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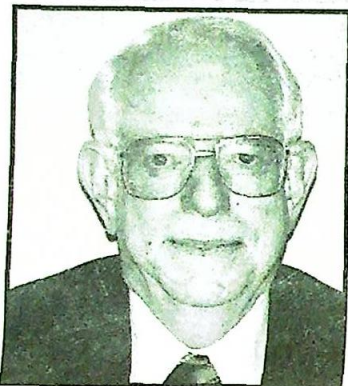
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From The President

Larry Ketchem



As I write my last news article for the paper as President I want to thank everyone for their support. When you are surrounded by good people, the job becomes easier, and the IVFA has some of the BEST. Please support your incoming slate of officers. Tim Deckard will do a great job as President.

I am sure you have heard by now that the IVFA has a new lobbyist. Larry Curl has agreed to do the job

for the coming year. For those who do not know Larry, he was the chief of Wayne Twp. (Marion Co.) when they were a volunteer department. I am sure we will see him at some of our district meetings throughout the state.

I hope the IVFA will be able to write some bills for this session of the General Assembly that will benefit our firefighters. Now is the time to do something for the volunteers.

At the time of this writing, the weather doesn't make you think of fall, but we will be firing up furnaces and wood stoves soon. PLEASE, please check them first and make sure your smoke detectors are working properly. It just takes a few minutes to save a life.

Larry D. Ketchem
President

Miss Flames helping others



Amy Willey, Jill Veldman, Lori Wachter, all DeMotte State Bank employees, accept a donation from Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Miss Flame Kristen Wylie, along with Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague.

February 2009
Deadline is:
January 10, 2009

By AMBER L. TOMLINSON
Rensselaer Republican
Rensselaer, Indiana

Miss Flame made a short visit to the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department to help a Rensselaer family recently.

Miss Flame Kristen Wylie, Portland, came to Rensselaer to make a donation to the Kidd family, whose two-year-old daughter died due to complications from a Rensselaer house fire. Because she is Miss Flame she has made it a project to raise funds for Riley Hospital for Children Burn Center and also help others who have been affected by fires.

Wylie found out about the Kidd family tragedy after she was contacted by Arin Denton, District 9B Miss Flame. District 9 includes Rensselaer and Jasper County.

"She collected donations at a recent meeting of officers of the Association and raised \$300," said Buz Koehler, Rensselaer Fire Department Chief. "The money was accepted by the DeMotte State Bank for the Kidd family account."

Wylie made the presentation of the donation, Saturday, September 6, 2008. She also visited the

Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary craft bazaar.

Denton also made an effort to help the Kidd family by hosting a car wash at the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department station, August 23, 2008. She, along with her friends, family and local firefighters, raised more than \$500 in donations for the Kidd family, who lost their rental home and almost all of their belongings due to smoke and water damage.

The money raised for the event

was to be used for helping the family move into a new house and as a result the family will use the money for new beds.

"I thought the car wash went very well," Denton said. "I think we had a good turn out with help from a lot of people. It was a blast and I think it was unbelievable how people came together to help them."

For more information about the Kidd family, contact the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department at (219) 866-5040. - article submitted by Buz Koehler, Rensselaer VFD Fire Chief.

Lois Boaz nominations due February 1, 2009

Congratulations once again to Marie Emery of Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary for being chosen for the Lois Boaz award at the 2008 Convention at Belterra in June.

It is time once again to start writing letters of nomination for the Lois Boaz award for 2009. The nominee must be in good standing

of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters 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 also would like to have the jacket size of the nominee.

Letters must be submitted to the Lois Boaz Committee by February 1, 2009.

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"ANGEL" Award

To be presented at the opening meeting at the annual convention by the President of the IVFA and the State Fire Marshal or an appointee representing the Burn Camp.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECIPIENT:

- Female firefighter
- Member of the IVFA
- Can be a state officer (but not required)
- Minimum of 5 years of service
- Involved with fire service, fire prevention, and community service
- No posthumous awards
- Letters must be submitted by FEBRUARY 1 of each year.

THE AWARD:

There will be a minimum of \$100.00 gift to the Hoosier Burn Camp in the recipient's honor.

Trophy - Acrylic flame with an angel engraved on the top. The bottom shelf will have a firefighter holding a child and the middle shelf will have a plaque that reads:

There have been times
When you didn't have any time
And yet you took the time.
There have been times
When you had enough cares
Of your own,
And yet you still cared.
There have been times
When you had given
All you could give,
And yet, you kept on giving.
Thank you.

Letters of nomination should be sent to the IVFA Central Office:

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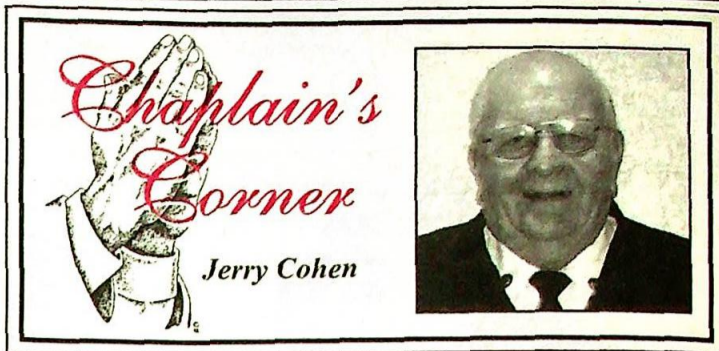
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This is my last article as your chaplain so I wish to thank all of you for giving me the honor of serving as your chaplain. As you know I did not run for re-election as my age caught up with me and told me it was time to retire as your chaplain. I will be assisting in the Northwest PR area when needed.

I know that Ed Gerdowsky will do a good job as chaplain. During my term in office I have tried in my humble way to get you to talk to God (PRAY). I have also shared with you how God would clear the intersection for me when I used to answer fire calls. I have asked you to start your day by thanking God for the blessings of yesterday and asking him to be with you today in all you say and do. I also have said to think of prayer as a phone call to headquarters for orders.

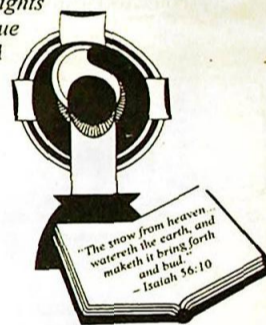
I want to remind you that as volunteer firefighters, I feel YOU were chosen by God to serve him as firefighters and first responders.

I leave you with these Bible verses, Lamentations 3:25-26 - The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him and to the one who seeks Him. It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

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 down in holiday gridlock, to be more courteous with overworked salespersons, to make the first move in mending a quarrel 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.



Happy Holidays

to one and all!

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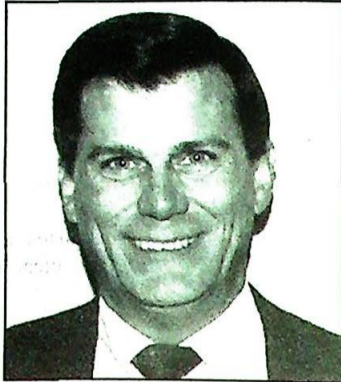
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From The Vice President

David Elick



I have given a lot of thought as to what to write in this, my last letter as your vice president. You have given me and my family many wonderful opportunities to represent the IVFA's interests, and with those opportunities come a lot of good memories and friendships. For this I, we, are very grateful, and would like to thank you very much.

One message I have tried to convey in this column is safety. Your safety, the safety of your crew, and the safety of those around you. By the time you read this, the holiday season will be upon us, and with it comes many safety considerations. Open flames will become very prevalent in our homes and churches. Make sure that your gear is in order and ready for the cold weather ahead. Practicing safety should feel really good. If it

feels good, do it. If it feels really good, do it a lot. (Atta boy Murray!)

Thanks to the interoperability (mutual aid) among agencies in Steuben County, the Orland Volunteer Fire Department recently assisted in the safe and successful apprehension of a bank robbery suspect. While responding to a call, members of OVFD observed the robbery suspect fleeing the scene, pointing responding units to the suspect's location, all while answering the original call. All in a day's work for members of the Fightin' Forties, nice job.

As anyone who has had this job will tell you, you do not get to this point by yourself, and there is no way to do this job by yourself. To try and thank everyone by name would be impossible but there are a few who have been in the background that need to be recognized. There are IVFA officers and members, staff members in the DHS, OSFM, and career firefighters, both past and present, who have offered valuable guidance and support. Thanks to the staff and crews at Station 50 (Johnson Twp. Fire Dept.) and Station 10 (LaGrange Fire Dept.) for supporting me and understanding when I wasn't around. But most of all, thanks to my wife, Virginia, for putting up with me and being by my side through it all. I could not have done this without her.

It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve as your vice president for the past two years, good luck to all the new officers, and I look forward to continuing to serve in the future.

Stay Safe -
Dave Elick

Obituaries

Ernest "Al" Glant

BREMEN - Ernest "Al" Glant, 83, of Bremen, passed away on October 10, 2008 in the Bremen Community Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; two daughters, Pat (Steve) Dunsizck, Pam (Jerry) Meister; two sons, Dick (Sue) Glant, Dave Glant; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Glant was a member of First United Church of Bremen, also a lifetime member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, a 32nd Degree Mason, Bremen Lions Club, and a board member of Bremen Hospital.

In 1949 he established Glant Funeral Home and Air Ambulance Service for 20 years in Bremen. He was a corrections officer for Marshall Co. Sheriff's Department.

A memorial service took place at 10:30 a.m. October 13, 2008 at First United Church of Christ. Pastor Harry Clark officiated. Private burial was also held.

Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc. changing name

"Though we don't agree with Tyco International, Ansul Canada, Wildfire, to avoid litigation we will be changing our name from Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc. to 1st Attack Engineering, Inc.," said Jeffrey Cook, President.

"1st Attack Engineering, Inc., formerly known as Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc., has been custom building off road emergency vehicles since 1999 and has sold vehicles as far away as Algeria. This will not affect the way we do business. We have a reputation for quality innovative emergency vehicles with affordable pricing, and we are easy to work with," said Jeffrey Cook, President of 1st Attack Engineering, Inc.

Check out their website at 1stattack.com

Plan now to attend the 2009 convention to be held in Indianapolis June 17 through June 20

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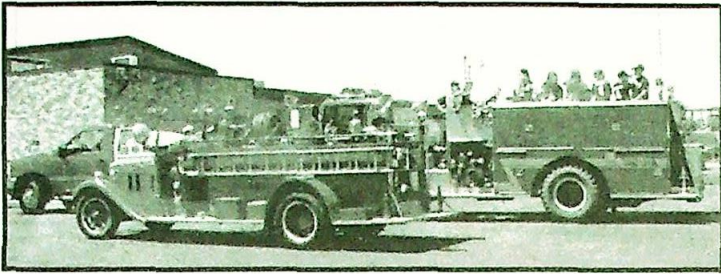


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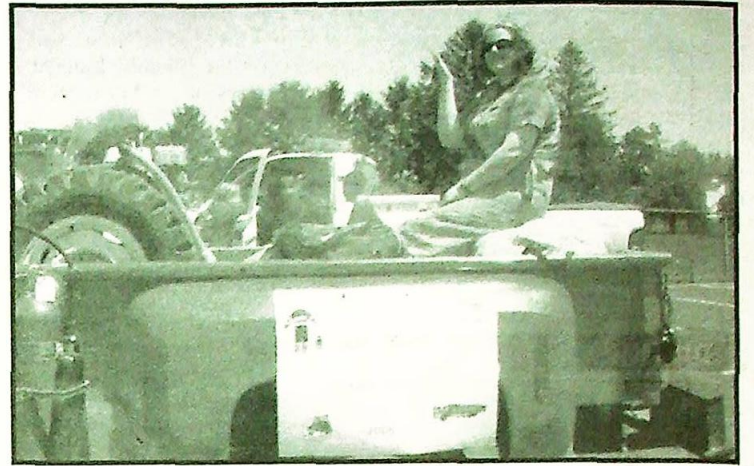
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Redkey VFD hosts parade and fish fry



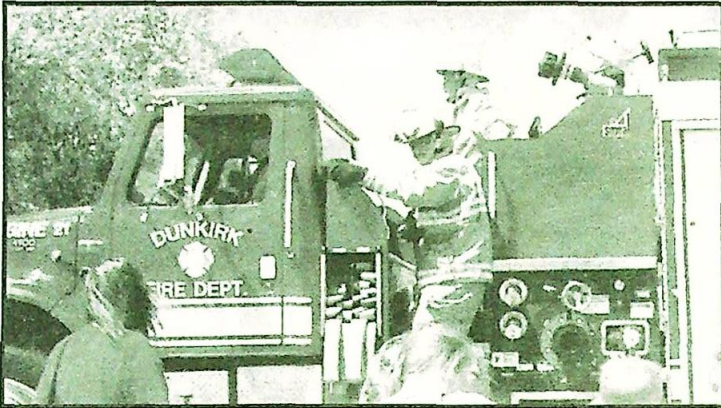
Redkey Volunteer Fire Department held a parade on May 23, 2008.

Shown (at left) are two of the Redkey Fire Department trucks and a truck from the Dunkirk Fire Department waiting for the parade to begin.



Ashley Theurer (pictured top right), District 8B Miss Flame is shown riding on the Salamonie Volunteer Fire Department grass truck in the Lions Club parade at Redkey, Indiana on May 24, 2008.

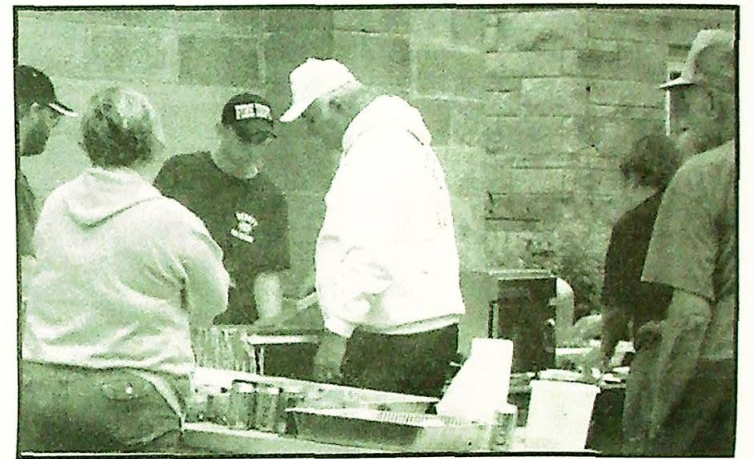
I think she has the wave down pat!



The Redkey Volunteer Fire Department held a fish fry on May 23, 2008.

Frying the fish are John Reynolds and Rick Current (pictured at right).

Hey, guys, make sure the fish are done!



Shown (bottom left) is the crowd attending the fish fry at the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department on May 23, 2008.

Photos and article submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 CHAIRMAN



Tom Orrell

nominated Diana Orrell for District 1-2 secretary/treasurer.

A moment of silence was observed for the death of Kenneth Slater, 50 year Gold card member of Porter FD.

Good of order: Second annual Poker run at Lake Dale on July 26th, last bike out at 1 p.m., coinciding with their Hog Roast from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. Rolling Inferno poker run on Saturday, July 26th with last bike out at 2 pm. Lake County Fair is having a grilling competition on 08/01/08 at 6:00 p.m. Cedar Lake hosting 5th annual car show on Sunday, July 27th at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Next meeting: August 20th at Merrillville American Legion post (hosted by Global).

Wally Cook won \$115 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the IVFA.

Bill Casbon made a motion, seconded by Terry Schrieber to adjourn at 8:58. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell
Secretary/Treasurer
IVFA Districts 1-2

Hosted by Global
August 20, 2008

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Buz Koehler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by 22 members of eight departments in District 1 with a tie between Lake Ridge FD and Pine Township FD for the trophy, and 16 members of five departments in District 2 with Lincoln FD as the trophy winner.

Guests: past presidents Mitch Parish and Buz Koehler, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 secretary/treasurer Diana Orrell, IVFAA Districts 1-2 chairperson Phyllis Vargo, IVFAA Districts 1-2 secretary, Fire Marshal Jim Greason, Indiana State Representative Shelly Vandenburg, Glen Linhart and Mike Orrico of Global, Bo Kaiser of Fire Service, Inc., Rick Gosser of Gosser Corp., Pat Wilmoth of FF Credit Union, former chief of Cedar/Town Council president Dennis Wilkenings, Bryan Kyper, District 2 Firefighter of the Year through American Legion and township trustee Jim Hunely.

Deputy Chief Bill Missal gave a brief history of the department and introduced its members.

Pat Wilmoth spoke briefly on the Firefighter Credit Union.

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

Treasurer's report: \$1,429.92. Communications: Mitch Parish announced received information that US Steel is looking for help (firefighter/EMT), and that the federal law on vests on highway incidents goes into effect on 11-24-2008.

Bradford reminded everyone that dues packets are due by 07-31-2008, advised next year's convention is on the NE side of Indianapolis and 2010 is in Terre Haute, announced that the smoke detector law went into effect on 07-01-2008, next paper deadline for the newspaper is October 10th.

No old business. New business: Elections were held, with one unanimous vote for the following: Bill Casbon nominated Paul Watland for District 2 chairman, Jim Rosenthal nominated Tom Orrell for District 1 chairman, and Ralph Knapp

nominated Diana Orrell for District 1-2 secretary/treasurer. A moment of silence was observed for the death of Kenneth Slater, 50 year Gold card member of Porter FD.

Good of order: Second annual Poker run at Lake Dale on July 26th, last bike out at 1 p.m., coinciding with their Hog Roast from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. Rolling Inferno poker run on Saturday, July 26th with last bike out at 2 pm. Lake County Fair is having a grilling competition on 08/01/08 at 6:00 p.m. Cedar Lake hosting 5th annual car show on Sunday, July 27th at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Next meeting: August 20th at Merrillville American Legion post (hosted by Global).

Wally Cook won \$115 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the IVFA.

Bill Casbon made a motion, seconded by Terry Schrieber to adjourn at 8:58. Passed.

applications need to be submitted to Phyllis Vargo by October 10th.

Treasurer's report: \$1,329.92. No old business. No new business.

Deaths: Luke Donsbach, Lake Ridge, District 1; Howard Grady, Munster, District 1; Harold Wheeler, Lake Station, District 1; and John Ozoholics of Dyer, District 1. A moment of silence was observed for all.

Good of the order: Rensselaer FD pancake breakfast on September 7th from 6 a.m. to noon; Westville FD pork chop dinner on October 4th in the park on US 6; Beverly Shores FD pancake breakfast October 5th, time TBA; Merrillville FD 50 year anniversary in November, dance for same on November 8th.

Next meeting on September 17th at Shelby FD.

Gerald Abraham won \$62.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Thanks to Global for hosting the meeting.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Bub Wise, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Passed.

Diana Orrell
IVFA secretary/treasurer
IVFA Districts 1-2

DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Tony Farrer

July 10, 2008

Location: Tippecanoe Fire Department, Tippecanoe, IN.

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by District Chairman Tony Farrer with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA Assistant Chaplain David Sichelka opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll Call: 18 members representing seven departments.

Guests: none.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as read.

Old Business: Tony Farrer reported that Jim Greason is the new State Fire Marshal.

Amber Farrer raised approximately \$500 in her "fill the boot" campaign to benefit Hoosier Burn Camp. Another \$2,300 was raised at the Convention as a result of an auction.

New Business: Concern was expressed over the restructuring of Township and County government. It is on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting of the IVFA.

The IVFA officers elected at Convention are: President - Tim Deckard, Vice President - Buz Koehler, Secretary - Larry Bartlow, Treasurer, Beverly Harker, Chaplain - Ed Gerdowsky ("Ski"), 2008-2009 Miss Flame - Kristen Wylie.

Convention in '09 will be in Indianapolis at "The Pyramids," and 2010 Convention will be in Terre Haute. 2011 may be held in South Bend if District 4 can pull it together. District 5 may be called upon to help and the consensus was that we would be willing to do so.

PRNE Rep. No report.

Good of the Order: Tippy Fire Dept. passed inspection with an ISO rating of 9.

August 9 and 10 is the Bourbon Summerfest with the parade at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Departments in the area are invited to bring trucks.

Convention Report: Chairman Farrer reported that there were a number of problems with reservations at the hotel and that a lot of extra charges were added for things that were understood to be included, such as use of sound systems, etc.

Elections: Former District 5 Chairman Don Kissinger opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Tony Farrer was nominated with a second. After asking for other nominations three times, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that the secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Tony Farrer. Motion carried. The floor was then opened for nominations for District 5 secretary-treasurer. David Sichelka was nominated with a second. After asking for other nominations three times, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed and that the Chair cast one unanimous ballot for David Sichelka. Motion carried.

The 50/50 drawing netted \$14.00.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Plain Township Fire Station in Leesburg, IN September 11, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sichelka, Secretary

Last district meeting was held September 10, 2008 at Leesburg-Plain Township Fire Department.

The next meeting will be held November 13, 2008 at Sidney-Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

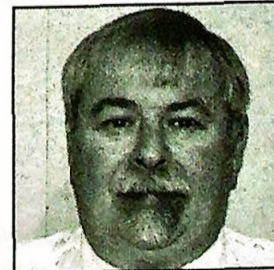
On September 11, Rochester Fire Department dedicated their new station.

At the Kosciusko Country Firemen's Association fish fry held September 18, eight members received 25 year pins: Craig Chaffton, Doug Wood, Max Dealmens - Leesburg Fire Department, Eugene Brown, Edwin Ksiezalski - Winona Lake F.D., Brian Reed, Kreg Warren - Mentone Fire Department, Larry Neher, Claypool Fire Department.

One 50 Year Gold Card was awarded to Robert Wullman - Winona Lake Fire Department.

Tony Farrer
District 5

DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN



Jerry Sprague

Greetings from District 6,

It is now November and the summer is gone. It looks and feels like fall is upon us. Hope that everyone is staying safe out there. I would like to thank the Pleasant Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. for hosting our district meeting in September. My sincere thanks to the men and women of that department for their hospitality and

the food and refreshments they provided.

Also, a big thanks to IVFA Vice President Dave Elick for his attendance at our district meetings and bringing us up to date on the several issues affecting the fire service including the new training rules being proposed.

I need to thank Michelle Baxter from American Income Life Insurance Company for her attendance and explanation of our benefits at our September district meeting.

It has been a busy summer with attending as many fundraisers as I can. It seems there are two or three fundraisers somewhere every Saturday.

On September 18 I had the privilege of attending the Kosciusko County Firefighters Association annual fish fry with our Miss Flame Kristen Wylie. We both had a great time with good food and enjoyed the hospitality of all in attendance.

To all district chairman, if you would like to have Kristen's attendance at your events, you can reach me at spiralawn@ligtel.com or Kristen at missflame08@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 25th, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. It is going to be held at Washington Twp. Fire Department on Wallen Road in Fort Wayne. The station is one block West of St. Rd. 3 (Lima Road) on Wallen Road. We will be having the judging for our District 6 Miss Flame. Hope to see more of you there.

E.G.H.
Jerry Sprague
(Spook)
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Walt Reiter

District #7
July 21, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:20 P.M. by Chairman Reiter. Chairman Reiter led the body in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call answered by 25 members representing 8 departments. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Guests: Mort Sorg - IVFA Public Relations Northeast, Dan Jordan - 1-800-BoardUp.

Mort Sorg, PRNE, presented information on a District 6 firefighter passing away from a commercial accident. August 16 will be Fire Department Public Relations Day at the State Fair. July 17 had attended Fire and Police Memorial in Indianapolis. Four firefighter line of duty deaths remembered from 2007. Information on grants and scholarship for Junior Firefighter's and Programs. IVFA license plate forms available from the Central Office.

Chairman Reiter announced two members passing from District 7 since the last meeting.

Chairman Reiter presented the District #7 Global Award to Gail "Pup" Straub.

Dan Jordan, 1-800-BoardUp, announced fire classes on Tank Truck and Farm Fires presented by Williams

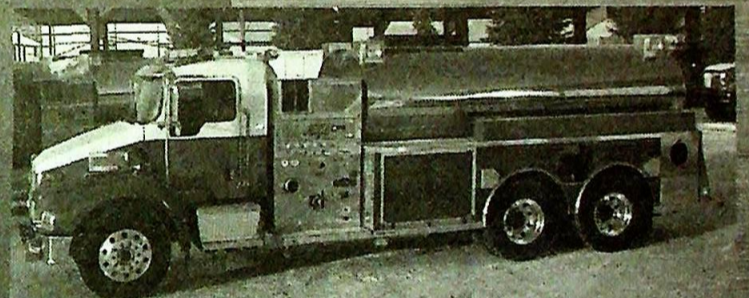


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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Walt Reiter

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Fire. There will be three one day classes offered. Also Golf Outing August 16.

Election of Officers - Walt Reiter nominated for Chairman. No other nominations. Walt Reiter will continue as District #7 Chairman. Richard Sorg nominated for Secretary. No other nominations. Richard Sorg will continue as District #7 Secretary.

Next meeting September 15 at Liberty Center.

Second roll call answered by 24 members representing 8 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 by Chairman Reiter.

Richard Sorg
Secretary

September 15, 2008

Liberty Center V.F.D.

Meeting called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Chairman Reiter. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Nineteen members representing 11 departments present.

Guests: Michelle Baxter - American Family Income. Dan Jordan - 1-800-Boardup, Mort Sorg - IVFA Public Relations Northeast.

Mort Sorg, PRNE report: Presented information from the Public Relations Day at the Indiana State Fair. Larry Curl will be the new state legislative person for the IVFA. Jack Cox, past IVFA President passed away. New three year contracts awarded for the Central Office.

Chairman Reiter - Announced new officers for 2009. Reminder of OSHA laws change on high visibility vests. Changes to Ryan White Act. By-laws discrepancy concerning election of officers, motion made by Ivan Nevil and seconded by Dale Grey to accept option B of the change propositions. Discussion of how district officers are elected, they are to be elected following the guidelines of the state election. October 27 at 6 P.M. Board of Education and Standards Meeting will be at Public Training Academy in Fort Wayne.

Michelle Baxter - Presented overview of benefits that are provided by American Family Income Insurance.

Dan Jordan - 1-800-Boardup-Golf outing August 16 raised \$2000.00. Syracuse raised \$4000.00 for Hoosier Burn Camp.

Chairman Reiter - Announced District Miss Flame competition at the November meeting.

Next meeting will be at Markle on November 17.

Second roll call answered by 20 members representing 11

departments.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 P.M.

Richard Sorg
Secretary

DISTRICT 8A CHAIRMAN



E.W. Pape, Jr.

Hello firefighters,

We are getting into the fall, winter months. We are going to experience heating systems being used (gas, oil, wood). You need to be careful.

I guess the federal government and the state are going to implement the new vests (5-point) that we have to wear to road rescues. These vests are not to be worn on structure fires.

I wish to thank the Fairmount Town/Township Fire Departments for hosting our district meeting. It was good. I wish to thank our new state fire marshal to the meeting, also.

Firefighters, if you are not getting my e-mails, please let me know. I need to put you on my list.

The IVFA tries to keep us all abreast of things coming from the state and federal government as far as fire service.

Please remember that in February 2009 we need to know if we have a

district Miss Flame. If you know any 14-18 year old firefighter daughters that would like to go for state Miss Flame, we need to know by then.

Also at the February meeting we need to assign our district Firefighter of the Year Award.

Please attend your district and department meetings.

Well, all for now. Have a safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bill Pape
District 8A chairman

DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

District 8B held their meeting on September 10, 2008 at the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Roll call was taken with 25 members from eight departments present. One guest was present, Michelle Baxter, from the AIL Insurance Company.

Michelle talked about the insurance and then asked if there were any questions that anyone might have about it.

A discussion was held about the change to the By-laws. After discussing it the members voted on it.

The different departments told of all the different fundraisers that were happening at their departments. Sure sounds like a lot of good food!!!!

A second roll call was taken with 55 fire runs and 85 EMS runs made by the different departments.

Next district meeting will be held at the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department, Lynn, IN on November 12th at 7:30 P.M.

Thank you, Hartford City for hosting the meeting and the light lunch after the meeting.

On July 28th the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held an anhydrous ammonia school. It was attended by the following departments: White River, Ward Township, Lynn, Modoc, Redkey, Salamonia and Dunkirk; even Ridgeville was there. Harvest Land put this school on. This was some very good training and the instructor was excellent.

That's all for this time and everybody have a good day.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B chairman

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 9B CHAIRMAN



Randy Denton

July 8, 2008
Boswell Volunteer Fire Department.

Randy Denton called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Boswell 17, Fowler 11, Medaryville 1, Remington, Rensselaer 4, Reynolds 2, Total number of alarms 95 with 6 departments answering roll call.

Guests: Brad Idlewine, Crossroads Fire Equipment; Buz Koehler, past IVFA President; Jim Bradford Public Relations NW; Jeremy Campbell, Fire Service; Arin Denton Miss Flame 9B; Mitch Parish, past IVFA President; Bruce Yonkers; Linda and Charlie Baker MES; Harry Fuller MES.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved along with the treasurers' report.

Mitch Parish: Nothing at this time. Jim Bradford: Mentioned that convention is over and everyone had a good time. There were 179 delegates at convention and new

officers were elected at convention. Newspaper items are due by the first week of August. Dues have been mailed out and are due by July 31st. Convention will be in Indy next year and in Terre Haute in 2010. Jim said he attended the Hoosier Burn Camp and thought it was a good experience. Jim said effective November 24th anyone involved in traffic incidents on interstates or highways must wear a safety vest along with this the tax relief passed for firemen. The last thing Jim had was mention of the possible ban of the sale of novelty lighters.

Bruce Yonkers: Nothing at this time.

Buz Koehler: Thanks for signing petition - had 1200 signatures the board took notice. Buz said he looks forward to being the new IVFA vice president.

Brad Idlewine: Presentation on auto cribbing and to call if you need anything.

Linda and Charlie Baker: Glad to be here; introduced new sales rep Harry Fuller.

Harry Fuller: Presentation on Rit team packs and also call if you need anything.

Arin Denton: Asked for ideas for fund raisers for burn camp. Also thought that the district could take some of the money from fund raisers and set aside to help offset the costs of future Miss Flame candidates.

Upcoming events: Rensselaer pancake breakfast Sept. 7th, July 13th

fair. Earl Park Festival Labor Day weekend, Sept. 13th Reynolds chicken fry and festival, Rensselaer Special Kids' Day in August.

Presentation of two 25 year pins Greg Howard Boswell, and Tony Davison of Boswell. Tony also given the Global Award for 2008.

Jim Bradford then conducted elections. The position of 9B chairman went to Randy Denton with Ryan Gillen nominating. The position of secretary-treasurer went to Jim Wisley with Ryan Gillen nominating.

Arin Denton then drew for the winner of the fire blanket fund raiser; the winner was Rick Francis of Fowler.

Chief then introduced his department. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Sept. 11th at Brook.

brought covered dishes. A special thanks to Larry Dunford and Dave Phelps for cooking the hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats. It was nice to see so many state officers at the picnic. A good time was had by all.

A short meeting was held. Diane Harrison talked about the upcoming Supporting Heroes road block coming up October the 11th.

Michelle Baxter talked about American Income Insurance. This is an inexpensive way to have double coverage by being a member of both the IVFA and IVFAA. If you would like Michelle to come and speak at your next meeting, you can contact her at 317-432-9974.

Our next meeting will be November 16th at 1:00 p.m. at the PRAIRIETON Fire Department. The rest of the meetings are as follows: JANUARY 18, 2009 AT PERRY TWP. (CORY), MARCH 15, 2009 LINTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT (PIMENTO), MAY 17, 2009 PATRICKSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT, JULY 19, 2009 THUNDERBIRD FIRE DEPARTMENT (FARMERSBURG).

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

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN

Larry Southard

Hillsdale Vol. Fire Dept.
July 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by chairman Brent Bush. The Pledge to the Flag was led by State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush and the opening prayer was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Roll call was taken with 14 members from four departments answering the roll. Chairman Bush presented the Global Award to Larry Hawley from the St. Bernice VFD.

Bill Bush announced that the 2010 convention was awarded to Districts 11-A and 11-B and it would be held in Terre Haute. Chairman Bush read the current list of non-paid departments within the district.

Since there was not a quorum to hold an election, the current officers will remain in their respective offices. Chairman Bush announced that due to personal reasons he would no longer serve as the district chairman and will resign his office. The given chairman Larry Southard will assume the duties of the chairman and the district would operate without a vice chairman for the coming year. Diane Harrison spoke about several projects the Supporting Heroes have going on at this time. She needs names for their awards to be given.

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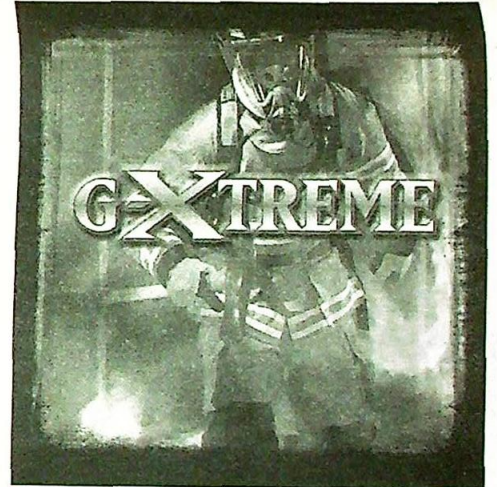
DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Jack McFarland

Greetings from District 11-A, Our last meeting was held at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute. This was the annual 11-A/11-B picnic. Thanks to all who attended and

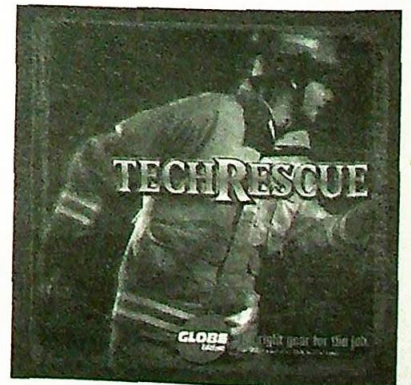
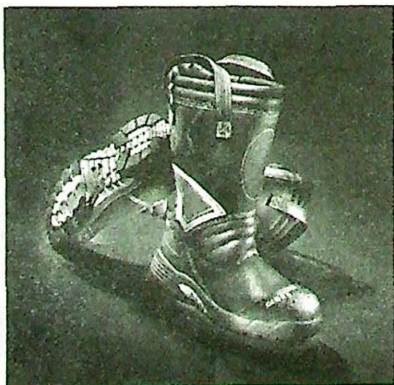
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Larry Southard

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Bill Bush spoke about the 2010 convention activities that were being planned. A motion was made and seconded that Bill Bush represent this district at the 2010 convention. The motion carried. Jerney Mankin gave an updated report on Con Mankin.

The meeting was adjourned by chairman Southard.

*John Davis,
Secretary*

DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

Greetings from District 12.

Our July meeting was held at Advance Volunteer Fire Department with eighteen members present from eight departments. Discussion covered attendance and how to best get information out to our departments.

Our September meeting was held at Madison Twp. Fire Department with twenty-one members present from five departments.

Election of officers was held. Larry Bruner will remain as district chairman and Brian Edwards will remain as vice-chairman and fill the position of secretary.

The By-law change on Article V, Section 14 was brought up and voted on; District 12 agreed on Proposal B.

Two members of Madison Twp. Fire Department were awarded their 50 Year Gold Cards. The two members were John Russell Lambert and Glen Rhoton. Glen's card was accepted by his granddaughter, Andria Scales and great-granddaughter Melanie Peacock. Congratulations to both of them.

Our next meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, November 9th at 7 p.m.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the next district meeting.

DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN

Sam Emery

At the July meeting at Plainville VFD, I was elected chairman, Jack Harker vice-chairman and Courtney Hasler secretary/treasurer.

The next district meeting was at Oaktown September 23rd, Stephen Hobbs, the chief, was given his 25 year pin.

Our next meeting will be November 5th at the Richland-Taylor VFD at Scotland.

At the meeting at Oaktown various information was given out by Beverly Harker, Jim Abrams and Jack Harker.

A good portion of our meeting consisted of a discussion of the proposed change to the By-laws.

Hope to see you at the district meeting in November.

*Sam Emery
District 17A chairman*

DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings,

Let me thank everyone in District 17B for allowing me to serve as their chairman. I look forward to the new challenge for next year. We welcome Luke Kluender as our new district chairman. Luke is no new face as chairman as he has served in this capacity just a few years ago.

Just a reminder, the 2009 Legislative process starts real soon. I encourage everyone to stay close and watch and get involved with this during the session. Most important, contact your legislator in your area and voice your concerns as this helps make a difference in the way they vote on issues.

Just a few things to share with everyone:

State Live burn trailers - over the recent weeks, the state live burn trailer has been up and operating to firefighters in the central and north of the state. Good turnout has been seen at the training. With temperatures at 570 degrees in seven different evolutions, firefighters are experiencing training not seen in their area in a while. If you do not have the chance to have live fire training in your area or do not have a live fire simulator, I encourage your department to contact your district fire training council to request and see when this trailer is coming to your area, SPREAD the word to your firefighters and encourage them to participate in the training. Remember train, train, train. Give your firefighters a chance to train at a level that might not be given in your area on a regular basis.

The Hazmat Trailer is on the road. This trailer is primary for technicians but can be used for operations level at the fire level. The plan is to have the trailer in each fire training district for a month. Again, contact your district fire council to see when this will be in your district and make plans on using them both.

PSID - There are still 50,000 PSID numbers to be mailed out according to the IDHS, so if yours is not to you yet, it will be forthcoming. If you are up now for a recert and DO NOT have your new PSID number DO NOT wait to get your new number before you mail in for your recert. Go ahead and mail your recert in now. The state still has your old number and can track you for your certification that needs to be issued to you. If you are one of us that has been around for awhile and have the old certifications and would like to have your certifications posted on the website from the state certification site, email John Buckman, explain who you are and list the certifications you have, they will try to post them for you. The IDHS has hired a new certification manager, so let's hope that certs will be mailed out in a timely manner soon. Soon your fire department will be able to get a whole listing of everyone in your fire department PSID number. This request has to come from the chief and will soon be able to be received.

On-line firefighter I/II - Jones and Bartlett program is a minor image of the book, but is in video format and is FREE of charge and you have 18 months to complete. The student must file for a course number and practicals must be scheduled with an instructor at their local fire department.

Through these doors pass the finest people, the volunteers of the state. There is no better time to thank you for your support of this organization this past year and hope you continue your support. During the holiday season our thoughts turn more gratefully to those who serve in their committees as firefighters and make the sacrifice to protect it, and say Best Wishes for a joyous holiday season and peaceful new year.

Tim Deckard

DISTRICT 18 CHAIRMAN



John C. "Bull" Smith

Greetings from the 18th District.

The July 17 meeting of the Dist. 18 was held at the Birdseye Fire Station, with the Birdseye VFD hosting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and opening prayer by District Chaplain Br. Giles Mahieu. The passing of Nancy Layton was remembered in prayer by Br. Giles. Nancy was a sister of Dist. 18 Sergeant-At-Arms Ed Dieus.

Jack Kerney gave a report on the latest programs initiated by the National Vol. Fire Council. I gave a report on the new requirements that will take effect concerning Fire Instructors. Dist. Secretary gave a report on the 2008 Convention.

The Fire Prevention Parade Committee passed out entry forms for the Parade and the Miss Flame Contest. Jefferson Twp. VFD of Otwell will be hosting the event on Sunday, 12 October. The Dist. 18 Annual Memorial Service will be on Wednesday, 8 October in Dale, beginning at 1930 hours (Eastern Time).

I was honored to be able to make two presentations at the meeting. The first, the IVFA 25 years pin to Terry DeKemper of the Celestine VFD. The second, the 2008 Dist. 18 Global Award to Frank and Regina Daunhauer of the Carter Fire District of Dale. The District was truly honored by the presence of State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, who took time from his busy schedule to address the District. My thanks to all who supported me in my re-election to the District 18 chairmanship. 106 members, representing 22 departments answered roll call and reported a total of 354 runs.

The 18 September was held at the Leopold Conservation Club with the Central Perry VFD hosting. A remembrance of and the playing of bagpipes for Virgil Mathies of the Dubois VFD, Tom Reckelhoff of the St. Anthony VFD, and Art Jarboe of the Jasper FD was held. I reported on an effort for a variance on the new safety vest law. District 18 Miss Flame Courtney Gentry was in attendance and thanked everyone

for their support over the past year. Courtney will pass her crown on to the next Miss Flame at the contest on 12 October. It has been an honor to have Courtney represent the District during the past year. I, and the rest of the District extend our good wishes to her in all of her future endeavors.

Scott Schnell of the Dubois Co.

Fire Trainer's Assoc. reported on the upcoming Jasper Fire School in March of 2009. 65 members from 18 departments reported a total of 295 calls.

Until next time-

"Let's all look out for each other".

*John C. "Bull" Smith
District 18 Chair*

Many enjoy fish and tenderloin dinner hosted by Lynn Volunteer F.D.



On May 17, 2008, the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and tenderloin dinner.

Shown here is the serving line and part of the crowd attending the dinner. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Praise to the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department

We would like to take this time to show our appreciation for the fine job that the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department performed at the recent fire at my sister and brother-in-law's home, located east of Rensselaer.

On Tuesday evening, October 7, a fire broke out in their shop located behind their house, where our brother-in-law had been working. Luckily, he got out of the shop unharmed, but was taken to the local hospital to be checked out for smoke inhalation.

The shop was unattached to the house and was several feet behind the home but the fire was so hot that it warped the siding on the back of the attached garage to the house.

Fire Chief Buz Kochler and his firemen prevented the shop fire from attaching itself to the home with their quick response and professionalism.

Rensselaer should be very proud of their fire department.

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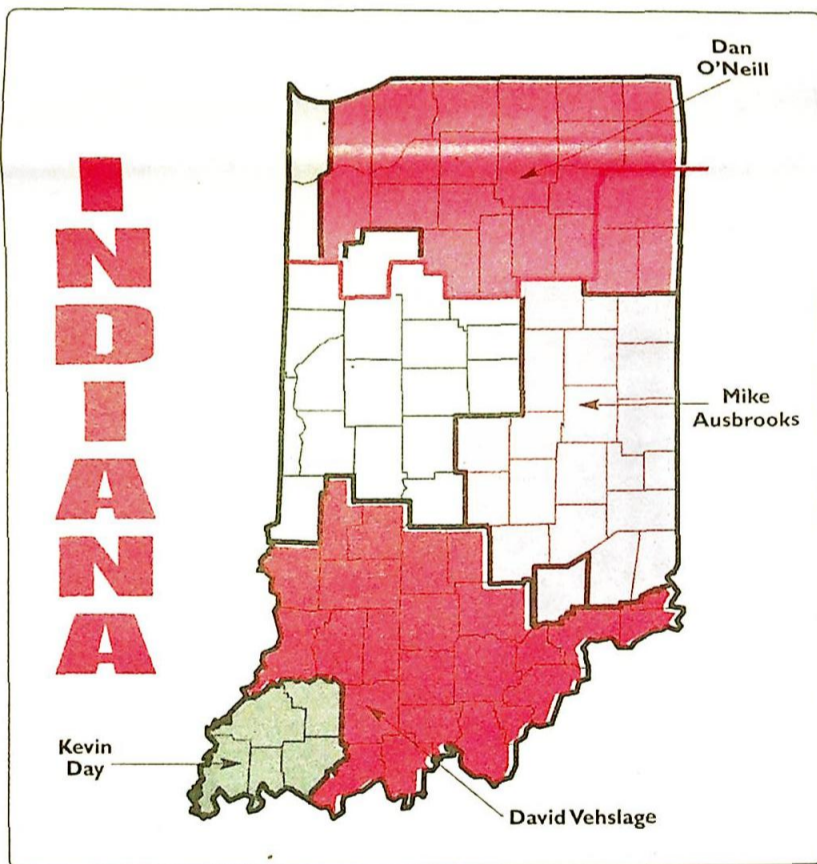
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Waterball winners from Dunkirk Days announced



The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held a waterball on May 31, 2008 during Dunkirk Days. Accepting the 1st place trophy from Rene'e Blumenhorst is Brian Mahorney from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Accepting the 2nd place trophy won in the waterball held during Dunkirk Days from Rene'e Blumenhorst is John Reynolds from the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department.

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Accepting the 3rd place trophy won in the waterball during Dunkirk Days from Rene'e Blumenhorst is John Ramey, James Teer and Larry Berry from the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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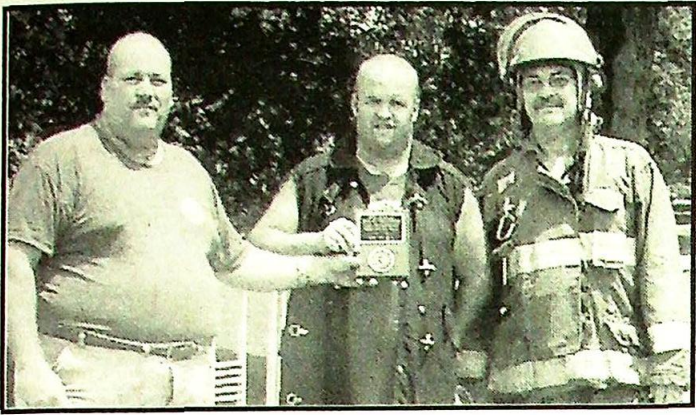
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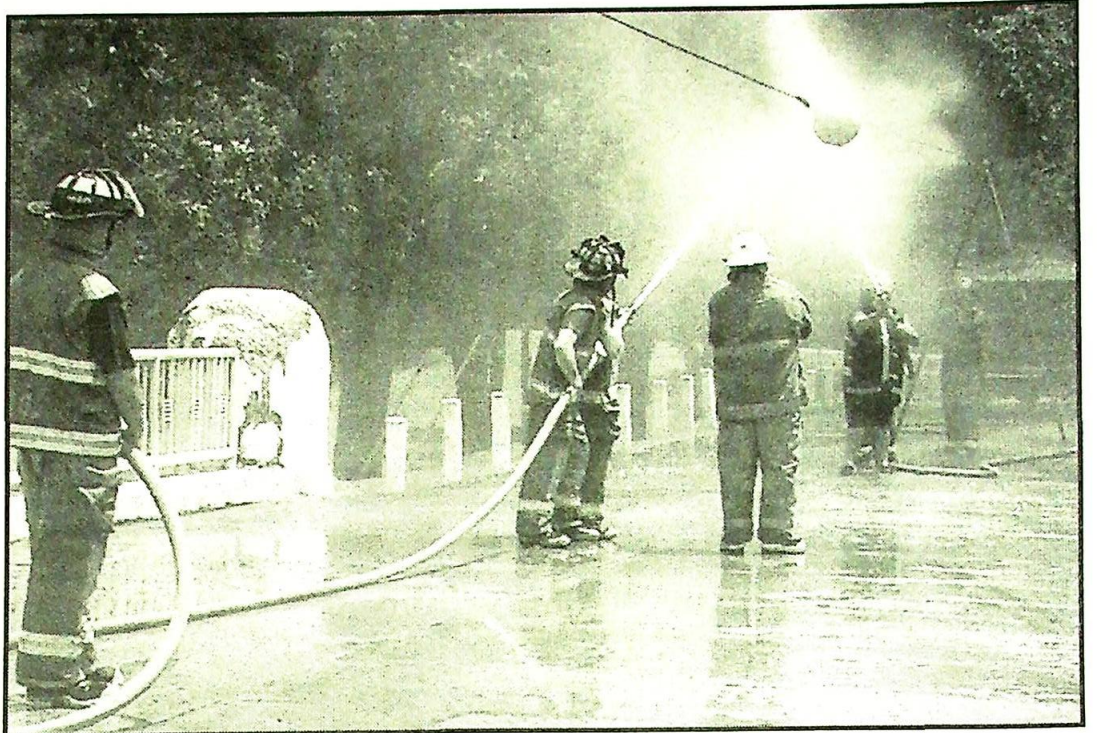
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Albany Volunteer Fire Department holds waterball



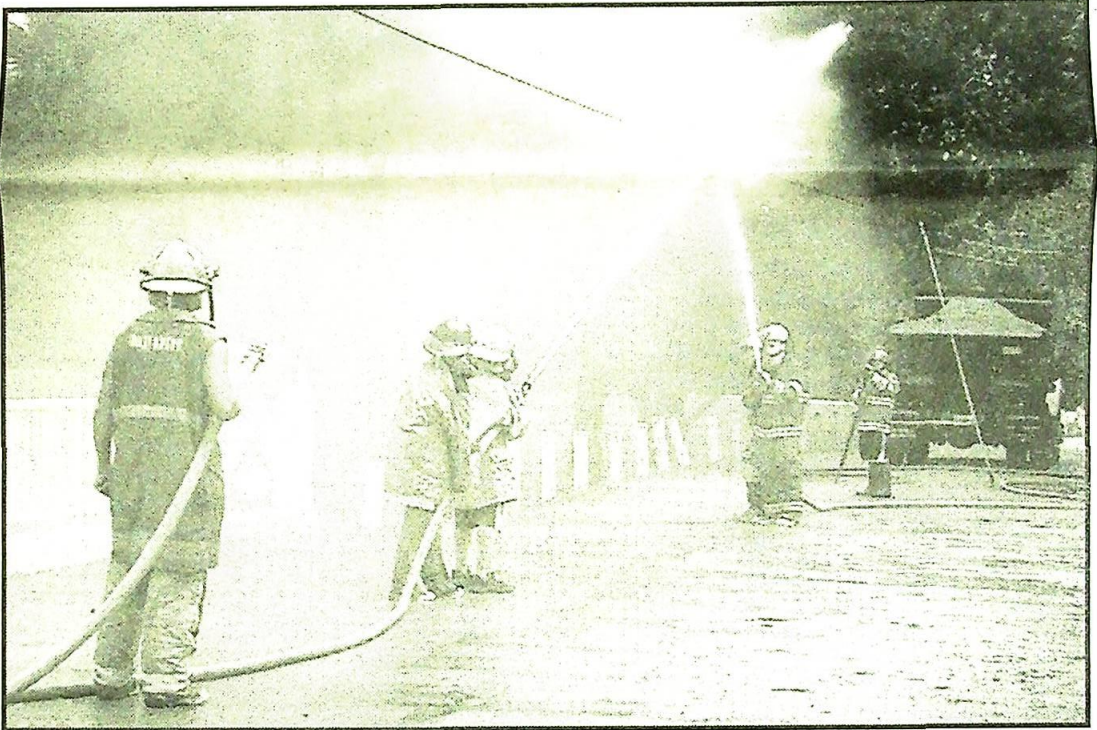
Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department takes 1st place at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department's waterball held on June 28, 2008. Presenting the trophy is Jim Bratton from the Albany Volunteer Fire Department to Brian Mahorney and Ron Baker. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Albany Volunteer Fire Department held a waterball on June 28, 2008. Shown in the picture is the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department and the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department going against each other. Wonder who that is coaching the Hartford City team? It might be District 8B chairman Lloyd Wright. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department takes 2nd place at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department's waterball held on June 28, 2008. Presenting the trophy is Jim Bratton from the Albany Volunteer Fire Department to Terry Blumenhost, Jim Milliken and Tom Dornberger. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

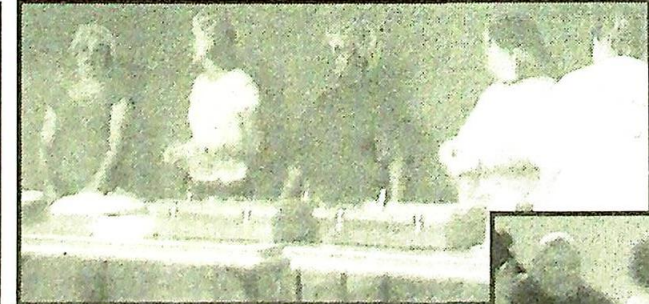
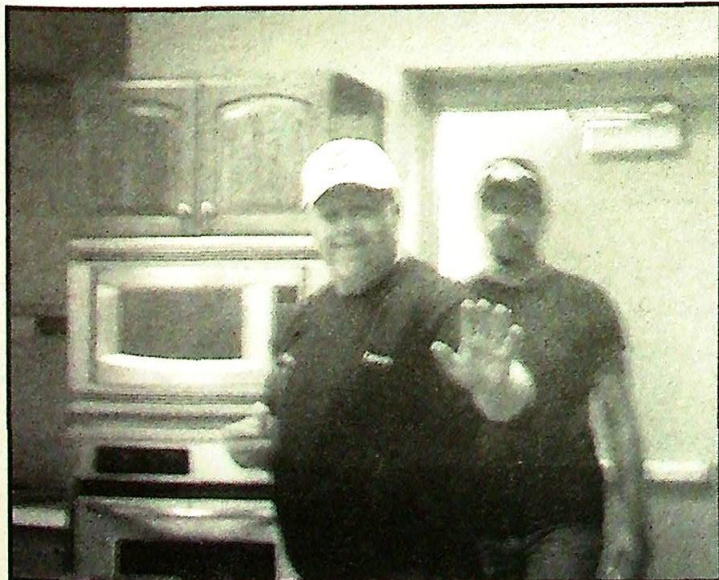


Even the young cadets like to play in the water. Shown here are the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department and the Albany Volunteer Fire Department cadets at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department's waterball held on June 28, 2008. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Albany Volunteer Fire Department cadets take 3rd place at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department's waterball held on June 28, 2008. Presenting the trophy is Jim Bratton from the Albany Volunteer Fire Department to Nate Smith, Zack Mays and Alex McCormick. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Dunkirk VFD hosts June fish fry



CENTER PHOTO - The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held a fish fry on June 7, 2008. Shown here is the serving line. Looks like the women are doing the work again for the guys! -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

PHOTO ON LEFT - The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held a fish fry June 7, 2008. Guess who is in the kitchen sampling the fish? It is Larry Wright and Tom Dornberger. Hey, guys, is it any good? -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

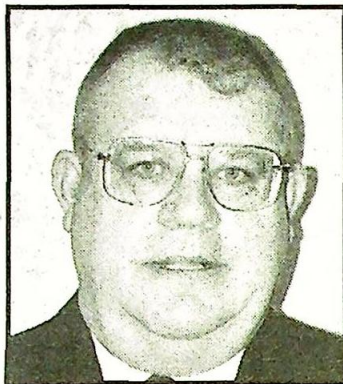


Shown here is the crowd enjoying the fish fry held by the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department on June 7, 2008. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Quarterly Meeting Holiday Inn Columbus, IN August 2 - 3, 2008

Meeting called to order by president Larry Ketchem at 2:05 p.m. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the invocation. Vice president Dave Elick led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Ketchem called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Past president Jim Parker made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Ketchem: Not a lot of traveling since convention. He has attended some district meetings. Will keep us informed of what is happening with Homeland Security.

Vice president Elick: Pass.

Secretary Bartlow: Pass.

Treasurer Harker: Explained the highlights of the Financial Statement. So far this year our income is up a little and our expenses are down. If this trend continues for the rest of our budget year, we look to meet both our income and expense budget. Past president Buz Koehler made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed and presented. District 13A chairman Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Sgt.-At-Arms Bush: Stated he was honored to be a "50" year member of the IVFA. He also gave a report on the dedication clocks that are presented by the IVFA.

Chaplain Cohen: Pass. Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky reported on attending the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Indianapolis. He gave the opening prayer. He thought it was a very impressive ceremony.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

DIRECTORS REPORTS

PRNW Jim Bradford: Attended the Burn Camp for the first time. Will not miss another one.

PRNW Mort Sorg: Reported on a subpoena that is in regards to a fire at Poe.

PRWC Diane Harrison: Attended meetings in her area. Having trouble with e-mail at this time.

PREC Scott Harris: Fundraising activities in his area for Burn Camp.

PRSW Jim Abrams: Has one new district chairman, Sam Emery 17A.

PRSEAI Williamson: Absent.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 - Tom Orrell: Next meeting August 20, 2008 at American Legion in Merrillville.

District 2 - Paul Watland: (Diane Orrell) Next meeting September 17,

2008 at Shelby Fire Dept.

District 3 - Dave Kaufman: Next meeting September 18, 2008 at Coolspring Twp., 6:30 p.m. CDT.

District 4 - Terry Smith: (John Ferro) Next meeting October 22, 2008 at Foraker Vol. Fire Dept.

District 5 - Tony Farrer: (Jean Smith) Next meeting September 11, 2008 at Leesburg-Plain Twp. Fire Dept.

District 6 - Jerry Sprague: Next meeting September 23, 2008 at Steuben Twp. Fire in Pleasant Lake.

District 7 - Walt Reiter: Next meeting September 15, 2008 at Liberty-Center Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

District 8A - Bill Pape: Next meeting September 10, 2008 at Fairmount/Fairmount Twp. Fire Dept.

District 8B - Lloyd Wright: Next meeting September 10, 2008 at Hartford City Vol. Fire Dept.

District 9A - Leighanne Ellis: Pass.

District 9B - Randy Denton: (Willie Parish) Next meeting September 11 at Brook Fire Dept.

District 11A - Robert Meyers: Next meeting September 21, 2008 at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute. This is annual Picnic with District 11B.

Secretary Bartlow read a letter from the Van Buren Township V.F.D. protesting the District 11A elections that were held at their Firehouse on July 20, 2008. Due to the fact that all dues paying members were not allowed to vote for district chairmen. When questioning about the right to vote, were told by an election board member that only three members from each department were authorized to vote. A request to view the By-laws was denied on the grounds that there were no by-laws for District 11A elections. The fact that Jack McFarland was on the election committee and also running for district chairman should be considered a conflict of interest. We, as dues paying members, feel the IVFA elected officials for the State of Indiana should set guidelines to oversee elections of any and all of its officers for the IVFA at all levels. Letter signed by Tim Williams.

President Ketchem called upon Jack McFarland for any commits about this letter since it was directed at him. Jack stated some of the statements were taken out of context and that he did apologize to the members about statements made. At that time he stepped down from the election committee and had no further contact with them. Red Morris then chaired the election of officers. They did continue with only three members per department voting.

Jim Parker, By-law and SOG Committee chairman, stated that "The district meeting shall operate and be governed by the Bylaws and Standard Operating Guidelines of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association". (Article 13 of the SOG's). Much discussion on this issue by several people - pro and con. Both Jack McFarland, chairman-elect and Robert Meyers, district chairman, spoke on the issue.

Diana Orrell, acting District 2 chairman, made a motion that we uphold the Bylaws and SOG's of only 3 votes per department at a district election and let the results of election stand as held. Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman, made the second. Motion passed by voice vote with one nay vote.

IVFA Miss Flame Kristen Wylie spoke to the group about her goals and ambitions for this year. Her project for the year is to raise funds for Riley Children's Hospital. She also spoke of a tragic fire and the loss of a small child. Her boot drive today will be for that family.

District 11B - Larry Southard: Next meeting will be September 21, 2008 at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute with District 11A.

District 12 - Larry Bruner: September will be announced.

District 13A - Carol Thrawley: Next meeting will be September 16, 2008 at Buckcreek Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

District 13B - Dennis Spears: Next meeting will be September 27, 2008 at New Lisbon Vol. Fire Dept.

District 14 - Charlie Moon: Next meeting will be September 27, 2008 at Scottsburg Public Park.

District 15 - Steve Anderson: (Karen Berning) Next meeting will be September 16, 2008 at Haubstadt.

District 16 - Paul Holcomb: (Rick Irwin) Next meeting will be September 17, 2008.

District 17A - Jack Harker: Next meeting will be at Decker Fire Dept.

District 17B - Tim Deckard: Next meeting will be August 21, 2008 at Van Buren Twp. Fire Monroe County.

District 18 - John C. Smith: Next meeting September 18, 2008 at Central Perry Vol. Fire Dept. in Leopold.

District 19 - Ed Scheele: (Steve Mackie) Next meeting will be September 25, 2008 at Blooming Grove Fire Dept.

District 21 - Don Fultz: Next meeting September 29, 2008 at Pine Village Vol. Fire Dept.

District chairmen need to fill out voucher for the district secretary this past year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaw & SOG - Jim Parker: Have 2 Bylaw proposals to present. 1. At the regularly scheduled July 2008 meeting of IVFA District 6, the officers and delegates present proposed that Article V Section 14 -- **Now reads: Qualification of Officers.** In order to serve in the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, or Public Relations Director of the Association, the person must: a. be an active member of the Association; b. the local department, to which the member is associated, must have (5) five members of the IVFA; c. shall have served as district chairman or other state officer for at least two (2) years.

Proposed: Qualification of Officers. In order to serve in the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, or Public Relations Director of the Association, the person must: a. be an active member of the Association; b. the local department, to which the member is associated, must have five (5) members of the IVFA; c. shall have served as a district chairman or other state officer for at least two (2) years prior to taking office.

2. A meeting was held by the Bylaws Committee on August 2, 2008 to amend the Bylaws as follows: Article V Section 14 -- **Now reads: Qualification of Officers.** In order to serve in the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, or Public Relations Director of the Association, the person must: a. be an active member of the Association; b. the local

department, to which the member is associated, must have (5) five members of the IVFA; c. shall have served as a district chairman or other state officer for at least two (2) years. **Proposed: Qualification of Officers.** In order to be nominated to office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, or Public Relations Director of the Association, the person must: a. be an active member of the Association; b. the local department, to which the member is associated, must have (5) members of the IVFA; c. shall have served as a district chairman or other state officer for at least two (2) years.

These Bylaws will be voted at the November officer. After it is voted on by the districts. District 6 Bylaw proposal listed as Proposal "B". Bylaw proposal from the Bylaw Committee listed as Proposal "A". National Volunteer Fire Council - Willie Parish/Jack Kerney: The September is in Michigan. Proposed legislation includes the "Supporting American Volunteer Emergency Services Act of 2008". This Act is to establish a Grant program for Volunteer Fire Departments to recover 75% of the increase cost of fuels used in 2008 when compared to 2007. Some rule changes in the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program.

Past President's Reports: Buz Koehler, Jack Zeeks, Richard Glant, Willie Parish, Carl Bruns, Jim Parker and Lawrence Swartz all pass.

Chairman of the Board - Jack Kerney: Pass.

Executive - Larry Ketchem: Pass at this time.

Insurance - Larry Ketchem: Pass.

Membership - Pass.

Convention - David Israel: To bid on Convention 2011 must have request in by February 1, 2009. The 2008 Convention financial record will be complete by November 2008. Steve Mackie stated that everything with this year's convention went well. Tri State Studios took 981 photos and have them on a disc and available for \$10 each. Convention 2009 chairman Carol Thrawley said they would have an extrication class on Thursday. Information will be put on website.

Web Master - Buz Koehler: Need to send information for web site. Advertising on the web site needs to be looked at as to why we have no advertisers wanting on. Leighanne Ellis has ideas to update our website to be more interesting to go to; pictures of officers, equipment pictures and more firehouse pictures and information.

Awards - Dave Elick: Larry Ketchem reported that the shop that makes the Ollie Sandberg Trophy can no longer get quality material like we have been using. The best placement is a plaque of solid walnut for the same price as we are now paying. Dave Elick made a motion to use the walnut plaque. Chaplain Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Ad-taker - Willie Parish: One outstanding ad from May and three from convention.

Editor's assistant - Jim Bradford: This issue of paper is 17,533 copies. District chairmen have the bad address report from the paper. Every bad address cost the Association 75-cents if paper not delivered. Need name, address, phone number, cell phone number, e-mail address of all new district chairmen.

Legislative - Jim Parker: Nothing at this time.

Annual convention meeting minutes digest - Larry Bartlow: Just received the transcript of the meeting this. Will be working on them very soon.

Bridgeport - Carl Bruns: Everything taken care for this convention. They have one death benefit that is being processed at this time.

Fire Services Institute - Buz Koehler: No recent meeting.

FDIC - Jack Kerney: Applied for a booth next year.

Logo - John Smith: Pass.

Board of Firefighters Standards and Education - Jack Kerney: Last board meeting was in Lafayette with seven board members present and 20 guests. The next meeting is September 15 at Plymouth. This meeting is the public hearing on the rules. Marshall Greeson working on the budget for the next two year cycle. Working to get Legislation to ban sale of novelty lighters in the State. Brad Thatcher has new training database up and running. Live Burn trailer is now available. New certification numbers for the new data base will be issued to everyone in the near future. Fifty-one courses now on hold for lack of information from Instructor, Proctor or Evaluator. Students in these courses are now being sent letters explaining why they have not received their Certificate. Two instructors suspended for not following Board rules.

Central Office - Jack Kerney: Packets have bad address list, deceased list, and paid/not paid list. Dues numbers are a little ahead of previous years.

Central Office Contract Proposal - Larry Bartlow: We had four requests for the requirements of the office. There were five proposals submitted. The Executive Committee met last night for three hours reviewing these proposals. We selected three to present to you. The three are: (1) Jack and Barb Kerney provide same service for \$37,200 a year. (2) Brent and Denise Lank provide services for 2009 at \$37,000, 2010 for \$38,000 and 2011 for \$39,000. (3) Tammy Hungate provide services for \$30,000 with review each year and a 3%-5% increase each year. The Executive Committee after considering the cost of moving the equipment and the additional expense of raining that the Office should remain with Jack and Barb Kerney. We will have more discussion in the morning on these proposals.

Meeting recessed at 6:05 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M.

Morning message given by Chaplain Jerry Cohen.

State Fair - Tim Deckard: The date is August 16 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Anyone with equipment to display need to be there early.

25 Year Pins - Larry Bruner: Has information from Pen Craft for 25 year pin and also 50 year pins. He has samples of both Die Struck and Hard Enamel pins. Both pins use military clasps, a tie tack clasp would be 25 cents more. His recommendation is the hard enamel pin. The 25 year pin would be silver and hard enamel for \$.90 apiece for 5000. The 50 year pin would be in gold and hard enamel for \$1.15 apiece for 1000. This will be Board of Directors action.

Supporting Heroes - Eric Johnson: Gave update on the memorial team for the state of Indiana and the procedures that they will use. In the four years Supporting Heroes has been operation in Indiana and Kentucky have had 58

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Line of Duty deaths and provided over \$500,000 in support to families. Last year's Boot Drive raised over \$42,000. All members must have a beneficiary on file so benefits will be paid.

Lobbyist Proposal - Larry Curl: Gave program that he would provide to be our Lobbyist for the next year. Several comments on what we need for a lobbyist; active at State House every day, know the needs of the IVFA and the Fire Service in general and have a good working relations with legislators. He knows the needs of the IVFA and is associated with other fire services both locally and on the national level. His proposes to: (1) represent our members at the State House daily when the Legislature is in session; (2) Have quarterly report for the officers' meetings and bring it to the meeting to discuss with us what needs to be done; (3) he would

only lobby for the IVFA, not several different clients; (4) he would visit one district meeting per month, with reimbursement, to hear from the people in different areas; (5) would set up meetings in Washington D.C. with legislators; (6) monitoring of federal legislation that has direct impact on us. He will do this service for a fee of \$42,000. He has the resources to monitor all bills and can set up conference calls for the weekly legislative report.

NEW BUSINESS

Claim for mileage for vice president to attend Supporting Heroes dinner. This will be Board action.

Motion by Jim Parker to adjourn and proceed to the Board of Director's meeting. The second by Willie Parish. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2008

Chairman of the Board Jack

Kerney called the meeting to order.

Called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Willie Parish made motion to suspend the reading of the minutes. Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(1) The purchase of "25 Year" and "50" pins. Recommended to use hard enamel; 5000 "25 Year" pins at \$.90 each, 1000 "50 Year" pins at \$1.15 each. Willie Parish made motion to purchase pins as recommended. Charlie Moon made the second. Motion passed. Hero Medallion tabled until the next meeting.

(2) Advancement of \$4000 to the 2009 convention committee. Jim Bradford made the motion to allow this advance. Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(3) Trip to National Fire Caucus in Washington, D.C. Carol Thrawley

being the president. Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed.

(4) Mileage reimbursement for 2009 Budget. Takes Bylaws change to change this rate. Charlie Moon made motion to leave the rate at \$.40 as stated in the Bylaws. Tom Orrell made the second. Motion passed.

(5) Central Office contract -- Chairman Kerney stepped aside and President Ketchem presided over this item to present a conflict of interest. The three bids are: Jack/Barb Kerney for \$37,300, Brent/Denise Lank for \$37,000 for 2009 - \$38,000 for 2010 - \$39,000 for 2011, Tammy Hungate for \$30,000 with 3% - 5% increase each year after review. Training costs and the cost of moving equipment are additional expenses to the IVFA. After much discussion about the Office and its requirements, Richard Glant made the motion to keep the Central Office with

Jack/Barb Kerney for the next three years. Dianne Orrell made the second. Motion passed.

(6) Lobbyist contract for 2009. Have three bids for Lobbyist and they are: (a) Larry Curl bid was for \$42,500 plus some expense reimbursement if he attends district meetings; (b) Shokrina Beering bid was \$37,000 to monitor Bills pertaining to Fire Service plus \$7500 to actively lobby for a Bill and \$5000 to lobby against a Bill; Tracy Boatwright bid was \$60,000 flat fee.

Carol Thrawley made motion to accept Larry Curl's bid of \$42,500 to be our Lobbyist for one year plus some of his expenses. Motion passed.

(7) Mileage for Dave Elick to Supporting Heroes Dinner. Mileage paid. Dave attended at the request of the president.

*Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary*

Gertrude Peterson honored for 50 years of service



On August 26, 2008, the Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary honored their auxiliary member, Gertude Peterson for her 50 years of service.

President Dawn Boles presented her with a plaque and a lifetime membership certificate. The fire department Secretary-Treasurer Beverly Owens and member Kris Wulff presented her with a \$50.00 certificate to A1's. The I.V.F.A.A. District 3 Chairman, Leona Uryga presented her with an appreciated certificate and a state auxiliary pin.

A special cake was served for the refreshment. Guests were: her son, Randy Peterson, town clerk, Steve Millick, and Paula Hutson and Bob Uryga.

Gertrude also received a Proclamation from the Indiana State Assembly.

Pictured from left to right: Fire Department Secretary-Treasurer Beverly Owens and member Kris Wulff, seated Gertrude Peterson, Dist.3 Chairman Leona Uryga, and Aux. president, Dawn Boles.

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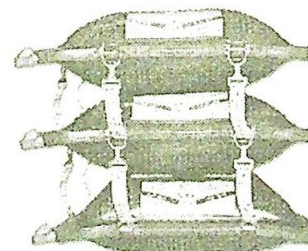
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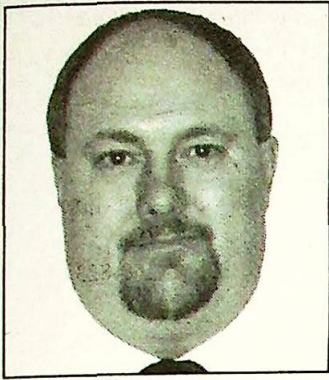
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Another year is ending and 2009 is approaching quickly. Shortly after this is published we will have a new President, some new Congressman, State Representatives, State Senators, and possibly a new Governor.

During that past two years I have had the privilege to visit several different departments while serving as the Public Relations Officer for East Central Indiana. I have had the opportunity to meet with several different state officials to discuss the fire service. As a result I have come to know some of these officials well enough that when I have invited them to one of my own department fundraisers they attend and bring some of their staff. In some cases they have made, rather nice donations to us to help us purchase equipment. Having seen this first hand I want to encourage every department to invite their elected officials from all levels of government to their fundraisers. By inviting the state officials they have the opportunity to see your equipment and needs first hand. This is important as they can help your department receive grants to purchase new equipment.

Once the election is over it is important that each member of the Association contact their state officials and let them know that you are watching their voting trends. Larry Curl, the new lobbyist, can only be successful if we, as members, do our part and contact our state officials and tell them how we feel. Keep up to date on the efforts of the IVFA on the website as there is proposed legislation that will have an affect on every department and firefighter in the state. It takes all of us to make a difference in the state house, not just a lobbyist.

Good luck to the newly elected officers of the IVFA.

Scott Harris

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Crown Point Fire Prevention open house and annual coloring contest held



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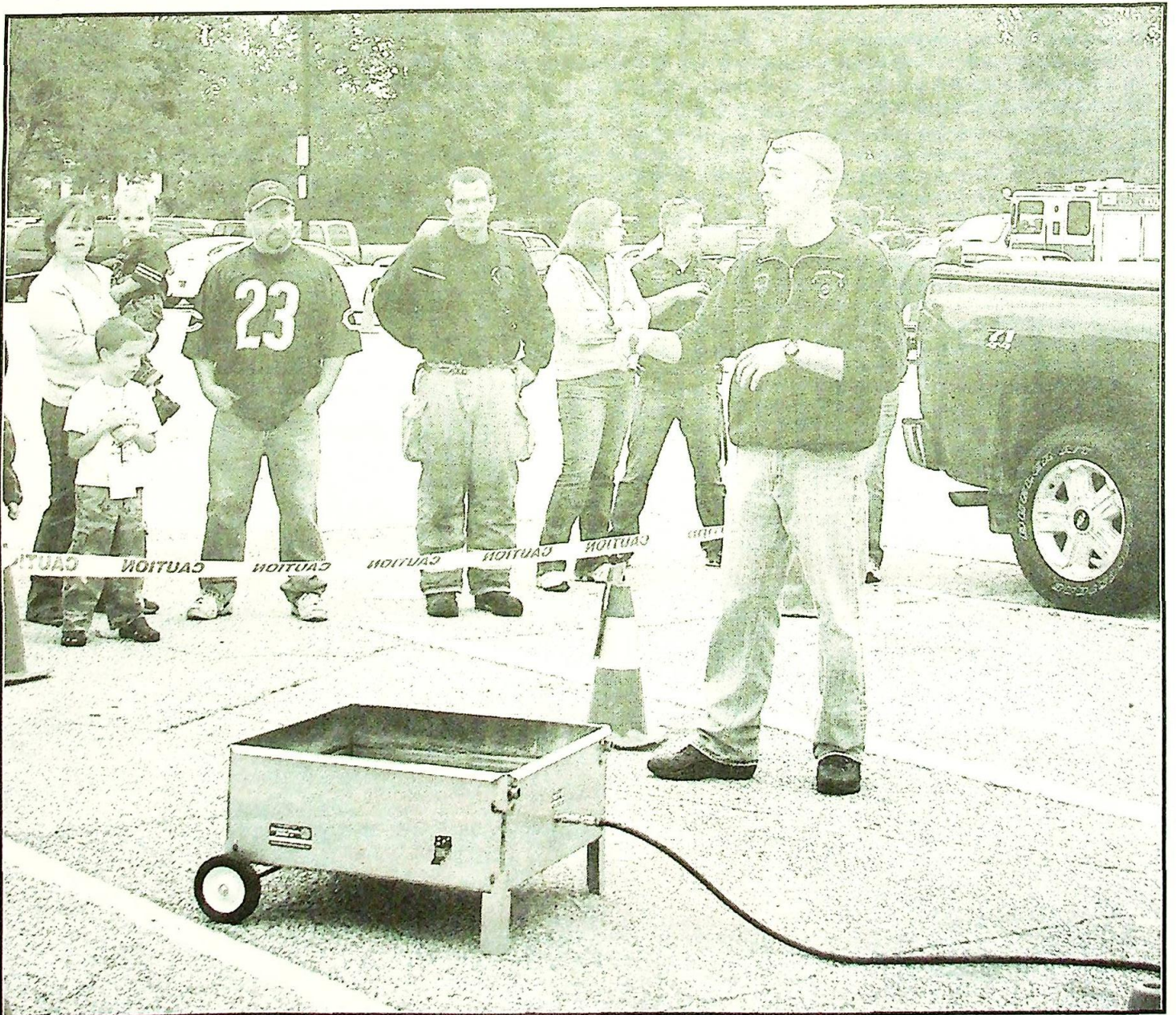
There are over 2,000 coloring pages distributed to the local elementary schools in our area. The finished pictures are then returned to the station and hung up for all visitors to look at.

Annual Fire Prevention Open House was held on Sunday, October 5, 2008 with activities for school age children to participate in. There was also hot dogs, chips and cookies for all to enjoy!

Also would like to thank chairperson Jill Baumgardner and Ryan Cusack for an outstanding job with this year's Fire Prevention Open House.

Thanks for your support!

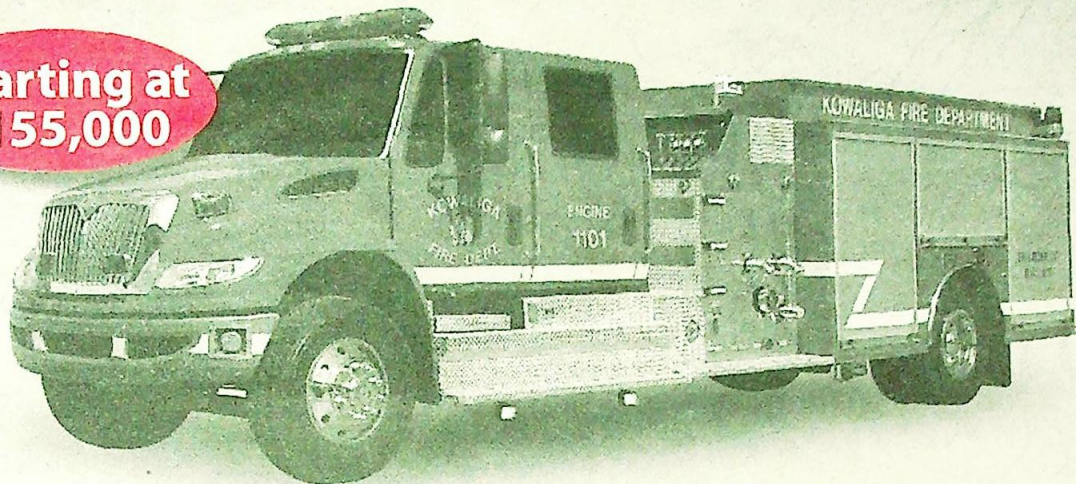
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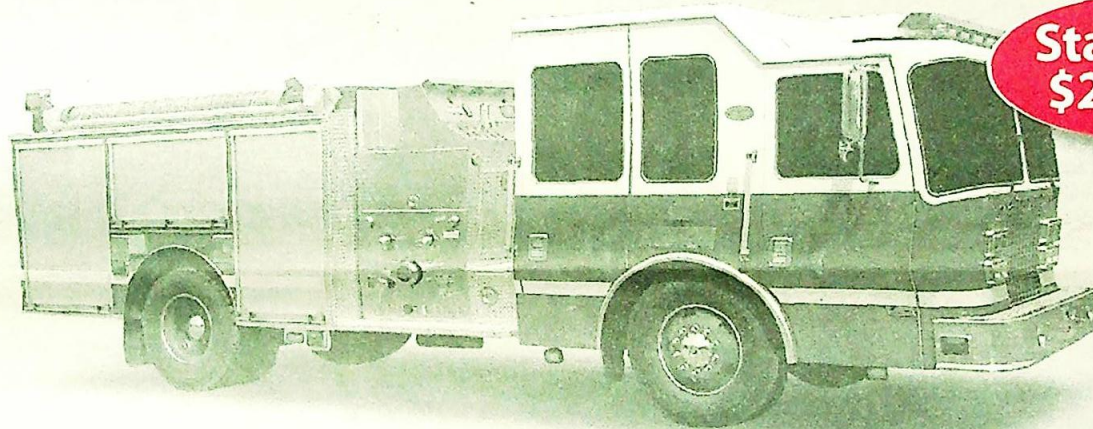
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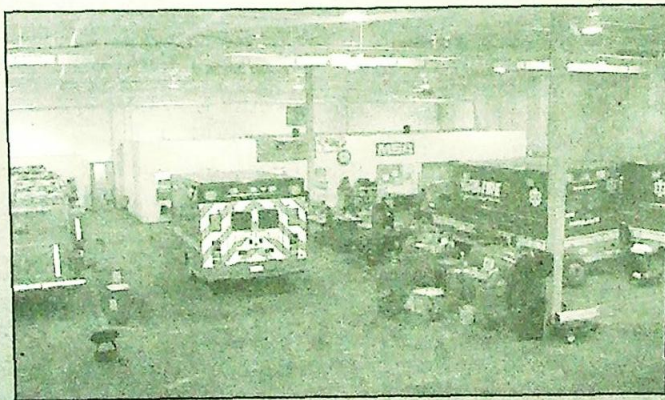


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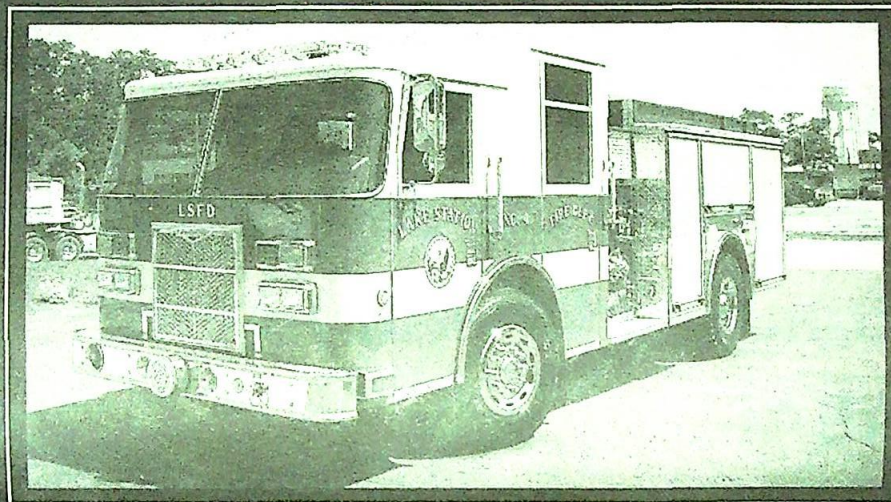
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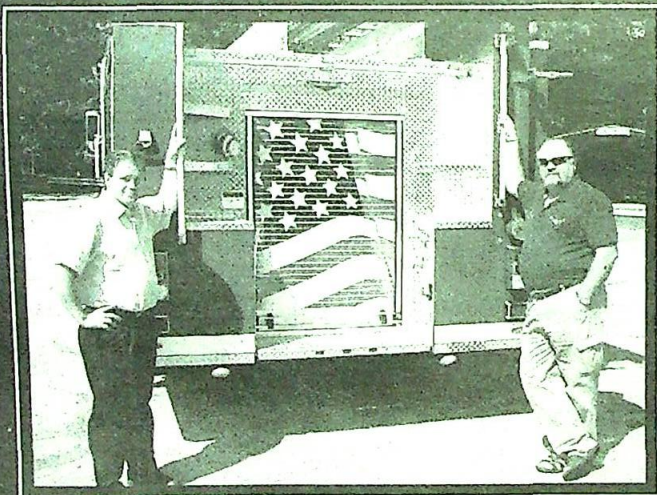
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Hello Firefighters and Friends,
It has been a very busy summer, hope everyone enjoyed it.

We had another good showing at the Indiana State Fair. It is a great place to show off the fire service to fairgoers.

It's not too early to start writing your letters for the awards. I'm sure everyone knows someone that is deserving of these awards. Remember the deadline is February 1, 2009 for all awards.

I was able to attend the National Memorial Service at Emmitsburg, Maryland sponsored by national Fallen Firefighter Foundation. There were 110 Heroes honored this year. Those remembered from Indiana were:

Bradley Wm. "Walley" Green - Monroe Twp. / Cowan Volunteer Fire Department

Sidney A. Hall - Upland Volunteer Fire Department

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Volunteer Fire Department. I did take the IVFA flag as I was given permission to, but I did not know that I needed to register to be able to display the flag, so unfortunately we were not able to display the flag. Hopefully we can get registered to march with it next year.

It was an awesome and touching weekend; I recommend everyone to attend at least once.

The Indiana Fire and Emergency Service Memorial Team in which I represent the IVFA was called to help with the funerals of the unfortunate accident of Air Evac N37AE. We lost Roger Warren - Pilot, Sandi Pearson - Flight Nurse, and Wade Weston - Flight Paramedic. Our prayers and thoughts go out to their families and the Air Evac family.

I hope that everyone has a very happy and safe holiday season.

Until next time - stay safe,

Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations

Mr. IVFA recommendations due February 1, 2009

Now that our annual convention is in the history books, it is time to look forward to next year.

I am sure there is someone in each and every volunteer department in the state that has shown a willingness to serve his department and community in a way that would exemplify the honor of the "Mr. IVFA" award.

If you know of someone like this in your department or in a neighboring department, sit down and write a letter of recommendation, and send to one or all of the following "Mr. IVFA" committee members.

Letters of recommendations must be sent to any/or all committee members and must be in hands of

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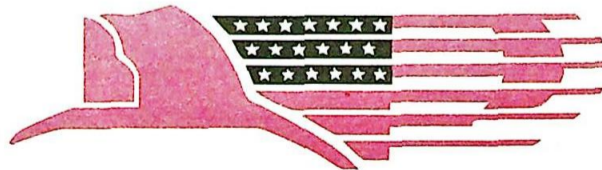
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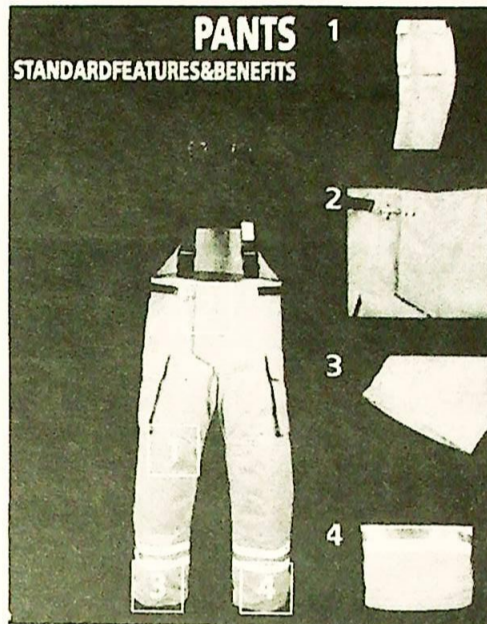
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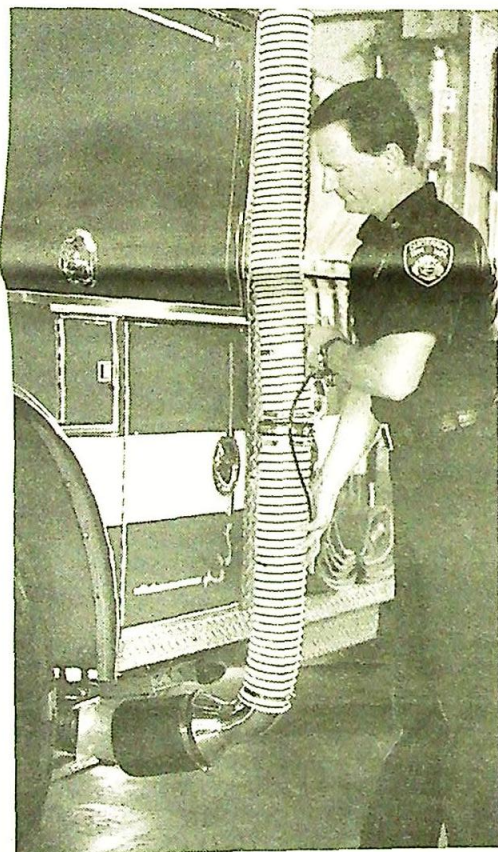
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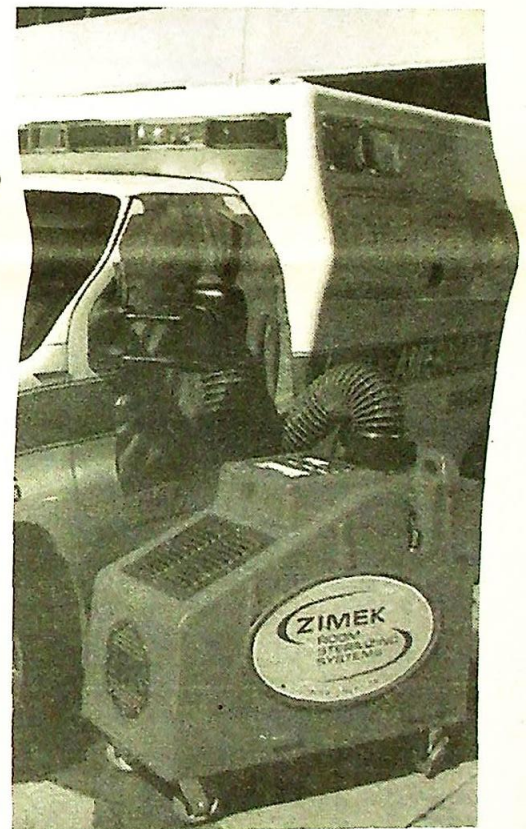
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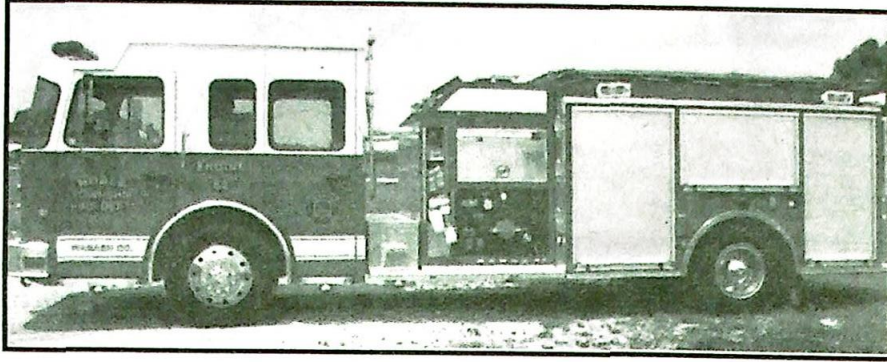


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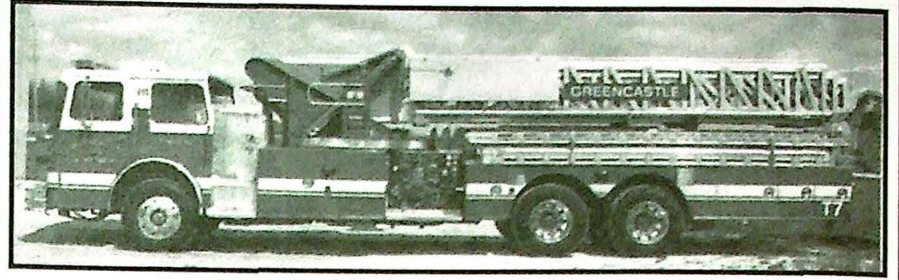
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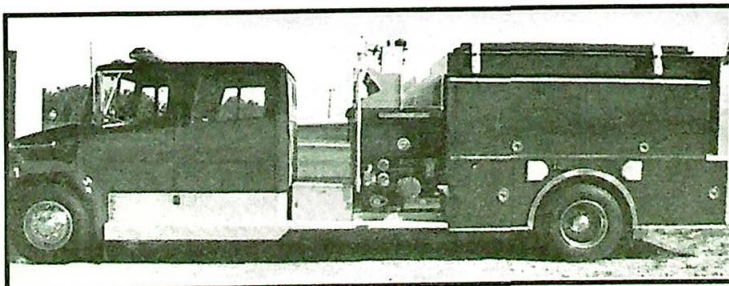
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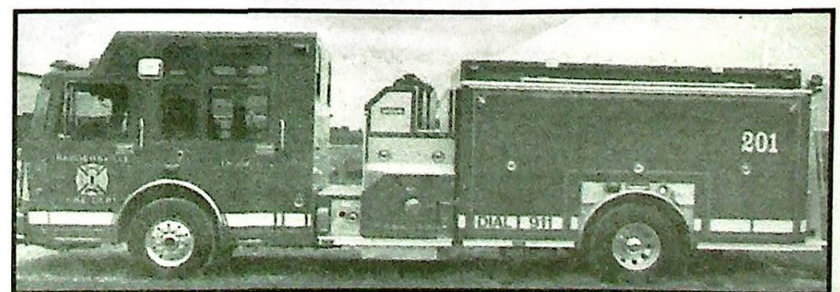
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Daunhauer's recipients of District 18 Global Award

Miss Flame program for 2009



Pictured are (left to right) - Ken Lau (District 18 secretary), Regina "Jeannie" Daunhauer, Frank Daunhauer, and John C. "Bull" Smith (District 18 chairman).

It is hard to keep saying 'winner' to disguise the recipient's identity, because I should be saying 'winners'. There is only one award plaque, but it has two names on it. Yes, this year's winner is a DYNAMIC DUO. I can honestly say this because over the past thirty-two years I have had the privilege of working with them both, on the department level and district level.

In addition to their hard work and dedication in emergency services making their communities safer places to live and raise a family, they are involved in helping to fund and find a way to cure cancer.

I would like to say "Thank You" on behalf of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association and Global Emergency Products, the award sponsor, for your dedication and devotion to the fire service, your communities, and to District 18.

The recipients of the 2008 District 18 IVFA Global Award are past Carter Fire District Chief Frank Daunhauer and his wife, the First District 18 Lady Firefighter, Regina "Jeannie" Daunhauer. - Article and photo provided by Ken Lau and John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18.

As I turned the pages on my calendar, I soon realize that it is time to begin work on our Miss Flame program for 2009.

The participation in the contest the last few years has been great. I would encourage each district chairman (man or woman) to begin now to set dates for district contests. Please see that all departments have the information they need to get a candidate to the district contest. This is very important as we would like all girls that have an interest in the contest to be able to do so. All entries must come from a district.

REMINDER: All district winners and their paper work must be in the hands of the Miss Flame chairman by March 10, 2009.

If you need paper work or have questions, please contact Barb Kerney at 812-867-2641 or 877-606-4832.

Eligibility guidelines can be found in this issue of the paper.

Jack and I wish for each of you and your families a holiday season of peace, love and happiness.

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame Chairman

Our District 18 Global Award winner this year is no stranger to the fire service, having a combined total service tenure spanning almost sixty years. The winner has held numerous positions on the fire department, including secretary, assistant chief, chief, and the list

goes on. Over the years, a lot of changes have occurred in the department. The winner has witnessed a lot of changes and has helped promote those changes, including growth, expansion, and acquisition of new equipment and apparatus to better

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A note from Miss Flame . . .

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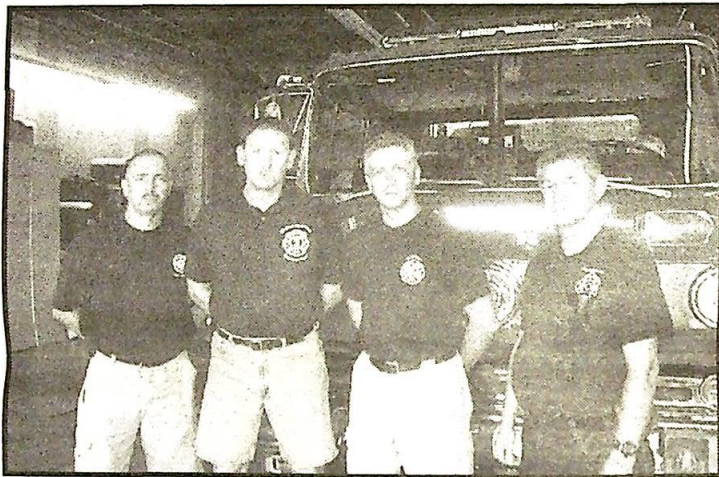
Also, I have just completed my Basic Firefighter classes and you all know what fun that was. I have enjoyed meeting many of you in these past few months. With my other schedules slowing down I hope to expand my travels so I can visit a lot more of you in the near future.

PLEASE contact me with the dates and locations of your upcoming events at missflame08@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kristen



25 year pin presentation held



At a recent McCulloch Volunteer Firefighters' Association meeting P.R.S.E. Director Al Williamson (far right) presented 25 year pins to: (from left) Danny Tenney: member of Clarksville Fire Dept. Station #3/McCulloch Fire Dept., Dennis Hammel: Asst. Station Commander - Clarksville Station #3/McCulloch Fire Dept., David Tenney: Fire Chief McCulloch Fire Dept. - submitted by Al Williamson

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Firefighter presented certificate and medal



The Boone Grove Volunteer Fire Department recently presented firefighter/paramedic Tammy Garcia with a certificate and medal for Life Saving.

On July 21, 2008, firefighter Garcia, who was off duty at the time, rescued a two-year-old boy who had been under water for several minutes in a swimming pool. Upon noticing the child, Tammy activated 911 for emergency responders and jumped in the pool and got the child out of the water. He was unconscious, not breathing and turning blue.

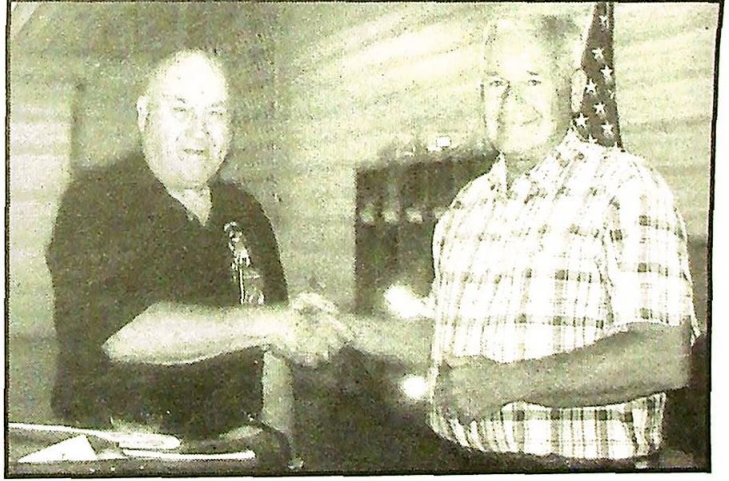
Tammy immediately began CPR. After awhile the boy began to regain consciousness and breathing. With the help of quickly arriving paramedics from Porter Hospital, the child was stabilized and transported to the emergency room.

After a few days in the hospital for observation, the young boy returned home perfectly healthy and happy with no apparent side affects from the incident.

A perfect example of how the training that firefighters and paramedics receive can make a difference in someone's life.

Pictured are President Paul Palleson, firefighter/paramedic Tammy Garcia and Chief William Casbon. - submitted by Paul Palleson, President, Porter Twp. VFD

Mallett receives 50 Year Gold Card



On July 30th, District 17A chairman, Jack Harker presented Bernard Mallett of Plainville Volunteer Fire Department with a 50 Year Gold Card.

He joined their department in 1958 and has dedicated the last 50 years to the fire service. - submitted by Jack Harker

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Happy Holidays to one and all!

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IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

The State of Indiana provides Special License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the **Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles**. The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association. You will not be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

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

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January 31 - Corporations & Fleet Vehicles	May 31: Ho - I	Sept. 30: So - T
Feb. 15: A - Be	June 15: J - Km	Oct. 15: U - Wk
Feb. 28: Bf - Bz	June 30: Kn - L	Oct. 31: Wl - Z
March 15: C	July 15: Ma - Me	
March 31: D	July 31: Mf - O	
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.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
7. See additional instructions for **BMV** procedures.

BMV PROCEDURES

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

1. Submit or mail one (1) 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.

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

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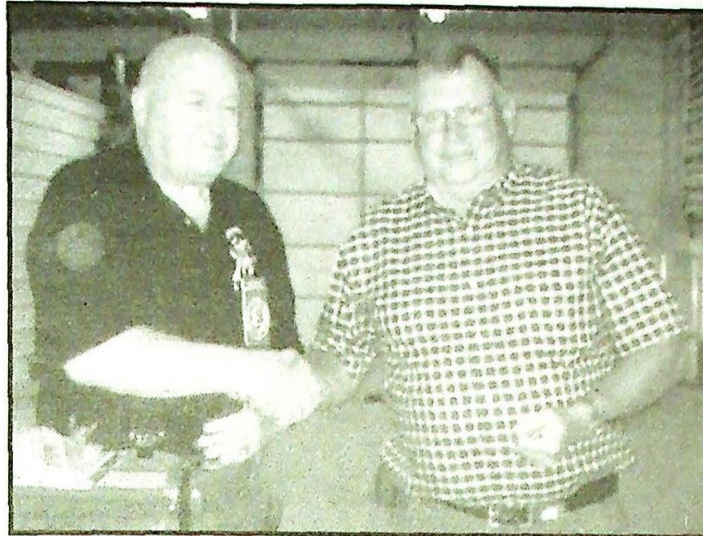
Celebrating 50 years Jim Abrams awarded 25 year service pin

Two members of the Madison Twp. Fire Department were awarded their 50 year Gold cards at a celebration held in their honor September 22nd.

The two members were John Russell Lambert and Glen Rhoton. Congratulations to both men for many years of community service.



Russ Lambert receives his 50 year Gold card from District 12 chairman Larry Bruner.



On July 30th, District 17A chairman, Jack Harker (left) presented Jim Abrams, a member of Highland Volunteer Fire Department with a 25 year pin for his years of dedication to the fire service.

-submitted by Jack Harker

Huntingburg VFD donates to Special Olympics



Glen Rhoton's card was accepted by his granddaughter, Andria Scales and great-granddaughter Melanie Peacock. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman



At the 6 August 2008 meeting of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. (Dubois Co. IVFA Dist. 18), Miss Allison Werne, representing the Dubois/Spencer County Special Olympics, was presented a check in the amount of \$715.00 by John Beadles of the Huntingburg VFD.

Allison, the 26-year-old daughter of Gail and Terry Werne of rural Huntingburg, serves as Secretary for the ALP (Athletic Leadership Program), and as a member of the Varsity Committee for the State Special Olympics.

Locally, Allison participates in the swimming and bowling events. The donation was made from funds raised at the Department's annual "roadblock" that was held on 13 July. "This was truly a team effort," reported Event Co-Chairman Beadles, "not only because of the members of the Department who collected the donations, but also the community as a whole who donated to the effort".

Article and photo courtesy Huntingburg VFD --Submitted by John "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chair



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- District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
- District 13-A Term: Jan. 1, 2008 - Dec. 31, 2009
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- District 21 Term: Jan. 1, 2008 - Dec. 31, 2009

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<http://www.state.in.us/sema/osfm.html>

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
www.ivfa.org

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
<http://www.indfirechiefs.org>

Lincoln Township Volunteer Department performs burn

La Porte County Building Commissioner issued a burn order to Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department for an empty farm house. Dave Kaufmann, LTVFD Chief, happily obliged since the order saved the fire department the costly fees for a burn permit from Indiana Department Environmental Management. More than that, Chief Kaufmann seized the opportunity as a training ground for structural fires that would benefit two townships, including three new fire fighters. Many firefighters had never been in the burn situations that were to be presented.

Structural fires have declined due to successful programs on fire prevention. Entering a burning building is an aggressive procedure risked only when something is worth saving. Firefighters must understand the stages of a fire, back draft, and smoke explosions in those situations," Chief Kaufmann said. He added that keeping firefighters certified holds insurance costs at a minimum.

In addition, the chief set up various training sessions and invited an adjacent township to join them. "Lincoln Township and Pleasant Township participate in Automatic Mutual Aid program. Between the two volunteer departments, we have sufficient available fire fighters at any given time because both townships respond immediately to a fire call in either township," Chief Kaufmann said. "We ran multiple search and rescue operations, as well as Rapid Intervention Training in the fall of 2007 at the two story farm house."

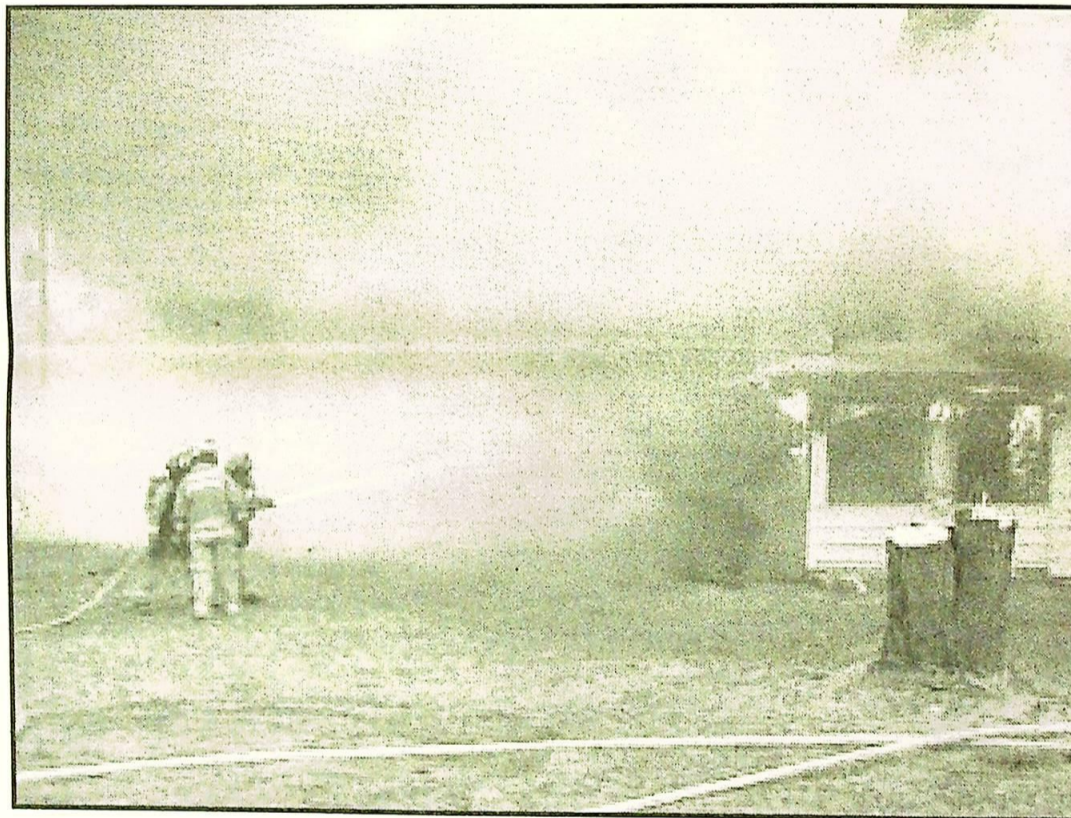
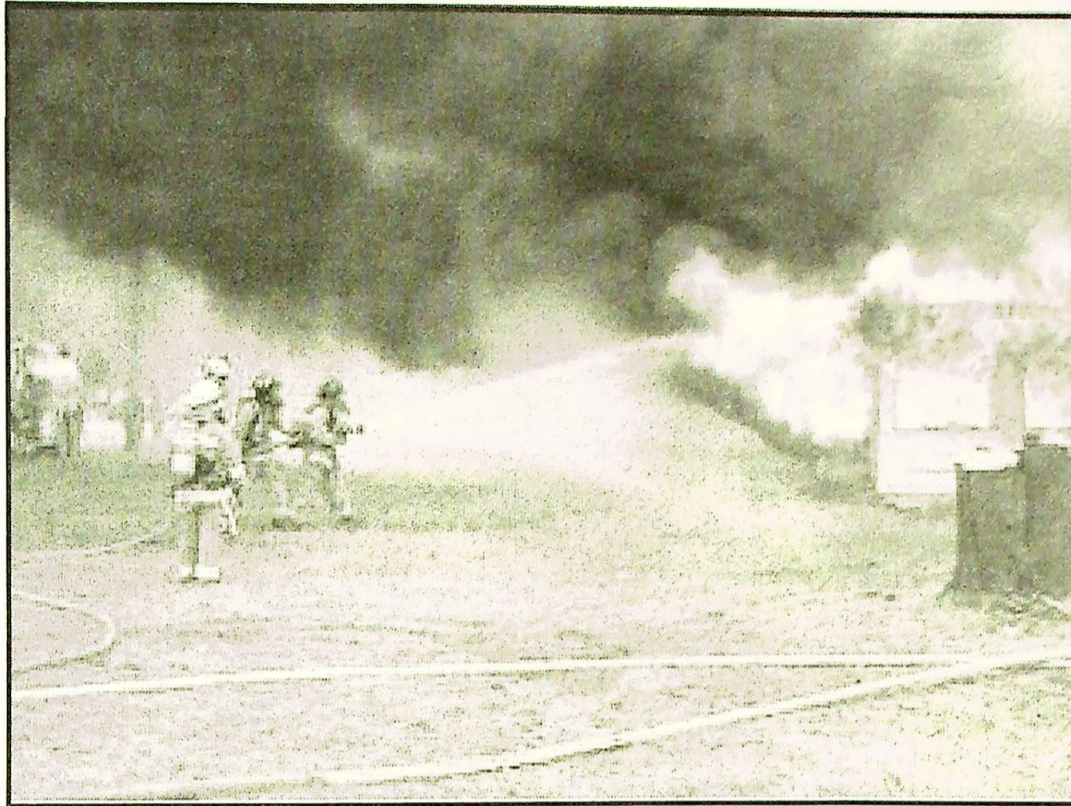
An Emergency Medical Technician Primary Instructor for Ivy Tech South Bend, Kaufmann teaches certification courses to firefighters from surrounding areas. "I don't have to teach all the classes. Lincoln Township has several instructors on staff. I'm very proud of our capability," Chief Kaufmann said.

The day before the fire all windows were boarded up to prevent any chance of smoke explosion during training. Sunday, March 29, 2008, safety officers determined that there was no imminent danger on site before training sessions began and they continued to oversee training. Twenty-eight firefighters from both townships arrived.

"We set up a flash-over situation using straw and no accelerant so they could watch how a small fire grows into a large one," Kaufmann said. "The heat rose and built to as much as 1500 degrees, igniting paint, wood, and other materials and shooting across the heads of the fire fighters. Firefighters have to know how to respond without panicking. Fire is a beast and it's going to do what it does, but at least it follows known patterns."

"The training started at 2:00 pm and we left the scene a little after 5:00 pm when the fire was self-contained. This was in the country with nothing else around. If there were neighbors or other buildings we would have stayed until it was completely extinguished. Everything went as planned," said Kaufmann.

Kaufmann retired from EMS after twenty years and focuses all his work on fire related issues. He also sits on Region One Department of Homeland Security Training Counsel and is qualified to do state required training.



IN THE PHOTOS:

Dave Kaufman, Fire Chief of LTVFD, explains the ignition points for a training exercise at an old farmhouse.

From when I did the Fish Lake Our Page: Dave Kaufman holds EMT classes at Lincoln Township Fire Department.

New fire fighters face fire for the first time and certified firefighters are kept fresh in procedure through training during a controlled burn.

- article and photos submitted by Mary Allen

WHAT'S OUT...

~ OLD FREEZERS WITH AUTOMATIC LATCHES:

Chest Freezers made between 1945 - 1970 can trap and suffocate children.

~WRONG TOY, WRONG AGE:
Small parts can choke kids under 3 years old.

~ PLACING BABY ON ITS STOMACH TO SLEEP:
Increases the risk of SIDS and suffocation.

~ OLD CHESTS THAT LOCK AUTOMATICALLY:
Lane cedar chests manufactured before 1987 can lock automatically, suffocating children.

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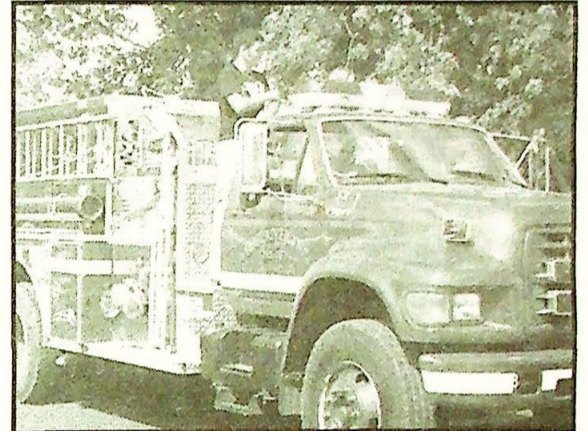
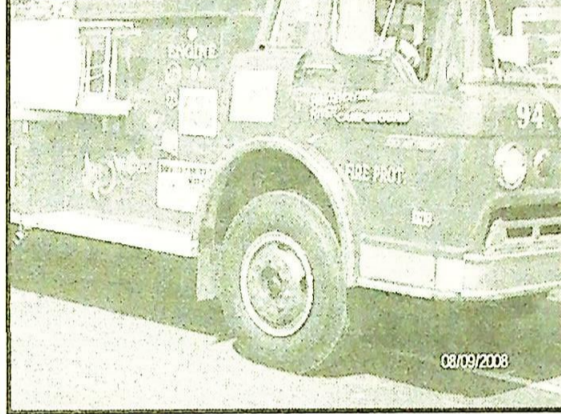
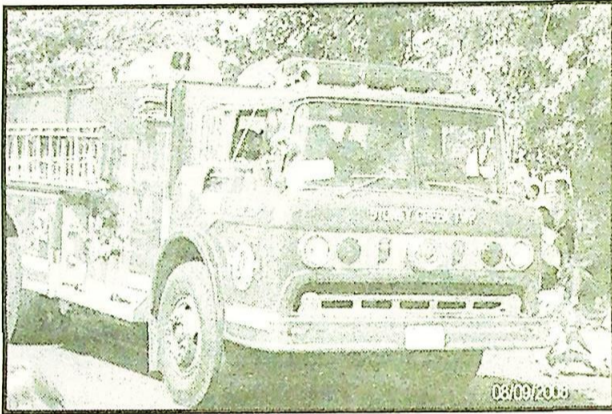
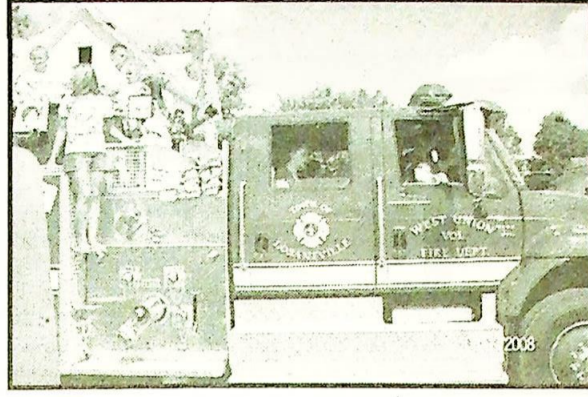
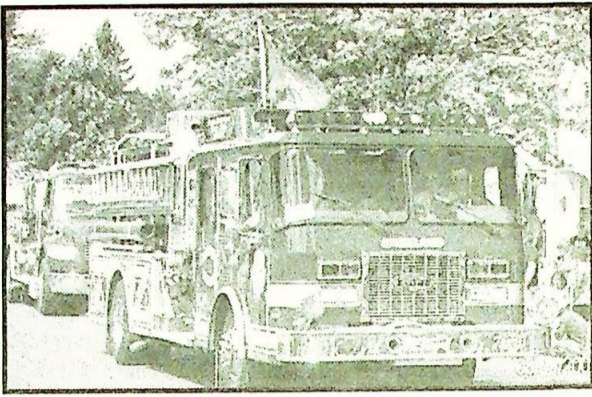
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Mooreland Free Fair parade held August 9



Pictured are some of the fire apparatus' at the Mooreland Free Fair Parade held on August 9, 2008.

Fire departments from Districts 8B, 13A and 13B participated.

From 8 B were Blountsville/Stoney Creek Twp.

Volunteer Fire Department, Losantsville/West Union Twp.

Volunteer Fire Department, the Whitewater River Campground Protection Eng. 94 and Eaton E.M.S.

From 13B were New Lisbon y

Volunteer Fire Department and Liberty Twp./Millville Volunteer Fire Department.

From 13A were host department Mooreland/Blue River Twp.

Volunteer Fire Department, Mt. Summit/Prairie Twp. Volunteer Fire

Department, and Spiceland/Spiceland Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

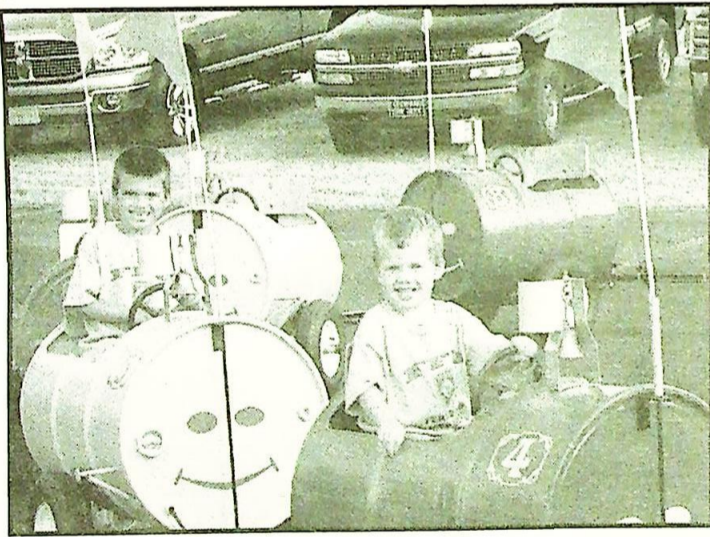
Mooreland led off the parade as well as was the last unit in the parade.

Spiceland also helped the

Mooreland Town Marshal with traffic control with their Yukon Rescue Squad.

- submitted by Carol Thrawley, District 13A chairman.

Ferdinand Fireman's Ball proves a huge success



On Sunday, 26 July, the Ferdinand VFD (Dubois Co. IVFA Dist. 18) held its annual Fireman's Ball. The event, now in its 48th year is used to raise funds that support the Department's operational budget and to fund the Department's Fire Safety Program. The event featured children's rides and games, chicken dinners, and other foods, a live band and dance and outdoor beer garden. One of the most popular rides gave future FVFD members a chance to "drive their own fire truck for the first time"! Chief Dan Lindauer reported that over 1,200 dinners were served. "Our community shows us a lot of support, it always seems the whole town comes," Lindauer said. Article and photos courtesy of John "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chair.

State Fire Marshal's Report

by Jim Greeson

October 9, 2008

Greetings to everyone from the State Fire Marshal's Office. In case some of you that are reading this article have not heard, there has been a change in the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Roger Johnson, who has served the fire service for over forty years and the Indiana State Fire Marshal for the past three years, is now working directly with Governor Daniels. My name is Jim Greeson; I was appointed Indiana State Fire Marshal by Governor Daniels on May 12th of this year. My background is in the fire service, serving over thirty eight years with the Indianapolis Fire Department. My initiation into state government was immediate with tornadoes occurring across the state during my first two weeks and the one hundred year flood following two weeks later. While those two disasters are not how I would have preferred to meet many of you, I must tell you all how impressed I was with the service you were providing to your communities during that tragic time. I attended the IVFA Conference in Vevay, Ind. in July and have attended several IVFA District meetings around the state. I have enjoyed meeting members from the various departments and I thank you for your warm reception. I look forward to meeting those of you that I have not met.

The Office of the Indiana State Fire Marshal lies within the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and is tasked with a diverse set of responsibilities. The primary responsibility of the Marshal's Office is to serve and assist the citizens of Indiana and the fire service of the state. I report to Joseph Wainscott, the Director of the Indiana Department of

Homeland Security. Director Wainscott is a strong leader and very supportive of the fire service in Indiana. I am fortunate to work with a very capable team. Cindy Cleveland is the Administrative Assistant to the State Fire Marshal and the Assistant State Fire Marshal.

Cindy manages and coordinates functions within the Marshal's Office; she is also the person who provides assistance when someone contacts our office.

Jim Bennett is the Assistant State Fire Marshal. Marshal Bennett is the former Chief of the Connersville Fire Department. He is over the Fire Investigation team, of which there is one Chief Investigator, and ten arson investigators around the state. Marshal Bennett is also over Emergency Medical Services which receives and investigates complaints, Fire Information Services, Emergency Medical Information Services that assists departments with fire reporting and grants applications, Hazardous Materials training, support and response along with the responsibilities for explosive magazines, are all under Assistant Marshal Bennett.

Don Bradley is the Division Director for Code Enforcement and Plan Review. Mr. Bradley is a licensed architect with an architectural degree from the University of Arizona. The goal of the Fire and Building Safety Division is to insure the buildings and events that the public and emergency responders enter are safe and comply with fire and building codes. Building plans are reviewed prior to construction being allowed to begin. Over 2,000 elevators and several hundred cted

amusement rides are inspected annually by a relatively small staff of well trained inspectors. All boiler and pressure vessels within the state must be inspected periodically. This is a highly specialized area and we are fortunate to have nationally recognized boiler and pressure vessel experts as part of our team. Fire Code, Building Code and other questions relative to Mr. Bradley's branch may be sent to dbradley@dhs.in.gov. All fire chiefs in the state struggle with the selling and displaying of fire works in their area. The State Fire Marshal issues the permits for the selling and displaying of fireworks through out the state, which generates several million dollars a year for firefighter training. In all the State Fire Marshal's Office consists of a team with over one hundred and thirty members.

Assistance from the State Fire Marshal's Office is just an email or telephone call away, the email address is firemarshal@dhs.in.gov the telephone number is (317) 232-2222 between the hours of 8:00 - 4:30 Monday through Friday.

Thank you all for your service to the citizens of Indiana and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jim Greeson, Indiana State Fire Marshal

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Jim Abrams



I attended District 15's meeting in July held at Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department. It was election of officers, with a unanimous vote that the officers all stayed the same.

I attended District 18's meeting in July at Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department. Elections were held. The officers stayed the same.

I attended District 17A's meeting at Plainville Volunteer Fire Department. Sam Emery was elected district chairman, Courtney

Hasler - secretary/treasurer, Jack Harker - vice chairman.

Bernard Mallett received his 50 year Gold card. He is a member of the Plainville Volunteer Fire Department.

Jack Harker presented my 25 year pin at this meeting.

I attended District 17B's meeting at Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department on August 21st. Elections were held. District chairman is Luke Kluender, vice chairman is Bob Brown, secretary-treasurer is Steve Nolan.

I attended a memorial service at Paoli for Sandra Pierson, the nurse on Air Evac helicopter that crashed.

I attended a memorial service for Art Jarboe at Jasper. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and fire department.

I attended District 15's meeting September 16th at Haubstadt Volunteer Fire Department. Their next meeting will be at Griffin Bethel Volunteer Fire Department on November 18, 2008.

I missed District 18's September meeting.

I attended District 17A's September meeting held at Oaktown Volunteer Fire Department.

*Sincerely,
Jim Abrams
P.R.S.W.*

State Representative Tim Harris attends annual Jonesboro FD pancake breakfast



Representative Tim Harris (center) disposes of his trash while speaking with Jonesboro firefighters Joe Dixon and Rex Maynard. - submitted by Scott Harris, PR East Central.

Two presented 25 year pins at Jasper FD October meeting



At the October 2nd meeting of the Jasper Fire Department (Dubois County, District 18), two members were presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin.

Lt. Tim Vogt (center left) and Chief Kenny Hochgesang (center right) both joined their department on August 1 of 1983.

Presenting the award is District 18 secretary/treasurer Kenny "Pooch" Lau (far left), and District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith (far right). - article and photo courtesy of John "Bull" Smith, District 18.

**Here's what to know when you gas up and go.
Gasoline refueling advisory and safety guidelines for consumers**

Static electricity-related incidents at retail gasoline outlets are extremely unusual, but the potential for them to happen appears to be the highest during cool or cold and dry climate conditions. In rare circumstances, these static related incidents have resulted in a brief flash fire occurring at the fill point. Consumers can take steps to minimize these and other potential refueling hazards by following safe refueling procedures all year long.

Most important, they should not get back into their vehicles during refueling -- even when using the nozzle's hold-open latch. This will greatly reduce and minimize the likelihood of any build-up of static electricity.

A build-up of static electricity can be caused by re-entering a vehicle during fueling, particularly

in cool or cold and dry climate conditions. If the motorist then returns to the vehicle fill pipe when refueling is complete, the static may discharge at the fill point, causing a brief flash fire with gasoline refueling vapors.

Motorists who cannot avoid getting back into the vehicle should always first touch a metal part of the vehicle, such as the door, or some other metal surface, away from the fill point upon exiting the vehicle.

Here are additional consumer refueling safety guidelines:

- Turn off your vehicle engine while refueling. Put your vehicle in park and/or set the emergency brake.
- Do not smoke, light matches or lighters while refueling.
- Use only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser



State Representative Tim Harris shakes hands with Jonesboro firefighter Gerald Foustnight at the annual Jonesboro Fire Department pancake breakfast during the Ducktail Run Custom Car Show and River Rally Motorcycle Show. - submitted by Scott Harris, PR East Central.

nozzle - never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle open.

• Do not over fill or top-off your vehicle tank, which can cause gasoline spillage.

• In the unlikely event a static-caused fire occurs when refueling, leave the nozzle in the fill pipe and back away from the vehicle. Notify the station attendant immediately so that all dispensing devices and pumps can be shut off with emergency controls. If the facility is unattended, use the emergency shutdown button to shut off the pump and use the emergency intercom to summon help.

• When dispensing gasoline into a container, use only an approved

portable container and place it on the ground when refueling to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.

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Minutes from June 20th IVFA conference

Digest of minutes from the Indiana Firemen's Conference was held at Belterra Casino, 777 Belterra Drive, Belterra, Indiana on June 20, 2008, beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Opening statements by president Larry Ketchem: Let's call this meeting together for our annual conference. I would ask Jerry Cohen if he would give us the invocation, please.

Mr. Jerry Cohen: Before I begin I would like to thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Chaplain and to announce that I goofed. Of all people that I left off was Bill Goodwin, so tonight at the banquet I'd like to acknowledge this and I apologize. I went through that - this so many times I just overlooked it. Let us pray.

Lord, God, we ask Your presence here today at this meeting. Let us conduct our business knowing that You are here among us. We ask for Your guidance in all that we say and all that we do, always keeping the idea of faith in the firefighters that we represent in our best interest. We ask Your blessing in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thank you, gentlemen. Vice president, would you lead us in the Pledge to the Flag, please?

Mr. David Elick: Sure.

Audience members: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thank you. I know that there are probably some of you that still don't have your packets out there or you don't have a workup of any. We're going to work through that. That's not going to be a problem. We're -- I hope that what we can work down through this, make it as painless as possible and still get out this afternoon and have some good time. With that I would ask for the minutes of the 2007 annual meeting. Larry Bartlow?

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Bill Pape?

Mr. Bill Pape: Bill Pape, District 8A. I make a motion we approve them as were printed.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Motion has been made that we approve them as printed.

Mr. Max Harrah: Second.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Second from the floor by Max Harrah, Honey Creek Township. All in favor signify by saying aye.

Audience members: Aye.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Opposed same sign. The ayes have it.

We've got another guest with us that I'm going to let come up here and say a few words before we get started. And this gentleman is our -- the assistant fire marshal for the state of Indiana. He's been a member of the service for quite some time and his name is Jim Bennett. He's coming up to me here on my left, so Jim if you will I would like for you to speak to the group for me.

Mr. Jim Bennett: Thank you, Larry. Thank you for inviting me here. It is my pleasure. I'm Jim Bennett. I've been the assistant fire marshal since January. I was a career firefighter for 35 years at Connersville. I was chief there for the last eight years prior to coming to this position. I'm excited about this position and what it holds. We've got a new state fire marshal, Jim Greeson, who you've met. So we've got some great things coming your way.

One of them is the Smoke Detector Bill, Senate Bill 26, which passed this past legislature. It takes effect the first of January. What that entails is tougher penalties for landlords that don't provide working smoke detectors in apartments. They are now required to sign -- have the tenant sign off that there is in fact a working smoke detector. So for those of you who aren't aware of that, that does take effect the first of July. And there will also be tougher penalties for those who don't comply with the smoke detectors. As you're well aware in these apartments, there's been a lot of fires and a lot of fire deaths but we're going to make them more responsible for it.

There will be a form on line at the IVFA website. Hopefully I can put it on line to your website. There will be a Smoke Detector Compliance Bill and hopefully you can get the word out and get it to these landlords and it will be a receptacle for those when the landlords come to you wanting one of those.

Another thing that's coming up hopefully in this legislation the IVFA is going to tackle and that's going to be the novelty cigarette lighters. That's the toy like lighters. I don't know how they ever got on the shelves to begin with but they look like NASCARs, they look like lights on pipes, you name it, frogs. They're easy for children to pick up thinking they were toys. And the state of Maine has already banned it. Tennessee has followed, Oregon is on the way, and many other states. Europe has banned them for many years completely. So that's something out there that we're going to tackle and we probably would need the idea phase and endorsement on that as well. So hopefully you can work with us on this important piece of legislation.

Again talking to the state fire marshal, Jim Greeson, our goal is to get the career and volunteers working together a little better. We're both firefighters and hey, we're all in for the same reason and that's to save lives and property, so hopefully we can get some things going on that end of it, too. I pledge to you that we are going to try to work and get things better for the Indiana firefighters. Thank you very much.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thanks, Jim. Appreciate it and welcome aboard. At this time it seems like that the room has brightened up a little bit.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Being led by our new Miss Flame and the first runner-up and Mrs. Kerney. If you'd like to come up here and say something if you would, please?

Mrs. Barb Kerney: Welcome and you see the girls are just as lovely as they were last night. We have with us this morning our new 2008 Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie and our 2008 runner-up, Cama White. I'm going to ask each one of the girls to introduce themselves and tell us what district they're from.

(Girls introduce themselves).

Mrs. Barb Kerney: I want to thank the IVFA for their support and for their donations of the gifts to the girls this morning. So thanks, guys and girls for all your help.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Let's give these young ladies a big hand.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: That's probably going to be one of the brightest parts of our day.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thanks, girls. Okay. If you will, the people that are on Credentials and Mileage, please move over there and let's try to get a jump start on that.

While they're getting started I will go on and tell you that I can't attest to the mileage that I've driven here lately because that's in another notebook. I can tell you that our Association as it stands today is somewhere around seventeen six, eight, nine, somewhere along in there. Really I can't give you a true count on that. But we've come a long way. And it's made possible by you, the district chairmen out there working closely with your constituents. There are many people out there that we haven't reached yet and we do need to do that. And you know there are power in numbers. And I don't think we've got the numbers yet that we're capable of producing.

Throughout the year in the committees that we've appointed, and others, I want to thank those committees for the work that they've accomplished. And I know that your efforts were not in vain. I know that the cost of fuel today is a big hindrance and it's not going to get any better. It's not going to get any better. So we're going to have to do more with less but if we can keep up the good work and keep our numbers up then we will be successful.

Vice president Elick do you have anything that you would like to say?

Mr. David Elick: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Okay. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush?

Mr. Bill Bush: Yeah, I got a lot, Larry.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: I knew he would have. Come up here and talk Bill so that they can hear you at that mike.

Mr. Bill Bush: Okay. I'm sorry. I'll carry it around.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Turn it around so that they can see you. That way you won't have to stand with your back to them. There you go.

Mr. Bill Bush: The first thing guys

is everybody satisfied with your firehouse clocks? How many of you in here received one last year? Please raise your hand.

(Show of hands).

Mr. Bill Bush: They were all right? Did you get them on time?

Audience: Yeah.

Mr. Bill Bush: I have to announce this. The little lady that does this printing for us got flooded out last week and I called -- yesterday a man walked up to me and he wanted a firehouse clock. I said I don't think you can get it with all the water. I called by phone -- I would have about bet ten dollars that it would be at his home in the morning. We need to look at these individuals because we gave some awards that these people can't receive. I think we need to look at this. I've done everything on my part. It's my job. I hope I did it right.

Mr. Bill Bush: Okay. But anyway I got some new roadmaps I'm going to pass out. And if you happen to look in there you remember Bono? That's the town I live in, Bono, Indiana. Thank you.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thanks Bill. Larry Bartlow?

Mr. Larry Bartlow: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Bev Harker do you have anything?

Ms. Bev Harker: No, I pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Bev Harker passes. John Davies is not here. Public Relations director Jim Bradford?

Mr. Jim Bradford: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Mort Sorg?

Mr. Mort Sorg: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Diane Harrison?

Ms. Diane Harrison: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Scott Harris?

Mr. Scott Harris: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Jim Abrams?

Mr. Jim Abrams: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Al Williamson?

Mr. Al Williamson: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Going to go down through the districts now. District chairmen, it's going to be your last hurrah for this year if you've got something you need to speak up on.

District 1?

District 1: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 2?

District 2: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 3?

District 3: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 4?

District 4: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 5?

District 5: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 6?

District 6: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 7?

District 7: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 8A?

District 8A: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 8B?

District 8B: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 9A?

District 9A: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 9B?

District 9B: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 10?

District 10: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 11A?

District 11A: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 11B?

District 11B: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 12?

District 12: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District

13A?

District 13A: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 13B?

District 13B: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 14?

District 14: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 15?

District 15: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 16?

District 16: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 17A?

District 17A: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 17B?

District 17B: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 18?

District 18: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 19?

District 19: Ed Scheele, District 19.

I want to thank everyone for coming down to our district and hope you have a good time.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thank you, Ed.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: District 21, Don Fultz?

District 21: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: I don't think I've missed anybody, but have I missed anyone? Okay, we're going to run through the past presidents here if you will. Jim Parker?

Mr. Jim Parker: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Carl Bruns?

Mr. Carl Bruns: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Ivan Nevil?

Mr. Ivan Nevil: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Willie Parish?

Mr. Willie Parish: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Richard Glant?

Mr. Richard Glant: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Jack Zeeks?

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Buz Koehler?

Mr. Buz Koehler: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Jack Kerney?

Mr. Jack Kerney: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Do I have any other past presidents here? Carl Bruns has made a motion that we have three winners with us that will be here this evening for the scholarship to be presented tonight. Jim Bradford, do you have anything from the assisting editor?

Mr. Jim Bradford: Nothing. Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Okay. Willie Parish on the ads?

Mr. Willie Parish: Pass.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Jim Parker would you like to address what we accomplished or didn't accomplish in legislative for IVFA?

Mr. Jim Parker: For those of you that attended last night Bob did a good -- or a representative from down in this area, did a good job of reviewing the bills that we had something to do with. Also in your paper, the May issue, you should have seen a recap of all the legislation that took place this year. We were successful in some areas and in other areas we weren't and we expect that every year.

We're in the process of shopping for a lobbyist. The reason we're shopping for a lobbyist is the price. The prices keep going up, guys, and our lobbyist contract is one of the largest items in our budget. So we're looking around for something a little more reasonable. We haven't been successful so far I might add but we do have two proposals that we're considering.

If you have any questions for me I'll talk to you after the meeting. I'd rather not burn up a lot of time here. You can also go on line to our website and get an update on the laws.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thank you, Mr. Parker.

As I look down through here and I --

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June 17th - June 20th
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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

IVFA Auxiliary State Officer's Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008
Columbus, Indiana
Call to order: president Martha called meeting to order at 8:38.
Prayer: Chaplain Joann opened meeting with prayer and had everyone to tell their neighbor "Good Morning".
Pledge to Flag: led by Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam.
Roll call: recording secretary Tammy. There were 30 officers and nine guests for a total of 39 in attendance.

District 6 has a new chairman, Marlene Poling. District 16 chairman is Laura Durbin.
We gave a warm welcome to these two new chairmen.
Minutes: Motion from Susie Lewis to dispense with reading of minutes was seconded by Rhonda Moon. Motion carried.
Treasurer's report: Dorothy. Treasurer's report stands as read.
June Cahill finding out how much money we can have in our account.
Correspondence: Malinda read card from Phyllis Vargo. She had a family emergency and was not able to attend the convention. Please keep her family in your prayers. A letter from Linda Johnson with new address: 1509 Marlowe Dr., Apt. 3A, Clarksville, IN 47129. Phone: 812-949-2799 and paid her dues for this year and next year. IVFAA emergency call list was revised and IVFAA Auxiliary officers and Board of Directors 2008-2009 and past president's changes were all sent in to newspaper. Some of the e-mail address were omitted due to not copying on my paper and I never noticed until had already sent information to newspaper. Will try and get this corrected. Will contact Web Master about getting our information updated.
Membership: Tammy gave total of paid for 2008 and 2009: 349.
Chaplain's report: Joann thanked everyone for his or her support. Asked if anyone needed any Bibles to see her after meeting. A roll call was done on who all needs Bibles. Cards were passed around for Roy Richardson and Marilyn Dever. Marlene Poling taking over for Marilyn. Joann said they are still staying with their daughter, Diane and gave new phone numbers: cell #812-230-5506. Her daughter, Diane's only in an emergency #812-234-8979. Leona Uryga got information on Jewish Bibles -- a place out of Chicago.
Jane Ferro thanked everyone for cards and phone calls she received while ill.
Barb Kerney had a discussion on break down of money. Discussion about whether raising the chairmen's allowance later on. Also Dorothy will do a restructure on listing funds.
Auditing: Joann and Barb Kerney be sure and turn in receipts, also all items are to be broken down into categories. Auditing was done.
Saturday afternoon's discussion about stationery and envelopes; how to cut down on these. Discussed revamping of what our costs are. What can be transferred from one account to another and what cannot. Dorothy will have a separate receipt book for dues. This will not only help us but also Dorothy.
Games: June Cahill. Won't be at convention on Saturday.
Jim Bradford brought in the newspapers for anyone who wants them.
Installation: Barb Parker - everything went fine at convention. \$100 needs to be added to Mary Mackin Fund. This taken care of.
Financial Study: Lou agrees with budget. One request - would like a report from everyone on what cost they are paying out on their Miss Flames. Also, reports from every officer, district officers and committees of expenses. November will have new budget. We will be sticking to this budget.
Miss Flame: Barb Kerney said had 20 girls this year that participated. Hoping to have that many for next year.
V.P. Project: Beth did well. Sold some cookbooks at the convention.
Chinese Auction: Barb Parker did very well.
Bylaws: Toni asked how are we to handle new bylaw changes. Looking into seeing what cost of stickers would cost.
Carol Curl talked about shirts. She will do some embroidery free for officers and chairmen; order before Convention 2009. Lou Bartlow made motion we use our old symbol. Seconded by Heather Martin. Motion carried. Will use IVFAA logo. She has shirts available in many sizes. Carol made banners for Miss Flame. She will bring catalogs to next meeting.
Break at 10:45 to 11:00.
Jewelry: Marlene discussion held on jewelry. Marlene will bring a list of jewelry at November meeting. Barb Parker made a motion to not order any more jewelry, to keep doing past president IVFAA and men and women state pins and card. Seconded by Nancy Neal. Motion carried. Old jewelry sell at convention.
IVFA Miss Flame Kristen Wylie thanked everyone for supporting her. Talked about going to Riley Hospital. A family of eight lost their little girl in

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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

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a fire. Wanting to help family by taking up donations in Fire Boot. Her e-mail address: missflame@yahoo.08.com

Nominating: Susie Lewis - nothing at this time.

Bill Bush came in and talked about the Convention 2010 that will be held in Terre Haute hosted by District 11A and 11B. Will be called "Welcome Back Again in 2010".

Jerry Cohen bought memorial service pictures in for district chairmen.

Convention report: convention chairman gave discussion on progress of 2009 convention will be held at Indy "Splash in Indy". There will not be any games.

IVFA vice president David Elick and IVFA president Larry Ketchem thanked everyone for their support during their term of office. Larry said thanks for past president pin.

Historian: Joann and Phyllis - nothing at this time.

President's Advisory: Phyllis doing okay.

Lois Boaz: Jeanette absent. Parliamentarian: Toni - okay.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Jane Ferro would like to have a meeting Saturday, November 1 by pool area at 4:00 p.m.

Old business: Lou said questions brought up about paying on rooms for ladies. This affects only officers and chairmen with no husbands who are not IVFA officers. Tammy stated that back in minutes we had agreed to do a review in a year which will be our November meeting. We are to decide on this at our November meeting. Again a reminder to all district chairmen - you are to turn in your reports to Martha in order to get paid. Room receipt and voucher goes to Barb Kerney. She is to okay them, then will be given to Dorothy. Must have a bill attached to all vouchers; everything has to be accounted for in November. Will have baskets information, a drawing will be held at November meeting. Tammy doing Tupperware - if anyone would like to do a fundraiser, contact her. Toni wanted to know if we have a case to give to District 16 chairman Miriam. Gave District 16 a case.

New business: None.

Entertainment and meeting date: November 1st and 2nd, 2008. Meeting Sunday starts at 8:30 a.m., Columbus Holiday Inn.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Rhonda Moon with a second from Pam Gerdowsky.

Closing prayer: Chaplain Joann. *Respectfully submitted, IVFAA corresponding secretary, Malinda Bell*

February 10, 2009 deadline: January 10, 2009

DISTRICTS 1 AND 2



*Phyllis Vargo
District 1 & 2 Chairman*

*Minutes of the May 1st, 2008
District 1 & 2 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.*

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 & 2 Chairman at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge and prayer was said.

Phyllis thanked Cedar Lake Fire Dept. Auxiliary for hosting the meeting.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance: Martha Thomas, president I.V.F.A.A. and husband Jake, Tom Orrell, District #1 Chairman, I.V.F.A.A.

Deaths: Ruth Baker -- Individual, Nancy Bonner -- Lake Station, Hattie Mayer -- Lake Station. A moment of silence was held.

Minutes were read and passed.

Tom Orell announced convention is in far southeast Indiana, June 18-21.

Martha Thomas mentioned to keep dues up or years of service will not continue.

Jackie Rench expressed a concern that her years of service are not correct. Phyllis Vargo will check when she goes down state.

Treasurer's report was given by Phyllis Vargo with \$1,754.66 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Old Business: Barb Wilkening requested individual departments call the hosting department rather than Marge Baumgardner with the number to attend. Motion presented by Barb Wilkening, seconded by Jackie Rench. Motion carried. Marge to include phone number of hosting department on card that are sent to departments.

New Business: It was requested that master listing of auxiliary presidents with contact info be distributed.

Phyllis stated dues are due. A vote at the state level will take place at convention to increase dues to \$10. Discussion was held.

2005-2006 Barb presented motion at convention for mileage to be given to officers they have never received. Phyllis to check into.

Vote: Increase of dues: 0. Against increase - unanimous. We want to know reason for increase in dues.

Phyllis advised there are still tickets for the state auxiliary. Martha complimented District 1 & 2 for co-operation in selling tickets.

Sue Casten questioned death benefit information that was sent. The membership was informed this is free accidental death benefits and send it in.

Chinese auction is held annually at convention. The state asked for donations from each district. Barb Wilkening motioned, Pat Missel seconded to provide 2 - \$25 gas card from District 1 & 2. Motion carried.

Announcements: Next meeting: first Thursday in September (4*) at Lowell Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

Lowell FD Auxiliary will have a spring bunco.

www.IVFA.org Tom Orell suggested department list announcements on the website.

Cedar Lake Fire Dept. will be

hosting a pancake breakfast on May 18, 2008 from 7 a.m. - noon.

Cedar Lake Fire Dept. will have a car show at the Town Grounds in Cedar Lake on July 27, 2008. Set up is 7:00 a.m. with judging at noon. For more information call Bill Missal at 374-7064.

Motion by Barb Wilkening, seconded by Jackie Rench to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by: In the absence of Marge Baumgardner.

*Minutes of the Sept. 4th, 2008
District 1 & 2 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.*

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 & 2 Chairman at 7:20 pm.

Pledge was said.

Prayer was said by Chief Ike Rench of Lowell Vol. Fire Department.

Phyllis thanked Lowell Dept Auxiliary for hosting the meeting and Phyllis gave them a check for \$100.00 for reimbursement for hosting meeting.

Donna Szafranski gave department history.

Deaths: Jack Cox - Past President. A moment of silence was held.

Illness: Barb Parker - broke hip - Past President of State Auxiliary. Phyllis asked membership to sign the cards.

Minutes were read and passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Phyllis Vargo with \$1,426.66 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Old Business: Phyllis explained that there was a motion to raise dues. They are still \$5.00; this did not pass at convention.

New Business: Martha Thomas was elected as state president again.

Next meeting is November 7th, and Phyllis asked the members in attendance to get more people to attend the meetings.

Miss Flame - to add Granddaughter to SOG - need to ask LOFS to resubmit the change. Applications for Miss Flame need to be to Phyllis by October 10th.

Silent Auction - Motion by Donna Szafranski, 2nd by Jackie Rench to have each auxiliary to bring 3 items to the next meeting. Motion passed.

Elections should have held tonight. With such low turn out, Phyllis asked that the elections be held off until the November meeting.

Next meeting will be on November 7th @ Lowell Fire Department.

Department Announcements: Lowell Fire Dept will host Fall Bunco, Oct. 19th call Christy at 219-696-0004.

Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary will host Fall Bunco on Sun Nov. 9th, call Marge at 219-662-1977 for information.

Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept & Ladies Auxiliary will host Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday Oct. 5th from 11-2. For more information please call Marge at 662-1977.

Dues are past due - please get them in, Phyllis ask that they be sent to her first. Phyllis will check on the 2008-09 stickers.

Motion by Christy Lampa, 2nd by Jackie Rench to adjourn. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec Dist 1 & 2*

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



*Pam Gerdowsky
District 19 chairman*

Hi everyone, Had our state meeting August 2, 2008 and had a nice time despite the water damage to parts of the hotel.

District 19 had to cancel their August meeting due to Pam Scheele's mother's passing. We were sorry to hear about that.

The Batesville Fire Auxiliary worked at the Fire Festival August 9th and Pat Wilmoth from Firefighters' Credit Union also attended and gave away some very nice prizes. A nice time was had by all.

I also went to Blooming Grove Festival. It was very nice, too.

We are trying to get ready for the November Miss Flame contest. I hope we will have some young ladies willing to run. It is a very nice experience for the girls and they represent our departments so well.

I will attend the state meeting in November.

Have a good day, ladies, and keep on supporting your men and departments.

*God Bless,
Pam Gerdowsky
District 19*

IVFAA Vice President Beth Caudill



2008 Raffle Winners

Winners of the IVFAA Raffle were: Judy Smith, District 4 - The Fireman's Axe; Marilyn Dever, District 6 - \$200.00; Bob Uryga, District 3 - Queen Size Quilt and Jeanette Mattern, District 5 - \$100.00

I would like to thank everyone that bought a ticket for the IVFAA raffle at convention.

Thanks to all those that sat at the booth and helped with selling the tickets and especially the Miss Flame contestants for helping with the sales of our tickets, before and during convention.

District chairmen, I haven't forgotten you ... thanks for selling all the tickets and helping out.

Everyone helped make our raffle very successful and hopefully it will be just as big in 2009.

See you all at Indy in 2009.

*Beth Caudill,
Vice President IVFAA*

District 18 25 year pin presentation held at July meeting



At the July meeting of District 18, district chairman John C. "Bull" Smith presented the IVFA 25 year membership pin to Terry DeKemper (right) of the Celestine Volunteer Fire Department.

DeKemper has served his department as chief from 1996 until 2001. He has served as a member of the department's Board of Directors and currently serves as his department's secretary. - submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

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I just now picked up on our games and we discussed this at different time at different meetings but not really when we're here together with our -- with our delegation. And you know we used to have, I guess we were younger then, but we had a lot of fun playing water ball and the hose placements and what have you. And then we've lost sight of that.

However, constantly throughout the year I'm invited to your water ball exercises and things that you do on the local basis, and I think that's something traditional that we're going to lose sight of. And I would like to see the organization get back and become interested in that again if we can. And I'm, seeing some younger faces sitting out there before us now that we didn't have in the past. So that's something to think about but it's got to be done back at your home stations in your local areas and then bring it here for the big hurrah. So let's -- let's see if we can't get that started again.

Would you like to come up, Carol, and talk about what you've accomplished so far for Convention '09?

Mr. Carol Thrawley: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. Carol Thrawley: We hope you've all had a good time down here at Belterra. Steve, thanks for putting on a good show down here. Appreciate it. The convention next year will be at Indianapolis. It will be at the Holiday Inn Water Park at Michigan Road and 465 or 421 and 465 for you guys that like to go by highway numbers. It will be June 17th, 18th and 19th leaving on Saturday the 20th. We've got room rates at ninety-five dollars or ninety-four dollars including tax. It won't hurt your pocketbooks too bad. It's right there in central Indiana so

you're going to be able to get to us pretty easy. All roads lead to Indianapolis from Indiana, thus the crossroads of Indiana. You will be splashing into the Indiana Water Park.

We've got some committee members here today that if you guys have questions or desire to talk to them, Bill Pape, if you would please? I know everybody else knows you but once again Bill Pape is our vendor chairman. He's been around this weekend visiting with the vendors. If you guys have some vendors that would like to come to the convention come see Bill. He will get you a vendor package, get you all that information. I have Marlene Thrawley back there and Martha Beal, they're taking care of registration and Martha is my treasurer. Appreciate their help. Scott Harris, wherever Scott's at. Scott has been working with me to try to get this thing put together. And a couple of other people aren't here today and we'll be introducing them as we go.

We're going to have a good time. It's going to be a good time. We intend to do some different things. We'll just let you know now that we will have a vehicle extraction class on a Thursday. It will be a room class. And on Friday we'll have a hands-on after the General Session is over with and we're finishing with our booking. So if you're coming there will be provisions made in the newspaper for you to sign up for the extraction part of this convention.

We're going to have a gentleman in to talk about the hybrid cars and regular cars and we'll go out into the parking lot and have fun and deal with it. We're going to have Amber tools, Sumatra tools and Hurst tools so whatever your department is used to working with those are the three

primary ones in the state. We'll have them out there available for you so be prepared. Make room in your car. Bring either your turn out gear or whatever your department uses for extraction. That will be a primary and very specific need. You must have your turn out gear or your extraction gear or you will not participate with the hands on. We will not be furnishing you anything so be aware of that.

Otherwise we're going to have a good time. We're going to do registration. I've been told that after this session is over we'll start registration this afternoon, pre-registration for the convention starting one hour after dismissal of this General Session. That gives us time to get something to eat and get set up. We'll be out here in the hallway so if you all want to get pre-registered that's great. We've got some door prizes and things to pass out this evening to those early registrants so come on down and let's get signed up.

In the meantime don't forget you're going to come splashing into Indy in 2009.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thanks, Carol. For the award system things this evening and other things that's going to happen vice president Elick, do you want to bring them up to snuff here?

Mr. David Elick: Sure. As chairman of the Awards Committee there are two awards I really don't have a lot of control over. One being the Lois Boaz Award and I would like to congratulate Marie Emery on receiving that award last evening. If you see her around make sure that you congratulate her.

The other award I don't have a lot of control over is the Mr. IVFA Committee. Those guys are kind of a self-contained unit and take care of business on their own. The only

thing I need from them is do they have a winner, yes or no? And every year they end up having had one. This year's Mr. IVFA, Jack Harker. If you see Mr. Harker out and about please congratulate him also.

Tonight at the banquet we will be presenting the Angel Award, the Ollie Sandberg Award and every district this year has a Global Award winner and I would like to thank the Global Emergency Products for sponsoring again this year. This year it is a new award. In years past it has been a plaque. This year I can honestly stand here and say that I have no clue of what these awards look like. I was told by Global Emergency Products that they had redesigned it, they had revamped it, and it is going to be a totally new appearance. So with that all the awards are set and ready to go. Thank you.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thank you. We're moving along quite rapidly but it was brought to my attention that we need a short break, be back in here in about 10 minutes.

(Short break).

Mr. Larry Ketchem: If you haven't noticed a former colleague here just stepped in the room. Roger Johnson slipped into that back door back there. And John Buckman come up to me and said that he would like to have a few minutes at the mike so I'm going to turn this over to John.

Mr. John Buckman: Stay right here, sir. You have to stay right here.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Just like this?

Mr. John Buckman: No, right here. Come right back. If we could get the Ketchem family to come in also.

I asked the president for a point of personal privilege so we could come in and talk a little about your president and present him with an award. We -- state of Indiana

appreciate the things that the IVFA does and we certainly appreciate the leadership that President Ketchem has provided. We also know that our former state fire marshal, Roger Johnson, now works very hard for Mitch Daniels and worked very hard for Governor Daniels while he was the state fire marshal and he has a special presentation for President Ketchem. Roger.

(Applause)

Mr. Roger Johnson: Well, my friends, it's good to see everybody again. Mr. President, it's a great honor and a high privilege for me to present this to you. On behalf of the people of the state of Indiana with specific instructions from the Governor of the state I've been asked to be a messenger today. I like carrying the mail. I like being a messenger.

The State of Indiana Council of the Sagamore of the Wabash Know All Men By These Presents, Whereas, the greatness of the Sons of Indiana derived in part and qualities possessed by the Noble Chieftain of the Indian tribes which once roamed in domain, and whereas, it has been immemorial custom of the state of Indiana to attract and to support those who exhibited such qualities and whereas they have endeared themselves to the citizens of Indiana, one Larry Ketchem, distinguished by his humanity in living, his loyalty in friendship, his wisdom in counseling and inspiration in leadership now therefore recognizing his greatness and desiring to avail myself of his counsel, I do appoint him a Chieftain upon my staff with the rank and title Sagamore of the Wabash this date Governor Mitch Daniels, Jr., State of Indiana.

Mr. Roger Johnson: I will now turn it back to the president. Thank you my brothers and sisters. It's a great honor to see you. I'll be around the rest of the day. Thank you again.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: I'm going to

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have to let Dave step up here for a little bit, I think. I -- it's an honor, it's a pleasure and it couldn't have happened if it hadn't been for working with anyone else but you people out there. I thank you and I appreciate everything you've done. Thank you.

Mr. David Elick: Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. Larry Ketchum: Thank you.

Mr. David Elick: Congratulations Mr. President. At this time I would call on the Election Committee and past president Jack Zeeks. If you would come forward and lead us in our election of officers?

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Good morning, everybody.

Audience: Good morning.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: The Nominating Committee has presented a slate of officers for 2008-2009. We had a little turmoil and we got that covered yesterday so we're going to proceed. A little reminder, Bill Bush, where are you at?

Mr. Bill Bush: I'm here.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: When we start voting if we have to have a ballot vote you cannot leave this room, you cannot re-enter this room until the voting is over. Reminder if you slip out you don't get back in.

For the office of president the nominating committee presents: vice president Dave Elick and 17B chairman, Tim Deckard. Is there any other nominating from the floor? Is there any other nominating from the floor? Last and final call. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Nominations closed.

Dave would you like to say anything?

Mr. David Elick: Sure.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Tim come on forward if you want to say anything.

Mr. David Elick: Ladies and gentlemen, two years ago I was elected to the position of vice president of the IVFA. Since that time I have not been able to be successful at this job by myself. I have had lots of good help from the current officers, from the past president and past officers, and I have had a lot of support from my home department.

I became a volunteer in 1980 with the Angola Fire Department. And when I first joined the fire service if you would have told me today I would be standing here before you as your potential president I would have said you were crazy. I would never have guessed this in my wildest dreams.

My third day as your vice president I had to preside over a line of duty death while Larry was in the

hospital experiencing heart surgery. Again I was not able to represent the IVFA and have this organization look well in that endeavor by myself. I have done whatever it has taken to make the IVFA look good in the eyes of the fire service and in the eyes of the public as I have represented you as vice president.

I would like to continue that as president of this organization. I appreciate your support in the past and I look forward to your continued support as president of the IVFA. Thank you.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Chairman Deckard?

Mr. Tim Deckard: Good morning. First of all I want to thank my district, District 17B, most of all the Lawrence County firefighters that are represented through all of my reign as district chairman out of my district of the Lawrence County and Firefighters Association. All of Lawrence County have really supported me and mine. I want to thank you guys for your support as a district and getting our district built back up over the last couple of years.

I have been in the fire service since 1984 and I'm current chief of the Van Buren Township Fire Department in my own county and I would be glad to serve you as your president of this organization. It's a great organization and great members and again thank you for your support.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Thanks both Dave and Tim. A reminder. If you're going to address this body you'll have to come to the mic, state your name and your district. You will not be recognized if you do not.

As soon as Bartlow gives me the okay then we'll vote. They're going to have to get in a hurry over here because I just told them they've got me on a timer.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Okay. Bill Bush secure the door. Nobody comes in and nobody goes out.

District chairmen poll your districts. A little reminder, district chairmen. When you bring your ballots it has to be signed by somebody besides you to attest to the count you have on your ballot. So don't bring it up here if it isn't dually signed because you're going to get it back.

(VOTING)

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Could I have your attention, please?

The results are in. Your president for 2008-2009, Tim Deckard.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: As we move along, vice president. It was determined yesterday that the candidate that was listed was in fact ineligible to run for office so at this time I will accept nominations from the floor.

District 14. I nominate Dave Elick.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Is there any other nominations from the floor?

Mr. Randy Denton: Randy Denton, District 9B. Buz Koehler.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Is there any other nominations from the floor?

Mr. Max Harrah: Max Harrah, Honey Creek. I nominate Diane Harrison.

Mr. Jim Bradford: What's your name?

Mr. Max Harrah: Honey Creek nominated Diane Harrison, Coalmont, for vice president. Thank you all.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Max Harrah nominated Diane Harrison.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final time. Is there any other nominations from the floor?

District chairmen bring your ballots.

Mr. Bill Bush: Lock the door.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: As they're spreading the ballots would you guys like to speak? Buz? Diane? Dave?

Mr. David Elick: Sure.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Thank you. Buz?

Mr. Buz Koehler: Good morning. Most of you know me but for those of you that don't, my name is Buz Koehler. I've served as district chairman, PR director, vice president, president, chairman of the board and I'm still active in your Association. I work from here. This is where I work from. Everything I do in this Association and have done is from here for the firefighters for the state of Indiana.

And I would appreciate your vote to be your next vice president and I will offer my services, my help and my hard work to make that president and this Association move forward in the years to come. Thank you.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Diane?

Ms. Diane Harrison: Hi everyone. I'm Diane Harrison. I'm with the Lewis Township Fire Department. I've been a firefighter, it will be twenty-nine years this September and I've been with the IVFA that long, also.

I would like the opportunity to serve you folks as vice president. I think Tim Deckard and I could work hand in hand and get -- make this great Association be even greater and there's a lot of opportunities and things that can be done to make it very strong.

I thank you for your support.

Mr. David Elick: Tim, congratulations. I currently serve as your vice president. I had the opportunity this spring to spend a day on Capitol Hill with president-elect Deckard and we got a lot of good things accomplished for the

serving as your current vice president and I would appreciate your support to continue that effort.

Thank you.

(VOTING)

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Could I have your attention, please? Your vice president for 2008-2009, Buz Koehler.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: The nominating committee presents the name of Larry Bartlow for secretary. Is there any other nominations from the floor?

Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call. Is there any other nominations from the floor?

Where's the president at?

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Mr. Vice President, would you take care of the president's job?

Mr. David Elick: I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow for secretary.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: On the office of treasurer, the nominating committee presents the name of Bev Harker. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Mr. Bartlow.

Mr. Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Bev Harker, treasurer.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: For chaplain for 2008-2009 the nominating committee presents you Mel Camp, Ed Gerdowsky and Marion Pastore. Gentlemen, would you come forward and address the body?

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Gentlemen, you can proceed.

Mr. Mel Camp: My name is Mel Camp. I serve the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, part of 17A. I've been an associate chaplain since the associate chaplain program started. I have eleven years experience as a chaplain in a fire department. And it would be an honor and a privilege to serve you as your state chaplain.

Mr. Marion Pastore: My name is Marion Pastore. I'm endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention as a fire chaplain. Also, I stand by the word of God. Thank you.

Mr. Ed Gerdowsky: My name is Ski Gerdowsky, Ed Gerdowsky. I've been a member of the Batesville Fire Department for over thirty-five years. I've been their chaplain for about fifteen, district chaplain and associate chaplain since they started. And I would consider it an honor to be your state chaplain.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Mr. Bush, secure the doors.

Mr. Bill Bush: Secure the doors.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: District chairmen, spread your ballots. Jerry would you like to say something?

Mr. Jerry Cohen: Mr. Chairman, Jerry Cohen, District 3, your present chaplain. I recommend Ed Gerdowsky to be your chaplain.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: May I have your attention, please? Your chaplain for 2008-2009, Ed Gerdowsky.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: For Sergeant-at-Arms, the nominating committee presents the name of Bill Bush.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final time. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Larry Bartlow: As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: For PR Northwest, the nominating committee presents the name of Jim Bradford.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final time. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Larry Bartlow: As secretary I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Bradford, PR Northwest.

Mr. Jim Bradford: Thank you.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: For PR Northeast the nominating committee presents the name of Mort Sorg. Is there any other nominations from the floor?

Mr. Tony Farrer: Tony Farrer, Bremen Fire Department, District 5 chairman. At this time I would like to nominate Jean Smith as PR Northeast.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call. Is there any other nominations from the floor?

Mort, would you and Jean like to say anything?

Mr. Mort Sorg: I've already said it in the last fifty-five years.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Jean?

Mr. Jean Smith: Jean Smith, Poe Fire Department. I've been a member of the Poe Fire Department since 1968. I've belonged to the IVFA for 40 years. I have served as your PR Northeast in the past and I would appreciate to have the opportunity again. Thank you.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Districts 4, 5, 6, 7, poll your ballots.

The nominating committee presents the name PR West Central, Diane Harrison. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call for PR West Central. Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Larry Bartlow: As secretary I cast one unanimous vote for Diane Harrison for PR West Central.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: The nominating committee presents for PR Southwest

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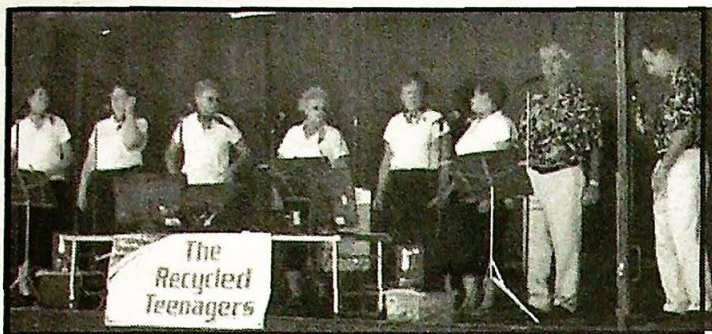
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St. Anthony VFD Car Show and Fest proves to be a huge success



Beautiful weather and a large crowd contributed to a huge success according to St. Anthony VFD (Dubois Co. Dist. 18) Chief Scott Uebelhor.

The event that was held on Aug. 16 offered a large variety of events. The car and motorcycle show drew over 150 total entries. Those who

came did not have to leave hungry as over 1,700 of the "famous St. Anthony" chicken dinners were served, as well as a large selection of other foods and desserts.

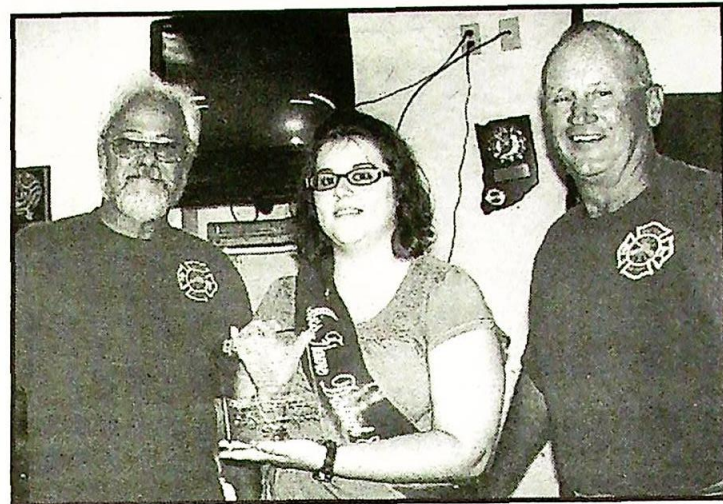
The fest, now in its 16th year, offered a new event, the "Corn Hole Tourney"! Don't call it a "bean bag toss" ... these guys and gals are

serious!! The winners of the event will go on to compete in the County Championship this fall. The harmonizing of the "Recycled Teenagers" provided musical entertainment early in the evening, while a teen dance was held nearby for the real teenagers. "Boogie Tunes" provided music for the grown-up's dance, well past this author's bedtime. Kids' games, and an outdoor beer garden were also parts of the event.

Chief Uebelhor said, "This is our Department's only fundraiser, our community knows that, and totally supports us." "The fact that so many people from all over come, just goes to show what a great time it really is!"

Article and Photo provided by John C. "Bull Smith Dist. 18 Chairman

Receives District 8B Global Award



Receiving the District 8B Global Award for 2008 was the Gaston Fire Department, Gaston, Indiana.

Presenting the award is Ashley Theurer, District 8B Miss Flame. Receiving the award are Mike Dobbs, assistant chief and Mike Delaney, chief. -submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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the name of Jim Abrams. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call. Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Larry Bartlow: As secretary I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Abrams, PR Southwest.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: For the year 2008 - 2009 the PR Northeast, Mort Sorg.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: For PR Southeast the nominating committee presents the name of Al Williamson. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Larry Bartlow: For PR Southeast I cast one unanimous vote for Al Williamson.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: For the final PR area the nominating committee presents the name of Scott Harris as PR East Central. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Any nominations from the floor? Any nominations?

Mr. Bill Pape: Bill Pape, District 8A. I wish to submit the name of Don Cushman for PR East Central.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call. Any other nominations from the floor? District 8A, 8B, 10, 13A, 13B.

(VOTING)

Mr. Jack Zeeks: May I have your attention, please? PR East Central 2008-2009, Don Cushman.

Mr. Jack Zeeks: Mr. President, the concludes the elections.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: I want to thank Jack and his committee for the work that he's done here this afternoon. I'm over my shock and I'm glad to be back up here at the podium. If everybody is happy after the election or if you would like to take a short break so that you can -

Audience: Get her done.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Carol Thrawley, have you got anything else that you'd like to say about your convention?

Mr. Carol Thrawley: Yes. Thanks, Larry. I've had a couple of conversations with a few people I didn't mention awhile ago. Pre-registration will be \$75. It will be \$85 at the convention. Included with the registration will be a minimum of four meals, so that's there plus your hospitality suite so you'll be good in that.

Mr. Bill Bush: What about the rooms?

Mr. Carol Thrawley: Room rates are \$95 or \$94, I'm sorry. Included with the room rates will be two water park passes a day. For you guys that don't partake of the water park, we ask that you throw, if you would please, throw your water park passes into a basket so that families that have more than two can share that fund. And go from there. If our pool, pardon the pun, water passes is extinguished or exhausted then it's going to be \$15 a pass for the day. So if you folks that don't use your water park passes, if you will throw them into the basket we will pass them out to families that need them; If there's groups of you that want to be close together let us know so that we can let the hotel give you a code so that when you call in make the reservations to the hotel you can tell them the code number and that will get you in that group of rooms. Like Green County, you guys run up what, 50 to 100 rooms. We've got you a code already set up for that. So if you are calling from Greene

County you would have your own code. If Ripley County wants to do something, tell me so that we can set Ripley County up and you guys can come in and be close together or whatever you want to do. Like Jack Kerney over there he brings a whole bunch up from Evansville. If he wants to be together we can do that. So let us know and we will get a code set up. The hotel is taking care of all reservations. They will be available one week from today to start booking the rooms. In the meantime you can get with me and we will go from there. If you need to get a hold of me about my e-mail and stuff, I'm back here in the corner, 13A's table. I'll give you a card with my e-mail address and you can get a hold of me. Come on up and have fun. This afternoon we will do the registration. We'll give you a chip with a number on it. This evening during the banquet we will pulling for some door prizes and things. One of the door prizes is a one night's free stay next year at Convention. So you know that's \$95 there that somebody has got an opportunity to not have to spend so come on up, have a good time with us. I don't think we're going to have any problems. Marlene's over there. So anyway this evening we will have some things to do after the convention. See you.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thanks, Carol.

Mr. David Israel: Yes.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: What I'm going to do is turn this over to David Israel. David is our convention chairman as you all know and does all the leg work for us and keeps us out of trouble, so Dave, the microphone is yours.

Mr. David Israel: Thank you, Larry. I would like to take the time to thank Steve Macke and his crew for a good turnout, a good convention. Their theme was almost right. It was last week in our area anyway. You would have been paddling down the river. So Steve, you guys done a good job. As far as Carol, if you guys are thinking about a raffle, the Gaming License, we had a little trouble with that but these guys will take care of you. If you guys decide to do a raffle give us a heads up pretty quick. It was a learning curve for me but I've got it figured out I believe now. We've got a nice contact up there at the Gaming Commission and he'll walk us through it and it's a lot easier. We're going to be voting on 2010 today. We have two vendors wanting to bid for that. I'll tell you Clarksville and Terre Haute were the two places that we're looking at. And we're going to start with District 11A and 11B which is Bob Meyers and Diane Harrison's group out there. So Bob if your person is ready if you want to introduce them and we will start with the presentation from the Terre Haute group.

Mr. Bob Meyers: How many of you were at Terre Haute in '98? Had a good time? We'd like to hose the 2010 convention and today we have the executive director of the Terre Haute Convention Bureau, Mr. Dave Patterson.

Mr. Dave Patterson: Thank you, Bob. My name is Dave Patterson as Bob has said from Terre Haute on behalf of the city of Terre Haute and Districts 11A and 11B. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to bid for the 2010 State Convention. IN the past 12 months our community has opened two new hotels, the Springhill Suites which

is located just 300 feet behind what would be the headquarters of Holiday Inn, also the Hilton Garden Inn, which is in the middle of downtown. Across from the Hilton Garden Inn will be a wonderful new Children's Museum so the kids are going to have a good experience. Last, but not least, I should say we had the eighth Saint in U.S. history anointed out at St. Mary's and that makes for really wonderful inspiring tour. There will be some things we'll elude to but essentially our community can offer a central location to ease the travel expense. The room rate the Holiday Inn is going to be \$98. A full slate of rates for all hotels involved, all 19, would be available should we secure the bid. The restaurants, museums and entertainment all will be available to you. We've got a great slate planned. We're going to kind of keep that under wraps for now. I think Bill Bush will tell you some of the other incentives we have planned. The educational seminars will take place at a high school auditorium just adjacent to Holiday Inn. It's within walking distance if you wish, but for all venues, air conditioned motor coaches with handicapped accessibility from Turner Motor Coach will be provided. The banquet will probably be at Holman Center in downtown so there won't be any need for you guys to search around and find all these different venues. We'll make it easy and comfortable for you. As a final incentive, each paid registrant will receive a \$5 gas card from our local 500 Express Gas Stations. So as you can see we're affordable, we're centrally located, and we're really eager to host this Conference again. I've been in this position for 13 years and this was one of the first big events that I had a part of bidding on and so it's kind of near and dear to my heart. You guys do wonderful things around the state and at least in Terre Haute this will be our way to thank you by putting on a great conference. I'll introduce a young man I think most of you will know, Bill Bush. Thank you.

Mr. Bill Bush: I always did want to get up here and talk. When we were in Terre Haute in 1986 I thought it was great. And when we went in 1998 I thought it was greater. We are about 10 years older than what we were then. But we would hope that you would accept our bid to come to Terre Haute because our facilities now are much greater than what they were then. When he commented on eating, back in 1986 a survey was taken. We had like 127 eating facilities. Gosh, I think there's 200 and something now. It doesn't make any difference what you want. Also the city bus service just got a new terminal built. All you've got to do is holler. They'll stop and pick you up. The last time we were in Terre Haute do you remember the fireworks we held at the fairgrounds? A gentleman said to me if you get the bid for Terre Haute we will put on a display of fireworks for you at no cost as long as we have a complete page of advertising. The facility that he talked on the Turner buses he said to me that a lady said we're not going to have school buses again are we? He said nope. Well, if you remember anything about Terre Haute when we went to the Memorial Service here come the big Turner buses. He's got a fleet of school buses. He's got all the contracts in the Riverton Park School Corporation. I asked if those would be available and he said just

call me. So I think what we've got to offer and it's going to be a job that we can do. I have no idea what we will be raffling off. But if we do get it remember back in 1986 we gave away a new pickup truck. In 1998 we gave back - we gave away a little - a big little red truck. It's hard to tell what we'll do this time but I'm sure the people that are working on this if we get it will be the tops. Because in 1998 it was great so ah we were great in '98 so let's do it again in 2010 and it'll be as great then. If you have any questions you can call Bob Meyers. Thank you.

Mr. David Israel: Thanks for your presentation. Next up we have Districts 14 and 16 in Clarksville, Charlie Moon and Paul Holcomb.

Mr. Charlie Moon: Good afternoon. Again this year Clarksville is wanting to take the opportunity to bid for the 2010 convention. We brought Debbie Gillian with the Holiday Inn Lakeview with us to talk about the hotel. A majority of you guys have made it to Clarksville before. You know what we have to offer, you know what the hotel has to offer. Again we have the Belle of Louisville that wants to work with us and take another river trip. Of course our hospitality room consists of beer, wine and whiskey. Everything that you've seen in the past, we're going to have plus add a little bit more to it. I'm going to ask Debbie to come up to speak on the Holiday Inn and some of the attractions right around it.

Ms. Debbie Gillian: Thank you, Charlie. Hello everybody. A pleasure to be here. I'm Debbie Gillian with the Holiday Inn in Clarksville, Indiana and I'm pleased to be here today. I'm recognizing some old faces that I've seen in the past and some new ones and it looks like you're all coming onboard. We would like to have you down at Clarksville, Indiana once again. We've had the opportunity to host your convention in the past. Just to give a rundown to some of those that might not be familiar with our area and our facility, we're a 356 room hotel. We have the ample space to take care of your hospitality needs, your meetings as well as your dances and your fun activities. We have an indoor pool, an outdoor pool and also we have our Atlantis Water Park that is also on the property. We're located just across the highway and across from the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky so there's many attractions if you're wanting to do something that - of interest outside of our area. We also have a great deal in our area as far as if you're looking for historical values. Also we have our museums, we have lots of dining and we have grown since you were there last some with new shopping centers and a lot of different areas that if you want to venture outside of the hotel as well as when you're outside of your convention time. So if you're looking for something to do activity-wise we have a lot for you to do there. And we have ample facilities for you to maintain what you do in your convention at our hotel. As Charlie had mentioned we do partner a great deal with a lot of the attractions, namely Belle of Louisville and right next door to us Derby Dinner Playhouse, not to mention also the Falls of the Ohio which they have the Interpretive Center. And then if you want to do something just on the Indiana side we also have the Star Cruises. So

there's many things for you to do. Museums too numerous to mention and giving you a wide variety of things that you can do as far as Slugger Museum, we have the new Frazier Museum and also the Muhammad Ali. So there's lots of activities and lots of things for you to do but I know your focus is mainly on Convention So we want you to know that we are willing to step up to the plate. We want to be there to give you the fine service that we know that you're looking for and we want to offer that facility to you and I hope that you will select us for 2010.

Ms. Debbie Gillian: Paul.

Mr. Paul Holcomb: Thank you. My name is Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman. I would like to take just a few more moments to give you a view of our highlights. I would like to say it's been numerous, numerous years since District 16 has been given the opportunity to host the convention. We would very much like to help District 14 to do so. We are looking at a lot of different things to make the convention better, upgrade on the banquet from previous years as we've stated in our past bids. Charlie has worked very hard on numerous Ms. Flame events for the young ladies that do come and represent the districts.

Audience Member: Room rates?

Mr. Paul Holcomb: Room rates. Room rates will be \$82.95.

Audience Member: Tax included?

Mr. Paul Holcomb: Plus tax.

Mr. Jim Bradford: How much tax?

Mr. Paul Holcomb: Seven percent.

Audience Member: Paul, how much did you say?

Mr. Paul Holcomb: \$82.95. And I would just like to thank you in advance. We appreciate your support and District 16 is really eager and would really like the chance to host the convention. Thank you all.

Mr. David Israel: We would like to thank the districts for the proposals they've put forth today. And Jim, you have something before we do vote.

Mr. Jim Parker: Question for both presenters. I don't know whether they're into it deep enough yet to have determined the registration fee yet or not. I would like to ask that question.

Mr. Charlie Moon: No. Clarksville has kicked it around a little bit depending on which way we go but we are looking at the typical \$50 for early registrations and \$60 for late fees.

Mr. Jim Parker: Terre Haute?

Mr. Bill Bush: I'll tell you what we'll do, Dave. We have \$98 rooms but we can match that \$50 registration.

Mr. David Israel: Any other questions for those two groups? If not, districts need to poll your districts to vote on either Clarksville or Terre Haute in 2010.

(VOTING)

Audience Member: Get on up there, Steve, and make that announcement.

Mr. David Israel: If we could do this a little quieter Steve has something he'd to tell you.

Mr. Tom Sellmer: Can I have a minute on the floor, David?

Mr. David Israel: Yes.

Mr. Tom Sellmer: A few of you guys know me but I just want to make this announcement while they're doing the voting here. Now at New Albany Fire School this year we will be doing dance with the devil again for your younger firefighters and we do have a structure to burn.

Mr. Steve Macke: If anybody reserved a table for tonight, I believe they have the numbers ready so stop out there on your way and pick up your numbers. We will have the drawing for the raffle of the four

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wheeler at the banquet. The four wheeler, whoever wins that, has to go back to Sunman to On Target and the winner has to go through On Target and register that. Apparently you're going to have to just watch a video or something to get these now. He said it has to go back so it can be registered. So we will draw for the other prizes. I believe that Carol Thrawley, you've got other door prizes that we'll be giving those tickets out at the banquet tonight.

Mr. David Israel: Thanks, Steve. While they're counting the votes for where we're going, February 1, 2009 any districts looking to bid on the 2011 convention needs to be turned in.

(VOTING)

Mr. David Israel: I'll tell you where we're going in 2010. It looks like we're going to Terre Haute.

(APPLAUSE)

Mr. David Israel: Once again bids for 2011 February 1st. Thank you.

Mr. Bill Bush: Guys, we'll be looking for you. I promise we'll have a nice party.

Audience Member: Are you have beer mugs?

Mr. Bill Bush: Hey guys it's already in the making. At the back of the headquarters there's a small motel there that's got 32 rooms in it. And outside those rooms there will be a beer keg. It started out it would be in the room but it'll be outside now. I promise that will take effect.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Okay is there any other questions on the convention sites? The committees are officially released. Thank you for your help and everything. At this point in time do we have any other business that we need to cover or bring it up at this time? If not, I would ask the new elected chaplain if he would come forward. I would

entertain a motion at this time to release us after Ski gets done.

Mr. Richard Glant: Richard Glant, Bremen, make a motion we adjourn after the chaplain.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Motion has been made.

Mr. Mike Mackin: Mike Mackin, District 6, I second that.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: It's been seconded. So as soon as Ski gets done have a good evening.

Mr. Steve Macke: We've got the banquet that starts at 6:30, the doors will open at 6:00. After the banquet we will have a dance. Exit 156 is the name of the band and they were sponsored by Global so you can thank them for providing the entertainment for tonight along with the awards. The children's party, that will be in the hospitality room at 535 and will start at 6:30. You can take your children up there. We will have pizza for them and some games up there for them to play that goes to 9:00. If you've got any other questions I'll be out here in the hallway.

Mr. Larry Ketchem: Thank you. Chaplain?

Mr. Ed Gerdowsky: Let's bow our heads. Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless this group of firefighters here and their choices of elected officials. We also ask You to watch over our brothers and sisters that are back watching our home stations and extra guidance to the people who have been flooded out during the past rainy season we had. We ask this in Your Son's name, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Audience: Amen.
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Department receives new rescue truck



The Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department from Selma, IN received a new rescue truck.

Pictured (from left to right) with their new truck are Chad Stewart, Randy Ried, Miles Waters, Tyler Parks, Ryan Granger, Michael Durke, and Brian Buck. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Dwayne Tate Global Award winner



Pictured (from left) - IVFA PRNW Jim Bradford, District 1 Global Award winner Dwayne Tate and Global representative Mike Errico.

Dwayne is the assistant chief of the Washington Twp. Fire Department (Porter County) and has been instrumental in the formation and training of the "Specialty Rescue Team" and the "Incident Management Assistance Team" in Porter County.

Visclosky presented plaque



July 2008 - Liberty Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, Porter County, recently presented Representative Pete Visclosky with a plaque thanking him for his assistance in Liberty obtaining a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for \$69,825.00. Liberty Twp. used the grant money to purchase 35 sets of structural firefighting protective clothing and 35 sets of wild land firefighting gear.

Representative Visclosky recently attended a training session with eight local departments participating, to observe Liberty's new gear. The Liberty firefighters would also like to thank Phyllis Allison, wife of Lt. Marv Allison for her assistance in writing the grant application. Mrs. Allison was on hand to present the plaque to Rep. Visclosky.

Pictured with several of the local firefighters are Liberty Twp. Safety Officer, Shannan Duncan; Fire Chief Bill Branham; Rep. Pete Visclosky, Phyllis Allison and Asst. Chief Brian Duncan.

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Huntingburg Herbstfest waterball winners



On Saturday, September 27, the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) hosted a waterball contest in conjunction with the Huntingburg Herbstfest.

As a result of the competition, District 18 Miss Flame Courtney Gentry (pictured left) and Herbstfest Queen Emily Bartlet (pictured right), awarded the following teams their trophies.

First place Holland VFD, second place Huntingburg VFD and third place Ferdinand VFD. - Photos and article provided by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

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Both fixed and portable devices require careful attention

Space heaters are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February - but such disasters can be prevented with a few simple precautions.

Two out of every three home fires associated with heating equipment involve devices other than central furnaces or water heaters, according to the latest statistics from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). When used improperly, space heaters-gas-fueled, kerosene-fueled or electric, fixed or portable, wood stoves and fireplaces can all lead to fires.

Portable kerosene heaters, which are illegal in some states, have the highest rate of fire deaths per household. Room gas heaters pose a similar risk of death from unvented carbon monoxide.

In 1998, all forms of home heating caused 49,200 reported fires, 388 deaths, 1,445 injuries, and \$515 million in property damage. Typically these fires occurred because the devices weren't cleaned regularly, were placed or installed too close to combustible materials, had basic flaws in construction or design, or were improperly fueled.

"As winter approaches, we want to get the message out that space-heating devices require special care to be used safely," said Meri-K Appy, NFPA's vice president for public education. "Simple steps can prevent a tragedy in your home."

NFPA recommends these safety measures:

- When buying a new unit, make sure it carries the mark of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory. Be sure that a qualified technician installs the unit or checks that the unit has been installed properly.
- If you use a wood or coal stove or a fireplace, have a professional inspect your chimney, chimney connector and other related equipment every year, and have it cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet (or one meter) from anything that can burn.
- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline. Use only if such heaters are legal in your community.
- When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying heaters, choose devices with automatic shutoff features.
- Make sure any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated. Unvented gas space heaters in bedrooms or bathrooms must be small and well-mounted. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.

Boston - New Deliveries



Boston Off-Road Rescue Truck

Boston Fire Department in Boston, IN, took delivery of their new 2008 Ford F350 crew cab 4x4 diesel automatic off-road rescue truck built by Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc.

Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc. used an RKI Service Body and enclosed the top. They also installed a roll out tray to be rolled out from the rear. Other options Wildfire installed were LED emergency lighting, extendable pole scene lights, and a custom built rear air pack seat to hold three air packs. This conversion was finished with 33"x12.50" BF Goodrich All Terrain tires.

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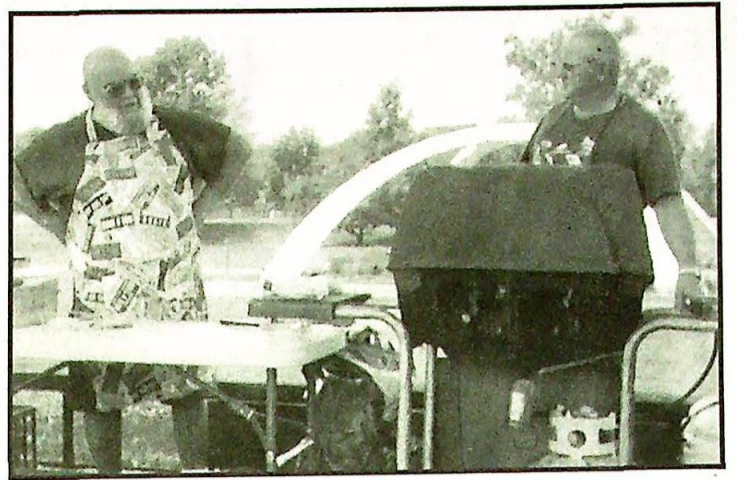
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Happy Holidays to one and all!

Mr. IVFA celebrates with family



Jack Harker is shown celebrating his Mr. IVFA Award with his family. (Left to right) – granddaughters Morgan Harker, Courtney Harker, daughter Jackie Stiles, Jack Harker and son Troy Harker. – submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.



Chefs for district picnic

Chefs for the District 11-A picnic were Larry Dunford and Dave Phelps. – submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.



Kellie Landers chosen as Angel Award winner

IN THE PHOTO AT LEFT – West Central PR Diane Harrison (right) is shown with Angel Award winner Kellie Landers (left). – submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.









Harrison receives Global Award

In the above photo – Diane Harrison is the recipient of the District 11-A Globe Award.

– submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

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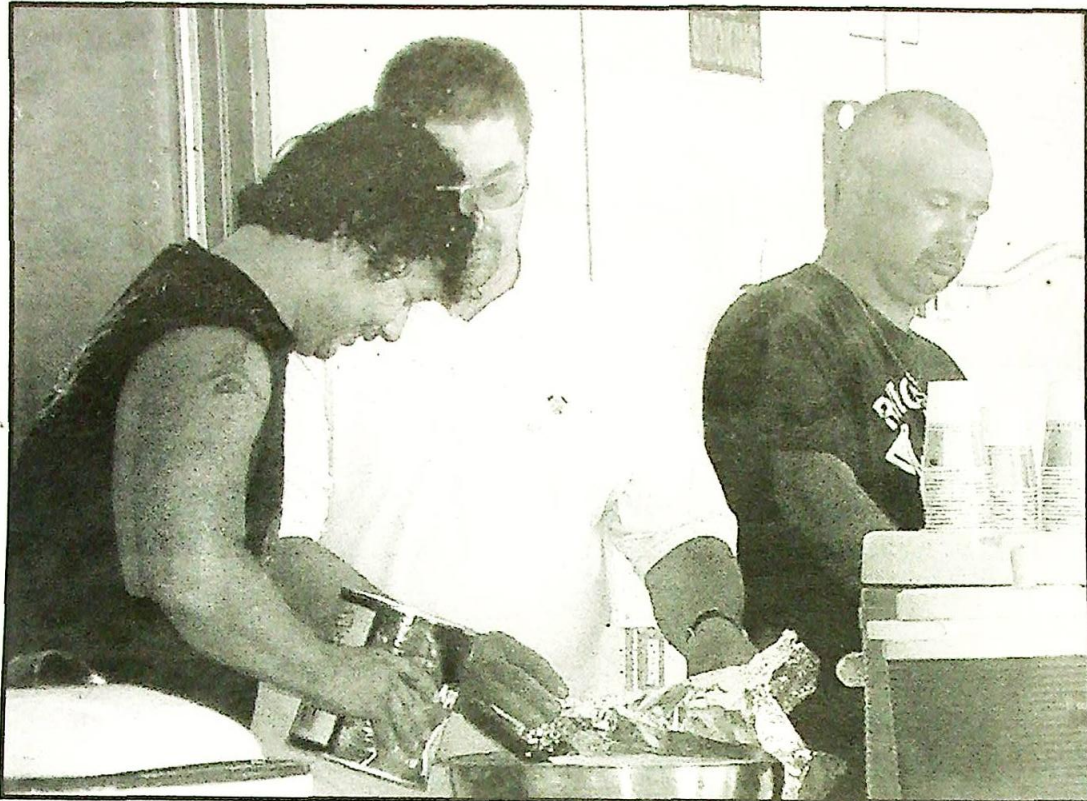
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Ridgeville VFD holds August chicken and noodle supper



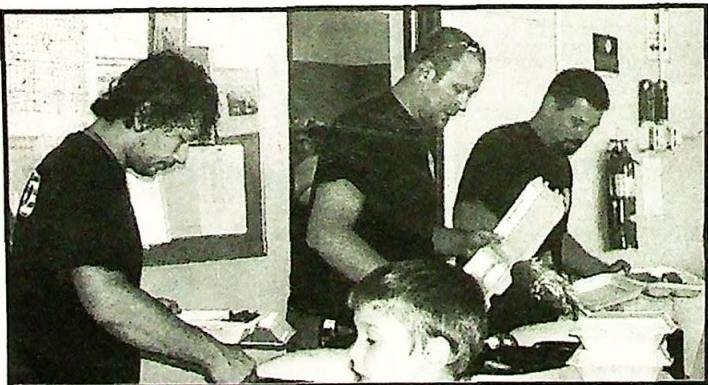
The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and noodle supper on August 16, 2008. Pictured doing the serving are Mike Frantz, Gary Barnett, and Tony Dalrymple. Mike, just make sure you pour it in the bowl and not on the table!!! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman



Shown here at left at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department's chicken and noodle supper are Kyle Lolen and Tom Norton.

Kyle must be thinking "did I give the lady the right thing?" - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Ridgeville VFD hosts fish and chicken fry



The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department recently held a fish and chicken fry at their station.

Serving the food from (left to right) are Mike Frantz, Stacy Chalfant and Tom Friend.

Hey guys, make sure you put enough food in those containers! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

FACTS ABOUT INDIANA...

A Buzz Bomb (German - WWII), believed to be the only one on public display in the nation, can be found on the Putnam County Courthouse lawn in Greencastle, Indiana.

Roberta Turpin Willett was born in Indiana.

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Due to space limitations not all news articles and photos were able to be published in this issue. Look for them in the February paper.

NOTICE TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

A REMINDER TO ANY DEPT. BUILDING OR THINKING OF BUILDING A NEW STATION

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

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

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