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Seven survive downtown Bluffton pre-dawn blaze

Aroused just in time by smoke detectors, seven upstairs apartment dwellers survived a fiery downtown Bluffton blaze in this morning's pre-dawn period. Although two required hospital treatment only one had to be rescued.

A 4:01 a.m. report of a "working fire" above the store levels in the three-story historic 1890 John Studabaker building at 112 North Main Street brought city fire units scurrying to the scene.

Residents were already threading their way out via a fire escape.

William Franks, who lives on the building's second floor, just above the Country-Western Roundup Store, said the fire started in his apartment from a short in a cooling fan.

Although he had no phone, he indicated that he had gotten the word across to the Cowboy Restaurant for a call to the fire department.

Initially, however, Franks started knocking on doors of others routing them out of the building. He said he had been awakened by his smoke detector and saw that the fan was a ball of fire.

A number of smoke detectors were heard going off as firemen came onto the scene.

It was believed initially that all the residents - reportedly seven persons in the eight upstairs apartment units - were out and safe. There was some confusion as the residents scattered around the general downtown scene as firefighters were busy going into action against the blaze, and police were warding off traffic.

However, while fire units were concentrating powerful blasts of water attempting to knock down the flames streaming out of the Franks front window on Main Street, other firefighters with air packs began making their way into the building above Marie's Gift Shop using the same fire escape that a number of residents had

used to escape.

At 4:20 p.m., more than 15 minutes after the units' arrival on the scene, the call came that a "victim" had been found inside.

Fireman Ryan Crismore said he found Carl Bailey gasping for air while leaning out of a window facing the building's interior courtyard. The firemen carried Bailey to the fire escape and down it, as an ambulance on the scene was brought up close.

Bailey was stretched out on the street at the Main-Perry intersection and given attention by an EMS attendant.

He appeared to be suffering from smoke inhalation but initial signs indicated that his condition was not serious. The ambulance returned to the fire scene after transporting Bailey to Community Hospital.

By then, at 4:40 a.m., it had been learned that one of the residents, identified as Junior Bennett, had sustained burns on the forehead and face while trying to help some of the others from the building.

Bennett also was dispatched by ambulance to Community Hospital for treatment.

One of the residents stood for awhile on a landing of the fire escape before coming down.

Meanwhile, as flames bounced back from earlier blasts of water igniting the window opening, loud clanging noises were heard coming from the building. The noises were believed to be caused by the collapse of a false ceiling.

Firefighters kept up the powerful water barrage. They were especially determined to keep flames from raging up into the third floor because the former Ludwig shop there had oiled floors which could burn with extra fury.

Although the fire did penetrate the second story ceiling, only smoke made it into the upper story.

There were no flames in the two stores below, although both Country-Western and Marie's



Fire escape route - A Bluffton firefighter carries the smoke-dazed Carl Bailey down the fire escape along the Perry Street side of Marie's Gifts after the firemen with air packs found Bailey gasping for air at an interior courtyard window of the smoke-filled, fire-engulfed downtown building. The rescue occurred over 15 minutes after the arrival of firemen, who did not know that someone was still in the building but searched the interior anyway. Bailey, who was suffering from smoke inhalation, was taken by ambulance to Community Hospital. Bluffton News-Banner Photo

Gifts had considerable smoke, and the Country-Western had water damages too.

Using their powerful new pumper and the aerial truck extensively, firemen put thousands of gallons of water onto the blaze.

Chief Gary Markley noted that there were real concerns about the fire getting away and becoming a much broader downtown blaze. He cited the protection of the third floor with the aerial unit as a key factor in curbing expansion of the fire.

The building is owned by Herman Fiechter.

Fire officials made a preliminary estimate of losses at \$30,000, including \$25,000 to the building and \$5,000 to contents.

However, the ultimate toll is dependent upon the losses suffered by the stores due to smoke and water and could be much higher.

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Plummer directed operations. He rotated teams with air packs and required that the men work in pairs inside the smoke-filled upper building.

Police Chief Robert Frantz came to the scene to assist regular

shift lawmen under Sgt. Steve Kammer as police cordoned off that area of the downtown and diverted traffic.

Fire officials reported later that a fan recovered from the Franks apartment appeared to be shorted out as he had indicated.

Residents and authorities praised Fiechter for providing smoke detectors in all apartment units. In the period shortly before dawn today the devices may have saved several lives.

- by Jim Barbieri
Bluffton News-Banner
7/6/88

House designates November 12 as "National Firefighter's Day"

WASHINGTON - On October 21, 1988, the House recognized the dedication and professionalism of the American fire service by designating November 12 as "National Firefighter's Day." Congressman Curt Weldon, who sponsored the measure, asked his colleagues to support him in an expression of gratitude to America's firefighters that was "long overdue."

"The fire service's record of professionalism has been unwavering throughout our history,

but we have often been slow to express our appreciation for everything they do. It has become something that we all take for granted, and that has to change," Weldon said.

Congress also passed H.J.Res. 604, designating February 5-11, 1989, as "National Burn Awareness Week," in order to focus public attention on the problem of burn injuries in the U.S. The U.S. has the highest incidence of burn injuries of any industrialized country.

Commercial driver's license not required by DOT

The September 20 decision by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to grant waivers to firefighters from provisions of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 marks an important victory for volunteer fire departments, according to E. James Monihan, chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC).

NVFC, with the support of volunteer fire departments across the country, led the campaign to obtain the waiver. DOT's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) received nearly 900 comments from NVFC, fire departments and other organizations supporting the waiver and pointing out the financial burden imposed, especially on volunteers, by re-

quirements under the Act.

Without the waiver, drivers of most fire apparatus would have been required to obtain a commercial driver's license. The new decision gives states authority to exempt operators of firefighting equipment from these requirements.

While Monihan applauded the DOT decision, he stressed that the NVFC will continue to pursue legislation, currently pending in the House Public Works Committee, to exempt firefighters from provisions of the Act.

"We know the legislation has little chance of passage this late in the current session," he said. "However, we will continue to lobby for it and will encourage its introduction and passage in the

next session if necessary."

Integral to obtaining passage of the legislation, and to maintaining the DOT waiver, is the safety record of the fire service. Monihan pointed out that the 1986 Act authorized DOT to grant waivers only if they would not jeopardize overall safe operation of the vehicles covered. FHWA plans to monitor the safety records of the groups that have been granted waivers.

"The best way to ensure that our waiver is not revoked, and that legislators are willing to support making it law, is to show that we are taking aggressive action to ensure safe operation of all fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles," said Monihan.

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Roberts arson case subject of NBC-TV

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In 1970, Roberts was believed to have died in a fire in a barn behind his home. His wife lost two court rounds trying to collect insurance money, and, in 1980, two bodies identified as Clarence and Geneva Roberts were found after a fire in their cabin.

It is believed that Robert embezzled quite a bit of money from an insurance company and faked his own death. Watch for this segment which was scheduled to be filmed in June close to the Nashville location where the fire happened.

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Acton acquires new pumper

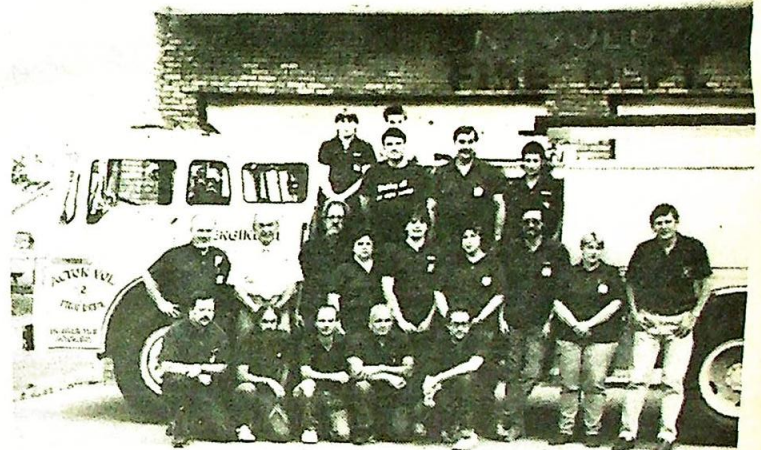
The Acton Volunteer Fire Department put into service May 23, a new Pierce Suburban 1000 pumper. It was purchased from Pierce Manufacturers in Appleton, Wisconsin. The pumper was purchased thru Connie Swails and Midwest Fire and Safety. The pumper is a 1988 Ford C-8000 powered by a 225 Caterpillar Turbo-charged Diesel Engine with a top mount 1000 GPM pump and 750 gallon water tank. The pumper is also equipped with 2-175 ft. 1 3/4" speed-lays with task force tip nozzles, 1000 ft. of 5" supply hose, 200 ft. 1" booster

line with a task force tip nozzle, 200 ft. of 2 1/2" hose and 300 ft. of 1 3/4" hose, 4000 watt generator with 2-500 watt flood lights, and other necessary equipment.

In addition to this pumper the department now has 1-4-wheel drive grass truck, 1 Squad, 1-3800 gallon semi-tanker, 1-1800 gallon pumper tanker, 1-1000 GPM Pierce Pumper, and 1 BLS Ambulance.

We now have 25 members of which 11 members are EMT's and 7 Cadet firefighters.

The new pumper will replace our 1965 Ford Engine.



Acton VFD members with their new truck. Picture courtesy of Jack Atwell, Southeast Examiner

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From your president - Lawrence Swartz

Dear Fellow Firefighters,

With the appearance of the Fall and late Summer rains, perhaps the fire service can realize a little breather in the hectic demands of the Summer's drought. Almost without exception the fire service has been taxed to the limits, including physical and financial resources. Most funding agencies are realizing the additional cost of repairs, fuel and personnel.

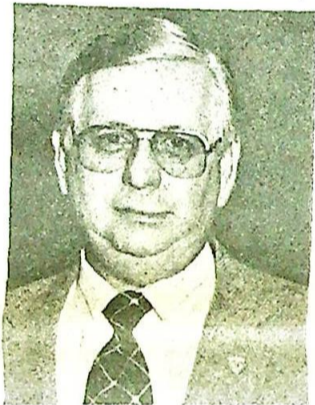
As we start the Fall season and rapidly move into Winter, let us prepare and present a good fire prevention program. Not only through October 9 to 15, but all season long. Are we in the fire service getting lax? Not getting our message across, or do the people fail to see the need for preventative measures for fire prevention? It seems almost daily we hear or read of fire catastrophes resulting in the loss of life, and so many times it is children the age of ours or our grandchildren. Let us work very hard in our local communities on prevention instead of suppression.

Many of our departments rely on federal surplus items anywhere from gloves to fire trucks. These items that have always been available to us in our state may soon be no longer available. There is concern that Indiana's Surplus Federal Property Depot may be closed around the first of the year. For many of you this could mean either an increase in your operating budget to purchase these items from other sources or trying to provide a service without them. I urge you to write your senators and representatives in Washington and advise them of your feelings on what I feel is an important issue for a lot of us. If you do not want to write at least give them a call and advise them.

There has been concern for a number of months about drivers of

fire apparatus being required to have a commercial license. I received a letter dated September 26, 1988, from Senator Lugar which states the Department of Transportation has exempted firefighters, farmers and military personnel from these requirements. The IVFA and the National Volunteer Fire Council will continue to work on legislation for these exemptions rather than rely on Department of Transportation's feeling of the moment.

In speaking of our state legislature, we will soon be entering into another session. Again, I repeat, we need your input and ideas to form our platform ahead of time. One of the items to appear this year will be the establishment of a public safety officer's training facility. I think it is time, with the hazards the firefighter faces today, for such a facility to be available for firefighters in the State of Indiana. This will not, and I repeat, this will not be a mandatory requirement. The 24 hour, the 2nd class and 1st class firefighter curriculum will still be taught in area districts or local facilities. Current plans are to have the master and specialized courses taught in this facility. The facility would be available for other arms of the government, for



Lawrence Swartz

example; the State Building Officials, Local Building Officials, Elevator Inspectors, Boiler and Pressure Vehicle Inspectors, IDEM Officials, State Board of Health and others. Do not feel it is for firefighters alone. There are certain courses that are impossible to be taught in the field as the transportation of the training aids is impossible. This facility will be available for weekend classes as well as during the week. We ask for your support on this as it is readily evident that our attendance at the National Fire Academy does not have a great response. We feel it would be a great savings to have this facility within a two or three hour drive from your home.

As some of you are aware there has been a problem with the fire service charge legislation passed a couple of years ago. We will attempt to solve some of those with further legislation. Again we need your help and ideas. I am sure, again, as in the past, there will be legislation introduced to benefit firefighters for property tax credits and income tax credits. This sort of legislation really requires a home effort than can only come from you the local firefighter. Mr. Stofer will again be our legislative representative this year, so please feel free to contact him or myself with ideas on legislation efforts.

As I write this column, I must be aware of the fact that I will not be writing another one until after our holidays are over. In the next three months we have a lot to be thankful for in honoring Columbus, who discovered our great land. Veterans Day, who we all owe our deepest respect and sympathy to for the struggle to keep our country as it is and for us to be free and able to volunteer our services. Thanksgiving, for a celebration of our way of life, and last but not least, Christmas.

Theda and I wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a very prosperous 1989. May all of your activities, and especially your family activities, be memorable ones.



Taking part in the Patriot Firehouse Groundbreaking Ceremonies are (l-r) Larry Metzler, Assistant Chief; Darlene Carter, Secretary; George Miller, Chief; and Russell McKay, Vice President.

Patriot begins new firehouse

Ceremonies Saturday, August 27, marked the official beginning of construction of a new firehouse for the Patriot Volunteer Fire Department.

About 125 guests were present for the ceremonies which included a dinner and program at the town hall and groundbreaking at the site of the new facility.

Patriot VFD vice-president Russell McKay welcomed guests and led them in the pledge of allegiance. The Reverend George Gurley offered the Invocation.

Chief George Miller and Assistant Chief Larry Metzler introduced special guests Steve Freeman, Deputy State Fire Marshal, and wife Debbi; Steve Nelson, Chairman of District 14 Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association; Pete Lockhart, Vice-president of I.V.F.A.; and Roy Richardson, Public Relations Director of District 14, 16 and 19 I.V.F.A.

Other special guests were: Ron Downing, Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department; Robert Hacker and Greg Hummel with Siekman, Stearns, Gregory Insurance Agency; Mary Schwanholt, Vevay Newspapers; and Tim Hillman, Ohio County News.

Chief Miller noted that without the financial support of many in the community, the building project would not be possible. The department has raised \$7,250 toward the goal of \$50,000. Major contributors were listed as the Paul Ogle Foundation, Les Inglis, Field and Stream Magazine, Randy's Shell, David and Peg Fisk - Watter's General Store, Betty Swango - Patriot Carry Out, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

During the program, Dawn Miller, daughter of Chief Miller, read a poem, "My Daddy's a Fireman," and Matthew Robinson, grandson of Don Robinson, read "My Grandpa's a Fireman."

Dorothy Lurley, a life-long resident of the Patriot area, spoke briefly of the early days of the Patriot Volunteer Fire Department. She added that she wasn't born on the day of the big fire in Patriot, which was August 2, 1924, but was born April 2 that year. Her father owned the first theater in Patriot, which was destroyed in the fire. The present town hall stands on the site of the origin of the fire which destroyed much of the town.

Leo and Alice Jackson also recalled the day of the fire and how the Rising Sun fire department was called because the Vevay fire department was not allowed to leave town. They added that the people of the town fought the fire by bucket brigade. Mr. Jackson said the first fire engine

was bought in 1925 and he recalled attending classes on firefighting and first aid in Greensburg in 1940.

Robert "Skip" Bunker Junior, a past chief of the department said he joined the department at the age of 16. Others on the department included his father and Merle Allen Senior and Junior. He recalled helping to rebuild the firehouse and holding square dances and other fund-raisers. Mr. Bunker recalled other events throughout the years, and noted that he is glad to see younger men taking an interest in the department. "We were just spinning our wheels then. I'm really proud of what the younger ones have done."

Mr. Bunker, who had served the department as chief for many years, was presented with a certificate and a replica of an early fire engine. Don Robinson, who served the department for over 15 years as secretary and treasurer, was also presented with a certificate and replica of a 1924 Ahrens Fire Engine. Mr. Robinson has been a member of the department since 1946.

Ted Williams, architect for the project, presented an update on the project, noting that the permits should be returned to the department within the next few weeks.

Certificates were presented to past firemen. Those present were: Leo Jackson, a past chief; Frank Cochran; Paul Miller; Darrell Kasson; Steve Bailey; Albert Walston; Robert "Skip" Bunker, past chief; and Don Robinson.

Those unable to attend were: Howard Lyons; Gardalen Smith; Charles Reese; Terry Mayfield; Junior Lyons; Robert L. Robinson; Dean Henry; Tommy McKay; Sonny Dickerson; Rod Dickerson; Daryl Miller; Allen Otter; Gayle Thomas; Darwin "Dee" Smith; Wayne Turner; Chief Bill Dickerson; Chief Basil Armstrong; and James Bennett.

During ceremonies at the corner of Fourth Street and State Road 156, where the new firehouse is to be built, members and special guests took turns breaking ground for the facility.

Deputy Fire Marshal Freeman said, "At a time when career departments are closing because their tax base is slipping away, it's good to know that a community can get together to build something like this." He added that members of the department and the community deserved to be commended for their cooperation and efforts in building a new firehouse.

Chief Miller commented that the members of the department

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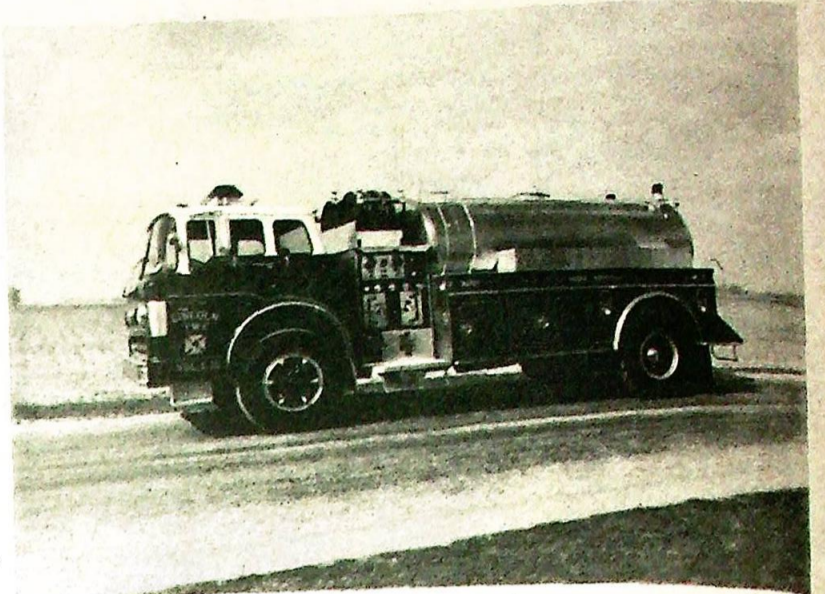
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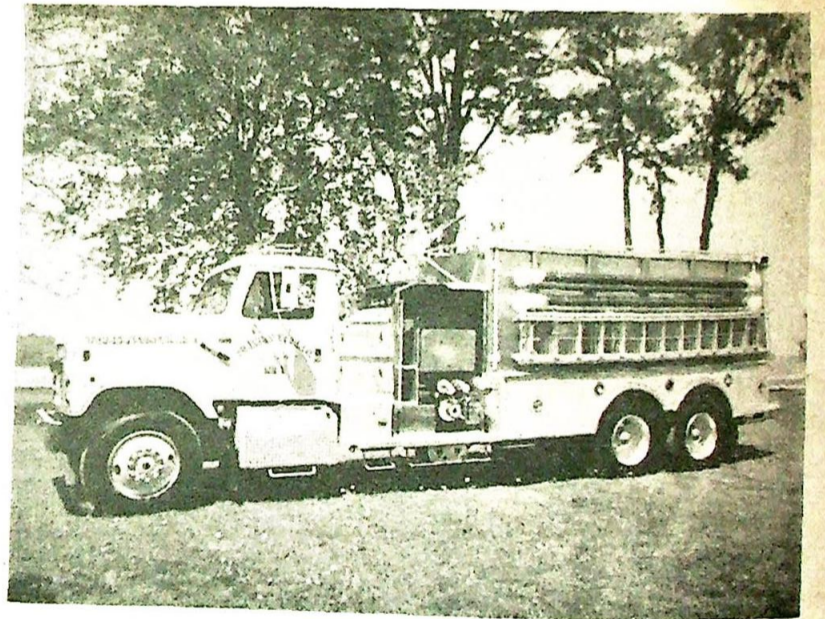
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The Dupont-Lancaster Volunteer Fire Company Saturday honored members who have received their second class firefighter certificates. They accumulated 80 hours over a period of a year in classroom and hands-on experience to receive the classification. Pictured (from left) in front of the company's new first response van are: front - Lee Carlyle, Curtis Read, and Bennett Adams; second row - Coy Dixon (chief), Jeff Meek, Larry Bosell (state fire marshal), Ed Meek (vice president and assistant chief), and Gary Brooks; back - Bernard Parmely, instructors Mike Leach, Ken Meek and Scott Read, and Joe Schwab and Larry Andrews. Not pictured were Bobby Bear and Jim Speer.
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From Your Chaplain Duane Lantz



St. Matthew Chapter 25 Verses 14 thru 29

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one: to every man according to his several ability: and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliverest unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the ex-changers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

St. Matthew Chapter 2 Verses 1 thru 5

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

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As your Chaplain, I have been very busy traveling our fair state. I see so many good and beautiful works of the I.V.F.A. Many endless hours have been put into these memorials so that there is a proper burial for their brother fireman. At the loss of a chief, three men who were on inactive status were sworn in as active members. One of these men took over the duties of chief. One year prior he had a triple by-pass. This man looked at me and said, "Chaplain, God gave me another chance and I am not going to miff this one."

But on the other side of the coin I see those people sitting back and burying their talents as the scripture tells us. If these talents that are buried were used, there would be no end of great things that could be done by the I.V.F.A.

Yes, fall is upon us and it is harvest time. The flowers are still beautiful, the garden is almost completed, the sound of combines and the busy farmers taking in the grain. Not as good as last year, but there is still a harvest. The beautiful bowl of gourds on the table makes us realize even more it is harvest time, and most of all being able to give thanks at Thanksgiving time.

After the Plymouth colonists had settled in the new land, the first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed nearly half of the members of the colony. But new hope grew in the summer of 1621. The corn harvest brought rejoicing. The Governor, William Bradford decreed that a three-day feast be held.

Luke Chapter 22 Verse 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this and divide it among yourselves.

Have a happy and prosperous Thanksgiving.

Our next step is Christmas. Use your Bibles and read the beautiful stories. The Christmas story comes from the Bible - Luke 2 and Matthew 1 and 2. Luke tells a beautiful story of the shepherds who were watching their flocks when an angel appeared to them and told them a Savior had been born in Bethlehem. The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see the new born child, Jesus.

Go to the church of your choice, you will like it.

Your Chaplain,
Duane Lantz

P.S. Don't forget to vote. Have a good Thanksgiving and Christmas and May God Bless You abundantly in the New Year.

Charges filed against suspect in arson case

Charges of battery on his wife and public intoxication were filed Tuesday against Thomas G. Stingley, a suspect in a fire that destroyed his family's mobile home two weeks ago.

Stingley, 33, is accused of grabbing and repeatedly hitting his wife, Linda Stingley, on Friday. She told Tippecanoe County

Police that they were driving on County Road 900 East to a fishing lake when he became belligerent, called her names and began to hit her with his fists.

Mrs. Stingley said she managed to escape, then returned to their car and fled. She had a black left eye and marks on her right arm, according to the police.

Police said they found Stingley asleep near the roadway on County Road 680 South and arrested him. His bond was set at \$500 in County Court 2.

Laura Zeman, a deputy prosecutor, said she has requested that Judge David J. Crouse order Stingley held in jail for 15 days while she prepares a petition to revoke his probation. He has been serving three years probation on 1987 convictions for battery and being a habitual traffic offender.

If his probation is revoked, he would have to serve the three years in addition to sentences he might get on the battery and intoxication charges, each of which carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison.

Zeman said she doesn't know of any other complaints pending against Stingley. He was released from jail last week after being held for five days as a suspect in the June 16 fire at the West Lawn Village Mobile Home Park, West Lafayette.

Investigators ruled that the fire was an arson. The fire also gutted two other mobile homes and caused smoke and heat damage to a fourth.

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Firefighting gets in your blood

They get up at 3 a.m. and jump in their cars, blue lights swirling, to save the property — and sometimes the lives — of their neighbors.

And when volunteer firefighters return home a few hours later, most shower and get dressed for a day's work. The compensation for their toil the night before? A warm heart.

About 550 Allen County residents are volunteer firefighters in 16 departments. They leave friends and spouses stranded at grocery stores, restaurants and movies when their pagers beep. They train several hours each month and even buy some of their own equipment.

Eighty percent of Indiana's fire departments are volunteer organizations, according to State Fire Marshal Larry H. Bosell.

And, Bosell said, the No. 1 reason most volunteer is the way it makes them feel about themselves. "It's a value thing. They feel they've done something worthwhile."

"Why did I get involved?" Mike Hallien, 40, asked rhetorically. "Everybody wants to help a neighbor."

Sometimes, especially in a rural area, that neighbor may also be a relative.

Hallien, as a youngster, was a junior firefighter for St. Joseph Township in 1961. Not long after he joined, something happened that would turn a casual boyhood affiliation into a lifelong commitment. Hallien's cousin, Ruth Baatz, died when a fire burned her house on the farm next door to the Halliens. Mike Hallien was 14.

After he graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette in 1973, Hallien, an engineer with the Indiana Department of Highways moved back to St. Joseph Township and joined the fire department. "I haven't missed training since 1973, and we train two hours every week."

Some volunteers, like Terry Masters, 38, are following in family footsteps. Masters' father, Hobart, lives in Rome City where "he's in his 70s and still active on the (volunteer) fire department," Terry Masters proudly said. Masters, a day-shift worker at Dana Corp. Spicer Axle Division in Fort Wayne, has been a member of the Washington Township department for 15 years.

Rich Nyberg, chief of the St.

Joseph Township department, was drawn to the organization by a friend. "I saw him make a couple of runs, thought about it and took a tour of the station," said Nyberg, a 15-year veteran. "My parents taught me to help people — it's especially meaningful when someone who's had a heavy loss still comes up to you (after the fire) and thanks you for your efforts."

Words of thanks are sometimes practically all the pay a volunteer gets.

Township taxes generally pay for station upkeep, equipment and gear.

Some volunteers buy their own equipment, such as the traditional red-leather fire hat for \$500. Some firefighters are willing to make the investment out of sentimentality — and because the \$90 plastic version rolls off their heads too easily, Nyberg said. The volunteers also buy the blue lights for the top of their cars, paying about \$100 to \$600.

To supplement the tax money, most departments have fund-raising campaigns: Washington Township's department cleans swimming pools; St. Joseph sponsors an "ox roast" that is really rolled beef, not oxen meat; and volunteers at Poe make a peanut brittle that is so good State Fire Marshal Bosell drives there annually to buy it for his staff.

For tiny Poe, with about 100 people, fire department-sponsored activities are among the only things to do, said Ron Hamrick, Poe's fire chief.

The unincorporated town's only community-wide social event is the Firemen's Festival, on the last Friday and Saturday of each August. A parade culminates the fund-raiser, which helps raise the \$32,000 to \$35,000 the fire department needs each year to operate.

The rest of the money comes from various fund-raising activities and from contracts for fire protection.

The system of volunteer fire departments was developed in Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin in 1736, according to Bosell. It was an improvement on the system of fire departments operated by insurance companies that, when discovering the insignia on the door belonged to another insurance company, left structures to burn.

Indiana's volunteers are re-

quired to have 24 hours of training before they even touch a truck, Bosell said.

Many departments require even more training. For example, St. Joseph requires up to 10 two-hour sessions of training. That can mean a recruit waits up to four months before joining others on a run, Nyberg said. On top of that, departments have weekly or monthly ongoing training sessions for volunteers.

Fort Wayne is the only fire department in Allen County that is totally staffed by paid firefighters.

Two Allen County departments supplement their volunteer force with paid personnel; South West Allen County Fire District has six paid firefighters in two stations and Adams Township's station No. 3 employs nine.

The paid firefighters staff the fire stations around the clock and drive fire trucks to the scene of a fire. Volunteers either go directly to the fire or stop in the stations first, depending on how individual departments are set up.

Other departments rely on volunteers to spend time at the stations so someone is staffing the truck, decreasing the response time.

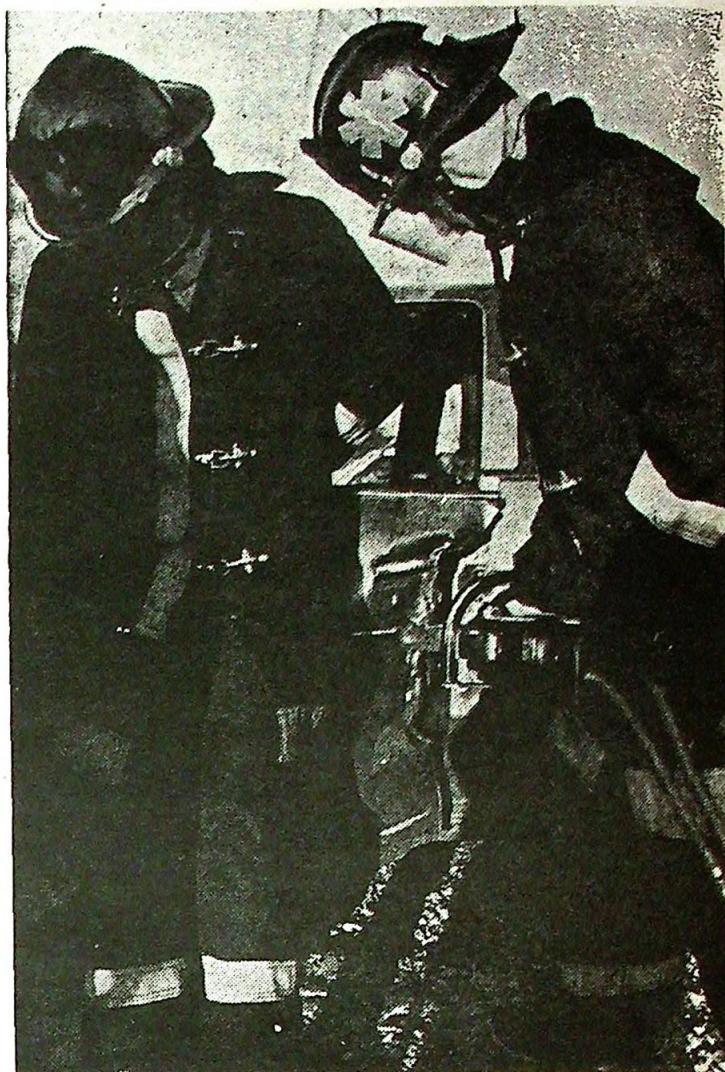
All county departments have pager systems, said Calvin Buettgenbach, 23, a five-year Adams Township volunteer. Buettgenbach participates in a new program where firefighters also volunteer to operate the fire dispatching board at the Allen County Communications center in the City-County Building.

Generally, fire calls are received by county police, who then notify the fire station and page the department's volunteers.

Only the Arcola department uses the old-fashioned telephone system, where each firefighter's home telephone continuously rings until all firefighters have picked it up and heard the fire's address repeated, Buettgenbach said. Arcola can't afford pagers for all its volunteers.

For their efforts, most firefighters receive a nominal fee of about 50 cents per fire run at the end of the year. "When it's down that low, you might as well consider it nothing; it doesn't even cover your gas" he said.

The volunteers aren't the only people who make sacrifices to make the system work. Families and friends — and sometimes even



St. Joseph Township firefighters practice using extrication equipment. Photo by Dean Musser Jr.

bosses — also make allowances.

"Your family is first, your work comes second, and the department is third," Hallien said, echoing what other volunteers said. "But when the tone (of the pager) goes off, the department comes first. Guys have left a lot of Easter dinners."

Some companies also allow flexibility at work to permit firefighters to respond to calls and make up the time later. And most departments are tightly-knit groups whose members generally know each other's schedules. When several are on vacation, others make arrangements to be available for calls.

The firefighters are appreciative of the understanding. If those people, especially family members, weren't forgiving, the firefighters couldn't give their time, the volunteers said.

"It's hard to have a marriage," said Laura Mason, 27, whose husband, Steve, volunteers for the Adams 3 station. "I never know when he's going to be there and when he's not. I've been stranded at the grocery store, stranded at the mall. I'm still getting used to it."

When Steve Mason gets up for a call, so does Laura. Sometimes, she wakes up their 2-year-old daughter, Brittany, and goes to the station to make sandwiches and coffee for the firefighters. "I

don't rest well when I know he's out.

"There are times I wish he would quit, but that's his life. He wouldn't be the same person."

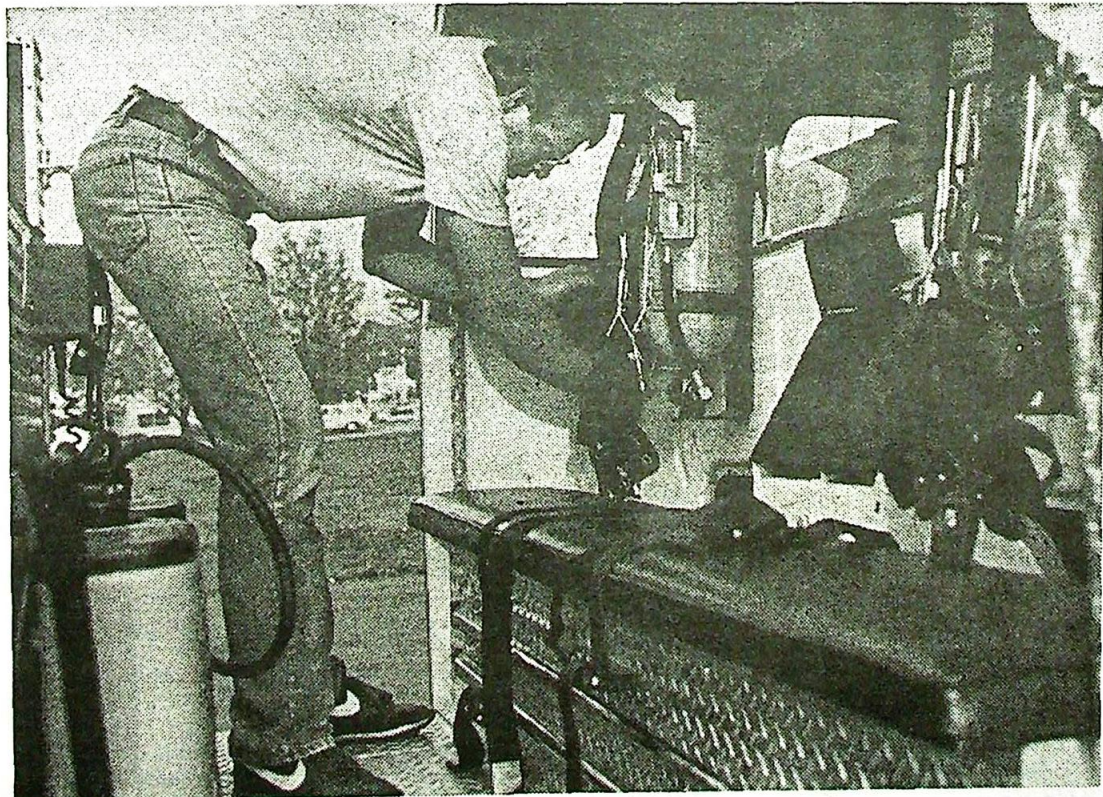
Most volunteers, at one time or another, have had to leave holiday dinners with family members. "Thanksgiving a few years ago I didn't get one bite of turkey," said Tina Taviano, 28, an Aboite Township volunteer.

Being a volunteer firefighter doesn't guarantee compliments, Nyberg, the St. Joseph Township chief, said. People who don't understand how to fight fires are sometimes critical, even at the scene. "We've had people complain because the guys have come out of a burning house and rested while one area of the house is still burning. You can only do so much. They (the firefighters) were exhausted. They needed to sit and come back refreshed for the part of the house we could still save."

The potential for criticism increased after St. Joseph volunteer firefighter Timothy C. Clark was charged with starting an apartment building fire last year that killed 26-year-old Cheryl A. Cureton. Clark, 20, was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

"It hurt morale in the short run, but in the long run it pulled

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Washington Township firefighter Bruce McBride checks an airpack on a fire truck.

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Hello Ladies,
I just want to send a short message of good will your way. Since our last paper, I have tried to reach some outlying areas of the state. We were to Rensselear to a pancake and sausage breakfast and met many of their auxiliary members. I also have made several District meetings. On September 25, 1988, Mort and I went to Evansville for a convention meeting. I want to encourage you to get your registra-

tions and reservations in early. We toured the facilities. All meeting rooms and areas seem to be more than ample in size to cover our convention. All meetings and displays will be accessible to the host motel by means of enclosed walkways. The Evansville people, firefighters, and auxiliary members have been very busy preparing for convention. While I was in Evansville I spoke to some ladies who expressed a desire to form a District

Auxiliary. We are currently trying to make this our newest District Auxiliary. It doesn't seem possible that the holidays are upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to extend warm wishes to you, your families and all auxiliary members for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself, Mort and our family.
Merry Christmas &
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Toni Sorg, I.V.F.A.A. Pres.

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DISTRICT 10

The 10th District I.V.F.A.A. meeting was held at Warren Township Fire Station on August 15. Before the meeting, a pitch-in "Teddy Bear Picnic" was served to 20 people. There were six Auxiliaries present. Guests included: Vi Bruns, Lois Boaz recipient; Corresponding Secretary Mary Kissell and her daughter Amanda; Vice President Nancy Neal; Immediate Past President Loretta Nulliner; Past President Barb Surber; and Barbara Parker, winner of Lois Boaz and Inez Jefferies awards and Past President.

Acton received the traveling Doe Doll Plaque. Election of officers was held. The newly elected officers are: Chairman Barb Parker; Treasurer Nancy Neal; Chaplain Vivian Thomas. Secretary will be elected at a later date. The officers were installed by Mary Kissell. Hope will host the next meeting on Nov. 21st at 6:30. It will be a joint meeting and the theme will be "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow." It will be our Christmas dinner so bring a \$3.00 grab bag gift. The Miss Flame contest will be held. After the meeting was adjourned, Vivian led devotions. Judy Hurst
Sec., 10th District

DISTRICT 11A

Summer has gone and fall is now here. We have been very busy this year with many things happening. We have attended many functions throughout District 11A including Fish Frys, Parades, and Barbecues. We have had a lot of fun at all of these. We held our annual picnic at Dobbs Park. We had a good attendance with good food and a lot of fun. A short meeting was held with a discussion held on our Miss Flame contest. Also on an upcoming dance. The holidays will soon be coming up, we hope everyone will take time to enjoy them. It is always such a busy time of the year, so have a happy holiday season.
Sue Biggs
District 11A Aux.

DISTRICT 11B

If you haven't paid your 1988-89 dues, you are delinquent! Send them now to Maxine Davies, recording secretary, whose address is in another part of the paper. Our Sept. district meeting was held at New Market. It was

relatively a small meeting with five departments represented. I was unable to attend due to a work commitment. The vice chairman, Eula, was in charge of the meeting. I am told the meal was delicious and the meeting was informative. Our Nov. 13th meeting will be held at Perrysville firehouse, with lunch being served at 1:00 p.m. and the meeting afterwards. I would like to invite all of you to come and join us. The meetings are always the second Sunday of every other month beginning in January. If your auxiliary doesn't get a card about the meetings, drop me a note, and you will be notified of the dates. The 11-B Miss Flame Dance will again be held at the Half Century in Clinton. The date is February 18 and the time is 9 to 12. We have booked the "Austin City Limits" band. They play a variety of music and will suit anyone's taste. Make your plans now to come and join us for a night of fun and see the lovely Miss Flames from 11-B. As I am new to the ranks of District Chairmen, this is a learning experience for me. If I make mistakes, as I surely will, please try to be patient, I promise to try hard and do my best. At any time, if I can be of help to you, don't hesitate to call me.
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Barbara Ketchem
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DISTRICT 12

The 12th District meeting of I.V.F.A.A. was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at Lawrence Fire Department by Mary Brooks. Prayer was given by our Chaplain Shirley Crouch, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Mary introduced our guests which were Miriam Schaekel, State Sgt.-at-Arms and Virginia Wilson, District 13 Chairman. Roll was answered by 8 members representing five auxiliaries, two guests. We had a new Auxiliary join. Welcome to the Decatur Township Department

Auxiliary, Marion County. Minutes approved as read, Treasurer's report filed for audit. Old Business - Card Party, Shirley made a motion to ask each auxiliary to donate at least 5 prizes for the card party. Party is to be held September 17, 1988, at Wayne #2 at 7:00 p.m. Help is needed. We will charge \$2.00 to play 10 games. Motion carried. State officers decided to consider how to spend their money a little longer. Mary then turned the meeting over to Miriam for elections. Results were: Chairman - Mary Brooks; Sec./Treas. - Rosie Johnson; Chaplain - Shirley Crouch; and Sgt.-at-Arms - Martha McConnell. Installation followed with Virginia Wilson, Installing Officer, and Miriam as Marshal. Sharon Bray won 50-50 and returned her part to the Treasurer. Motion was made to reimburse Washington Township \$17.50 for flowers for Don Boyles. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. followed by refreshments.

DISTRICT 14

The 14th District meeting was held in July at the Underwood Fire Department. The meeting was attended by seven auxiliaries and one guest. An election of officers was held. Officers for 1988-89 are Nancy Richardson, Chairman; Deanna Kaskie, Vice-Chairman; Karen Woller, Secretary-Treasurer; Lucille Neuhauser, Sgt.-at-Arms; and Bette Sellmer, Chaplain. We lost one of our faithful members, Lois Fulkerson from McCulloch in Clarksville. Lois passed away in July. She was our Chaplain for several years and always attended the district meetings. Events in the district are a dance at McCulloch on October 22, Fish Fry at Henryville on October 28 and a Chili Supper at
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Nancy Richardson
14th District Chairman

DISTRICT 19

Convention was a success and congrats to all award winners from District 19 IVFAA.

Our last District meeting was held Tuesday August 9. It was hosted by Sunman Auxiliary and what a fun time we had. All the gals from our district enjoyed time shared with some of the State Officers who were able to attend; Toni, Maxine, Miriam, Barb (Parker) and of course our own Mary Kissell. Vi Bruns brought the awards of Lois Boaz and Mr. IVFA for us to get a closer look. Of course the Bruns Lake is such a beautiful place to share friendships and to hold our meeting.

Twenty five members representing 9 auxiliaries and 6 guests were present. All reports were given, convention highlights were read, election of officers were held and are as follows: Joyce Huffman of Delaware Aux., Chaplain, Becky Yelton of Manchester Aux. is Vice Chairman, Marilyn Gray of Delaware Aux. is still Secretary Treasurer, and I was elected Chairman again.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Hogan Township Auxiliary with installation of officers. Some of you at our meeting know that I was DRY during the evening but as rumor has it I ended up in the lake with Vi's ducks! The water was nice!!

It was a grand evening enjoyed by all. And thanks again to the Sunman Aux. for hosting the meeting. And thanks to the State Officers who took time out their busy schedules to be with us.

See ya' soon,
Judy Hildebrand
19 District Chairman

It's time to make nominations for Lois Boaz Award

Each year at our annual convention, an award is presented to a very deserving and outstanding auxiliary member in memorial to a very fine lady, Lois Boaz.

Lois and her husband Gilmer were very active in their hometown fire department and auxiliary at Greenville in Floyd County. Lois was also actively involved in helping other auxiliaries and aided them in joining the state auxiliary.

Through her willingness and hard work, she was instrumental in forming the 16th district for the state association. She served as their first chairman, from organization to 1973 except for three years when the late Doris Van Winkle was chairman. She was district chairman for a total of nine years. Illness in 1973 forced Lois to give up the chairmanship.

Early in 1974, Lois passed away.

Previous winners are: Thelma Lester, 1974; Vica McGill, 1975; Mary Boyd, 1976; Mary Stafford, 1977; Virginia Wilson, 1978; Mary Brooks, 1979; Inez Jeffries, 1980; Katie Mason, 1981; Helen Michl, 1982; Eula Bush, 1983; Barbara Surber, 1984; Loretta Nulliner, 1985; Barbara Ketchem, 1986; Carolyn McCarty, 1987; and Viola Bruns, 1988.

The nominee must be a current member in good standing in the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary. She does not have to be a current or past officer in her local, district, or state auxiliary.

Letters about the nominee should include name, address, auxiliary, district, jacket size, and information concerning her work in the fire service. Also, include

her involvement in her church, the community, and related activities. Deadline for these letters is April 15, 1989.

Out there in our great organization of volunteers, there are several ladies who have worked hard and for long hours in their local-auxiliaries. They are deserving of recognition. Send your letters to any or all of the committee members listed below. Don't wait! Time is ticking away and the 1989 convention is just around the corner. Don't forget the April 15 deadline!

Contact Barbara Ketchum, Chrm., P.O. Box 6, Montezuma, IN 47862; Carolyn McCarty, P.O. Box 57, Union Mills, IN 46382; or Viola Bruns, P.O. Box 172, Sunman, IN 47041.

Raliegh Auxiliary marks 32nd year

The Raliegh Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated its birthday in May. Their auxiliary was organized thirty two years ago on May 21, 1956.

Kathleen Gordon and Thelma Lester, our past I.V.F.A.A. Chaplain, are the only charter

members left.

Virginia Wilson, 13 District Chairman, presented the auxiliary with a certificate from the state for 15 years or more continuous membership in the I.V.F.A.A.



At the May 10, 1988, meeting the Raliegh Fire Department Auxiliary celebrated its 32nd anniversary. During the meeting Virginia Wilson, District 13A Chairperson, presented a 15 years of continuous membership certificate to Erma Shephard, Auxiliary President.



Raliegh Fire Department Auxiliary members who attended the meeting were (standing) Irene Thomas, Marcele May, Kathleen Gordon, Treasurer, Mary Wagner, Secretary, and Thelma Delay; seated are guests Judy Thomas Power and Virginia Wilson, District 13A Chairperson, and Erma Shephard, President.

Photos by Clara Bundy, Past President of Sugar Creek Fire Station #2.

In Memoriam,

Fellow Firefighters and Auxiliary Members,
Let us take a moment out of our busy schedule to stop and remember a very close friend, Verta Engle of Vincennes, who lost her battle with cancer on Saturday, October 15, 1988. Her friendly smile and kind words will be missed by many of us in the Association.

Let us also remember Bill and his family in our prayers during this time of sorrow.

MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner up to represent the I.V.F.A. The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and scoresheets dated August 1988.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one from each district). District winner's applications along with two black and white photos will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10, 1989. The girls selected will be representing the state, district, and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and department.

The behavior of all Miss Flame candidates and winners will always be becoming and appropriate to such representation.

When attending the convention, motel rooms are set aside for the Miss Flames. They must however, make their own reservations and advise that they are a candidate. Each girl will have a chaperone (parents or a designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperone may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements.

The itinerary for Miss Flames at the convention will be sent to the candidates by the Miss Flame Committee Chairman. Along with this, she will advise the recommended clothing to be worn to each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday night, and the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The final judging and crowning will be held on Thursday evening. ALL GIRLS will be expected to attend the Men's and Women's meetings and banquet on Friday. They will sell doe doll tickets on Saturday morning at the waterball games and ride in the parade on Saturday afternoon.

District Chairmen (men and women) will be responsible for providing rules and information to Miss Flame candidates. If chairmen need information, they should contact the Miss Flame Chairman.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER THE IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST

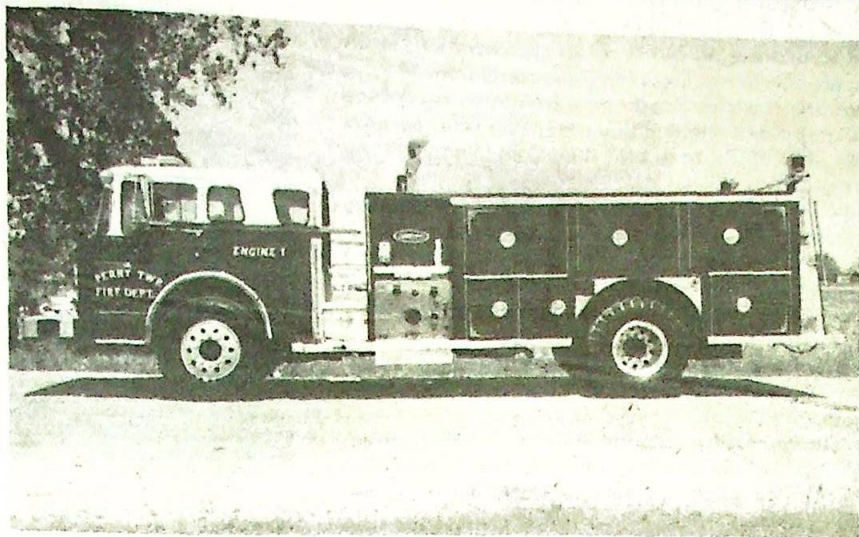
1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single.
3. Entrant must be 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each department in the District contest.
5. Winner of a department will be entered in District-wide contest.
6. District winner should be decided by March 1; name and black and white picture should be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10th.
7. District winner will be entered in the State-wide contest.
8. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.
9. Department winner will be decided at the discretion of the Department.
10. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at State Convention.
13. Host department will pick judges to select the State winner prior to opening Convention meeting on Thursday evening.
14. Winner and Runner up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thursday evening.
15. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Thursday at convention.
16. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish winner I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy, and \$100 Savings Bond.
17. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME RUNNER UP" with flowers and \$50 Savings Bond.
18. Formal attire should be worn at District and State judging.
19. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas.

JUDGING REGULATIONS

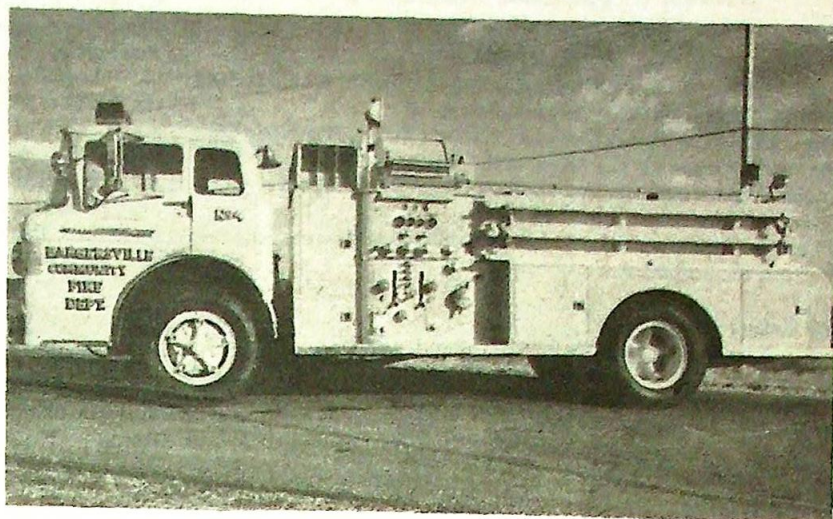
Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas. All judging scores will be confidential.

All State contestants will be considered on the following percentage basis for "Miss Flame" State Judging. No questions to be asked relative to scholastic ability.

1. 25 percent on what she thinks are the benefits of a volunteer fire department in her community;
 - a. her fire department's role in community;
 - b. her relationship to the volunteer fire service;
 - c. her involvement with the fire department; and
 - d. her family's involvement with the fire department.
2. 20 percent on personality and poise (includes carriage, composure, self-control, and self-confidence).
3. 20 percent on ability to carry on a conversation before a group, an impromptu speech or last minute thoughts.
4. 10 percent on appearance (grooming, neatness).
5. 10 percent on community involvement (4-H, church, school, etc.)
6. Each state contestant should be familiar with the following topics. The judges will select three of the five (same three for each contestant) and ask each contestant to express her thoughts on them. 5 percent for each topic.
 - a. National Government
 - b. Environment
 - c. Quality of Education
 - d. Christianity
 - e. Inflation



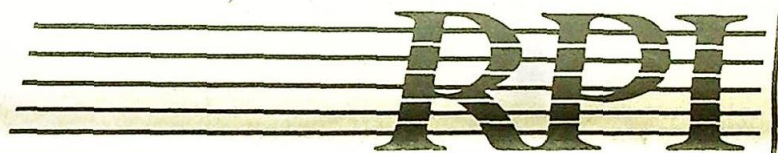
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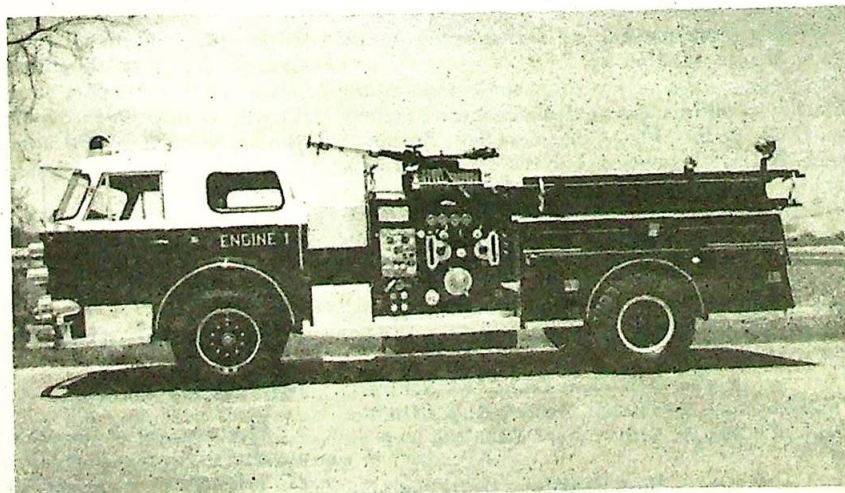
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Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary

STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

Best Western Airport Inn
August 7, 1988

President Toni Sorg called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and welcomed all officers and guests in attendance.

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Bette Sellmer. Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led the group in the pledge to the flag. Roll call was answered by 26 officers and 9 guests. Secretary's report was approved as read.

Chaplain Bette reported two deaths since convention and she has performed one memorial service.

Treasurer Betsy Howe reported:

	Balance forward June 1, 1988	\$5,019.33
Income: Dues	1,103.00	
Interest	44.18	
Jewelry	15.50	
Misc.	18.95	
	<u>Total Income:</u>	1,181.53
Disbursements: Annual	100.00	
Mileage	26.00	
Postage & Phone	6.12	
Misc.*	755.45	
	<u>Total Disbursements:</u>	887.57
	Balance on hand August 1, 1988	<u>5,313.39</u>

* Misc. includes purchase of 10 briefcases.

CORRESPONDENCE: Carolyn Wedgewood, District 17B sent a note to tell us she would not be able to attend the August officers meeting of I.V.F.A.A. She and Don will be celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary and their children are having a party for them. She said she would see us at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership to date, 485, representing 48 auxiliaries, and 23 individuals. The membership is down 5 Auxiliaries, and 35 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GAMES: Ruth Sanders - Thanked everyone who participated in the games. Game winners were announced. The committee will meet and set some guidelines.

DOE DOLL: Toni Sorg - Reported \$1,420 in tickets sold. \$1,185 was the profit. District 1 received the \$25 for selling the most tickets. The Doe Doll winners were announced.

MISS FLAME: Barbara Ketchem, told who the Miss Flame winners were. She also commented on how most of the girls didn't know what they were supposed to do and knew nothing about the fire service or their local department.

BY-LAWS: Barbara Parker, needs to know how many by-law books are left. We may need to order more.

OLD BUSINESS:

Convention 88 - Carolyn McCarty has t-shirts left in all sizes. They are \$5.00 each.

Financial committee - Briefcases are in and were passed out. They went to Rec. Sec., Corres. Sec., Dist. 7, Dist. 13, and Dist. 14. The old briefcases will try to be fixed. If they are fixable we will discuss what to do with them later.

Convention pictures - The photo album was passed around. Bruce will take pictures again next year "if" he has help.

NEW BUSINESS:

All meetings will be held here at the Best Western Airport Inn for 88/89, the dates are: November 5 & 6, February 4 & 5, and May 6 & 7.

Pictures will be taken of all the new officers and anyone wanting a re-take at the November meeting.

New District Chairmen - District 3, Celine Boisvert and District 11B, Barbara Ketchem.

COMMITTEES:

Parliamentarian - Ruth Ford; Historian - Vica McGill; Miss Flame - Chairman Barbara Parker, Eula Bush, Judy Hildebrand, Barbara Ketchem, Miriam Schaeckel; Games - Chairman Ruth Sanders, Barbara Mason, Joyce Nevil, Bea Walker; President's Advisory - Ruth Fairfield, Catherine Mason, Carolyn McCarty, Vica McGill, Lucy Stofer; Jewelry - Chairman Mary Mackin, Dottie Striegel, Carolyn Wedgewood, Virginia Wilson; Doe Doll - Chairman Nancy Neal, Debbie Nulliner, Barbara Surber, Pat Wisniewski; Lois Boaz - Chairman Barbara Ketchem, Vi Bruns, Carolyn McCarty; Auditing - Chairman Loretta Nulliner, Mary Kissell, Dorothy Reiter, Nancy Richardson; Installation - Ruth Fairfield, Catherine Mason; Financial Study - Jane Ferro, Betsy Howe, Loretta Nulliner, Lucy Stofer; By-Laws - Sue Biggs, Celine Boisvert, Mary Brooks, Nickie Sunday; and Nominating - Faye Salee, Phyllis Vargo, Virginia Wilson.

The Doe Doll will be our money making project again this year. Vica McGill made the motion to go with the Doe Doll Raffle, Faye Salee seconded it. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about raising the prize money given away with the Doe Doll, it was felt that we might sell more tickets. Barbara Parker made the motion that we raise the prizes to \$100 and the doll for first prize, \$50 for second prize, and \$25 for third prize. Ruth Ford seconded the motion. Motion approved and carried.

Mike Seitz, Convention 89 Vice Chairman, told us what they were planning for us for Convention. They are planning several tours, dances every night with a live band or D.J. service. Two boat rides on the EXECUTIVE QUEEN. A children's and teen entertainment are being planned for Friday night. They are also working on a baby sitting service. There will be shuttle busses to all activities, shopping, tours & etc. The Convention 89 registration is \$20 each person before May 31st, \$40 after May 31st. Mike will check with the motel on accepting a check for room reservations. He also told us that everything is inside the Convention Center. Once we get there we will not have to move our cars. The Banquet is upstairs and everyone will be seated before the Banquet starts. The games will be in the motel parking lot. They are still working on camping facilities.

Announcements:

There were several suggestions on changing the Miss Flame contestant's qualification. Most agreed it should be the responsibility of the local department to carefully screen the girl that will represent them. The committee will meet and discuss changes.

The 1988 Miss Flame Sarah Davis spoke to us. Sarah offered to

come to as many fund raisers and parades and etc. as possible. She works three jobs and is trying to put herself through college. But she will try to attend most of the things asked to. Sarah also said she would like more briefing on what we want her to do to represent us. Sarah thanked us for the opportunity to represent our organization.

Lois Boaz Chairman Barbara Ketchem, asked us to encourage our districts to send more letters. Remind them that Lois Boaz winners do not have to be state officers. Barbara said she would like to be busy reading letters for three or more hours.

Vi Bruns thanked us, and said she was very proud to represent us as the 1988 Lois Boaz winner. Vi said that she has never been a state officer. And she was so surprised when she received the award. Vi and Carl put a thank you in the I.V.F.A. paper.

At our next officers' meeting District 19 is in charge of the entertainment for Saturday night.

Lucy Stofer said Verta Engle really appreciates her cards and flowers. Vert came to officers meeting with Bill this time. She looks good and is feeling pretty good.

President Toni called for District reports. After reports were given, Barbara Parker made the motion to close the meeting, Lucy Stofer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chaplain Bette led us in the "Lord's Prayer."

President Swartz introduced Tim Downey, from Downey Insurance who spoke to us briefly on Workman's Compensation Insurance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kissell

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 3: The Third District I.V.F.A. Aux. meeting was July 20th at Michiana Shores Fire Dept. The pledge to the flag was given and prayer was lead by chaplain, Carolyn McCarty. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with \$304.97 in our account. A roll call was taken.

A report was given for the 1988 convention and all departments were commended for their hard work and success of a great convention. The State dues were discussed and it was stated that they are due by Sept. 30th.

There was a discussion for the promotion of our Miss Flames for the coming years. It was felt that District 3 should prepare the girls more for the judging and increase the promotion of the girls to the general public.

A card was signed by the members and a prayer was given for Lucille Lewis of Coolsprings Fire Dept. Aux. for her illness. Nancy Neindorff from Scipio won the Lady Alexander China Doll from the Doe Doll sales. Election of officers were as follows: Chairman - Celine Boisvert; Sec./Treas. - Leona Uryga; Chaplain - Annabell Konieczny. Coming Events Michiana Shores Bingo held July 30th at 7:30. Kingsford Union Fireman's Ball on Aug. 13th at 9 p.m. Attendance Plaque won by Noble Twp. 50/50 drawing won by Ruth Kuhn and Sam Robanski \$3.50 each. The next meeting will be Sept. 21st at Scipio Twp. Fire Dept.

Sec./Treas. Celine Boisvert

District 4: 4th Dist. meeting New Carlisle, IN, Sunday, July 31st. Weekend campout and Sunday carry in lunch.

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by chairman Jane Ferro. We had 7 members and 3 guests, Theda Swartz, Grace Lantz, and Jean Kinsey. The minutes were read and approved, the Treas. report read and approved. Department functions: Concord - Fish Fry, Sept. 10th; Baugo - Ice Cream Social, Sept. 17; Rensselaer - Pancake and Sausage. Sept. Election of officers 1988/89: Chairman - Jane Ferro; Vice - Sue Vandergriff; Sec. - Ella Mae Bechtel; Treas. - Marilyn Loucks; Chaplain - Gladys Peterson. Next meeting - Last Campout, Sat. Sept. 24 & 25, Carry in lunch Sunday-12:00 noon, Meeting at 2:00 at Senicittil's, C.R. 8 out of Bristol, IN. Meeting adjourned.

Sincerely yours, Jane Ferro, Chairman.

District 6: The July 21st meeting of the 6th Dist. was held at LaGrange Fire Dept. We joined the men for a dump tank demonstration by Cooney Tucker, then held our meeting.

Roll call was answered by 8 members and 1 guest, representing 5 departments. Regular business meeting was held with the election of officers for the coming year. Those elected were: Ruth Sanders - Chairman; Linda Timmerman - Vice Chairman; Marilyn Deoer - Sec.; Pauline Wallace - Sgt.-at-arms; and Mary Mackin - Chaplain.

The District Picnic will be held Aug. 21st at Columbia City at 12:30 p.m. with games to follow. Our next meeting will be Sept. 15 at Washington Twp., Whitley Co., at 7:30 p.m.

Ruth Sanders, Dist. 6 Chairman

District 7: Dist. 7 of the IVFAA met on July 18 at the Monroe Fire Dept. There were 14 ladies representing 7 departments present. The Sec. and Treas. reports were read and approved. The minutes of State Officers' meeting were read and we discussed the fun we had at convention. Our Miss Flame, Amy Reiter, reported that she had a great time and plans to run again next year. We held election of officers, results: Pres. - Dorothy Reiter; Sec./Treas. - Judy Sheets. Announcements were given. Next meeting Sept. 19 at Monroeville.

District 10: No meeting since convention. Next meeting August 15 at Warren Twp. at 6:30. Miss Flame Nov. 21.

District 11B: Our meeting was a picnic hosted by the Montezuma Dept. and Auxiliary. Election of officers was held and Barbara Ketchem was elected Chairman; Eula Bush - Vice Chairman; Lou Bartlow - Sec./Treas.; and Maxine Davies - Chaplain. For the second straight year it rained on our picnic but we stayed dry at the firehouse.

The ladies at New Market called and asked for assistance in forming an auxiliary. Three of us traveled to their firehouse and gave them the benefit of our knowledge. As of this date we have not heard from them on their joining the State.

Our next meeting will be held Sept. 11 at the New Market fire house. Dist. 11B Miss Flame Dance is Feb. 18 at the Half Century Club in Clinton, IN 9 p.m.

Barbara Ketchem, Dist. 11B Chairman.

District 13: No meeting since convention. Meeting Aug. 18 at McCordsville Vol. Fire Dept. at 6:30 p.m. with covered dish. Will be elections. Everyone invited.

Virginia Wilson, Dist. Chairman

District 14: The 14th District meeting was held at the Underwood Fire Dept. on July 20th. There were 6 Auxiliaries and 1 guest. The 88 Convention was discussed and elections were held. Officers elected are:

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
SOUTHWEST

CARL O. DAVIS

From the Southwest:

A few lines to let you all know that we are planning a good time in '89 for next year's annual meeting at Evansville. Have made several of the convention meetings and they have the program well in hand. The bowling tournament at Meadow Lanes will be a new event for the coming year, tours to New Harmony, party at Burdette Park all on Wednesday.

Miss Flame judging, Whirlpool tour, officer meetings, dance on Thursday.

Coffee clutch, business meetings, memorial service, banquet, dance, Ohio River cruise all on Friday.

Games, parade, muster of new and old apparatus, Ohio River cruise, dance, all on Saturday.

That's a full schedule for the 1989 convention. Plan now to be there and have a good time.

There is some legislation coming up that the committee will need your help on so when they ask you to call your representatives and senators asking them to support or veto a bill, try and help them out. This is your way of telling the congress or state what we want.

This is the last paper before the holidays so want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There are many departments that belong to the I.V.F.A. that don't know what benefits are coming to them. When you have a death in your department let one of the state officers know so that he can tell you what is available for the beneficiary from the state I.V.F.A. Any department that would like to have a state officer come to their department and talk to them on this and answer any other questions that they might have just give me a call and will set it up for you.

Would like to thank radio station WFLQ French Lick and Ralph Turkheiser for the fine program that they put on for Fire Prevention Week. They made a program of each department in the 18th District telling how many men and what equipment they had at their station and how to call them. They ran this on spots all during Fire Prevention Week. Thanks for the recognition of the volunteer firemen in your area during fire prevention week.

Guess that's about it for this time.

Carl O.

Fillmore volunteer to represent I.V.F.A.

At a meeting at the state fire marshal's office on Monday, June 27, 1988, IVFA President Swartz appointed John Davies to represent the IVFA on the National Community Volunteer Fire Program committee for the state of Indiana.

District Meetings...

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:10 P.M. at the Monon Fire Station in Monon, IN.

Minutes were read and approved. There were nine guests present. Total firemen present numbered 61 with 342 fire runs among the 14 departments answering roll call. Folders containing an updated mailing list of District 9-B Fire Departments and Chiefs were passed out during roll call.

Items discussed were: 1988 Convention - including the 1988 Miss Flame Contest, the Duane Lantz Roast, and the Resolutions on the floor. Other items discussed: dues due in by July 31; 1988-89 I.V.F.A. Officers; 1989 Convention; Scholarship Fund and the 1988 winners; District 9-B Fire School on Aug. 20 by Gene Stofer at Rensselaer on Law and Records; N.F.P.A. 1403 Live Fire Training; Monon Expo on Aug. 21, 1988, from 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; Records & Administrative course Aug. 13-14 at Plymouth, IN; Workman's Compensation and the need to file claims within 7 days; District 1 meeting at Crown Point at 7:30 P.M. on July 20, 1988; Edith House and the Public Education trailer; I.V.F.A. Budget; I.V.F.A. Paper, Ads and Articles - News for the paper due in by Sept. 20; Winner of Lois Boaz Award - Viola Bruns; Winner of the Mr. I.V.F.A. Award - Carl Bruns; the need to get nominees for the 1989 Ollie Sandburg Award in to Vice President Lockhart; Electrical Class at Anderson on Oct. 15-16 by I.A.A.I.; I.A.A.I. Officers Meeting at Anderson Aug. 27; Certification as Arson Investigators; Fire School at Ivy Tech at Lafayette on Oct. 29-30; and Indiana Inspector's Association.

Chairman Mitch Parish and Charlie Baker from Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment presented

the District 9-B Midwest Award to Keith Getz of the Francesville Fire Dept.

Chairman Willie Mitch Parish and Sec./Treas. Dennis Risner were unanimously re-elected as District 9-B Officers for the year 1988-89.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were: Dave Scott-Monon, Harold Harper-Star City, Bob Esserman-Chesterton. Code 4 Jr. Flashlight donated by Becky Conrad was won by Bob Braaksma of Monticello. Haz./Mat. Book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Mike Hutson of Rensselaer.

Program on Mutual Aid was presented by Bob Crane of the Monon Fire Dept. Slides of the downtown Monon Fire were also shown.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Next meeting is Sept. 8 at the Monticello Fire Station at 7:30 P.M.

Sec./Treas.
Dennis J. Risner

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc., was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:00 P.M. at the Monticello Fire Station in Monticello, IN.

Minutes were read and approved. There were nine guests present. Total firemen present were 51 with 205 fire runs among the 13 departments answering roll call. Folders containing an updated mailing list of District 9-B Fire Departments and Chiefs were passed out during roll call.

Items discussed were: Miss Flame Contestants for 1989; Scholarship Fund; All Departments in District 9-B had their dues paid on time; Workman's Comp.; Capital Plus Credit Union credit card; Fire Academy at Indy; Apple Computer software for fire service; Monon Expo; Blue Light Law; Little Cousin Jasper Parade Sept. 10 at Rensselaer; Tanker and Tactics Class at Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in Valparaiso on Oct. 1-2; State Fire School on Sept. 24-25 at New Albany; Fire School at Lafayette on Oct. 29-30;

State Fire School at Fort Wayne on Sept. 29-Oct. 2; Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15 and McDonalds; Dist. 9-B Fire School at Rensselaer; I.V.F.A. Financial Statement for 1988 year; State Board of Accounts; 1st Class Certification - Instructor's guides; New State Certification certificates; Service Awards; Edith trailer and Public Education Personnel; Fireman's license plates; I.A.A.I. Meeting Nov. 19 at Fire Marshal's Office; Electrical Class at Anderson was canceled.

Chairman Mitch Parish appointed Keith Getz, Dave Warren, and Steve Lee to the 1989 District 9-B Midwest Award Committee.

Program on Cults and problems related to Cults with the fire service by Dewitt Robinson of the Monticello Fire Dept.

Certification of Rescue Personnel, and the Blue Light Law were discussed with Claire Leuck-State Representative, and Keti Wolf - Senator.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were: Tim Sanders - Brook, George Moise - Winamac, Gale Edwards - Brookston. Wallet and decals donated by Joe Komoscar was won by Brian Burrough of Monticello. Streamlight Jr. Flashlight donated by George Walda was won by Allen Catterlin of Monticello. Five pound Fire Extinguisher donated by Dale Smith was won by J. Robinson of Monticello.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Next meeting is Nov. 10 at 6:30 P.M. slow time/7:30 P.M. fast time at Morocco Vol. Fire Dept.

Sec./Treas.
Dennis J. Risner

DISTRICT 11A

The hot and terribly dry summer is over at last. There have been a lot of fires due to the dry conditions but thanks to a burning ban issued by our Fire Marshal, we have been spared a lot of problems.

Our district 11A picnic was

held on September 18 at Dobbs Park in Terre Haute. There was a good turn out including our President Lawrence Swartz and his wife Theda. After a good meal and a short meeting we played games like a water balloon toss and the ladies honed their husband control instincts with a rolling pin throwing contest.

Our next meeting will be in November at Honey Creek firehouse 2 on Springhill Road in Terre Haute. We will have a program on the problem of AIDS. This should be a must see program for any one doing rescue work. Really guys this information could save your life.

District 11A is planning a dance in January but the details are not set as yet more on it later.

Sue and I would like to wish you all a happy New Year and a Very Very Merry Christmas.

Larry Biggs
Dist. 11A Chairman

DISTRICT 12

12th District Meeting
July 18th, 1988

Decatur Twp. V.F.D. (Marion Co.)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Johnson at 7:05 p.m. Pledge to flag led by our Sgt.-at-Arms Dick Johnson, opening prayer by our Chaplain James Bruner, with 31 members and guests representing 10 departments present.

Meeting was temporarily suspended in order for the host department to serve refreshments to members present.

Meeting called back to order at 7:40 p.m., with introduction of guests. They are as follows: Toddy & Helen Michl P.R.W.C. Bob and Joan Hayes and Host Chief Joe Miller.

First Roll Call.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Report was given. This was accepted. Committee Report - James Bruner, our Midwest Award Chairman, stated that James Tharpe of Plainfield Department was the 1988 Recipient.

New Business - Chairman Johnson, stated that the 12th District fire school will be held October 22 & 23rd at the Wayne Township Fire Training Headquarters in Marion County. This will be 8-hour a day classes. These classes will be alternated with SCBA and Ditch Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Rural water and etc. Coffee and donuts will be served. The cost will be \$5.00.

Election of district officers for the year 1988 and 1989 is now in order. Chairman Johnson turned

his gavel over to our P.R.W.C. Toddy Michl to conduct the election.

Chairman - name of Don Johnson, was presented there being no further names, Sec. Bogden cast one unanimous vote for Don Johnson.

Vice Chairman - name of James Tharpe was presented and there being no further names, Sec. Bogden cast one unanimous vote for James Tharpe.

Sec./Treas. - name of Charles Bogden was presented and there being no further names, Chairman Johnson cast one unanimous vote for Charles Bogden, who is starting his 34th year as District Secretary.

Chaplain - name of James R. Bruner was presented and there being no further names, Sec. Bogden cast one unanimous vote for James R. Bruner.

Sgt.-at-Arms - name of Dick Johnson was presented and there being no further names, Sec. Bogden cast one unanimous vote for Dick Johnson.

This concluded our election.

James Bruner, of Hazelwood, asked if it was compulsory to have Workmen's Compensation. He was given several answers.

Chairman Johnson read a list of departments whose dues were not paid for the year of 1988-1989.

Second Roll Call.

Chairman Johnson stated that James Tharpe has been contacting the State Police for a meeting with our members of the 12th district. He will have more information at our next district meeting.

Chairman Johnson asked the members present who wants to host next year's meetings (1988-89). They are as follows: Sept. 19, 1988 - Danville Vol. Fire Dept.; Nov. 21, 1988 - unknown; Jan. 16, 1989 - Wayne Twp. #2; March 20, 1989 - unknown; May 15, 1989 - Decatur Twp. #4 and July 17, 1989 - Mooresville Vol. Fire Dept.

Toddy Michl, our PRWC gave a few remarks and words of wisdom.

Chief Joe Miller introduced his firemen and firefighter and Ladies Auxiliary.

Toddy Michl suggested that all departments should attend the State Board Account Audit school. Also you must have an approved C.P.A. to audit your books.

50/50 was won by Joyce Newman.

Next district meeting will be at Danville Vol. Fire Dept. on Sept. 19th. No further business.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bogden
District Sec./Treas.

Officers Meeting

Airport Best Western Motel

Indianapolis, Indiana - August 6 and 7, 1988

President Swartz called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Vice President Lockhart.

Roll was taken by President Swartz in the absence of Secretary Kissell with a quorum present.

Introductions of new District Chairmen included Robert Davies of D2, Robert Bentley of D3, Richard Glant of D5, Steve Nelson of D14, Paul Hillenbrand of D19 and Larry Jackson, the new Public Relations director for the North East.

OFFICER REPORTS

Pres. Swartz read a letter from Don Weigel, past chairman from D19 and a thank you from the winners of the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. He also announced that the next three officer meetings would be held at this same facility. He stated that photos will be taken at the November meeting for the next convention book.

Further in his report was given a listing of the many meetings and functions that he had attended.

Vice president reported on the seminars that are being given in various parts of the state on records and laws.

Recording Secretary Nevil passed.

Chaplain Lantz thanked all for attending the Memorial Service at the convention. He also listed several meetings and functions he had at-

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tended as well as being part of. Also several Memorial Services have been given by the Chaplain.

Sgt.-at-Arms Bush spoke on activities in his area and the meetings he had attended.

Treasurer Stofer gave the financial report as of 7-31-88.

President Swartz stated that with the presence of Marshal Bosell we would defer any more officer reports at this time.

Marshal Bosell spoke on several topics which included the Challenge Grant Program, computer certification printouts, the Haz-Mat vans are in but not totally equipped, the recent bomb scare at Salem, fireworks laws which are not working, open burning as well as a new computer software package available for Haz-Mat use. He also noted that August 27th is Firefighter Appreciation Day at Busch Stadium in Indianapolis. It was stated that the new Fire Codes are due out very soon.

Returning to officer reports all Past Presidents in attendance passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS:

NW Howe attended 4 meetings and has two new district chairmen.

NE Kinsey in his report said that he had three re-elected and a new Chairman in District 5. He also commented on the seminars that are on going in the state on records and laws.

WC Michl in his report stated that all chairmen had been put back in office with the exception of D21 which is coming very soon. He thanked the officers for attending his meetings for their input.

EC Jackson said that he is learning fast. Also all have been put back in office that have had meetings.

SW Davis stated that he has attended several meetings in the districts as well as a meeting on next year's convention. One new department has joined the association recently.

SE Richardson said everything is going smoothly. He has a new man in District 14 and thanked Chaplain Lantz for traveling down for a Memorial Service.

At 5 p.m. President Swartz recessed the meeting until 7 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:21 p.m. It was stated that we would continue with the reports.

DISTRICT REPORTS

D1 Esserman reported on the events in the district and said that four fifty-year cards were presented recently. He showed a short video presentation of some training that he viewed while in China this year.

D2 Davis said that as a new chairman he was looking forward to serving and reported on some events in the district.

D3 Bentley thanked all for attending the convention and making it the success that it was. He said that the district is still working on the E.D.I.T.H. house.

D4 Ferro thanked the officers for the help in correcting some problems in the area.

D5 Glant said that he is looking forward to serving the association.

D6 Mackin listed several events coming in the district and said he would put more effort in the programs this year.

D7 Sorg commented on some activities going on at the present time and stated that he had been re-elected.

D8A Fleener spoke on district events and he too was re-elected.

D8B Daniels reported one death in the district and spoke on some scheduled events.

D9A Sutton was not here.

D9B Parish talked about the district events and that he had been put back in office. He stated that the recent fire at Monon will be the program at the next meeting.

D10 Neal stated that he was back in office and thanked the officers for being an integral part of his meetings.

D11A Biggs was re-elected and has been busy.

D11B Osborne was also back another time and spoke on events going on in the area.

D12 Johnson gave the Fire School report that will be held at Wayne Township Training Academy in late October.

D13A Nulliner was not here.

D14 Nelson said that as a new chairman he is getting his feet wet and trying to get things going.

D15 Seitz talked briefly on the next convention and other events in his area.

D16 no chairman.

D17A Engle thanked all for the cards, flowers and visits while his wife is recuperating from her recent illness. He was put back in office and made some comments from a recent Haz Mat incident near Vincennes recently.

D17B Zeeks said he had been re-elected.

D18 Wininger was re-elected and he was working on the Fire School scheduled for October as well as making an attempt to host the 1991 Convention in French Lick.

D19 Hillenbrand listed some upcoming events in the area and stated he was looking forward to working with all.

D20 no chairman.

D21 Martin said he has been busy working with the departments. No meeting has been held yet for election.

In other matters Secretary Kissell reported as of the 31st of July we have 13,397 paid members.

President Swartz introduced Charlie Baker on behalf of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association. Mr. Baker had a presentation to make to the association concerning the two associations on a possible cost sharing sponsorship with an Incident Command seminar with Chief Allan Bruicini as the speaker. The estimated cost would be approximately \$50 based on an enrollment of 250 students. A short discussion followed with no action being taken as it was deferred to the Board of Directors for action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Education; Parker stated that we would continue with the TV spot announcements as it was thought that the exposure was greater than was gotten at the State Fair.

President Swartz stated that all equipment is being housed at Wayne Township, Marion County, and Larry Curl in cooperation with the Public Relations Directors will be handling the scheduling of the equipment.

Legislative; Stofer spoke on some problems he has encountered so far. Fire Service charges is one of them. Also license plates for firefighters may be a reality as it does not require legislative action to get the job done. The Department of Motor Vehicles has the authority to accomplish this. He also spoke on what is being talked about for a State Emergency Training Academy. It would involve all facets of emergency response and would only be for any specialized training. 2nd and 1st Class Certification would still be done on a local level. Concerning the auditing by the State Board of Accounts some type of arrangement is being studied to the best interest of all parties involved.

EMS; Nevil spoke briefly on the State Board of Health reporting form concerning blood loss or body fluids which come in contact with the emergency personnel.

President Swartz spoke on the National Community Volunteer Fire Protection Program. John Davies is our representative and it is a three year program.

Resolutions; Kinsey reported that none have been received.

Bridgeport Fund; Sunday was absent, however the report was given by President Swartz concerning the recommendation of the action taken by the committee on the loss of life on an incident recently at Osgood. He also spoke on the Scholarship Fund criteria and applications. All will be published in the paper.

Due to the time of 9:30 p.m. the meeting was recessed until the following morning at 9 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by President Swartz and the Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz and it was stated that we would continue with the reports.

D13A Nulliner had no report.

D16 Richardson gave the report and stated that no election has been held.

Newspaper ad Taker; Ford requested a list of vendors from this year's convention. He said there is no problem on the collection of accounts. He read a letter from a company in Kentucky who would like to print articles in our paper. No action taken.

Editor assistant; Howe stated that the paper is out and the next issue is set for October with the deadline set for September.

Membership; Bruns stated that the paid up dues show that a lot of work is being done on the collection of dues.

Safety; Parish reported that nothing can be reprinted from the NFPA as they have copyrights on all their printings.

I.N.C.E.R.T.; Biggs said that nothing is happening.

Awards; Lockhart said that no new awards have been suggested.

However, the committee does suggest that the Mid West Awards be given on Thursday night rather than Friday night during the meeting.

"88" Convention; Al Meyers and Bob Bentley in their report to the officers show a net margin of about \$3800, with some bills to be paid yet.

Insurance; Stofer passed.

Clothing; Ferro went over the correct way a claim is to be filed.

Jerry Nulliner who represents the State Fire Marshal's office on the Emergency Task Force for Rescue Vehicles spoke on some recommendations that are being proposed. A short discussion was held on the items.

OLD BUSINESS

VP Lockhart spoke on the State Building and Fire Codes. Short discussions followed on various aspects of the codes.

Kinsey stated that the 1st Class certifications have not been finalized yet. A discussion followed on the new computer cards that are being used now for certification.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from the Dale Corp. on their new rate schedule was read by President Swartz.

In other action Robert Laney was appointed editor of our paper with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Bill Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed.

Esserman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sorg seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote and was adjourned at 10:30.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Wininger called the meeting to order at 10:32, and asked for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed which was seconded by Parish and carried by voice vote.

Miss Flame Sara Davis was introduced and talked briefly to the members present.

Chairman Wininger presented the new budget for the association's adoption and/or changes or rejection. After a short discussion a motion was made by Stofer to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Parish and carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

President Swartz assumed the chair for the purpose of holding the election for the new Board Chairman. Nominations were accepted from the floor for Chairman. Esserman nominated Willie Parish and Jerry Nulliner nominated Barry Wininger. After no further nominations were received the nominations were closed and a ballot vote taken.

While the vote was being taken and counted an open discussion was held again on a possible change in the by-laws to enable all officers to vote on the election of Chairman of the Board. A committee of Bill Howe and Bill Engle were appointed to research the issue and report any recommendations if needed back to the officers. After three (3) ballots Barry Wininger was elected Chairman for the next year.

Chairman Wininger asked for a motion to increase the bond on the Treasurer to \$250,000. Parish made a motion to allow the increase which was seconded by Howe. The motion carried by voice vote and it was noted that the cost is nominal.

The next item to be discussed was on including liquor liability to the other liability insurance coverage. After a short discussion Esserman made a motion to include this coverage with the other. Engle seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

On the proposal from the IFIA to co-sponsor a seminar with them a short discussion followed. Bill Howe made a motion that the President's Advisory Committee be charged with the decision. The motion died for lack of a second.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hi everyone,

This sure has been a dry summer. I haven't seen the water so low in the river and ponds for a long time. The rain sure helps the ground from getting any drier than it has been. We still need lots more. There are a number of fire schools in September and October, you men should be taking advantage of them.

Now that summer is over, the farmers will be going into the fields again. I hope they will work safe and not have any tractor, combine or corn picker accidents or fires. We have been getting several set fires around Honey Creek Square. One building complex destroyed.

Been getting to the district meetings. Michigantown was the site for District 21 meeting. Perry Martin had a great turnout. Bob Esserman had tapes of his trip to China. Very interesting.

New Market was host department for District 11B. They will have a fire school on tactics with Chief Lamb instructing on Sept. 24th.

District 12 had their meeting in Danville, this time it didn't snow. Don Johnson is having his fire school at Wayne Township Training Center. It will be October 22 and 23. This should be a little different. One class will be on Trench Rescue and Recovery. We will let you know how this one turns out.

District 11A had their picnic and meeting combined at Dobbs Park again this year. Fairly good turnout. As usual the food was excellent. We had a few sprinkles in the afternoon but not enough to stop the fun and conversation. Theda and Lawrence Swartz were in attendance and as usual added something to our meeting.

I haven't received any calls or letters from anyone in District 20 who would like to serve as District Chairman. I'll be calling several men in the meantime hoping to get one soon. We need someone to keep this district going. We need to get information on what is happening. If anyone would be interested please give me a call. Call collect 812-299-1019.

Can't think of much more, until next time and at your meetings so long for now.

L.J. "Toddy" Michl

Nozzle purchased with auxiliary proceeds

The Independence Hill Fire Department Auxiliary recently purchased a Select-O-Matic Nozzle with a portion of the proceeds from fundraisers the auxiliary held in 1987.

In the spring the auxiliary sponsored a Rummage and Bake Sale and in the early fall they held a car wash.

The nozzle was presented to Jerry Phillips, Fire Chief of the Independence Hill Fire Department.

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'88 CONVENTION

Thursday, June 9, 1988
Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Convention
Michigan City, Indiana

President Swartz called the 42nd annual meeting to order. Vice President Lockhart escorted 1987 Miss Flame Dawn Lemmons to the stage followed by the 1988 Miss Flame contestants escorted by the District Chairman.

I.V.F.A.A. Sgt. at Arms Miriam Schaeckel and I.V.F.A. Sgt. at Arms Bill Bush posted the colors. The National Anthem was sung by all followed by the Pledge to the flag and the Invocation by Chaplain Lantz.

Pres. Swartz welcomed all to Michigan City. He stated that a Miss Flame, Lois Boaz and Mr. IVFA would be honored this evening.

Introduction included Theda Swartz, V.P. Lockhart, Convention Co-Chairman Al and Gail Meyer, Andy Bjornborg and his wife Evelyn, I.V.F.A.A. President Loretta Nulliner, and I.V.F.A.A. Vice President Toni Sorg.

Chairman Meyer and Bjoinburg introduced their committees and guests.

Pres. Swartz introduced Ken Layton, Sheriff of LaPorte County, Robert Behler, Mayor of Michigan City, Stephen Bacylut, Police Chief, Senator Dennis Neary, ISP

representatives, and Cliff Arnold, Past Mayor of Michigan City.

After the introduction of the guests, Pres. Swartz introduced the officers, committee chairmen, and Past Presidents.

The meeting was turned over to IVFAA President Loretta Nullinger for the Miss Flame Introductions and ceremony. Miss Sara Davis from D 11 A was the Miss Flame winner and runner up was Miss Vickie Bush from D 11 B.

Later the Lois Boaz Award was presented to Viola Bruns of Sunman.

The presentation of the Mr. IVFA award was held and the presentation was given to Carl Bruns.

A few announcements were given concerning the schedule of events on Friday were given and the meeting was recessed until Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivan Nevil

Recording Secretary

Minutes of the 42nd Annual Convention Meeting
Friday, June 10, 1988
Michigan City, Indiana

President Swartz: "We will now call to order (8:40 a.m.) and reconvene our 42nd annual meeting. The invocation will be given by our Chaplain - Duane Lantz. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Pete Lockhart."

Chaplain Lantz: "Shall we pray. Again, Our Heavenly Father, we have gathered to carry on the duties of the day. As You look down upon us this day, give us the knowledge and strength that we need to make the proper decisions. In Christ's name we pray. Amen."

Vice President Lockhart: Pledge to the Flag.

President Swartz: "Welcome; The officers and I appreciate you taking of your time to attend this annual meeting today of your association. We appear to have a full agenda today, so we must keep moving, your help will be appreciated. We have had five resolutions submitted this year to act on, plus our reports and elections. The Memorial Service will be held here, we will break at approximately 10:30 to allow those to set up the Cross and have things ready.

Also, State Officers from District Chairmen on up - if you did not submit a voucher for pay of your expenses yesterday at the State Officers Meeting, you now have 29 minutes to do so.

We do have some dignitaries invited to the Convention this year who for various reasons were unable to attend. Due to prior commitments, communications from the offices of Governor Orr, Lt. Gov. Mutz indicated they are unable to attend but wish us a very successful convention.

I have a couple of items as far as communications are concerned. One of them is, as most of you are aware of, the American Legion sponsors yearly a memorial service for public officers who have died in the line of duty. Those names are normally on a brass plaque at the State House; however due to renovation those plaques have been removed and the service will be held at the Indiana War memorial on June 26 at 1:00 p.m.

President Swartz read the Committee schedule for the meeting.

We have the following rules we would like to follow for this Convention:

Be recognized before you speak.

You must use a mike if you want to speak. There is one located in the center aisle and another up front.

Give your name and District before speaking.

Officers, give your name and the office you hold before speaking.

If at all possible, speak only once on each subject.

You must attend both the morning and the afternoon sessions to receive your mileage allowance, based on round-trip.

Only one delegate from each department will receive a mileage allowance.

The District Chairman will enforce these rules.

Each department is allowed 3 votes on any item being voted upon.

Sergeant-at-Arms, you must have someone at each door during the voting. No one is to leave or enter the room during voting.

At this time we will have the reading of the minutes of last year's annual meeting.

Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of District 18, I move that we dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Chairman, Max Poling of District 6. I second that motion.

President Swartz: We have a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and it has been seconded. All in favor of the motion signify by saying 'aye.' Motion carried.

At this time I would like to introduce the Convention Co-chairman, Al Meyers.

Al Meyers: The only thing I would like to say right now is that we have business meetings every year at Convention. Somewhere along the line it seems that we're taking it in the rear down at the statehouse. Some of that is just an accident and some of that is that we as firemen aren't writing letters to the men making all these laws that we complain about at every District meeting. Our representatives to the legislature cannot do their job until we figure out what we want them to do. We have to help them by writing letters.

Co-Chairman Andy Bjornborg: As I said last night, Al put on a tough act that would be very hard to follow. I would like to reiterate his remarks. With our membership, it is quite a voting block to the legislatures and there is nothing more powerful than a man with a steady pencil and a pad of paper getting the message to his legislature. I want to thank all you people for coming up here, I want to thank the people who helped us and we can proceed at this point with a heck of a good convention.

President Swartz: Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to compliment you on the activities you have planned for us. You have done a great job and should be congratulated.

President Swartz called on Al Mendel, Chairman of the Games Committee, who spoke briefly.

President Swartz: I will start off by giving my report for the year. It is a hectic schedule and we travelled over 19,000 miles last year - I have attended at least one district meeting of all the districts in the state with the exception of two. Overall I have attended 34 district meetings, six legislative meetings, two Bridgeport meetings, six various other department events we were invited to. We currently do not have a chairman in District 13B or 20.

Just keep in mind, as we attend these various meetings and legislative meetings, we as officers need your input for legislative and training programs. I would like to thank Gene Stofer for his efforts in the legislature during the past session. I would also like to extend my thanks to Jack Ford for helping Gene find the stairways in the statehouse (Gene is not too well acquainted down there). I think we had a good session, maybe not too many bills came out of it but there were 2 or 3 that were very worthwhile.

There has been a lot of discussion on the Workmen's Compensation bill and, believe me, we feel it can only be good for you. Don't be alarmed, it is not as difficult as it sounds when you get into it. We do urge you, in fact you need to, to get in the program because of the fact that you will see a reduction in insurance policies. That pretty well sums up about where we have been for the year. We have a new year ahead of us and again if you have desires and things you feel need to be addressed legislative-wise, association-wise, please tell your district chairman or an officer of the association so we can get those wants and desires carried out.

We try to serve the association as best we can and if there are any questions you would like to ask, now is the time to do it.

Vice President Pete Lockhart, your report please.

Pete Lockhart: It has been a pleasure to serve as your Vice President during the past year. I have done a little travelling, not as much as Lawrence. It will be a great pleasure to get around and eat all that chocolate pie and pastries. I have run into some of the best pastries during the past year that I have ever had in my life, and you can tell it by looking at all the past-presidents of this association.

President Swartz: Thanks, Pete. Secretary Lee Kissell.

Lee Kissell: First of all, a few things about dues here real quick. We have sent out a two-part form this year and we would like to have you return one of these to me along with your dues. Everybody so far has done that real well. It has been a great help.

I would like to thank my wife who knows our program. Our goal has been to have your cards and any correspondence back out within two weeks after we receive it. The 1987-88 membership, total paid members was 15,568. Concerning the Bridgeport Fund, I want to remind everyone to get their dues in by July 31. We had 10,330 members paid on time; that left 5,238 paid after July 31 that would be excluded from the Bridgeport Fund consideration, so please try to get them in this year. For the Bridgeport Fund, dues must be in my office by July 31. It has been a pleasure to serve you this year; I hope everyone is satisfied with the job being done. If there are any questions see me during convention or call me at my room. I have a complete printout of all the membership with me.

President Swartz: Thanked Lee. I will call on the Recording Secretary for his report.

Ivan Nevil: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I would like to recognize one of the people I work with as your representative to the EMS division, Sherry Crane. I would also like to thank John Davies who is doing the recording of the minutes today. Mr. President, the Recording Secretary passes.

President Swartz: Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Bush.

Bill Bush: It has been a pleasure to serve as your state Sergeant-at-Arms and if you have not gotten your supplies, your Chairmen have them. Thank you and if I can be of any help let me know.

President Swartz: Thank you, Bill. Chaplain, Duane Lantz.

Duane Lantz: Fellows, it is great to be here in Michigan City and to have you in my home town. The fellowship that we have had together the last couple of days, words can't describe it. The many things that I know your departments have done and the many times that I have been at your memorial services, just everything that has happened has been great as far as I am concerned. You are a great bunch of guys and I love you. God Bless.

President Swartz: Thank you, Buddy. Past Presidents -

All past presidents in attendance passed.

President Swartz: Treasurer, Gene Stofer.

Gene Stofer: Mr. President, the Association is \$54,000 this year better than they were this same time last year. (The complete financial report will appear in the paper.) Now I would like to take the opportunity to turn the podium over for a second to Barry Winger who is Chairman of the Board and also Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Barry Winger: I have the audit report here. It has been approved by the Audit Committee and I would like to present it to the membership for approval. I will entertain a motion to accept the audit as is.

Willie Parish, District 9B: I make a motion that we accept the audit as is.

Tom Sellmer, District 14: Second.

Barry Winger: I have a motion and second. All in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Carried.

Gene Stofer: Mr. Parliamentarian, with the approval of the floor I would like to set the by-laws aside for about thirty seconds so I can make a motion. Do I have the approval from the floor?

Bill Kinsey: Mr. Treasurer, I so move.

Gene Stofer: Do I hear a second?

Max Harrah: I second.

Gene Stofer: Max Harrah seconds it. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Carried. I would like to move that we pay the delegates 20 cents a mile for this year.

Max Harrah: I second.

Gene Stofer: All those in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Carried. You will get 20 cents a mile, gentlemen. Let me get the business back in motion from discontinuing our bylaws for 30 seconds. All right, on your vouchers it is 20 cents a mile from your home to Michigan City and return. Also, it is one delegate per department.

President Swartz: Continuing with reports, Public Relations Directors. West Central, Toddy Michl. All PR Directors pass.

President Swartz: District Chairmen Reports. District 1, Bob Esserman.

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Bob Esserman: Pass.

Rob Sabie, District 3: I make a motion to dispense with the rest of the District Chairmen reports.

Larry Biggs, District 11-A: Second.

President Swartz: We have a motion and a second to dispense with the District Chairmen reports.

Larry Biggs, District 11-A: Second.

President Swartz: We have a motion and a second to dispense with the District Chairmen reports. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Carried.

Let's continue with Committee reports. Rescue Squads, Bogue.

Bogue: Pass.

President Swartz: Safety, Mitch Parish.

Parish: Pass.

President Swartz: Awards, Pete Lockhart.

Pete Lockhart: Pass.

President Swartz: Resolutions, Carl Davis.

Carl Davis: Ready for action to be taken later on in Convention.

President Swartz: Membership, Carl Bruns.

Carl Bruns: Pass.

President Swartz: Bridgeport Committee, Bill Sunday.

Bill Sunday: I would like for everybody to listen to this because it is going to be important. We continue to get applications from the kids. \$1,500, if you have kids going to school, makes one heck of a difference. You have to be a member of the IVFA, your dues have to be paid by July 31st in order to be eligible. We had to take maybe 25 off the top because dad's dues hadn't been paid yet. That makes the child ineligible to receive these benefits. Get your dues taken care of by July 31st.

The Scholarship committee members are going to make just a couple of changes this coming year. One of them will be that we will not mail the application to all of the schools for the kids. What you need to do is watch the IVFA issues of the paper, because as of the next issue, there will be a letter form in there which you can complete and send it in to the IVFA State Secretary who will in turn mail you a copy of the application if you have a child that wants to participate. That will be in every issue.

This way we will get them directly to everybody who is involved, fill it out and send it in, and we will get the information back to you so you can get it back to the IVFA State Secretary by the deadline as he also made a comment about that.

There will also be a form right close to it in the paper on the death benefit from the Bridgeport Memorial Fund. In the event you have a death, that form needs to be filled out and given to an IVFA State Officer so that we can take the necessary steps to get the \$3,000.00 benefit. Thank you.

President Swartz: Thank You, Bill.

President Swartz: Clothing, Tim Reed.

Tim Reed: Pass.

Marshal Bosell addressed the members in attendance.

President Swartz: Thank you, Marshal Bosell. Now at this time I would like to have the Chairman of the Miss Flame Committee bring forward the very lovely ladies - our Miss Flame, runner-up, and her court, Barbara Surber. She introduced the new Miss Flame and court.

President Swartz: Thank you, Barbara, for a job well done. I think once again the ladies have performed very well in their Miss Flame programs and as contestants. We thank you once again for attending and look forward to having you at the banquet this evening.

We will continue briefly with the Committee reports. Editor's Assistant, Bill Howe.

Bill Howe: The next issue is due out the end of July; if you have anything to put in it, get it to Bob Laney by June 20. Thank you.

President Swartz: I would at this time like to introduce our previous legislative representative, our current ad taker for the IVFA paper, Mr. Jack Ford.

Jack Ford: Good morning, gentlemen and ladies. It is my pleasure to introduce to you, my friend and yours, Mitch Harper.

Mitch Harper: Addressed the meeting.

Gene Strofer: Gentlemen. Mitch was very instrumental as the committee chairman getting this bill to fly. It was one of the few bills that went through the house, thanks to Mitch Harper, Mary Kay and several others. This is the first time that the volunteers have ever been mentioned in a political platform in the state of Indiana. This happened yesterday, thanks to you Mr. Harper and some of the other legislative people.

President Swartz: I also on behalf of the association, want to thank Mitch Harper and his colleagues in the legislative body for their thoughts and efforts in promoting the volunteer fire service. We will recess until this afternoon. We will reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

President Swartz: At this time, we will continue with our committee reports, National Volunteer Fire Council, Richard Lamb.

Richard Lamb: Thanks, Mr. President. At the last Board of directors meeting in Vienna, Virginia, it was voted by the executive board to support the following federal legislation. House Public Works Committee Senate Bill 2116 to exempt firefighters from the Department of Transportation requirements for commercial drivers license to operate fire apparatus. Senate Bill 1250 changes the public safety officer benefit program and increases the benefits from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 providing for the cost of the living adjustment eliminating the requirements for parents or dependents of small children. House Bill 3999 provides for the exemption from federal jury for volunteer firefighters. House Bill 3850, Senate Bill 2003 eliminates the requirements to pay the excise tax on diesel fuel for volunteer fire departments which buy the fuel from wholesale dealers. House Bill 4497 establishes the task force to carry out the recommendations of the tactical study group on cigarettes, cigar fire safety.

In a program co-sponsored by the National Volunteer Fire Council in conjunction with the Field and Stream Magazine, we have an Indiana fire department that won \$1,000.00. That fire department was Patriot, Indiana.

Regarding the Officer's Benefit Safety Program, the way it stands today, someone loses their life in the line of duty, you are entitled to \$50,000.00 providing you follow the criteria that is layed out in the benefit program. That is blood alcohol test, substance abuse test, if there is any substance abuse in the blood test, or alcohol you will not receive the \$50,000.00.

That concludes my report - summary of the 1987 firefighter death experience which may be of some interest: 124 United States firefighters died in the line of duty compared to 113 in 1986. There were 3 triple fatalities incidents in 1987. Three deaths in the live fire training exercise. Three deaths in a structure fire. There were 3 deaths in a plane crash while fighting a forest fire. The 3 deaths in the live training fire leaves a lot to be desired. More than half of the fatalities and injuries occurred while firefighters were involved in non-fireground activities, of the 124 firefighters killed, 52 were career, 72 were volunteers. Heart attacks again were the leading fatality.

The Indiana Emergency Response Committee, I finally got the drafts, for discussion purposes only, and I said to you and the board of directors, and the PR group that I would run copies of those and get them to you. Thank you, Lawrence.

President Swartz: And I thank you, Dick.

President Swartz: Public Education, Jim Parker.

Jim Parker: Made some comments on the TV spot announcements.

President Swartz: Thank you, Jim, Fire Schools, Pete Lockhart.

Pete Lockhart: As far as we know, the IVFA sponsored 4 fire schools last year throughout the state of Indiana.

President Swartz: Thank you, Pete. Personnel and Standards, Bill Kinsey.

Bill Kinsey: The Standards Board is in the final stages of field testing the First Class lesson plan. As soon as the field test comes back in and the Board is able to finalize those lesson plans, they will be printed and distributed the same as the Second Class lesson plans have been. We will continue our ongoing campaign to have the redbook rules promulgated according to the law of the state of Indiana. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Swartz: Thank you, Bill.

I would like to introduce at this time Tim Downey, Downey Insurance Agency, to cover the insurances.

Tim Downey: Good Afternoon. Tim spoke on the new insurance that goes into effect on July 1, 1988.

President Swartz: Thank you, Tim. I would at this time open the floor for bids for the 1990 convention.

Mr. President, Mike Mackin from the 6th District. On behalf of the Allen County Firefighters Association, I would like to submit a bid for the 1990 convention. At this time I would like to introduce if I may, Lt. Charles Cass. A presentation for the 1990 convention was made by the contingency.

President Swartz: Thank you, our guests, for joining us today and express our appreciation. Do we have any other bids for the 1990 convention? Any other bids for the 1990 convention?

Mr. President, Bob Esserman, District 1. I move that we accept the invitation from the Fort Wayne people that were here for the 1990 convention.

President Swartz: Thank you, Bob. Do we have a second?

Jim Straws, Chairman of District 5. I second the motion.

President Swartz: Any discussion on the motion to go to Fort Wayne in 1990? If not, all those in favor of going to Fort Wayne signify by saying 'aye.' Nays? We are going to Fort Wayne in 1990.

President Swartz introduced Karen Loch from the MDA Association who made a short presentation and also introduced Jodie Taylor and Jason Barr who thanked all the firefighters for their help and support.

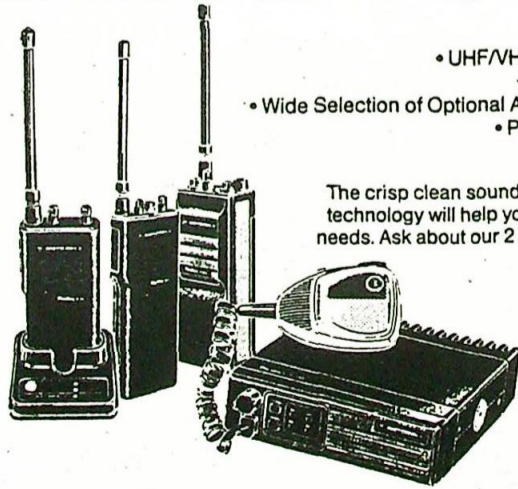
President Swartz: Convention 1989.

John Barr: Spoke on preliminary plans for next year.

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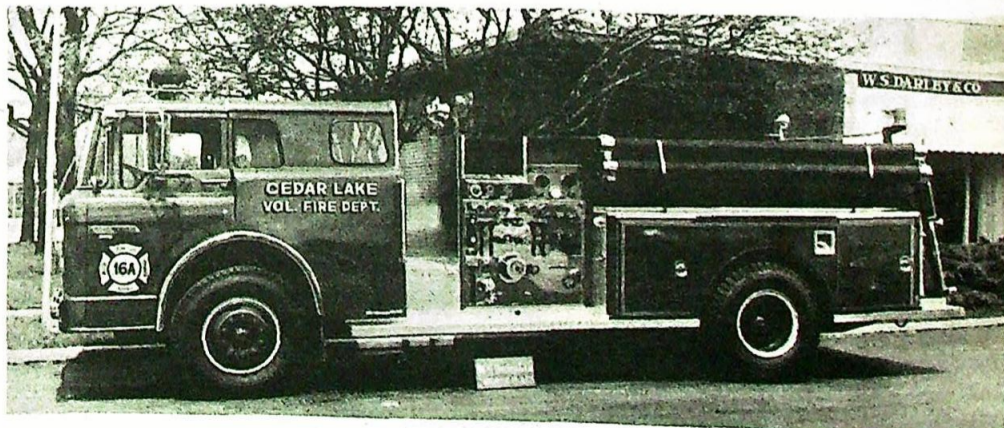
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Bill Engle made a motion that we not accept their proposal. Mike Seitz seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

After several comments were made on different training proposals with nothing being resolved. Chairman Winger tabled any further discussion.

On the appointment of Robert Laney to serve as our editor of the paper a motion was made by Stofer and seconded by Lantz that he be retained. Motion carried by voice vote.

A request from the 1989 Convention Committee was made for the sum of \$4,000 for advance money. Esserman made the motion to allow the advance money. Richardson seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Stofer introduced John Shank of the State of Indiana Industrial Board who spoke briefly on liability insurance. He did say to ignore the dollar limitation over medical policy on Workmen's Comp as it is unlimited. He briefly spoke on other items pertaining to the fire service.

Treasurer Stofer spoke on a program for the association. It will be thru Capital Plus in Indianapolis. He introduced a representative from Capital Plus Credit Union who then went into more detail for those in attendance. After her presentation of the program a question and answer period followed. Later Roy Richardson made a motion to pursue the program and have information put into the paper concerning what is available. Esserman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Tim Downey spoke on insurance liability coverage.

Treasurer Stofer reported that new flags are being ordered for the association's use.

A short discussion was held on the packet that was distributed to the district Chairmen at the last meeting. Roy Richardson made a motion that an additional 50 packets be put together. Motion seconded and it carried by voice vote.

Stofer made a motion that the meeting be adjourned after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz. Grant seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 after the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
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Washington - On September 26, the House of Representatives approved the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act which would prevent the expenditure of federal money for conferences in hotels and motels not properly outfitted with sprinkler systems and other fire safety devices.

Under the provisions of this bill, H.R. 3704, the U.S. Fire Administration would be required to issue guidelines on the use of sprinklers and smoke detectors in hotels and motels. Any hotels and motels not complying with these guidelines would not be listed in the General Services Administration's guide to hotels and motels for federal employees, nor would they be reimbursed for conferences held in their facilities.

Congressman Curt Weldon stated "This is the first major step in the direction of protecting public safety through the simple and effective use of automatic sprinklers. This is a significant bill because it indicates a desire on the part of legislators to have the federal government set the pace for fire safety nationally."

Congressman Walgren and Boehlert, the sponsors of the bill, introduced the bill after the fire in the DuPont Plaza Hotel in Puerto Rico, which wiped out 97 people in 12 minutes. Boehlert stated, "An investigation into the fire found what investigations into similar tragedies have found: that if the hotel had been sprinklered, no one would have died. It is appropriate and necessary that the federal government use its enormous purchasing power to promote greater fire safety."

Walgren stated, "What this bill does is to demonstrate in black and white the federal government's support for their employees to stay in fire-safe hotels. At the same time, H.R. 3704 encourages improvement in fire safety features in hotels and motels that will be beneficial to all citizens."

The House also passed H.R. 4807 which would allow all volunteer public safety personnel to excuse themselves from federal jury duty. Paid firefighters are already exempt from jury duty at the federal, state and local levels.

Evansville Convention plans are finalized

Convention plans for the 1989 Convention in Evansville are about finalized. The following describes some of the events that will be a part of this convention.

Camping facilities will be at Burdette Park, about 6 miles from the convention site and reservation forms are in the paper. Get yours in early.

Some of you have asked why do we show Wednesday, June 14th as the first day of the convention. On Wednesday, June 14th at 1:00 p.m. there will be an I.V.F.A. Bowling Tournament at Meadow Lanes in Evansville. Prizes will be awarded to winners. Entry forms are printed in the paper.

At 6:00 p.m., District 15 will sponsor a barbeque for all in attendance at Burdette Park. This will include all the facilities of the park, which include an olympic size swimming pool, a giant water slide, batting cages, roller rink, plenty of food, a disk jockey for dancing. The whole park will be ours from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. You do not want to miss this. Transportation will be provided to and from the park.

There will be a tour of some of the Evansville points of interest during the morning and afternoon on Wednesday. Watch the next paper for details.

Thursday, June 15th will be registration day, display will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and tours will be conducted during the morning and afternoon, watch the next paper for details.

After the joint meeting a dance will be held in the Green Convention Center featuring a live band.

Friday, June 16th, registration will continue throughout the day. The memorial service will be held in the Green Convention Center. The banquet will be held in the Green Convention Center. There will be a teen age party at the pool during the banquet and a children's party in the Executive Inn.

At 10:00 p.m. there will be a three hour cruise on the Executive Queen on the beautiful Ohio River, cost will be \$15.00 per couple. This ride will be limited to the first 300 buying tickets, tickets will be available in February. Watch the next paper for details. Entertainment will be by Mr. Harry Tenbarga, a local entertainer, who features a banjo sing-a-long.

For those who cannot go on the Executive Queen a dance will be held in the Green Convention Center, featuring disc jockey music.

Registration for all games will be on Friday. Drawings will be held Friday evening.

On Saturday, June 17th, games will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Vanderburgh County lot, approximately 1 block from the Executive Inn.

At 2:00 p.m., the parade will begin in the Civic Center parking lot, across the street from the games location, will go thru downtown and finish at the Civic Center parking lot.

Immediately following will be a muster of old fire apparatus in the Civic Center parking lot. This is a new addition to the convention and we invite everyone to bring your old apparatus for display. Prizes will be awarded for several categories.

At 8:00 p.m. another Ohio River cruise will be held on the Executive Queen, featuring Mr. Harry Tenbarga again. Ticket prices will be the same as Friday. A dance will also be held in the Green Convention Center for those who do not go on the cruise.

It should be noted that the display floor will be open Thurs-

day, Friday and Saturday for the convenience of all. It will be opened on Saturday to the entire tristate area, bringing in fire fighters from Illinois and Kentucky.

We are planning a "FINE TIME IN '89" for all attending this annual convention. Everyone should get their reservations in early, as only 400 rooms are available at the Executive Inn and about 100 of them are already gone. If you stay at the Executive Inn, your vehicle will go in the parking garage on arrival and you will have no need for it until you

leave. Transportation will be furnished to any function requiring travel.

Plan now to come on Wednesday and stay until Sunday, so you won't miss any of the festivities. Watch the next paper for special air rates on US Air to fly to Evansville for this event. Transportation will be provided to and from the new air terminal in Evansville.

Plan now to "Come to the party in Evansville" and have "A Fine Time in 89."

John Barr
Convention Chairman

Special USAir fares for convention

USAir and the I.V.F.A. have teamed up for the 1989 I.V.F.A. Convention to be held in Evansville from June 14-18, 1989.

For those of you who wish to fly to our convention in Evansville, special convention fares have been arranged with USAir. These fares will offer you significant savings to make air travel to Evansville more economical, convenient, and efficient than driving to our convention. Transportation to

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Look for future articles to highlight the special convention fares you can receive on USAir for your June travel to Evansville.

Elevator safety stressed

Indianapolis, IN — Born in the early 1900s, the Model 'T' Ford has all but vanished from the American highway. Its quaint and outmoded technology has consigned it largely to antique exhibits and auto museums where current and future generations can marvel at its rustic underpinnings.

As a curiosity, a keepsake, and a reminder of the way it was, the Model T's excellence is readily apparent. Its rarity and antiquity turn heads during its occasional, ceremonial ventures onto the American highway.

As nifty as those few remaining Model Ts are, few Hoosiers today would trade regular transport in smooth running, air conditioned, reliable, and safe, late model autos for the venerable 'T'. To be sure, most of us will never even have an opportunity to ride in one.

But how many of us will ride in an elevator of the same vintage?

Sandra Whittington of Berne, Indiana, must wish that she had not. On July 25, 1988, at 2:20 p.m. both her legs were badly broken when a 1908 Decatur Machine and Equipment Company elevator at Lee's Department Store in Berne plunged into the basement carrying Whittington and her son, Josh, on a fright-filled ride that should never have happened.

The elevator, a device of dried, splitting wood, weak with use and age, and incorporating the limited technological advances of the 1800s, should not have been in operation, but since it was an unregistered machine, it had

never been reported to and inspected by the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services Division of Elevator Safety. Had it been inspected, it would have been made safe or sealed out of service as a hazard to life and property.

"This unit was largely made of wood, had a leather drive belt, and had long ago outlived its safe or useful life expectancy," said Roy Smith, Director of the Elevator Safety Division. "Its collapse concerns me because it caused serious injury, and it need not have happened. But what concerns me more are the accidents waiting to happen on the 200 or more similar, unregistered elevators that I'd estimate are in use statewide. Indiana State law requires that elevators be registered with the Elevator Safety Division and bear a seal attesting that they have passed a twice annual safety inspection by the division."

"We need a statewide safety alert to get all elevators into the system, get them inspected and brought up to current standards of safety," Smith continued. "When you get on an elevator next time, look for the state inspection certificate. It should be prominently displayed on the elevator wall. If it is missing, get off the elevator, and call my office at 317-232-2672 for a prompt check of the elevator's safety and serviceability. Don't take a quick trip to the basement."

Model Ts are neat, but not when your life and safety are hanging in the balance.



Kankakee Township took First Place (Doug is not pictured).



The Second Place winner was Schererville pictured above with scorekeeper Pam Froman.

Annual tournament a success

The Schererville Fire Department was glad to hold the 4th Annual Softball Tournament. Six different departments from three districts participated. The tournament was held at South Park in Griffith on Aug. 27 and 28.

We only played a couple of games on Saturday before the sky fell down all over us. All the games were rescheduled for Sunday with all six teams still playing. The teams were: Cedar Lake, Lake Hills, Independence Hill, Griffith, Kankakee Township, and Schererville. Due to rain on Saturday, nine games were played on Sunday. Lake Hills took third place, Schererville second, and the champions were Kankakee Township.

It was a well played and coached tournament. We hope that all the teams had a good time and will come back next year.

There was only one home run hit by Steve Mrozinski of Kankakee Township. All the members of the Schererville Fire Department hope that Doug Lenig of Kankakee Township has recovered fully after taking a ball in the face.

I want to thank all members of the Schererville Auxiliary which did another great job on the refreshments. We would not know what to do without them.

The umpires did a super job especially on Sunday keeping things going so we could get all of the games played. Thanks again to Buzz and Al.

I would like to make this a bigger and better tournament so if you have any ideas, please call me at 219-322-3756 or write Bill Howe, 1601 Julie Drive, Schererville, IN 46315.

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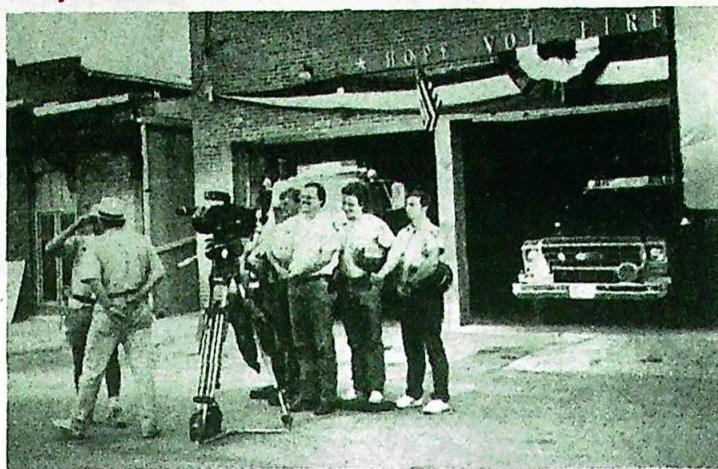
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Nancy Richardson
 Dist. 14 Chairman

District 19: No meeting since
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Judy Hildebrand, Chairman

Hope VFD stars in commercial



Members of the Hope Volunteer Fire Department starred in the Arby's *Ban the Burger* commercials earlier this year. The commercials are being shown nation-wide. Although no offers of further acting assignments have been forthcoming, the firefighters have been renewed by Arby's and are now all members of the Screen Actors Guild. Pictured are Chief Bruce Neal and firefighters Ken Chandler, Randy Wood, Jon Dillman and Steve Pattingill.

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The Hope Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased a new Mobile Medical Ambulance for its Advanced Life Support service. The Type III diesel replaces a Type II Ford Econoline.

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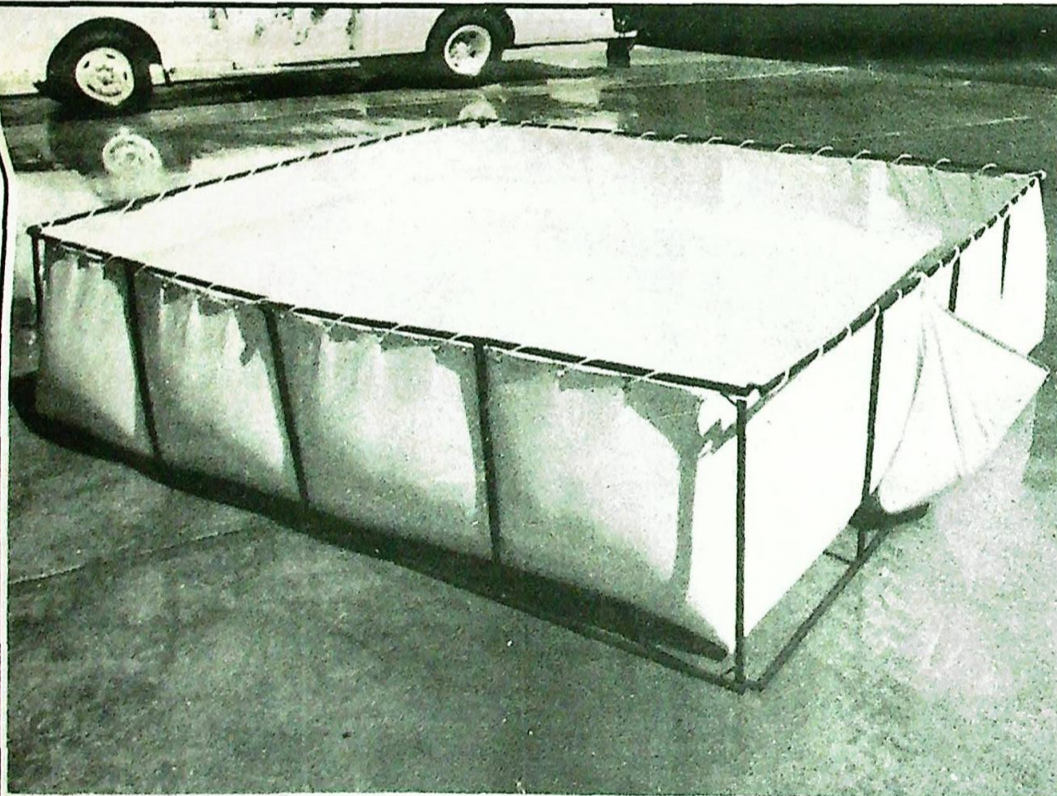
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"It was 100-plus degrees that day. We were out for 15 or 16 hours the first day, then went out again three days in a row for flare-ups," Benedictine Brother Luke Hodde remembered. "The people in the area have been very good, very supportive, and we had about 130 to 140 people helping us."

Brother Luke is one of about 15 St. Meinrad monks who volunteer their services to the community as members of the St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department.

Officially, he serves as business manager and treasurer of the monastery but when his electronic pager beeps for an alarm he is first and foremost a firefighter. His volunteer service to the department began as a seminarian, and interest in helping others led to continued participation for nearly two decades.

"It's very rewarding," he explained. "It makes you feel good when you can help someone. People recognize the value of fire protection, and they know that it takes a lot of time and money to keep a fire department going."

Their rural fire department covers Harrison Township in

Spencer County as well as part of Clarke Township in Perry County.

Emotional responses at fire scenes are part of the challenge of the job. "It's a real sick feeling when you see smoke pouring out the windows," he said. "We've had our tragedies. It's one of the difficulties about being a rural fire department. But it's a small community, and when people have burn-outs the neighbors jump in and help."

St. Meinrad's Volunteer Fire Department operates under an unusual cooperative arrangement dating back to 1932, with an abbey fire chief and a town fire chief sharing responsibilities for a combined staff of monks and area residents. Randy Schaefer and Benedictine Father Kilian Kerwin alternate as chief depending upon the location of the fire. The town and abbey also share expenses.

"We're one of the few subscription services left in Indiana," Benedictine Brother Daniel Linkens, director of St. Meinrad's health services and a former abbey fire chief explained. "Most are tax supported. The town collects membership dues. We do not refuse to go to non-members' homes, but they do get charged."

Although volunteer firefighting is demanding of time, energy and patience, Brother Daniel noted that, "Everybody seems to be able to dig in their pocket and come up with it. I think the best part of serving on the fire department is the good relationship and camaraderie that develops between people."

Further challenging their role as firemen are the demands caused by distance runs. "It may take us

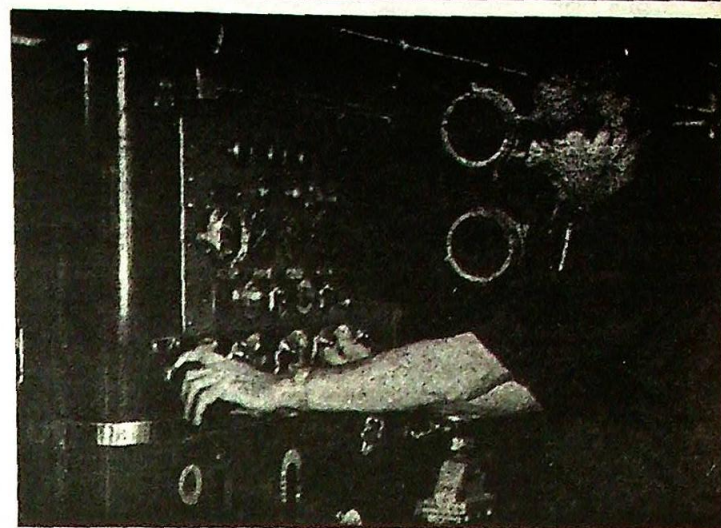
10 to 15 or even 30 minutes to get to some of our destinations," he said, "and by then we have a working fire. There is a great deal of competition (among the firemen) to challenge one another and to improve our services."

As many as 50 percent of the fire runs and emergency rescue calls occur at night, Brother Daniel added, and during construction of nearby Interstate 64 in the late '70s "we averaged one major truck accident a week." Most alarms are in response to grass fires, car fires, accidents, and an occasional house fire.

When St. Meinrad's Bede Hall caught fire a decade ago, firefighters had to enter the smoky basement of the historic building without benefit of lights or windows. It was an unpleasant reminder of a disastrous fire September 2, 1887, which destroyed the monastery as well as one school building and forced the monks to completely rebuild St. Meinrad Archabbey.

By 1888, St. Meinrad monks and residents had established their first volunteer fire department to prevent future catastrophes. Renamed the St. Meinrad Protective Fire Association in 1922 and the St. Meinrad Fire Department in 1954, the department has continued to update equipment and training through the years. State certification of firemen began in 1976 followed by additional training in firefighting, fire and arson investigation, underwater rescue techniques, emergency medical responses, and accident rescue procedures.

Two years ago, the town and abbey initiated construction of a



Abbey Fire Chief, Benedictine Father Kilian Kerwin checks pumper truck gauges.

new fire station on archabbey property east of the monastery. The department celebrates its 100th anniversary in October.

As abbey fire chief, Father Kilian Kerwin mixes his parish responsibilities as pastor of St. Meinrad Parish with the administrative responsibilities required for community fire protection.

Computerized membership lists with detailed directions for rural addresses and diagrams showing locations of lakes, creeks and wells for additional water supplies enhance the department's modern firefighting techniques. It is the department's thorough approach to fire protection that enabled the town of St. Meinrad to qualify for lower insurance rates.

"By improving the services of the fire department, we've been able to get the town of St. Meinrad a Class 7 insurance rating," he explained.

Father Kilian recently celebrated his silver jubilee, and has resided at St. Meinrad since attending high school there in 1956. He joined the order in 1962 and made his first profession a year later, also the year he joined the volunteer fire department. Before accepting his current parish assignment, he taught scripture and moral theology at St. Meinrad College for nine years and was assistant dean of students in addition to his volunteer commitment to the fire department.

"They needed people at the monastery," he explained, "so I joined the fire department." Reflecting on his versatile careers, the parish pastor and former educator admitted that, "You know, when I was a kid I never dreamed that I would grow up to be a fireman!"

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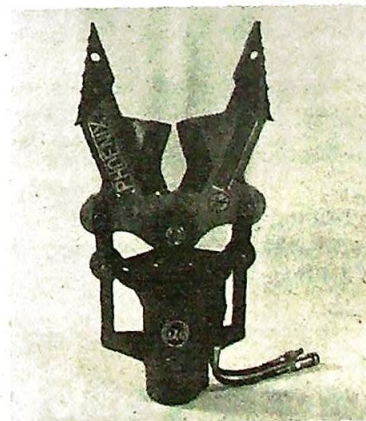
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President Swartz: I will turn the meeting over to the Resolution Committee Chairman, Carl Davis.

Carl Davis: Thank you, Lawrence. The Resolution Committee consists of the PR men of the area. We have five resolutions before the committee.

In a duly assembled meeting of District 1 of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association held on February 17, 1988, having at least five (5) departments in attendance, drew up and adopted the following resolution for your consideration and passage:

Whereas: the cost of motel, food and travel have risen nearly 200% since this section of the by-laws was changed;

Therefore we submit this resolution pertaining to Article 2 Section 3, starting on line 19 and continuing through line 22 that states "shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for motel expense and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for meals expense per day when such officers are required to spend twenty-four (24) hours or more in the transaction of business of this Association," be changed to read:

"shall be Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for motel expense and Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for meal expense for the quarterly meetings and shall be Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) for motel expense and Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for meal expense for the Annual Meeting, to transact the business of this Association. This Association shall compensate appointed committee meetings at the rate quarterly meetings when approved by the President of this Association."

Signed: (Robert Esserman)
District 1 Chairman
(Thomas H. Allen)
District 1 Secretary

The Committee has talked to the Treasurer and he says that in his opinion the Association is financially able to support this. So with that, we recommend passage.

Mr. Chairman, Bob Esserman, District 1: I move that we accept this resolution as read.

Barry Wining, District 18: I second it.

Carl Davis: A motion has been made and seconded that this pass as read. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of this say 'aye.' All opposed say 'nay.' So carried.

The second one now is practically the same so I really see no use, since it has already passed, of reading it.

Parliamentarian: You have to vote on it since you approved it.

Carl Davis: Okay. The second resolution:

In a duly assembled meeting of District 2 of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association held on February 17, 1988, having at least five (5) departments in attendance, drew up and adopted the following resolution for your consideration and passage:

Whereas: the cost of motel, food and travel have risen nearly 200% since this section of the by-laws was changed;

Whereas: this rise in cost cause a hardship on some of the officers of this association;

Whereas: we feel that this cost prevents some firemen in the field from accepting the officer position;

Whereas: this association can now afford a raise in compensation for the officers;

Therefore we submit this resolution pertaining to Article 2 Section 3, starting on line 19 and continuing through line 22 that states "shall be Twenty dollars (\$20.00) for motel expense and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for meal expense per day when such officers are required to spend twenty-four (24) hours or more in the transaction of business of this Association, be changed to read:

"shall be Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for motel expense and Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for meal expense per day, when such officers are required to spend twenty-four (24) hours or more in the transaction of business of this Association."

Signed: (Timothy D. Reed)
Dist. 2 Chairman
(Richard L. Wisniewski)
Dist. 2 Secretary

You have heard the reading of this. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Chairman, Sir. Tim Reed, District Chariman of District 2. In the event this resolution is exactly worded the same as the resolution that was just passed, I make a motion that this resolution be dropped.

Second, Tom Sellmer, District 14.

Carl Davis: Are you ready for the question? The motion has been made that we drop this resolution. All in favor say 'aye.' Carried.

Resolution 3:

In a duly assembled meeting of District 8B of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association held on the 13th day of January 1988 at Bryant, Indiana and having at least five (5) departments in good standing adopted the following by-law change to take effect immediately on its passage at the annual meeting.

Whereas The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association as named in the Articles of Incorporation, Section 1 has represented the men in the fire service for 42 years,

Whereas There have been a considerable amount of female firefighters joined the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association,

Whereas In consideration for those female firefighters and discontinue the separation of men and or women,

Therefore Be it resolved from this day forth the name of the organization shall be called The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, Inc.

Signed: (William Daniels)
District Chairman
(Joseph Sunday)
Acting Secretary

We have talked to Gene about this and at this time we would like for Gene to comment on it.

Gene Stofer: Ladies and gentlemen, my concern with the changing of the name from firemen to firefighters or however you want to change it is not because I really care whether the name is changed or not. I am going to explain the cost. First of all our Logo is a trademark which we purchased through a bonding attorney about ten years ago at a cost of about \$6,000 to this organization. I don't know what the attorney fee is of a bonding attorney today. Also we have another cost in our grave markers. I don't know what the cost of those who died to change the word from firemen to firefighters would be. Also we have got an awful lot of printing laying out here but we could eventually use it up. They just ask me to tell you the problems we would have. We would have to change all of this with the Secretary of the State and a lot of other departments. You vote the way you feel. That's all I have to say.

Carl Davis: Okay, you heard Gene's comments. At this time we will ask for a motion on the floor.

Jack Winkler, District 12. District 12 made essentially the same motion at an earlier meeting in January of this year. At this time I had presented a motion at that meeting and I would like to endorse this motion. I do not know what the cost would be but I do know we have the women standing by us at the fire scene, behind the fire hoses, handling the fire hoses, driving the trucks just the same as the men. I think they deserve to be recognized as firefighters in this organization. There was no question as to the cost of the previous motion that was passed. The cost is a factor as always but recognition of the sacrifices, recognition of the services performed is also something that should be considered. Therefore, I make the motion that this change in the bylaws be passed.

Carl Davis: Do we have a second?

Don Johnson, District 12. I second it.

Carl Davis: Alright. We are ready for the question.

Bill Howe, PR Northwest. The last sentence in this reads "Therefore be it resolved from this day forth..." If this passes it could not happen until the paperwork is done.

Carl Davis: Question. All in favor of this motion please raise your right hand and they will be counted. Hold them up until they are counted. Okay. We are going to have to poll the delegation so you Chairmen poll your delegates.

Bill Howe, PR Northwest. There was a resolution for this convention that was sent back because the signature was typed in instead of signed. This resolution was in regards to the time dues are to be paid. I would at this time like to make a motion this Association suspend the rules and allow District 3's Resolution to be heard and voted on. This rules suspension will be for this one article only.

Mr. Chairman, Rob Sabie, District 3. I would like to second that motion.

President Swartz: Ladies and gentlemen, you have heard the motion for the suspension of the rules for this one article. It has been duly seconded. Any further discussion? If not, I will call for the question.

Tom Sellmer: It is not that I am against suspending the rules but I think we are out of order. We have a motion on the floor being voted on at this time.

President Swartz: We do have a motion on the floor. I think in the past we have gone ahead with other motions but I will leave that up to the Parliamentarian.

Bill Howe: At this time I withdraw this motion for later use.

Rob Sabie, District 3. I withdraw my second.

President Swartz: If the Parliamentarian agrees I am not out of order, I would like to have our Legislative Chairman Mr. Stofer give us a few brief words at this time.

Gene Stofer: They are telling me to hurry up because it is hot back here. I am not going to cover a lot of legislature; I think you had all you wanted this year. I am looking forward to our August meeting where we can set our program for next year. I do want to cover one quick thing that was passed two years ago and in travelling the small travels that I do, I am listening to fire departments talking about the State Board of Accounts. I am hearing a word from hell with it to something a little stronger... we're not going to do what the State Board of Accounts asks us to do. Gentlemen, I am going to stand up here and tell you - you better. I really don't care whether you do or don't and I hope you get by with it. Here is the first program they have come out with. It is a pretty thick book. Here is the second one telling you again what you are going to do and it is not only covering from the paper trays in your department on down.

Let me remind you of one thing, gentlemen. You are, and I am talking to you corporations, people that will have the trustee owning you, are riding the gravy time at this time. But if you are a separate corporation with offices in your corporation, I would suggest you officers read your corporation laws. What the penalty is to a person who doesn't follow the recommendations of the state law, the State Board comes in and they take a dim view on that. If you are spending money or other things that you are not supposed to be doing by the state law then they turn this over to the Attorney General for prosecution. Now if the prosecution is not going to be the individual firefighter, Mr. Corporation officers, secretary, treasurer, president, vice president and whatever you have, this is your responsibility. We are starting some schools on it, I know we have rushed it through. I am sure the State Board of Accounts don't even know what they want because the blue comes out one week, the white came out the following week. But we do and are going to have to start following these rules whether we like it or not. We have until the first of July to file with the State Board of Accounts. That's what the law says.

Carl Davis: Report on the voting: It lost by about 3 to 1. It did fail to pass.

Now then, Resolution 4.

In a duly assembled meeting of District 12 of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association held at Wayne Township Co. 2, Marion County, on 18th Jan., 88 having at least five (5) Departments in good standing present, adopted the following resolution for your consideration and adoption:

WHEREAS: The membership of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association has been and is in the process of change in the past 20 years, and

WHEREAS: The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association has a goodly percentage of women as active members, and

WHEREAS: The Volunteer Fire Departments in the State of Indiana has now as active members and is recruiting more and more women as active members,

THEREFORE we submit the following Resolution for adoption at the annual meeting June 11, 1988 at Michigan City, Indiana - That the name of this organization shall be The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Signed: (Don Johnson)

Chairman
(Charles Bogden)
Secy-Treas.

What is your pleasure on this? I ask for a motion.

Barry Wining, District 18. I make a motion that this resolution be disallowed because we just voted on a similar resolution.

Rob Sabie, District 3. I second the motion.

Carl Davis: Does anybody want to speak on this? Do the ladies want to talk?

Mary Wilkins, District 10. I feel like one association is sufficient. I work at Methodist Hospital and you have male nurses and female nurses; it didn't change because you have men or women. I don't feel like the name should be changed because of the profession.

Carl Davis: Thank you.

Jack Winkler, District 12. I ask that you vote on this motion by roll call. I am quite sure it would be defeated; I want to promise you that it will come up at the next meeting. I hope to have all my apples in a basket with the figures that it will cost you and a new resolution will be presented to you in Evansville. Thank you.

Carl Davis: All in favor of the motion being denied, raise your hand. Carried.

Okay, he says that I made a mistake which I probably did. But the motion was made to not accept the resolution. All in favor of it raise their right hand. Carried. Thank you.

Mr. President, Bill Howe, PR NW. At this time I would like to re-introduce the motion that was withdrawn about ten minutes ago and if you want me to, I will read the whole thing.

President Swartz: To clarify it for everybody I believe that might be the proper procedure.

Bill Howe: The resolution was sent to this convention but was sent back because the signature was typed in instead of signed. This resolution was in regard to the time dues are paid. I would like to make a motion this Association suspend the rules and allow District 3's Resolution to be heard and voted on. This rules suspension will be for this one article only.

Ron Sabie, District 3: I second that motion.

Bill Kinsey, Parliamentarian: Under Roberts Rules of Order for suspension of the rules, a motion is not debatable and it requires a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules.

President Swartz: Ladies and gentlemen, you have heard the requirement of the rules. A motion has been made. Do we have a second? We did have. Any further discussion on it? If not, I'll call for the question. By show of your right hand, all those in favor of the motion, please raise your right hand. Thank you. All those against the motion raise your right hand. Mr. Parliamentarian, have you determined that we have a two-thirds ma-

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majority on that motion? The motion for the suspension of the rules is in place for this one item only.

Carl Davis: Resolution 5.

In a duly assembled meeting of District 3 of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association held at the Center Township Fire Station on Thursday, January 21, 1988, having at least five member departments in good standing present, we drew up and adopted the following resolution for your consideration and possible adoption.

Whereas: The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association has a fiscal year that runs from June 1st to May 31st.

And Whereas: Monies from dues collections are needed as soon as possible in the operation of the association.

And Whereas: A member of this association must have his dues paid by July 31st to collect a death benefit from the Bridgeport Memorial Fund and be eligible for the scholarship funds.

Therefore be it resolved that the date that dues shall be due be changed from "payable in June and not later than September 30th" to "payable in June and not later than July 31st". This shall apply to Article VI, sections 1,3,4, and 5 of the Constitution and by-laws.

Signed (Robert P. Sabie)
District 3 Chairman
(David G. Kaufman)
District 3 Secretary

Bill Howe: Mr. President, at this time I would like to move that we accept the resolution.

Mr. Chairman, Willie Parish, District 9B. I second the motion.

President Swartz: Ladies and gentlemen, you have heard the motion duly made, duly seconded; do we have any further discussion on it? I turn to our Parliamentarian once more to explain the Roberts Rules of Order.

Bill Kinsey: Favorable passage requires three-quarters majority; therefore, polling the delegations.

President Swartz: While they are tallying the results, we will have Ivan Nevil give his results of the EMS Commission report.

Ivan Nevil: Thank you, Mr. President. There has been a change in the Executive of the EMS Commission. The former executive director, Don Moreau, has moved over to the Department of Labor. He has been replaced by Dan Garman. Dan is from Hometown in District 6, and originally Dan was a volunteer fireman; he has been on the streets and he knows the problems that we have.

President Swartz: Thank you, Ivan. I would recognize at this time a motion to return to the regular order of business.

Bill Daniels, District 8B: I make that motion.

Bill Howe, NW: I second it.

President Swartz: A motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Everybody in favor signify by saying 'aye.' Any 'nays.'? I would like the Nominating Committee to come forward at this time to begin the officer elections. At this time we will release the Mileage and Credentials Committee; also the Resolutions Committee.

Willie Parish: Ladies and gentlemen, The Nominating Committee consisted of Michael Seitz, Don Weigel, Jerry Nulliner, Bob Esserman and myself. For president of 1988-89, we have submitted the name of Lawrence Swartz. At this time I will take nominations from the floor. Was repeated 3 times. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous vote for President Lawrence Swartz, 1988-89, IVFA?

Lee Kissell: As secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for Lawrence Swartz as president for next year of the IVFA.

President Swartz: Thanks to all of you. It was a pleasure last year and I look forward to working with all of you again this year. Thank you.

Willie Parish: As Vice President, we have nominated Marvin "Pete" Lockhart for 1988-89. Nominations were called for three times.

Secretary, would you cast one unanimous vote for Marvin "Pete" Lockhart as Vice President, 1988-89?

Lee Kissell: I cast one unanimous vote for Marvin "Pete" Lockhart as Vice President for the coming year of IVFA.

Pete Lockhart: I will be happy to serve for the coming year. Thanks.

Willie Parish: For Recording Secretary we have Ivan Nevil. Is there any nominations from the floor for Recording Secretary? Repeated 3 times. Mr. Secretary, would you come up and cast one unanimous vote for Recording Secretary for 1988-89, Ivan Nevil?

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous vote for Ivan Nevil for the office of Recording Secretary of the IVFA for next year.

Ivan Nevil: Thank you.

Willie Parish: At this time we will go on to Secretary. The Nominating Committee has unanimously pointed to Lee Kissell. Is there any nominations from the floor at this time for secretary for 1988-89 of the IVFA? Repeated 3 times. The nominations will be closed. Mr. Vice President, would you come up and cast one unanimous vote.

Pete Lockhart: It is indeed an honor to cast one unanimous ballot for Lee Kissell for secretary for the year 1988-89.

Lee Kissell: We have made a lot of progress. Thank you.

Don Weigel: The chair now has the office of Treasurer for the IVFA. For 1988-89 we nominated Harold "Gene" Stofer. Any more nominations from the floor? Repeated 3 times. Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for treasurer, Harold "Gene" Stofer.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I will be glad to cast one unanimous vote for Harold "Gene" Stofer as Treasurer of the IVFA for the incoming year.

Gene Stofer: Thank you.

Don Weigel: The chair is now open for nominations for the office of Chaplain of the IVFA for 1988-89. The Committee has picked our Chaplain for the last 25 years for another year, Father Duane Lantz. Is there any more nominations from the floor for Chaplain? Repeated 3 times. I would like to have our secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Duane Lantz, Chaplain for 1988-89.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA I would like to cast one unanimous vote for Father Lantz for the next 45 years as our Chaplain.

Duane Lantz: Thank you, folks. Thank you, and if the good Lord is willing, I will serve you another year.

Bob Esserman: Next office for nominations is the Sergeant-at-Arms. Bill Bush. Any more nominations for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms? Was repeated 3 times. Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Bush as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I am very happy to cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Bill Bush: Thank you.

Bob Esserman: Next office is for PR Northwest. That is for Districts 1, 2, 3, 9A and 9B. The Committee has picked Bill Howe for PR Northwest. Any more nominations from the floor? Repeated 3 times. Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Howe for Northwest PR for next year.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I would like to cast one unanimous vote for Bill Howe for PR Northwest.

Bill Howe: Thank you, guys.

Bob Esserman: The next office open is the PR Northeast and the Committee has Bill Kinsey for Districts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A and 8B. The chair is now open for nominations for

the office of PR Northeast. Any nominations for the Northeast PR? Repeated 3 times. Nominations are closed. Would the secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Kinsey.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Kinsey for PR Northeast.

Bob Esserman - Next office PR West Central. The committee has Toddy Michl. Any more nominations for the West Central area? Repeated 3 times. Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, please cast one unanimous vote for Toddy Michl as West Central PR.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous vote for Toddy Michl for West Central PR.

Toddy Michl: Thank you.

Bob Esserman: For the office of PR East Central the Nominations Committee has Larry Jackson. Larry, will you please come forward? Is there any more nominations for the office of PR East Central? Repeated 3 times. Nominations are closed. Larry Jackson is the nominee for PR East Central. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Jackson for East Central PR.

Larry Jackson: Thank you. I am from Fortville, Indiana, which is 18 miles east of Indianapolis. I want to try to do the job; I don't know what I am going to jump into but I am going to try to do it. Thank you.

Bob Esserman: Okay, the next nomination is for PR Southwest. The Committee has the name of Carl Davis. Any more nominations for the office of PR Southwest? Repeated 3 times. Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Carl Davis, PR Southwest.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous vote for Carl O. Davis as PR Southwest.

Carl Davis: Thank you for your confidence. I will try to do a better job next year.

Bob Esserman: Next office and the last one for PR is PR Southeast. The Nominating Committee has the name of Roy Richardson. Any more nominations for the office of PR Southeast? Repeated 3 times. Nominations are closed and Mr. Secretary, please cast one unanimous ballot for Roy Richardson for PR Southeast.

Lee Kissell: As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous ballot for Roy Richardson as PR Southeast.

Roy Richardson: Thank you.

President Swartz: Thank you, men.

Is there any old business to be brought up at this time? Any new business?

Mike Reeves, District 10. It has been brought to our attention in Indianapolis that some of the IFD and police department are running blue lights along with the red. I just wondered if maybe we could get a letter sent to the Chief of both departments and ask them if they would stop it.

President Swartz: Thank you, Mike, I will send those people a letter. Any other new business, anything for the good of the order?

Tom Sellmer, District 14. We have some problems within our organization, that being concerning the rules of the Bridgeport funds. We need to do something about it. I would like to hear from some other folks about this.

President Swartz: Anybody else got any comments on it?

Bill Sunday: Mr. President, may I have the floor?

President Swartz: Bill Sunday, Chairman of the Bridgeport Memorial Fund.

Bill Sunday: I think since Tom didn't explain it to you, gentlemen, he is talking about the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund and the due date of July 31. Last year there was 29 children who did not get to participate in this program out of the 70 applicants because they were either late or their dues hadn't been paid or there was a discrepancy there of some kind. This year there was 20-some who did the same thing because they didn't pay them or get them in to Lee by the deadline. As far as I am concerned, this Committee will continue to act by that same rule until the Board of Directors of this Association tells us different. If there is any other change in that, it will be done through the Board of Directors. Thank you.

I am Stan Cassidy, District 14. I can understand your direction you are going on that, but I can also understand that we have been faithful to this Association and paid our dues every year. We have never dropped out or anything. My kids are in that category of being eligible for this. I feel like that if a postmark is accepted by the federal government as far as certain returns, etc. that this organization should honor that same postmark. We came upon a situation last year where that date fell on a weekend and one of those stayed at the post office for three days. That can come up as a problem. That's all I have got to say.

Gene Stofer: Spoke briefly on dates and deadlines.

President Swartz: What I would like to have addressed to this as in past years and in future years there will be a scholarship committee. If you feel as some of you have expressed your feelings on this, then I suggest that written comments be submitted to that Committee for their consideration. Anything else for the good of the order?

Jim Parker: The international waterball banquet will be held November 5 of this year at the New Palestine Lions Club, that is 8 miles east of Indianapolis.

President Swartz: Thank you, Jim. Anything else for the good of the order? The banquet tonight starts at 6:30. Before we close, I would recognize Doug Bechtel, former secretary of the association, at this time.

Doug Bechtel: Thank you, President Swartz, in the next couple of years they are going to be adding ten days to our school time. That is going to start cutting into finals. That is something we need to look at and maybe moving our conventions down so that our Miss Flame contestants can come down here and possibly participate against each other; otherwise you may lose them because of final exams. Thank you.

President Swartz: I would like to make a comment to Doug: that is in the hands of the Convention Chairmen. But perhaps in the future we do need to look at a resolution setting our annual meeting dates.

I will ask Father Duane Lantz to close the annual convention with prayer after which I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Father Lantz: Our Heavenly Father, we have done our work for this day. We are going into the lighter part of our organization tonight at the banquet and all the necessary things that go on at a banquet. Our awards have been given to those who were so worthy. Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity of being able to serve You this day.

Mr. President, Barry Wininger, District 18. I make a motion we adjourn.

Max Harrah, District 11-A. I second that motion.

President Swartz: Meeting is adjourned.

June 16, 1988 - Bavarian Inn - Jasper, Indiana

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Swartz for the purpose of setting the budget for the IVFA for the sole purpose of setting a preliminary budget for the year 1988-1989. Members present: Pres. Swartz, Secretary Kissell, Treasurer Stofer, VP Lockhart, Chaplain Lantz, Proxy for Immediate Past Pres. Sunday Board Chairman Wininger and Recording Secretary Nevil.

After all items were discussed and dollar figures arrived at it was agreed to present the budget of projected income at \$192,000.00 and projected expenditure budget of \$202,490.00 to the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled officers meeting in August for their acceptance or rejection.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Nevil, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS
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BILL KINSEY

Notes from P.R.N.E.:

Another summer is behind us and the kids are in school again. Now we face the problem of emergency response affected by school busses. Flashing red lights and Stop arm extended mean stop, do not pass, even if you are in a fire apparatus on an emergency run.

I've enjoyed the summer district meetings and I'm very enthusiastic about the activity generated by the District Chairmen in Districts 4, 5, 6, and 7. You're doing a great job. Keep up the good work. I'm sorry that I've missed some district meetings because of schedule conflicts. I'll try to do better.

My congratulations to the Kosciusko County Firemen's Association. I was able to attend their annual Fish Fry recognition and appreciation gathering and continue to be impressed with the

job President "Butch" Warren and his people are doing. They really turn out a crowd and it's all paid for by a local county mutual fire insurance company headed by June Thomas to show their appreciation for what Volunteer Firemen do. Co-operation really pays off.

Kosciusko County volunteer firemen and EMTs are saddened by the death of Mary White, wife of Bob White, Trustee of Etna Twp. and Bob's serious injuries from a vehicle accident. Bob and Mary have always been strong in their support and assistance to the Etna Twp./Etna Green Volunteer Fire Dept. and Multi Twp. EMS. Close co-operation between volunteer fire departments and elected officials certainly make life easier.

Public Hearing will be held at the Fire Marshal's Office on Oct. 26, 1988, to promulgate the "Red Book" rules for the voluntary firefighter certification program. Open meeting to all interested.

The 24 hour Mandatory Training Program is progressing full speed ahead. The new certificates with a certificate for framing, an index file card and a billfold card look great and acceptance is very favorable.

This type certificate will be used in the voluntary program also.

Remember - well trained professional firefighters live longer and get the privilege of griping about the fast changing service and tell war stories about the great smoke eaters of the past.

See you,
Bill Kinsey, P.R.N.E.

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the department together," Nyberg said. "We felt the public would look down on us, but the public has been good about it.

For some of the volunteers, the Friday nights they spend at

the stations are chances to socialize. Many check in the station after work or on weekends.

And for most county firefighters, the lure of being a volunteer may be a desire to serve or need to develop strong friendships. But

the reason they continue is even simpler. Said Nyberg, echoing many, of the other volunteers: "It gets in your blood."

from The Journal-Gazette
by Marcella Fleming
8/11/88

1989 IVFA CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

June 14 - 18

Executive Inn, Evansville

Pre-Registration Fee: \$20.00 PER PERSON

(Deadline is May 31, 1989)

On-Site Registration Fee: \$40.00 PER PERSON

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FIRE DEPARTMENT OR COMPANY: _____
COUNTY: _____ TOWNSHIP: _____
IVFA DISTRICT: _____ PHONE #: _____
SPOUSE'S NAME (IF REGISTERING): _____

TYPE OF REGISTRATION

	YOURS	SPOUSE
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STATE OFFICER AUX:	_____	_____
DELEGATE:	_____	_____
IVFA MEMBER:	_____	_____
IVFA AUX. MEMBER:	_____	_____
GUEST:	_____	_____

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June 14 - 18

Executive Inn, Evansville

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ADDRESS: _____
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FIRE DEPARTMENT/COMPANY: _____
HOTEL/MOTEL PREFERENCE: 1st Choice _____
Arrive _____ 2nd Choice _____
Depart _____ 3rd Choice _____

ROOM TYPE: Single (1 person, 1 bed) _____
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600 Walnut St.
Standard Single - \$34
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\$5 rollaway | 3. REGAL 8
4201 Highway 41 N.
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Double/Double - \$34* |
| 2. SIGNATURE INN
1101 N. Green River Rd.
Single - \$41*
\$6 ea. add. person | 4. RAMADA INN
4101 Highway 41 N.
Single - \$46
Double - \$52
\$6 ea. add. person |

* SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Morgan Twp. honors volunteers

"Proudly we honor the men and women of Morgan Township, Porter County, IN, who have volunteered to serve their community through the Morgan Township Volunteer Fire Department," reads the inscription on the bronze plaque recently dedicated at the fire station. It is appropriately mounted on a large stone found in the farm field just north of the fire station. The adjacent flagpole came from in front of the old schoolhouse built in 1922.

The ten inch square bronze plaque was donated by the Lynn Feller family, prominent residents of Morgan Township, and himself a distinguished business man. The family is involved in, and supportive of many community activities and projects. In the dedication service they expressed their appreciation to the firemen for their dedicated work in saving their house in a recent fire.

Officers of the Morgan Sod-

busters and Morgan Hustling Hoosiers 4-H clubs including Brad King, Kevin Hannon, Jim Black, Tami Hannon and Trisha Hannon raised the U.S. and Indiana flags and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Burton Smith, President, gave a roll call of firemen and ladies auxiliary members that had assisted the fire department since it was organized on December 22, 1975. President Smith then reviewed the first minutes and early history of the fire department. There are still five charter members on the department. They include Burton Smith, President; Carl Schlundt, Chief; Steven Stalbaum, Assistant Chief; James W. Brown, Treasurer; and Robert Nicholson, Director.

The ceremony was concluded with a prayer of dedication given by Rev. Glenn Littrell, pastor of the Morgan Township Bible Church.



Morgan Township, Porter County - The Lynn Feller Family represented by Lynn and Mary Ann Feller, donated a plaque to the Morgan Township Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, May 29, 1988. Pictured from left to right - Mr. & Mrs. Feller and firemen Greg Eckhardt, Larry Wrubel, James Brown, Robert Nicholson, Steve Stalbaum, President Burton Smith, and Curt Brust.

Newport call answered by 15 departments

Fire department units from 15 towns battled a blaze which raged out of control in an apartment building in the business district of Newport, IN, Sunday afternoon.

Battling both flames and heat from mid-90-degree temperatures, the firefighters nonetheless were able to stop the fire from spreading and possibly wiping out an entire block of seven buildings on Main Street.

A young mother, Joyce Ogle, and her two children, Summer Dawn, 7, and Teddy, 5, escaped unharmed from their apartment home which was gutted by the fire.

The apartment building, owned by Bert Morson, was situated on Main Street, across from the Vermillion County Courthouse. Morson said the building was insured.

The fire in the apartment started shortly before 3:30 p.m., according to Mike Cutrell, Newport fire chief. Some firemen still were on the scene until 11:30 p.m., though the blaze was well under control by 6:40 p.m.

At least three firefighters had to be treated in an ambulance or taken to a hospital after being overcome by heat. Treated were Bill Brown of Newport, who did not require being taken from the scene; Greg Cutrell of Newport, and Ed Wessell of Lyford, IN. Cutrell returned to the scene after treatment, and Wessell was dismissed from Vermillion County Hospital after treatment. Several other firefighters were treated at the scene after suffering effects from the heat.

The Newport volunteer Fire Department, situated less than a half-block from the fire site, was on the scene immediately after the call came in, as was the county sheriff's department.

However, fire chief Cutrell said, "For a time, all we could see was smoke as we battled the fire. We were afraid if the fire spread, it would wipe out the whole block."

He added, "We also called fire departments in Cayuga, Hillsdale, and Dana right off the bat, and asked Montezuma to cover for Hillsdale. Montezuma and a slew of other departments came in to help."

Paul Hollingsworth of the Newport fire unit said that one of the problems in fighting the blaze was that "it was burning between the roof and the drop ceiling, so we couldn't get to it until the roof was ventilated from the back side of the building. Then they put water directly onto it."

Smoke was still pouring out of the building well past 6 p.m.

Throughout, firefighters worked in shifts of 15 minutes or so on the roof areas so they could cope with the extreme heat. When they came down off the ladders, emergency medical technicians aided them by applying ice packs to their heads and cold towels to help cool them down.

They were also aided by various residents of the town.

Jerry Klyaic, of Fairview fire department, came off a ladder and termed it "just hot as blazes up there. They're using a power saw to try and cut an area in the roof to get ventilation so they can get a hose on it."

Helen Lewis of Newport, an emergency medical technician, pitched in with ice packs and cold towels to aid various firefighters.

Around 6:25 p.m., John Thomann, vice president of the Newport Lions Club, which has an office next door to the apartment building, carried out some Newport Hill climb trophies from the Lions Club building. "We're trying

to save what we can. There's a lot of smoke damage in our building."

He said when he got to the scene early on, "I wouldn't have given a dime for chances of them saving any of the whole block. A caravan of firefighters came in to help out. All helped out greatly."

On the street in front of the courthouse at one time, hoses and equipment were being handled from fire departments from Perrysville, Dana, Newport, Hillsboro, Montezuma in Indiana, and from Tilton, and Danville in IL. Other fire units were working the back side of the building.

Dwayne Osborne, of the Cayuga fire unit, said he had counted other units from Clinton, Fairview, Lyford, Kingman, Williamsport, and from Georgetown, IL, "and there may have been others as well."

The Eli Lilly Co. sent an air supply unit to fill the air packs used by firefighters to aid their breathing while battling the blaze on the roofs.

Around 6:30 p.m. Ed Wessell of the Lyford fire unit was assisted down the 100-foot extension ladder put up from the Danville department truck. David Miller, also of the Lyford unit, said, "Ed was cutting a hole in the roof but it just got too hot. A firefighter next to him noticed it, so they brought him down. It was awful up there. The heat just backed you away from it."

Jerry Grimes of the Danville unit said a "hard line was used to help extinguish sections on the roof area because there wasn't sufficient water pressure otherwise."

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Several firemen had to climb ladders on two roof levels to reach the roofs of buildings adjacent to the burning Morrison Building in Newport. Hoses and a cutting saw had to be carried up the ladders for use fighting the 3-hour fire.

Dangerous Communicable Disease Exposure Notification

from Woodrow A. Myers, Jr., M.D. — State Health Commissioner

- A: Section 10 of Public Law 123-1988 (Indiana Code 16-1-45) and IC 16-1-39-2
- B: Guidance Document
- C: Sample copy of reporting form

CHAPTER 39

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

<p>SECTION.</p> <p>16-1-39-2. Definitions.</p> <p>16-1-39-4. Composition of commission.</p> <p>16-1-39-6. Commission — Powers and duties — Emergency medical services education fund.</p> <p>16-1-39-9. Certification.</p> <p>16-1-39-12. Exemptions.</p> <p>16-1-39-13. Suspension and revocation procedure — Confidentiality of complaint.</p>	<p>SECTION.</p> <p>16-1-39-15. Local procedures.</p> <p>16-1-39-20. Unlawful for uncertified person to claim certification.</p> <p>16-1-39-21. Penalty for violation of standard or rule — Hearing.</p> <p>16-1-39-22. Scope of advanced life support not limited.</p>
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16-1-39-2. Definitions. — As used in this chapter:

"Commission" means the Indiana emergency medical services commission created under this chapter.

"Emergency patient" means an individual who is acutely ill, injured, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless and who requires emergency medical services.

"Ambulance" means any conveyance on land, sea, or air that is used or is intended to be used for the purpose of responding to emergency life-threatening situations and providing emergency transportation service.

"Emergency ambulance services" means the transportation of emergency patients by ambulance and the administration of emergency medical care to emergency patients before or during such transportation.

"Emergency medical technician" means an individual who is certified under this chapter to provide emergency medical care at the scene of an accident, illness, or during transport.

"Emergency medical service facility" means those facilities that are licensed and operated under IC 16-10-1 and are equipped, prepared, and staffed to provide medical care for emergency patients.

"Person" means any natural person or persons, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, or joint stock association and the legal successors thereof, including any governmental agency or instrumentality other than an agency or instrumentality of the United States.

"Certificate" or "certification" means authorization in written form issued by the commission to a person to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in providing emergency medical services as a part of a regular course of doing business, either paid or voluntary.

"Emergency medical services" means the provision of emergency ambulance services or other services, including extrication and rescue services, utilized in serving an individual's need for immediate medical care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury.

"Emergency medical care" means the following:

- (1) Assessment of emergency patients.
 - (2) Administration of oxygen.
 - (3) Utilization of mechanical breathing devices.
 - (4) Application of anti-shock trousers.
 - (5) Performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
 - (6) Application of dressings and bandage materials.
 - (7) Application of splinting and immobilization devices.
 - (8) Utilization of lifting and moving devices to ensure safe transport.
 - (9) Other procedures authorized by the commission.
- The term does not include invasive medical care techniques or advanced life support. [IC 16-1-39-2, as added by Acts 1974, P.L. 55, § 1; 1980, P.L. 114, § 1; P.L.111-1985, § 2; P.L.129-1986, § 1; P.L.91-1988, § 2.]

CHAPTER 45

DANGEROUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY CARE PROVIDERS

<p>SECTION.</p> <p>16-1-45-1. "Dangerous communicable disease" defined.</p> <p>16-1-45-2. "Emergency medical care" defined.</p> <p>16-1-45-3. "Emergency medical care provider" defined.</p> <p>16-1-45-4. "Emergency medical service facility" defined.</p> <p>16-1-45-5. Notification to facility receiving patient.</p>	<p>SECTION.</p> <p>16-1-45-6. Notification to facility employing provider.</p> <p>16-1-45-7. Notification to provider — Expenses of treatment and counseling.</p> <p>16-1-45-8. Confidentiality of information.</p> <p>16-1-45-9. Exemption from liability.</p> <p>16-1-45-10. Adoption of rules.</p>
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16-1-45-1. "Dangerous communicable disease" defined. — As used in this chapter, "dangerous communicable disease" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-1-10.5-3. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

Effective Dates. P.L.123-1988, § 36, declared an emergency and provided that the chapter take effect July 1, 1988.

16-1-45-2. "Emergency medical care" defined. — As used in this chapter, "emergency medical care" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-1-39-2. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

16-1-45-3. "Emergency medical care provider" defined. — As used in this chapter, "emergency medical care provider" means a firefighter, law enforcement officer, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or other person who provides emergency medical care in the course of the person's employment. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

16-1-45-4. "Emergency medical service facility" defined. — As used in this chapter, "emergency medical service facility" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-1-39-2. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

16-1-45-5. Notification to facility receiving patient. — (a) An emergency medical care provider who is exposed to blood or body fluids while providing emergency medical care to a patient shall notify the emergency medical service facility receiving the patient, within twenty-four (24) hours after the patient is admitted to the facility, on a form that is prescribed by the state board and the emergency medical services commission.

(b) The exposure to blood or body fluids under subsection (a) must be of a magnitude that has been demonstrated epidemiologically to transmit a dangerous communicable disease.

(c) The emergency medical care provider shall distribute a copy of the completed form required under subsection (a) to the following:

- (1) The receiving medical facility.
 - (2) The facility that employs the emergency medical care provider.
 - (3) The state board.
- [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

16-1-45-6. Notification to facility employing provider. — (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a physician designated by an emergency medical service facility shall notify the medical director of a facility employing the emergency medical care provider described in section 5 [16-1-45-5] of this chapter if:

- (1) Within seventy-two (72) hours after a patient is admitted to the facility, the facility obtains information from the patient's records or a diagnosis at the facility that the patient has a dangerous communicable disease; and
- (2) The emergency medical care provider has complied with section 5 of this chapter.

(b) An emergency care provider may designate a physician other than the medical director of the facility that employs the emergency care provider to receive notification on the form described in section 5(a) [16-1-45-5(a)] of this chapter.

(c) The notification required by this section shall be made within forty-eight (48) hours after the facility determines that a patient has a dangerous communicable disease that is potentially transmissible through the incident. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

16-1-45-7. Notification to provider — Expenses of treatment and counseling. — (a) If medically indicated, a physician notified under section 6 [16-1-45-6] of this chapter shall contact the emergency medical care provider described in section 5 [16-1-45-5] of this chapter:

- (1) To explain, without disclosing information about the patient, the infectious disease to which the emergency medical care provider was exposed; and
- (2) To provide for any medically necessary treatment and counseling to the emergency medical care provider.

(b) Any expenses of treatment and counseling are the responsibility of the emergency medical care provider or the provider's employer. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

16-1-45-8. Confidentiality of information. — (a) Except as provided in sections 6 and 7 [16-1-45-6 and 16-1-45-7] of this chapter, a person may not disclose or be compelled to disclose medical or epidemiological information referred to in this chapter.

(b) A person responsible for recording, reporting, or maintaining information referred to in this chapter who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally discloses or fails to protect medical or epidemiological information classified as confidential under this section commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) In addition to the penalty prescribed by subsection (b), a public employee who violates this section is subject to discharge or other disciplinary action under the personnel rules of the agency that employs the employee. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

Cross References. Penalties for misdemeanors, IC 35-50-1-1, 35-50-1-2, 35-50-3-1 — 35-50-3-4, 35-50-5-2.

16-1-45-9. Exemption from liability. — A person who makes a report under this chapter in good faith is not subject to liability in any civil, administrative, disciplinary, or criminal action. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

16-1-45-10. Adoption of rules. — The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this chapter. [P.L.123-1988, § 10.]

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Attachment B

I. Introduction - The Notification Process

Section 5 of IC 16-1-45 states that:

(a) "An emergency medical care provider who is exposed to blood or body fluids while providing emergency medical care to a patient shall notify the emergency medical service facility receiving the patient, within twenty-four (24) hours after the patient is admitted to the facility, on a form that is prescribed by the state board and the emergency medical services commission.

(b) The exposure to blood or body fluids under subsection (a) must be of a magnitude that has been demonstrated epidemiologically to transmit a dangerous communicable disease.

(c) The emergency medical care provider shall distribute a copy of the completed form required under subsection (a) to the following:

- (1) The receiving medical facility.
(2) The facility that employs the emergency medical care provider.
(3) The state board."

THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE A HOSPITAL TO TEST FOR DANGEROUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

This document provides an explanation of these new reporting requirements for emergency medical care providers who are exposed to blood or body fluids in the course of their employment while providing emergency medical care.

In summary, the new law is effective July 1, 1988. It establishes reporting mechanisms to ensure emergency medical care providers can report an exposure to a hospital in a confidential manner. It requires hospitals to designate a physician to carry out the required notification provisions.

An Emergency Medical Care Provider or Employee is defined by the law as a firefighter, law enforcement officer, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or other persons who provide emergency medical care in the course of the person's employment.

Emergency Medical Care has the meaning set forth in IC 16-1-39-2.

An Emergency Medical Service Facility has the meaning set forth in IC 16-1-39-2. (A copy of this law is attached for your convenience.)

Dangerous Communicable Diseases for the purposes of this chapter are those diseases defined by rule of the State Board of Health which is currently in the promulgation process.

II. Epidemiological Risk

National studies have confirmed that the average emergency medical care provider has only the slightest risk of transmission of a dangerous communicable disease, as defined, if he or she takes the normal recommended precautions. In the event of an exposure, there may be a risk described below. Emergency medical care providers must complete this form as a precautionary measure.

The law states that the Report of Blood and Body Fluid Exposure, Dangerous Communicable Disease Exposure for Emergency Medical Care Providers must be completed by any emergency medical care provider who is exposed while providing emergency medical care to a patient to blood and body fluids visibly contaminated with blood that is "of a magnitude that has been demonstrated epidemiologically to transmit a dangerous communicable disease." We believe that this means an exposure that: 1) involves the percutaneous (under the skin) exposure to blood, 2) involves direct contact with an open wound, or 3) involves contact with the nonintact skin or mucous membranes of the provider.

These three conditions have been identified by the U.S. Public Health Service as being of sufficient magnitude to transmit communicable disease.

III. Suggested Guidelines in Implementing this Notification Process

In anticipation of published rules, the Indiana State Board of Health issues these interim guidelines and recommendations to implement this notification process.

A. What Should Employers of Emergency Medical Care Providers Do?

In preparing to meet the requirements of this notification process, the State Board suggests that employers of emergency medical care providers use the following guidelines:

- 1. It is recommended that all emergency medical care providers make the Report of Blood and Body Fluid Exposure, Dangerous Communicable Disease Exposure For Emergency Medical Care Providers form (Incident Report) available to their staff by July 1, 1988, and instruct the staff regarding its use. The form is designed to be in use by July 1, 1988. A copy of the Form is shown.
2. Notify all employees if your organization retains the services of a medical director, and inform them of his/her name and address. If your organization does not have a medical director and has no plans to retain one, you should inform your employees to list a physician as a key contact in the filing of an Incident Report. (The employee may choose either the medical director or a private physician as the contact person.) It is also recommended that the employee notify that designated physician of the responsibilities assigned to the physician under Section 7 of IC 16-1-45.
3. In-service training should reinforce that all emergency medical care providers should use universal precautions to reduce the risk of exposure to dangerous communicable disease. Follow-up notification cannot, of course, prevent the transmission of the disease.
4. It is recommended that persons with dermatitis, open lesions, or wounds that cannot be securely covered should be removed from direct patient contact until the condi-

tions are resolved.

5. Your organization should note that Section 7(b) specifies that any expense of treatment and counseling that is required as a direct result of the exposure is the responsibility of the employee or the employer. You may want to address this issue in the health benefits package of your organization.

6. You should inform your employees that this notification process does not require the hospital to test patients or employees.

B. What Should Emergency Medical Providers Do?

1. The Emergency Medical Care Provider should be aware of the provisions of IC 16-1-45, and the incident report form. The form is called "Report of Blood or Body Fluid Exposure, Dangerous Communicable Disease Exposure Notification for Emergency Medical Care Providers". It is attached as Attachment C. The Form describes the exposure incident, identifies the circumstances surrounding the incident, identifies the precautions taken by the employee prior to and after the incident, and identifies the physician of choice that the employee would like to have notified in case of any risk of disease exposure.

2. If the employee designates a physician other than the medical director of the employer to be notified in case of exposure to a dangerous communicable disease, the employee should inform that physician of the requirements of IC 16-1-45-7.

3. If the employee is exposed, the employee will complete this form and forward a copy of this form to (1) his or her employer, (2) the hospital where the patient (or source of exposure) was taken, and (3) to the Indiana State Board of Health. This form must be forwarded within 24 hours of the incident.

C. What Should Receiving Medical Care Facilities (Hospitals) Do?

1. The facility should designate a physician who will be responsible for carrying out the requirements of the Dangerous Communicable Disease Notification System for Emergency Medical Care Providers.

2. The facility should notify the designated physician of the requirements of IC 16-1-45, sections 6 and 7.

3. The facility should develop policies to assure that the requirements of IC 16-1-45 regarding the responsibilities of the receiving facility are met.

D. What Should the Hospital Designated Physician Do?

The designated physician should ensure that:

1. All appropriate hospital personnel should be made aware of the reporting requirements of IC 16-1-45.

2. Every incident report received by the facility should be reviewed to see that it is complete and has been filed within 24 hours of the date of the incident.

3. If the report is complete and has been filed within 24 hours of the incident, all other hospital responsibilities must be met. If the report is not accurate or is not complete enough to permit follow up, the hospital designated physician should note why further action was not possible.

4. The hospital designated physician should determine if:

(a) the employee's exposure matches one of the three conditions identified by the State Board as constituting a risk of transmission.

(b) the patient's record contains any information that may clearly demonstrate the patient had or has a dangerous communicable disease.

This determination should be made within 72 hours of the patient admission.

5. The hospital designated physician should notify, without disclosing information about the patient, the employee's physician of choice that there has been potential transmission through the exposure.

E. What Should the Notified Physician Do?

The notified physician should, if medically indicated, contact the emergency medical care provider who was exposed to blood or body fluid and who filed the incident report to:

(a) explain, without disclosing information about the patient, the infectious disease to which the emergency medical care provider was exposed; and

(b) provide for any medically necessary treatment and counseling to the emergency medical care provider.

F. Limitation of Liability

Section 9 of IC 16-1-45 states that:

"A person who makes a report under this chapter in good faith is not subject to liability in any civil, administrative, disciplinary, or criminal action."

IV. Further Information

Further information on the use of this form and other matters regarding the implementation of PL 123-1988 and exposures to dangerous communicable diseases should be referred to Gordon Reeve, Ph.D., Director, Bureau of Disease Intervention, Indiana State Board of Health, at 317/633-0807.

Sample of Exposure Notification Form -

Form Prescribed By Indiana State Board of Health Under Authority of IC 16-1-45

REPORT OF BLOOD OR BODY FLUID EXPOSURE DANGEROUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS

The information contained herein shall be CONFIDENTIAL and subject to release only as allowed by IC 16-1-45.

A. Emergency Medical Care (EMC) Provider Exposed

Name: (please print)

Address:

B. Ambulance Run Report Number (if applicable)

#: Date of Run

C. Reason for Assistance (check primary reason)

- Gunshot Motor Vehicle
Stab/Gun Cardiac Arrest
Blunt/Assault Stroke
Self-Inflicted Seizure
Burn Pneumonia
Other, specify

D. Name of Persons/Patients Assisted to Whose Blood or Body Fluids You Were Exposed

- 1.
2.
3.
4.
(add names on separate sheet, if necessary)

E. Place and Times of Significant Events

County Where Incident Occurred

Date of Incident (Mo/Day/Year)

Time of Incident (24-hour clock)

Time of Transport (24-hour clock) (if applicable)

Time of Arrival (24-hour clock) at Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Facility

F. Type of Exposure

Blood Semen Sputum

Other, specify

G. Contact of Blood or Body Fluid with EMC Provider

Direct Mouth to Mouth Puncture

Mucosal Membrane On Skin

Other, specify

H. Pre-exposure Precautions

- Use of Gloves
Use of Disposable Gown
Use of Mask

I. Post-exposure Actions

- Disposal of Contaminated Clothing/Bandages
Change of Clothes
Detergent/Bleach or Alcohol Wipedown

J. Exposure Incident Notification

1. Emergency Medical Services Facility Time of Notice Date of Notice

Name: Address:

2. Indiana State Board of Health

Mark the envelope Confidential and send to:

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Bureau of Disease Intervention
Indiana State Board of Health
1330 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1964

3. Employer EMC Provider

Name: Address:

K. Exposure Follow-Up Notification by the Emergency Medical Service Facility

Should be directed to either (check one or both)

1. Personal Physician

Name: Address:

2. EMC Provider's Medical Director

Name: Address:

L. EMC Provider's Signature

Sign here:

The information provided on this form is confidential. Please be sure to send a copy of the completed form to each of the three required groups using sealed envelopes marked Confidential.

Jackson Co. Fire Academy holds awards program

Jackson County Fire Academy recognized students and fire instructors at a picnic and awards program on August 21st at Redbrush park. Sixty firefighters and instructors received achievement certificates.

Wilbert Wessel, Jr., was honored for his many years of service as a firefighter and Chief of the Brownstown Fire Department. Wessel was given a plaque by Fire Chief Association President Marvin Wischmeier and a standing ovation was offered by his peers. Wessel has recently retired as Fire Chief but remains an active Brownstown firefighter.

J. Andy Fountain received the academy's appreciation for his work as 1987-88 Academy Secretary. Bob Shippee of WJCD Radio, Seymour, was given the Jackson County Fire Chief's Association Outstanding Service Award for his cooperation with county fire departments and his work in county fire prevention.

Keynote speaker for the graduation program was Lee Kissell, Chief of Moores Hill Fire Department and state secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. "You were put here to make

a difference," Kissell told the crowd. "Expect excellence... there is a job for everyone in the fire service."

The Jackson County Fire Academy is sponsored by the County Fire Chief's Association and met Indiana standards for certifications for second class, first class, and master firefighters.

Presentations were made by Jack Montgomery, master of ceremonies, and Andy Fountain to second class firefighters: Scott Allen, Larry Babbs, Jerry Bailey, Randy Branaman, Ronald Byarly, Troy Champ, Herb Conrad, Larry Cummings, Bill Drees, Ed Flynn, Jr., Tom Hinkle, Donald Allen Jackson, Bill Norman, Ronnie Spencer, Mike Swango, Karl Swenson, Harold Thompson, and Kenneth Turner.

First Class certificates were awarded to: Louis Bolton, Daryle Guthrie, Ron Roy, Thomas Schwenn, Russell "Todd" Snodgrass, Mark Tape, Scott Thompson, and Greg Wischmeier.

Master certificates in Fire and Arson Investigation were earned by Richard L. Burrell, Kurt Fenneberg, Roy L. Fleetwood, J. Andy Fountain, Lynn Lord, James

Renaker, Ted Richey, David Roll, Donald Schnitker, Rebecca D. Scott, Tracey L. Sovern, Timothy Warren, and Danny J. Wessell.

Fire Instructors who donated their time and expertise to the 1988 Academy were Bruce Neal, John Tumulty, Sergeant Richey, Rebecca Scott, Richard L. Blaker, Sr., Doyle E. Lyon, Charles Biggs, Ersel Rogers, Marvin Wischmeier, Leroy Miller, Mike Cartothers, James Kron, Miles Hickerson, Don Keiser, Donald Schnitker, Charles Murphy, Tom Hinkle, William G. Earl, Jim Skaggs, and Ray Bentley.

The Jackson County Fire Academy is offered free of charge to Jackson County Firefighters. Out of county students pay a tuition fee to cover the cost of course materials.

Classes for the 1989 academy are being planned. Additional information about the Academy may be obtained by contacting Chief Herschel Baughman, Driftwood Fire department, Vallonia, IN, or Chief Marvin Wischmeier, Grassy Fork Fire Department, Tampico, IN.

- Rebecca D. Scott



Lee Kissell, I.V.F.A. Secretary and banquet speaker (r) congratulates Marvin Wischmeier, President of the Jackson Co. Fire Chief's Association.



Marvin Wischmeier, President, Jackson Co. Fire Chief's Association presents WJCD radio personality Bob Shippee with the Association's Outstanding Service Award for 1988.



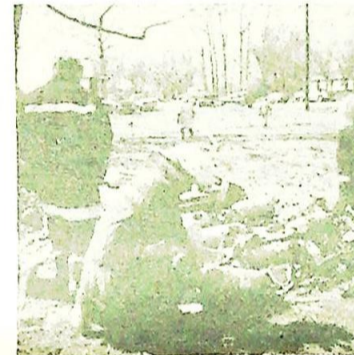
Chief Wischmeier congratulates J. Andy Fountain (r) for his work as 1988 Jackson County Fire Academy Secretary.



Chief Don Schnitker and Chief Marvin Wischmeier survey the safety precautions.



Participants run through a Hose and Stream Drill at the practice burn.



Fire Instructors check SCBA during a Jackson Co. Fire Academy practice burn.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHEAST



ROY E. RICHARDSON

A word of thanks to all the volunteer fire departments who helped out at the time of the death of Chief Dennis W. Snook of the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department and to Mark Ball and Bob Stewart of the Sellersburg Department.

I attended a ground breaking ceremony August 27, 1988, at Patriot Volunteer Fire Department. They are building a new firehouse. Patriot is an old town with strong determination to keep going forward. The town was almost destroyed by the 1937 flood, by fire in earlier days but everyone worked together to help the town keep going. Chief Miller, the firemen and the town people are building a new fire house and getting new equipment.

Two new district Chairmen, Paul Hilderbrand District 19 and Steve Nelson District 14 are working hard in their districts.

I have also visited Franklin Township V.F.D. in South Boston, Brownstown V.F.D. and Hamilton

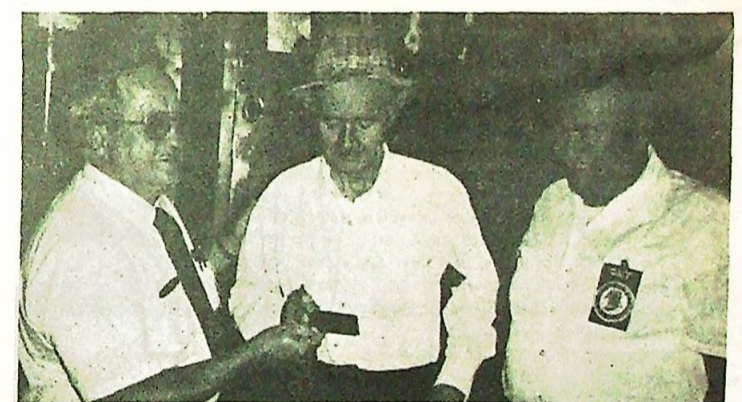
Township.

A retirement party was held for Wilbert Wessel, Jr., who retired from Brownstown V.F.D. after 33 years service, 27 of them as Chief. Jerry Nulliner from the State Fire Marshal's presented Chief Wessel with an award from the Fire Marshal and the governor. Congratulations to Chief Wessel for his years in the fire service.

I attended an E.M.S. and E.M.T. conference in Indianapolis. There was a lot of hard work and time that went into this conference. Thanks to all who took part. The "OTIS R. BOWEN HEROIC RESCUE AWARD" was

presented to Andy DeWitt, Crawford County EMS-EMT; John Gott, Crawford County EMS-EMT and Jerry Johnson, Leavenworth VFD. Larry Bosell, Fire Marshal, presented certificates to the Leavenworth VFD and the English VFD. The "STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD" was presented to Ramsey Vol. Firefighters/EMS, and the following departments under medical control of Community Hospital in Eastern Marion County: Acton, Bunker Hill, City of Lawrence, Wanamaker and Warren Twp.

Roy E. Richardson



Roy Richardson, Public Relations Southeast (left) presenting a gold card Life Membership I.V.F.A. to Ira Cambron (center) and Carl Adkins, 16th District Chairman (right).

Fireman rescues Kokomo resident

Jeff Zimmerman simply was glad he could use his training.

Kokomo fire officials said the 24-year-old likely saved the life of William Vandergriff, 216 W. Hoffer St., Monday morning. Vandergriff was asleep in his living room when a fire started in the house.

A firefighter with the Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department, Zimmerman was traveling on Hoffer Street when he noticed smoke coming from a house. When he examined the area more closely, he saw two women pounding on the front door of the burning house.

Zimmerman immediately stopped to help and asked one of the women to call the fire department. He began pounding on the door as loudly as he could but after five minutes, he opened the door.

Vandergriff was crawling on the floor, and Zimmerman helped him out of the smoke-filled house, which he said was "pitch black."

He stayed awhile with Vandergriff, who was not injured.

He moved Vandergriff's vehicle from the garage so that it would not burn. Zimmerman then returned to work at Giesecke RV Center.

The three-year veteran firefighter said he did not realize his accomplishment until later in the day. He modestly admitted he "kinda" felt like a hero, but he quickly called attention to his training.

"I've been training for this... I'm just glad all the training paid off," he quipped.

According to firefighters, Vandergriff, who was remodeling the house, had temporary wiring from a service box to an electric stove in the kitchen. The wiring shorted out under the bathroom flooring and caused the fire. Damage estimates totaled about \$23,000, including structural damage of \$15,000.

- Kokomo Tribune 9/3/88



County Fire Chiefs honor Wilbert Wessel, Jr., who retired from the Brownstown Fire Department after 33 years of service, 27 of those as fire chief. Pictured at the Jackson County Fire Academy picnic in August are from left to right: Bernard Ruddick, Hershell Baughman, Richard Blaker, Marvin Wischmeier, Chief Wessell, Don Schnitker, and Brian Furguson.

Poe crew stays fired up in its work for over 50 years

Poe's Volunteer Fire Department didn't spend its first 50 years just putting out fires.

It has proven itself a capable fund-raiser, for one thing, with projects such as its women's auxiliary's popular peanut brittle sales, which raised almost \$6,000 for the department last fall, and the Poe Firemen's Festival each summer.

This year's festival, the 48th, will celebrate the department's 50th anniversary as it raises money for its 51st year Friday and Saturday at the fire station on Yoder Road in Poe.

Raising money is crucial for a volunteer fire department such as Poe's, which is not tax-supported.

The department has had to be ready for a lot more than fires to make it through 50 years.

"There has been a lot of good insight with the fire department, and its officers realizing a fire department can't stand still," said John Henry, its elected chief.

"It's a better department now than it was in the past, and I hope it will be a better department in five years.

"You have to keep up with equipment and training," he said.

Keeping up is important because it takes more these days to inspire people to become volunteer firefighters.

Serving in Poe's department has been a tradition for Poe area families, Henry said. It's typical for one of today's members to follow his father and uncles in department service and to serve alongside his brothers.

It's only starting to get away from that in the past few years," Henry said. *Something else is*

replacing family tradition as the main force that keeps the department's roster filled, though.

"I've always felt personally a lot of our memberships are gained by reputation," Henry said. "We have a good reputation, and a lot of our members now are friends of members. I think it goes more on that than on family ties now."

Poe has 50 active firefighters. Seeing it as an up-to-date fire department "impresses young people," he said. "It's not a 1952 pumper pulling out on a run."

Poe's trucks look no different from Fort Wayne's, and its station looks as new as it did when it was built in 1978. Poe has more than \$400,000 — community dollars — invested in its station and equipment.

Its equipment alone represents an investment of \$250,000, "and you couldn't replace it for that," Henry said.

That impressive community investment reminds Henry of two other factors that have helped the department through its first 50 years — good management and good volunteers.

"This department has done a real good job of handling its affairs," Henry said, "and there's no doubt the volunteers and the auxiliary have carried it. There's been a lot of money made."

He can think of countless examples of volunteer effort making the department what it is today — from the long days of hot work it takes to make the auxiliary's four tons of peanut brittle to the firefighters themselves finishing the interior of their new stations so they wouldn't have to hire a contractor to do it.

"It's a total volunteer effort that everybody chimes in," Henry said, "whether it be the fund-raisers or on the building itself."

Thirteen volunteers chimed in to found the department after two fires in 1936 destroyed a house and barn near Poe and a warehouse in Poe.

"The only fire departments then were Fort Wayne and Decatur," said Ervin Bucher, who is helping put together a booklet on the department's history. The booklet and the auxiliary's cookbook will be offered for sale at the festival.

"All the county people were concerned about fire," he said. "When a barn caught fire, the only thing people ever saved was the foundation."

The 13 founders — Martin Gallmeyer, William Ake, Fred Pettibone, Frank Harklen, Herman Sorg, Joe Sorg, Louis Sorg, Ed Horman, Jesse Ake, Lusius Sommers, Herbert Fryback, William Caston and Herman McAfee — finally resolved that it wasn't going to happen again, Bucher said.

Each of them put in some money (he hasn't been able to find out how much), and started selling shares. For \$10, a property owner could become a shareholder — and promise to take the training as a firefighter.

Almost immediately, the volunteers had to start raising money — they needed a fire truck, which they voted on Dec. 27, 1937, to buy. Bucher doesn't know how much they spent, but he knows they bought a 1938 Dodge school bus chassis and a pump and built their pumper truck from

scratch in the local blacksmith shop.

Training taught them how to use the firehoses and axes to put fires out, said Wilbert "Whip" Gallmeyer, who joined the department 48 years ago. He is being honored with his wife, Evelyn, the auxiliary's founding president, as grand marshals of the first festival parade.

Training has changed in 50 years. Gallmeyer calls it "a considerable difference. It's more time-consuming today. They were never that strict about it."

State regulations mandate today's extensive training because the conditions under which the volunteers fight fires have changed.

"The danger is worse today than it used to be with the

chemicals and the plastics," he said.

Henry considers it an important victory when firefighters who have served as long as Gallmeyer agree the dangers have worsened and believe the extra training and equipment are necessary.

Interestingly, though, Gallmeyer's generation went through its own struggles.

He remembers what happened when the department traded in the 1938 Dodge pumper the founders had built on a new pumper.

"My dad was so mad at me when we traded that thing off," he remembers. He laughs now, but then it was the price of progress.

*from the News-Sentinel
by Connie Haas Zuber*

Secretary Lee Kissell reports

After a long hot summer, I am almost ready for winter. I say almost because I am not ready for all the fires and squad calls that winter weather brings with it. I guess I am getting old because I don't look forward to getting out on those cold snowy nights that will be here all too soon. Actually, I don't look forward to any of the calls that we must deal with.

One good thing is the warmth of my home and my cozy but small office, which is where your I.V.F.A. business is handled. I trust that everyone has received their cards and other information with a minimum of delay. Dues came in much sooner this year, which resulted in a record number of departments being paid on

time. Not everyone has paid dues yet, but I hope those that have not will do so soon.

Your membership in the I.V.F.A. means much more than just receiving the newspaper, membership card, and other benefits that are available to you. What you can't always see is the tremendous amount of work being done by the I.V.F.A. officers around our state. Legislative work is most important, and I am sure that this next session will be dealing with several important issues that involve the volunteer fire service. Your membership supports these efforts. Our total membership does have a voice in the State House. Please get involved in the I.V.F.A. by attending your district meetings!



Lee Kissell

I would like to remind you that additional new members require payment of dues. I receive many new membership forms to add your new members to the I.V.F.A., but no dues payment is included with the forms. I must return these to you and ask for the check. This wastes time and postage for both of us. Please help me by including payment with the new forms!

I hope you have a safe winter season. Take advantage of Fire Prevention activities whenever possible. Fires prevented or reduction in severity of fires means fewer cold nights on the fireground. That makes me happy and I am sure you will be too!

If I can be of any assistance, please write or call me at 812-744-3779. If we are not at home, leave your message on the dreaded machine so I can return your call.

Lee Kissell

The next deadline-

The next deadline for the January Issue of the newspaper is December 20. All copy must be in the office of the editor by that date.

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Firefighters urged to make their views known to legislators

Dear Fire Service Leader,
 Immediate action is requested. The following congressional bills will have an effect on you, your members, and your department.

A variety of Legislation that would affect volunteer firefighters and fire departments has been introduced in Congress this session. The bills remain in the committees to which they have been assigned. As the need for decisions on next year's federal budget becomes more pressing and as an anticipated election recess draws closer, the chances of action on proposed legislation dwindle. Without pressure from you, the constituents who will be affected by these proposals, there is little incentive for legislators to focus on them.

The following is a brief look at some of the proposed laws:

HR 2650 would create a fund of up to \$90 million next year for grants to states for use in hazardous materials training and equipment purchases at the local and regional levels. The bill is being considered in three House committees: Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Public Works. The Public Works Committee held hearings May 19 and 25. No additional hearings are scheduled.

S 79 would require that

emergency service agencies be given the names of individuals with severe contagious diseases, particularly AIDS. A similar bill, HR 162, was passed by the House of Representatives in October 1987. The Senate bill is awaiting a final vote on the Senate Floor.

HR 2393 would allow volunteer firefighters a special \$2000 deduction when computing their federal income taxes. Another bill, HR 766, provides for an income tax deduction, but the amount is unspecified. Both bills are pending in the House Ways and Means Committee.

HR 2647, which is pending in the House Education and Labor Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, would make manufacturers liable for injuries or deaths resulting from the use of firefighter protective gear that does not meet federal or state standards. A similar bill, HR 1115, is also awaiting action.

HR 1378 would increase the availability of federal surplus property to volunteer fire departments. It is pending in the House Government Operations Committee.

S 1250 includes language which would increase the benefit paid under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program from \$50,000 to \$100,000. It also eliminates the requirement that

parents must show dependency on the deceased to receive the benefit payment. The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Board of Directors recently voted to formally urge the passage of this legislation. Letters of support have been sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee by NVFC Chairman E. James Monihan and other members of the board. Hearings were held by the Judiciary Committee on May 13.

HR 3999 would provide an exemption from federal jury duty for volunteer firefighters. Use of the exemption would be optional, based on individual circumstances. In a letter to the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Monihan has expressed

the NVFC's support for this legislation.

HR 3850, which is pending in the House Ways and Means Committee, would allow volunteer departments to purchase diesel fuel tax free from distributors. A similar bill, S 2003, is being considered in the Senate Finance Committee.

Finally, HR 4011 would exempt firefighters from Federal Highway Administration requirements that they hold a commercial driver's license to operate fire apparatus. The bill is being considered in the House Public Works Committee. A Senate bill, S 2116 also would exempt operators of farm equipment. The NVFC, in supporting passage of this legisla-

tion, has recommended to the Public Works Committee that the language of the bill be broadened to include any "emergency vehicle used for fire suppression, rescue, and other specialized purposes." See separate article.

To make your views on any of these bills known, contact the representative or senator who represents your community. Better still, also contact the chairman of the committee or committees working on the proposals as well as the bills' sponsor(s). The appropriate names can be obtained by calling the Legislative Information Service (LEGIS) at (202) 225-1772.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 11

Arson in Indiana Investigation and Defense at Holiday Inn Airport - a one day seminar for insurance company personnel, fire investigators, cause and origin experts. Presented by the State Fire Marshal Committee on Arson from 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Subject to available space you may register at the door, prior to the seminar, between 7:30 - 8:00 A.M. Charge is \$70.00.

February 18

District 11-B Miss Flame Dance at the Half Century Club in Clinton. Featuring "Austin City Limits" from 9-12

February 25-26

1989 Fire Marshal's Leadership Conference at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis. For additional info contact: The Office of the State Fire Marshal, Fire Services Division, 1099 N. Meridian St., Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204. 317-232-2471

March 11-12

1989 Indiana Weekend at National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Offering Leadership Development, Hazardous Materials, Chief Officer Duties, Fire Ground Control, Fire Fighter Safety and Survival, Incident Command System, and Company Officer Responsibilities and Operations. For Course Applications contact Office of the State Fire Marshal, Fire Services Division, 1099 North Meridian St., Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204. 317-232-2471

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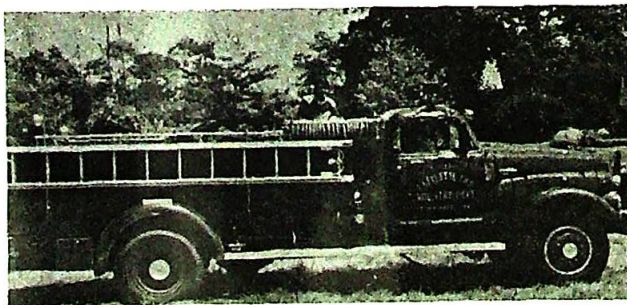
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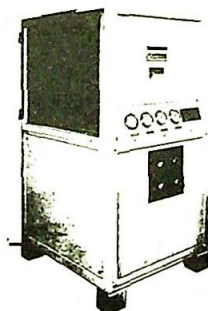
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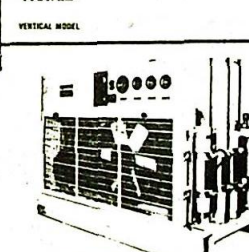


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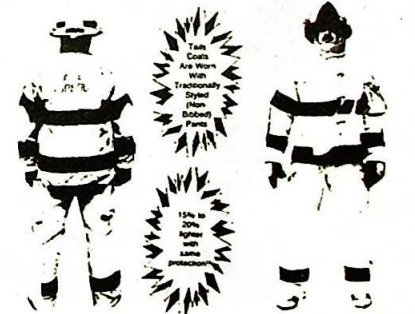
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New equipment at Dale VFD

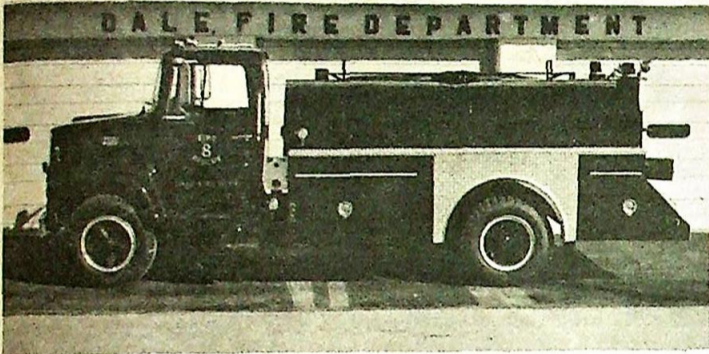
The Dale Volunteer Fire Department just purchased some new rescue equipment. The Dale Rescue purchased "The Lucas of America" rescue tool. The new tool, which cost \$10,100.80, includes an electric power package with twin hose reels - HD Spreader and cutter, and a H.D. chain package. This tool will make the Dale Rescue squad a Level 1 rescue unit.

The Dale Volunteer Fire Department and the Dale E.M.T. Association worked together to raise the money needed to purchase the Lukas tool. The Fire Department has been working for several years to purchase this tool. As of this date, Dale Fire and Rescue Department is the only de-

partment in Spencer County to have the tool and rescue squad.

The Dale Volunteer Fire Department also has just put into service a new tanker/pumper. The department purchased a 1973 LN700 Ford Truck, had it painted and had a company make a new tank to fit the truck. After installing the tank on the truck, the department made a decision to install a 450 gpm pump. After many hours of hard work, the department put the truck into service. The new tanker cost us \$15,000 to build. All the monies were raised thru fund drives and donations.

A great bunch of people support the Dale Volunteer Fire Department. Two of our 21 volunteers are women.



This is the new tanker purchased and modified by the Dale volunteers with monies raised by fund drives and donations.



Members of the Dale Fire and Rescue Department pose proudly with their latest purchase, a new rescue tool which makes them a Level 1 rescue unit.

Bridgeton hosts 11-B Fire School

The Bridgeton V.F.D. was host to the District 11-B Fire School on Saturday, September 24. The school was held at the Rosedale School. Dick Lamb, Chief of the Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. was the instructor for the 6 hr. course. He presented a very interesting class on Residential Fire Fighting.

There were seven departments

represented at the school and these included: Bridgeton, Rosedale, Hillsdale, Marshall, Lyford, Clinton Twp., and Fireview.

Chairman for the fire school was Dave Gilstrap, and he would like to express his sincere thanks to Dick Lamb and all the firemen who attended the District 11-B Fire School.



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IF EMPLOYED, WHERE _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSOR'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER _____

RELATIONSHIP TO FIRE DEPARTMENT OR AUXILIARY MEMBER _____

ENTRY FORM, BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE ADDRESS BELOW BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN MARCH 10, 1989 - MUST ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSENT FORM.

(The paper is published in April so must have everything mailed to me in order to get in the paper)

THE I.V.F.A. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

PLEASE ATTACH A RECENT BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MAELS THE FORM TO THE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN.

Barbara Parker
9006 Shelbyville Road
Indianapolis, IN 46259
(317) 862-4650

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE AND DISTRICT NUMBER

Revised 8/88
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PARENT'S AND/OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNED CONSENT

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HERBY DECLARE THAT I/WE ARE THE PARENTS AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF:

AND DO HERBY GIVE OUR CONSENT TO HER PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION "MISS FLAME" CONTEST. THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMENS' ASSOCIATION AND THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMENS' ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY ARE IN NO WAY OBLIGATED OR UNDER CONTRACT TO ANY PERSON/PERSONS, OR FIRMS TO SUPPLY ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTESTANTS, PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS, OR CHAPERONES.

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DATE

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hope to benefit all members of the community through their efforts. They also plan to have an in-house training manual for members, a smoke alarm and fire extinguisher program for the town, and will continue their efforts to have the insurance rating for the town lowered.

"We have come a long way in the last three or four years," said

Chief Miller, "mainly because people have supported us very well in our activities."

The department planned to have its fifth annual Field and Stream Turkey Shoot on September 11. They will also continue to host other fund-raising activities and are accepting pledges towards the new firehouse.

-The Switzerland Democrat
9/1/88

In a note accompanying this article, George Miller continued that the department is planning a 50' x 60', 5-bay firehouse and adding a tanker and brush truck to their present equipment.

Personally, he would like to thank all P.V.F.D. firemen for their continuous support on past, present, and future endeavors of the department. He ends, "I'm proud."

New Albany Twp. volunteer killed

New Albany police are investigating the cause of the traffic accident which claimed the life of a New Albany Township volunteer firefighter Friday (9-9-88) when the tanker truck he was driving left the roadway.

Police said William E. Deering Jr., 33, of 28 Riverside Drive, died of massive internal injuries sustained when the 1979 Chevrolet C-60 Custom truck, which was carrying a full tank of water, flipped over on I-64, east of exit 22, near New Albany.

Deering, an eight-year veteran of the department, was returning to the New Albany firehouse following a run when the accident occurred shortly after noon, said Fire Chief Mike Mugler.

Police said an accident reconstruction expert from Evansville has been called in to help determine the cause of the accident, adding their own efforts have been hampered by a lack of information provided by witnesses.

They said the truck apparently started to swerve on the roadway, which may have been caused by a malfunction in the suspension system.

Keith Fleming of Sellersburg, who was driving about 100 feet behind the eastbound tanker truck, said it began swaying though he did not see what caused it to swerve.

"I looked up and saw the tank swerve from one side to the other and he just went over," he said. "I didn't see what made that tank swerve. I was worried about the traffic behind me and by the time I looked up, he was all over the road."

Fleming said he and two unidentified United Parcel Service drivers stopped after seeing smoke coming from a fire under the hood of the truck and put the fire out with an extinguisher.

Rescue workers used the jaws of life device to cut away the driver's side door, which had been jammed by the wreckage. Police said it took about 10 to 12 minutes to free Deering and rescue workers immediately began administering cardio-vascular-resuscitation in an attempt to revive him.

He was airlifted to Humana Hospital-University of Louisville by helicopter where he was pronounced dead at about 12:28.

Police are asking that anyone who witnessed the accident and may be able to give more information as to the cause call the department at 948-5300. Patrolman Eric Higdon is the chief investigating officer on the case.

Deering was a security guard for United Parcel Service and a Navy veteran of the Vietnam war.

He is survived by his wife, the former Laurie Lee; a daughter, Tracey Ann Deering; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Deering, Sr.; three sisters, Betty J. Spennberg of Phoenix, AZ, JoAnn Weber of CA, and Kim Sue Deering; and a grandmother, Nellie M. Deering of New Albany.

In a show of brotherhood and friendship, well over 100 people attended the funeral services of Bill E. Deering, Jr., and the funeral typified the camaraderie shared among firefighters, police and emergency service personnel. Eighty or so men and women in uniform filled the Kraft Funeral Home chapel and helped make up the procession to Graceland Memorial Park where his body was interred.

As many as seven fire engines were included in the 44-car procession which wound its way through New Albany, the emergency lights Deering had become accustomed to during his eight years as a firefighter flashing their final tribute to him.

During a solemn ceremony, Deering's flag-draped casket was carried through two columns of his comrades, their salutes signifying their brotherhood, their eyes, wet with emotion, betraying their feelings.

There was something incongruent, yet fitting, about tears in the eyes of these men and women who face danger with regular abandon and whose nerves always seem unshaken because this time the loss was theirs.

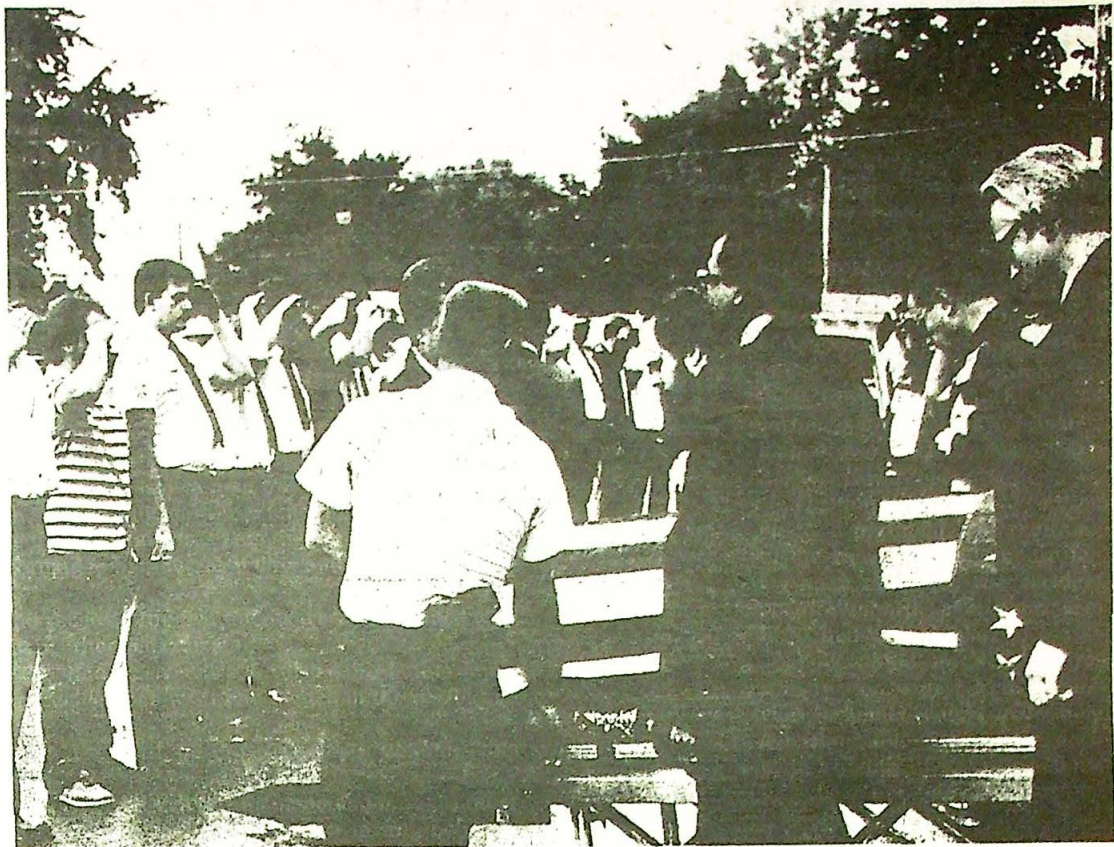
"You always think of it hitting in the big cities, but you never think of it hitting home," was how Deering's friend and leader Mike Mugler explained their feeling of loss.

He described theirs as a close-knit fraternity; one which cares for its own in times of need and one which tends to those needs with the same verve they display daily for others.

Deering was a man, Mugler said, who always did what he could for his department and for people in general. "He was just a good person, a good friend, and he will really be missed."

Well known, Deering will undoubtedly be missed by many. Kim Deering, one of his sisters, said she will miss him, but she said "When he died, he was doing something he wanted to be doing. He just wanted to help out people."

He never explained why he wanted to be a firefighter, she said, he just wanted to do it. Possibly for that same reason, Deering was also involved with the Civil Air Patrol for the past



Final Tribute — The flag-draped casket of Bill E. Deering Jr. is led through two columns of his friends and comrades during a ceremony on Monday, September 12, 1988. Representatives from all area fire departments attended the service and as many as seven fire engines were included in a 44-car procession to Graceland Memorial Park, where his body was interred. Tribune Photo by Marc S. Botts

seven years. He just wanted to help.

"He liked to work with kids a lot," she said. "It was sort of like being back in the service. He said they needed somebody to be there and help them."

During the Vietnam war, Deering served in the Navy where he directed planes landing on an aircraft carrier. Perhaps he liked

the excitement, his sister said, perhaps he just liked to see people to safety.

The Rev. Dean Scott of Graceland Christian Church, who delivered the eulogy during the memorial service, pointed out that caring quality in Deering and counseled his friends and family to seek relief from their mourning in it.

"Bill sort of marched to the beat of his own drum and he walked in life that way," he said. Though he will walk to that beat no more, his friends, his family and his comrades will hear the beat for years to come.

from the Ledger-Tribune
by Marc S. Botts

St. John volunteers hold open house

St. John — In the old days the role of a volunteer firefighter was simple, veteran firefighter Nick Thiery recalls.

At the sounding of a bell, almost anyone available and in the vicinity came to the rescue with whatever equipment handy.

"It was neighbor helping neighbor," Thiery says.

Displaying yellowed newspaper clips and old photos, Thiery remembered the St. John Volunteer Fire Department's past and spoke of its present at an open house Sunday at the fire station at 11033 93rd Ave. Thiery joined the department in 1940, has served as fire chief and became an honorary member in 1972. Sunday's was the first of what officials hope will become an annual affair.

The purpose of the program, attended by about 200 people, was to show residents the department's facilities, preach public awareness about fire safety and recruit new members.

The department dates back to 1910 when it was started in a one-car garage 16 months after the town of St. John was incorporated. A horse-drawn carriage purchased in 1916 sometimes delayed firefighters' arrival to the scene of a blaze because one of its two wheels would fall off, Thiery said.

Thiery recalled the time when he at first thought the owner of a poultry farm was reporting that his ducks were on fire. After questioning the man further, Thiery realized he was referring to heat ducts.

But more of his memories aren't so humorous.

In May 1952, a freight train crashed at the Route 2 railroad intersection in downtown Lowell, causing tank cars loaded with alcohol to burst into flames.

The blaze, which caused

several thousand dollars in damage, required the assistance of 10 neighboring fire departments including St. John's.

Thiery said Lowell's water supply was drained in the 2½-day firefighting effort, forcing the use of water from a nearby creek.

While fighting a blaze for three days on a farm east of St. John in the 1950's, firemen depleted a lake and were forced to dynamite a building, he recalled. Ground corn cobs placed between an L-shaped building's walls caught fire and could not be extinguished until the walls were separated.

Late one night in the 1960s, after the department started using two-way radios, a woman reported there was something wrong with her infant but did not give her address.

Thiery said he immediately dispatched trucks to search for the mother and child. A fireman soon located them but had trouble relaying information to the fire

station because he had forgotten his false teeth. "We couldn't understand a word he was saying," Thiery said.

Tragically, the infant suffocated.

He used the story as an example of a common mistake residents make when reporting emergencies — failing to report conditions fully.

Thiery said the department has improved with technology, organization and state regulations.

The 33-person department, led by Chief Dewey Snow, has six certified emergency medical technicians and several others with emergency medical training. Some firefighters are trained for various medical emergencies, from treating heart attack victims to delivering babies.

Volunteers are paid \$6 for in-town calls.

by Sharon Goggans
from the Post Tribune (Gary)
10/10/88

Sellersburg home destroyed

Four fire departments responded to an early morning blaze near Sellersburg today, but efforts to save the historic home were not successful.

Sellersburg Deputy Fire Chief Terry Brishaber said the cause of the fire is being investigated by the Indiana State Police. Officials were still attempting to determine the cause today.

Further information about the investigation was not available at press time.

Brishaber termed the structure "a total loss."

The fire occurred about 12:15 a.m. at the home of James Pennington. Sources said the two-story brick home, located at 7802 Diefenbach Road in Silver Creek

Township, was constructed in 1804.

Officials said no one was home when the fire broke out. The Penningtons were reportedly visiting with their daughter at her home, located less than a mile away, when the flames were discovered.

No injuries were reported.

When the first Sellersburg units arrived at the scene, the house was engulfed in flames, officials said.

Assisting Sellersburg firemen were firefighters from McCulloch, Charlestown and Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Departments.

By Margaret Abby
The Evening News
8/15/88

Advertising Policies of The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association

This association will allow any department to advertise in the classified section up to 50 words at no charge. More than 50 words will be at the current rate. One (1) article per issue.

Any event (dance, raffle, dinner, etc.) can be listed in a Special Events Section of the paper at no charge. These announcements must be to the printer by the 20th of the month prior to publication. These events can also be put in the District Reports.

If a district wants to advertise an event (Miss Flame Dance, picnic, etc.) they must put it in the Special Events section or their district report. Any other notice will be considered an advertisement and charged the current rate.

If a department wants to advertise anything for sale or an event, the department must use the above mentioned ways or it will be considered an advertisement and billed at current rate.

Any advertisement for Fire Schools shall be at no charge including District, State School, Fire Marshal classes, and Richmond Fire Conference.

In accordance with the above, a Special Events listing will appear in the I.V.F.A. newspaper. Please send listings for this column on a separate sheet of paper marked to the attention of the Special Events Editor. We're sorry, but we cannot guarantee that listings included in the District Reports will also appear in the Special Events Column unless you send them to the Special Events Editor. Thank you.

IMPORTANT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Consumer:

UNITROL MODEL A-1

If you use LP liquid propane gas for your water heater and if your water heater control looks like one of the three on this page, we'll pay you \$150 to have a new water heater installed.

The controls in question are at least 33 years old. Although they may appear to be working properly today, critical parts of the control can ultimately wear out, leading to a potentially dangerous condition. These controls have been involved in explosion and fires in which there has been property damage, personal injuries and deaths.

Replace your LP gas water heater today and receive \$150. Have a repairman remove your old control and then mail it to us, along with a copy of a receipt for the purchase of a new water heater. After receiving these items, we will promptly send you our check for \$150 and also will reimburse you for postage. Report this control, or call if you have any questions, to the toll-free number below.

Call Toll Free: 1-800-421-1130. Send to Robertshaw Controls Company, Grayson Controls Division, 100 West Victoria Street, Long Beach, California 90805.

UNITROL 110/200

If you have one of the controls described below, Robertshaw will pay you \$50 and will have a new control installed on your liquid petroleum (LP) gas water heater free!

Simply determine if your LP gas water heater uses a control as shown. If you need assistance please call our Grayson Controls Division toll free.

These controls were manufactured during the period December, 1954 through March, 1957. Possibly a defective safety valve may exist in some of these controls still in use which could result in explosion and

fire, posing a risk of severe injury or death.

These controls could be installed on LP gas water heaters which are approximately 31 years old. They may be found on water heaters which are only in intermittent use such as at vacation/weekend homes, hunting and fishing camps, and similar sites.

The water heater controls are Unitrol Models 110 and 200 manufactured by Robertshaw Controls Company and bearing date codes with any letter combination with W or X and the combinations of LV, AY, BY, or CY. These codes are stamped near the pilot gas outlet (see Figures 2 and 6).

The model name UNITROL 110 appears on the face (see Figure 1). In the case of the Unitrol 200, the model name appears on the temperature dial on the front of the control and the inlet boss is round (see Figure 5).

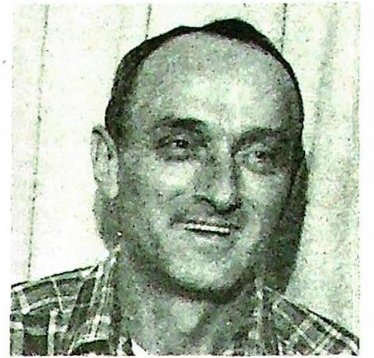
On the Unitrol 110, suspect models may also be identified as follows: The red plastic gas valve dial pictured in Figure 3 says "OFF", "ON" and "PILOT". Looking only at the word "PILOT", a small pointer on the dial itself, is at the letter "T" of the word "PILOT".

The Unitrol models not involved (see Fig. 4) have a similar gas valve dial except that the small pointer on the dial itself is at the letter "L" of the word "PILOT".

If you have an LP gas water heater which has the Unitrol Model 110 or 200 control described, or if you have any questions, proceed as follows:

Immediately contact Robertshaw Controls Company at either of the toll free numbers (In California call: 1-800-262-1173) for instructions. If you have one of the affected controls we will install a replacement control, free of charge, and send you \$50.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



BILL BUSH

Brother Firemen,

Things have been very busy in our area. It is the "peak" season for festivals, fish fries, parades, fire schools and anything else you think of! Once this is over we should settle down, get our ducks in a row, and think about the upcoming election. It is time to vent our gripes and complaints and vote in a way that will benefit our fire service.

By the time this is in print and you receive the paper, you should have made your reservations and paid your registration for convention. Registration must be paid by May 1 to save money.

I have been down to Evansville and found that the motel accommodations are terrific. We're looking forward to enjoying that wonderful southern hospitality at the I.V.F.A. '89 convention.

Don't hesitate to give me a call if you need assistance from me.

Bill Bush

Proper installation of insulation necessary

Improper installation of cellulose insulation by professionals and amateurs alike caused serious fire hazards. As a result, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission now requires that all packages of the material specify proper installation methods.

You need to know these facts:
• Cellulose can ignite when placed too close to heat sources — even if it meets federal standards for flame resistance.

• Light fixtures recessed into attic floors are the most common cause of fires in cases of cellulose insulation investigated by the Commission.

• Fires are most likely to start at night after heavy use of electricity and heating. Because smoke and flames in attic fires rise toward the roof, smoke detectors in the living areas may provide little warning.

The new labels suggest keeping insulation at least 3 inches from the side of recessed lights and away from the exhaust vents of appliances such as furnaces and hot-water heaters.

Gilstrap awarded 11-B Midwest Award

Dave Gilstrap from the Bridgeton V.F.D. was recently presented with the Midwest Award for District 11-B. The award was presented at a District meeting by Larry Ketchum, Chief of the Montezuma V.F.D. Dave has been Chairman of the last two District Fire Schools, and has helped with training for several departments in District 11-B. He is treasurer of the Parke/Vermillion Firefighters Assoc., and serves as President, Asst. Chief, and Training Officer for the Bridgeton V.F.D.

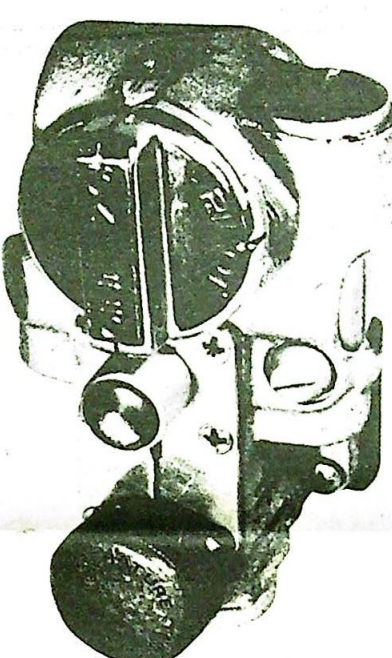
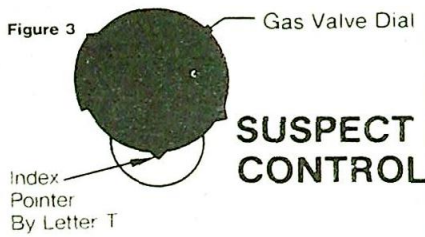


Figure 1 UNITROL 110

UNITROL 200



SUSPECT CONTROL

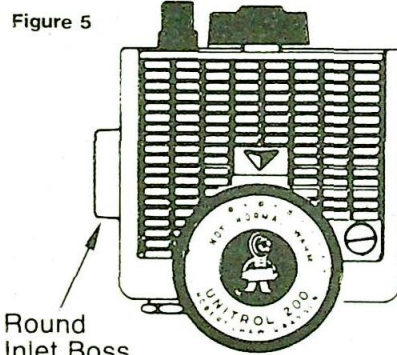
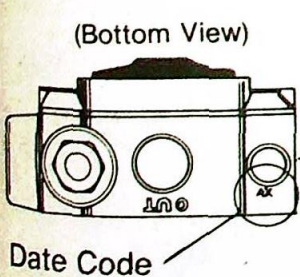
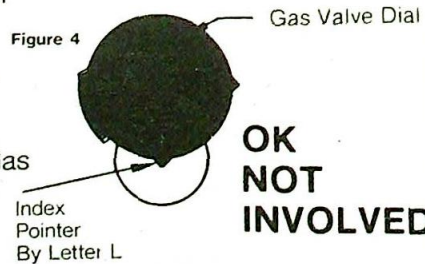


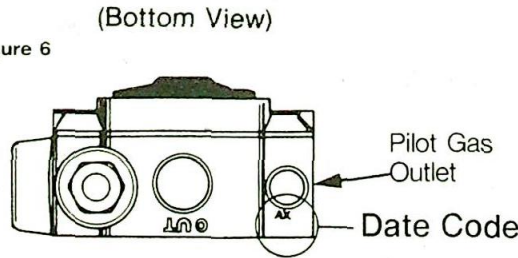
Figure 5 Round Inlet Boss



(Bottom View)



OK NOT INVOLVED



(Bottom View)

Figure 6

A two letter code (possible codes LV, AY, BY, CY, or if one letter is W or X).

Call Toll free: 1-800-421-1130
In California call: 1-800-262-1173

A two letter code (possible codes LV, AY, BY, CY, or if one letter is W or X).

Government regulations don't hamper Indiana's economic development

Indianapolis — Government regulations. For many the phrase is redolent of red tape, bureaucratic delay, and interference.

But in Indiana, manufacturers of boilers and pressure vessels: air conditioners, heat exchangers, refrigeration units, and the like, credit Indiana state regulation for an extremely fertile environment for their economic development.

"With 37 growing companies, Indiana now has a disproportionately large share of the nation's manufacturers of boiler and pressure vessels, and our advantage over our sister states is steadily increasing," says Charles W. Coffee, Executive Director of the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services.

"Manufacturers are much more easily able to obtain cer-

tification for their products here than they can in the average state because of our highly qualified Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety inspection staff, all of whom are certified to American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standards, and because of our highly respected state codes and standards. We have consciously created a favorable, to use Lieutenant Governor Mutz's expression,

'economic development' climate that has enabled us to attract almost twice as many companies in this field as the typical state. Much of the growth has occurred in the last four years," Coffee concluded.

Only a year after the grand opening of their plant and headquarters in Indianapolis, Continental Products, Inc., manufac-

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Albion celebrates first century

A number of devastating fires struck Albion in its early history, including one in 1859 that burned the county courthouse to the ground. At one time or another, over a 30 year period, virtually every building in the business district of town burned. Sometimes buildings were reconstructed after a major fire, only to burn again later.

Although the entire population of town would turn out at the call of "fire!" to lend what assistance they could, the townspeople soon recognized the importance of having an organized fire department. In 1887 a small firehouse was built on the south side of the courthouse square, and a hand operated pumper was purchased, along with a cart to carry hose. A bell was mounted over the fire station to call the volunteers into action.

In 1888 a hook and a ladder wagon was obtained, carrying several ladders, buckets and a variety of hand tools that might be needed at a fire. The hooks were used to tear down burning structures before fire spread to other buildings, or to open up ceilings and walls in search of hidden flames.

On May 4, 1988, the Albion Fire Dept. was officially recognized by town ordinance No. 44, and the volunteers began their 100 year history of battling the enemy, fire.

At the turn of the century another hose cart was purchased, and the AFD moved to a new station on South Orange Street, where they would remain for the next 60 years. At around the same time water mains and fire hydrants were installed — before that the firefighters took their water from wells and cisterns.

A third hose cart was obtained near the beginning of World War One, and in 1917 the volunteers began using a chemical engine, which relied on the mixture of chemicals to propell water through the fire hose. This was Albion's first horse drawn ap-

paratus, and horses to pull it were borrowed from nearby stables or from the volunteers themselves.

In 1929 Albion bought its first gasoline powered fire engine. In addition to the pump, it carried its own hose, ladders and hand tools, so the hook and ladder and hose wagons were soon retired. By 1939, when donations from area residents made the purchase of another gasoline powered pumper possible, the AFD was completely mechanized.

In 1930 a new fire station was built along with a new town hall on South Orange Street. That building still exists, now occupied by Albion's EMS unit.

The AFD fought many major fires over the years, one of the most well known being the opera house fire of 1931. The old opera house still exists, sporting a roof constructed after the fire. During Albion's Centennial celebration in October, 1946, the volunteers extinguished a fire that broke out in a gasoline motor powering a ferris wheel, and safely evacuated the people riding in it.

In the 50's rural fire protection became more of a concern for the AFD. The townships around Albion helped pay for another pumper in 1952, which was meant to give further protection to the 95 square mile area now covered by the AFD. A few years later the firefighters received their first water tanker, to help keep the pumpers supplied on rural calls. A pickup truck mounted by a powerful generator helped light nighttime fires and served several years as the AFD's utility vehicle.

In the early sixties the AFD once more moved, this time a half block south to a building that was once a car dealership and garage. The fire and police departments now share that building on the corner of Orange and Hazel streets.

In 1963 the volunteers began providing ambulance service for the Albion area, and continued to do so for the next ten years, until the Noble County EMS took over.

During that time the firefighters also began using four wheel drive trucks to help with grass fires and snow storms.

Today the AFD operates two 1965 pumpers, and a new pumper is expected to arrive soon. Auxiliary vehicles include two water tankers, a rescue squad, a four wheel drive grass unit, and a generator trailer. Special training, power tools and new protective equipment help today's volunteers deal with the new hazardous materials and increasing problems of modern fire protection.

As a reminder of the AFD's long history, the department still possesses its first motorized unit, the 1929 pumper, and two of its original hose carts are kept at the old Jail Museum in Albion.

Recently, the Albion Volunteer Fire Department celebrated one hundred years of service to the Albion area. An open house was held at the Albion fire station on August 21, 1988. The celebration included the dedication of a new addition to the building.

The celebration began at 2 p.m. with a flag posting by members of American Legion Post 246, who led the crowd of about 150 people in the Pledge of Allegiance. Local pastor Evelyn Myers gave an invocation, and Albion Fire Chief Larry Huff recognized several people in the audience, including visiting fire chiefs and former Albion Fire Chiefs Jim Applegate and Bob Beckley, Sr.

Guest speakers included Fort Wayne Fire Chief Tom Adams, State Representative Brad Fox, Noble County Commissioners President Barry Fox, I.V.F.A. representative William Kinsey, and Deputy State Fire Marshal John Barret. The speakers pointed out the dedication of not only the 26 volunteers, but also of the volunteers' families, and of the money, property and lives saved by volunteers' efforts.

Chief Huff introduced present Fire Department officers: Asst. Chief Phil Jacob, Captains Bob Beckley, Kevin Libben and Steve Caswell, Secretary Tim Lock, and Treasurer Mitch Fiandt.

After the benediction by Evelyn Myers the crowd had a chance to look over the AFD's fire station and apparatus, and were served punch and cookies home made by members of the AFD Ladies Auxiliary, before viewing a fire skills demonstration.

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turer of air conditioner, refrigeration, and heat transfer products, recently broke ground on an addition that will expand its operation to almost 100,000 sq. ft.

With a work force that has doubled during the last year, revenues of over \$7.5 million in 1987, and markets in South America, the Middle East, and South East Asia, Continental's experience typifies the best of this growing Hoosier industry.

Chan Madan, Continental's president, explains, "I have worked in a number of other states where it is significantly more difficult and expensive to get our type of product certified. Indiana's highly professional and service oriented Department of Fire and Building Services' Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety staff eliminates that difficulty. They are highly qualified, very helpful, service oriented and, also important,

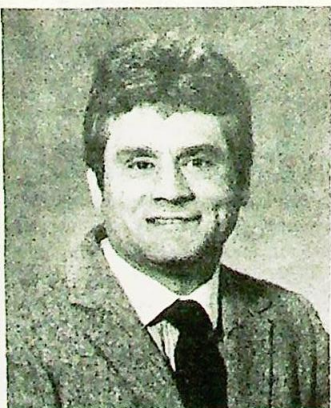
reasonably priced. We consider them an integral part of our quality control process."

Addressing the requirement to meet clear cut state safety standards, Madan is unequivocal, "Responsible businesses today are vitally interested in meeting or exceeding recognized safety standards such as Indiana's. Our products go in large hotels, hospitals, office buildings, retail businesses, and so forth, so we are keenly interested in safety. Indiana has simply developed one of the nation's best climates to get it done through the department of Fire Building Services' Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors."

The next time someone tells you that government regulation only means red tape, share Coffee's and Continental's stories with them, and tell them that, "we're working together for a safer Indiana on the Hoosier economic development team."



Speakers at the Centennial celebration, from left: Fort Wayne Fire Chief Tom Adams, Deputy State Fire Marshal John Barret, Albion Fire Chief Larry Huff (on truck), State Representative Brad Fox, I.V.F.A. representative William Kinsey, and president of the Noble County Board of Commissioners Barry Fox. Hidden by the door is Nick Adams, son of Fort Wayne Fire Chief Tom Adams.

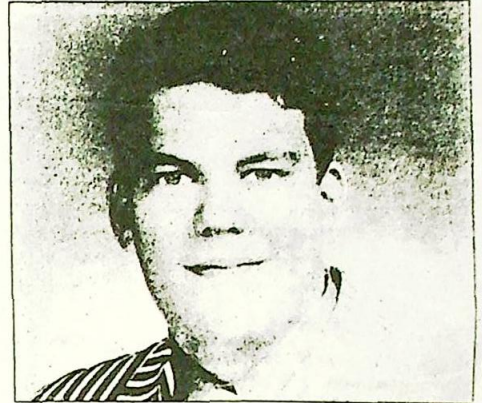


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IN MEMORY OF DENNIS W. SNOOK



CHIEF

SELLERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The loss of our Fire Chief has had a profound effect on our people. The loyal support of all of our friends has helped us to endure this tragic loss.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped in any way following the death of Dennis.

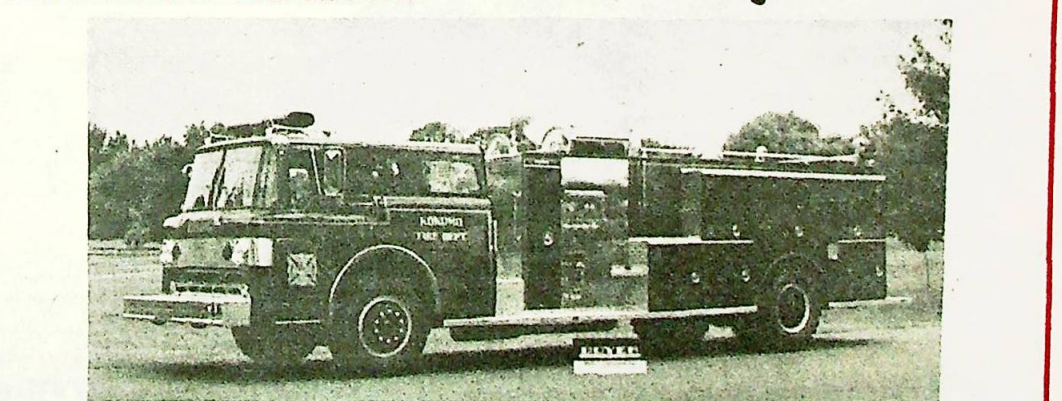
To those who have sent memorial tributes to the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department in his memory we send our grateful thanks.

To the following who expressed their sympathy in special ways we offer our appreciation:

- Sellersburg Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary
- Tom Garr & The Staff of Garr Funeral Home
- Rev. Fred Reed
- Chaplin Jim Fulkerson
- Chaplin Duane Lantz
- McClulloch Vol. Fire Dept. for keeping a standby crew at our station from July 9 to July 12, and favors too numerous to list
- McClulloch Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary
- Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept. for their special assistance
- Paul & Nancy Kraft
- Don & Bonnie Tetley
- Our friends from Monroe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Utica Vol. Fire Dept., Jeffersonville Fire Dept., Clarksville Fire Dept., New Albany Fire Dept., New Albany Twp. Fire Dept., Med-Aid Ambulance Service, Scottsburg Fire Dept., and all other departments who had members in attendance at the memorial services.
- American Legion Post 204
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Heart attack fells Atlanta's Chief Liston

The town hall in Atlanta was closed Thursday morning (Aug. 11) in memory of Volunteer Fire Department Chief John H. Liston, who died Monday at Riverview Hospital following a heart attack.

Liston, 68, who served two separate terms as the town's fire chief, was a 31-year veteran of the volunteer fire department. Friends and co-workers today described him as a man dedicated to serving his department and his town.

He played a key role in fighting a 1987 fire in Atlanta that destroyed much of the Town Hall,

said Atlanta Marshal Jeff Cast.

"The town water system was really low, and because of him we didn't run out of water," Cast said.

"I don't know any fireman who was more dedicated than he was," said Willard Forkner, a member of the volunteer fire department since 1952. "He had the whole town at heart."

"In many ways he was stern and set in his ways," said Cast. "But he was a hell of a good chief. He knew his business... He believed in following rules and regulations, because he knew they

were there for a reason."

He was always there anytime the town needed him," Forkner said. "If he had to leave town for some reason, he would always let someone know where he could be reached."

"At least he got to see the new fire truck and drive it a few times," Atlanta Town Board president Ernest Denham said today. He was very, very active in the community."

-Noblesville Ledger



Bremen's new Grass Fire Unit was purchased with funds raised by the volunteers.

Grass unit arrives at Bremen

Bremen has put a new Grass Fire Unit into service. It is an all aluminum slide-in unit is mounted on a Chevy 1 ton 4-wheel drive truck. The unit carries 250 gallons of water with a 300 GPM pump with two rear preconnect discharges, two front spray

nozzles, and one booster reel. The truck also has an 8,000 lb. electric front mounted winch and a 4,000 watt generator. The truck was purchased with funds raised by the volunteers, and was built by Hoosier Fire Equipment Inc.

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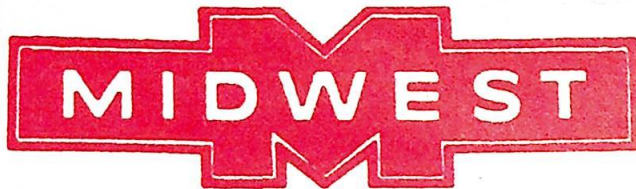
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Cicero Fire Chief Bill Scherer rings the bell on Atlanta's old fire truck in honor of Atlanta's Fire Department Chief John H. Liston. Liston, 68, died Aug. 8 and firefighters from around the county paid tribute to him with a 13-bell salute Aug. 13 in Atlanta. Liston's body was carried aboard the town's new fire truck - a truck he called his "pride and joy." Photo by W.C. Madden



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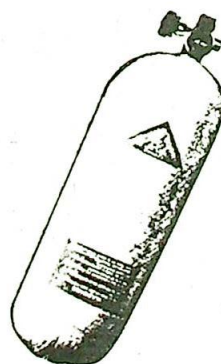
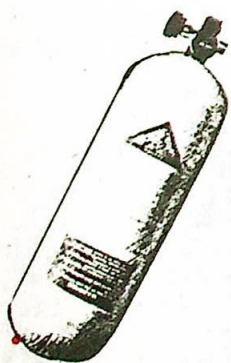
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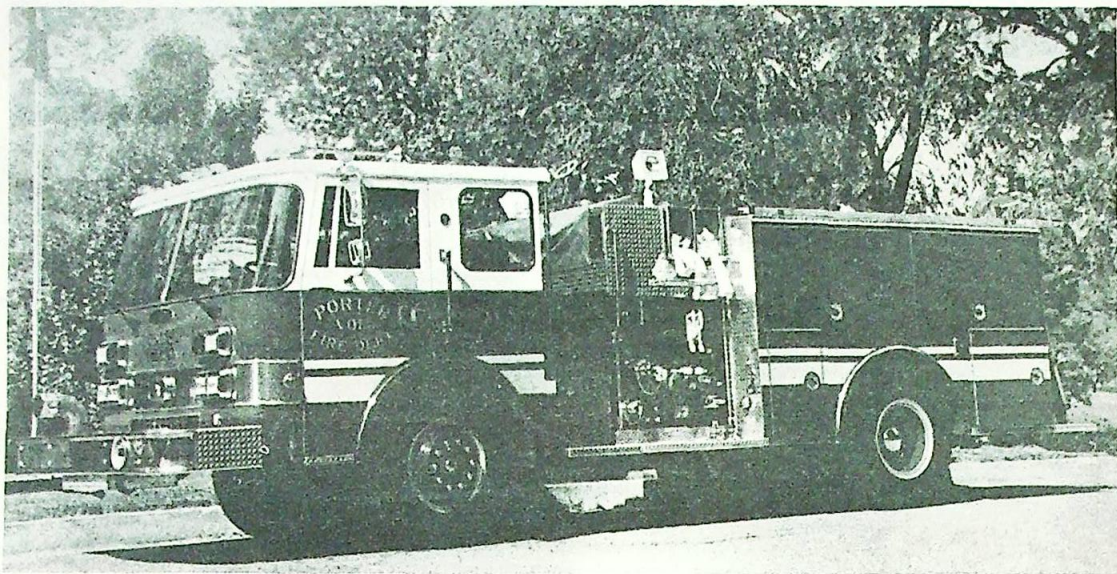
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Porter VFD takes delivery of new pumper

The Porter Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of their new Pierce Dash pumper on May 20th. The 1250 gallon per minute pumper carries 750 gallons of water in the booster tank. It has a 250 horsepower Caterpillar diesel

engine with an Allison transmission. It has a single booster line on the rear of the engine and two 1½ crosslays directly behind the top mount control panel. The pumper also has a 3" riser with an Elkhart stinger monitor gun with a TFT

nozzle. This pumper is replacing a 1962 American LaFrance pumper which has been purchased by a Volunteer Fire Department in Dora, Mo.



Porter planned to put their new pumper in service Sunday following the I.V.F.A. convention in Michigan City. Photo by Tim Walsh



Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department's new pumper tanker. Photo by David Lancaster

Vincennes Twp. buys pumper tanker

The Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased this 1987 Mack Renault Midliner CS2008 Series equipped with a 175HP diesel engine and an Allison Automatic Transmission. The Chassis was delivered to 4 Guys in Meyersdale, PA, where it was fitted with an 1800 gallon insulated stainless steel tank, stainless steel compartments and a HM 500 GPM Darley Power take off pump. It has double crosslays with 2-200 ft. hose of 1¼" hose with 2-200 gpm Elkhart nozzles. Other equipment includes 2-MSA SCBA units, 1-2500 watt generator, 2-20 ft sections of 2½

hard suction and 500 feet of 2½ hose. It is also equipped with a jet dump for quick water discharge and a 2200 gal. porta pond.

With the addition of this pumper tanker the Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department now has 6600 gallons of water in two 1800 gal. Mack Midliners and one 3000 White Road Boss to go along with one Ford Pierce 1000 GPM pumper, one American LaFrance 1000 GPM pumper, rescue truck and one grass rig.

-Fire Chief John Anderson

Porter VFD hosts May Fire Instructors School

Porter Volunteer Fire Department hosted a fire instructors class at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Headquarters classroom facility. The class was sponsored by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office. The instructor was Mr. Stan Gibson, Director of Firefighters education for the Fire Marshal.

There were 34 firefighters in the class representing 22 fire departments from five Northwest Indiana Counties. There were 6 paid departments, 13 volunteer and 3 industrial fire departments. Twelve more firefighters had to be refused because of limited class size.



Lewis T. Craig Sr. of Porter Volunteer Fire Department explains the use of a gated wye. Class was held May 7, 8, 14 & 15.



A City of Gary firefighter (l) explains how to use a spanner wrench to Chesterton firefighter Mike Orlich (r).

Fire Investigation School planned

The Evansville Area Fire Investigation Association will be hosting a Indiana State Education Commission certified sixty four hour (64) Fire Investigation School in Evansville on four (4) weekends in January and February of 1989.

The categories include: Behavior of Fire; Building Construction and Fire Investigation; Determining Point of Origin; Accidental Fire Causes; Basic Insurance and the Investigator; Photography; Motivation of the Fire Setter; Sketching; Fire Scene Investigation; Wildland Fires; Non-Residential Rural Fires; Vehicle Fires; Fatal Fires; Explosives and

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For other firefighters there will be Certificates of completion and testing issued for those who need to meet other requirements, set forth by their Departments.

For further information contact: Richard Shephard, 3009 Bergdolt Road, Evansville, IN 47711-2516.

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Larry Ketchem, chief of the Montezuma fire department, said, "We got here with nine firefighters not too long after the fire started. The fire fighting units here did a terrific job. I've been a firefighter for 33 years, and, anytime you have a fire of this potential, one that could just wipe out that block, and as old as the buildings are, it's really something to have contained it in that one building. They did it by rotating the firefighters effectively. And, also, the firewalls in that apartment building really worked. They stopped it from spreading."

To keep the units supplied with water, semi-trailer trucks hauled water in from the Inland Container Co. north of Newport.

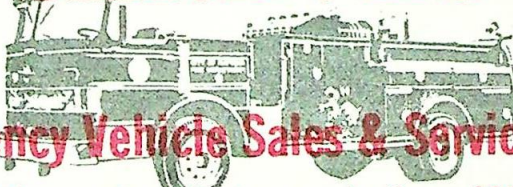
The water then was put into four canvas-walled portable tanks, each of which held 1,000 to 1,500 gallons. Two of these tanks were situated on the street in front of the courthouse.

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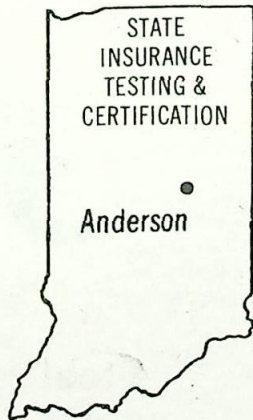


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