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BURLINGTON EXPLOSION KILLS 2, INJURES 3



Damage was extensive in the July 28th fatal explosion of propane gas.



The force of the explosion is obvious in this view of the surrounding area.

Propane gas explosions claimed the lives of a 64-year-old male and his 44-year-old wife. The three men who were injured had been in a trailer north of the two-family residence when the first explosion occurred. They ran to assist the couple but were caught in the second explosion. Two of the three sustained second degree burns over nearly 60 percent of their bodies due to flashburns.

Earlier in the day a liquid propane tank outside the house had been filled with 200 gallons of gas for the couple who was moving into the front part of the residence. The propane company was told to leave the tank shut off. After returning home, the couple turned on the tank and tried to light some

of the appliances. They could not get them to light so they quit trying. After a period of time, they smelled gas. They then went out and shut the tank off.

They left to go into Burlington to eat. The explosions occurred shortly after they left their home. Burlington EMS and Fire Department personnel were on the scene within three minutes of the explosions. The patients were taken to St. Joseph Hospital then later taken by Lifeline to Methodist Hospital.

Command Post was initiated immediately and put into operation. Flora, Cutler, and Michigantown Fire Departments were called to the scene.

Camden Fire Department was

put on standby. The Carroll County EMS Paramedic Unit, Michigantown Ambulance, and St. Joseph Hospital Ambulance Service were at the scene for back-up medical care. The State Fire Marshal's Office, Indiana State Police, Carroll County Sheriff's Department, and Civil Defense were all called in.

Based on the information given and findings at the scene, the LP gas migrated to the crawl space and was ignited by some undetermined source. The first explosion rolled the LP tank over on its top and caused liquid propane to escape causing the second explosion.

Firefighters were on the scene until 4 a.m. Saturday morning.

MADISON HONORS WEBSTER AND DAVIS



Doyle Webster, right and Carl O. Davis, left received plaques in recognition of their many years of service.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S GOALS FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED

Progress and modernization is at the top of my agenda for this new administration.

I am a former Captain/Commander of the Arson Investigation Division of the Indianapolis Fire Department. I bring 21½ years of experience to the Fire Marshal position, which I assumed on June 26, 1989, replacing Fire Marshal Larry Bossell. I am a life time resident of Indianapolis, was former vice president and trustee of the local firefighters union.

EDUCATION

With over 1400 professional hours of education and the distinction of being in the charter class of the National Fire Academy Executive Firefighters Program, I can't emphasize enough the need for a strong state fire academy and improved film library. We are currently researching the possibility of satellite capability to provide firefighters

with the convenience of video tape training.

I would like to associate firefighter training with an accredited college to provide university certification. I believe working with university graduate students to write the course curriculum will provide the students and the state with a valuable educational tool.

Bill Patterson, Director of the Fire Services Division will begin evaluating the Master Category Firefighter classes. In the future, this certification will require prerequisite courses and a length of time in an apprenticeship position. This system for certification will accommodate those most deserving to participate in these classes. The Fire Services Division will also look into providing a yearly educational schedule for the convenience of firefighter training.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The knowledge surrounding the handling of hazardous materials is changing every day. I am currently on the Hazardous Materials Task Force appointed by Governor Bayh. Data processing capabilities for quick response at the hazmat site and coordination efforts by all agencies involved in a hazardous materials incident are the primary goals of the Task Force. Continuing education has been emphasized to keep staff up-to-date in this constantly changing complex area of responsibility.

ARSON INVESTIGATION

Fatalities should be treated as though they are homicides. It is easier to check for the possibility of arson while at the site initially than to re-evaluate the scene after evidence suggests that arson may have been the cause of a fatality. The Division of Arson Investiga-

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Two senior members of Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department, Carl Davis and Doyle Webster, stepped aside last week, volunteering for inactive status after many years with the local fire company.

Davis has been a local volunteer for the past four decades, joining the force in 1949. For the past 12 years he has served with the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association as public relations director of the Southwest District and was recently named to another term. He was named Mr. IVFA by the state organization in 1986. Other commendations include the IVFA's Paul Becker Award as well as the President's

Award for service to the association.

Mr. Webster has been a volunteer fireman with the Madison Twp. Dept. the past 18 years. In recent years he has taken on the extra duty of supervising maintenance of the department's vehicles. In 1988, Mr. Webster was awarded the Meritorious Service Award presented by the State Fire Marshal's office.

On inactive statuses, the two will answer fire calls if needed, but generally will be leaving that work to younger men on the department. Both were highly complimentary of progress of the department in manpower, training, and equipment acquisition in recent years.

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS
NORTHEAST**



BILL KINSEY

**STRONG WINDS FROM THE
NORTHEAST**

The last three months have been interesting to say the least. The district Chairmen in this area have been working hard to generate interest in our association. They have been successful in increasing attendance and have provided the members who attended with important information. The members who fail to attend District meetings are the losers.

Volunteer firefighters are a unique breed of people. For the most part, they are dedicated, brave, unselfish people. They take pride in their independence and their ability to perform emergency

functions and raise money to operate in the face of lack of tax support from the people they serve.

BUT sometimes volunteer firefighters develop tunnel vision and can't see beyond the borders of their department's response area. Recently a bright young firefighter spoke up in his department's general meeting and questioned membership in the IVFA. He stated that in his opinion the IVFA was an old man's association that is dying. He asked what the IVFA had done for him and his department? He forgot that he has probably not attended half a dozen IVFA District meetings in the eight or ten years he has been a volunteer. He doesn't know what he might have benefitted, because he wasn't there. The few times he attended, he had a special interest or project that he felt the IVFA should support. He probably didn't get the support he expected because the attendees didn't know him or where he was coming from. They probably didn't know him well enough to respect his judgement or opinion because he never attended meetings except when he wanted something.

Had he attended more District meetings, he would have realized that the IVFA has more than 16,000 Indiana members. The IVFA has been successful in getting laws passed that allow fire departments to charge for fire runs, charge for responding to in-

cidents on State and Federal highways, establish cumulative building and equipment funds, limit liability of a volunteer firefighter, prohibit punitive damages against a volunteer firefighter for an act within the scope of his duties, mandate unlimited medical benefits for injuries while on duty, and waive audits of certain qualifying volunteer fire departments. He would have known that the IVFA acts as a watchdog to protect the interests of all firefighters.

I believe the old man's adage that "you get out of it what you put in to it."

Today's fire service is as broad as the horizon. Happenings at the local level, county level, state level and national level affect each of us every time we participate as a firefighter. We must see beyond our town or township and realize that we either confine ourselves to our local area and accept what others determine to be good for us, or get involved on a broader scale and have a voice in the future of the fire service.

My thanks go to those who participate and cause good changes in the fire service, and sympathy goes to those who choose not to participate and then gripe about what someone else does or doesn't do.

Bill Kinsey
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BURNED: VOLUNTEERS SPEAK OUT

Reprinted from the Aug. 30, 1989 edition of the Indianapolis Star, story by Kevin Morgan, Star Staff Writer.

Volunteer firefighters may work for free, but their departments do not.

Getting that message to the public—and the elected officials who make budgets—can be as difficult as fighting fires, the chief of a southern Indiana volunteer department told a roomful of his counterparts from throughout the country Tuesday.

"The only thing that's cheap about a volunteer fire department is the labor," said John Buckman of the German Township Volunteer Fire Department in Vanderburgh County outside Evansville.

"Fire engines cost just as much for us as they do for paid departments. It costs just as much to equip our firefighters as it does theirs."

Buckman spoke during one of a series of workshops at the International Association of Fire Chiefs convention at the Indiana Convention Center and Hoosier Dome.

The convention concluded Aug. 30.

About 30 volunteer department chiefs—most of them representing rural and suburban areas where local budgets are relatively small—recounted their frustrations in seeking funding from township trustees, town council members and other elected officials.

An official with a Virginia volunteer department recommended organizing bingo games as one solution.

Robert Weiderhold of the Greater Springfield, Va., volunteer department said the games serve two purposes—raising money and bringing people into the station for an education in firefighting.

Other fire officials pointed out that police forces, street departments and other public employees can depend on local governments for their budgets—and that volunteer fire departments should expect no less.

"If you want to run bingo, fine. If you want to be an up-to-date, safe fire department, you have to get involved in politics," said Jack

Winkler, whose Wayne Township Fire Department is among the nation's largest volunteer departments.

The Wayne Township department is seeking \$4.3 million in government funds for next year, he said.

"If you don't get involved with politics, you're going to have to run bingo," Winkler said. "You're going to have to have chicken suppers."

The frustration of dealing with elected officials, Buckman suggested, can drive a fire chief beyond politics to virtual black mail.

"If you're doing everything you can and you're still not getting some money, then you better tell them they're going to have to find themselves someone else to deal with it."

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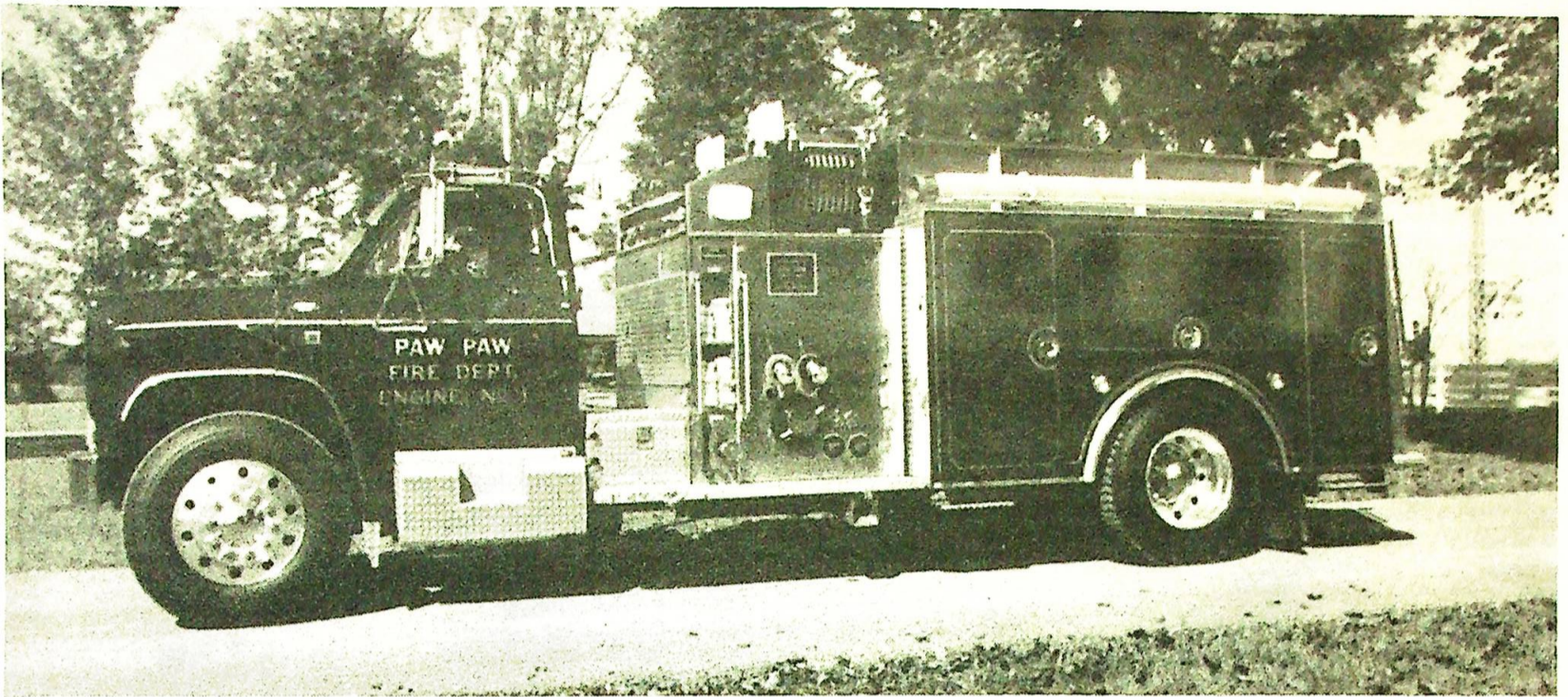
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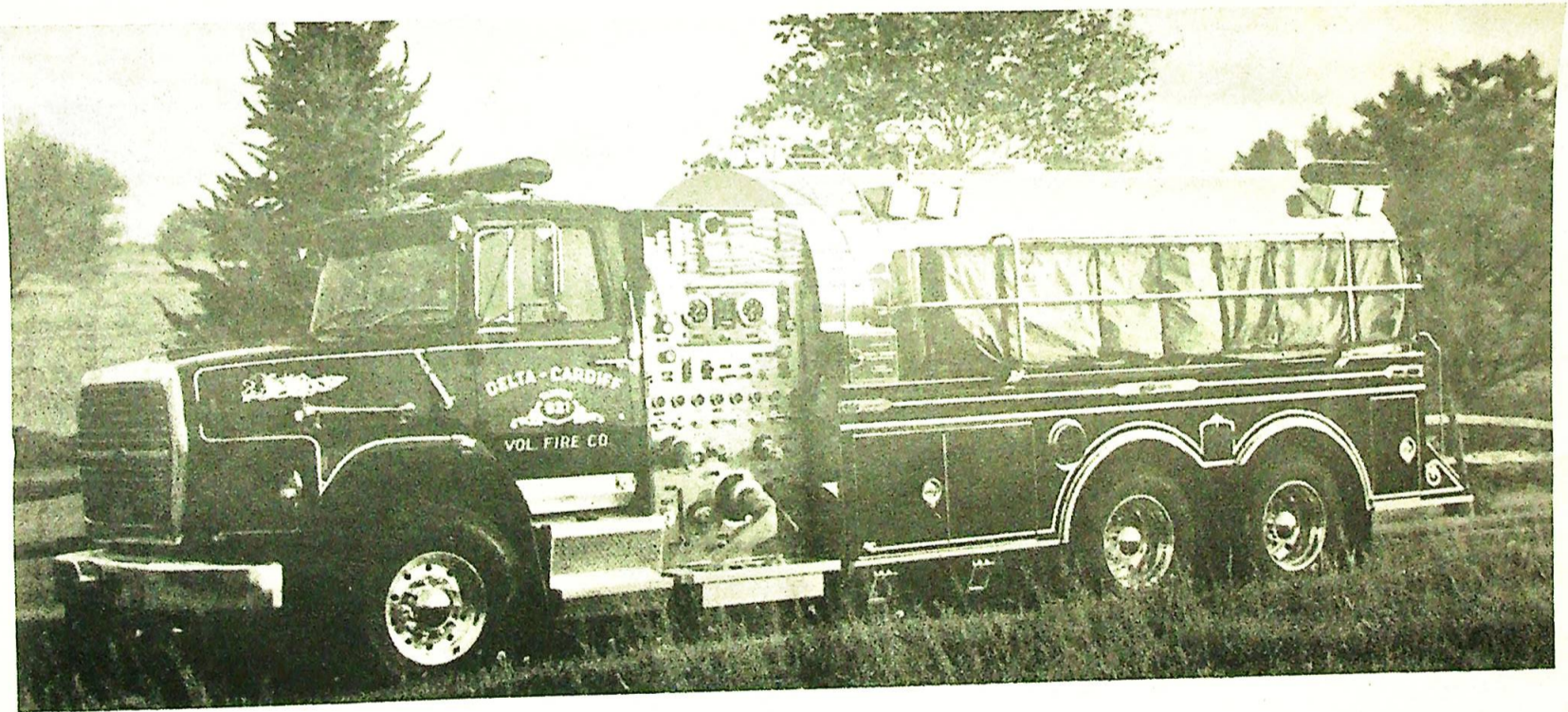
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STATE OFFICERS MEETING

Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis Indiana
August 5 & 6, 1989

The meeting was called to order by President Lockhart with the pledge to the flag led by V.P. Nevil followed by the Invocation by Carl Bruns. The new district chairmen were introduced by President Lockhart. They were: Larry Petro, District 8B; Bob Meyers, District 11A and Virgil Heneisen, District 18. President Lockhart introduced the guests present, Anthony Rohr sitting in for District 11B and Rick Vandergrift for District 4. Carl Bruns was appointed acting secretary by President Lockhart. Roll call was taken by the acting secretary, Carl Bruns with a quorum present.

Tim Downey spoke on the Worker's Compensation program and the changes that are being made. He mentioned that the death benefit should include the volunteer firemen.

OFFICER REPORT

President Lockhart said that he has done a lot of traveling seeking a place to hold the officer's meetings.

V.P. Nevil in his report said that he had traveled 1338 miles since taking office.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report.

Chairman Stofer from the Legislative Committee mentioned in his report of the training academy conception discussed at this meeting.

Recording Secretary Davies passed.

Sgt.-at-Arms Bush spoke of his problems with the supplies.

All the Past Presidents in attendance passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS

NW Howe said he had attended the district meetings in his area.

NE Kinsey attended the district meetings in his area.

WC Michl reported that he had attended two district meetings and was still looking for a chairman for District 20.

SW Davis reported that he had attended the district meetings in his area and that he had one new department join the IVFA.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

D1 Esserman spoke on the activities in his area.

D2 Davis reported that he is looking for attendance improvement.

D3 Bentley reported one death in his district, also mentioned the fire school programs now in progress.

D4 Vandergrift stated he is looking for attendance improvement.

D5 Glant mentioned the activities in his district.

D6 Macklin reported one death in his district.

D7 Sorg reported the death of a fifty-year member in his district. Also spoke of the activities going on.

D8A Fleener was absent.

D8B Petro reported they were working on improving the attendance in the district.

D9A Sutton reported they had a propane fire in the district resulting in two deaths.

D9B Parish stated there had been one death in the district.

D10 Neal reported on the activities/visitations within his district.

D11A Meyers reported he urged departments to turn in their dues.

D11B Rohr said everything was going well within the district.

D12 Johnson thanked Toddy Michl and John Davies for attending his district meeting.

D13A Nulliner thanked President Lockhart, reported on the programs on the underground storage tanks and progress on new fire schools.

D13B Cox passed.

D14 Nelson reported there had been 1 death in the district and spoke of other activities within his district.

D15 Seitz said one new department joined the IVFA. Mentioned the fire schools in his district and reported that one department had problems with the courts.

D16A Atkins was absent.

D17A Engle discussed the 1989 convention.

D17B Zeeks thanked President Lockhart and Carl Bruns, mentioned that he was looking for better attendance in his district.

D18 Heneisen spoke on his district meetings and that the fire marshal had been in attendance.

D19 Hilderbrand reported that all district officers for the coming year remained the same. He also reported that all dues in the district had been paid.

D21 Martin reported that the district officers were re-elected for the coming year.

President Lockhart announced that Nill Kinsey is on the Insurance Committee and that Ivan Nevil was serving on the President's Advisory Committee. These names were left off the committee lists. The reading of the minutes from the last meeting was called for by President Lockhart. Willie Parish made a motion that the minutes be accepted as printed in the paper. Bill Engle seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

At 5 p.m., the meeting was recessed until 7 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 7 p.m. by President Lockhart. Lockhart read a letter from the Executive Inn at Evansville and also read a letter from the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gene Stofer read a letter from Buschman, Carr and Shanks requesting a flat fee for their services. Stofer also recommended that the association go with the \$35,000.00 fee.

Secretary Kissell reported problems he is having: The beneficiary form problems are growing. Department turnover rate is on the increase. Departments are playing games with dues. Departments are still having problems with their counting. 33 1/3% of all dues received were incorrect. Add on members to department rosters with no payment received. There were four districts with 100% paid dues on time, they were: District 2, 9B, 10 and 19. Secretary Kissell announced a program enhancement installation that is now complete to better serve the organization. Bruce Neal thanked Lee Kissell for all of his hard work that he had done in the office of Secretary.

Jim Parker, Public Education reported that the International Association of Fire Chiefs mailing had been sent to all departments. A booth will be available at the convention for the IVFA on opening day, August 27th.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Gene Stofer reported that on September 29th, the IVFA is hosting the officer's meeting in Indianapolis.

Legislative Committee - Gene Stofer gave his report on the 36 fire service codes and the need for changes in this category. He urged everyone to send in letters concerning this subject.

President Lockhart announced that he will be sending each PR and District Chairman, a letter as to what we think the position should be. He also urged each to canvass his district and advise the officers of the outcome.

The meeting was recessed at 9 p.m. until the following day at 9 a.m.

At 9:04 a.m., the meeting was called to order by President Lockhart with the Invocation by Chaplain Lantz.

OFFICER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Chaplain Lantz gave his report of meetings and services attended.

D8A Fleener stated all district officers were re-elected.

Jack Ford gave his IVFA paper report.

Jack Ford, Past President, spoke on the direction that the association was heading.

John Barr gave his updated report of the 1989 convention.

President Lockhart introduced Jack Kearney of the 1989 convention committee.

Mike Macklin gave the 1990 convention report. He announced that he had registration forms with him. The fee will be \$20 per person. Bill Howe, Editor's Assistant, stated that the IVFA paper will be printed on August 7, 1989.

Gene Stofer gave his Convention Book Report. He also read a letter from the Dale Corporation regarding the Indiana territory business. In this letter it was stated that the Dale Corporation has not sold the territory to another company as rumored.

President Lockhart commented on the letter that Gene Stofer read.

OLD BUSINESS

President Lockhart mentioned about the notebook with the fire prevention information that is to be given to all 4th and 5th graders in the state. The Oden Enterprises wants to do this program. Gene Stofer presented a credit card proposal from the Trans National Financial Services. A motion by Carl Davis, seconded by Willie Parish to table this proposal. Carried by voice vote.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lee Kissell made a presentation to Paul Hildenbrand.

Bill Kinsey commented that this year's convention committee report is the earliest a report had been given on a completed basis and that they should be complimented for their efforts. A motion by Mitch Parish seconded by Jack Zeeks to compliment the 1989 Convention Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Pro Tem, Bruce Neal called the meeting to order. Discussion on the \$25,000 short term proposal by Buschman, Carr and Shanks was held. A motion by Charles Sutton seconded by Mitch Parish to accept the contract. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jim Parker told of the Fort Wayne Fire Museum proposal to have flyers printed to pass out at their museum. The cost of this project will be \$1,700. Bill Howe made a motion seconded by Bob Esserman not to support this \$1,700 cost. Motion carried by voice vote. A proposal by the Dale Corporation to pay the IVFA, \$160 a week until the balance of the \$4,000 due is completed. A motion by Don Johnson seconded by Bill Engle to accept this proposal. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion by Bill Howe seconded by Willie Parish to have the editor of the IVFA paper, Robert Laney retained for another year. Motion carried by voice vote.

Carl Davis suggested the association support the Miss Flame mileage to department functions she is attending through a voucher. Gene Stofer added that this should be on a district level by department.

Bill Kinsey commented that this item should be controlled by the district chairman.

President Lockhart stated that the advisory board will act on this and advise the body at the next meeting.

Mike Macklin, 1990 Convention Chairman, made a request for an advance of \$4,000 for convention expenses. A motion by Willie Parish seconded by Bill Bush to grant the advance of \$4,000 to the 1990 Convention Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gene Stofer presented the new budget and suggested that this budget be approved as written. Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve the budget as written seconded by Bill Engle. Carried by voice vote. President Lockhart announced a By-Law Up-Date Committee. The committee will consist of: John Davies, Don Johnson and Bob Meyers. President Lockhart opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

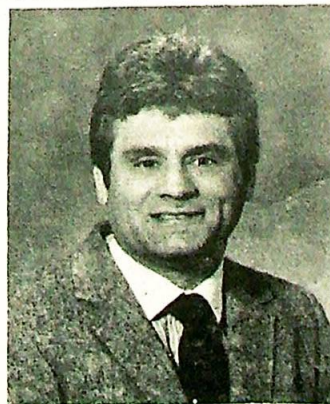
Bob Esserman nominated Mitch Parish, seconded by Bill Engle. Nominations were closed.

A motion to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz was made by Jack Zeeks. It was seconded by Richard Glant. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davies

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M. E. "PETE" LOCKHART

It seems only a short time since the last article; it has been a busy time and an enjoyable time for me. Yet there is much to do and time seems so hard to come by. I know this is true for you, as well as for me.

Fire Prevention Week will have come and gone by the time this is printed, and I hope that each of your departments had a successful week.

Fire prevention is the name of the game in saving lives and property, and we should do all we can to see that we do not have loss of life or property.

It is important, however, to maintain a strong, well-trained, suppression force which make good fire investigations, and determines the causes of fires. From these investigations is where the knowledge of fire prevention begins. It is from these investigations that researchers find what needs to be researched, and engineers learn of the need to engineer into our buildings better and more reliable systems to prevent, suppress, and contain fires.

Investigating fires and not reporting them to a central point will only satisfy our own minds and will do nothing to improve fire safety on a universal basis. It becomes very important then, that each of us make the investigations, report the fires, and forward our ideas to prevent a recurrence of the same thing happening again. Then, there will be information forthcoming from the meetings in Indianapolis of the NVFC and the IAFC.

I would at this time like to wish all of you a happy holiday season and may all your fires be friendly fires.

Pete Lockhart, President

Thanks from the Convention Committee

The Evansville Convention Committee wishes to thank everyone for attending this year's Annual Convention in Evansville. This is the first time we had hosted this annual affair, and we learned a lot from hosting this event, and hopefully it will be in Evansville sometime in the future.

Everyone should be congratulated on their conduct while in Evansville, with only a few exceptions everyone acted very professional while in our city.

One exception was the theft of the nozzles from the hose cabinets in the Executive Inn. This certainly did not reflect a good image on Indiana Volunteer Fire Fighters. We realize this was only one or two of over 1,000 who were staying at the Executive Inn, but it reflects on all of us.

We certainly hope that everyone had "A Fine Time in '89" at "The Party In Evansville."

Once again, thanks for attending and helping us make this event successful and we look forward to seeing all of you in Fort Wayne in '90 and in Vincennes in '91.

John Barr and the
'89 Convention Committee

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Your Chaplain
Duane Lantz**



SCRIPTURE: Psalms 118 Verses 19 through 28
Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee: For thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

Are you ready to venture into the fall season and winter? Is the painting all done, the potatoes all dug, the tulips planted and flower bulbs secure for spring planting?

Are you ready for Thanksgiving, ready to thank God for all the many blessings bestowed upon you? Then the biggest day of all, the birthday of our Christ at Christmas time! May this day have greater meaning than ever before to you and your families.

Let us take a train trip in our subconscious mind. Out of the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skyline and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving, once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true, and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisle, *damming the minutes* for loitering—waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" "When I was 18 I wanted a new car." "When I put the last kid through college." "When I have paid off the mortgage." "When I get a promotion." "When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!"

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly out-distances us.

"Be glad for each moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalms 118, Verse 24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad, it is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough. As we approach this station of life, God has been there all the time.

How about a little history lesson—Benjamin Franklin was a good citizen. Though he was busy, he always had time to help others. Soon it came to pass that if anything was to be done for the welfare of the town, people came to ask his advice. He started a library and a fine school, for he said that he who teaches himself often has a fool for a Master. That school became the University of Pennsylvania. He organized a fire department so that the whole town would not burn down. That was the first Volunteer Fire Department in the American colonies and Philadelphia became the safest town. . .

In August, I had a Memorial at Vevay and stayed in Madison that night. The next morning we went to the Fair Play Volunteer Fire Department, the first Volunteer Fire Department in our fair state. We looked up Clarence Hoffman, found him working in his flowers. He is now 92 years young, 71 of those years on the Fair Play Department in Madison. His son John has 41 years, and the grandson has 10 years. Mr. Hoffman still goes to the station and checks things out every morning. What wonderful dedication for three generations.

GOD GIVE ME JOY

God give me joy in the common things: In the dawn that lures, the eve that sings.
In the new grass sparkling after rain, In the late wind's wild and weird refrain:
In the springtime's spacious field of gold, In the precious light by winter doled.
God give me joy in the love of friends, In their dear home talk as summer ends;
In the songs of children, unrestrained; In the sober wisdom age has gained.
God give me joy in the tasks that press, In the memories that burn and bless;
In the thought that life has love to spend, In the faith that God's at journey's end.
God give me hope for each day that springs, God give me joy in the common things!
Thomas Curtis Clark

Go to the church of your choice, you will like it.
Your Chaplain,
Duane Lantz

P.S. As Captain Stubby would say, "I'll leave you this this: There's a lot of robbery on college campuses today, starting with the tuition."

District Meetings...



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M. E. "Pete" Lockhart
President
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OCT -2 1989

Dear Mr. Lockhart:

I'm forwarding a copy of the forms that are used at the National Response Center for capturing data. The form identified as DISREP is the current data capture form. DISREP will give you some indication as to the information the watchstanders will ask if a report is received. The second form, identified as IRIS, represents the new database capture form. It will be in use within a 3 month period. As you compare the forms, you will readily see the items are similar with only minimal enhancements to IRIS.

Additionally, as LT Hammond promised, the pre-designated Federal On-Scene-Coordinator for your area is EPA Region 5 and can be contacted at (312) 353-2318. A timely phone call to this EPA OSC will pay dividends by obtaining the OCS's capabilities and resources. After your conversation, if you support an Indiana paper, magazine, information sheet, etc., a published synopsis of your findings will benefit many others in your state.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the National Response Center to you and the other members of the National Volunteer Fire Council. If I or any member of my staff can be of further assistance please contact me at (202) 479-7188.

Sincerely,

G. B. SPWRIGHT, JR.
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, National Response Center

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| Cause | | | Vessel/Vehicle # |
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| Section | | Range | |
| Container Type | Tank Capacity | Units | |
| Facility | Capacity | Units | |
| Latitude Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Latitude Quadrant |
| Longitude Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Longitude Quadrant |
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DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting, District 3, Thursday, July 18, Westville Fire Station.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bob Bentley. There were 29 members representing 11 departments in attendance. The pledge was led by host Chief Dave Zeman.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PRNW; Duane Lantz, State Chaplain; Bob Esserman, District 1 chairman; Mike Mollenhauer, LaPorte County Police; George Walda, Universal Fire Apparatus.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Communications: The chairman stated that we had seven departments represented at the state convention, those being: Knox/Center Twp., LaCrosse, Coolspring Township, Lincoln Township, Scipio Township, Kingsford Union, and Kingsbury. Rob also welcomed Bass Lake back into the Association. It should be noted that LaCrosse and Kingsford-Union placed 4th in the Cart Race.

Bob also has information on next years convention for anyone wanting it.

Committee Reports: EDITH, Pete Sass - Still has no information from Tim Krick. Rob stated he will track down some information before the next meeting.

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DISTRICT 11A

I would like to thank Past President, Lawrence Swartz, his wife Theda and Larry Bosell, and all our members and friends for attending our District picnic on September 17th.

Our next meeting will be held at the North Terre Haute fire station, Nov. 19th. A committee has been appointed for planning a dance in January.

Janet and I have attended several fish fries and I have attended a number of department meetings during the past two months. Hopefully, I will be able to meet with each department in the district some time during the upcoming year.

Since this will be the last publication for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a safe and most enjoyable Holiday Season.

Best regards,
Bob Meyers
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 6

On August 21, 1989, the 6th District held it's annual picnic at the Adams #3 Fire Dept., 2717 Meyer Road, Fort Wayne, with 63 firemen and auxiliary members and their families. A carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all.

Games were played in the afternoon. Adams Twp. Team #1 won first place in Waterball competition, with Butler placing second. Columbia City placed first in Hose Replacement, with Adams Twp. second and Butler third.

On September 21, 1989, Dist. 6 held it's regular meeting at the Hamilton Fire Dept. They demonstrated their Heart Monitoring machine, which there are only two in their county.

Nine days after he was named chief of the Columbia City Volunteer Fire Dept., Mike Engle found himself handling a big blaze at the Miller Merry Manor nursing home. Three days later, he was dealing with an explosion at Columbia City Engineering that blew the plant's roof off. To top it all, both incidents took place when Engle was supposed to be getting rest and relaxation, as he was on vacation from his regular job as a deputy with the Whitley County Sheriff's dept.

Richard Mackin
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 15

IVFA District 15 meeting was hosted by Mount Vernon Fire & Rescue on Tuesday, July 18th. Mike Seitz, District Chairman presided at the meeting.

Roll call was answered with the following departments being represented; McCutchanville, Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue, Perry Township, Point Township, Madison Township, and Patoka. Patoka Township is a new member.

A reminder was given that all departmental dues to IVFA are due by July 31.

1989 Convention Chairman, John Barr gave a report and noted that all convention bills have been paid. Convention committee is pleased with the success of the convention.

District 15 will host a Fire School at USI on March 10 & 11, 1990.

Chairman Seitz gave report on new and changed laws affecting departments.

District 15's waterball trophy is at Haubstadt.

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DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 7:50 p.m. at the Winamac Fire Station in Winamac, IN.

There were 8 guests present. Total firemen present numbered 34 with 42 alarms among the 9 departments answering roll call. Minutes were read and approved with one date correction.

State Fire Marshal, John Dugan gave a short talk about himself, the Fire Marshal's office, underground storage tanks, and schedule of classes offered by the Fire Marshal's office.

Program on Fire Investigation and Securing Evidence was presented by Brad Sandburg of the State Fire Marshal's office.

Items discussed were: 1990 IVFA Convention at Fort Wayne, need for Miss Flame contestants for 1990, news for the paper to be in by Sept. 20, Federal Death Benefit, International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference, National Volunteer Fire Council Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1, State Fire School North at Fort Wayne Sept. 28-Oct. 1, State Fire School Northwest at Lafayette Oct. 21-22, IVFA Award, District 1 & 2 meeting at Burns Harbor Sept. 20, IAAI Annual Meeting Nov. 18, the new Chairman of the Board of the IVFA is Willie "Mitch" Parish, final rule on Hazardous Waste Removal, Francesville Fall Festival - Parade Sept. 16 & Waterball Contest Sept. 17, IVFA legislative assistance: Buschmann, Carr & Shanks, and the Memorial for Earl Poindexter.

Keith Getz, Henry Risner, and Mitch Parish were appointed to the 1990 District 9-B Midwest Award Committee.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were: Rich Haschel of Winamac, Denny Risner of Medaryville, and Bill Howe-PRNW. Tie Tac donated by Charlie Baker was won by Brad Goble of Winamac.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The date for the next District 9-B meeting has been changed to Nov. 2 at Wolcott Fire Dept.

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1988 - 1989

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1989 MISS FLAME

Janell Dale Floyd

Auxiliary State Officers Meeting

Executive Inn, Evansville, Indiana
June 15, 1989

President Toni Sorg called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chaplain Bette Sellmer gave the opening prayer. Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaekel led us in the pledge to the flag.

Past President Loretta Nulliner asked for permission to approach the front table. She presented President Toni with a beautiful corsage.

Roll call was answered by 37 members, and 7 guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Loretta Nulliner made the motion that the district reports not be read. Judy Hildebrand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chaplain's report: Eleven deaths so far.

Treasurer's report:

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| Balance forward May 6, 1989 | | \$ 6,055.72 |
| Income: | | |
| Raffle | 242.00 | |
| Misc. | 11.00 | |
| Total Income | 253.00 | |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Annuals | 470.00 | |
| Mileage | 380.11 | |
| Phone & Postage | 20.05 | |
| Jewelry | 54.42 | |
| *Misc. | 382.48 | |
| Total Disbursements | 1,307.06 | |

Balance on hand June 1, 1989 \$5,001.66

*Misc. includes Miss Flame advance and Koffee Klutch.

Membership to date: 1532 members, representing 132 auxiliaries and 57 individuals. 1989-90 membership includes one auxiliary, eight members and two individuals.

Recording Secretary Maxine Davies asked for all District Chairmen to please forward any auxiliary dues to her as soon as possible.

President Toni asked Loretta to step forward to receive her corsage as Convention Hostess.

We received a note from Mary Boyd, she said she misses us and she has a six month old granddaughter. We all miss Mary, too.

Katie Mason was unable to attend convention this year, too. She said Arthur mas moved in and she felt she had better stay home and take care of him (arthritis). We will all miss Katie, too.

OLD BUSINESS

Toni brought copies of the emergency call list and Miriam passed it out to everyone.

Committee Reports:

Jewelry: Mary Mackin reported that the convention charm is in and so are the jump hooks to go with them. The charm and all the new jewelry items are on the board.

Installation: Ruth Fairfield said she will need a table in the morning. She expressed a hope that she can get in early to set up, so she can be ready for installation.

Doe Doll: Nancy Neal said that \$800 has been turned in today and with what was turned in at the May meeting we have a total of \$1042. A few tickets were turned back in today.

Financial Study: Loretta and her committee suggested we use the name, *donation*, instead of raffle since raffles are illegal in Indiana. It was also suggested that all misc. expenses must be listed what the expense is for. The committee also suggested that next years Financial Study Committee work on a budget. They also suggested more than one person should sign the vouchers. It was also suggested that we give the men a check for \$2,000.

Barbara Parker made the motion that we give the men a check for \$2,000. Ruth Ford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditing: Loretta reported that we have audited the treasurer's books and the jewelry and everything is fine. The Doe Doll books from last year will be done after the meeting today. And this year's Doe Doll books will be audited at the August meeting.

Nominating: Phyllis Vargo said the slate is ready.

Lois Boaz: Barbara Ketchem said we are ready.

Miss Flame: Barbara Parker said we have 15 beautiful, friendly, outgoing girls.

State Awards: Lucy Stofer, no report.

Parliamentarian: Ruth Ford said everything is fine. She thanked everyone for the cards they sent Jack.

Historian: Vica McGill reported she has a new book, now let's get it filled.

President Toni asked if everyone has received the president's newsletter. Everyone had received it and several commented that it was a very nice letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Neal reported that she can no longer get two sets of prints for the price of one. It will cost \$18.90 a roll to get the double prints and we have 20 rolls of color and 10 rolls of blank and white to be developed. Is it really necessary to have two sets of prints for everything? After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we only needed one album.

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ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

1989-90 dues are now due and delinquent after September 30. The dues are \$2.00 per member. Individuals and auxiliaries may pay their dues by mailing a form and check to:

Maxine Davies
Recording Secretary
R.R. 1, Box 3L
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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

HELLO LADIES!

Fall is here! Football season, World Series, Falling leaves, Harvesting crops, LEAF FIRES, everyone seems to be burning. It is only three months till Christmas!!

Fall also brings the beginning of the 1990 Miss Flame season. Many districts will be electing candidates to represent their district during the next four or five months. If I receive notice of the contests, I will attempt to make as many as possible. You must keep kin mind that the candidate must be at least 15 and not over 18 at the time of convention. Her father, mother, brother or sister must be a member of the IVFA or IVFAA. Please keep in mind that she must have a chaperone for convention. The judging will be on Thursday morning. We hope to have a get acquainted session on Wednesday evening.

We are busy in the Allen County area getting ready for Convention 1990. We are offering a different package this year. Registration will be split into two categories. Pre-Registration and Banquet \$20, Pre-registration (no banquet ticket included) will be only \$10. This is to accomodate those who do not either desire to attend the banquet or who are unable to attend due to other commitments. These prices will double to \$20 and \$40 after May 31, 1990. We are hoping this will give those people, who do not wish to attend the banquet, a chance to support the IVFA.

I hope you will be contacting me so I can attend some of your upcoming functions. As soon as we are full staff at work, I hope to be able to get to some of the district meetings that I have been unable to attend previously.

I would like for everyone to remember Joan and Bob Shanabarger in their prayers. In late September, their son, Greg "Boog" Shanabarger lost a long battle with cancer. We want them to know that our deepest sympathy is sent their way.

In closing, Mort and I, and our family, would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Your IVFAA President,
Toni Sorg

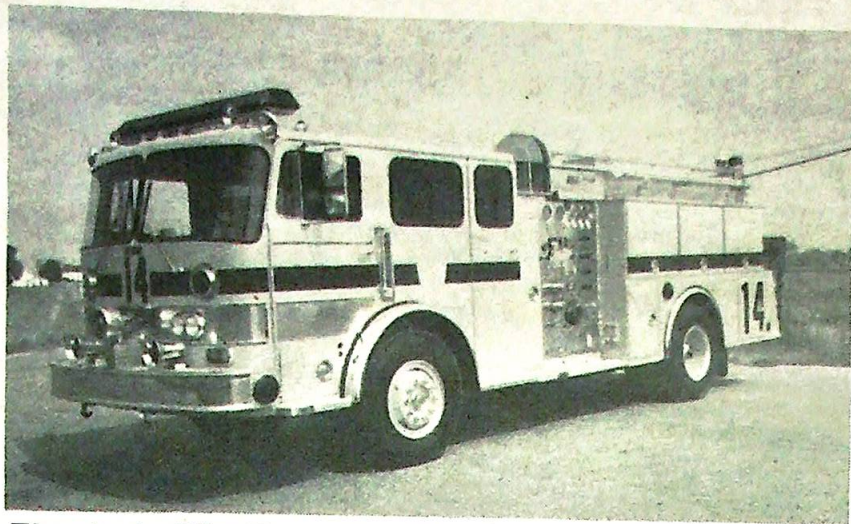
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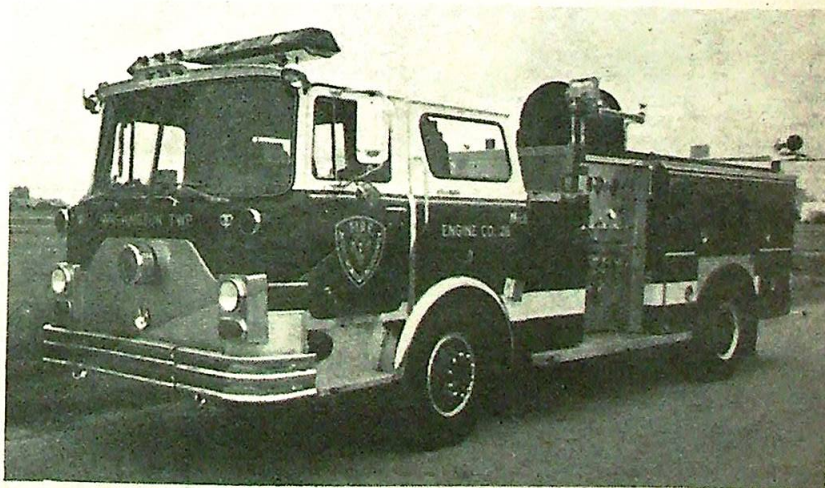
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CONVENTION 1989

DIGEST MINUTES OF THE 43RD ANNUAL CONVENTION FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1989 EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

President Swartz: "We will now call to order and reconvene our 43rd annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Please stand for the invocation given by our chaplain - Duane Lantz and please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by our Vice President Pete Lockhart."

Father Lantz offered prayer.

Vice President Lockhart led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Swartz: "Welcome to all of you. The officers and I appreciate the taking of your time to attend this annual meeting of your association. I know John Barr has a few announcements he would like to make."

Chairman Barr made an announcement about the Raffle and prizes.

President Swartz: "Thank you, John. Al Mendel, do you have any comments regarding the games?"

Al Mendel: "The games are posted on the front table."

President Swartz thanked Al Mendel and recognized Mr. John Davies from Fillmore. President Swartz then read letters from Governor Bayh, Senator's Lugar and Coats, Mayor of Evansville Frank McDonald and Representative Frank McClosky.

Treasurer Gene Stofer explained the procedures for filing vouchers and made a motion to raise the delegate fees from the ten cents a mile paid, to twenty cents.

Bill Howe: "Bill Howe, PR Northwest. I move to suspend the rules for one item only to raise the delegate expense, for this convention only to twenty cents a mile."

Gene Stofer: "We have a motion, do we have a second?"

Bob Esserman: "I second the motion."

Gene Stofer: "Second by Bob Esserman. Are there any questions on the motion?"

Motion passed by voice vote.

President Swartz introduced the committees. The resolutions committee consisted of the six PR directors. Public Relations Northeast William Kinsey has been relieved of his chairmanship of this committee, and this chairmanship has been given to Bill Howe. The reason for Bill being relieved is that he is serving as the parliamentarian for this meeting. President Swartz then called for the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting.

Max Poling: "Max Poling, District 6, I make a motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes and that we accept them as published."

President Swartz: "Do I have a second?"

James Bruner: "James Bruner, District 12, I second the motion."

President Swartz: "A motion has been made that we suspend the reading of last year's minutes, and approve them as published in the paper. Motion carried. I would like to introduce, at this time, Mike Seitz, Chairman District 15. Mike, do you have anything you would like to address us in regards to the convention? Jack Kearney? We also have some guests present with us this morning. Mr. John Shanks and Steve Bushman from the Bushman, Carr and Shanks Legal firm. Mr. Shanks would you care to address the body?"

John Shanks addressed the group. The Legislative report will appear in the paper.

John Shanks introduced his partner Steve Bushman who spoke to the group concerning legislation.

President Swartz: "Thank you, John and Steve. I would like to introduce Ron Miller, Vice-President of the National Volunteer Fire Council."

Ron Miller, from Iowa, then addressed the group.

President Swartz: "Thank you, Ron. I would like to announce briefly that Wayne Township of Indianapolis is going to be hosting the meeting of the National Volunteer Fire Council in the early part of September. Chief Lamb from Wayne Township has been serving as our representative from the association on the National Volunteer Fire Council Board of Directors. Officer and committee reports. I have travelled 19,719 miles. I made 26 trips to Indianapolis. Attended several parades, department functions, and took a trip to Washington, D.C. for the first fire service caucus. I can only say that for a man that was born and raised in a small community like I was, I never expected to be sitting in a room with 2000 or more delegates to this caucus with the President speaking. We have also worked towards being the host for the upcoming Fire Chief's Convention that is being held in Indianapolis the last week in August. That concludes my report."

Pete Lockhart: "I would just like to say it is my pleasure to serve as your vice president."

President Swartz: "Thank you, Pete. Secretary, Lee Kissell."

Lee Kissell: "I will tell you how many members we had last year. We had some pay rather late this year. We ended up with 16,205. The year before, we had, I believe, 15,300. You chairmen out there are certainly doing your job. In 1988, 13,718 people, or 85%, paid on time. I think the year before it was about 30%. The Bridgeport Scholarship Fund has helped this. That left 15% that were late. Again, remind your Treasurer or whoever is paying your dues, to get those in by July 31. I mailed out 845 dues packages. My wife helps a lot in the office. She works at our local school and is off during the summer. She handles a lot of things during the day while I am at work. Last year I went to National Fire Academy for a week and she got stuck with everything. I owe her a lot of thanks and if you get tired of me, she could fill in. Thanks a lot."

President Swartz: "Thank you, Lee. Recording Secretary, Ivan Nevil."

Ivan Nevil: "I want to thank everybody for the chance of serving as your Recording Secretary. It has been a pleasure working with you."

President Swartz: "Chaplain Duane Lantz."

Duane Lantz: "It has been a pleasure serving the IVFA this past year. There have been many sad things that have happened to us. Several of our firemen have lost their lives; we don't always know why, but these things do happen. I am very proud of our Association. I, like Mr. Kissell, owe a lot of gratitude to my wife because she has worked very hard in getting the deceased names lined up. We thought when we got on the computer it would be a cinch, but we have to get the information to it. When you have a death in your area, let me know. The Memorial Service is a very important part of our convention, and we don't want to miss anyone. I do want to thank you. I have met with many very wonderful people as I travel through the state. I am proud to be your Chaplain."

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President Swartz: "Sergeant-at-arms, Bill Bush.

Bill Bush addressed the group.

President Swartz: "Thank you, Bill. Treasurer, Gene Stofer."

Gene Stofer stated that the audit committee approved the audit report and that the figures will be in the next IVFA paper. With the conclusion of his report, he called the Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Auditing Committee to come up and make a presentation.

Barry Wining: "The Auditing Committee has accepted your report. I will entertain a motion from the floor to accept this report."

Larry Biggs: "Larry Biggs, District 11A. I make a motion to accept this report."

Barry Wining: "We have a motion. Do we have a second?"

Max Harrah: "Max Harrah, 11A. I second this."

Barry Wining: "We have a motion and a second. Motion carried."

Gene Stofer: "I want to thank you for letting me be the chairman of the legislative committee. Thank you very much."

President Swartz: "Thank you, Gene. Immediate Past President Bill Sunday."

Bill Sunday: "Pass."

All Past Presidents in attendance passed.

President Swartz introduced Mr. Tim Downey.

President Swartz introduced Eula Bush.

Eula Bush: "Presentation of Miss Flame and Her Court."

President Swartz: "Thank you girls for attending our meeting. We will continue the reports."

President Swartz: "Thank you, Bill. We are going to recess this meeting for the Memorial Service. This meeting is being recessed until 1:15 this afternoon."

AFTERNOON

President Swartz: "The meeting will reconvene immediately."

Larry Bosell was introduced and thanked the group for their support while he was Fire Marshal.

Stan Gibson was introduced and also thanked the group for their support.

President Swartz thanked Larry and Stan for their support of the Volunteer Fire Service.

Ron Bishop from Independence Hill made an announcement.

President Swartz called for the committee reports.

Carl Bruns reported on the membership committee activities.

Larry Biggs gave a report on INCERT. For all practical purposes. It is now extinct.

President Swartz announced anyone wanting reservations for the National Fire Academy for July 15-21 should contact Jerry Nulliner, District 13A Chairman.

John Ferro re-emphasized that the clothing claims do go to your District Chairman.

President Swartz introduced the Safety Committee.

Al Mendel had no report from the games committee.

President Swartz introduced the Convention Committee.

President Swartz introduced the President's Advisory and Legislative Committee and thanked them. He then called for the Resolutions Committee to come forward. Bill Kinsey as Chairman, but as he is Parliamentarian, President Swartz asked Bill Howe to sit in as replacement for Mr. Kinsey.

Bill Howe: "We have five resolutions of which four are legal, the fifth one came in too late and will not be read. To pass a resolution, it requires 3/4ths of the delegates present at the annual meeting of the Association. We will read them as they came in dated by the Secretary. On the 10th day of November, 1988 at least five departments of District 9B at Morocco voted to present for your consideration the following resolution pertaining to Article I, Section 1, of our constitution and by-laws.

WHEREAS: Each year there is great controversy as to which officers elect a chairman of the board.

WHEREAS: Many organizations the immediate past president is automatically the Chairman of the Board.

WHEREAS: This organization is losing the valuable experience and the input of the past presidents of this association. Therefore be it resolved that the 1989 annual meeting approve this resolution for the betterment of our association.

By-Laws

Article 1

Officers and Duties

Section 1 The officers of this association shall consist of: a President, the Immediate Past President who shall be Chairman of the Board, a Vice President, a secretary, a treasurer, a recording secretary, a public relations director northwest, a west central, a public relations director east central, a public relations director southwest, a public relations director southeast, a chaplain, a sergeant-at-arms and all past presidents.

With the exception of the Past Presidents, these officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of this association. All the elected officers mentioned must be a member of a local volunteer fire department and must be a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Also the local department must be a member of this association as outlined in another section of the constitution and by-laws of this association.

A member shall have served as district chairman or other state elected office for a period of at least two (2) years to be eligible for election to the office of: president, vice president, secretary or treasurer.

The board of directors shall consist of the elected district chairman, the president, all past presidents, the vice president, the secretary, the treasurer, the recording secretary, the chaplain, the sergeant-at-arms and the six (6) public relations directors. All these directors shall have a vote at all board meetings, officers meetings, district meetings, special meetings, and the annual meeting of this association.

District 9-B Chairman

Willie M. Parish

District 9-B Secretary

Donnie J. Risnor

Bill Howe: "Mr Chairman, Bill Howe, PRNW. I move we adopt this resolution."

President Swartz: "Fellow firefighters, you have heard the resolution as presented. I would entertain a motion for either acceptance or rejection. Sorry, Bill moved that it be accepted. Do we have a second?"

Wayne Smith: "Wayne Smith, District 15, seconds that."

President Swartz: "Any comments? Gentlemen, the motion has been duly made and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye.' All those opposed by 'nay.' From the response of the audience, the resolution has been negated."

Bill Howe: "Number 2. In a duly assembled meeting of District 15 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association held on November 15, 1988, having at least five member departments in attendance, drew up and adopted the following resolution for your consideration and passage.

WHEREAS: the cost of gasoline has risen to nearly \$1.00 a gallon, and oil has risen to nearly \$1.00 a quart;

WHEREAS: auto insurance has doubled and tripled in the last few years;

WHEREAS: we feel that this cost prevents some firefighters from coming to the Annual Meeting as a delegate for their department;

WHEREAS: this association can now afford to raise the compensation for the departments' delegates;

THEREFORE we submit this resolution pertaining to Article 6 Section 2, the first sentence states "Mileage of ten cents per mile to and from the Annual Meeting place shall be allowed one delegate from each department..." be changed to read: "Mileage of twenty cents per mile to and from the Annual Meeting place shall be allowed one delegate from each department."

Signed:

Mike Seitz
District Chairman

Bill Wimpelberg
District Secretary

The Committee recommends adoption.

President Swartz: "Ladies and gentlemen, you have heard the proposal of the committee. Do I hear a second?"

Bob Esserman: "Bob Esserman, District 1, I second that motion."

President Swartz: "The resolution has been moved to accept and duly seconded. Any further comments or discussion? If not, those in favor of the resolution signify by saying 'aye.' Those that disagree with it signify by saying 'nay.' Resolution passes.

Bill Howe: "I will read number 3. In a duly assembled meeting of District 15 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association held on November 15, 1988, having at least five member departments in attendance, drew up and adopted the following resolution for your consideration and passage.

WHEREAS: the cost of gasoline has risen to nearly \$1.00 a gallon, and oil has risen to nearly \$1.00 a quart;

WHEREAS: auto insurance has doubled and tripled in the last few years;

WHEREAS: we feel that this cost keeps some firefighters from becoming officers of this great Association;

WHEREAS: this association can now afford to raise the compensation for its officers;

THEREFORE we submit this resolution pertaining to Article 6 Section 2, the second sentence states, "Mileage of ten cents per mile shall be allowed officers and members authorized by the President to travel to and from special committee meetings and the like in the interest of the Association for the betterment and furtherance thereof." be changed to read:

"Mileage of twenty cents per mile shall be allowed officers and member authorized by the President to travel to and from special committee meetings and the like in the interest of the Association for the betterment and furtherance thereof."

Signed:

Mike Seitz
District Chairman
Bill Wimpelberg
District Secretary

The committee recommends adoption."

Bob Esserman: "Bob Esserman, District 1. I second that motion."

President Swartz: "The resolution has been presented, recommended, and duly seconded. Any further discussion on it? All those in favor of the resolution signify by saying 'aye.' Nay? Resolution carried."

Bill Howe: "Now the 4th one. On the 15th of February, 1989, with at least five (5) member departments of District 2, at the Demotte Fire Department voted to present for your consideration and adoption the following resolution pertaining to Article II, Section 3 of our constitution and by-laws.

WHEREAS: the cost of living has increased substantially.

WHEREAS: travel expense has also increased substantially.

We submit for your adoption Article II, Section 3 of our by-laws be changed on line 12 thru 14 from additional expense allowance of Forty (\$40.00) per service per funeral will be allowed for our chaplain when such service has been requested of him by the relatives at funerals of members to read as follows:

Additional expense allowance of Seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars per service per funeral will be allowed for our chaplain when such service has been requested of him by the relatives of members.

District Chairman

(Signature)

District Secretary

(Signature)

The committee recommends adoption."

Dick Glant: "District 5, Dick Glant. Second."

President Swartz: "You have all heard the resolution duly read, recommended, and seconded. Any further discussion? If not, we will call for the vote. All those in favor of the resolution signify by saying 'aye.' Nay? Motion carries."

Bill Howe: "That concludes the four resolutions and the fifth one will not be read and will now go back to the President."

President Swartz: "Do we have any resolutions to be presented from the floor?"

Jack Winkler: "Mr. Chairman, Jack Winkler, District 12. I would like to make a resolution that the resolution that was not accepted be read from the floor at this time."

President Swartz: "Mr. Parliamentarian, may I have a ruling on this? Mr. Winkler, after having a conversation with the Parliamentarian, if you would care to present an amendment to the by-laws which we would presume was a resolution that was presented, you may do so. We may not entertain a motion for the suspension of the rules to have the resolution presented."

Jack Winkler: "I am asking that the resolution that was presented be read. If you wish, I will read it and make a resolution here and now."

President Swartz: "If you wish to present that resolution, I think you would need to do so. At this time, I will release the resolutions committee."

Jack Winkler: "Mr. Chairman, Jack Winkler, District 12. At this time I would like to make the following resolution.

WHEREAS: the membership of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association has been and is in the process of change in the past 21 years, and

WHEREAS: the Indiana Volunteer Fire Departments have a recognizable percentage of women as active members, and

WHEREAS: the Indiana Volunteer Fire Departments are recruiting more and more women as active members,

THEREFORE, I submit the following resolution. "That the officers of this organization take such steps as are needed to change the name of the organization to The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association with a target date for completion of this change to be January 1, 1991."

President Swartz: "Thank you. We need a second for the resolution or motion as presented."

Tom Orrell: "Mr. Chairman, Tom Orrell, District 1. I second it."

President Swartz: "You heard the motion as submitted. It has been duly seconded. Bill Howe, District 1."

Bill Howe: "Mr. Chairman, was this presented as a resolution or as a motion?"

President Swartz: "As a motion."

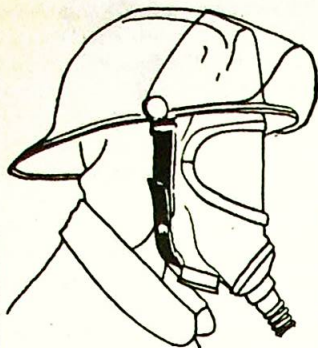
Bill Howe: "Then it only requires 51% for adoption."

President Swartz: "I will turn to the Parliamentarian for the decision."

Bill Kinsey: "The President has asked me to explain my position on this and my decision based on the by-laws of this organization and parliamentary procedures. While a motion requires 51%, and a motion to amend the by-laws of this association requires 75%, it is my decision that this must pass by 75%."

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PLAN REVIEW

Construction document review, a cooperative effort between the Offices of the State Fire Marshal and the State Building Commissioner, is currently meeting the goal of completed reviews within 10 days. Turnaround time will be kept to an absolute minimum. Plan review resources and procedures will be utilized as necessary to maintain the very efficient operation which currently exists.

IND. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

As in the past, Indiana Fire Prevention Week is celebrated with a proclamation by the Governor. Educating the public regarding fire safety is one of the least costly and most effective means to achieve fire prevention throughout Indiana. Plans for educational brochures, public service announcements, displays, and other resources will be considered as part of the statewide campaign for increased effectiveness in fire prevention.

NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM

My major goal is an increase in utilization of the office's National Fire Incident Reporting System. All fire department runs should be reported. This information will be beneficial in evaluating procedures for saving lives and property. For example, over 46% of reported fires in 1987 were in structures which had no smoke detectors. Due to these statistics, authorities have estimated that fatalities could be cut by as much as 50% if smoke detectors were required in all residences. Support will be continued for the toll-free hot-line which expedites this reporting service.

I would like to see a study committee formed to investigate the possibility of legislation mandating sprinkler systems in all new buildings. Mandatory smoke detector legislation will also be proposed. There are too many fatalities due to fire, especially those involving children.

OTHER ISSUES

Firefighter safety and physical fitness are also a major concern of mine. Heart attacks account for a large percentage of fatal injuries in the fire service. I expect to see fitness programs mandatory in the near future.

Funding for the Fire Marshal's office will be reviewed carefully within the next few months to determine how new programs can be established without increasing the costs of or decreasing the scope of currently provided services.

The agency needs to continue its role as a leader in all aspects of firefighting. Among many areas of vital concern, firefighter safety and education will be our top priorities, to be accomplished by employing the latest technological innovations available to the Office and by making as many resources as fiscally possible available to local fire departments. I intend to carry on the proud tradition established by predecessors and will strive to improve the quality of all services provided by this Office to enhance the safety and well-being of this great state.

Chief Deputy

Indianapolis—Indiana State Fire Marshal John C. (Jack) Dugan today announced the appointment of James F. Kloboucnik as Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Kloboucnik, a native of Marion, Indiana, will assume his duties on September 18, 1989. Reporting directly to the state fire marshal, Kloboucnik will be the second ranking state fire official.

"Jim will add tremendously to the technical and managerial capabilities of the State Fire Marshal's office," said Dugan, "I am particularly pleased to have his volunteer firefighter experience to draw on since eighty per cent of the state's fire service is volunteer."

Kloboucnik brings to his new post a broad range of fire service and administrative experience gained in almost 30 years of federal service. Currently the fire and safety engineer for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion where he has worked since 1958, he holds a bachelors degree in fire-protection engineering from Indiana Northern University, and he has done post graduate work at Ball State University.

Kloboucnik is a volunteer firefighter, a registered professional engineer, a certified hospital safety manager-executive level-, certified industrial hygiene safety officer, and a rated master firefighter in six disciplines. He has lectured extensively and been an Indiana University and Indiana Department of Public Instruction faculty member in fire science courses.

A member of the National Fire Protection Association's technical code writing committees, Kloboucnik belongs to the Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association, the Indiana Federal Fire and Safety Council, the governing board of the Local Emergency Planning Committee of Marion, and the Grant County Emergency Management Council.

NEW AGENCY ANNOUNCED

At a press Conference, held July 28th, Governor Evan Bayh announced that he had created, by Executive Order, a new state agency to provide coordinated planning and response to natural and man-made emergencies in Indiana. The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is a result of the consolidation of two existing agencies; the Emergency Medical Services Commission and the Indiana Department of Civil Defense. The Governor will propose the consolidation to the General Assembly in 1990.

While the combination of the two agencies will increase Indiana's ability to plan for and respond to emergencies, the function of the Indiana EMS Commission will remain unchanged. Mr. Jerome Hauer, Director of the EMS Commission since April, has been appointed by Governor Bayh to lead the new agency. Jerome (Jerry) comes to Indiana from New York City where he grew up. While attending New York University he was an auxiliary lieutenant with the New York City Fire Department. After graduating from New York University, he attended graduate school at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, where some of his work focused on Emergency Medical Services. He spent a short time at the Maryland Shock Trauma Unit and then went to Boston where among other things he was a Research Associate at

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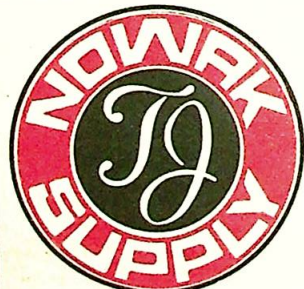
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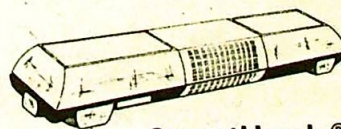
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Auxiliary State Officers Meeting

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Loretta Nulliner made the motion that we have one album and reorder prints if they are needed. Carolyn McCarty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Toni asked if anyone has an album from past conventions to please report the year or years that each of you have in your possession. Betsy suggested that we put a lost and found ad in the IVFA paper for the lost albums.

On 15 year awards, we have 9 auxiliaries, but Toni believed that some of these auxiliaries received their certificates last year. Toni asked the district chairmen to check if any of the following auxiliaries received their award last year. The auxiliaries to check on are: Concord, dist. 4; Hoagland, dist. 17; Indian Creek, dist. 17B; Lake Eliza, dist. 2; Lake Ridge, dist. 2; Lake Station, dist. 1; Oakland, dist. 12; Prairieton, dist. 11A; and Roanoke, dist. 7.

Barbara Surber made the motion that we have two signatures on the vouchers. Jane Ferro seconded the motion. Motion carried. Then it was asked, but who is the second signature to be? After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the second signature was to be a past president.

Celine Boisvert made the motion for the two signatures to be the immediate past president and the treasurer to sign the vouchers, and in the absence of the immediate past president it will be the next past president in line to sign the vouchers. Carolyn Wedgewood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Betsy said that she has an outstanding check from last year's Doe Doll prize of \$50.00. The winner has not cashed the check. It was decided to give the winner 30 days after she receives a letter asking her to cash the check.

Bette Sellmer made the motion that the secretary send a certified letter to the winner telling him/her to cash the check in 30 days because we are stopping payment on the check. Virginia Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carolyn McCarty made the motion that the district reports not be read but be turned in. Barbara Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Richardson thanked everyone for her cards she received when she was sick.

Barbara Parker made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kissell, Corres. Sec.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 4: May 26, 27, 28, 29 a Camp-out at Pla-More. The ladies did not have a meeting. Next meeting is in July at New Carlisle, IN. Election of officers will be held.

Events:
Friday, June 23, Concord Dance.

Saturday, Sept 9, Concord, Fish Fry.
Sept. 16, Baugo, Ice Cream Social, 4-8 at the Station.
Oct. Baugo 50/60 Dance.

Sincerely, Jane Ferro, Chairman.

District 7: Met on May 15 at Roanoke Fire Dept. Roll Call was answered by 11 ladies from 5 depts. and 1 guest. Miss Flame contestant, Jody Grabner. Sec. and Treas. reports were given and the highlights of the last officers meeting were discussed. Next meeting July 17, at the Ossian VFD. Election of officers.

Dorothy Reiter, Chairman

District 10: Meeting was Monday, May 15 at the Adams Fire Station. Guests were Miss Flame, Chastity Morris, Darrell Morris and son. Roll Call was answered by 24 members, 8 guests, representing 5 auxiliaries. Traveling attendance plaque was given to Adams. District 10 did not like the idea of grave markers. They thought that the money could be spent a better way. Vivian Thomas and Miriam Heckman presented the Inez Jefferies award to Barbara Parker. Meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer." Bake sale auction was then conducted.

Barbara Parker, Chairman

District 11A: Regular district meeting was held at Hymera Vol. Fire Dept. A wonderful meal of soups and sandwiches was served. A program was presented and a discussion was held on convention. Next meeting will be at the Honey Creek Station #2 in July.

Sue Biggs, Chairman.

District 12: Meeting was called to order May 11th at 8 p.m. There were 11 members and 2 guests representing 4 depts. Convention was discussed and also raising money for Miss Flame expenses. Barb and Paul Spurlin showed a slide presentation on Public Education. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Rosie Johnson

District 13: Met May 18 at Sugar Creek Vol. Fire Dept. #2. One of Sugar Creek's instructors gave a talk and demonstration on CPR. The business meeting was then carried on in order. Our next meeting will be Aug. 16 at the Green Twp. VFD. It will be a joint meeting with the men, at 6:30. 10 members representing 3 depts. were present. Elections will be held at the August meeting.

Virginia Wilson, Chairman

District 14: Meeting was held on May 17, at the McCulluch Station #1. There were four auxiliaries in attendance. We discussed the Doe Doll tickets, the '89 Convention and the highlights of the May officers meeting. The next meeting will be July 19, at the Charlestown Fire House at 8 p.m.

Nancy Richardson, Chairman

District 19: Meeting was May 19 at the Blooming Grove Community Center. The Dixon Dancers entertained us and a beautiful luncheon was served. Roll Call was answered by 36 members and 3 guests, representing 7 auxiliaries. Our Miss Flame, Amy Howlett was introduced and she said a few words. The usual order of business was conducted. Announcements were given and the next meeting will be August 8, at the Moores Hill VFD with the election of officers and installation.

Judy Hildebrand, Chairman

A note from the Vice

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for giving me the privilege to serve as your Vice President for the coming year. I know that we have a lot of work ahead with the changes in the Fire Marshal's Office and the EMS Commission. President Lockhart and I have been working with the new department heads to keep the dialogue open at all times.

As we go from one season to another it seems that another aspect of firefighting reappears and that is the chimney fires. Sometimes these add-on units or alternative solid fuel heat sources are not always the cheapest.

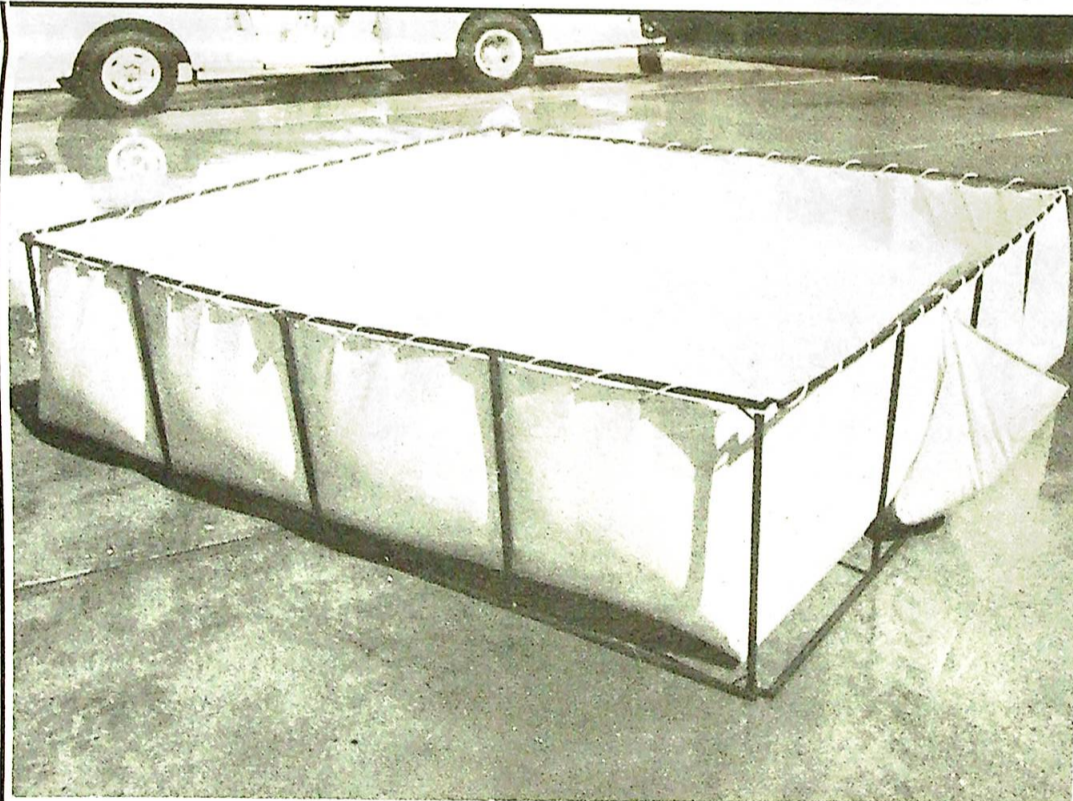
Firefighters: the officers of the association need your help. We need to know if you have any thoughts concerning some legislation for the betterment of the fire service in Indiana. Even though this is said to be a short session for the legislators, we need to be on the offense on some bills.

As we approach the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year let us all keep in mind the change that the Federal Government put into effect when they raised the Federal Death Benefit from \$50,000 to \$100,000, ZERO TOLERANCE ON ANY FOREIGN SUBSTANCE FOUND IN THE BLOOD.

Again, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you, and if this office can be of any assistance feel free to contact me and we will do our best to help you.

On behalf of my family I want to wish a joyous holiday season and a safe and happy New Year to each and all of your families.

Sincerely,
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Mr. Hauer has served as a volunteer firefighter in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and was a member of the Fairfield County Hazardous Material Team. He was a captain in the United States Army Reserve attached to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hauer has written over 32 articles, 1 book, 2 monographs and has lectured around the world. He is married to a native of Indiana and has a son.

Mike Garvey has assumed the role of Acting Director for the EMS Commission.

This consolidation should also provide exciting new opportunities for EMS personnel to team disaster planning and management. Mr. Hauer has already opened all Civil Defense services to the EMS community and will be offering EMS services to the Civil Defense community.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
SOUTHWEST**



CARL O. DAVIS

A few lines to let you know that we are having several events coming up in the near future. 18th District Fire Prevention Parade at Ferdinand on Sunday, Oct. 15.

District 17A hosts a Turkey Barbeque at Elnora on Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a District 17A Fire School Oct. 21 at Vincennes Twp. Fire Station on Hart St.

Look to see you at these events. Fire Prevention Week is coming up and now is the time for departments to put on their programs for the schools. Time spent in teaching fire prevention will pay big dividends in later years.

With fall harvesting going on, field fires will be caused by combines and grain trucks. One in our area happened this week causing considerable loss to the combine. Watch for a build-up of trash. That is the most common cause of combine fires.

I attended the 17A and 18th District meetings but was unable to attend the 15th and 17B meetings. Hope to make your next ones.

Departments that have any legislative work that they would like the Association to work on should send their suggestions to Gene Stofer before Dec. 1, 1989. He will see that it is processed by the committee.

This is the last letter in 1989, so I will wish all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Carl O.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
WEST CENTRAL**



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hi Everyone!

I missed District 11B's meeting this time. I went to Portland, Oregon for my navy reunion, had a wonderful time. Good to see the bunch again, and since our group is getting smaller each time we meet, I hate to miss any of the reunions. I guess we are getting older. I'm sure the District had a good meeting.

District 11A had our annual meeting and picnic at Dobbs Park. Our new chairmen, Bob and Janet

Myers started their first meeting with a good attendance. Lawrence and Theda Swartz and Larry Bozzel were in attendance to enjoy the fun. The men were in charge of the games. You should have seen three women picking marbles out of chocolate pudding with their toes. What a mess!

Went to District 12's meeting the next evening and had to swat mosquitoes. Didn't know if the members were giving us a hand for what we were saying or swatting mosquitoes. All in an evening's fun, I guess. They were bad everywhere. Maybe the cold weather will get rid of them. Don Johnson always has a pretty good attendance at his meetings. He will be working for a fire school sometime this fall or early spring, so watch your mail or come to the meetings.

I hope the members of District 20 don't get disgusted. I'll be calling again to see if we can get a chairman to take over. Please, I need help from someone to take the job. Call me if you would be interested. Thanks.

Until later, work safe and have a good holiday season!

L.J. (Toddy) Michl
Public Relations West Central

GREGG TWP. CITIZENS BUY TRUCK

The Mooreville Times reported that the Gregg Township Citizens Group which is trying to start a public fire department for the township recently purchased a fire truck. The tanker cost \$8,000 and is the first piece of equipment that

the group has purchased. Most of the funds for the truck were raised through donations and fund raisers. The truck is currently in a constituent's yard until a proper storage facility can be found.

DISTRICT 15

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A discussion was held on what departments are considered in District 15. It was noted that Lynnville Fire Dept. would like to join District 15. Areas need to be more defined.

Annual District 15 election for district officers was held. Elected were Mike Seitz, District Chairman and Jack Kerney, Secretary & Treasurer.

Lee Kissel will send printout for all addresses of District 15 IVFA members.

The following are dates for upcoming district meetings: November 21 - German; Feb. 20 - Patoka; May 15 - McCutchanville.

Next state meeting will be Aug. 5 & 6. Place will be announced.

Being no further business of the district, meeting was adjourned.

Jack D. Kerney
Secretary, Dist. 15

DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting, district 3, Thursday, Sept. 21, 1989 at the Knox/Center Twp. Fire Station 2.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bob Bentley. There were 42 members representing 12 departments in attendance along with 6 guests. The pledge was led by host Chief Bob Sims.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PRNW; Duane Lantz, State Chaplain; Bruce Yonkers, Secretary, IAAI; Ivan Nevil, State Vice-Pres.; Mitch Parish, District 9B Chairman; Tom Luby, Firefighter-Washington Twp.; and Ed Cook, State Representative.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

Communications: Chairman announced the appointment of our new Deputy State Fire Marshal and the schedule of State Fire Schools.

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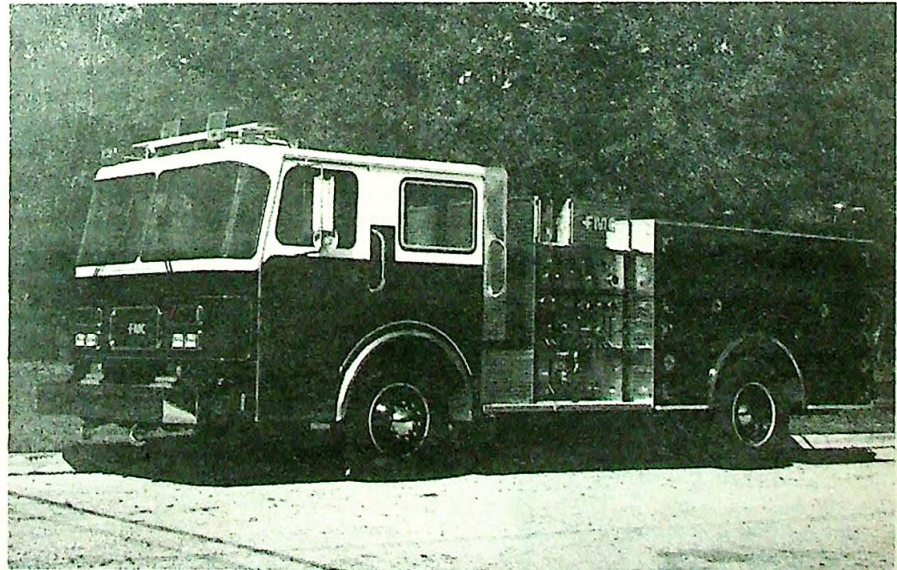
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SENTINEL

1989 Convention Continued *Continued from page 10.*

President Swartz: "Any further discussion on this motion?"

Wayne Smith: "Mr. President, I have one question. In the 18-month time period, what kind of financial impact is that going to have on the organization? Changing all the names on everything isn't going to be easy."

President Swartz: "I think in past discussions on a similar resolution or motion presented in prior years, I think the biggest financial impact, and I direct that to our Treasurer, the problem would be the trademark of our organization. That is a patented trademark and will probably involve quite a few dollars to get it changed."

Wayne Smith: "What about the time period of 18 months? Is that enough time?"

Gene Stofer: "Depends on how fast Jack Winkler wants to get the job done."

President Swartz: "I think that answers your question. Any other comments on the motion? If not, we will call for a vote. Those that are in favor of the motion as presented, keep in mind that you are going to have to have 75% in favor of it. If it sounds too close we will ask for a roll call vote. Those in favor of the motion as presented, signify by saying 'aye.' Those that are opposed signify by saying 'nay.' I will ask our Parliamentarian."

Bill Kinsey: "No difficulty at all. Get the papers ready, fellows. Vote."

Bill Howe: "The Election Committee is out. Shouldn't we wait until they get back in?"

Bill Bush: "The doors are barred. They do not get back in until the tabulations are in."

President Swartz: "District Chairmen, do you have your roll call sheets? Poll your delegates. Gentlemen, remember that each department only has a maximum of three votes, regardless of how many members are here. District Chairmen, we will call again for either aye or nay. When called upon, please give that total to the secretary, vice president, and our chaplain. We will now call for the voting by districts. Robert Esserman."

District 1: 15 no, 4 yes.

District 2: 13 no, 2 yes.

District 3: 16 no, 0 yes.

District 4: 7 no, 0 yes.

District 5: 7 no, 0 yes.

District 6: 18 no, 3 yes.

District 7: 11 no, 0 yes.

District 8A: 3 no, 0 yes.

District 8B: 7 no, 0 yes.

District 9A: 4 no, 0 yes.

District 9B: 4 no, 0 yes.

District 10: 9 no, 3 yes.

District 11A: 10 no, 1 yes.

District 11B: 9 no, 4 yes.

District 12: 2 no, 35 yes.

District 13A: Inaudible

District 13B: 1 no, 0 yes.

District 14: 12 no, 2 yes.

District 15: 13 no, 5 yes.

District 16: 3 no, 0 yes.

District 17A: 11 no, 0 yes.

District 17B: 8 no, 2 yes.

District 18: 21 no, 2 yes.

District 19: 11 no, 3 yes.

District 20: 3 no, 0 yes.

District 21: 3 no, 0 yes.

President Swartz: "Thank you gentlemen. Yesterday, I think I announced at the officers meeting that for the election of officers today we would report the figures from each district as we just did. Since then we have had some districts that have asked that we revert to prior years to affirm the secrecy of voting. I talked to the chairman of the nominating committee and he had no problem with it. So when we come to the election of officers, ladies and gentlemen, we will handle that as we have in past years. We will have the election committee, the district chairmen will poll the committee for their tabulating. Do we have a figure on the motion? The motion did not get the required 3/4 vote. Do we have any other motions to be presented from the floor? Jack Winkler."

Jack Winkler: "I would like to make a motion that the officers of this IVFA investigate and report back the possibilities of having the convention Friday evening and Saturday. The reason I am asking this is that a lot of us who work have problems taking off Thursday and Friday. I would like just to investigate the possibilities of having the Convention with Friday evening and Saturday meetings and report back at the next Convention."

President Swartz: "Ladies and gentlemen, you heard the motion made. Do we have a second to that motion?"

Jim Dawson: "Jim Dawson from Bloomington Township, 17B. I second the motion."

President Swartz: "Ladies and gentlemen, you have heard the motion duly presented and duly seconded. Do we have any further discussion? Any further discussion to investigate holding our convention meetings on a Friday and Saturday? How many are in favor of the motion? Aye. How many nays? Motion denied. Are there any other motions? Are there any other motions to be made at this time? Do we have anyone else to present a motion for the betterment of this organization at this convention? If not, we will declare the resolutions committee to be dismissed and close the meeting for further motions for the betterment of our association at the present time and continue with our business at hand. I would like to recognize, if I may, Mike Mackin, the chairman of the Convention Committee for 1990 in Fort Wayne. Mike."

Mike Mackin gave his report on the 1990 convention.

President Swartz: "Thank you, Mike. At this time we will open the floor for any of those who might want to bid for the 1991 Convention. Roy Richardson, do you have a presentation to make?" (No comment)

President Swartz: "Bill Engle, District 17A."

Bill Engle and the Convention Committee gave their report. Mr. Robert Green, owner of the Executive Inn, Mr. T.L. Plain, General Manager and the Mayor of Vincennes, William Rose also addressed the body.

President Swartz: "Thank you, Bill. Do we have any other presentations? I believe we do from the Clarksville area. Mr. Kief? Mr. James Kief, Executive Director of the Clark and Floyd Counties Convention and Tourism."

Mr. James Kief, Connie McKurty and Cindy Levit made a presentation for the 1991 convention.

Pete Lockhart: "Thank you very much. The President just stepped out for a minute. Are there any other bids for 1991? There being no other bids, now it comes to decision time. Bill Howe has the floor."

Bill Howe: "I move this counting be by secret ballot."

Pete Lockhart: "We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second?"

Willie Parish: "Willie Parish, District 9B. I second this motion."

Pete Lockhart: "The motion has been made and seconded to have a secret ballot on whether we go to Clarksville or Vincennes in 1991. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed, 'nay.' Motion denied. We will have a voice vote."

Carl Davis: "Mr. Chairman, Carl Davis, Public Relations Director Southwest. I make a motion that we go to Vincennes for 1991."

Pete Lockhart: "We have a motion on the floor."

Max Harrah: "Max Harrah, 11A, seconds the motion for Vincennes."

Pete Lockhart: "We have a motion and a second on the floor to go to Vincennes in 1991. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying 'aye.' Opposed 'nay.' Motion carries by voice vote. Mr. Stofer has asked for the floor for a moment."

Gene Stofer gave an update on the status of Chief Richard Lamb.

Pete Lockhart: "Thank you, Gene, for that report. At this time, the Election Committee please come forward and also the Nominating Committee."

Robert Esserman: "The Nominating Committee has picked a slate of officers. We have checked the credentials for being able to hold the office. To be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer you must have served as a state officer for at least two years. We have contacted these people and they are willing to take the nominations for these offices. For the office of president, the Nominations Committee has the name of Marvin "Pete" Lockhart who has served as the vice president for the last two years. Mr. Lockhart, are you willing to accept this nomination?"

Pete Lockhart: "Yes."

Robert Esserman: "Are there any other nominations from the floor for the office of president? (Was repeated three times). There being no other nominations from the floor, the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot."

Pete Lockhart thanked everyone for their support.

Bob Esserman: "Thank you, Mr. President-elect. For the office of Vice President we have at the present two candidate. Barry Winger and Ivan Nevil. The chair is now open for nominations from the floor. Any more nominations for the office of Vice President for 1989-90? (Repeated three times). Nominations are closed. Both candidates address the floor."

Bob Esserman: "For the office of Secretary, the nominating committee submits the name of Lee Kissell. Are there any more nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary? (Repeated three times). Nominations are closed. Mr. Vice President, will you cast one unanimous ballot for the office of Secretary?"

Pete Lockhart: "It gives me great pleasure to cast one unanimous ballot for Lee Kissell for secretary for the year 1989-90."

Bob Esserman: "Now for the office of treasurer. The nominating committee presents the name of Harold "Gene" Stofer. Are there any more nominations for the office of Treasurer? (Repeated three times). Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you cast one unanimous ballot for Gene Stofer for the office of Treasurer?"

Lee Kissell: "I would like to cast one unanimous vote for Harold "Gene" Stofer for the office of Treasurer for the incoming year for IVFA."

Gene Stofer: "Thank you, my friends."

Bob Esserman: "The next one is the office of our guiding light and the Selection Committee has the name of Duane Lantz. Any more nominations from the floor? (Repeated three times). Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, would you please come forward and cast one unanimous ballot for Duane Lantz."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Duane Lantz as Chaplain for IVFA for the incoming year."

Duane Lantz: "It has been great, it has been very exciting, sometimes very trying, but if the good Lord will continue to give me may health I will try it one more time. Thank you."

Bob Esserman: "For the office of sergeant-at-arms the Committee has the name of Bill Bush. Are there any more nominations from the floor? (Repeated three times). Nominations are closed. Will the secretary cast one unanimous ballot?"

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA, I would like to cast a unanimous vote for Bill Buss as sergeant-at-arms for the incoming year for the IVFA."

Bill Bush: "Thank you."

Bob Esserman: "We are ready for the PR's. For the PR Northwest, William Howe, PR Northeast, William Kinsey, PR West Central, Toddy Michl, PR East Central, Larry Jackson, PR Southwest, Carl Davis, PR Southeast, Roy Richardson."

All PR candidates were re-elected without opposition. The Secretary cast one unanimous vote.

Bob Esserman: "We have another office here, Recording Secretary. As I call these names I would like to have them come forward: Jack Kerney, John Davies, James Parker, and Max Poling. Are there any more nominations from the floor for the office of Recording Secretary? (Repeated 3 times). Nominations are closed."

Each candidate addressed the group.

Bob Esserman: "Gentlemen, we have the results for the office of Vice-President. Our new Vice-President for the year 1989-90 will be Ivan Nevil."

Ivan Nevil: "Thank you."

Bob Esserman: "It was determined that we have a run-off on the office of Recording Secretary."

President Swartz: "I have dates to remember. The International Fire Chief's Convention the last week of August, the National Volunteer Fire Council in September."

Bob Esserman: "The election results are in. For the office of recording secretary, Mr. John Davies. Congratulations."

John Davies: "Thank you."

Bob Esserman: "Thank you all for your cooperation and now, Mr. President."

President Swartz: "Thank you, Bob. At this time I would relieve all the committees of their duties with the exception of the newspaper ad taker and the editor of the paper at which time their term of office will end July 1. Is there any further old business to come before this meeting? Any new business? Anything for the good of the order?"

Don Johnson: "Mr. President."

President Swartz: "Yes, Mr. Johnson."

Don Johnson: "Due to the late payment of dues, maybe to nobody's fault, maybe a death of their chief or somebody leaving them in the dash compartment of their car, or something, I want to read this:

In a duly assembled meeting of District 12 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association held at the Avon Washington Township Fire Station on March 20, 1989 having 15 fire departments in good standing present, we drew up, and adopted the following for your consideration, and possible adoption.

WHEREAS: it was not the intent of the Bridgeport Fire Department to penalize members, nor exclude the IVFAA. And

WHEREAS: we feel that three years is too much penalty for being late with dues payment; and to include provisions for the Son, or Daughter of an IVFAA member as well as an IVFA member. And

WHEREAS: All members should be eligible with reasonable rules and guidelines.

Be it resolved that: The Bridgeport fund is for an IVFA member, as well as an IVFAA member in eligibility. Scholarship funding is for the Son, or Daughter of a member either IVFA, or IVFAA. Also a member of the IVFA.

Be it resolved that: In the event that a member who is in good standing, and has been current in his, or her dues for past years, should be late in their dues for one year, this person shall not be totally denied benefits from the Bridgeport fund for scholarship, or death eligibility, the following would apply.

When a dues billing is late, the first year eligibility shall be 1/3 of the full amount. If the member is current on dues the second year, the eligibility shall be 2/3 of the full amount. Full benefits shall be restored the third year the member's dues are current.

District 12 Chairman

Don P. Johnson

District 12 Secretary

Charles Bogden

Gentlemen, at the present time, if you are late on your dues you are denied benefits for three years and what we requested for them to take into consideration is that if you are late on dues, penalize you. In case somebody gets killed in your fire department, pay \$1000 instead of \$3000. I have two fire departments at the present time that didn't get their dues notices in time and refused to join the IVFA again."

President Swartz: "Thank you, Don, for your input. Chaplain Lantz, will you close the meeting in prayer?"

Duane Lantz: "Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many things that have been done here this day. Our Heavenly Father, as we go our way, we look forward to greater and better things to come. In Christ's name we pray, Amen."

President Swartz: "I will entertain a motion to adjourn."

Max Harrah: "Mr. Chairman, Max Harrah, District 11A. I make a motion this meeting be adjourned."

President Swartz: "Do I have a second?"

Bob Esserman: "Bob Esserman, I second this motion." Motion carried.

President Swartz: "Everybody in favor? This meeting is adjourned."

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Lawrence Swartz, Pete Lockhart, and John Davies

Opening Ceremonies

June 15, 1989, IVFA Convention, Evansville, Indiana

President Swartz called the 43rd Annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association to order and asked Vice President Lockhart to escort the 1988 Miss Flame Sara Davis into the hall. Also the district chairman or a representative from the district escort the 1989 Miss Flame contestants into the hall.

President Swartz stated that the IVFAA Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel and Bill Bush, Sgt.-at-Arms of the IVFA would post the colors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and Vice President Lockhart will lead us in the pledge to the flag. Chaplain Lantz will then give the Invocation.

After the opening ceremonies everyone was welcomed and President Swartz stated that tonight the winners of the Lois Boaz Award, Miss Flame 1989, the Bert Ketchum Award and the Mr. IVFA would be announced. Also some awards would be presented by the Fire Marshal's Office and the Governor's Office would also be made.

Ms. Linda Baker, the Executive Secretary of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association was introduced as she is providing the organ music for this evening's events.

President Swartz made several introductions which included his wife Theda, VP Lockhart, Convention Co-Chairman John Barr and Jack Kearney (who spoke briefly),

IVFAA President Toni Sorg and her husband Mort, IVFAA Vice President Nancy Neal and the Miss Flame Chairwoman Barbara Parker. He then turned the meeting over to Auxiliary President Toni Sorg who introduced the Miss Flame Committee members and the judges for the Miss Flame Contest. The Miss Flame contestants were escorted to the stage after each was asked a question and their response was given in front of the audience. The judges left the room to make the final selection.

President Swartz introduced the special guests which included Doug Wilcox, Fire Chief of Evansville, Clarence Shephard the Sheriff of Vandenburg County, Ralph Luke, President of the Indiana Firefighters Association and Charles Coffee Executive Administrator of the Indiana Fire and Building Services. Also recognized were all association officers, committee chairmen and all Past Presidents in attendance. The meeting was turned over to President Toni Sorg for the announcement of some awards. She introduced the Lois Boaz Committee who read the requirements for the award and the past winners. They then announced that this year's winner is Maxine Davis of district 11B. President Sorg introduced Barbara Parker for the results of the Miss Flame Contest. Miss Julie Shanholt from District 4 is the First Runnerup and the Miss Flame for 1989-90 is Miss Janell Floyd of District 15. Miss Flame 1988 Sara Davis spoke briefly.

President Swartz invited Miss Flame and all other contestants to be part of the programs during the balance of the convention. He then introduced Vice President Lockhart for the recognition of all past winners of the Mr. IVFA Award as well as the selection committee. The committee named Mr. Jim Parker as the winner this year.

Special recognition was given to John Shanks and Steve Bushman our legislative and legal advisors for the association.

After making several announcements concerning the convention the meeting was recessed at 8:45 until the following day.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Nevil
Recording Secretary

Convention Banquet

Friday, June 16, 1989 Convention Banquet, Evansville, Indiana.

After a buffet style meal President Swartz asked Auxiliary Chaplain Betty Sellmer to give the blessing.

President Swartz welcomed all and thanked them for attending. He gave a special thanks to the organist for the evening, Linda Baker, and introduced the following people at the head table: his wife, Theda; Vice President Lockhart and his guest, Annie; Auxiliary President Toni Sorg and her husband, Mort; Convention Co-chairman John Barr and his wife, Pat; Jack Kearney and his wife, Barbara; District 15 Chairman Mike Seitz and his wife, Janice;

Rensselaer Mayor Robert Wilcox and his wife, Barbara. Fire Marshal John Dugan spoke to the group after his introduction. Auxiliary President Sorg then presented a check to President Swartz for the association in the amount of \$2,000. She then introduced the Auxiliary Officers for the coming year as well as the new Miss Flame and her Court.

President Swartz introduced Mr. IVFA this year, Jim Parker. He then turned the meeting over to Vice President Lockhart.

VP Lockhart read the list of winners for the Mid West Awards and the presentation of the Ollie Sandburg Award which was presented to Robert Hays of the Huntingburg Fire Dept.

The Presidents Award was given to Mayor Robert Wilcox by President Swartz. He also announced that the winners of the Bridgeport Scholarship Awards are Catherine Pate and Kathy Lynn Trulock. Each was awarded \$1,500.

John Barr introduced all committee members that helped with the convention. A plaque was presented to John by President Swartz showing the association's appreciation for hosting the convention.

President Swartz introduced the officers for the coming year and they were given the oath of office by Past President and Past State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin.

President Swartz presented the President's Pin to President Lockhart as well as the President's license plate.

Auxiliary President Sorg presented the Past President pin to Lawrence Swartz.

President Swartz gave the times for events yet tonight as well as the following day and stated that he hoped to see everyone in Fort Wayne next year.

The winners of the bowling tournament were announced after which the meeting and banquet were dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Nevil
Recording Secretary

IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT



Lawrence Swartz

After spending four years of meeting the deadlines for our paper, I just could not find time for an article the last time.

However, I noticed when the paper arrived a lot of other officers did not meet the deadline either. I still urge every member to either write articles or send articles to our publisher so that we will be able to present a quality newspaper.

Our 1989 Convention is now history, and I want to compliment our members and friends in Evansville for a job well done. As we move from one end of the state to the other, we need to plan now for our annual meeting to be held in Fort Wayne in 1990.

Congratulations are in order to Pete Lockhart and Ivan Nevil as our very capable new leaders of the Association. With their leadership and the members we have in the Association, I am sure the IVFA will continue to be a respected leader in the fire service.

I want to thank all the officers and members who gave their support the past two years I served as your President. Theda and I have had a memorable experience in meeting and enjoying the friendship and fellowship with so many of you.

In closing, I just want to advise you that I still have time for any of you, and if I can be of help just get in touch with me. I am still here to serve the Association and its members.

Thank you,
Lawrence Swartz
Immediate Past President

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Auxiliary District News

DISTRICT 3

Dist. 3 IVFA Aux. met Sept. 20 at the Scipio Fire Station. Chairman Celine Boisvert called the meeting to order and it was opened with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Four Auxiliaries answered roll call. The traveling attendance plaque was given to Coolspring Twp.

Michiana Shores and Coolspring will have Miss Flame contestants. Judging will be Nov. 15 at Michiana Shores Fire Station.

Coming events:

Noble, Pancake Breakfast - Oct. 22

Celine Boisvert and Evalena Coffman won 50/50.

Next meeting Nov. 15 at Michiana Shores.

July 19, 1989

The I.V.F.A. Dist. 3 meeting was called to order on July 19 by Chairman Celine Boisvert at Kingsford Union with the pledge to the flag.

Opening prayer was led by Carolyn McCarty for the members not present.

Roll call was answered by 12 members present.

The minutes of the May 17 meeting was read and approved.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$626.24 in the account. Approved.

Celine asked if the auxiliary would like a picnic this year. It was tabled until next year.

A motion was made by Carolyn McCarty and seconded by Theresa Grott to keep Celine Boisvert as Chairman and Leona Uryga as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried. A motion was made by Theresa Grott and seconded by Mary Nowatzke for Carolyn McCarty for Chaplain. Motion carried.

Michiana Shores won the attendance plaque for the year.

Coolspring Twp. and Springfield Twp. tied for selling the most Doe Doll tickets.

Photo's from the Michigan City Convention were passed around.

Fort Wayne Convention this coming year.

Dues are due by Sept. 1.

Events:

Coolspring Twp., Oct. 15, \$5.00, Salad bar and Bingo after, 12 to 1:30

Scipio Twp., July 22, \$5.50, Fish Fry 4:30 to 8:00

Kingsford Union, Aug. 19, Firemen's Ball Fairgrounds

Michiana Shores, Oct. 22, Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Noble Twp., Aug. 27, Tractor Pull "Save our Pond" Picnic

The 50/50 raffle was won by Diane Rudinski and Celine Boisvert for \$3.00 each. The auxiliary received \$6.00.

Noble Twp. won the attendance plaque for July.

Brenda Davis made a motion and seconded by Dorothy Moffitt to adjourn the meeting.

The next District meeting is at Scipio Twp. on Sept. 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sec. Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 7

Dist. 7 met on July 17 at the Osian Fire Station. The meeting was conducted by the President Dorothy Reiter.

Roll Call was answered by nine ladies from four departments and one guest.

Those who attended the Convention, told the group about the meetings and in general how everything went.

Our guest was a representative for the '90 Convention in Fort Wayne. She and several others extended a welcome to all the auxiliaries in Dist. 7 to help them in any way possible for the Convention.

Election of Officers for 1990 was held:

President, Dorothy Reiter

Sec.-Treas., Judy Sheets

Several announcements were made from various departments.

The meeting was adjourned. We then joined the men for refreshments.

Next meeting September 18 at Uniondale.

Dist. 7 met on Sept. 18 at Uniondale. The meeting was called to order by the President Dorothy Reiter.

Roll call was answered by ten ladies from five departments.

A Thank You note was read from our Miss Flame, Jody Grabner. She thanked everyone for their support and was very honored to represent our district.

We discussed the '90 Convention and what our auxiliaries can do to help.

A few notes were given about the last Officers Meeting.

Everyone was reminded that memberships are due and delinquent after Sept. 30.

Various departments events were announced.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 20 at Warren, with the Miss Flame contest and also a Christmas gift exchange.

Thank you,

Dorothy Reiter

Dist. 7 Chairman

DISTRICT 6

On August 21, District 6 held their annual picnic at Adams Twp. #3 Fire Department, 63 men and women plus their families from nine departments enjoyed a carry-in dinner at noon.

Games were played in the afternoon with Butler ladies placing 1st and District 6 ladies placing 2nd in Waterball. During this time other women enjoyed playing "Whoopie" with prizes being awarded. On Sept. 21, District 6 meeting was held at the Hamilton Fire Dept. with 12 members and one guest from 5 departments. Money making projects for the year was decided to be a drawing on a Cross Stitch picture, a Smiley Fire Statue, and a Fireman rag doll, which are all being donated. These are to be given away at the May meeting. We will also hold 50/50 drawings at our meetings.

A Traveling Trophy was donated by Imperial Trophy of Fort Wayne. The auxiliary with the most in attendance at a District meeting will take it home and bring it back the next meeting. Jackson Twp. Auxiliary is now showing off the trophy and plan to have it on display at their booth at the Auburn Fair. They will attach a note book to the trophy that will carry the history of the travels of this trophy.

The next meeting will be at Churubusco in November, with the January meeting to be held at Washington Twp., Allen County, at which the Miss Flame contest will be held for the District.

Mary L. Mackin

District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 10

The 10th District IVFAA meeting was held Monday, August 21, 1989 at Acton Fire Station.

There were 21 members, 2 guests, from 6 auxiliaries.

The theme for the meeting was "Back to School Days."

Barbara Parker reported on the convention. The 10th District sold the most Doe Doll tickets—249. She also reported on the State Officer's meeting.

New officers for the coming year are:

Dist. Dir.—Barbara Parker

Secretary—Martha Dinsmore

Treasurer—Nancy Neal

Chaplain—Vivian Thomas

Warren will host a joint meeting and election of Miss Flame, Monday, November 20, 1989, at 10th and Post Road, Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dinsmore, Secretary

DISTRICT 11A

Well, summer's ending and District 11-A helped usher out the season with a picnic at Dobbs Park. I want to thank everyone who attended. I believe we all had an enjoyable time. A special thanks goes to Helen Michl for her part in entertaining us.

Now, to help "Old Man Winter" along, we are working on organizing a dance to be held in January, 1990. Hope to see a lot of our members and friends there.

I'm joining Bob, in wishing everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Janet Meyers

Aux. District 11-A Chairman

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43rd Annual Convention
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President Toni Sorg called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Toni welcomed everyone and said that it was good to see a full room.

Chaplain Bette Sellmer asked us to turn around and meet someone new. She read a poem "Friend" and offered the opening prayer.

Sergeant-at-arms Miriam Schaeckel led us in the Pledge to the Flag. President Toni thanked District 15 for all the work they put into the 1989 convention.

She also introduced our new Lois Boaz winner for 1989, it is Maxine Davies. Next Toni introduced the wife of Mr. IVFA, Barbara Parker. Roll call was answered by 32 officers, 77 auxiliaries, 22 individuals and 8 guests.

Chaplain Bette reported we had 11 deaths in the state this year and 1 death in June. Chaplain Bette was then excused to prepare for Memorial Service.

Minutes of last year's convention were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and had been previously audited.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Loretta Nulliner, chairman, reported everything is audited except for this year's Doe Doll books and the Chaplain's books.

Doe Doll: Nancy Neal, chairman, reported 1,482 total tickets sold so far. She thanked her committee and Vivian for their help.

Games: Ruth Sanders, chairman, reported we have two waterball teams, and two cart race teams. The men have eleven waterball teams, ten hose teams, and seven cart race teams.

Installation: Ruth Fairfield, chairman, said all arrangements have been made and she is ready.

Miss Flame: Barbara Parker, chairman, asked if we liked the questions given to the girls. Everyone liked them and agreed by clapping.

Presidents Advisory: Carolyn McCarty, chairman, told Toni she is doing a good job.

Lois Boaz: Barbara Ketchem, chairman, said that Maxine is the fruits of our labor.

Financial Study: Loretta Nulliner, chairman, reported that it was decided in the Thursday officer's meeting to give the men a check for \$2,000.

Nominating: Phyllis Vargo, chairman, said we are ready. Jewelry: Mary Mackin, chairman, thanked her committee and showed the new jewelry and the 1989 charm.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1990 Convention Report from E.J. (Mackin) Smith. E.J. said that convention was going well. The dates are June 13-16. The slogan for 1990 Convention is "Don't Get Caught in Your Nighty in Ninety."

Eula Bush introduced the 1989 Miss Flame and her court. The Miss Flame and the runner-up were given their bonds.

Announcements were given from several auxiliaries.

Meeting dismissed for the Memorial Service.

Meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Afternoon Roll Call was answered by 32 officers, 79 auxiliaries, 27 individuals, and 15 guests. We have 137 voting today.

E.J. Smith returned to model the night shirt that the 1990 Convention Committee will be selling. It is red and is one size fits all. She also mentioned possible activities for next year's convention.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers for 1989-90. President, Toni Sorg; Vice President, Nancy Neal; Recording Secretary, Maxine Davies; Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Wedgewood; Treasurer, Betsy Howe; Chaplain, Bette Sellmer; Sergeant-at-arms, Miriam Schaeckel. The president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, chaplain and sergeant-at-arms were all elected by unanimous vote.

For the office of corresponding secretary, in addition to Carolyn Wedgewood, a nomination was made from the floor for Debbie Nulliner. Ballots were cast and Carolyn Wedgewood was elected corresponding secretary.

The officers were brought forward by Nickie Sunday and installed in a beautiful candle-light ceremony by Ruth Fairfield.

Doe Doll report: Nancy Neal said at present we have \$1,585 in tickets sold. Jewelry: Mary Mackin reported \$385 turned in for jewelry sales.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1988-1989
Balance Brought Forward June 1, 1988 \$ 4221.77
Income: Dues 3273.00, Interest 307.65, Jewelry 310.95, Raffle 1622.00, Misc. 42.70
Total Income June 1, 1988 to May 31, 1989 5556.30 + 5556.30
Total \$ 9778.07
Disbursements: Officers Annual 570.00, Mileage 1481.51, Phone & Postage 335.90, Jewelry 358.88, Raffle 70.00, Misc. 1960.12
Total Disbursements June 1, 1988 to May 31, 1989 \$4776.41 - 4776.41
Balance on hand June 1, 1989 \$ 5001.66
IVFAA Treasurer
Betsy Ann Howe

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:05 p.m. at the Reynolds Fire Station in Reynolds, IN.

There were 8 guests present. Total firemen present numbered 48 with 55 alarms among the 14 departments answering roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Mitch Parish and Denny Risner, with the assistance of Bill Howe, gave a short report on the 1989 IVFA Convention.

Mitch Parish read a letter from Cindy Sheets, District 9-B 1989 Miss Flame, thanking everyone for the opportunity to be a part of the 1989 Miss Flame Contest and the 1989 IVFA Convention.

Items discussed were: Dues due in by July 31, IVFA flags for the grave site, Workman's Compensation insurance, legislation for 1990, need for news for the paper, Indiana Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference at Bloomington Sept. 6-9, Florida Arson Seminar Sept. 17-22, International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference Aug. 26-30, National Volunteer Fire Council Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1, Jack Dugan - the new State Fire Marshal, and IVFA membership (16,205).

Henry Risner, Chief of the White Post Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., was presented the District 9-B Midwest Award by Charlie Baker and Mitch Parish.

Items discussed for the Good of the Order were: Pulaski County Sesquicentennial Celebration at Star City on Aug. 12, at Medaryville on Aug. 19-20, and at Francisville Sept. 15-17. Benefit Dinner at Sheffield VFD July 14 at Dayton.

Motion was made by Henry Risner to give one IVFA (double-faced) flag and a \$15.00 check at fireman memorials in place of a \$25.00 check. Seconded by Judy Snowberger. Motion passed.

Election of officers: Chairman Willie "Mitch" Parish and Sec./Treas. Dennis Risner were unanimously re-elected for the year 1989-90.

PREC Notes

Hi There,
I want to thank everyone for the great support. We have attended some of the District meetings. Starting in July with District 10 and Bruce Neal at Bunkerhill. We attended the District 13A meeting in Dunreith with Jerry Nulliner and then to Distric 8B in Farm-land, but we were a day late. The month of August we attended 13A at Green Township Fire Department. With warm weather still with us, we attended District 10 at Burney Fire Department. Then from there to 13B meeting at Straughn. Jack Cox is doing a great job with attendance. In September we went to Carthage for the District 13A meeting. I am sorry we didn't get to attend District 8A at Pipecreek, but we will try to see you next time. The same goes for District 8B.

We will have a fire school this year. The place has not been picked to date, but it will be held on Nov. 18, 1989. On Nov. 18, the workshop will be "Leading Volunteer Fire Departments in the 1990's." On November 19, the workshop will be on "Incident Command Systems for Volunteer Fire Departments." John M. Buckman will be the instructor. So keep this in mind. There will be more information later.

See you at your next District meeting.
Larry Jackson, PREC

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DISTRICT 9A

The meeting of District 9A was called to order by Chairman Tug Sutton on July 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Onward Fire Dept.

Chairman Sutton introduced the following guests:

Vice President Ivan Nevils
Bill Howe, Public Relations
Mitch Parish, Chr. District 9B
Bruce Yonker, IAAI
Charles Baker, Midwest Fire & Safety

George Walda, Universal Fire Apparatus

Roll call was taken & answered by 28 members from 10 departments. Minutes were read & approved.

Chairman Sutton stated that IVFA dues are due no later than July 31. The deadline for the IVFA paper is the middle of Sept.

Vice President Ivan Nevils gave his report on the newly elected officers of the IVFA. Marvin Pete Lockhart is the new President; Ivan Nevils, Vice Pres.; John Davis, Recording Secretary. All other state officers were retained for another term.

The new State Fire Marshal is Marshal Dugan. Deputy State Fire Marshal is James Jlobouznik. Training officer is Bill Patterson. Pat Babbs is Training Records Coordinator.

There will no longer be an *Open Door Policy* at the State Fire Marshal's office. The Deputy Fire Marshal will handle all inquiries that need to be addressed by the State Fire Marshal. To talk personally to Marshal Dugan will require an appointment.

1st and 2nd class lesson plans are on hold until Marshal Dugan reviews and gives his signature of approval on them.

Ivan stated that he was reappointed to another 4 years to represent the IVFA in the EMS Commission by Governor Bayh.

October 5th and 6th is the next state officers meeting.

Isador Davis was presented the Midwest Fire and Safety award by Ivan Nevils.

Bill Howe reported that the Association had assets of \$313,338.58. Of that, \$86,612.78 is the Bridgeport Memorial Fund. For a Fire Department to be eligible for this Scholarship, all dues must be paid by July 31.

If any departmental personnel puts in a claim for workman's compensation, it must be filed within 7 days of the incident.

Last year's IVFA membership was one of the highest ever with 16,205 members.

Charlie Baker gave his report on upcoming Fire schools. New Albany, 9/9-10; Fort Wayne, 9/30-10/1; Lafayette, 10/21-22.

Indianapolis is hosting the International Association of Fire Chiefs Convention. The exhibits will be Aug. 28-30.

Midwest Fire and Safety and Universal Fire donated the door prizes. Mitch Parish won the tie clasp. Kevin McClausky won the Mini-Mag Light. John Bogue won the 50-50. He donated it back to the hosting department.

The floor was turned over to Ivan Nevils and Bill Howe for the election of officers.

Officers for 1989-90 in District 9A are Charles (Tug) Sutton, Chairman; and John Bogue, Sec./Treas.

Chairman Sutton suggested that the District buy a new briefcase for the Secretary. Motion was made and seconded that the Secretary buy himself a new briefcase with District funds.

Onward Fire Department announced a Chicken Fry on Sept. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m.

John Bogue announced there will be a District 9A Vehicle Rescue Class on Aug. 19 & 20.

The next district meeting will be held at Walton Fire Dept. on Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned and turned over to Ron Holcomb, Logansport Fire Department Training Officer.

John Bogue
District Sec.

District 9B, con't from page 18.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were: Willis Johnson of Brookston, Mike Hill of Chalmers, Bill Howe-PRNW. Streamlight Jr. flashlight donated by George Walda was won by Chip Shields of Reynolds.

Program on Accident Scene Preservation and the Blue Light Law was presented by Jay Harker of the Indiana State Police.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Next meeting is Sept. 14, at the Winamac Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

Sec./Treas.
Dennis J. Risner

DISTRICT 3

Regular meeting, district 3, Thurs., Aug. 17, at the Kingsford-Union Fire Station.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bob Bentley. There were 21 members representing 8 departments in attendance. The pledge was led by host Chief Bob Harris.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PRNW; Duane Lantz, State Chaplain; George Walda, Universal Fire Apparatus FMC; and Bruce Yonkers, Secretary, IAAI.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed.

Communications: None at this time.

Committee Reports: EDITH, Pete Sass - Minker has trailer but it is not done yet. We hope to complete by next year.

Prevention, Gary Ekart-nothing. Reminder of fire prevention week the week of Oct. 8th.

Old Business - none.

New Business - none.

Chairman Bentley reported on the state officers meeting. Workman's Compensation Insurance is NOT optional, it is mandatory for all VFDs. You must have it by July 31st if you have had it in the past. If you have not ever had it, you may apply at any time.

The health and accidental death benefit is to be raised to \$150,000. ISO Fire Ratings: 10 is lowest, 8 is the highest rating that will help reduce insurance premiums for homeowners. You may start filing for fires on state and federal highways now. The paperwork must go thru the SFMO.

Guests: Bill Howe, PRNW, stated that we have a communications gap within the SFMO. Pat Babbs had been moved to another position within the office and then back because of the backlog.

The Deputy Fire Marshal has been appointed from Marion Fire Department by Gov. Bayh. There have been several changes in the office and we will be advised here as we receive more. It was noted that you must have an appointment to see Marshal Dugan for any reason.

We seem to be faced with 2 big problems.

Requirements for any fire chief: At least a Master Firefighter in 4 categories that are most likely Tactics, Prevention, Fire Service Management, and Prevention.

A brick and mortar Academy which is proposed to cost at least 56 million dollars.

After much, much discussion on both of these subjects, Bob decided to pick a committee for the

study of what course of action we as a group need to take about these issues. We realize we cannot fight the chief's requirement totally as this would appear as though we were against training, which we are not. The committee appointed was as follows: Bob Bentley, Kingsford-Union; Duane Lantz, Scipio Twp.; Gary Ekert, Knox Center Twp.; Pam Combs, Bass Lake; Kevin Barber, Kingsford-Union; Dave Kaufman, Lincoln Twp.

We need to get in touch with our legislators and impress upon them what is going on. There will have to be hearings in each of our PR areas and we need to be there.

Duane Lantz says he has been very busy as of late attending to several memorials and fundraisers. Duane mentioned the possibility of designing a pin to give to the children of deceased members.

George Walda, Universal Fire Apparatus, thanked all for their support.

Bruce Yonkers notes that the Indiana Crime and Arson Assoc. has a 3/4" video available for PR use by FD's and announced the upcoming meetings.

Respectfully submitted
David G. Kaufman

DISTRICT 12

On May 15th, 1989, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Johnson at 7:05 p.m. with 34 members representing eleven departments present.

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain James Bruner and Sgt.-at-Arms Dick Johnson led the pledge to the flag.

Guests included PRWC Toddy and Helen Michl, Bob and Joann Hayes of Honey Creek and Chief Joe Miller of the host department.

Roll Call.
The minutes of the previous meeting and our resolutions were read and approved. The Financial report was given. Both were accepted as read.

Refreshments provided by the host department were served at this time and the meeting was called back to order at 7:40 p.m.

No old business.
New business: Secretary Bogen presented \$125 to the mother of our district 12 Miss Flame for contest expenses. It was stated that our resolution for adoption at the Annual Meeting arrived too late. We deleted the word *resolution* and gave our chairman permission to read the proposal on the floor. Our other resolution to change the name of the State Association to Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association was defeated on the grounds that it would be too costly.

Chairman Johnson reminded everyone that all firefighters should be covered under the Workman's Compensation Medical insurance program. Have confirmation in writing from your town board or township trustee that your department is covered by insurance.

We received 41 applications for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. Twenty-seven were rejected and 14 accepted for review.

Jerry Hansen is our new EMS State Director. There are 41 states who are members of the National Fire Academy.

Chairman Johnson gave a report on fire bills that were passed and all the information will be published in the association newspaper.

Toddy Michl, our PRWC, presented information on changes that are planned at our Annual Meeting.

2nd Roll Call.
Chairman Johnson informed us

of the death of member Jack Dotts.

Chief Joe Miller of the host department introduced the local firefighters. Wanda Johnson introduced the Ladies Auxiliary who served the refreshments.

Next district meeting will be at Mooresville Vol. Fire Dept. July 17th. The district officers election will be held at that time.

Good of the Order. Decatur Twp. Fire Dept. will be hosting a Marsh Foodliner dinner, March 19th. Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept. Fish Fry will be held June 22, 23, 24. Cartesburg Vol. Fire Dept. Fish Fry is on June 15, 16, 17.

One 50/50 drawing was won by Jim Jordan.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Charles Bogden
12th District Sec. & Tres.

District 3, con't from page 13.

Committee Reports:

EDITH, Pete Sass, nothing new. Prevention, Gary Ekart - Reminder that Fire Prevention Week is the week of October 8th to the 14th. Starke County Association will be having several things going on throughout the county.

Old Business: None

New Business: The VCR is working, it just needed cleaning.

Guests:

Bruce Yonkers, Sec. IAAI, announced the annual meeting will be October 18, at the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Inspectors association will meet for District 1 in Rensselaer on Dec. 6 and will have a guest speaker on Underground Storage Tanks.

Ivan Nevil, State V.P., reminded us of the raise in the Federal death benefit. There will be an automatic autopsy and if any drug or alcohol is found, the claim will be denied.

Unofficially, the SFMO would support legislation to mandate requirements for fire chiefs. The IVFA may suggest only 2 certifications be mandatory, Tactics and Fire Service Management.

IVFA will also recommend re-codifying all Indiana Codes that pertain to the Fire Service to get them all in the same section.

Ivan again reminded all that the mailing for Workmans Compensation serves as the bill and that you must have it. It is not optional.

The SFM does support the idea of a training academy. There are now 2 options being the existing law enforcement facility or the 4H buildings at the State Fair Grds.

Ivan advised us that we as the state IVFA would request any and all fire departments to report to the state officers any refusals from the SFMO. Send copies of your requesting letter and the letter of refusal or communication of that sort to them. They are building a documentation file of problems with the SFMO. The file will be forwarded to the Governor as is deemed necessary. Marshal Dugan was not very receptive to this when he was informed of the plan.

Make sure your beneficiary forms are correct. Be sure to update them as soon as changes occur or the wrong person may receive the benefit should you be killed.

District 9A Happening



Isador Davis is presented the Midwest Fire & Safety Award by Ivan Nevils, July 27, 1989 at Onward Fire Dept.

Ivan noted the recent IFC convention in Indianapolis was a success as they have again signed with Indianapolis for the 1996 or 1997 convention.

Ivan was also re-appointed to the State EMS Commission representing Volunteer Firefighters.

Bill Howe, PRNW, states Marshal Dugan was at the 9B meeting and stated that the 4 categories for chiefs was incorrect. He also stated that weekend fire schools would continue. He stated that rumors to the contrary were unfounded. What do we believe???

Wayne Township will host the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting at the Airport Holiday Inn on Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1. Your appearance would be appreciated.

Laney again needs articles for the newspaper. Get them to him soon if you have any.

Mitch Parish, chairman district 9B, spoke on other rumors covered at the 9B meeting. The possibility of a retirement program to be funded from an outside source and the possibility of the academy being funded by a 1% in-state insurance surcharge.

Ed Cook, State Representative - D-9th reminds us that this will be a short legislative session and IVFA as a whole needs to set its priorities soon. He will speak to the Governor about the previously mentioned problems.

For the Good of the Order:

There were no deaths or injuries to note in our district.

The National Volunteer Fire Council will meet in Indianapolis on Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1 at the Wayne Township Fire Dept.

Dave Kaufman announced that the LaPorte County Chief's Association has been in contact with the SFMO and have tentatively set up a Master Category Class to be taught in LaPorte County in early 1990. He thinks it will be Fire Service Management and will have more as the information comes in.

It was noted that Kankakee Twp. again won the Schererville Softball Tournament. Good going District 3!!!

Announcements:

Hamlet Fire Dept. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sept. 24.

Springfield Twp. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sept. 24.

Westville FD Pork Chop Dinner on Oct. 14.

Ivan Nevil then presented a 50 year gold card to a member of the Knox Department. He joined the fire service in June of 1939 and is still an active member. Congratulations!!!

The next meeting will be held at the Springfield Township Fire Station on Thursday, October 19, 1989, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

A member from Knox won the 50/50. We added \$20 to our treasury.

A program was presented on the Fire Tact system of training by Gary Ekert. Starke County Association recently purchased the system.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 9:20 p.m. to a meal of roast pork as prepared by a Knox Firefighter.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Kaufman
Secretary

CLEARING THE SMOKE

From the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services—New Redbook printed. . .with the certification rules which became lawful on June 26, 1989 from the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education. Mailings may begin around September 25, 1989 to each fire department and purchaser of 2nd Class Firefighter standardized instructor guides. Fire chiefs and instructors should review the procedures for meeting certification standards and submitting applications.

Instructor 2nd Class before Instructor 1st Class. . . is more clearly defined by the Board in the certification rules which completed their promulgation process. A certified fire fighter with at least two years' experience shall start with the two-day, 16-hour course for Instructor 2nd Class. The four-day, 32-hour course is then required to move upward from Instructor 2nd Class to Master Firefighter—Instructor 1st Class. See new Redbook.

60-Hour Master Firefighter—Wildland Fire Suppression course . . . is scheduled by the Department of Natural Resources for January 27, 28; February 10,

11, 24, 25; and March 10, 11, 1990 at their Fire Headquarters near Martinsville. To be eligible for registration into this master firefighter course, students must be certified as a fire instructor (either 2nd or 1st class) and have completed the 8-hour course *Introduction to Wildland Firefighting* from DNR. This is the charter class for the new certification category. There is no registration fee. Call DNR Fire Headquarters at 317/342-4701 for registration information.

Instructors please note . . . when a firefighter is certified, that same number will remain with the firefighter if he becomes a member of a different department. Only the fire department identification number will change. There has been a rash of issuing new numbers to firefighters who were previously certified on another fire department or during the "grandfather clause" and the 2nd Class Firefighter applications did not indicate it. Please write in the certification number or make a notation for our staff to check records before another number is assigned.

FUNDING RESTORED

WASHINGTON, D.C. The U.S. House of Representatives voted today to restore \$1,095,000 in stipends for student travel to the National Fire Academy and \$2.5 million to the U.S. Fire Administration's Fire Prevention and Arson Control program. This would restore both programs to 1989 funding levels.

Congressman Curt Weldon, Honorary Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Institute, called the vote "an important indication that Congress will not allow the attrition of funding for national fire programs to continue."

Threatened cuts in student travel stipends focused Congress' attention on this program which allows career and volunteer firefighters to attend the National Fire Academy at minimal cost.

"The stipend program has been a critical component of the federal fire focus. Cutting that program would be tantamount to severing the fire service's lifeline to the National Fire Academy," Weldon said.

The Senate is expected to vote on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's budget before Congress recesses in August.

Future of Your Dept. ?

The piercing siren whistles from the high roof top of the fire station. "Smoke showing from a structure" cries out the Dispatcher's voice, giving the address in her next breath. Time lingers. . . no one responds to the Dispatcher's call. A second announcement is made, only this time she adds in terror, "A possible infant entrapment." Another minute passes by. . .still no response.

Is this the future of your fire department? Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. (VFIS) is very concerned about the future of firefighting. Junior firefighters are our future of firefighting across America. Not only are junior firefighters associated through fire companies, the Boy Scouts of America devised an Explorer Program for teenagers to become involved with community progress.

To escalate the enthusiasm of

our young firefighters, VFIS devised a Junior Firefighting Excellence Award Contest. This year is our fourth year of the contest with previous winners from Mass., Maine, Ohio, Calif., Georgia, and New York. VFIS has had such a terrific response in the past, receiving entries from 49 states. The winners of the contest are awarded \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third. They receive the money, and they also are given a top-quality engraved plaque. All applications must be received in our York, PA office by December 1, 1989.

For contest applications and/or further information concerning this program, please contact VFIS at P.O. Box 2726, York, PA 17405, telephone 1-800-233-1957; or 717-741-0911 and ask for Tamela Monroe.

FIRE SERVICE BILL OF RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—With fire trucks as his backdrop and Ben Franklin at his side, Congressman Curt Weldon announced today the introduction of the Benjamin Franklin Memorial Bill of Rights, an historic piece of legislation to protect America's fire fighters.

Joined at the press conference on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol by a dozen House colleagues and leaders of major fire service organizations, Weldon announced that the bi-partisan legislation will provide over \$80 million in benefits to fire fighting groups and organizations across the nation. Benjamin Franklin, founding father and fire service pioneer, was also in attendance to support the legislation in his honor.

"It's high time the federal government got behind our country's fire fighters," declared Weldon, the Chairman of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus. "The programs provided for in the Fire Service Bill of Rights will give the fire fighters of America a degree of support which they have never before had from the federal government."

Among the many provisions of the bill which will directly benefit individual fire fighters is a scholarship fund for the families of fire fighters killed in the line of duty. All funding for this "revenue neutral" legislation will come from the sale of a set of commemorative coins to honor the 200th anniversary of the death of Benjamin Franklin. The coins will be issued by the U.S. Mint. The sale of the coins is expected to generate some \$100 million, of which \$20 will be donated to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA.

"I am proud to lead the charge for this legislation, which will protect American's fire fighters," said Weldon.

LIFELINE COPTER VISITS



The Methodist Hospital LifeLine Helicopter paid a visit to an inservice for Burlington Fire Department EMS personnel and St. Joseph Hospital Medics on July 18th this year.

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HOOSIER FIREFIGHTERS, TELEVISION STARS

Reprinted from the Lafayette Journal and Courier, by Kathie Schuckel.

MOROCCO—Firefighters usually spend their time fighting fires, not fending off fans.

But that's just what volunteer firefighters for Lincoln Township in Newton County may be doing, once word gets around that they will be actors in a segment of the America's Most Wanted television show.

America's Most Wanted features re-enactments of unsolved crimes, with the hope that viewers can help locate the wanted suspects. A toll-free number—(800) 274-6389—is available for viewers to call in if they have any leads on the crimes depicted.

Firefighters will share the spotlight with area police and several local people in the five-minute segment for the show.

The unsolved crime in Newton County involves a body found in a burning car's trunk Jan. 9, 1988.

The prime and only suspect for the crime is Joey Higgins, 27, a former Portage native who owned the car. State police Detective Bill Kreuger said officials suspect Higgins faked his death so that his family could collect life insurance benefits.

A charred body was found by firefighters when they pried open the trunk after extinguishing the fire.

Francis C. Perrin III was identified as the victim a week after the car was discovered. The 19-year-old was hitchhiking to his home in Sioux City, Iowa from Kankakee, Ill.

Officials believe Higgins put Perrin in the trunk and started the fire so that the body would be badly burned and unidentifiable, Kreuger said.

Kreuger said he contacted the producers about the idea to film the segment about a month ago.

"About 50 percent of the fugitives we profile are captured as a result of viewer tips," producer/director Tom Shelly said.

Kreuger said, "As of right now, we have no idea where Joey Higgins is. We do know he contacted relatives this past Christmas and is alive. Filming this segment means his identity and picture will be broadcast all over the United States."

The firefighters and local police were filmed for more than three hours Wednesday afternoon.

Just positioning the car to be burned and the Newton County squad car took 15 minutes. Rehearsals before filming were meticulously worked out with care to get the best camera angle and the best way to represent what really occurred. The rehearsals were especially important because the car could be doused with fuel and burned just once.

Despite the need to repeat lines again and again, such as, "Officer, we've got a body in here," all action was done in the spirit of colleagues. No tempers flared, and people cheerfully repeated steps.

And there was plenty of joking to make the afternoon go quickly.

Cameraman Tom Vlodek announced as soon as the car was set afire to be filmed, "Well, we've got to take our union break now." Four other men from Chicago also assisted in the filming and staging of the event.

Newton County police officer Jerry Burman, who investigated the crime, talked with the director about how he should react on camera when he first views the reenactment.

"Do you want us to say what we

really said? That would just be about five minutes of bleeps," he said, grinning.

Shelly praised the actors, telling them they deserved Academy Awards for their performances: "You guys were mah-velous."

The audience of about 20 friends and relatives chuckled.

The film location was in the same remote spot where firefighters found the burning car on that Saturday morning more than a year ago. The site was seven miles east and five miles north of Morocco on County Road 200 North.

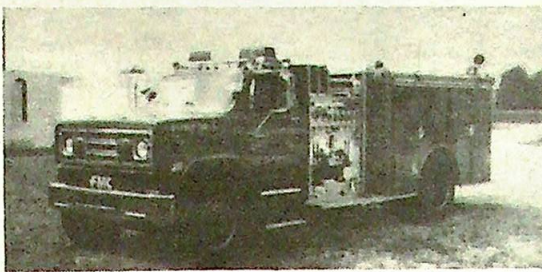
Shelly, now living in Los Angeles but originally from Bloomington, said, "We always make a point to work with the people involved in the crime as closely as possible."

N. Bruce Howe Jr. Lifetime IVFA Card Given



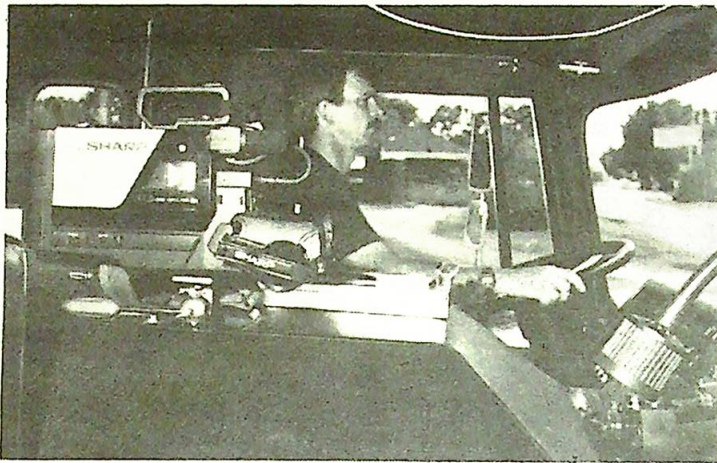
N. Bruce Howe Jr. from Winona Lake Volunteer Fire Department was presented a Lifetime IVFA membership card at the May Dist. 5 meeting held at Winona Lake. IVFA President Lawrence Swartz and PRNE Bill Kinsey were on hand.

SWAYZEE'S NEW PUMPER



Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of a new pumper. It is a 1989 FMC Starfire model, mounted on a 1989 GMC chassis. The unit has a 1000 gpm pump, 1000 gal. tank, high-side compartments, 20 foot 5" maxi-flex hose, five 2 1/2" discharges, two 1 1/2" preconnects, 200 foot 1" booster, all equipped with Task-Force nozzles. Truck is powered by 230 hp turbocharged Detroit Diesel with a 5-speed manual transmission.

Chesterton Installs Video Capability



Lt. Scott Wynder is pictured in the cab of Engine 58.

Members of the Chesterton Fire Dept. recently installed a VHS video camera in the cab of Engine "58." The camera was purchased three years ago to be used for training, large fires and other incidents but most of the time it was left in the office or the firefighters on the scene were too busy to use

it. Now as a semi-permanent part of the Engine it can be started at the beginning of a call, record all radio traffic and be aimed at the fire or other incident on arrival. It is mounted on a swivel base that can be turned 180 degrees or can be easily removed for portable operation. Photo by Tim Walsh

CHEMICAL COURSE OFFERED IN FT WAYNE

A course, The Chemistry of Hazardous Materials, will be given on Dec. 4 through 15, 1989 at the Parkview Northeast Building, 2529 Curdes Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana. The course is provided by the National Fire Academy through funds from the "SARA" training grant.

This two-week training provides the basic knowledge required to evaluate the potential hazards and behaviors of materials considered to be hazardous for one or a combination of reasons.

Directed at the underlying reason for the chemical behavior of hazardous materials, the course is designed to improve decision-making, safety operations, and handling. The course is heavily chemistry oriented.

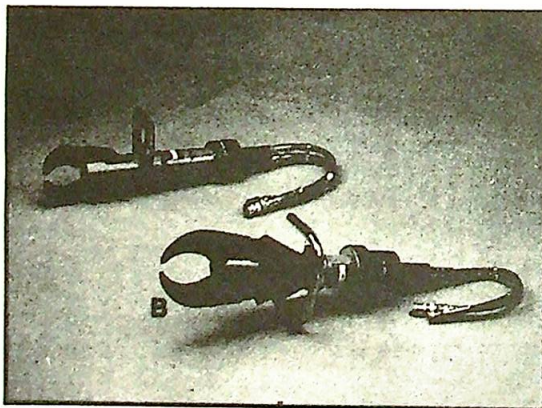
Sponsored by the Indiana State Fire Marshal John Dugan and hosted by the Fort Wayne Fire Department, Fire Chief Tom Adams, there is no fee for this course but students will be responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals.

For further information, call 317-232-2471 and ask about the Chemistry of Hazardous Materials Class.

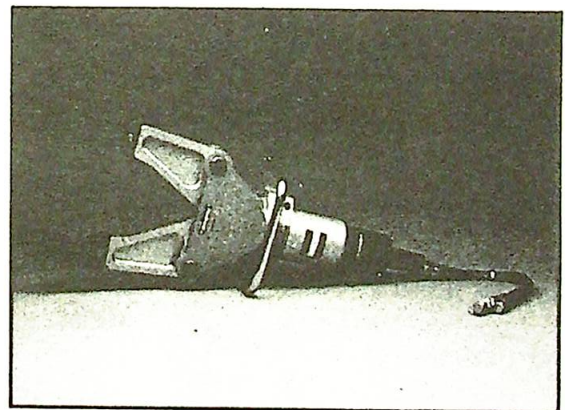
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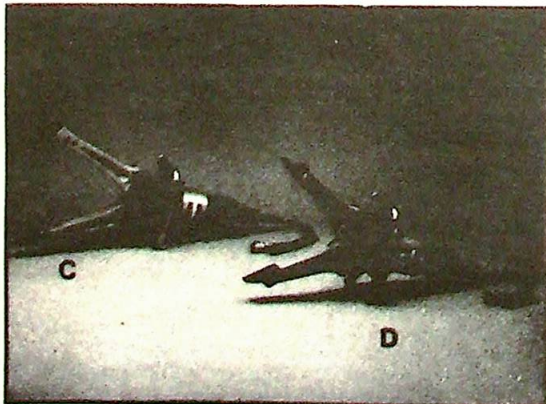
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CHIEF LAID TO REST



Photo by Melanie McCullough

From the Decatur Daily Democrat, July 29, 1989.

Cedric L. Fisher, the retired 27-year Decatur Fire Chief who died Tuesday, July 25th at the age of 77, took his final ride on a fire truck July 28th, 1989.

Pallbearers placed the former fire chief's casket atop a 1952 Maxim fire truck at Haggard & Armes Funeral Home. The truck,

purchased new when Fisher was chief, is kept at the station. The fire truck then followed a Decatur police car and another fire truck past the city fire station early Friday afternoon en route to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, where funeral services were held.

A firefighter's memorial service took place the night before.

AWARDS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Congressional Fire Services Institute has announced the formation of an awards program to enable Members of Congress to recognize those individuals and groups who perform a unique or special service within their community.

The certificate style award is available for the following:

COMMUNITY SERVICE To recognize an individual or group for their special contribution at a specific time and place (e.g. a family who took in a family victimized by fire until their home was again habitable, a local service group provides special assistance to the local fire or EMS unit).

HEROISM To recognize an individual who exhibits courage and bravery in the saving of a LIFE endangered during the course of a fire or other type of emergency service response.

LENGTH OF SERVICE To recognize an individual or group for their length of service in the area of fire and life safety. The minimum length of service to qualify would be ten (10) years. (e.g. the twentieth anniversary of a fire company, the twenty-fifth

anniversary of service by an individual to an ambulance squad).

SPECIAL EVENT To recognize an individual or group for a specific event which contributes to the improvement of the fire safety discipline. (e.g. a constituent publishes an article or book on fire safety, the local fire or EMS unit is recognized statewide or nationally for some achievement)

The awards are provided by CFSI at no charge. They are provided to Members of Congress to recognize constituents for the unique service they provide. The intent is for Members of Congress to personally sign the document and present it locally to the honored individual or group.

To request a certificate contact Lynne Schlinkman, CFSI Office Manager, giving her the name, affiliation, and type of award to be prepared along with the Member of Congress' name and a staff contact. Further details on the program can be obtained by contacting Bill Jenaway, Director of External Affairs at CFSI.

Address: Congressional Fire Services Institute, 900 2nd St. NE, Suite 207, Washington, D.C. 20002, Phone: 212-371-1277 and FAX 202-682-FIRE.

ARSON CHARGED

Reprinted from the Aug. 12, 1989 Evansville Courier. Written by Dan Armstrong, staff reporter.

An Evansville man was charged with arson after fire destroyed his home and he filed for more than \$126,000 from his insurance company.

Lt. Dave Ludwig of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department said Curtis Ray Bass, 40, was arrested at 3:30 p.m. yesterday at the sheriff's substation.

A fire on Tuesday destroyed Bass' residence at 5610 N. St. Joseph Ave. The house reportedly was totally engulfed when the German Township Volunteer Fire Department arrived.

Ludwig said John Buckman, chief of the German Township volunteers, reported that an investigation by his department and the state fire marshal's office determined the fire was caused by arson.

Officials suspected arson because the fire appeared to have started in several areas of the house at the same time. Buckman theorized the fire was started with kerosene.

Surplus Property Available from GSA

Volunteer fire departments and rescue squads should apply now to their state surplus property agencies to get on the list of organizations eligible to receive donations of this material if and when it becomes available, even if there is no military base in the area. Property from all over the country and abroad can be obtained via a network of GSA regional distribution centers that supply state agencies. **COST INVOLVED**

While the "donation" program can mean substantial savings for eligible organizations, some costs are involved. Recipient organizations pay a service charge that includes handling, transportation and administration expenses involved in the property transfer. For example, a 6x6 truck, that could have been adapted for carrying large water tanks, was available as surplus property a few months ago. Since it was stationed in Europe, however, service charges amounted to \$6,000, well beyond the means of many small, rural fire departments.

APPLY NOW
GSA maintains regional offices in Boston; New York; Philadelphia; Atlanta; Chicago; Overland Park, Kans.; Fort Worth; Denver; San Francisco; Auburn, Wash.; and Washington, D.C. Interested volunteer fire departments and rescue squads can contact the nearest GSA office to apply for eligibility status.

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TWO DAY SEMINAR IN CHESTERTON

The Chesterton Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a two day Seminar on Incident Command presented by Phoenix, Arizona Chief Alan V. Brunacini. The Seminar will be held on January 20th and 21st at the Chesterton High School Auditorium. The fee for the event will be \$30 with advanced registration. For more information please contact Asst. Chief Warren Highwood, Chesterton Fire Dept., 702 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304. The telephone number is area code 219-926-3640

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TWO NEW TRUCKS IN WINAMAC



The Winamac Volunteer Fire Department announced that the 20 man department is making remarkable progress. They recently acquired a 1989 GMC stainless tanker and a 1988 GMC

4x4 grass truck. They will be housed in the Fire Station built in 1982. These acquisitions were possible through the contributions from area businesses, the Town of Winamac and interested citizens.

DRY HYDRANT



Reprinted from the Odon Journal, Aug. 23, 1989.

Local firemen feel that response time and effectiveness of the township volunteers has been greatly enhanced recently with the acquisition of a newer tanker, installation of a dry hydrant at a pond south of Raglesville and stationing an older vehicle at a site in southern Van Buren Township.

Madison Township Trustee Edward Ferguson recently purchased a 1,500 gallon tanker to replace an obsolete military six wheel drive vehicle which has been in operation here for the past several years. The tanker, mounted on an F-700 Ford chassis, was purchased from a department in Crothersville, Indiana. Members of the department have been modifying the stainless steel tank and preparing the truck over the past few weeks and the unit is now in service.

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Loogootee Fire Destroys Building, 6 Businesses

Reprinted from the Oct. 2, 1989 Washington Times-Herald, Washington, IN from staff reports.

A fire in Loogootee early Sunday evening destroyed several offices and apartments.

According to official reports, the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call at 6:16 p.m. Sunday of a fire at 206 JFK Ave. When firefighters arrived they found a grease fire in one of three apartments in the building. Three firefighters with one truck remained on the scene after the fire was thought to be extinguished, but they discovered fire still burning in a cabinet. The blaze roared back to life when exposed to oxygen and at 9:10 p.m. a second alarm was sounded at the location.

The building was considered a total loss before the second blaze could be brought under control. Several offices were located in the building owned by Glen and Louise Nolan, in addition to the three apartments. The businesses included Nolan Construction, Nolan Enterprises, Don Nolan Masonry Contracting, Coldwell-Wagner Agency, Hayes, Hayes and Dant, and McAtee Insurance. Also housed in the building were the records of Perry Township Trustee, John McAtee. These records were also reportedly lost.

Louise Nolan said this morning that the fire originated in one of the apartments when the tenant left a pan of grease on the stove. She said furnishings were moved out of the building, but the items were returned after the initial blaze was thought to be extinguished.

Fire Chief Huebner explained the difficulty firefighters encountered in battling the blaze. "The building was stone with a slate roof which had a gable added. We had to go through three ceilings to get to the fire. We almost had to let the fire burn through the roof before we could get at it to fight it," he said.

Twenty-nine men, including the snorkel truck from the Navy at Crane and Civil Defense units fought the blaze. There were no injuries and units remained on the scene until 2 a.m.

District 3, con't from page 6.

Prevention, Gary Ekart - Starke County has their trailer set up at the Starke County Fair. He believes it to be one of the best displays there. They are giving away balloons and smoke detectors at the display.

New business: Andy Bjornberg, is looking for an old 3 1/2" guage, pike poles, etc. for an old apparatus that someone is trying to refurbish. If you have anything, let him know.

Dave Zeman, Westville, advises that they have had 2 recent arson fires. He would like to thank Mike Mollenhauer and Bob Deveraux from LaPorte County Police as well as Brad Sandberg from the SFMO for great cooperation on the investigations.

Bob Esserman, chairman, district 1, states the new Fire Marshal recently had a chiefs roundtable to find priorities. Training seems to be number 1. The Marshal states that he reports to the governor direct and not to Col. Coffee. He has many openings in his office as of now. He will be getting around to departments to see what is going on. It was also stated that the deputy marshal will be from the volunteer service.

Elections: The meeting was then turned over to Bill Howe, PRNW, for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary/treasurer for the district for 1989-1990.

Nominations for chairman were: Robert Bentley, K-U; David Kaufman, Lincoln; and Douglas Miller, Center.

Both Kaufman and Miller declined the nomination and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Bentley.

Chairman Bentley then spoke about many changes that he would like to see take place. The host department will now be responsible for the program after the meeting. Bob also wants to put newspaper coordinators in place to make sure articles get into the IVFA paper. We will now have meeting minutes mailed to all departments as we did several years ago combined with the meeting notice. Bob also would like to add a PR committee.

Nomination for secretary/treasurer was David Kaufman, Lincoln. Chairman Bentley cast a unanimous ballot for David Kaufman.

Guests: Bill Howe, PRNW announced the state membership in 1988-89 was 16,205 which is higher than the last 5 years.

Bill advises that the State now has the first class lesson plans available. Some that have used them do not like them. Bill also reminded all departments that the workman's compensation insurance must be paid within 30 days of billing and an intent of claim must be filed within 7 days of injury.

The new state officers of the association are: President - Pete Lockhart, Vice President - Ivan Nevill, Recording Secretary - John Dargous. All other state officers were retained.

Bill also advises us that the state association is in good shape financially. We have \$313,838 in total assets.

Mike Mollenhauer, LaPorte County Police, passed.

Duane Lantz, State Chaplain, reports he went to Bass Lake with some other State Officers and welcomed them back into the association. He also had a memorial at Highland.

Bob Esserman, chairman, district 1, advises us to be sure your dues are being paid on time. The rule to have to have dues paid on time for three straight years is not IVFA's. This was a condition of the grant from the Bridgeport Fire Department. Bob noted that as of July 10th only 50% of the dues were in.

George Walda, Universal Fire Apparatus, thanked all for their support and donated a streamlight junior as a door prize.

For the Good of the Order: There were no deaths or serious injuries to report.

Announcements: Scipio Twp. Fish Fry - July 22nd. Kingsford-Union Firemen's Ball - August 19th at Fairgrounds. Lincoln Township Steak Fry & Open House - Sept. 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Kaufman
Secretary

DISTRICT 12

The July meeting of district 12 was called to order by Chairman Don Johnson at 7 p.m., with 33 members representing 12 depts.

Guests included PRWC Toddy and Helen Michl, Bob and Joann Hayes from Honey Creek and John Davies, our new State Recording Secretary.

First Roll Call.

The meeting was interrupted for refreshments and resumed at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman Johnson yielded the gavel to Toddy Michl, who conducted the election of district officers. Don Johnson was nominated for District Chairman. He was unopposed and was elected unanimously.

James Thorpe was unanimously elected District Vice Chairman.

Charles Bogden was also unanimously elected District Secretary/Treasurer. This is his 35th year as district secretary.

Dick Johnson was unopposed for Sgt.-at-Arms and James Bruner was nominated as Chaplain. Both were elected unanimously.

Chairman Johnson read the State IVFA treasurer's report and indicated that he plans to make some changes at the next Annual Meeting.

After some discussion regarding changing our state logo to read Firefighters instead of Firemen, a motion was made by James Thorpe, seconded by Jim Bruner that we give Chairman Johnson permission to check into the copyright. Johnson was also instructed to obtain a dollar cost of the change. Motion was carried.

The 12th district proudly had the largest delegation at the recent Annual Convention.

Our PRWC Toddy Michl stated that he has been asked why police are allowed red & blue lights. He reminded members present that the new law allows this for the police and volunteer firefighters are not to display blue lights.

The following departments will host the district meetings for 1989-90:

Sept. 18 - Clayton VFD

Nov. 20 -

Jan. 15 - Wayne Twps #2

March 19 -

May 21 -

July - Decatur TVFD #4

Members were asked by Chairman Johnson to consider what kind of school they wanted and to be prepared to vote for one only at the next meeting.

Firefighters from the host department were introduced by Chief James Bruner.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Charles Bogden
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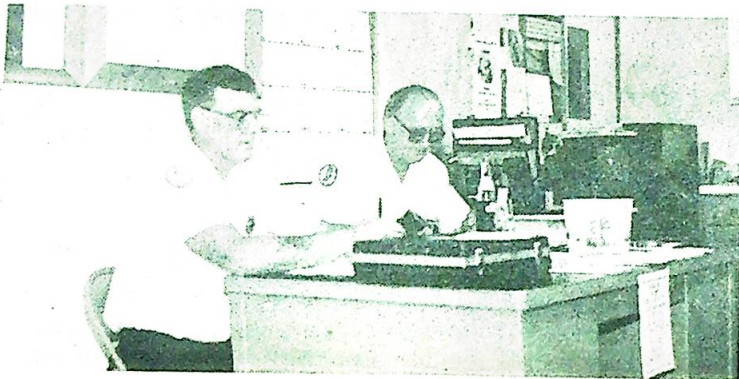


Another view of the aftermath of the fatal explosion in Bloomington that resulted in 2 deaths. See page 1 for story.



Destruction from the Bloomington explosion. See page 1.

DISTRICT 9A ELECTION



Charles "Tug" Sutton was elected district 9A Chairman and John Bogue was chosen Secretary & Treasurer.

ACCESS TO FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY

by Carolyn Perroni

Apparatus and other equipment costs are a major portion of a volunteer fire department's budget. Anything that can help offset these costs allows the department to accomplish a little more with its limited resources.

The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, makes it possible for the Government to donate surplus property to non-federal public agencies. This includes volunteer fire departments and rescue squads supported by their respective local governments.

If passed, a bill (HR-377) introduced early this year by Representative Gerald Solomon (R-NY) would open the program to independent, non-profit volunteer departments and rescue squads as well. Cosponsored by at least 60 other members of Congress, the legislation was awaiting action in the Government Operations Committee when this column went to press.

THE PROGRAM

Under the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program run by the General Services Administration (GSA), eligible organizations can receive donations of used equipment, ranging from office furniture to trucks. Surplus property agencies at the state level serve as the conduit for items donated under the program.

To get on the list to receive available surplus property, a volunteer fire department or rescue squad must apply to its state surplus property agency. If the organization meets the requirements, the state agency certifies

its eligibility to acquire surplus property under the program.

"FAIR AND EQUITABLE" RULE

Eligible fire departments and rescue squads must keep their state agencies informed about the kinds of vehicles, furniture and equipment they need. According to William Albee, chief of the GSA Utilization and Donation Branch, the federal government, and the individual state agencies, are charged under the law with "fair and equitable distribution" of available surplus property.

As a result, GSA does its best to ensure that when highly desirable and rarely available items like fire apparatus are available, no one department gets more than its share of donations. The agency keeps historical records on recipients of donations to assist in this effort.

The only exceptions are cases of emergency need, Albee says. For example, Albee has been working with a community in Texas to replace a truck they lost in a brush fire. The truck was obtained under the donation program for use in brush fire response. Since it was the only one of its kind in the community, its loss established an "emergency need."

The requirement for "fair and equitable distribution" means that some organizations may have to wait for years to get some items. That situation may change, however, in the near future. Plans to close a number of federal military bases may make available a sizable inventory of fire apparatus and other fire/rescue equipment.

25th Anniversary for Editor Laney

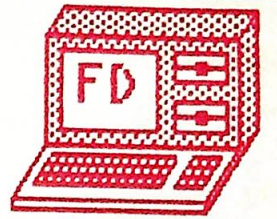
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Laney,

I was very interested in the article you ran in the July issue of *The Indiana Volunteer Fireman*. I had a particular interest in the ruling of Senate Bill 61. This bill made a provision for a Cumulative Building and Equipment Fund.

Our fire department is in the process of building a new fire barn and purchasing a new pumper. The main difficulty has been funding. We are at present holding all purchases until we are sure we are going to have the needed funds. I would very much appreciate any information you may have on acquiring or applying for these funds. If you don't have the information, please indicate some other persons I might contact.

I have enjoyed your publication and hope you will keep up the good work.

Thank you,
Scott Ratliff, Sec.
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Editor: Many of you have been through this process before. Drop Scott a line and help this department through their expansion.

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