair will assume the duties of the chair if the chair is absent.
The district fire training council will conduct regular meetings at least on a quarterly basis. The time, date and location shall be posted in a manner consistent with the rules of public notice.

The district shall develop an annual report submitted to the district members and to the State Training Council (STC) at a time and manner prescribed by the STC.

Each district will have an annual budget of unequal apportionment.
- No more than 5% is to be used for administrative oversight purposes.

Funding of qualified training sites through the district councils.

- By establishing partnerships at the local level with fire departments and universities, the district training sites will initially require little state funding for infrastructure development.

- Because each district has different needs and because each district will not enter this program with equal training capabilities, this program will not aim to provide identical training sites in each district. What this program will do, is provide the highest quality training from currently existing resources and assist districts with infrastructure costs via matching state grants.

- Sites will be selected based upon their ability to provide training for the firefighter with the following designations:

- Level 1 - Basic training only.
- Minimum physical requirements/capabilities

- 1200 square foot classroom
- Computer in classroom
- Tables/Chairs
- Computer projection
- Video projection
- DVD projection
- Exterior concrete/blacktop pad 2500 square feet
- High Speed Internet connection capability

- Three computers for web based training
- Requirements for Level 1 designation include capability to:

- Raise, extend, and place ladders
- Perform ventilation drills
- Perform search and rescue drills
- Perform forcible entry with a variety of doors, windows, and walls
- Load/Unload fire hose
- Apply water and extinguishing agents to a simulated / live fire situation

- Deploy a portable water tank
- Level 2 - Firefighter I/II training.
- Minimum physical requirements/capabilities

- 2 - 1200 square foot classroom
- Computers
- Tables/Chairs
- Computer projection
- Video projection
- DVD projection
- Exterior concrete/blacktop pad 5000 square feet
- High Speed Internet connection capability

- 6 computers for web based training
- Requirements for a Level 2 designation include capability or access to:

- Have a water source, fire hydrant and static water source
- Capability to flow high volumes of water (excess of 1500 gallons per minute through a variety of nozzles)
- Have capability to demonstrate the shut off of building utilities given tools, (electric, gas, and water)
- Demonstrate ability to respond on apparatus to emergency scene
- Have a facility that can be a vision obscured to demonstrate search and rescue practices that include emergency evacuation procedures, proper breathing techniques, team integrity being maintained, room to conduct a search and rescue as a member of a team.

- To perform SCBA drill through restricted passages
- Attack an interior structural fire
- Attack a passenger vehicle fire as a member of a team
- Using an automobile prop and control flammable liquid leaks on that prop
- Allow for extinguishment of class A materials, in an exterior setting. Exterior setting is defined as stack piled materials in an unattached structures.

- Overhaul a fire scene
- Extinguish a flammable liquid fire
- Control a flammable gas cylinder fire
- Clean, inspect, check, and return all equipment used to service
- Set up ground ladders
- Practice entering and exiting windows at ground and elevated levels
- Perform horizontal, vertical, and positive pressure ventilation issues

- Allow firefighters to demonstrate the ability to force entry into a structure with appropriate tools and safely
- Extricate a victim trapped in a motor vehicle accident
- Develop pre-incident surveys and complete pre-incident inspections
- Deploy salvage tools and equipment
- Level 2 facilities will be required to develop a relationship with a college or university to allow for college level credit for education received within the system

- Level 3 - Specialized training sites. Can be a stand alone facility or combined with a Level 1

- or 2 training site.
- Specialized Live Burn Options
- Water Rescue
- Swift water rescue
- High Rise Firefighting
- Hazardous Materials Technician Level
- Farm rescue
- Confined space rescue
- Aircraft training
- Marine/Shipboard Firefighting
- Boarding procedures
- Floating Casinos
- Drivers Training Simulation
- Drivers Training Practice Area (5-7 acres)
- Level 4 - (Central Site) Special training capabilities beyond those available in individual districts.

- 4 - 1200 square foot classrooms
- Dormitories - 50 bed capacity
- Cafeteria
- Administrative Area - 3600 square feet
- Will have all level 2 capability and multiple level 3 capability
- Level 5 - Multi-disciplinary Homeland Security Training.

- As long as a site meets the requirements for the training they deliver, they are eligible for instructor compensation, as well as other costs directly incurred from training. Within each district there may be many sites that meet Level 1 classification, while an entire district may not have a site that meets Level 3 requirements. The District Fire Training Council will make these payments based upon established criteria.

Instruction of National Fire Academy courses. These programs are available at no cost to the State. The NFA also provides a grant of \$25,000 to the State to deliver these courses. These are advanced level training courses designed for the officer. NFA courses will be available upon completion of the first district site. The NFA courses can be delivered at any Level 1 training site.

Adjunct instructors
- Each district will require adjunct instructors.
• Adjunct instructors will deliver the course content.
• District fire training councils will develop a selection process based upon the minimum qualifications.
- Minimum Qualifications for adjunct instructors
• Certified as a fire instructor II/III for five years minimum
• Teach at least 30 hours documented annually not at the district training sites
• Complete eight hours of instructional in-service annually at a college or university on adult learning techniques.
• Creation of a central training institute.

The central site would act as the "headquarters" of the program as well as instruct less frequently pursued levels of certification. The beginning functions of the central training facility would begin with the completion of the first district site, and continue to evolve and add capabilities as district sites grow in number. Completion by 6/07.

° The Wayne Township facility on the west side of Indianapolis is the obvious choice for a central training facility.

° The facility has the infrastructure in place to begin training firefighters at a variety of levels.

° The proposal for the State to take control / purchase the Wayne Township facility did not come to conclusion. The State remains interested in concluding discussions with officials at Wayne Township.

° s again and that they will be reducing their price.

° Expansion of training to the internet. By using a web-based training program, costs could be reduced by decreasing the amount of time a student must be on campus. This on-line training would be overseen by the central institute.

° Establishment of a program that allows firefighter training and service to count towards a college degree. The central site would facilitate this program for degree seeking firefighters.

° This program will be a huge advantage for all Indiana firefighters.

° The benefit of college credits for firefighter training sponsored by the State will pay off in recruiting and retaining volunteer and career firefighters.

Candidates for the central facility must:

- Have sufficient land area for growth (approx. 20 - 50 acres).
- Have a commitment from a university for a partnership.
- Have a commitment from a fire department for a partnership.
- Work with the State to ensure necessary training equipment will be available.
- Have access to an airport.
- Have access to a high rise building.
- Have record keeping, certification capability.

- Must be the point of contact for NFA courses and grants.

ENDSTATE:
The implementation of a statewide training system will result in:

- Indiana better prepared to manage local, regional, and state-wide all-hazards.
- Improved delivery of local fire protection resulting in lives saved and property loss reduced.
- An integrated, seamless, escalation response for large fires and other disasters.
- An accredited program of nationally recognized training and education for Indiana's fire service.
- Compliance with OSHA.
- Reduced risk of injury and death to firefighters.
- More frequent teamwork within the districts.
- The framework for the beginning of a multi-discipline Homeland Security Training program.
- A common core of professionally trained firefighters.
- Time and effort of firefighters being rewarded with college credit.

Next are the most frequently asked questions about State Fire Training System.

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Flowers, Wright presented 25 year pins



ON AUGUST 1, 2005, Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presented a 25 year pin to Michael Flowers and Larry Wright from the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured from (left to right) are Steve Fields, Fire Chief, Larry Wright, Michael Flowers, and Lloyd Wright. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B)

Guffey, Knisley presented 25 year service pins



ON AUGUST 1, 2005, Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presented a 25 year pin to James Guffey and Don Knisely from the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured from left to right are Randy Young, Fire Chief, James Guffey, Don Knisely and Lloyd Wright. Also receiving a 25 year pin, but unable to attend were Charles Coons, Richard Current, Phil Slotz and Roger Clay. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B)

Egolf receives 25 year pin



JERRY EGOLF (right), North Manchester Fire receives his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger (left). (submitted by Don Kissinger)

Farmland firefighters collect money for Hurricane Katrina



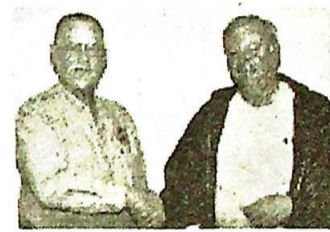
FARMLAND FIREFIGHTERS collecting for Hurricane Katrina victims. Thanks to everyone who helped with our contribution of \$2,200.00. (submitted by Billy Sunday)

Joseph Day awarded 25 year pin



AKRON-HENRY TWP. chief Joseph Day (left) received his 25 year pin from District Chairman Don Kissinger (right). (submitted by Don Kissinger)

Honored with 25 year service pin



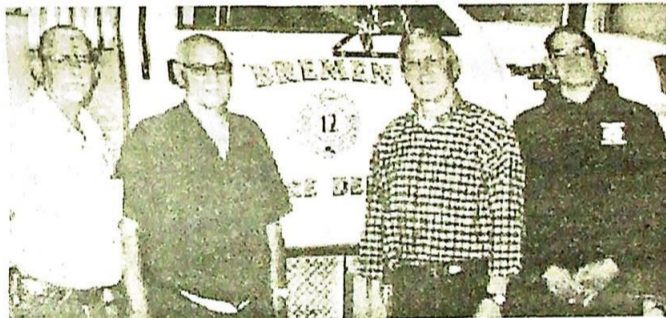
ATWOOD FIREMAN Richard Coppes (right) received his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger (left). Also receiving pins were Barry Harmon and James Moyer. (submitted by Don Kissinger)

Hurd receives 50 year Gold Card



ROBERT HURD (right), Milford Fire receives his 50 year Gold Card from Don Kissinger (left). (submitted by Don Kissinger)

Bremen Fire members receive 25 year service pins



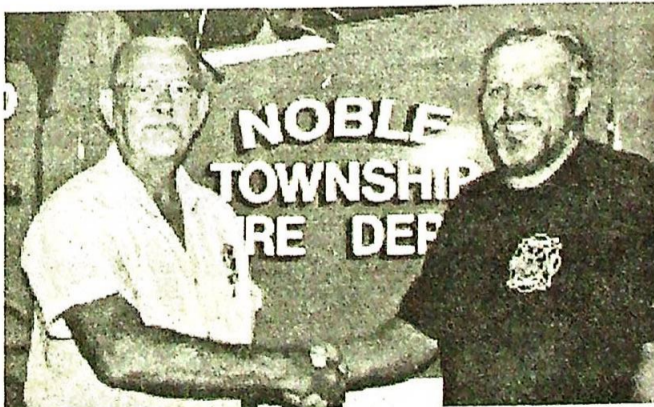
LOWELL YOUNG, James Morris and Darrell Stouder of Bremen Fire; also Larry Capron received their 25 year pins from Don Kissinger (left). (submitted by Don Kissinger)

Presented 25 year service pins



WILLIAM HARDESTY and John Hart, Mentone Fire, also Richard Layne and Michael Yazel recently were awarded their 25 year pins by Don Kissinger (right). (submitted by Don Kissinger)

Rathbun recently awarded 25 year pin



CLARENCE RATHBUN (right), Noble Twp., Wabash Co. receives his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger (left). (submitted by Don Kissinger)

Twenty-five year pin awarded to Jim Krom

URBANA fireman Jim Krom (left) receives his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger (right). (submitted by Don Kissinger)



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Jim Abrams

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner.

I attended District 17A & B's joint meeting hosted by Eastern Volunteer Fire Department on July 7th. After the meal, elections were held; Sam Emery, chairman, Jack Harker, vice chairman, Debbie Ockerman, secretary-treasurer for 17A. For 17B Tim Deckard, chairman and Vicki McGlonklin, secretary.

Speakers for the evening were Drew Dailey of DNR and Eddie King of Vincennes Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Awards were presented. Johnny Johnson received his 50 year gold card, Bloomfield Vol. F.D., Ed Michael, Highland Twp. Fire Department received the Midwest Award, Jeff Combs, Eastern Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin, Debbie Ockerman of Richland-Taylor Vol. F.D. received 25 year pin.

I attended District 15's meeting at Mt. Vernon hosted by Black Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. on July 19th. Elections were held: Steve Anderson, chairman, C.L. Mitchell, vice chairman, Barb Kerney, secretary-treasurer, chaplain Andrea Seib and Sgt. of Arms Harry Logan.

I attended District 18's meeting on July 21st at Grandview Volunteer Fire Department at Civic Center. Elections were held; Chuck Parker, chairman, Marty Holman, vice chairman, secretary-treasurer Kenny Lau, Chaplain Brother Giles Mahew, Sgt. of Arms Ed Discus. A 50 year gold card was presented to John Conen of New Boston Volunteer Fire Department. Joe DeKemper received the Midwest Award.

I attended District 18's meeting on September 15th at Huntingburg CFI Club hosted by Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department. Their next meeting will be November 17th at 8:00 at Schnellville Community Center.

I attended District 17B's meeting hosted by Oolitic Volunteer Fire Department on September 20th. Indiana state trooper John Patrick spoke about meth labs.

I attended District 17A's meeting September 27th hosted by Vincennes Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Speaker was Tim Smith, Chief, Vincennes Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

I was unable to attend District 15's meeting. It was same date and time as 17A's.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

*IVFA PRSW
Jim Abrams*

Good resolutions should be made before the new year

People generally wait until the first of January to make a list of character-improving resolutions. However, with the holiday season at hand, there are some appropriate ones that we should make right now. Let us resolve to be more patient when the traffic slows

IVFAA EMERGENCY CALL LIST REVISED 2006

Whoever has a message that she wishes to have given to all of the state officers and district chairmen shall first give the message to the president.

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Recording Secretary: call - District 4: Jane Ferro - 574-295-1885; District 6: Marilyn Dever - 260-627-2802; District 7: Susie Stout - 260-563-3048

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Treasurer: call - District 12: Rosie Johnson - 317-243-0086; District 13B: Karen Freestone - 765-987-7825; District 14: Sharon Angel - 812-283-1046

Sgt.-at-Arms: call - District 17: June Cahill - 812-384-3442; District 19: Crystal Ambruster - 812-926-2415.

Ward Township VFD receives clock for new fire station



ON AUGUST 8, 2005 Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department received a clock for their new fire station.

Accepting the clock on behalf of the members, which was presented by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, were Ted Martin and Ivan Bousman.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B)

down in holiday gridlock, to be more courteous with overworked salespersons, to make the first move in mending quarrels we may have had with someone, to give what we can to the poor, to be friendly and helpful with our neighbors, particularly those who are ill or handicapped, and to attend our House of Worship.

Doing these things will give us a good feeling, and along with the lights and decorations, will help to bring the true spirit of the holidays to ourselves and everyone around us.

~ Any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now.

-- Etienne de Grellet

~ "... if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

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Ed May Midwest Award winner for 2005



ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2005 Ed May from the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department was presented the Midwest Award for 2005.

Presenting the award is Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman and is also the Fire Chief of the Salamonia Fire Department.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B)

LifeLine Medical Helicopter training held

LifeLine Medical Helicopter Training was held at Cordry Sweetwater Fire Station on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., hosted by the Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Department, located at 101 Firehouse Road, Nineveh, Indiana.

All firefighters were invited to attend this important training session.

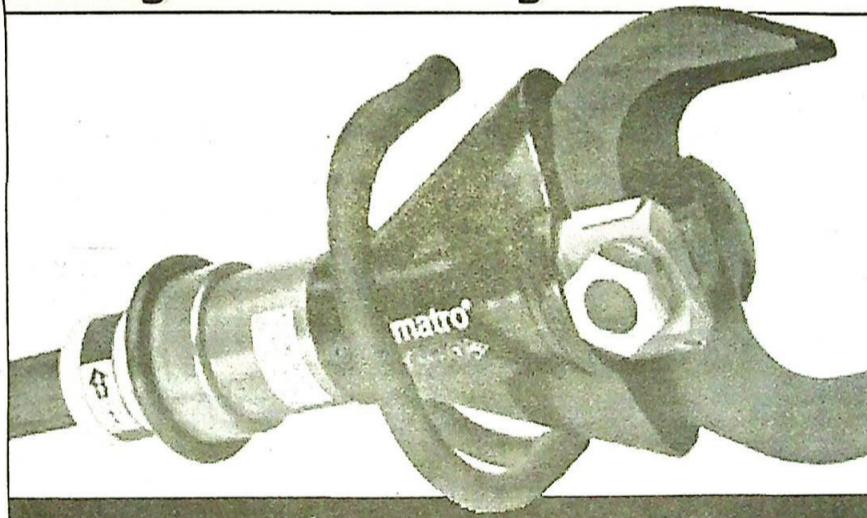
Captain Paula York stated, "LifeLine now in its 26th year of operation in our area, will provide critical information for Firefighters, EMT's and First Responders." Medical helicopters normally used to transport critically injured patients to Level 1 Trauma Centers are being used more and more across the state of Indiana and LifeLine has plans for expanding their services.

Participants were instructed in the proper techniques of both "Hot Loading" and "Cold Loading". Other important terms were discussed such as: Landing Zone (LZ) Wind Direction, ETA, Apparatus placement, proper lighting, radio procedures and more.

All participants received credit for EMT hours and firefighting hours for this training session.

LifeLine requires any participant in the hands on portion to wear protective head gear.

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Diane Harrison

Hellow Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I was to attend District 21 Sugar Twp. - Thorntown, and District 12 Madison Twp. meetings. I was not able to attend the joint District 11-A and 11-B picnic but I am sure District 11-B did an awesome job and everyone had an enjoyable time.

I would like to thank past district chairman Jack McFarland for all of his service to the IVFA as district chairman for the past three years and welcome Bob Myers as the new district chairman for the district.

Remember Visitor's Day at Hoosier Burn Camp is June 1st, 2006.

It is not too early to start writing those letters for deserving members on your department or area. I am sure everyone knows someone that you feel is deserving of these awards, it just takes a few minutes to sit down and

write a letter nominating them. Awards available are Mr. IVFA, Angel Award, Midwest, Ollie Sandburg and Lois Boaz. Deadline is February 1st.

Remember to make plans to attend the 2006 convention; the committee is working very hard to give us an awesome convention. One of the activities back will be the auction for Hoosier Burn Camp, anyone or any department having anything to donate I am sure they would be very happy to accept it.

The district chairmen and public relations officers have been assigned to get as many departments as possible to fill out the National Volunteer Fire Council Foundation's Cost Savings Calculator. You can find this on the NVFC website.

We hope to use these numbers that we get as a tool to show the state and local governments how much volunteers save their communities. There is also a presentation you can download to take to your local clubs and organizations and township meetings to show them what your department saves them. So if you have not got yours filled out yet we would very much appreciate your department doing so and getting the results back to your state officers.

There is a lot going on with the training; you need to stay on top of it and make your voices loud if you have comments.

If you have anything that you would like me to attend, please let me know and I will do my best to get there.

Hope everyone has a very enjoyable and safe Holiday Season.

Keep safe out there,

Diane Harrison
WCPR

Farmland new Rescue ready to roll!



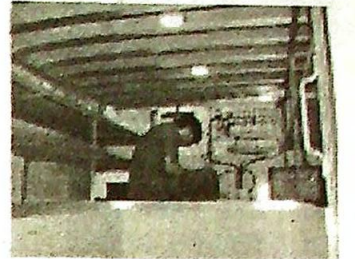
Farmland Department appointed a truck committee to buy a truck, build a rescue and put it in service.

The truck is a 1999 F-450 Ford chassis with a supreme fiberglass bed. The firefighters did all the work installing all the equipment and lettering. The wiring, slide out tray lights wiring was completed in house also.

The truck has a brand new 7.4 liter diesel engine. The truck made its first run in May 2005.
(submitted by Billy Sunday)



Joe Bertram and Larry Savage installing rescue tools on slide out tray in new rescue truck.



Many hours went into wiring the new rescue truck.

As well as being Farmland's truck maintenance leader, Joe Bertram did the wiring layout and installed most everything that lights up.

Joe should get a lot of credit for the operation of this truck.

Farmland firefighters hold training session



Assistant Chief Melvin Nott briefing Farmland firefighters before starting training session.
(submitted by Billy Sunday- Department photo)



Area firefighters at Farmland for training burn a vacant house. Five departments attending the burn and several areas of training.
(submitted by Billy Sunday, Department photo)

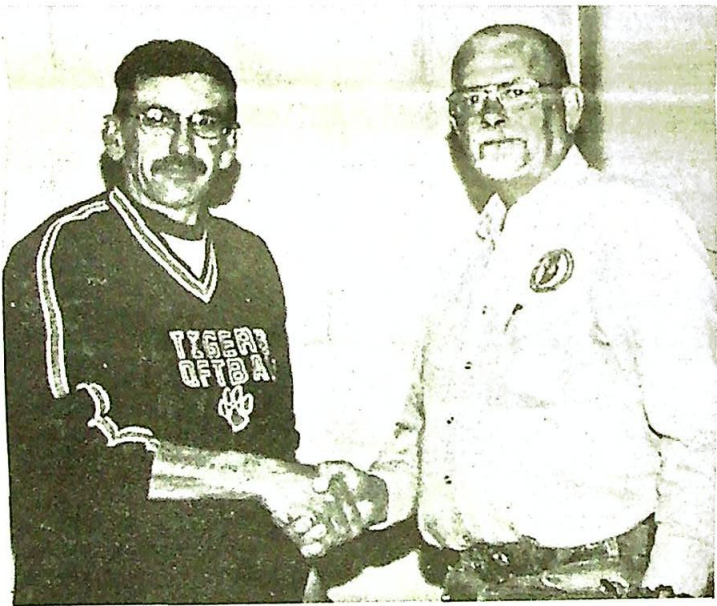
Farmland Fire Dept. awarded federal grant

Sixth District U.S. Congressman Mike Pence (R-Columbus) Wednesday announced that the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded \$104,334 for fire operations and firefighter safety. The grant was awarded through the department of Homeland Security's Office of state and local Government Coordination and Preparedness in cooperation with the United States Fire Administration. "Our local fire departments are the first responders when a tragedy strikes, yet too often they lack sufficient funding to protect our safety," Pence said. "I am pleased that the Department of Homeland Security is supporting our firefighting personnel in Farmland by making this grant available."

The Assistance to Firefighters grant program awards one-year grants directly to fire departments to support the nation's firefighters and the services they deliver. For the 2005 program, Congress appropriated and President George W. Bush signed into law, \$650 million in direct assistance to firefighters to improve the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention programs throughout the United States. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government coordination and Preparedness administers the program in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

The Grant will specifically be used for operations and firefighting safety, which includes training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness and modifications to fire stations and facilities.
(submitted by Billy Sunday)

Rader receives 25 year pin



MITCH RADER (left), Leesburg-Plain Twp. Fire receives his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger (right).
(submitted by Don Kissinger)

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Greene County Firefighters Field Day held



GREENE COUNTY Firefighters Field Day ladder raise.
(Photo by Amy Byers, photo submitted by Sam Emery,
District 17A chairman)



GREENE COUNTY Firefighters Field Day hose roll.



GREENE COUNTY Firefighters Field Day waterball.



GREENE COUNTY Firefighters Field Day participants.



GREENE COUNTY Firefighters Field Day
bucket brigade.

25 year service pin presented to Mark Baumgardner



PAUL WATLAND, District 2 chairman and Jack
Kerney, state IVFA president, present Mark
Baumgardner of the Crown Point VFD with his 25
year service pin.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Ward Township VFD members awarded 25 year pins



AT THE August 8, 2005 meeting of the Ward Township Volunteer Fire
Department the following members were honored for 25 years or more of ser-
vice. Mark Leeka, Ivan Bousman, George Cox, Jack Kessler and Jerry Wagner.
Also pictured is Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B)

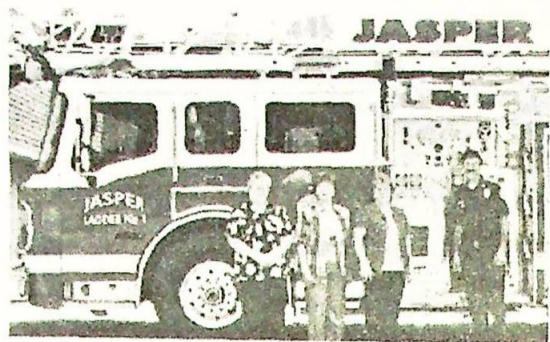
Retired member Ralph Schillo presented 50 year Gold Card



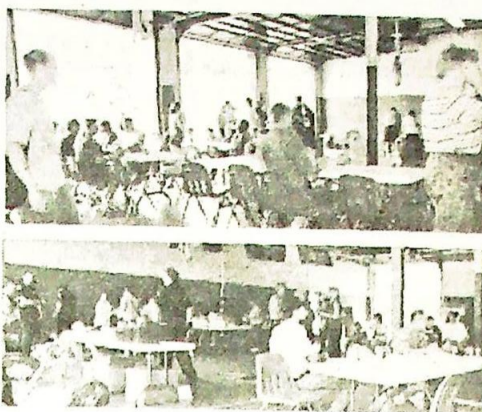
PAUL WATLAND, District 2 chairman, presents Ralph Schillo with his
certificate of appreciation and his 50 year gold card.
Ralph is a retired member of Cedar Lake VFD.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

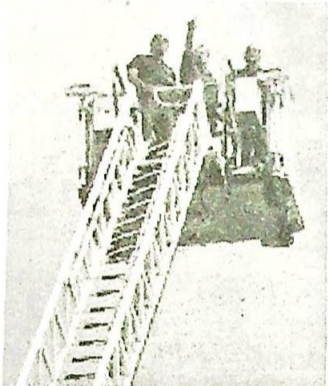
Jasper VFD hosts open house



FIRE CHIEF Kenny Hochgesang stands in front of Ladder 1 with members of the Maurice Melchoir family. (submitted by Adam Vaal)



VISITORS enjoy hamburgers and bratwurst prepared by the fire department.



WITH FIREFIGHTER Tom Eckert at the controls, District 18 chairman Chuck Parker points to where he thinks his house is.

On Sunday October 2nd, 2005, the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department hosted an open house to the public at Station 1. Hundreds of people showed up to see all of the equipment on display and enjoy all of the fun and food. Rides were given in the department's 100 foot ladder platform and there were free giveaways for the kids.

During the open house the department's new 75 foot American LaFrance ladder truck was dedicated with a special ceremony. Jasper fire chief Kenny Hochgesang introduced members of the Maurice Melchoir family. The family had donated a large sum of money to the fire department which was used toward the purchase of this new aerial. A plaque was placed on Ladder 1 to honor the family and their donation.

The Jasper Fire Department would like to thank everyone who stopped by to enjoy the wonderful afternoon.

Robert Eberle awarded 50 year Gold card and certificate



PAUL WATLAND, District 2 chairman, presents Robert Eberle with his certificate of appreciation and his 50 year gold card.

Robert is a retired member of Cedar Lake VFD. (submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Receives 50 year Gold card



ROBERT HEITMEYER, Dillsboro V.F.D. receives 50 year Gold Card from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. (submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Department presented clock for new fire station



PAUL WATLAND, District 2 chairman, and Jack Kerney, IVFA state president, present Mike Parks, chief of the Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force with the IVFA wall clock in honor of their new station.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Blooming Grove members awarded 25 year pins



SIX MEMBERS of Blooming Grove V.F.D. received their 25 year pins. (Left to right): Joe Caudill 25 years, Jef Sauercard 26 years, Tony Robinson 29 years, Chuck Grimes 27 years, Steve Russel 26 years, Bill Steinard 25 years. Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman presented the pins.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

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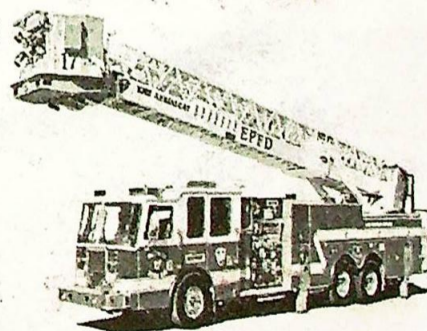
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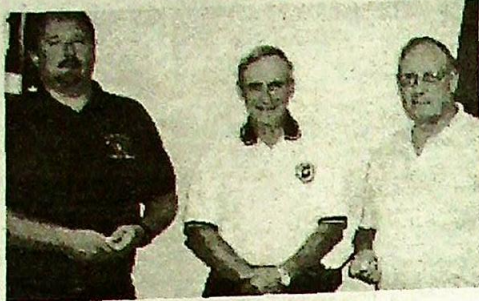


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Dillsboro VFD members receive 25 year pins



TIM HEITMEYER and Harry Tiemeyer, Dillsboro V.F.D., received 25 year pins from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Patriot Fire Department presented new station clock



DISTRICT 19 chairman Ed Scheele and PR Southeast Bob McKenzie present Chief George Miller and Patriot firefighters with a clock for their new station.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Wagner awarded 25 year pin



DISTRICT 19 chairman Ed Scheele presents Danny Wagner of Jeff-Craig V.F.D., Vevay with a 25 year pin. (submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)







- NOTICE -

All letters submitted for the 2006 Mr. I.V.F.A. should be sent to the committee members and not to the Central Office.

Committee members are as follows: Bill Kinsey, chairman, 7359 Linda Drive, Ft. Wayne, IN 46815; David Israel, 2070 S FR 700W, Greensburg, IN 47240; Maurice 'Mort' Sorg, 14430 Comer Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46810; Al Mendel, 6608 E CR 151 N, Avon, IN 46123 and LeMoyné 'Buz' Koehler, 737 N. College Ave., Rensselaer, IN 47978.

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President's column ...

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Subject: State Firefighter Training System

Question: Will the state training system require all firefighters to attend a state training program?

Response: No. Local fire departments will continue to have the options to deliver training with their own instructors at their departments.

Question: Will this proposal increase training requirements on firefighters?

Response: No. There is no proposal to increase training requirements in the state training system briefing document.

Question: When will the state training system start?

Response: Governor Daniels has endorsed the plan. The staff at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security are researching funding mechanisms to begin operations. The plan will be phased in over a period of time. The largest hurdle to immediate implementation is the securing of a long term funding source(s) that can sustain the training plan for years.

Question: What is the purpose of the State Training Council?

Response: The primary purpose of the State Training Council is to administer the District Training and District Infrastructure grant programs.

Question: What is the purpose of the district training council?

Response: The primary purpose is to develop a training needs analysis and report the results to the State Training Council along with a funding request. This needs analysis will include an assessment of current delivery systems within a district, training needs of that district and an infrastructure assessment. The infrastructure assessment may include a grant request. When the district plan has been approved by the State the district will manage the funds to ensure that the plan is followed, training occurs in accordance with the rules and develop schedules.

Next are the most frequently asked questions about the National Incident Management Training Requirements.

Subject: National Incident Management System Training Requirements

Question: Does the state have training requirements for NIMS?

Response: No. The federal government established the training requirements for the National Incident Management System. The State of Indiana has not and does not plan to develop

additional training requirements for NIMS.

Question: There is a state certification through the Board of Firefighting Personnel standards and education. Am I required to take the State certification course in addition to the Federal course?

Response: No, if you have taken the federal on-line training and successfully completed the training material and passed the test you DO NOT have to acquire the State certification in addition to the Federal.

Question: Who needs NIMS training?

Response: According to NIMS Integration Center -- anyone who is likely to be requested to respond to an emergency should complete the NIMS training.

The NIMS Integration Center suggests that the following take the course as soon as possible:

Executive Level -- Political and government leaders, agency and organization administrators and department heads; personnel that fill ICS roles as Unified Commanders, Incident Commanders, Command Staff, General Staff in either Area Command or single incidents; senior level Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; senior emergency managers, and Emergency Operations Center Command or General Staff.

Managerial Level -- Agency and organization management between the executive level and first level supervision; personnel who fill ICS roles as Branch Directors, Division/Group Supervisors, Unit Leaders, technical specialists, strike team and task force leaders, single resource leaders and field supervisors; midlevel Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel, EOC Section Chiefs, Branch Directors, Unit Leaders; and other emergency management/response personnel who require a higher level of ICS/NIMS Training.

Responder Level -- Emergency response providers and disaster workers, entry level to managerial level including Emergency Medical Service personnel; firefighters; medical personnel, police officers; public health personnel; public works/utility personnel; and other emergency management response personnel.

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In the next few weeks the Legislative Session will be in full swing. We encourage you to attend the district meetings and learn of the latest developments of the fire service bills that affect each and every firefighter.

Department takes delivery of new rescue truck



JEFF-CRAIG V.F.D., Vevay, takes delivery of their new rescue truck.

(submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

ANSWERS TO THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER: (1) TERRE HAUTE; (2) 1986

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS NOT ALL ARTICLES APPEARED IN THIS ISSUE. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, BE PRINTED IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE IVFA NEWSPAPER. - THANK YOU.

Ralph Keilman awarded 50 year Gold card



PAUL WATLAND, District 2 chairman presents Ralph Keilman with his certificate of appreciation and his 50 year Gold card.

Ralph is a retired member of St. John VFD.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Rosendaul presented 25 year service pin recently



PAST PRESIDENT Buz Koehler, center, and PR Northwest Jim Bradford, right, presented James Rosendaul, left, of Lake Station FD with his 25-year pin. *(submitted by Diana L. Orrell, IVFA secretary, Districts 1/2)*

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