

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1976

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The purpose of this "collection" was to create the background and research for the book *St. Matthews Firefighters, 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*, written by and published by Al Ring in 2004. The collection is continuing today, so if you should have old or new information on the St. Matthews Fire Department, please contact Al Ring.

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1976

January 1976: The department started a gasoline payback program for the firefighters.

January 1976: Pat Rhodes resigns from the department. He was later charged with arson and pleaded guilty to setting a string of fires in garages and a local car dealership last year.

January 1976: Membership committee: Frank Florence, Jack Monohan, Marty Kamer.

January 1976: Firefighter's Committee: Bill Andriot, Dave Kamer, Tim Golden, Rick Albers.

January 13, 1976: Former Captain Bill Dieckman rejoins the department. (Bill later moved on to become Fire Chief in Shelbyville, Kentucky and then to the Chief's position in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, until his retirement.)

January 8, 1976, *The Voice*:

Unknown.

Arson suspect arrested

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

A St. Matthews man has been arrested and charged with arson in connection with six garage fires that occurred during November and December.

St. Matthews Police Chief James Burton said local and Jefferson County police Tuesday morning arrested Patrick Joseph Rhodes, 22, at his 3919 Hycliffe Avenue home.

Tuesday afternoon, Rhodes remained in Jefferson County Jail under \$10,000 bond, with first call for trial in Jefferson Quarterly Court set for Monday, Jan. 26. Rhodes told police he is single and unemployed.

Burton said a month-long investigation and surveillance by St. Matthews police and county arson detectives led to the arrest.

He declined to give details of the investigation while Rhodes' case is pending in court, but said a breakthrough came when a St. Matthews police officer spotted a "suspicious" auto shortly after one of the fires.

Burton also said the investigation is continuing, and he did not rule out the possibility of further charges. However, he said conviction on the six charges filed would clear all the fires in the rash of local garage blazes around Thanksgiving.

St. Matthews City Council, at the request of local police, had offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the fires.

However, Burton said the reward offer did not bear fruit.

Fires late in November and early in December destroyed frame garages at 3942 Nanz Avenue, 3901 Alton Avenue, 3801 Grandview Avenue, 4018 Hycliffe Avenue, 3949 Massie Avenue and 3702 Grandview Avenue.

Man is charged with arson

Patrick J. Rhodes, 22, of the 3900 block of Hycliffe Avenue, was arrested about 7 a.m. Tuesday and charged with six counts of second-degree arson in connection with fires set in six St. Matthews-area garages during November and December.

According to police, Rhodes was arrested after an investigation by St. Matthews and Jefferson County police. Police said Rhodes was a former member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

January 8, 1976, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews fire alarms

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to 10 alarms during the week before Christmas, according to the department's official records.

Monday, Dec. 15, at 4308 Norbourne Blvd., odor of smoke, no fire.

Monday, Dec. 15, at 1101 Lyndon Lane, back up Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, Chenoweth Lane at U.S. 42, trash.

Thursday, Dec. 18, at 218 Clover Lane, false.

Friday, Dec. 19, at 4001 Dutchmans Lane, false.

Saturday, Dec. 20, Interstate 264 east at U.S. 42, trash.

Saturday, Dec. 20, at 248 Chenoweth Lane, false.

Saturday, Dec. 20, Wiltshire at Willis, auto fire, out on arrival.

Sunday, Dec. 21, Hubbards Lane at U.S. 42, auto.

Monday, Dec. 22, at 208 Breckinridge Lane, Apt. 2, odor of smoke.

In the following week's report, the volunteers listed these 12 runs:

Monday, Dec. 22, at 5000 Shelbyville Road, alarm malfunction.

Thursday, Dec. 25, at 4700 Kitty Hawk, electrical overload.

Friday, Dec. 26, at 5207 Tomahawk, overheated furnace.

Saturday, Dec. 27, Hubbards Lane at Massie, auto accident.

Sunday, Dec. 28, at 7014 Bear Creek Road, Mallgate, apartment.

Sunday, Dec. 28, rear, St. Matthews City Hall, dumpster.

Monday, Dec. 29, at 1620 Almara Circle, furnace motor.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 230 North Hubbards Lane, auto.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 419 Deerfield, odor in house, nothing found.

Thursday, Jan. 1, at 130 North Hubbards Lane, garage.

Thursday, Jan. 1, at 4600 Shelbyville Road, leaking hot water heater.

Saturday, Jan. 3, Hubbards Lane at Westport Road, auto.

January 8, 1976, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Jan. 8, 1976

Directors present:

J. C. Nuckols
Bill Andriot
Geo. Miller
John Monohan
Marty Kamer
Don Black

Minutes of meeting held on Dec. 11, 1975 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that minutes be accepted as read.

A financial report was given by Mr. Monohan. Mr. Miller made a motion to invest \$15,000 in Certificate of Deposit. Motion was seconded by Mr. Nuckols and so carried.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

January 15, 1976, *The Voice*:

Anti-busing group plans Indian Hills demonstration

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

Union Labor Against Busing (ULAB) plans a three-hour-long anti-busing march in the area of Indian Hills this Saturday or next.

There had been television news reports that ULAB would march in Indian Hills the following Saturday, but ULAB President Jack Shore said it will be this weekend. However, police officials could not confirm the change in plans.

Marchers will gather in the Indian Hills area Saturday before 10 am, Shore said, with the march along a route through the Indian Hills area lasting until about 1 pm and concluding with a rally in the neighborhood.

Shore said exact details of the gathering place, march route and rally location won't be worked out until the regular ULAB meeting tonight, Jan. 15.

He confirmed, though, that they will be in the affluent Indian Hills neighborhood, in the area surrounding Brownsboro Road and north of St. Matthews.

ULAB was sponsor of the Shelbyville road anti-busing march between Oxmoor Center and The Mall area last Dec. 13.

And as in that march, Shore explained this week, "we want to bring the (anti-busing) message to the East End. We need to get some support out there."

At an Oxmoor rally concluding the Dec. 13 demonstration, Shore and other ULAB spokesmen told of their concern that East End people weren't supporting the anti-busing cause. They also expressed the belief that management people and decision-makers who live in the East End, need to have the

anti-busing message brought to their doorstep.

At the time, anti-busing leaders said there would be more marchers in East End neighborhoods, but they refused to be specific about when or where.

The Shelbyville Road march was planned to hamper traffic and gain high visibility for ULAB during a congested pre-Christmas Saturday in the busy commercial area.

By coming to Indian Hills, one of the highest-value residential areas in Jefferson County, ULAB apparently hopes to reach some of the most affluent East End people in their homes.

Maj. Kenneth Graham, officer in

charge of the Jefferson County Police uniformed division, said he assumes police will work with ULAB, as they did before the Dec. 13 march, on matters of route and timing.

"We'll make whatever plans are necessary to protect the people and property," Major Graham said. The police official said he doesn't expect a massive police effort will be needed, since no major streets are likely to be blocked.

"It won't result in any gigantic roadblocks. In fact, we hope they'll agree to walk in the street, rather than in people's yards," Major Graham said on Monday.

January 15, 1976, *The Voice*:

Police to continue aid runs

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

St. Matthews police officers will continue, as in the past, transporting accident and injury victims to local hospitals, Police Chief James Burton announced this week.

Some area police officials had expressed concern about this practice in the light of a new state law governing emergency medical treatment. The law, that took effect Jan. 1, imposes strict requirements on personnel qualifications and ambulance equipment.

However, Burton said he requested and received an opinion from St. Matthews City Atty. J. W. Jones, and Jones has said he believes the law relates only to hospitals, nursing homes, ambulance services and similar functions that are primarily involved with medical care.

It does not, they believe, apply to the use of a police car, which is not primarily an ambulance, when it is needed to transport a victim quickly to the hospital.

"So I feel and have briefed our officers, that the city of St. Matthews should continue as it has in the past, using its own personnel and equipment for emergency services," Burton concluded.

Jeffersontown Police Chief Robert Gutman said there's been little change in emergency procedures there since Jan. 1. Jeffersontown police may take advantage of the Jefferson County Police emergency medical treatment (EMT) vans if they are readily available, Gutman said.

But Jeffersontown's officers — five of whom will be EMT-trained after a current course ends next week — have authority to decide to take victims directly to the hospital if the county EMT unit is not readily available, Gutman said.

St. Matthews patrolmen do not have EMT training but do receive Red Cross first aid training within the department.

St. Matthews fire alarms

St. Matthews volunteer fire fighters were called to assist the Louisville Fire Department at the scene of a Sunday morning fire that destroyed the roof of the Ursuline Motherhouse, 3105 Lexington Road.

The fire, reported about 8 am Sunday and said to have been caused by an electrical malfunction, was quickly brought under control. However, fire equipment that remained on the scene left Lexington Road barred to traffic until midafternoon.

There were no injuries in the fire, which affected a sleeping area and took place after the nuns who live there were up and busy elsewhere.

Other St. Matthews fire alarms last week, as listed in the department's official records, included:

Monday, Jan. 5, at 234 Norbourne Blvd., malicious false.

Friday, Jan. 9, at 204 Breckinridge Lane, child locked in bathroom.

Saturday, Jan. 10, Hubbards Lane at county quarry, truck on fire, out on arrival.

Saturday, Jan. 10, at 4090 Shelbyville Road, false.

Sunday, Jan. 11, at 3930 Grandview Avenue, false.

1976

January 20, 1976, Working fire 4008 Druid Hills Road.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.

No. 1995

FIRE REPORT

DATE 1/20/76 TIME OF ALARM 5:31 PM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 6:PM 7:00 (A.M. P.M.)

LOCATION 4008 DRUID HILLS RD APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE [X] APARTMENT [] COMMERCIAL [] OFFICE []

SMOKE [] FUMES [] LOCK OUT [] DRYER [] WASHER []

WEEDS [] TRASH [] OTHER []

RESUSCITATOR [] RESCUE [] WASH OFF []

BACKUP [] DEPT. _____

VEHICLE [] MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

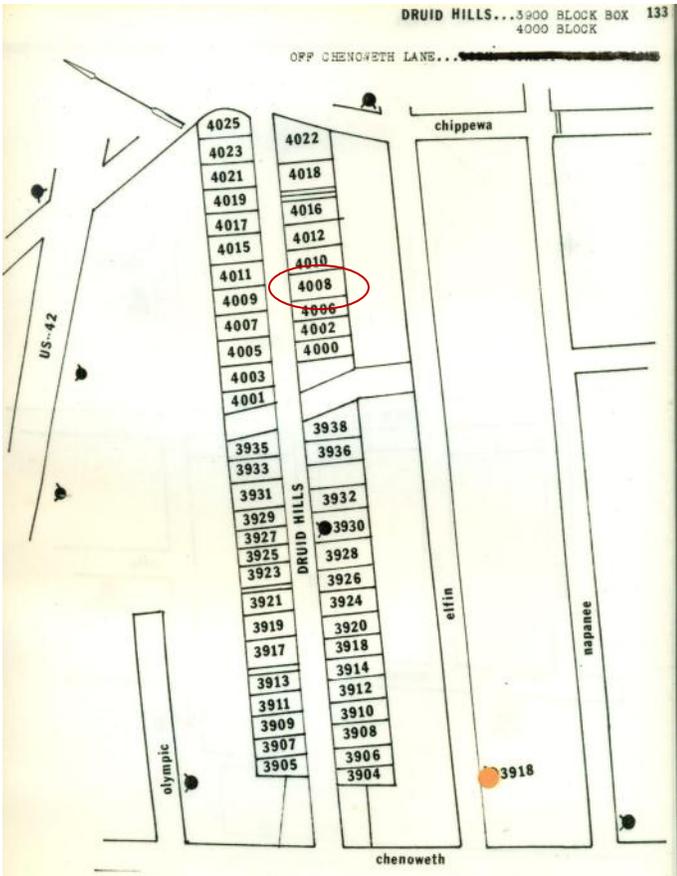
COMPANY RESPONSE 101 [] 102 [] 103 [X] 104 [X] 105 [] 108 [] 109 [] 36

REMARKS Two Rooms of Fire - used two

Boosters and 3" supply line

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief

REPORT WRITTEN BY CAPT RAKESTRAW



1976

January 22, 1976, *The Voice*:

Kennedy H. Clark Jr. of 215 Sequoia Road in Indian Hills, Cherokee Station, has been promoted from trust officer in the employe benefits department to vice president and trust officer. Vann I.

Former STMFD member.

St. Matthews fire alarms

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to eight fire alarms last week — six of them during one day — according to the department's official records.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 4001 Dutchmans Lane, Medical Plaza, child pulled fire alarm.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 4100 Shelbyville Road, false.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 3702 Hycliffs,

mailicious false.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 5055 Shelbyville Road, false.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 5600 Apache Road, wires down.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 3900 Elfin Road, wires down.

Thursday, Jan. 15, at 3930 Grandview, fire under floor in lounge.

Thursday, Jan. 13, at 114 Perryman, odor in house, no fire.

January 29, 1976, *The Voice*: I show this so you can see how Shelbyville Road looked at this time.

St. Matthews fire alarms

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to these alarms last week, according to the department's official records.

Monday, Jan. 19, at 4211 Shelbyville Road, gas leak.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 1101 Lyndon Lane, back up Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 4006 Druid Hills Road, home, kitchen and breakfast room.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 Dupont Way, Apt. 2, overheated refrigerator.

Saturday, Jan. 24, at 4140 Shelbyville Road, exhaust fan motor.

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2 DR. CPE.

1975 CHEV. MONZA
2 DR. HATCHBACK

1975 BUICK ELECTRA.
4 DR. H.T. BLACK

DON AUTO FORD SALES, INC.

1973 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX
2 DR. H.T. WHITE

1973 CHEV. MONTE CARLO
2 DR. H.T. Blue

1975 CADILLAC SDN. DEVILLE
4 DR. H.T. Yellow

BUY ON LOT SHELBYVILLE RD. — ACROSS FROM THE MALL PAY ON LOT

896-1743 OPEN 10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

1976

January 26, 1976, Working fire at Jim Booher Body Shop, 282 N. Hubbards Lane.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.

No 1999

DATE 1-26-76 TIME OF ALARM 2:16 PM FIRE REPORT 4:14 PM (25) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION Jim Booher Body Shop APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE [] APARTMENT [] COMMERCIAL [] OFFICE [] 811 Hubbards Ln

SMOKE [] FUMES [] LOCK OUT [] DRYER [] WASHER []

WEEDS [] TRASH [] OTHER []

RESUSCITATOR [] RESCUE [] WASH OFF []

BACKUP [] DEPT. 282 N. Hubbards Lane

VEHICLE [] MAKE [] MODEL [] TAG NO. []

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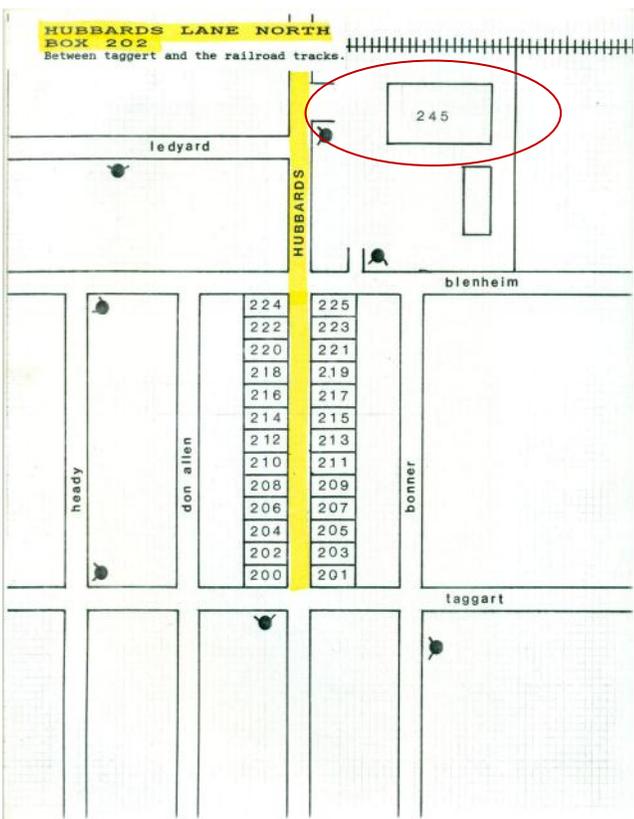
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REMARKS WORKING FIRE IN BODY SHOP, CAR AND REPAIRING, VIA LADDERS - AERIAL - VENT HOOD, PAN - YES 1 1/2" LINE - 2500' 2 1/2" LINES.

OFFICER IN CHARGE Capt. Al By REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt. Al By



Red circle shows where building would be located. Below picture of building today (2010)



1976

January 26, 1976, Working fire at Jim Booher Body Shop, 282 N. Hubbards Lane.

January 27, 1976: Firemen stop a train:

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Firemen stop a train

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department put out a fire reported at about 2 p.m. yesterday at the Jim Booher Body Shop, 242 N. Hubbards Lane, but not before enduring a few minutes of high tension concerning an oncoming Louisville & Nashville Railroad train.

Fire department officials had stretched hoses across the L & N tracks and later learned a train was headed their way.

A series of frantic telephone calls finally roused the L & N dispatch office, and the train was stopped. The fire destroyed one automobile, damaged two others and did minor smoke damage to the building.

January 26, 1976:

Great train race

1-26-76

Firemen worried about hoses on the track

For a few minutes it was vintage melodrama.

Firemen battling the blaze at the Jim Booher Body Shop. Two hoses stretched across the railroad tracks. Train on its way.

City-County Fire Alarm Office trying frantically to reach the Louisville & Nashville dispatcher to stop the train, before it literally cut the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department's water off.

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According to Capt. Al Ring, the St. Matthews department got the call about 2 p.m. yesterday, shortly after the fire began in an auto being serviced on a hydraulic lift.

Four units with a total of 30 members were dispatched to the shop at 211 Hubbards Lane, and the blaze was brought under control in about 20 minutes. The auto on the lift was destroyed, and an auto on each side of it was damaged.

Ring said there also was some damage to the roof, and some windows were broken, but the main structure was saved. "There was a lot more smoke than fire," he added, most of which came from burning tires.

Meanwhile, back at the fire alarm office in City Hall Annex, Sgt. George Hertel was on the switchboard when St. Matthews firemen informed him of their predicament: One of three hydrants being used was across the tracks from the body shop, which necessitated laying two 2 1/2 inch hoses across the L & N line.

"It was a little hairy there for a while," Hertel recalled. He first tried the number he is supposed to use to reach L & N in an emergency. The line was busy, so he asked for a supervising operator. He told the supervisor to interrupt the busy line on an emergency basis. She tried, but Hertel said, "We were told the lines to L & N were out of service."

Hertel said the operator then mentioned something about getting the police to help, and he decided to ask the police dispatcher to send a unit to L & N's downtown headquarters building with a message to stop the train.

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It just seemed longer.

Comments by Al Ring: I was officer of S5 and in charge of the fire, DeHart was engineer of S5. Eventually S6, S3 and S1 made the run. Heavy smoke was coming from everywhere when we pulled up. There was a huge garage door right in front with and office to the right. I know I talked with personal at the garage door and assume they told me where and what they thought the fire was. I ordered a 1 1/2 inch line through the front. We could not see what was burning but the smoke was jet black and very heavy. We were to advance through the front door. I also ordered window and back door ventilation. Without my knowledge DeHart put the ladder pipe up and got it ready for and aerial attack. Quickly advancing in the front we determined it was a car on a hoist in the air completely involved along with its tires causing the main smoke. Additions cars near it also were involved. The 1 1/2 inch line quickly handled it.

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Staff Photo by Billy Davis

A St. Matthews fireman coiled a hose after a fire at Jim Booher Body Shop was extinguished. Damage was relatively light.

1976

January 27, 1976: Firefighter Gary Butts and former Lieutenant Jim Jackson switch to inactive status.

February 1976: Joe Wheatley and Ran Florence are new applicants. Inactive member Jim Hytken rejoins.

February 6, 1976, Working fire 417 Kaelin Road.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2007

FIRE REPORT

DATE 2/6/76 TIME OF ALARM 9:05 ^{9:00} _{9:05} A.M. / P.M. TIME RETURNED 10:15 ^{10:15} _{10:15} A.M. / P.M.

LOCATION 417 KAELIN APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

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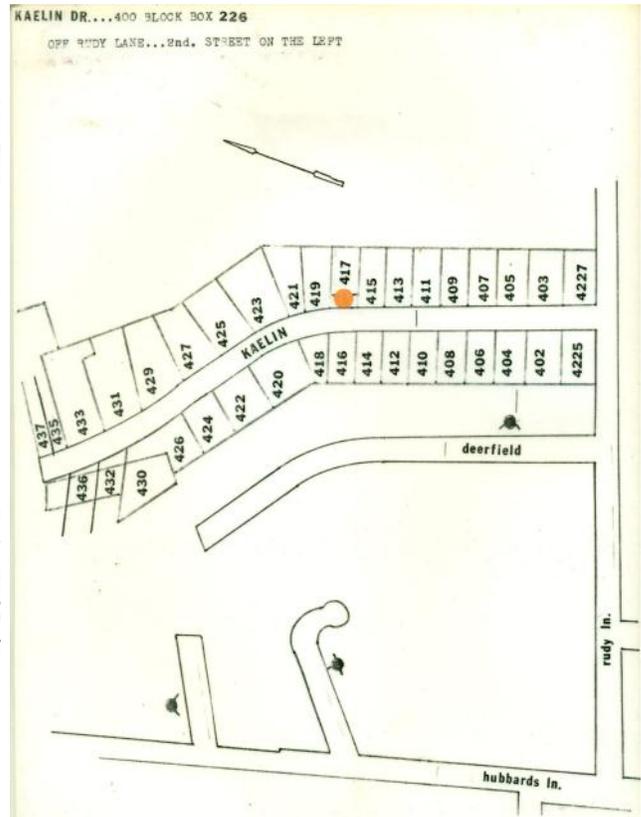
OWNER Thomas TARPEY

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Used Booster on couch fire
Neighbors Rescued 9 children & wife
Apparent cause: older child looking under
couch with candles

OFFICER IN CHARGE Majors REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Raczek



1976

February 12, 1976, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Feb. 12, 1976

Directors present:

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Marty Kamer	Phil Grauman
Bill Andriot	

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Mr. Andriot requested renewal of insurance on outside activities. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Black, that said insurance be purchased.

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that the Board give their approval for Mr. Andriot to proceed on making plans for a dinner-dance for the firemen. Motion so carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



February 12, 1976, Letter:

DIPLOMAT ARMS

165 Thierman Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40207

February 12, 1976

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
4114 Lyndon Way
Louisville, Ky. 40207

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for extinguishing the blaze in one of our apartments Monday night.

Your immediate response and efficient actions turned what might have been a major tragedy into a minor incident.

I doubt if many citizens really appreciate the dedication of the St. Matthews Volunteer Firemen or the time you give to the community until you are needed.

Having seen you men in action, I now know our property and our lives are in good hands.

Sincerely yours,



S. D. Stamper
Owner

February 19, 1976, *The Voice*:
Change in Crusade Policy

St. Matthews volunteers de-emphasize Crusade support

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

Terming it "a difficult, but necessary decision," the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has decided to sharply de-emphasize its support for the annual Crusade for Children.

"We're not going to quit it," explained Fire Capt. Al Ring. "We believe in it 100-percent. But we are fire fighters first, and that job has become so big; we just cannot put the kind of effort into the Crusade as we have in the past."

In recent past years, St. Matthews has made Crusade fund-raising a major, year-long effort with a variety of activities going on almost monthly.

St. Matthews and Pleasure Ridge Park fire departments had evolved a tradition of friendly competition to see which department would turn in the largest donation at the end of the annual television charity drive.

That contest, apparently, is ended.

"We'll be having no garage sales, no dances, no fund-raising activities which have taken up so much of our time," Ring added. "We had been doing a Crusade project a month. But we've regrettably decided that our primary function must remain fire fighting.

"We'll work ourselves to the bone" on Crusade collections during the last few days before the May 21 - 23 telethon, Ring added. And the department's newspaper collection bin remains open behind the Lyndon Way firehouse, with receipts from the recycling of old newspapers going to the Crusade fund.

"But what we've tried to do is reevaluate our position, and taking a good look at it we've realized we're already taxing our fire fighters, who are unpaid volunteers, to a tremendous limit."

In a related decision, St. Matthews volunteers have informed local neighbors there will be "absolutely no blowing of the fire truck siren" when the volunteers go through subdivisions collecting Crusade funds during the week prior to the telethon.

For 20 years, the sound of the siren was almost a symbol of Crusade week in St. Matthews, as volunteers noisily solicited contributions throughout the area.

But in fact, said Ring, the fire department decided "since for 51 weeks of the year, when we blow the siren, it's because we want people to get out of the way, it seemed inappropriate to blow it to raise money for one week."

The collections — without the siren — will be limited to Friday evening, May 21; Saturday, May 22, and possibly Sunday morning, May 23, Ring said.

St. Matthews fire alarms

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to a dozen alarms in the past two weeks, the department's official records reveal:

Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3:24 am, 400 Kresge Way, false.

Monday, Jan. 26, at 2:16 pm, Jim Booher Body Shop, 282 North Hubbards Lane, auto.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 8:08 am, 217 St. Matthews Avenue, electrical short.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 9:30 am, 4621 Shelbyville Road, false.

Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 5:24 pm, 5809

Prince William, false.

Saturday, Jan. 31, at 3:06 pm, 109 Don Allen, electrical outlet box.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 5:07 Oxford, auto.

Thursday, Feb. 5, at 4001 Dutchmans Lane, Suburban Hospital, malicious false.

Friday, Feb. 6, at 4102 Elmwood Avenue, light fixture.

Friday, Feb. 6, at 417 Kaelin Drive, couch in living room.

Monday, Feb. 9, at 4156 Shelbyville Road, gasoline washoff.

Monday, Feb. 9, at 165 Trierman Lane, couch.

1976

February 19, 1976, Working fire at 673 Indian Hills Road.

FIRE REPORT No. 2020

DATE 2-19-76 TIME OF ALARM 9:11 AM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 12:44 A.M. P.M. 20

LOCATION 63 Indian Hills Tr APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS Working House & Garage 2:00 - 8:54-8:56
8:57-8:57 - 2 AUMENI KAPLAN GARDEN - 1 QUAD PLOW
EXHIBIT - 1 AUMENI ROAD MICHIGAN IN ONE
PIKE HOUSE

OFFICER IN CHARGE Mat Mankin REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt. C. R. G.

FIRE REPORT No. 2021

DATE 2-19-76 TIME OF ALARM 6:08 PM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 6:33 A.M. P.M. 24

LOCATION 63 Indian Hills Trail Cav APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER Antarazine

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS Used booster on smoldering pile of
ashes from Run # 2020

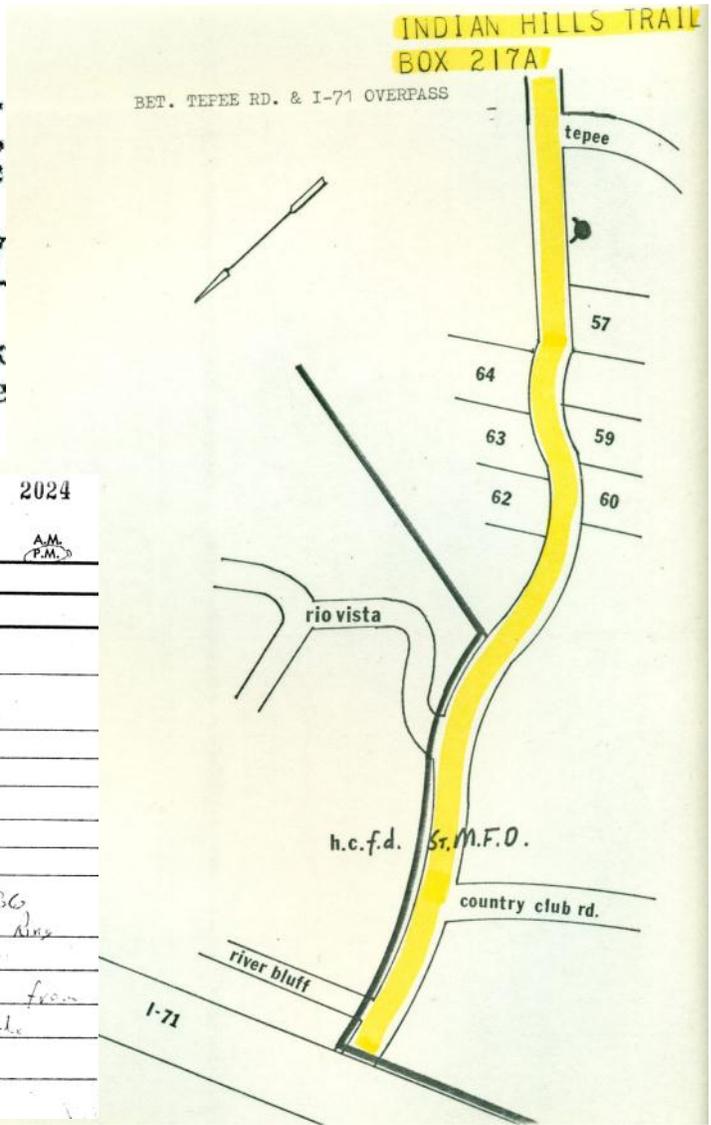
OFFICER IN CHARGE Chiee REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt. Rabinow

Fire damages car, home and garage

A fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Dimond, of 63 Indian Hills Trail, at 9:10 a.m. today did extensive damage to the garage, the home and an auto.

Neighbors said the fire apparently started in the garage. The Dimonds escaped without injury, a neighbor said.

The St. Matthews and Harrods Creek volunteer fire departments put out the fire.



FIRE REPORT No. 2024

DATE 2-20-76 TIME OF ALARM 12:12 PM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 12:29 A.M. P.M. 10

LOCATION 63 Indian Hills Tr APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 8836

REMARKS Post settling annual repairs - NO FIRE - Capt. G. R. G.
checked traps removed. No equipment used.
Note - one trap had small holes burned in it from
fire day before. see reverse side

OFFICER IN CHARGE Rick Alberts REPORT WRITTEN BY R. Alberts
(Capt. Ring limit)

1976

February 19, 1976, Working fire at 673 Indian Hills Road.

House Fire at #63 Indian Hills Trail, 2/19/1976 at 9:05 AM (recalled by Rick Albers in October 2010)

I remember this fire very well as I almost "bought it" at this fire! The run came in about 9AM and this address is all the way at the north end (bottom) of Indian Hills Trail, about ½ mile before you get to Rio Vista. I came in on 8836. We were second due. 8844 was first out with Al Ring in charge and Jack Dehart driving.

On this particular morning, Harrods Creek FD had just picked up engine 1227 from the shop where they had the gas engine replaced with a diesel. Kent Dayton and Jim Murphy were out on 1227 test driving it and were nearby when the fire was dispatched. So, they responded. The problem was that 1227, just coming out of the shop, had no hose, no equipment, no air packs and no microphone on the radio; NOTHING but a booster line and a tank of water!!

They pulled up first, just the two of them and their booster line on a fully involved 2-car garage attached to a 2-story house. This house is on the east side of the street and the garage is to the left as you face the front of the house. The garage doors open to the side and there are two windows in the garage facing the street. The driveway comes from the street towards the garage side and then makes a 90 degree right turn to the garage bays.

There were two cars in the garage completely involved. Fire had already burned the roof off the garage and ran the breezeway into the attic and 2nd floor of the house. They did what they could with the booster and tank water but to little avail. 8844 called on the scene with a working fire and called for help from Harrods Creek and Lyndon.

When we pulled up in 8836, I saw 1227 in the driveway close to the garage, 8844 pulled in behind them and laid two 1-1/2" lines. I got off the pumper and got air packs off, then 36 laid a supply line to a hydrant. I remember seeing one of the 1-1/2" lines being aimed into the garage from its bays. This was pushing the fire into the house. The other line was being aimed into the breezeway window where 1227's booster was originally. They were trying to cut off the fire from the house but it was too little too late. The opposing hose lines were aggravating the situation rather than helping it.

Gerald Hardin (a Louisville firefighter who worked at Harrods Creek) and I were sent to the second floor to pull ceilings and find the fire so it could be cut off. By now, more people were on the scene and the roof was ordered opened up. We got upstairs and had no problem finding the fire. In fact, it came around behind us and cut us off from the stairs. Then the ceiling came in on us and there was fire everywhere. We managed to find the hallway at the top of the stairs and there was fire rolling across the ceiling and it was getting really hot. Gerald was in front of me and I recall at the end of the hall was a double hung window with the top half open. Gerald said to "get the f#@%#% out now!" I wasn't going to argue with someone with his experience. At that point he jumped up through the top of the open window and was gone! I looked at that and thought he had just jumped to the ground from the second floor. For a fleeting moment I thought that I didn't want to come slamming into the ground outside but then the room flashed over and that convinced me it would be in my best interest to follow Gerald's lead.

I wasn't about to be able to make it out the upper half of that window so I closed the top and opened the bottom. To this day, I don't know why I didn't just take the damn thing out but I didn't. I dove head first out the window, expecting to crash to the ground below but to my pleasant surprise, I was on a porch roof. Gerald was just getting up, his fire gear was steaming as was mine. We cursed a bit and then looked for a ladder to descend. We were on the roof in the rear and there was no ladder so we made our way around and up and over the peak of the main roof to find Kent Dayton and some others cutting several ventilation holes. Fire was exiting each of the holes and Gerald again said to get the f#@%# down off the roof, to everyone up there. They all followed suit which was a good thing. I remember getting down and going back to the front door where I followed a hose line till I saw flames again. About that time my low air bell was sounding and I was told to get out and get a fresh bottle.

In the meantime, Jack Monohan had finally arrived on scene and took charge. He regrouped everyone and mounted another fire attack which this time was successful. The fire was finally extinguished but there was a lot of salvage and overhaul to do. After we had control, I was helping cover valuables on the first floor. There was a lot of water dripping down from above because they had used a lot on the 2nd floor and in the attic. The place was a mess. We were there all day and back the next day for a minor rekindle. We made a third run there two days post fire, reported as a rekindle. I was the officer in charge on that one and it turned out to be dust stirred up in the attic area that reflected in sunlight coming through one of the holes in the roof. False Alarm! Good thing!! We were still tired from a day earlier.

1976

February 19, 1976, Working fire at 673 Indian Hills Road.

63 Indian Hills Trail, February 19, 1976, by Gar Davis

Harrods Creek Fire Department had just taken delivery of a new pumper and was out test-driving it. As they were driving north on Indian Hills Trail, they came upon a fairly well-involved house fire. This new truck contained no water or hoses, but unfortunately it was stocked with axes and forceful entry equipment. The Harrods Creek firefighter called County Alarm on the radio to knock out St. Matthews on a working house fire, and then proceeded to break out windows. I was on the tailboard of S4, while Jack Dehart drove and Richard Smith, one of the other fire fighters, was on the tailboard with me.

Having served with the Indian Hills Police Department, I had experienced the hills and dips of the winding Indian Hills Trail at high speed in a police car; I knew approximately at what speed a fire truck could navigate a turn at the bottom of the steep hill. As we were coming down Chenoweth Lane, we could see the smoke in the air, and someone on the scene had called for us to step up our run. Jack floored it! He was then driving on Indian Hills Trail as fast as I've driven a police car-- big difference between a heavy fire truck and a police vehicle with sports car suspension! We crested the top of the hill and I think we were airborne for a moment. We were descending toward the bottom of the hill and there was no way in my mind that truck could navigate the turn without flipping over. It seemed as if Jack was doing at least 60 MPH, and with the additional inertia coming down the hill, I was sure the truck was going to roll over. I looked at Richard Smith and yelled, "This truck is not going to make it around the turn at the bottom of this hill. As soon as the left two wheels come off the ground try to find a soft spot or a bush to head for and jump off the tail board! It's the only chance we have of not being crushed by this heavy truck!" I have never seen an African-American man's eyes quite that large. As we approached the bottom of the hill, a car pulled out of Westwind Road right in front of the fire truck, forcing Jack to slow down drastically just prior to the turn. That was the only reason the truck did not flip. I have no idea who the person was, but that was one time I was very glad a car pulled out in front of a fire truck. It saved our lives! Once on the scene, my first duty was to ventilate the roof. Kenny Strange and I climbed a ladder to the roof and went up with axes. As we began to chop a hole the shingles under our feet were melting and we were slipping off the roof! For the second time during this run, we found ourselves forced to jump—and this time we did! We kept trying to move to another location to find an area that had not been so hot, and gradually found ourselves away from the ladder in a corner with no option but to jump off the roof into a bush. Fortunately it was only a one-story house and the bush was nice and soft and broke our fall.

March 2, 1976: Tim Golden resigns as sergeant.

March 4, 1976, *The Voice*:

Potatoes + bluegrass = fun

The St. Matthews Potato Festival is adding a toe-tapping Bluegrass beat this year.

The festival, in its third summer outing under sponsorship of the St. Matthews Jaycees, will be Friday - Sunday, May 21 - 23, on the grounds of the St. Matthews Community Center.

It's been moved up to May from its former midsummer dates in hopes of getting the community together for the local event before people depart on summer vacations.

According to Festival coordinator Carl Boyd, the Osbourne Brothers will headline a slate of four well-known Bluegrass bands to provide a full 12 hours of Bluegrass during the three-day festival. Others will be The Bluegrass Saturday Night, Back Porch Bluegrass, The Heirs of Bluegrass and The Bluegrass Alliance.

All proceeds of what now will be called the "St. Matthews Potato and Bluegrass Festival" go toward the fund to purchase the community center property when its rental lease expires in 1980.

St. Matthews Mayor Bernard F. Bowling, running for reelection last fall, pledged city funds to underwrite the estimated \$210,000 purchase price of the 14-acre property at the end of Ten Pin Lane.

Since the election, however, city officials and local clubs have agreed the public fund drives should continue in order to reduce the need for using tax

money on the project.

Festival coordinator Boyd this week listed the following tentative schedule of Potato Festival activities:

Friday, May 21

4 pm - midnight: games and booths, amusement rides.

4 - 8 pm: fish dinner.

6 pm: bicentennial dress-up contest (all ages).

7:30 - 10:30 pm: Bluegrass festival, four outstanding bands.

Saturday, May 22

10 am - midnight: amusement rides, games and booths.

10 am - sunset: arts and crafts.

1 pm: parade from Wallace Avenue to Shelbyville Road Mall, followed immediately by antique car show.

2:30 pm: family activities, French fry eating contest, potato races and similar games. Mr. Magic will perform at a time to be set.

2:30 - 5:30 pm: Bluegrass festival continues.

4 - 8 pm: chicken dinner.

7:30 - 10:30 pm: Bluegrass festival offers more music.

Sunday, May 23

1 - 8 pm: amusement rides, games and booths, arts and crafts.

2:30 - 5:30 pm: last three hours of Bluegrass festival music by four outstanding bands.

1976

March 11, 1976, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol Fire Assn. was held on March 11, 1976

Directors present:

Don Black
Bill Andriot
Geo Miller
Marty Kamer
John Monohan

Minutes of meeting held on Feb 12, 1976 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made and seconded that minutes be accepted as read.

A financial report was given by Mr. Monohan. Also Mr. Monohan reported that he met with Mr. Stonner Abel who is the agent for the insurance carried on the building. Mr. Monohan said he instructed Mr. Abel to renew policy for said coverage for another 3 year period.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

March, 1975, Firemen Magazine:

Kentucky

FIREMEN
MARCH, 1970

From the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc., in Jefferson County comes an attractive folder announcing the 50th anniversary of this department. The fire department began operations with a hand-pulled hose cart in 1919, used its first Model-T Ford chemical wagon from 1920 to 1931, picked up its first pumper, a 500 gpm Seagrave, in 1931, and from that time on added new pumpers. Today the department has five pieces of apparatus, including two 750 gpm units and a 75-foot quint with a 750 gpm pump. In its fifty years of growth the department has had five fire stations, including the present four-bay single-story building.

John M. Monohan, Jr., present chief of department, reports that the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc., is typical of twenty-five or more volunteer fire companies in Jefferson County outside the city limits of Louisville.

1976

March 16, 1976, memorandum:

3/16/76

SERGEANT ASSIGNMENTS:

Sgt. J. Noland	8821
Sgt. J. DeHart	8833
Sgt. P. Owens	8836
Sgt. J. O'Toole	8844
Sgt. G. Davis	8855

ENGINEERS QUALIFIED:

R. Albers
A.E. Andriot, Jr.
D. Bryant
C. Davis
T. Golden
C. Kinberger
R. Tonini
J.R. Wheatley
J. Woodring

ENGINEERS QUALIFIED; But with noted exceptions:

D. Kamer	Needs continued practical experience
J. Redmon	Under 21 years of age - until July 8, 1976
R. Unthank	Needs continued practical experience

April 1976: Rob Helm goes inactive. Jack O'Toole resigns as Sergeant, Dennis Bryant is promoted to Sergeant. New training program started with testing.

April 8, 1976, *The Voice*:

Two-part plan could help reduce some fire insurance premiums

By Mary Bridgman
Staff Writer

Some Jefferson County residents could pay lower fire insurance rates, if a plan making this possible receives approval from Jefferson Fiscal Court.

The plan calls for extending the present three-mile boundaries of volunteer fire districts' best-rated service area to five miles. The extra area would be given the same insurance rating as the three-mile area; in all cases this would be an improvement.

All Jefferson County volunteer fire departments are rated by the Insurance Services Office of Kentucky, based on such factors as the proximity of fire hydrants and the amount of equipment.

Individual insurance rates for fire damage are based on the district's rating.

So, lower insurance rates only would affect residents living in the area between three and five miles from the firehouse.

Dennis Clare, director of the county fire protection program, estimated Jefferson County residents living in the three- to five-mile area would save between \$2 and \$6-million annually on insurance costs.

Robert Martin, Chief of the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, who has been instrumental in developing the plan, said a homeowner living in a \$35,000 home could expect to save at least \$20-\$30 annually. The amount

also would be dependant on the type of coverage the family has.

The second part of the proposed plan calls for upgrading the county police arson bureau. The plan would increase the number of police investigators from three to four, and one records clerk who would be in training as an arson investigator.

"With an adequate arson bureau we can cut down on a lot of fires if people know they will be investigated," Martin said.

The initial cost of the plan to the county would be \$31,000 for a car for the arson investigator, fire radios, and two persons' salaries. There also would be annual recurring expenses.

Martin said when Middletown's rating dropped from 7 to 6 in 1965, residents saved \$300,000.

4-8-76
The plan was recently submitted to Scott Gregory, assistant to County Judge Todd Hollenbach, but it is not expected to be acted on for several months.

Gregory said the approval depends on whether it is financially feasible. This would not be determined until the county budget is approved by fiscal court sometime in June.

"I think it's a very good proposal," Gregory said. He believes the chances are good the plan will be funded.

Representatives of the volunteer departments also have been meeting jointly every month since January for specialized training sessions. Most of the instructors are local. The representatives take the information back to their departments and conduct another training session there.

1976

April 8, 1976, memorandum: Editorial

Fire fighters offer a plan

April 8, 1976

Those who think of our volunteer fire fighters as siren-happy thrill seekers should reconsider a minute. Today they deserve thanks for a project which will mean a cash savings for many of us.

Year in and year out, the fire fighters are trying to upgrade their equipment and training. Some may think there's too much emphasis on the former and not enough on the latter, but that's another issue. Now they have found a way to parlay better training into a redefinition of a technical phrase in the language of fire insurance — "best service area."

Insurance Services of Kentucky, whose word is law on homeowner fire insurance ratings, has been using a three-mile limit for volunteer companies. That is, the "best service area" — the one within which the lowest insurance rating is given — is within three miles of

each station. The volunteers say they can give equally good service within a five-mile radius. But, before Insurance Services will accept that, they are insisting that both fire fighter training and arson investigation be improved.

Already, the volunteers are working on the training side of the equation. More inter-company programs and better instruction are being offered.

If the truth were known, the county's arson investigation is a patchwork quilt of good intentions and official disinterest. It is hidden away within the police department with too few people and too little recognition.

The volunteers know the inadequacies of the system, but can't do anything about it because they have no influence over police matters. They have, however, suggested a plan to fiscal court under which, for \$31,000 per year, the arson squad can be improved. Fiscal court will consider the plan for next year's budget.

As the fire fighters see it, the bottom line will show a \$20 to \$30 annual reduction in fire insurance premiums for the middle income homeowner. This will be brought about by a better rating for those who now have property between three and five miles from the fire station. Multiply that saving by the thousands of properties affected by the radius change and you begin to have an idea of the economic impact of the plan. A \$2-million annual saving is a conservative estimate.

The next time you see one of those hose jockeys careening down the highway to a fire, keep in mind that it's not all fast driving and heroics. There's a lot of serious, dollars and cents business involved, too.

1976

April 8, 1976, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on April 8, 1976

Directors present:

Bill Andriot	J.P. Terry
Geo. Miller	Marty Kamer
Don Black	Tom Jerry Smith
John Monohan	

Minutes of meeting held on March 11, 1976 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Terry, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan gave a financial report. Motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Smith, that we invest \$5000.00 in Certificate of Deposit. Motion was voted on and so carried.

Mr. Monohan recommended that we modify present policies in regards to losses of a fireman's personal effects. MR. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that we pay for loss of a fireman's personal effects, provided the fireman submits a letter outlining said loss. Than each man's case will be judged individually and acted upon. Motion was voted on and so carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Terry, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



April 15, 1976, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews fire alarms

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to 25 fire alarms throughout the month of March, according to the department's official records. Runs included:

Monday, March 1, at 303 North Bonner, auto
Tuesday, March 2, at 902 Dupont Road, odor of smoke
Wednesday, March 3, at 4071 Massie Avenue, odor in house
Wednesday, March 3, at 3934 Dutchmans Lane, gasoline washoff
Saturday, March 6, at 5000 Shelbyville Road, malicious false
Monday, March 8, at 4001 Dutchmans Lane, malicious false
Wednesday, March 10, at 311 Iola Road, kitchen wastebasket
Wednesday, March 10, at 5000 Shelbyville Road, Blue Bear, grease fire in deep fryer
Friday, March 12, at 6888 Green Meadow Circle, barbecue grill
Monday, March 15, at 4600 Shelbyville Road, U.S. Post Office, light fixture
Tuesday, March 16, at 412 Rolling Lane, malicious false,

Wednesday, March 17, at 6942 Ambridge Circle, stereo set.

Saturday, March 20, at 3819 Warner Avenue, dumpster.

Wednesday, March 24, at 501 Cherrywood Road, auto.

Friday, March 26, at 428 Sunnyview, auto.

Friday, March 26, at 4600 Shelbyville Road, auto.

Friday, March 26, at 3412 Grandview Avenue, furnace controls.

Friday, March 26, at 4062 Massie Avenue, grease in range oven.

Friday, March 26, at 4018 Dutchmans Lane, auto.

Saturday, March 27, Rudy Lane at Brownsboro Road, lamp post.

Saturday, March 27, at 4013 Dutchmans Lane, auto.

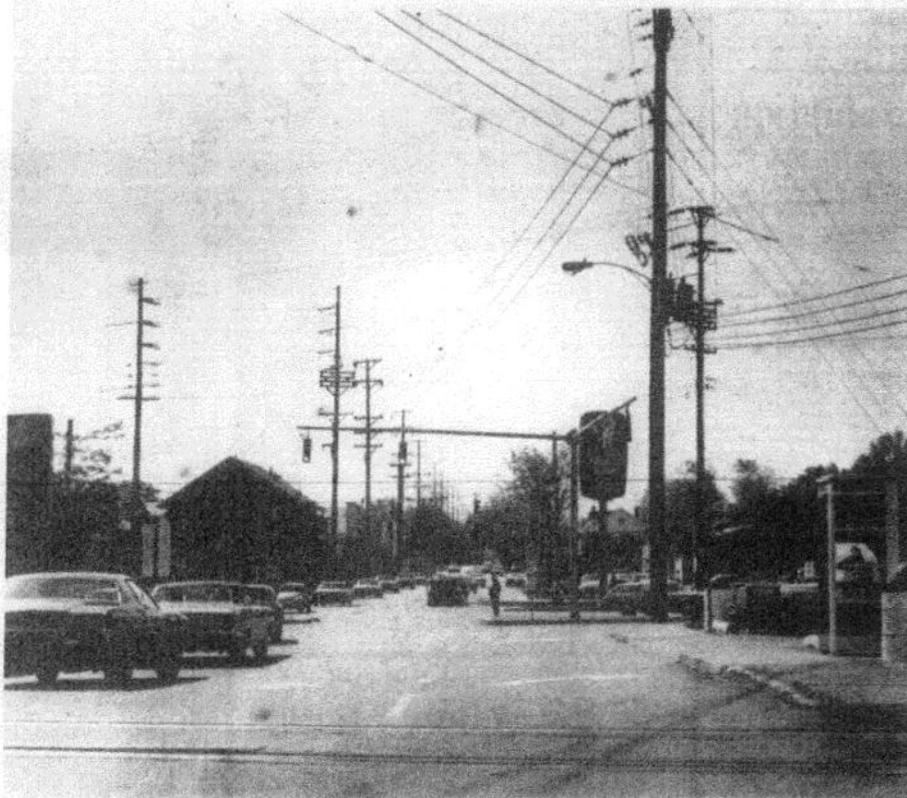
Sunday, March 28, at 153 Thierman Lane, potholder in oven.

Sunday, March 28, at 226 Travois, malicious false.

Wednesday, March 31, 433 Club Lane, malicious false.

Wednesday, March 31, at 514 Brightwood, malicious false.

April 22, 1976, *The Voice*:



Do we have to suffer those poles forever?

Now that the old building which housed the Citizens Bank branch is gone from Frankfort Avenue and Breckinridge Lane, things look nicer in that part of St. Matthews (which is really a corner of Louisville). The new bank branch and its landscaped parking lot compliment the trimmery and pleasant design of the First National and White Castle corners across the street. In fact, "downtown" St. Matthews hasn't looked so good for years.

One persistently ugly feature of the landscape remains, however. The overhead

utility lines are still with us. Now they are more obvious than ever. The huge poles and appendages overshadow and diminish the architectural advances below.

Many civilized communities around our country have moved against this form of blight, forcing it underground. Discounting the self-serving cries of utility companies that the costs would be astronomical, they have accepted the very modest rate increases which were actually necessary.

We could do that, too. We could get rid of

all that wretched looking, tree-stunting, man-made blight. We could elect public officials who do not toady to L G & E and Ma Bell, who have the courage to twist arms and take abuse and respond with facts to canned utility company propaganda.

The experience of other communities shows the people can improve their landscape at reasonable cost. One look at the mess at this intersection should prompt someone in public office to say: let's at least try!

Parade opens St. Matthews ball season

St. Matthews Little League baseball action gets under way Saturday, April 24, with the annual Little League parade.

The parade is scheduled to leave Waggener High School promptly at 9 am Saturday, with long-time coach and league official Sam Merrifield as grand marshal.

Cars and trucks full of Little Leaguers will parade from Waggener north on Browns Lane to Grandview Avenue, then west to Iola Road; north on Iola to Lexington Road then east on Lexington - Frankfort - Shelbyville Road to the Shelbyville Road Plaza.

Upon arrival at the plaza — between 9:15 and 9:30 — there will be a brief opening ceremony.

Then the season's first games will begin with Major League action at 11 am, at the St. Matthews Community Center on Ten Pin Lane.

The league has expanded this year, and will add games at the fields behind the Shelbyville Road Plaza at Zachary Taylor American Legion Post.

The new 12-15-year-old Senior League and the Minor Leagues will play at the plaza; the Major Leagues will play at the community center.

STMFD almost always participated in these parades.

1976

April, 1976, courtesy Mike Noland:



Firefighter Olympics, April 1976



Firefighter Olympics, April 1976



Firefighter Olympics, April 1976



Group shot at Firefighters Olympics, April 1976
Frank Florence, Brian Martin, Jim Hytken, Pat Noland,
Charlie Davis, Dennis Bryant, Rick Albers, Bob Wheatley,
Mike Noland, Joe Wheatley



Group shot at Firefighters Olympics, April 1976
Bob Wheatley, Mike Noland, Brian Martin, Charlie Davis,
Dennis Bryant



Training Fire, April 1976
Ken Reising, Jim Hytken, Stuart Monohan??, Mike Noland,
Sam McCune, Rick Albers, Charles McCune, Dwayne

1976

April, 1976, courtesy Mike Noland:



Firefighter Olympics, April 1976



Firefighter Olympics, April 1976



Firefighter Olympics, April 1976

Training Fire, April 1976
Rick Albers, Mike Noland, Bernie Karrem, Stuart Monohan??, John Walling, Sam McCune, Charles McCune, ?????, Dwayne Reed



April 29, 1976, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews fire alarms

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to these alarms during April, according to the department's official records as of Monday.

Friday, April 2, at 3739 Lexington Road, odor of smoke, no fire.

Saturday, April 3, at 90 Beechwood Road, field.

Sunday, April 4, front of 3824 Wilmington, auto.

Sunday, April 4, at 508 Club Lane, malicious false.

Monday, April 5, at 5704 Apache Road, construction equipment.

Monday, April 5, at 700 Braddock; Apt. C-3, grease on stove.

Thursday, April 8, at 1001 Breckinridge Lane, gasoline spill.

Friday, April 9, at I-264 eastbound exit ramp, auto.

Saturday, April 10, on I-264 east of U.S. 60, grass.

Sunday, April 11, at 4211 Shelbyville Road, curtains.

Tuesday, April 13, Ambridge at Westport Road, auto.

Wednesday, April 14, at 515 Country Lane, food.

Thursday, April 15, at 4024 Brownlea Road, grass.

Friday, April 16, at 4600 Shelbyville Road, light ballast.

Friday, April 16, at 6701 Copperfield Road, tree.

Friday, April 16, at 4018 Dutchmans Lane, auto.

Friday, April 16, at 330 South Hubbards Lane, malicious false.

Tuesday, April 20, at 4014 Dutchmans Lane, smoke in theater.

Friday, April 23, at 4010 Hycliffe Avenue, food on stove.

Friday, April 23, at 4018 Dutchmans Lane, dumpster.

Friday, April 23, at 121 Fairfax Avenue, malicious false.

Friday, April 23, at 4014 Dutchmans Lane, dumpster.

Sunday, April 25, at 165 Theirman Lane, emergency, hospital case.

Sunday, April 25, I-264 at Westport Road, auto.

May 6, 1976, *The Voice*:

Afternoon parade added to Potato Fest

A big, 40-unit parade will interrupt Saturday afternoon traffic on Shelbyville Road as part of this year's St. Matthews Potato Festival, it was announced this week.

The parade is set to begin at 1 pm Saturday, May 22. It will extend from Wallace Avenue in the Louisville section of St. Matthews to The Mall on Shelbyville Road. It is expected to last about an hour.

Mark Irwin, parade chairman, told an organizational meeting Tuesday, May 4, he had considered the potential traffic tie-ups that may result, but rejected suggestions that the parade be held at 9 or 10 am as in previous years.

He said he hopes "those who are blocked up in traffic will get out and watch my parade."

In previous years the parade has attracted a sparse audience. Irwin said he was lucky to have "a gas station attendant and a waitress come out and watch for a minute."

"This year," he said "we will put St. Matthews back on the map."

Asked by St. Matthews Police Chief James Burton whether he had considered the effect on local business, Irwin said "yes, I have. The St. Matthews Business Association has done absolutely nothing for the festival in the way of any contributions or support."

Burton assured Irwin the parade will pose no special problem for St. Matthews police. "We'll give you protection all along the way," he said.

Irwin said his main disappointment with the parade plans has been the difficulty in obtaining bands to march and play. He said he had contacted more than a dozen school bands, but has obtained only one — the Seneca High School Band

— and that was not certain as of Tuesday.

Nevertheless, he said many military units will march, several antique cars will carry such dignitaries as County Judge Todd Hollenbach, Louisville Mayor Harvey Sloane, Lt. Gov. Thelma Stovall and St. Matthews Mayor Bernard F. Bowling.

In the absence of any volunteers to march behind them with cleanup apparatus, the horse units will march at the end of the parade, Irwin said.

The festival opens formally Friday, May 21, at 6 pm. A series of carnival rides may arrive and open the day before. Other highlights from the planning meeting this week:

- The City of Beechwood Village will be represented with a special booth organized by 12-year-old Theresa Slowinski, a seventh grader at St. Margaret Mary School. Theresa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slowinski, said she read in *The Voice* that none of the cities other than St. Matthews were supporting the festival.

- She showed the editorial to her mother, who urged her to do what she could. Theresa attended the meeting and said she is sure she can recruit a number of adults and young people to man a money-making booth.

- The St. Matthews Elks Club will man two beer booths.

- The St. Matthews Kiwanis Club will assist St. Matthews police on control of parking.

- More than 200 arts and crafts booths will be open, a major increase over last year.

- Hours for the Festival are Friday, and Saturday, 4pm - midnight, and Sunday, 1 - 6 pm.

Fire reports

Official records of \$250 St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department list only two fire alarms last week.

Wednesday, April 28, at 4515 Shelbyville Road, auto.

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1976

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1976

May, 1976, Courtesy Mike Noland:



Aerial Ladder, May 1976, 8855



May 1976, 8855



May 1976, 8821

1976

1976 Crusade: \$22,557.97

Newspapers \$1,200.00, Westerman, \$125.00, Mrs. Wrege, \$2,000.00, Business, \$1,250.00, Amvetts, \$100.00, Canvas \$13,466.62, Road blocks, \$3,210.46

8821, \$1,213.37 8822, \$933.74 8833, \$3,071.92 8844, \$3539.33 8855, \$3,948.86 8836, \$3,786.94

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE ASSOCIATION			CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN 1976					
	BEFORE	BEFORE	MAIN					
			FRI	WED	SAT	SAT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
			6PM	6PM	6PM	6PM		
S-1	WESTERMAN NEWSPAPER	1250.00	21	225.31			169.22	375.52
		1200.00	22				443.32	933.74
								Chas 209.06
S-2	8821 WEND 8821 THURS	211.86 519.45	33	395.55	631.22	1374.07	351.77	168.61 153.70
								BUSINESS 1250.00
S-3	FRI. R.B.	265.44	44	282.78	702.78	275.31 653.69	529.85 804.04	289.88
								MISC 2000.00
S-4			27	248.02 246.17	692.14	1523.04 1523.04	399.47	671.26 190.26
				18.40				
S-5			36	360.23	686.77	1124.63 476.62	431.95 392.08	314.66
								AMVETS 100.00 MISC 48.89
Misc.								2468.20 700.00 2538.20
Total		2321.25		4098.71	6812.22	12336.66	19712.34	20021.15
UNITS SENT		7740.25 -5418.50		12877.38 -8799.07	15964.13 9157.51	20398.44 -8761.79	23432.38 -8705.04	33304.09 -7511.2

1976 CRUSADE

bad rain Friday night

Newspapers	1200.00	
Westerman	125.00	
Wend. Night	211.86	
Thurs. night	519.45	8821 only
Friday R.B.	265.44	
Church	209.06	
Wrege	2000.00	
Business	1250.00	675.00
Amvetts	100.08	
Canvace	13466.62	
Road Blocks	3210.46	

1976

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1976 CRUSADE

8821---1213.37	TOTAL COLLECTED	22557.97
8822--- 933.74	Last year	33309.09
8833---3071.92	Down	10751.12
8844---3539.33		
8855---3948.86		
8836---3786.94		

POSSIBLE TO ATTEND 5 TIMES

Col. Monohan	5	Walling	5
Maj. Monohan	5	J. Wheatly	3
Maj. Haeberlin	5	B. Wheatly	3
Capt. Andriot	3	Woodring	3
Capt. Florance	1		
Capt. Rakestraw	5		
Capt. Ring	5		
Capt. Strange	3		
Albers	5		
A. E. Andriot	5		
Jim Andriot	4		
Sgt. Bryant	2		
C. Davis	1		
Sgt. Davis	3		
Sgt. DeHart	1		
Dillman	5		
D. Engnehl	5		
M. Engnehl	3		
Florance	3		
Golden	5		
Handel	5		
Hytken	5		
Kaelin	4		
D. Kamer	3		
M. Kamer	1		
Kinberger	1		
Koehler	0		
Martin	2		
J. McGrath	4		
T. McGrath	2		
Sgt. Noland	4		
M. Noland	5		
P. Noland	4		
J. Noon	3		
M. Noon	2		
Sgt. O'toole	0		
Sgt. Owens	5		
Redmon	0		
Schneider	5		
Schultze	5		
Scott	2		
Smith	1		
Tackett	4		
Tonini	1		
Unthank	2		

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EDITORIALS

It was a weekend for giving

Last weekend may not go down in history as particularly special, but in our corner of the world this past Saturday and Sunday a number of things happened which deserve mention.

It was a weekend of giving. There was the Hardscuffle Steeplechase, the blue bloods' way of giving to the opera; there was the St. Matthews Potato Festival, a doubleknit way of giving to the Community Center; there was the WHAS Crusade for Children, everyone's way of giving to handicapped youth. That all three of these events could go on together — simultaneously and successfully — says much about the strata of our society and its capacity for goodness.

The Hardscuffle in two years has surpassed opening day at Keene-

land and the day before the Kentucky Derby to become the single Kentucky horse event at which it is most pleasant and important to be seen. Attendance in a box seat at the end of Rose Island Road in May now qualifies one as a patron of the arts, a model for Town and Country magazine and an undoubtedly jolly good fellow. By, for and of our own most beautiful people, the Hardscuffle is a unique blend of sincere charity, reasonable sportsmanship and social grace.

Nothing, apparently, can be done or said to give the St. Matthews Potato Festival an air of sophistication. Nor should it. Potatoes are potatoes. While Liberty Bank is moved to give a silver trophy to a Hardscuffle winner, at the Potato Festival, the Frankfort Avenue

Hardware donates a plastic television to a raffle. The purpose — and the tax advantages — are the same; only the style is different. The festival in St. Matthews is designed to build local pride and save a park. With all its simplicity and loose ends, it exemplifies the confused good will of the community. Its shaky financial base reflects the condition of its main supporters. Happily, they have long since become used to that state of affairs and satisfied with modest success.

Meanwhile, the Crusade for Children continues to justify the wonder of the most veteran observer. Concern for youngsters is felt equally at all levels of society. For this reason we see equal dedication to giving from such disparate groups as urban steelworkers and suburban homemakers. And then there are the fire departments. They are, of course, crazy to do this job year after year. We all know that. Fortunately, once a year they forget and go back at it again, serving their fish dinners, carrying their boots door to door and then, last weekend, standing in the streets for hours with goodnatured greetings for everyone.

We are a curious people. We respond to vastly different stimuli in remarkably similar ways. We open our wallets for a wide variety of reasons. But, we do open them.

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May 27, 1976, The Voice:

11716
St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to these alarms since the beginning of May, as listed in the department's official record:

Sunday, May 2, at 4018 St. Ives Court, false.

Sunday, May 2, at 3942 Nanz, dryer.

Monday, May 3, at 4159 Westport Road, trash.

Tuesday, May 4, at 3818 Washington Square, food on stove.

Friday, May 7, at 4001 Dutchmans Lane, medical plaza, alarm malfunction.

Friday, May 7, at 4052 Richland Avenue, fire in wall.

Tuesday, May 11, Mockingbird Valley Road, weeds and trash.

Thursday, May 13, at 3747 Lexington Road, auto.

Tuesday, May 18, Indian Hills Trail, auto.

June 1976: Jack O'Toole and John Redman resign from the department. Jack moved to Oldham County and John was hired by the Louisville Division of Fire where he worked until retirement.

June 3, 1976, *The Voice*:

June 10, 1976, *The Voice*:

Fire runs *June 3 1976*

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to these recent alarms, according to the department's official records:

- Friday, May 21, at Willis and Wendover Avenues, utility pole.
- Saturday, May 22, at 4090 Gilman Avenue, sump pump motor.
- Saturday, May 22, at 4014 Dutchmans Lane, trash.
- Monday, May 24, at 4000 Kresge Way, Baptist East, alarm malfunction.
- Friday, May 28, at 4000 Kresge Way, Baptist East, alarm malfunction.
- Friday, May 28, at 139 St. Matthews Avenue, fan motor.
- Saturday, May 29, at 3930 Grandview Avenue, malicious false.
- Sunday, May 30, in 300 block Iola Road, false.
- Sunday, May 30, at 3610 Plymouth Road, wires in tree.
- Sunday, May 30, at 500 Club Lane, wires down.

'Fairmeade East' subdivision planned

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

A new subdivision, totaling 63 houses, is planned on part of the Monahan family property, in the City of St. Matthews on the south side of the City of Fairmeade.

The Jefferson County Planning Commission has been asked to approve plans for the development, "Fairmeade East," which would be located on extensions of Fairmeade, Hemingway and Alcott Roads.

A new street would link the new south ends of those three streets, and a short stub would allow future access to the large undeveloped portion of the Monahan farm.

For the present, though, St. Matthews police, garbage trucks and city services, and visitors to homes in Fairmeade East would have to traverse the streets of Fairmeade to get to the new subdivision.

The tract earmarked for development totals just over 18 acres.

It extends into the so-called "100-year flood plain" of Beargrass Creek, which traverses the Monahan property

However, plans drawn by Miller, Whiry & Lee, Inc., engineers, apparently take into account the possibility of flood-plain land-use controls.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is pressing St. Matthews to enact such land-use controls governing development in areas subject to flooding.

These controls eventually will be necessary if local residents are to continue to be eligible for federally subsidized flood insurance, but so far, St. Matthews City Council has taken no public action in the matter.

The plan for Fairmeade East shows that, as the land now lies, all of eight proposed houses and all of five complete residential lots would be flooded by a "100-year storm." Part of a ninth house and parts of eight more lots fall within the estimated line of floods that, statistically, would happen once every 100 years.

Miller, Whiry & Lee proposes to resolve that problem by using fill earth and grading to raise the affected lots one foot above the flood line. This would literally change the contour of the land, raising it several feet in some

places. The flood line falls along the 517-foot elevation above sea level. The engineers suggest grading the entire affected lots to the 518-foot elevation.

Further, they suggest permitting no house to have any opening, such as a basement window or floor drain, that's below the 519-foot elevation, two feet above flood level.

The subdivision application to the planning commission lists as "subdividers and owners," Alice O. Monahan and Mary Ellen Houston, both of Browns Lane, John M. Monahan Jr., 3909 Elmwood Avenue, and the First Kentucky Trust Co.

Metropolitan Sewer District, traffic and water management officials have given their stamp of preliminary approval to the plans for Fairmeade East, and the planning commission's Land Development and Transportation Committee expected to review it today, June 10.

A public hearing will be scheduled before the full planning commission. Since the development of single-family homes requires no zoning change, the commission's decision will be final.

St. Matthews OKs fire contract

By Judith Berzof
Staff Writer

St. Matthews City Council zeroed in on finances at their Tuesday meeting, approving more than \$90,000 in expenditures.

The council authorized the mayor to sign a routine extension of the city's contract with the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association from July 1, 1976-June 30, 1977 for \$49,043.99.

Although this figure is about \$1,000 more than last year because of new residents, the fire tax rate remains unchanged at .035 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The council also decided to buy two garbage trucks and two packers from Summers-Hermann Ford Trucks Corp. for \$41,980.90. Instead of trading in the

two old trucks, the city plans to keep them, advertise for bids and sell them privately.

Mayor Bernard F. Bowling thinks the city can get more than the \$2,000 apiece, offered by Summers-Hermann as a trade-in.

Also along the line of finances, Raymond Lewis, treasurer of the St. Matthews Jaycees, reported the Potato Festival chalked up a net profit of \$4,084.13.

The Jaycees sponsored the festival to raise funds to buy the community center. Among the most successful booths at the center was the Elks Lodge beer booth with net profits of about \$790, a little league booth, \$424.82; the city hall ricker pitch, \$362.49.

Bids showed a \$1,263.90 profit while the chicken and fish dinners made

\$362.86 after expenses; the arts and crafts generated \$623.46 in net profit.

The total receipts from the festival were \$6,853.61 with \$2,769.48 of expenses leaving a net profit of \$4,084.13, which was added to a \$1,000 surplus from the 1975 festival.

The Bluegrass concert, held along with the Potato Festival, incurred a loss, but the Jaycees have agreed to make it up instead of dipping into the profits to cover the loss.

Mayor Bowling called the Jaycees decision "commendable," saying it would "add momentum to the efforts of others."

In other business, the council passed a zoning change from a lower to a higher density for apartments on residential property at 4165 Thurman Lane, for office use.

St. Matthews fire alarms *June 10 1976*

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has responded to these recent alarms, according to the department's official records:

- Sunday, May 30, at 500 Club Lane, wires down.
- Sunday, May 30, at 300 Ring Road, wires down.
- Monday, May 31, at 212 Oxford, wires down.
- Tuesday, June 1, at 5000 Shelbyville Road, gasoline washoff.
- Thursday, June 3, at 4000 Kresge Way, alarm malfunction.
- Thursday, June 3, I-264 between Shelbyville and Brownsboro Roads, auto.
- Friday, June 4, at 124 Gibson, paper.

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<p>coupon</p> <p>SAVE 15%</p> <p>Medium Pizza 1/2 LITR SIC. PEAS WITH CHEESE</p>	<p>Pizza & Salad 1.19 with soft drinks SPAGHETTI with hot sauce and Salad 1.49</p> <p>Luncheon Lasagna & Salad 1.49 with soft drink</p>	<p>coupon</p> <p>2 FOR 1</p> <p>ON ANY ORDER OF LUNCHEON SPECIALS WITH ANY BEVERAGE</p>
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FIRE, later blamed on arson, destroyed the Shopper's Mart store in Hikes Point Plaza late Sunday night. A representative of the shopping center's owners estimated replacement cost at \$1,825,000. More than 80 Louisville fire fighters battled the blaze that broke out at 11:30 pm. (Picture at top by Robin Garr III) City firefighters like John Hardesty were still at work picking up their equipment Monday morning.

Merchant asks lie test as blaze ruled arson; plaza may add 'mall'

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

The Sunday night blaze that destroyed the Shopper's Mart store in Hikes Point Plaza Shopping Center was set by an arsonist, a city fire official has ruled.

And William A. Silverman, treasurer and operating chief of Shopper's Mart, angered by what he termed an unfair television account of the fire, has insisted police test him and his wife on a polygraph ("lie detector") machine to clear them of any suspicion.

Meanwhile, Murad Sutton, the shopping center's New York owner, told The Voice-Jeffersonian the loss was fully insured. Estimating replacement worth of the 73,000-square-foot commercial building at \$1,825,000, he said work will begin on a new, larger building and enclosed shopping mall "in the near future."

Intense fire

Fire, so intense the building's concrete-block walls fell down and electrical wiring ignited and burned with a hot white flame broke out about 11:30 pm Sunday, said Louisville police officers on the scene.

The fire was a "three-alarm," with a second and third complement of city firemen called to assist the first crews to arrive on the scene. One fire official said more than 80 fire fighters were on duty.

No one was severely hurt in the blaze, though two city firemen were said to have suffered minor injuries. One of them arrived as he showed reporters a gauze bandage applied to his hand by police medical technicians on the scene.

Meanwhile, a crowd of several hundred neighbors gathered in the shopping center parking lot. Firemen, aided by a built-in "fire wall," confined major damage to the Shopper's Mart section, occupying the short leg of the L-shaped shopping center. Small shops near Shopper's Mart reportedly suffered some smoke and water damage, but the 24-hour Kroger's market at the far end of the center appeared to remain open right through the blaze, selling onlookers snacks and beverages.

Shortly after the fire had filled the building, there was concern that it might leap to nearby homes on Diabera Way. Some neighbors readied garden hoses, and fire fighters stood by houses closest to the blazing shopping center.

However, the fire appeared under control by about 12:30 pm, and was reduced to scattered smoldering places by about 1:30. Auto traffic was maintained along Taylorsville Road, but Houston Acres police closed McMahan Blvd.

'Definitely set'

Silverman, treasurer of the Shopper's Mart, said Louisville Fire Dept. arson investigator Maj. William Foushee told him the fire was "definitely set."

The blaze began in several small locations, the building's automatic sprinkler system had been manually turned off, and a back door to the building was left open, Silverman said.

"I'd have no idea who did it, or who'd want to," Silverman said. He did, however, allude to recent fires in two Kroger stores elsewhere in the Louisville area, attributed to arson.

Also, Leon Simon, president of Shopper's Mart, said a person he did not want to identify had told him on the fire scene that a police officer had seen a person running from the store just before the fire broke out.

Silverman angrily said a Monday news account on WLKY-TV, Channel 32, "went too far," and in his opinion implied store management could have had a role in the fire.

"I have offered Major Foushee today, because of those things I heard and didn't like on TV, that my wife and I want to take a polygraph test immediately," Silverman said.

"I said these things just don't sound right to me, and I want to clear the air," Foushee will arrange for the test, Silverman added.

He also said when he complained to Channel 32, station management invited him to participate in a taped interview for later airing, and he did so.

Silverman and Simon agreed that business in Shopper's Mart had not been going well. Opened last fall in a long-vacant former Topps store and termed an innovative concept in this

area, the store featured small, 10-by-10-foot booths leased to individual proprietors who operated small businesses in them.

But as the firm's first quarter, and following months passed, more and more leases were not renewed, and many booths fell vacant. "It was not flourishing," admitted Silverman. "This is the history of similar businesses elsewhere — they usually go through a slow period, then in the second holiday season, it takes off."

Management had started considering leaving larger spaces to some high-traffic businesses, both company officials said. A table tennis center opened there recently amid considerable publicity. And Simon said he'd been quietly talking with representatives of a skating rink, a facility he believed would do well.

Now, both men agreed, the future of Shopper's Mart is unclear. The principals — Simon, Silverman, Myron Horvitz and Sam Rosenberg — will have to meet and make a decision.

Future plans

Murad Sutton of New York, represents ownership, vested in the Adelle Sutton estate. Interviewed Tuesday, Sutton said plans that already were being considered will be accelerated because of the fire.

Kroger's, enlarged about two years ago to 22,000 square feet, will be further enlarged, extending into the present parking lot to total about 33,000 square feet.

The present strip of shops paralleling Taylorsville Road will be converted into an enclosed, climate-controlled, 35-foot-wide shopping mall.

The parking lot will be extended into a now-grassy area. Part of the area is zoned for a theater, but Sutton said he's turned down offers to develop it because he doesn't believe a theater is commercially feasible at the Hikes Point location.

The Shopper's Mart building will be rebuilt to suit a specific tenant when one is found.

Sutton said he expects little difficulty in acquiring a suitable tenant, since the

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St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.

Nº 2115

FIRE REPORT

DATE 6/6/76 TIME OF ALARM 11:56 P.M. # 448 A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 1:37 P.M. 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION TRUCK 6 & ENGINE 4 APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS _____

Pan 8801 takes 8836

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief J. Morrison REPORT WRITTEN BY My Morrison

Arson

Continued from Page 1

Shopper's Mart location, once visited and he would, would probably be available for construction of a building to order.

The burned building was 750 by 325, totaling 243,750 square feet, plus part of a 5,000 square foot semi-attached and covered garden shop. Sutton said a replacement building could go up in 120,000 square feet, according to the needs of the tenant, he said.

He said the set-back of loss by the fire was offset by a \$25 per square foot coverage for commercial reconstruction. He said the mortgage lender, Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., was cooperative for insurance through the replacement insurance Co.

1976

June 7, 1876, Louisville Division of Fire Multiple Alarm Book:

6-7-76 – 3rd Alarm plus 2 Special Alarms on Box 2849 – Taylorsville Road between Hikes Lane & McMahan Blvd. – Hikes Point Shopping Center

Alarm	Engines	Quad	H. & L.	BAT. CHIEF
1 st	8 - 3		10	4
2 nd	20 - 4 - 11		6	2
3 rd	9 - 15 - 5	9		3
4 th	1 - 7 - 2			

4074 Taylorsville Road – Shopper's Mart

In at 11:36 PM

Extra Engine 20 by F.A.O.

2nd by Engine 8 at 11:40 PM

3rd by Car 54 at 11:44 PM

Extra Engine 2 & Truck 7 by Car 2 at 12:08 AM

Out at 3:12 AM

C.J. Smith

1976

June 10, 1976, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on June 10, 1976.

Directors present:

J.P. Terry
John Monohan
J. C. Nuckols
Marty Kamer
Tom Jerry Smith

Minutes of meeting held on May 13, 1976 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion Made by Mr. Nuckols, seconded by Mr. Terry, that minutes be accepted as read.

A financial report was given by Mr. Monohan. Mr. Terry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that we invest \$5000 in Certificates of Deposit. Motion so carried.

Mr. Monohan requested that the board give their approval for him to get prices on new radios and to get bids on some new hose. Both items will serve as replacements. All board members present gave their approval.

Mr. Monohan announced that the next meeting will be held on the second Wed. in July, which is the annual meeting. At this time the term of two directors will expire. Those directors are Mr. Geo. Miller and Mr. Don Black.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Smith, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



1976

June 14, 1976, Working fire at St. Francis Church, in Harrods Creek, STMFD assisted:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 2122

FIRE REPORT

DATE 6/14/76 TIME OF ALARM 5:20 P A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 6:50 P A.M. P.M.

LOCATION LAP TO Harrods Creek Stat #1 APT. NO. Report to Fire scene

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS Called to scene by unit 1201 - used Fan + Generator - Pike Poles - Axes - + Scott Poles - Assisted with ventilation + overhaul

OFFICER IN CHARGE Capt Rikestrahl REPORT WRITTEN BY Same

June 17, 1976, *The Voice*:

St. Francis fire damage spares church area

By Rena Barfield
Staff Writer

Activity had nearly returned to normal at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church in Harrods Creek Tuesday afternoon, less than 24 hours after fire and smoke damaged about a third of the building.

Stephen Davenport, rector of the church at the corner of Wolf Pen Branch Rd. and U.S. 42, said there was no structural damage from the fire late Monday afternoon. But most of one wing of the building, including several classrooms and the parish hall, will need extensive repairs.

Phone service and electricity had been restored Tuesday afternoon. Davenport said services will be held as usual Sunday morning, as the church portion of the building is completely undamaged. "Right now," he said, "the biggest problem is the smell."

The fire started in a basement room and was discovered by Kris Hansen, parish secretary. Smelling smoke from her office in the opposite end of the building, she went to investigate and saw smoke billowing up a stairway from the basement. The phones were out by then, so she ran to the Davenport home on the church property and turned in the alarm. "If the fire had gone undiscovered another half hour," Davenport said, "we'd have lost that whole wing."

Harrods Creek, Worthington and St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Departments all responded to the call. "We cannot say too much about the quality of the job those three fire departments performed," Davenport said. "They did a superb job. They may be called volunteers, but as far as we're concerned they're professionals."

Insurance adjusters will have an estimate of repair costs by Friday. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No 2123

FIRE REPORT

DATE 6-14-76 TIME OF ALARM 5:46 P.M. A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 16 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION LAP TO Harrods Creek #2 APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

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OFFICER IN CHARGE _____ REPORT WRITTEN BY A.E. Anderson

June 17, 1976, *The Voice*:

VOLUNTEER fire fighters from Harrods Creek, Worthington and St. Matthews fought a Monday blaze at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church in Harrods Creek. Details are in an article on Page 6B. (Photo by Edward Nugent).

July 1, 1976, *The Voice*:

Mayor paints 'em all Richlawn hydrants sparkle for July 4

By Judith Berzof
Staff Writer

Frank L. Grubbs, the "mayor" of Richlawn, hopes the sun will shine until July 4. His motive is strictly practical. Grubbs is in the middle of a crash attempt to paint all seven fire hydrants in the small city of 200 homes in patriotic red, white and blue designs by July 4.

He started about two weeks ago, but as of Monday, he still had two fire hydrants left to dress up for America's 200th birthday. The hydrants are the only outward sign of the bicentennial in Richlawn, which plans no formal celebration.

A former FBI investigator, Grubbs has been pleasantly shocked at the fuss everybody makes over his fire hydrants.

"Today, with the political situation, you become a little disappointed, confused. It's remarkable how well they (the painted hydrants) have been received from a patriotic standpoint," Grubbs said.

A bearded fellow made a point to stop and tell Grubbs his opinion of the snazzy hydrants recently. "You'd think he'd be the last one in the world to acknowledge them. He said it was wonderful! I almost fell over on the ground. It gave me renewed hope in people," Grubbs said.

On another occasion, Grubbs' work was interrupted by loud clapping. Puzzled, he turned around to find two women in their late twenties giving him a rousing hand for the good job on the hydrants.

Grubbs feigned his paint brushes after the board of trustees of the sixth-class city endorsed his painting idea. Since he retired from a security job with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at the end of May, Grubbs traveled to other cities like Atlanta, Denver and Dallas, gifting with decorated hydrants.

But, Louisville-area red tape threatened to squelch the painting project on Richlawn's shady streets. Grubbs had to get written permission from the water company, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department and the Jefferson County fire safety officer before painting.

After a month-long flurry of correspondence, all systems were go, on the condition of the water company that the hydrants be restored to their orange and white and black colors at the end of the bicentennial year.

Grubbs seems resigned that the swirling designs, stars and stripes on the local hydrants will have to do. But, he points out that some of the hydrants were in pretty bad shape before he

started to spruce them up.

At first, Grubbs intended just to paint the hydrants red, white and blue. After his daughter Debbie, a nurse, suggested designs for the hydrants, "it delayed production," Grubbs said. It takes him about 3½ to 4 hours to complete one hydrant, working from buckets of paint lined up on the lawn.

A chunky man with wavy, white hair, Grubbs whispers that he's 65. "Don't say it loud," he laughs.

Married since 1937, Grubbs and his wife, Thelma, have five children and five grandchildren; they've lived in Richlawn for 23 years and Grubbs has been on the town board for three years.

And, as he proceeds with the work, going slowly to keep paint out of screw threads on the hydrants, Grubbs enjoys chatting with folks who stop and pass the time of day with the painting "mayor" of Richlawn. Actually, sixth-class cities have a board chairman instead of a mayor, but people in Richlawn call Grubbs the mayor anyway.

The fire hydrant project is mainly a one-man endeavor in Richlawn, although Grubbs' daughter Debbie helped him with a few of them. It's Grubbs' way of doing something special for the bicentennial.

"You hate like the devil to let a milestone occur in a bicentennial year like this without doing a little something," he said.

July 1976: Paul Dillman goes inactive, Joe Noland resigns as sergeant and Rob Helm rejoins.

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June 21, 1976, Working fire 201 Breckenridge Lane, (2010) photo.



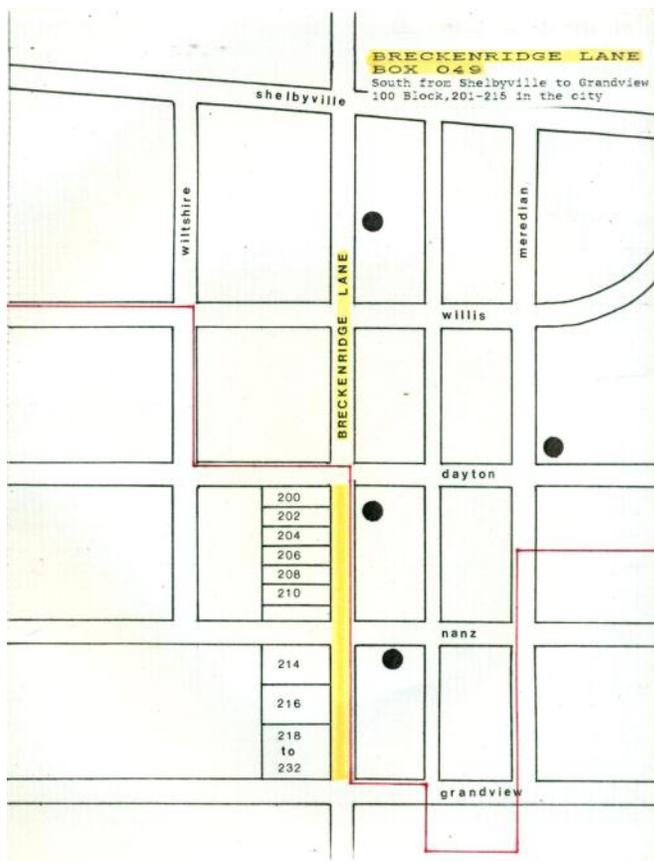
Fire damages dancing school

A fire at 201 Breckenridge Lane that badly damaged a studio and reception area at the Arthur Murray School of Dancing apparently was deliberately set, according to James Kerr, an arson investigator for the Louisville Fire Department.

The blaze was discovered at 6:50 a.m. Three small fires apparently were started in the two- and three-story stucco building. Two of the fires burned out according to Kerr, but the third spread inside the dancing school's lounge and out to the roof.

In addition to the dancing school, the building houses several real estate offices and two operations run by the state Department of Education's Bureau of Services for the Blind.

Estimates of damage were not available.



St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2129

FIRE REPORT

DATE 6/21/76 TIME OF ALARM 6:55 A.M. TIME RETURNED 7:43 P.M.

LOCATION 201 Breckenridge Lane APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Working Fire in three story stucco

Bldg - Assisted LED - under Fire

Cause under investigation by LED

Arson Squad - used 600' 3" + 200' 1 1/2"

OFFICER IN CHARGE May Monahan REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

1976

June, 1976, Courtesy Mike Noland:



Softball, June 1976
Skip Golden



Softball, June 1976
Jim Woodring



Softball, June 1976
Pat Noland



Softball, June 1976
Bill Andriot

July 1, 1976, *The Voice*:

July 8, 1976, *The Voice*:



**Hey there!
don't you know that's illegal?**

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, 'That fire hydrant needs a bright new paint job — something a little different?' In the sovereign sixth class city of Richmond, Frank L. Grubbs, a retired gentleman with a live soul who heads the city government, said that very thing a few weeks ago.

He thought it would be keen to dress up his city's hydrants in honor of the Bicentennial. But guess what? The Louisville Water Company, owner of all hydrants hereabouts, balked. It seems the artists who run our water company are hooked on black and orange.

Anything else on their hydrants upsets them. So, with the foguish consistency of little minds everywhere they executed a classic bureaucratic stall.

Finally, but only temporarily, the water boys relented and Mr. Grubbs went to work, doing his pleasant, civic thing. He is happy and the people of Richmond are happy with their colorful hydrants. But next year, after the Bicentennial, our stubborn, tasteless water bureaucracy will be back with their orange and black to blot out Richmond's flirtation with individuality.

While it lasts, though, let's enjoy it.

**St. Matthews
fire alarms**

July 8, 1976

Sunday, June 13, at 4104 Hycliffe, kitchen.

Sunday, June 13, at 125 Chenoweth Lane, child trapped in elevator.

Monday, June 14, at 497 Kinglan Road, fuel tank leak.

Monday, June 14, St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, US 42 at Wolf Pen Branch Road, back up Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department (two alarms).

Tuesday, June 15, at 119 Blankenbaker Road, auto.

Tuesday, June 15, at 1003 Breckinridge Lane, dumpster.

Thursday, June 17, at 729 Waterford Place, auto.

Sunday, June 20, Brightwood Drive, auto.

Sunday, June 20, at 3646 Brownsboro Road, odor of gas in apartments.

Monday, June 21, at 201 Breckinridge Lane, city of Louisville contract area.

Monday, June 21, Watterson Expressway at US 60, auto.

Thursday, June 24, I-264 eastbound east of US 60, auto.

Thursday, June 24, at 4169 Shelbyville Road, gasoline pump.

Thursday, June 24, at 712 Beechwood Road, exhaust fan.

Monday, June 28, at 235 Brown Avenue, auto.

Monday, June 28, at 110 Ahland, trash.

Friday, July 2, at 3736 Frankfort Avenue, dumpster.

Friday, July 2, at 608 Breckinridge Lane, auto.

Fairmeade East project raises water issue

Dear Editor:

On July 1, the Jefferson County Planning Commission held a public hearing on Fairmeade East, a proposed subdivision of 63 homes on the Monohan farm between Browns Lane and Sherburn Lane, near Beargrass Creek.

Storm sewers are planned, but no retention basin. The storm sewers will add much water to the creek very rapidly. A retention basin would hold rainfall temporarily and allow the run off to flow into the creek gradually.

The Water Management Director of the County Works Department may require the developer to remove an ox-bow from a tributary behind Mallards on the Monohan property. I was told that this is unrelated to Fairmeade East, but is part of the water management plan for the entire Monohan farm development. In my opinion, removal of the ox-bow will increase the rate of flow from the tributary into Middle Fork because an ox-bow curve naturally slows or retards the movement of water.

The director insists that water velocity and volume in Beargrass Creek will not increase due to fill or to removal of an ox-bow or to saving and structures at Fairmeade East. He says that the Browns Lane bridge over the creek is the control and that no down stream flooding will occur. He says that below the bridge there will be no added flooding and that it is OK for some increase on the Monohan land because the Middle Fork flood basin on Monohan property is to be reserved for overflow water anyway.



A 2 1/2-INCH RAIN in February 1975 caused this scene where Browns Lane crosses Beargrass Creek.

This is water management?

Looking at the accompanying Feb. 1975 *Voice* photo, one wonders how much more water, backed up behind the bridge, will overflow onto Browns Lane south of the bridge?

Considering this, if nothing else, the Planning Commission and St. Matthews City Council should require elimination of the 15 flood plain lots from the subdivision plan, because the two feet of fill on parts of 15 one-third acre lots will restrict the flood plains capacity to hold rain water, and the water, having to go somewhere, will thus increase the height of the out-of-channel flood.

The Commission should forbid any channelization on Middle Fork

because of the well-documented fact that it will speed the high water downstream to flood other property. The Commissioners should require a retention basin or two to offset the absorption loss of 48 houses, 48 driveways and extensions of Fairmeade, Hemingway and Alcott Roads.

The Fairmeade East subdivision plan was submitted to the Planning Commission on June 3 and the Commission set a public hearing for July 1, before a construction work plan could be fully studied by the Public Works Department and before a long, long delayed, but by now imminent flood plain building and zoning regulations required by HUD. HUD will withdraw the federally subsidized flood insur-

ance program from Jeffersonton and St. Matthews residents unless there is a regulation in force by July 26.

The commission and St. Matthews City Council should forbid fill on the flood plain land and eliminate the 15 low-lying lots from the plan. They should require a temporary retention basin and assure that the storm sewers and culverts empty into the retention basin rather than directly into the creek. That is water management.

The flood plain should be preserved and not developed. The timing of this proposed subdivision development is most curious.

Winifred Hepler
111 Sherrin Avenue
St. Matthews

1976

July 14, 1976, Board meeting:

Don Black leaves board.

The regular annual meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on July 14, 1976.

Directors present:

J.P. Terry John Monohan
Geo. Miller Marty Kamer
Don Black

Minutes of meeting held on June 10, 1976 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Terry, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Terry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that Mr. Miller be re-elected to serve as a director for a term of 4 years. Motion was voted on and so carried.

Mr. Don Black, with his term expiring, was not re-elected due to his leaving the city. Mr. Black did however agree to act as financial consultant until he actually moves away.

Mr. Terry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that the board re-elect Mr. Andriot to serve as a board member for a period of one year. Mr. Andriot will represent the firemen. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Directors and their terms are as follows:

J.P. Terry --term expires 1977
J.C. Nuckols --term expires 1977

John Monohan --term expires 1978 -
Tom Jerry Smith --term expires 1978

Phil Grauman --term expires 1979
Marty Kamer --term expires 1979

Geo Miller --term expires 1980
Vacancy -- term expires 1980. (Due to ^{Hammer} Don Black leaving)

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Terry, that the following Officers be elected to serve for a period of one year.

Geo. Miller, Chairman
John Monohan, President
J.C. Nuckols Vice President
Marty Kamer, Secretary
J.C. Nuckols Acting Treasurer
J.P. Terry, Process Agent

A vote was taken on above motion with all in favor.

1976

July 14, 1976, Board meeting:

Don Black leaves board.

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A motion was made by MR. Kamer, seconded by Mr. Terry, that the following be elected to serve for a period of one year.

John Monohan, Chief
Al Haeberlin, Asst, Chief
Jack Monohan, Asst. Chief

A vote was taken with all in favor

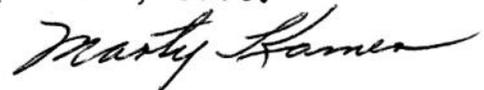
Mr. Monohan gave a financial report and made a motion that we invest \$13,000 in Certificates of Deposit. Motion was seconded by Mr. Terry.

Mr. Monohan gave a report on bids for hose. He requested 8 bids on 5000 ft. of 3in hose and in turn received 6 bids. The lowest bid was from Reagan Fire Equipment Co. for a total of \$10,445. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that we accept the Reagan bid. Motion voted on and so carried.

A bid of \$9301.00 less trade-in was received from Motorola for Radio's. Mr. Terry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, that we purchase said radio's.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



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July 14, 1976, Letter:



JULIAN M. CARROLL, GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
CAPITAL PLAZA TOWER
SECOND FLOOR
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

HAROLD B. MCGUFFEY
COMMISSIONER

WARREN SOUTHWORTH
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

July 15, 1976

Mr. John Orstein
15 Shelbyville Rd. Plaza
Louisville, Ky. 40207

Re: L. Strauss Men's Store
15 Shelbyville Rd. Plaza
Louisville, Ky.
Jefferson County

Dear Mr. Orstein:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence, stating that all corrections have been made at the above captioned property.

May we take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your interest in the safety and welfare of the general public who patronize your business.

If this office can be of further service, please advise.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clell Upton".

Clell Upton
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal

CU/pmv

cc: Chief, Monohan ✓
Inspector, Kelley

July 15, 1976, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has responded to these recent alarms, according to the department's official records:

Thursday, July 8, Coach Gate Wynde, trash.

Friday, July 9, at 3932 Shelbyville Road, back up Louisville Fire Department, couch on fire in second-floor apartment.

Friday, July 9, at 2104 Glen Cove Way, alarm malfunction.

Friday, July 9, at 330 North Hubbards Lane, auto.

Sunday, July 11, at 705 Sherburn Lane, Apt. A-1, food on stove.

St. Matthews budget holds the line

REVENUE			
SOURCE	1975 - 77	1975 - 76	PERCENT CHANGE
Ad valorem tax	\$636,422	\$500,100	+ 6%
Franchise tax	19,000	18,000	+ 5
Occupational licenses	115,650	110,000	+ 5
Alcohol licenses	19,000	18,000	+ 5
Building permits	1,000	1,000	0
Fines and forfeitures	30,000	30,000	0
Net interest on time deposit	15,000	15,000	0
Excess cens. refuse collection	10,000	10,000	0
Miscellaneous	9,200	8,200	0
Municipal aid funds	53,847	50,865	+ 6
Revenue sharing funds	53,191	91,379	N/A
	(6 months)	(12 months)	
TOTAL	\$961,660	\$953,544	- 8

EXPENDITURES			
	1975 - 77	1975 - 76	PERCENT CHANGE
Utilities	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,300	- 16%
Insurance and bonds	20,000	15,700	+ 27
Mayor contingency fund	1,500	1,200	+ 25
Crime prevention	0	200	N/A
Service contract	1,000	300	+ 10
Mayor car expense	1,200	700	+ 31
License inspection	2,200	1,200	+ 83
Library	1,000	1,000	0
Community Center	5,000	4,700	+ 6
Municipal property	500	400	+ 20
Building inspector cars	500	600	- 17
Miscellaneous	3,500	1,800	+ 92
Salaries	316,800	290,700	+ 9
Contract labor	6,800	7,700	- 11
Social security tax	16,374	16,800	+ 9
Maintenance engineer	2,400	1,900	+ 26
Municipal building	1,000	1,000	0
Supplies and materials	9,400	8,400	+ 11
Postage	1,800	1,500	+ 6
Printed forms	2,500	2,800	- 11
Copy machine	2,400	2,700	- 11
Auto consultant	2,700	2,400	+ 11
Administrative car expense	3,800	3,300	+ 15
Zoning officer expense	0	100	N/A
Body car repair	200	500	- 150
New equipment	36,900	10,400	+ 246
Repairs	22,400	16,900	+ 18
Rentals	0	100	N/A
Gas and oil	29,500	27,700	+ 8
Tires	4,000	2,800	+ 42
Uniforms	3,000	2,800	+ 15
Dump	16,500	14,000	+ 15

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT			
Department	1975 - 77	1975 - 76	PERCENT CHANGE
Administration	\$ 76,378	\$ 91,050	- 13%
Public works	99,824	98,700	+ 1
Sanitation	152,939	129,800	+ 18
Safety and fire	82,139	58,460	+ 40
Police (fire only)	338,797	295,650	+ 16
Fees and variable service	63,460	40,500	+ 57
Zoning and municipal	12,637	7,900	+ 60
Community Center	20,000	19,700	+ 1
Capital improvements	112,486	212,044	- 47

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July 22, 1976, *The Voice*:



A ST. MATTHEWS LANDMARK is falling to the wrecker's ball this week. The "old ice house," 3940 Westport Road, was built by a cooperative of local potato and onion farmers about 1910. It most recently housed the St. Matthews Ice and Beverage Depot. Merchant's Ice & Cold Storage, of Louisville, which owned the building since 1914, is selling the property, but A.B. Speer, an employee of the ice firm, said they can't reveal the name of the buyer yet. (Staff photo by Bruce B. VanDusen).

Recent St. Matthews fire alarms

July 22, 1976

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department responded to these alarms last week, according to the department's official records:

Monday, July 12, at 892 Breckinridge Lane, odor in apartment.

Monday, July 12, at 4027 Gloucester, transformer.

Tuesday, July 13, Valley View Drive, odor of gas.

Wednesday, July 14, at 1003 Breckinridge Lane, auto.

Thursday, July 15, at 3929 Chenoweth Square, dumpster.

Friday, July 16, Kresge Way at Breckinridge Lane, false.

July 29, 1976, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews to annex Moore farm

By Judith Berzof
Staff Writer

St. Matthews City Council moved Tuesday to try to annex more than 100 acres of land in a horse farm along Breckinridge and Dutchmans Lanes.

The land is owned by Clayton and Virginia Moore and has been in Mrs. Moore's family for more than 40 years. Mrs. Moore said she has "no plans at all" to develop the property because "I want to stay here myself." Mrs. Moore said this is the first time St. Matthews has tried to annex the property.

Former St. Matthews Councilman Millard Rudy, who died earlier this year, was instrumental in bringing the annexation about. "Our good friend, Mr. Rudy, who passed away, talked to me about it," Mrs. Moore said.

Mrs. Moore said the annexation will bring her St. Matthews police and fire protection along with a promise from St. Matthews to keep grass and weeds cut along Breckinridge Lane. If the Moores later do decide to develop their land, St. Matthews would vote on any necessary rezoning.

In announcing the first reading of the annexation ordinance, Mayor Pro Tem John Barker read a memo from Mayor Bernard F. Bowling. The memo recommended the council carry out the Moore's wishes and finalize Rudy's work. Bowling was on vacation. Tuesday's council action began the month-long process. Jefferson Circuit Court will rule on the annexation and hear objections to it.

Several residents took their complaints to councilmen and won pledges of city action Tuesday. Leo T. Hauber, 3945 Kennison Avenue, presented the council a petition signed by 19 people against and 8 for a parking ban on Kennison Avenue. The council had instituted the ban from 8 am to 4 pm; Monday - Saturday, to cut down on alleged parking by students at a beauty school nearby.

Hauber argued the ban affects the re-sale value of the homes and inconveniences families with two cars. Police also have been enforcing the ban selectively, Hauber charged.

Councilmen instructed City Atty. J. W. Jones to draw up an amendment to the

ordinance concerning the ban for the next council meeting. The amendment would ban parking east of 3902 and 3912 Kennison Avenue. The councilmen think both those for and against the parking ban could live with this modification. Presently, parking is banned from Chenoweth Lane to St. Matthews Avenue on Kennison.

Cecil Morris of 500 Marquette Drive complained children, both young and old, who play ball on Florida Avenue, a 50-foot-wide grassy strip near his home, have created a serious neighborhood disturbance.

The children have broken windows, dented cars, torn down a fence and showered Morris and other neighbors with obscene language. Morris read a letter from another neighbor saying their home was bombarded with baseballs and the screens were knocked out. This person said it wasn't safe to go out in his yard.

Morris said, "We've been putting up with it for four years. When we bought the house it was in bad shape. We spent more money on it than we'll ever get out. I can't let them run me off my property." Although he kept referring to the offenders as "children" Morris said, "some are as big as you and me."

Because he called the police recently, a concrete block was thrown through his window and his yard was torn up. Morris said. The St. Matthews police repeatedly have answered his calls for help, but haven't been able to do much, Morris said.

Atty. Jones said, "It's rather deplorable what these people are forced to

endure." Jones suggested the city post "no trespassing" signs, the police make a special effort to enforce them and the neighbors cooperate by helping to identify the trespassers.

Mayor Pro Tem Barker said the city will inspect the grassy strip and post signs. Police Chief James W. Burton said the department has made arrests on the Florida Avenue strip but "we can't post people there 24 hours a day." No trespassing rules would be difficult to enforce, but with cooperation from the neighbors the problem could be alleviated, Burton said.

In other business, the council:

- Formally passed a balanced \$961,660 budget introduced at the last meeting, with no discussion.

- Briefly held a closed meeting after the council meeting to discuss "a personnel matter."

- Adopted a resolution to participate in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program which provides a 15-percent pay supplement for police officers who receive required training.

- Passed a resolution to construct an additional, 12-foot-wide lane and a sidewalk along the south side of Dutchmans Lane between its two intersections with Dupont Circle.

Bank planned on site of ice house

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

Louisville Trust Bank will build a new drive-in facility on leased property at 3940 Westport Road, until last week site of the "old ice house" of Merchants Ice & Cold Storage Co.

Roger Atchley, Louisville Trust Bank's vice-president in charge of retail marketing, confirmed the local bank's development plans this week.

He said the new facility will include four drive-in stations, all equipped with pneumatic tube service; two walk-up windows inside the building, and a night depository. It also will be capable of adding a 24-hour teller machine "if Louisville Trust Bank decides to go that way."

The drive-in branch will be associated with Louisville Trust Bank's St. Matthews banking center at 4000 Shelbyville Road nearby. It will be under the direction of St. Matthews branch manager Wally Bateman, Atchley said.

The drive-in banking window at the present branch is inadequate and will be closed soon after the new facility opens, Atchley explained. The single-lane window at the Shelbyville Road branch can only accommodate about 1½ cars before the lines back into traffic, while the new building will be able to handle up to 27 cars, he said.

When the drive-in window is removed from the Shelbyville Road branch, additional parking will be added there.

The modular building units will be completed with brick veneer exterior and anodized aluminum trim, he said. Driveway access is planned from Westport Road, from St. Matthews Avenue and from adjacent shopping center parking lots which have access to Frankfort Avenue.

Asked about frequently congested traffic conditions in the St. Matthews business district, Atchley predicted access would be easier to the Louisville Trust branch than to competitive neighbors First National in Chenoweth Square or Citizens-Fidelity near Frankfort and Breckinridge Lane.

August 5, 1976, *The Voice*:

Storm alarms busy fire fighters

*Aug. 5
1976*

Alarms related to a severe thunderstorm that lashed the East End of Jefferson County kept the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department busy.

Eleven alarms — four lightning strikes and seven cases of downed electrical wires — kept the fire fighters active during the late afternoon and evening Saturday, July 24.

Lightning strikes were reported at 207 Sherrin, 3922 Brookfield, 404 Mockingbird Valley Road and 3929 Elmwood Avenue.

Wires down were reported at 126 Breckinridge Lane, 4401 Kinlock, 421 Kaelin Drive, 3819 Warner Avenue, 3529 Graham Road, 4230 Alton Road and 4302 Talahi.

Other St. Matthews-area fire alarms recently have included:

Wednesday, July 21, at 6000 Hunting Road, back up Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Wednesday, July 21, at 5000 Shelbyville Road, Sycamore Shop, light ballast.

Thursday, July 22, Bacon's parking lot, auto.

Friday, July 23, at 205 Oxford Place, gasoline washoff.

Tuesday, July 27, Rudy Lane at Brownsboro Road, auto.

Tuesday, July 27, at 5025 Shelbyville Road, auto.

Thursday, July 29, at 6881 Green Meadow Circle, washing machine.

Friday, July 30, Suburban Hospital kitchen, 4001 Dutchmans Lane, electrical.

Friday, July 30, at 219 North Hubbards Lane, fan motor.

Saturday, July 31, Ponderosa restaurant, 5055 Shelbyville Road, painters set off fire alarm system.

1976

August 12, 1976, Board meeting: Mr. Bill Hammer joins Board.

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn was held on Aug. 12, 1976.

Directors present:

Geo Miller	John Monohan
Bill Andriot	Marty Kamer
J.C. Nuckols	Phil Grauman
Tom Jerry Smith	

Minutes of meeting held on July 14, 1976 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Smith, that minutes be accepted as read.

A motion was made by Mr. Nuckols, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that we accept Mr. Bill Hammer as a board member. Mr. Hammer will fill the vacancy left by Mr. Don Black, and who's term will expire in 1980.

Mr. Monohan gave a financial report at which time Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that we invest \$10,000 in Certificates of Deposit at Citizens Fidelity.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

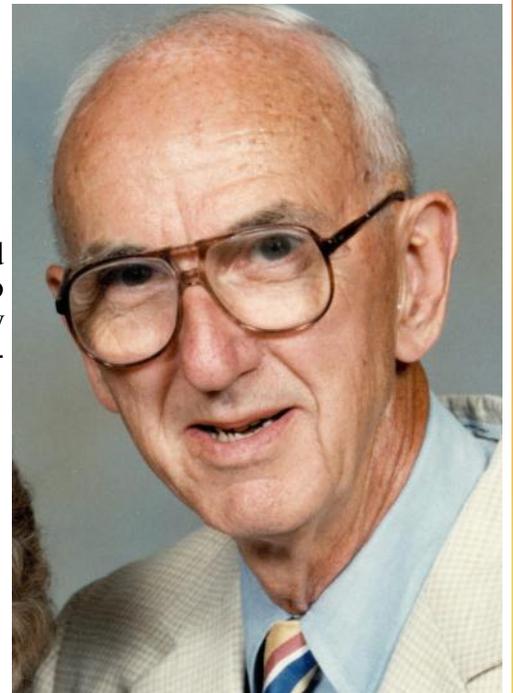
Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



William D. "Bill" Hammer

Director 1976 to 1977

Bill was born March 28, 1919 in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Dupont Manuel High school in Louisville and the University of Louisville getting his C.P.A. license. Married May 29, 1954 and they had 6 children. They live on Ormond Road. He served as a STMFD director during 1976 and 1977.



1976

August 13, 1976, Letter:



FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF LOUISVILLE

First National Tower Louisville, Kentucky 40201 Telephone (502) 581-4200

August 13, 1976

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
Attn: Mr. John Monohan
Post Office Box 7283
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

Dear Mr. Monohan:

Mr. J. C. Nuckols has asked that I direct a letter to you regarding the FDIC Insurance coverage provided on municipal deposit accounts at First National Bank.

I have contacted our insurance department and find that the coverage is as follows:

\$100,000 on time and savings deposits (this includes certificates of deposit and passbook savings).
\$ 40,000 additional coverage over and above this on demand (checking) deposits.

I hope that this provides you with the information that you are in need of. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 581-5454.

Very truly yours,

Joe O'Bryan
Senior Banking Officer
St. Matthews Branch

JRO/pp

1976

August 19, 1976, *The Voice*:

August 28, 1976, Unknown:

**Bethel Church
to honor
Will Lausman**

A service Sunday, Aug. 22, at 10:15 a.m. will honor William H. Lausman, first president of the congregation of Bethel United Church of Christ.

The church at 115 Meridian Avenue will dedicate its "William H. Lausman Chapel" in the Sunday morning service. Lausman, who served as the congregational president for 15 years, will be honored and receive a letter of recognition.

Lausman was the leader in formation of Bethel Church in St. Matthews in 1922. He also inspired organization of the church men's club and the first Boy Scout troop in St. Matthews, also sponsored by Bethel Church.

Lausman, of 201 Fairfax Ave., also is said to hold the secret recipe for the turtle soup that is traditionally served at the church's annual festival.

Former STMFD member.

8-28-76

**Fire slightly damages
Bacon's in St. Matthews**

A fire of undetermined origin caused minor damage in the basement of the J. Bacon and Son department store, 3930 Frankfort Ave., about 2 a.m. yesterday.

A store spokesman said that three automatic sprinklers extinguished the fire in the mailroom. Smoke filled most of the store and the sprinklers left about 4 inches of water in the basement.

The St. Matthews Fire Department is investigating.

No. 2196

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC. FIRE REPORT

DATE 8-29-76 TIME OF ALARM 2:00 A A.M. 3:55 P.M. TIME RETURNED 3:55 A (21) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION Bacon's 3939 FRANKFORT AVE APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER ADT WATER FLOW

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT Oscar Berkman (Maint.) X Chief

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS _____

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY _____

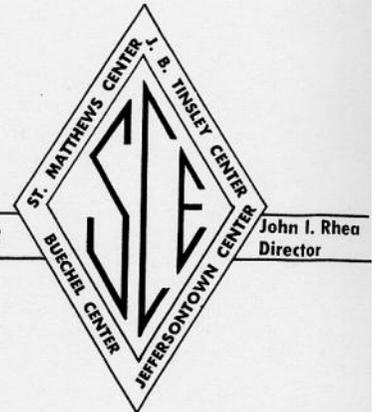
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August 23, 1976, Letter:

Senior Citizens East, Inc.

311 Browns Lane • Louisville, Kentucky 40207 • Phone: 896-0343



August 23, 1976

Mr. Rick Albers
St. Matthews Fire Dept.
4114 Lyndon Way
P. O. Box 7283
Louisville, Ky 40207

Dear Rick:

The St. Matthews Senior Citizens wish to thank you for the interesting and informative program you gave at our Center on August 10th.

We appreciated your time and interest.

It is by providing programs such as yours that we strive to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Cordially,

Agnes Titus
Program Coordinator

1976

August 31, 1976, Working fire, 4019 Winchester Road:

FIRE REPORT

DATE 8/31/76 TIME OF ALARM 2:31 P A.M. 5:32 (31) P.M. TIME RETURNED 5:45 A.M. (P.M.)

LOCATION 4019 Winchester Rd APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER BK Rubison

OWNER ADDRESS 4019 Winchester

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Fire in upstairs + attic - used 3-1/2" lines - 1 250' 3" supply line - FFTR R. Smith injured + TREATED AT SCENE by JCPD Med unit, then sent home

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY CAPT RAKESTRAW



Praises emergency help

Dear Editor:

I am, writing this to express my gratitude to all the marvelous volunteer firemen and the St. Matthews Police Department. I had a fire at my home recently and these men could not have been more helpful in trying to save both my house and furnishings.

When it was thought that my son was where the fire was mainly concentrated, the men risked their lives to try to rescue him. It is hard

to find words to thank these brave men that volunteer for this hazardous job. But my children and myself will always be grateful.

People I didn't even know offered all manner of assistance and it is very gratifying in these times to see how many people come forward to offer food, lodging and even money.

Again, thank you to all my wonderful neighbors.

Barbara K. Rubison
4019 Winchester
St. Matthews

1976

September 4, 1976, Car Accident:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC. No. 2202

FIRE REPORT

DATE 9/4/76 TIME OF ALARM 12³⁶ PM #00 A.M. (P.M.) TIME RETURNED 2¹² PM (77) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 264 BROWN'S BORO + SHELBYVILLE RD. APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE TRACTOR-TRAILER

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Fire in TRAILER ALSO AUTO ACCIDENT w/ Rescue

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rokestraw

September 1976: Former firefighter Gary Butts rejoins.

The Courier-Journal



Staff Photo by Michael Coers

The driver, William Freeman, and a passenger await removal from their wrecked car.

3 hurt in Watterson crash after truck catches fire

One man was seriously injured and two persons suffered minor injuries in a two-car accident on the Watterson Expressway yesterday afternoon near the site of a burning tractor-trailer.

William R. Freeman, 28, of 4701 Nottinghamshire Drive, was listed in serious condition in General Hospital last night with head injuries, a hospital spokesman said.

Treated and released at General was a passenger in the car Freeman was driv-

ing, Stanley Browning, 29, of 7307 Creekview Court.

Also treated and released, at Baptist Hospital East, was the driver of the second car involved in the crash, Veronica Whitehouse, 19, of 7507 Merlyn Circle.

Jefferson County patrolman Howard Nethery gave this account of the accident:

Shortly before 1 p.m. yesterday a tractor-trailer driven by Grady L. Hall of Cincinnati caught on fire in the east-

bound lane of the Watterson near the Westport Road overpass.

Nethery said the two right rear wheels of the truck caught fire, possibly from overheated or locked brakes. Hall pulled the truck onto the emergency lane, and he and a passerby attempted to disconnect the tractor from the burning trailer.

The eastbound car driven by Freeman came to a halt in the roadway beside the truck, Nethery said. The eastbound car driven by Ms. Whitehouse then hit Free-

man's car, knocking it into a ditch ahead of the truck.

Freeman and Browning were trapped inside the car for about 30 minutes while police and St. Matthews volunteer firemen worked to open a car door. St. Matthews police took Ms. Whitehouse to the hospital. St. Matthews firemen extinguished the blaze, which had spread into the rear of the trailer.

Nethery said the truck was carrying bathroom fixtures which were packed in cartons.

September 9, 1976, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews VFD hosts waterball

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Around Town

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The public is encouraged to come out and root for their home team, and there is no admission charge. Refreshments will be sold.

St. Matthews fire runs

Several fires involving substantial damage have busied volunteer fire fighters of the St. Matthews Fire Department recently.

Early Sunday morning, Aug. 29, a fire broke out in the basement mailroom at Bacon's 3939 Frankfort Ave. The store's sprinkler system kept the blaze from spreading, and the store was able to open for business as usual the following day. Some merchandise was damaged.

Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 31, St. Matthews fire fighters responded to a 2:31 p.m. alarm at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.K. Rubinson, 4019 Winchester Road. The fire that apparently started in a fan motor severely damaged most of the second floor and the roof, and there also was extensive water and smoke damage.

Saturday afternoon, Sept. 4, fire fighters responded to the Watterson Expressway scene of a fire in a trailer truck. Fire fighters also helped rescue two injured victims from an auto damaged in an accident at the same location.

A St. Matthews fire truck en route to the accident site midway between Brownsboro Road and Shelbyville Road on the Watterson was routed around via the Brownsboro Road ramps because Saturday traffic was backed up badly behind the accident site in the northbound lanes.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has responded to these recent alarms, as listed in the department's official records:

Wednesday, Aug. 4, Suburban Medical Plaza, 4001 Dutchmans Lane, malicious false.

Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 116 Chenoweth Lane, auto in service station.

Wednesday, Aug. 4, Mississippi River Steamboat Co., 3940 Dupont Square, fire.

Thursday, Aug. 5, stand by for Louisville Fire Department Station One.

Friday, Aug. 6, U.S. 42 at Indian Ridge, odor of smoke.

Friday, Aug. 6, at 1810 Knollwood Road, smoke fest on sewer.

Saturday, Aug. 7, at 114 Sears Avenue, gasoline washoff.

Saturday, Aug. 7, at 6881 Green Meadow Circle, sump pump.

Monday, Aug. 9, at 3812 Staebler, sump pump.

Monday, Aug. 9, at 4129 Shelbyville

Road, dumpster.

Monday, Aug. 9, at 4600 Shelbyville Road, Blue Hawaii restaurant, rib oven.

Tuesday, Aug. 10, westbound I-264 at U. S. 60, van truck.

Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 4010 Dupont Circle, auto.

Thursday, Aug. 12, at 227 Browns Lane, overheated motor.

Friday, Aug. 13, at 4215 Church Way, auto.

Friday Aug. 13, at 418 Kaelin Drive, odor in house.

Sunday, Aug. 15, at 3834 Washington Square, alarm system.

Sunday, Aug. 15, at 3838 Washington Square, alarm system.

Thursday, Aug. 19, at 4000 Kresge Way, Baptist Hospital East, standby.

Friday, Aug. 20, at 706 Quails Run, log.

Saturday, Aug. 21, Phoenix Hill Road, Winding Falls subdivision, trash.

Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 912 Dupont Road, auto.

Wednesday Aug. 25, at 1001 Dupont Road, auto.

Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 511 Club Lane, false.

Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2 a.m., 3939 Frankfort Ave., Bacon's basement mailroom.

Monday, Aug. 30, at 5:42 p.m., Brownsboro Road at Chenoweth Lane, trash.

Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 2:31 p.m. 4019 Winchester Road, house.

Wednesday, Sep. 1, Louisville Builders, 245 N. Hubbards Lane, steam.

Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 5015 Shelbyville Road, Service Merchandise, steam.

Thursday, Sept. 2, at 3904 Plymouth Road, old radio.

Saturday, Sept. 4, Interstate 264 between U.S. 60 and U.S. 42, truck trailer.

Saturday, Sept. 4, Westport Road at Hubbards Lane, gasoline washoff.

Saturday, Sept. 4, at 1001 Breckinridge Lane, auto.

Saturday, Sept. 4, at 318 Ridgeway Ave., malicious false.

Sunday, Sept. 5, Lexington Road and Bauer Ave., trash.

Monday, Sept. 6, at 125 Blankenbaker Lane, trash.

Monday, Sept. 6, at 3716 Hycliffe Ave., malicious false.

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September 9, 1976, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Sept. 9, 1976.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller
Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer
John Monohan
Bill Hammer

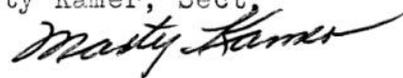
Minutes of meeting held on Aug. 12, 1976 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Andriot, seconded by Mr. Hammer, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan gave a financial report at which time he made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hammer, that we invest \$7500 in Certificates of Deposit at First National.

Mr. Monohan read a letter from First National which explained FDIC Insurance Coverage. (said letter attached)

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



September 13, 1976, *The Courier-Journal*:

D O THE COURIER-JOURNAL, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1976



Staff Photo by Ferd Reid

Firemen's fun

Despite the grimace, Wayne Thompson of the Pewee Valley Fire Department is enjoying what he's doing. He and fellow firemen were playing a little game yesterday at St. Matthews Volunteer

Fire Department. Teams line up opposite each other and try to push a ball dangling from a line overhead past each other. It's sort of a combination of tug of war and hockey. Thompson's team lost.

September 13, 1976, *The Voice*:



ST. MATTHEWS fire fighters (from front) Dave Kamer, Bob Wheatley, Rick Smith and Joe Wheatley aimed their hose during "waterball" competition Sunday at the local firehouse. The Fern Creek Fire Department won the big trophy at the end of the day. (Staff photo by Robin Garr III)

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Chief John Monohan & Rick Albers

'Paper pit' taking old phone books

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department would be happy to have everyone's old telephone books, now that the new editions are being delivered to local homes.

Fire Capt. Al Ring said the department's used paper recycling station, the "paper pit," still is open at the back of the fire station, 4114 Lyndon Way (behind Sears).

All proceeds from used newspapers — and telephone books — benefit the St. Matthews fire fighters' annual

Crusade for Children donation.

The St. Matthews volunteers responded to these alarms last week, according to the department's official records:

Monday, Sept. 6, at 231 Tyne Road, cookout.

Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 4009 Grandview Ave., sewer gas fumes.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 4302 Shelbyville Road, auto.

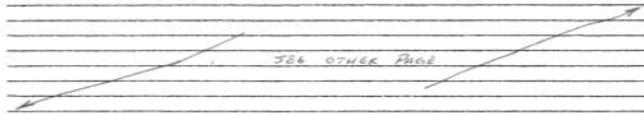
Thursday, Sept. 9, at 3924 Grandview Ave., television set.

Sept. 16, 1976

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September /October, 1976, Firefighters Inc.:

UNIT NUMBER 15 MINUTES 30 MINUTES SPARE



Do you have a cascade system for filling air bottles? YES - Also
© Both Lists / Compressor

HOSE
 What is your hose thread? 1 1/2" Nat'l Std - 2 1/2" & 3" Loc. Std.

LIST THE AMOUNT OF HOSE THAT IS CARRIED ON YOUR APPARATUS (total length in feet).

UNIT NUMBER	1 1/2" 2 1/2" 3" 4"				(3/4 or 1") Booster Other
	ALL 1"				
BB21	600'	1000'	1000'		200 FT
BB22	0	0	0	0	300 FT
BB33	400'	1000'	1000'	0	400 FT
BB44	800'	1000'	1000'	0	400 FT
BB35	800'	1000'	1000'	0	400 FT
BB36	400'	1000'	1000'	0	400 FT
BB44	800'	1000'	1000'	0	400 FT
BB55	800'	1000'	1000'	0	400 FT

Does your department have it's own fuel pumps? YES

Are they gasoline or diesel or both? BOTH

At which station(s) are the pumps located? ONLY STATION

Are any of your apparatuses containing the following items? If so which ones?

Item	None	1	2	3	4
K 12 Saw	None				
Jaw's of Life	1	BB44			
Air Chisel	None				
Water Vac	None				
Resuscitator	None				
Porta Power	2	BB44	BB55		
Foam Equipment	None				

May 1976 7/21/76

JMM

Which day or night does your department conduct it's training? Tues
 Does your department conduct a different drill for it's day and night firemen or fireladies? No If so when? ---
 What is the total active membership of your department? 50
 How many of these personnel are qualified EMT's? 1
 How many of these people are qualified fire instructors? 8

TRAINING INFORMATION

Please list the certified training officers, their addresses and phone numbers, and their specialties.

- Chief Jean Minkus, Jr. 3909 Elmwood 40207 893-2302 # 2113
- Asst. Chief Albert Marbeck 4001 Elmwood 40207 875-2479 # 2114
- Asst. Chief Tom Mankin, Jr. 4073 Gilman 40207 895-0819 # 2115
- Capt. Bill Adams 7744 Kenwood 70207 828-2608 # 2116
- Capt. Frank Florence 4140 Thelma Rd 40207 426-1866 # 2117
- Capt. Russ Robertson 165 Tinsman Ln 40207 897-3901 # 2118
- Capt. Al King 6605 W. T. Tanham 40207 876-4271 # 2119
- Capt. Keith Strange 3507 Ains Ave 40207 875-5300 # 2120
- Sgt. Jack DeHart 6903 Kingslook Ct 40207 895-9239 # 0018

Does your department have any special training facilities? (Drill Towers, etc.) If so please list their address?

DRILLING PIT
CLASS ROOMS > ONLY STATION

Do you have any films, slides, or any other aids that could be used for training? If so, please list.

- RESUME ANNE
LIBRARY OF BOOKS & MANUALS
SLIDES ON TRAINING, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, DEPARTMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS & AIDS
TRANSPARENCIES ON ALBUM TO FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS & DEVICES
 " ON HOSE LAYOUT PHOTOS
 " ON TRAINING FIRES
 " ON ROPS
 " ON HOSE FITTINGS & APPLICES
 " ON VENTILATION PRACTICES
 " ON ESCAPE ROUTES
 " ON HEAVY GEARING
 " ON LADDERS
Have CAPSULE Projection & Transparency Projector (Buy Old 16mm)
& Movie Screen (Film Projector)

If you have any other helpful information that could be listed in the directory please feel free to write it below.

< My Helmholtz off to you! - A very good start to the Directory >

Please sign and date this page and initial all others in the bottom right corner.

May John M. Minkus, Jr. 9-22-76
 Name Date

1976

October, 14 1976, Board meeting: Chief Monohan announces future retirement.

The regular meeting of St. Matthewa Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Oct. 14, 1976.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller
Bill Andriot
John Monohan
Marty Kamer
J. C. Nuckols
Tom Jerry Smith

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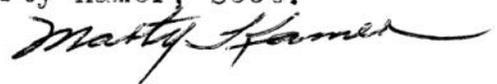
Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that we invest \$8000 in Certificates of Deposit.

Mr. Monohan announced to the board that he would be retiring from the Fire Dept in the near future. Along with this announcement he requested that Jack Monohan be appointed as Deputy Chief, and that Frank Florence be appointed Asst. Chief.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller that Jack Monohan be appointed as Deputy Chief, serving in said capacity until the Annual Meeting in July 1977. Also that Frank Florence be appointed Asst. Chief serving also until the Annual Meeting in July 1977. Motion was seconded by Mr. Nuckols. Motion was voted and so carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
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1976

October 15, 1976, Working fire at 92 Beechwood Road.

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTARY FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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FIRE REPORT

DATE 10/15/76 TIME OF ALARM 7:11 P TIME RETURNED 8:50 P 8:30 A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 92 Beechwood Rd APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

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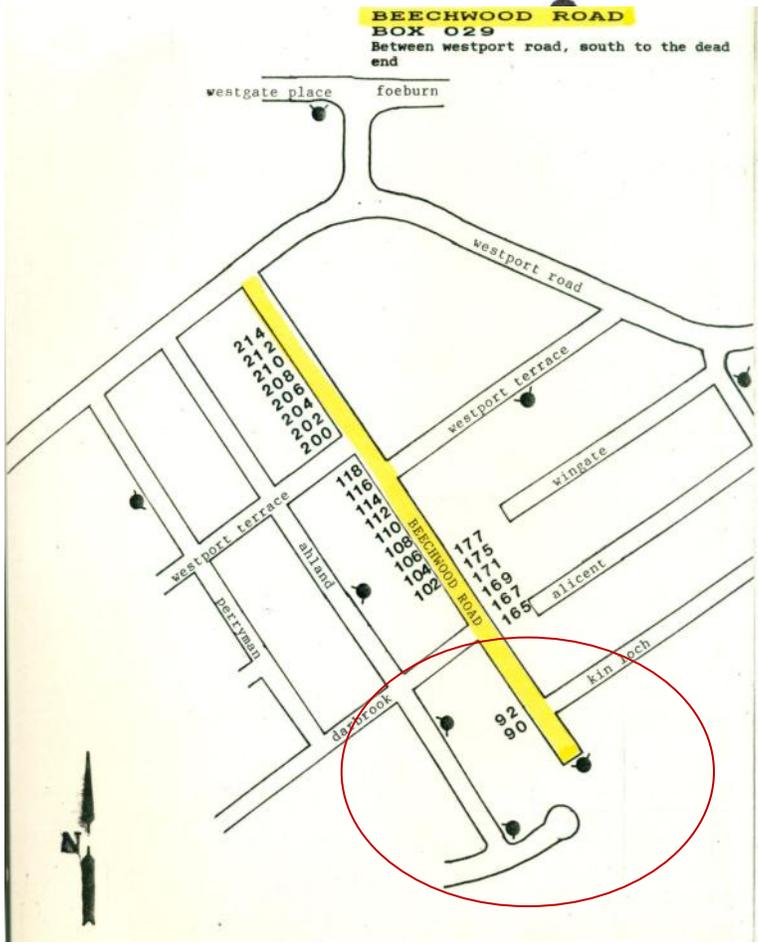
OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36, 35

REMARKS Working fire in commercial Bldg
1 Van involved - used 1 1/2" line
County Arsen NOTIFIED

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Ruckenstein



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October, 1976, courtesy Mike Noland:



Water Ball, October 1976



Water Ball, October 1976



Water Ball, October 1976



Water Ball, October 1976

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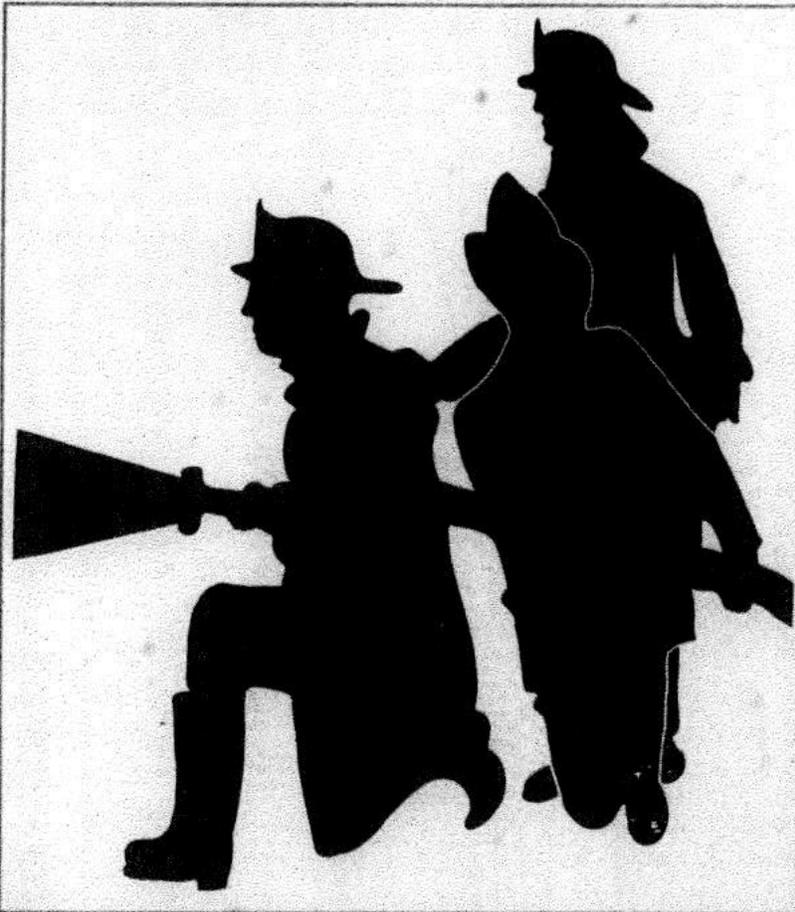
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B Section

The Voice-Jeffersonian and Prospect News

Oct. 21, 1976



WALL GRAPHIC depicts fire fighters at Fern Creek's new firehouse.

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- Have a valid Kentucky driver's license.
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B Section Page 2, Focus: Fire Fighters, Thursday October 21, 1976

Suburbs spurred fire organizations

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

Organized volunteer fire fighting forces are a historically recent development in Eastern Jefferson County.

Even in long established communities such as Jeffersonton and St. Matthews, the volunteer fire departments have their roots in the early years of the 20th century.

Many of the suburban fire fighting forces were formed as recently as World War II and the postwar years, coming about when the housing and development boom of the '50s created a need for their service.

Earlier, people who lived in what was then predominantly rural and sparsely settled Jefferson County had to depend on friends and neighbors, luck and prayer when a fire broke out.

In Fern Creek, for instance, there was no particular plan for fire fighting until about 1945, although the community's history goes back to Revolutionary War days.

At the opening of the Fern Creek Fire Department's sparkling new \$500,000 firehouse Sunday, Oct. 10, longtime resident and educator James E. Farmer recalled how it used to be.

A large fire broke out one autumn afternoon while the Fern Creek High School football team was practicing on a field near the school. "They left football practice, got buckets from the hardware store, and got water from a pond," Farmer told a crowd at the firehouse dedication.

Sometimes Fern Creek people didn't have a handy football team standing by when fire struck. Another mid-'40s barn fire, late at night, destroyed the structure. There was little anyone could do to save it.

These and similar incidents left the community feeling helpless. Farmer recalled "People asked, 'what can we do to protect our life and property?'"

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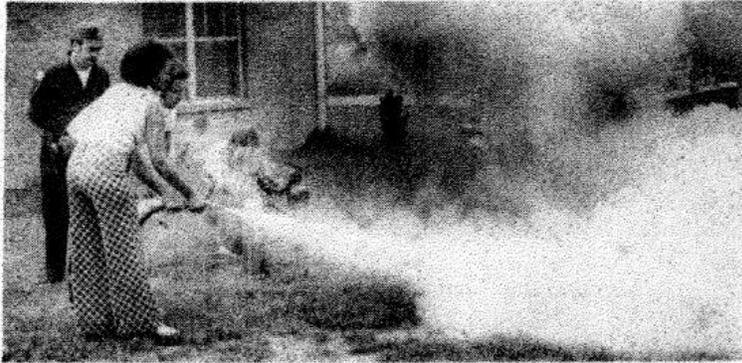
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Even in long established communities such as Jeffersontown, and St. Matthews, the volunteer fire departments have their roots in the early years of the 20th century.

Many of the suburban fire fighting forces were formed as recently as World War II and the postwar years, coming about when the housing and development boom of the '50s created a need for their service.

Earlier, people who lived in what was then predominantly rural and sparsely settled Jefferson County had to depend on friends and neighbors, luck and prayer when a fire broke out.

In Fern Creek, for instance, there was no particular plan for fire fighting until about 1945, although the community's history goes back to Revolutionary War days.

At the opening of the Fern Creek Fire Department's sparkling new \$500,000 firehouse Sunday, Oct. 10, longtime resident and educator James E. Farmer recalled how it used to be.

A large fire broke out one autumn afternoon, while the Fern Creek High School football team was practicing on a field near the school. "They left football practice, got buckets from the hardware store, and got water from a pond," Farmer told a crowd at the firehouse dedication.

Sometimes Fern Creek people didn't have a handy football team standing by when fire struck. Another mid-'40s barn fire, late at night, destroyed the structure. There was little anyone could do to save it.

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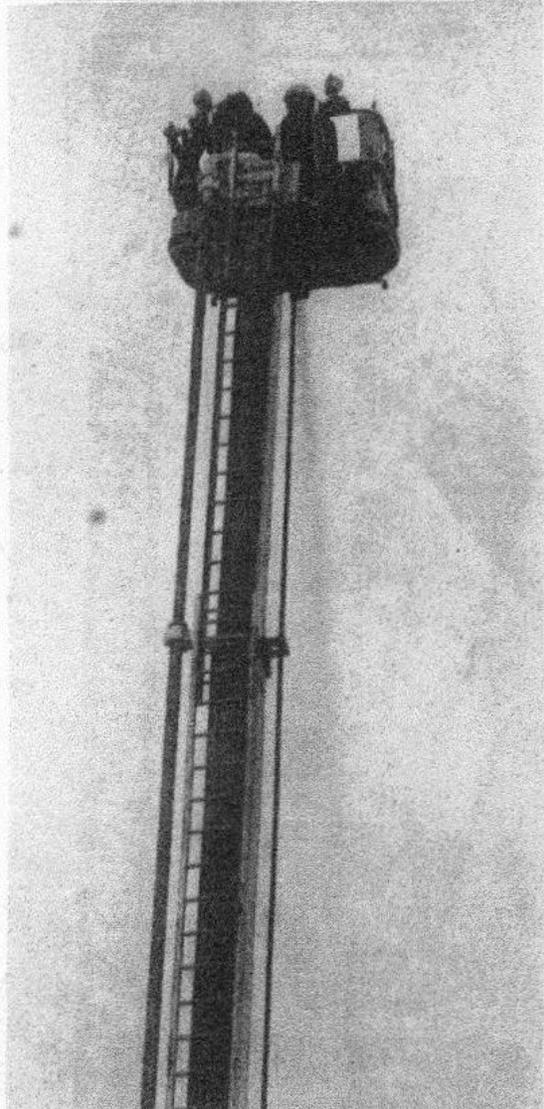
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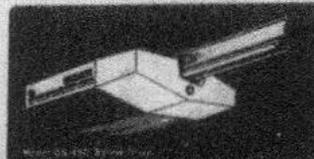
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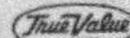
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By Judith Herzog
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When the fire engine fares out of the station, the people hanging onto the back and sides of the fire truck automatically have been men.

There were many homes of sorrow on highways that would bring refreshments to the fire scene, among other duties.

The East End fire chief isn't about to make a woman one of this kind. There's been too many interest in women on the fire and I hope in one will force the issue, he said.

To answer some volunteer fire department are at least considering women firefighters. In some, most volunteer fire fighters are miles away from the fire station during the day while their wives are at home.

For example, the Worthington Fire Department trained about a half dozen women years ago. Recruiting has long been a problem for Worthington, which has soon started having fish fries to hook prospective volunteers. Once they get inside the station.

About a year ago, Carolyn Thom, wife of Worthington's assistant chief, took Thom and four other housewives began training to be assistants to the fire fighters.

It all began at a voluntary meeting that Mrs. Thom's husband, Don, attended. One of the women recalled how her husband was exhausted after fighting a fire with just a few others. She was trained to help. She wanted to know if there was anything the women could do to help. "I'll call bosses or firemen to help," Mr. Thom said he'd



CAROLYN THOM

from the ladies. So we had a class of two housewives. It was funny, nobody knew anything," Mrs. Thom recalled.

The women were going at first then gradually all the women except Mrs. Thom dropped out. It changed for me. I learned how to drive the truck, to go in and fight fires. When the alarm goes off, I go to the fire house and get on the truck," she said.

For six years Mrs. Thom has trained at the fire house every Tuesday morning with men on the day shift. Training is continual. The saying is, "What you don't use, you lose." You have to train

on air packs because you won't have that many fires to keep you efficient," she said.

One of the men she works with calls Mrs. Thom "one of the fellows." She doesn't expect any special privileges. "It's not glamorous or sexy. It's just a job. I don't say I can't do this because I'll break my fingernails. I break them all the time on the hose."

There's no place for a woman in fire training if she's going to think of herself as a woman first, Mrs. Thom said.

"She answers men who are critical of female fire fighters by saying, 'Maybe it's the women they know.'"

Asst. Chief Thom admits he was kind of spearheaded, having women fire fighters at Worthington. There was some resistance about it. Some of the men's eyes were hurt. Some people speculated there would be family problems, jealousy among their wives, but it didn't amount to anything, he said.

Worthington Fire Chief Carl F. Hauncz Jr. says, "Frankly, I'll still be receptive to women. There's no reason why they shouldn't fight fires. There's no sex discrimination here."

Still, years after women came to Worthington, there are few women fighting fires elsewhere in the East End. Beecher has a woman in training at Fern Creek. A 16-year-old girl is in training. She is the daughter of the fire board chairman.

Highview Fire Chief R.J. Stark says he wouldn't oppose women fire fighters if they're able to do the work, but he would clear it with men on his force and the trustees first.

Mrs. Thom, a short, solidly-built woman used to be a physical education teacher.

She swears. She gets out of breath and she gets afraid sometimes just like the men who fight fires.

During a particularly bad fire when she first started, Mrs. Thom was caught in a smoke cloud outside the burning

home of Ballard High School Principal Pat Crawford. "I didn't know which way was the house and which was clean air. Another woman fire fighter called to me and I followed her voice out of the smoke," Mrs. Thom said. The fire, which started in a fireplace, destroyed the home, melting clocks, wires and fixtures.

During the day, Mrs. Thom answers the radio monitor that goes off when there's a fire.

"She's been called out of a shower interrupted in the middle of baking pulled ham, household chores. She jumps in her car to get to the Worthington station on Old Brownsboro Road from her house on Barbour Lane."

"I have a red light and siren on the car. I don't like to put it on, you don't know what people will do. Sometimes they stop right in front of you. One time a woman was going faster than me. I just couldn't get around her," Mrs. Thom said.

Several years ago she and her husband were all ready to go on a skiing trip with another couple when the alarm sounded. "We were going in a camper and had it all loaded up. We were just waiting for the other couple to get to our house. I left a note of something but we had to go to the fire," Mrs. Thom said.

Usually Mrs. Thom just fights fires in the daytime, however her husband fights them at night. "If I'm not too tired, I'll open the garage doors and start the car for him when he has to go to a fire," she said.

She is also active in Boy Scouting as a mate on the Zachary Taylor II, the scout boat. The Thom's have a daughter, Marcia, who is 20, their son, Mike, died two years ago after an illness.

Marcia has thought about joining the fire department but she hasn't followed me and my husband yet," Mrs. Thom said.

County departments work together

Although each of Jefferson County's volunteer fire departments is an independent organization, they help each other in time of need.

All county departments participate in a mutual aid program and by agreement assist when needed at neighbors' fires. The April 3, 1974 tornado, for example, saw fire fighters from throughout Jefferson County converge on the stricken areas.

Fires in some apartments, schools and housing complexes automatically result in calls to more than one neighboring department.

And if a major blaze occupies most of

a department's men, a neighboring unit may be called in to watch their firehouse.

Helping coordinate the mutual aid system is the county-wide radio alarm system supported by the public through their Jefferson County property tax, and operated in the Louisville Fire Department's alarm office.

All fire fighters monitor radios on the alarm frequency, and the firehouse siren is activated from the alarm system—Fire Central.

The alarm office stays in radio contact with the department during a fire and cleanup until all units are back in their station.

Red lights, sirens aren't for fun

The next time you see a volunteer fireman responding to a call for help, asks the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department, "do not consider him a red-light, speeding maniac."

Consider him a community-conscious individual, who would and does put his own personal safety at stake, to help another human being in distress. "Some people believe volunteer

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October 21, 1976, Special Section in, *The Voice*: Focus Fire Fighters—**Broken fingernails don't worry Carolyn Thom, by Judith Berzof, staff writer—**

When the fire engine races out of the station, the people hanging onto the back and sides of the fire truck traditionally have been men.

Their wives stayed home, or joined an auxiliary that might bring refreshments to the fire scene, among other duties.

One East End fire chief isn't about to throw cold water on this trend. "There's never been any interest in women on the force, and I hope no one will force the issue," he said.

However, some volunteer fire departments are at least considering women—perhaps because most volunteer men firefighters are miles away from the fire district during the day while housewives are at home.

For example, the Worthington Fire Department trained about a half-dozen women years ago. Recruiting has long been a problem for Worthington, which may soon start having fish fries to hook prospective volunteers once they get inside the station.

About six years ago, Carolyn Thom, wife of Worthington's assistant chief Don Thom, and four other housewives began training to be assistants to the firefighters.

I all began at an auxiliary meeting that Mrs. Thom's husband, Don, attended. One of the women recalled how her husband was exhausted after fighting a fire with just a few others. "She was scared for him. She wanted to know if there was anything the women could do to help—roll up hoses or hand men tools. My husband said he'd train the ladies. So we had a class of five housewives. It was funny, nobody knew anything," Mrs. Thom recalled.

The women were "gofors" at first, then gradually all the women except Mrs. Thom dropped out. "It changed for me. I learned how to drive the truck, to go in and fight fires. When the alarm goes off, I go to the fire house and get on the truck," she said.

For six years Mrs. Thom has trained at the fire house every Tuesday morning with men on the day shift. "Training is continual. The saying is 'What you don't use, you lose.' You have to train on air packs because you won't have that many fires to keep you efficient," she said.

One of the men she works with calls Mrs. Thom "one of the fellows." She doesn't expect any special privileges. "It's not glamorous or sexy. It's just a job. I don't say, 'I can't do this because I'll break my fingernails,' I break them all the time on the hose.

"There's no place for a woman in fire training if she's going to think of herself as a woman first," Mrs. Thom said.

She answers men who are critical of female firefighters by saying, "Maybe it's the woman they know."

Asst. Chief Thom admits he was "kind of spearheaded" having women firefighters at Worthington. "There was some resistance about it, some of the men's egos were hurt. Some people speculated there would be family problems, jealousy among their wives, but it didn't amount to anything," he said.

Worthington Fire Chief Carl F. Haunz Jr. says, "Frankly, I'll still be receptive to women. There's no reason why they shouldn't fight fires. There's no sex discrimination here."

Still, years after women came to Worthington, there are few women fighting fires elsewhere in the East End. Buechel has a woman in training; at Fern creek a 16-year-old girl is in training. She is the daughter of the fire board chairman.

Highview Fire Chief R. J. Stark says he wouldn't oppose women firefighters "if they're able to do the work," but he would clear it with men on his force and the trustees first.

Mrs. Thom, a short, solidly-built woman, used to be a physical education teacher. She sweats. She gets out of breath. And she gets afraid sometimes, just like the men who fight fires.

During a particularly bad fire when she first started, Mr. Thom was caught in a smoke cloud outside the burning home of Ballard High school Principal Pat Crawford. "I didn't know which way was the house and which was clean air. Another woman firefighter called to me and I followed her voice out of the smoke, Mr. Thom said. The fire, which started in a fireplace, destroyed the home, melting clocks, wires and fixtures.

During the day, Mrs. Thom answers the radio monitor that goes off when there's a fire. She's been called out of a shower, interrupted in the middle of baking, pulled from household chores. She jumps in her car to get to the Worthington station on Old Brownsboro Road from her house on Barbour Lane.

"I have a read light and siren on the car. I don't like to put in on, you don't know what people will do. Sometimes they stop right in front of you. One time a woman was going faster than me, I just couldn't get around her," Mrs. Thom said.

Several years ago she and her husband were all ready to go on a skiing trip with another couple when the alarm sounded. "We were going in a camper and had it all loaded up. We were just waiting for the other couple to get to our house. I left a note or something but we had to go to the fire," Mrs. Thom said.

Usually Mrs. Thom just fights fires in the daytime, however, her husband fights them at night. "If I'm not too tired, I'll open the garage doors and start the car for him when he has to go to a fire," she said.

She is also active in Boy scouting as a mate on the Zachary Taylor II, the scout boat. The Thom's have a daughter, Marcia, who is 20; their son, Mike, died two years ago after an illness. "Marcia has thought about joining the fire department, but she hasn't followed me and my husband yet," Mrs. Thom said.

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County departments work together**

Although each of Jefferson County volunteer fire departments is an independent organization, they help each other in time of need.

All county departments participate in a mutual aid program and by agreement assist when needed at neighbors' fires. The April 3, 1974 tornado, for example, saw firefighters from throughout Jefferson County converge on the stricken areas.

Fires in some apartments, schools and housing complexes automatically result in calls to more than one neighboring department.

And if a major blaze occupies most of a department's men, a neighboring unit may be called in to watch the fire house.

Helping coordinate the mutual aid system is the county-wide radio alarm system, supported by the public through their Jefferson County property tax, and operated in the Louisville Fire Department's alarm office.

All firefighters monitor radios on the alarm frequency, and the firehouse siren is activated from the alarm system, "Fire central."

The alarm office stays in radio contact with the department during a fire and cleanup until all units are back in their station.

Red lights, sirens aren't for fun

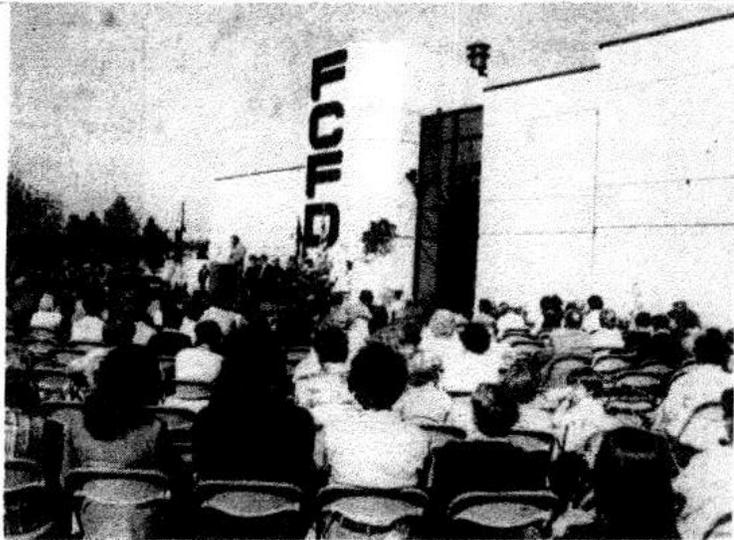
"The next time you see a volunteer fireman responding to a call for help," asks the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department, "do not consider him a red-light wielding, speeding maniac.

"Consider him a community conscious individual, who would and does put his own personal safety at stake, to help another human being in distress.

"Some people believe volunteer firemen belong to a fire department so they can speed up and down city streets.

"However, when a fire occurs in one of those same people's home, and they know their loved ones are trapped inside, after the fire trucks arrive with God sent speed, these same people will ask, "What took you so long to get here?"

Fern Creek opens firehouse



FERN CREEK'S fire fighters dedicated their new, \$500,000 firehouse Sunday, Oct. 10. A crowd of friends and neighbors gathered for the ceremonies (picture at top) Fire Chief Art Vogedes, scissors in hand, strode in after cutting the ribbon (at left). During the open house, Danny Bannon, 11, left, and Mark Mims, 13, got a kick out of trying the department's Jeep (above). (Staff photos by Robin Garr III)

Strict training pays off 'on the street'

By Mary Bridgman
Staff Writer

The air was warm and a slight drizzle fell as fire fighters from nine local departments set up a water relay between three engines.

They had spent seven hours in the classroom the day before, studying the pumps. Now they were ready to put their book knowledge to practical use.

Fire fighters from the Worthington station manned the engine that was hooked to the hydrant. They supplied water to the Harrods Creek engine, which in turn supplied the Lyndon engine.

Some drafted the water lines, while others computed how many gallons per minute of water would come gushing out of the Lyndon engine, at the end of the relay.

It was all part of a monthly weekend training exercise for volunteer fire fighters around the county.

"Set up the plan you are going to be able to use on the street," Lt. Col. John Ridge of the Louisville Fire Department told the 27 men. "It's not too interesting to me if it doesn't work. Maybe a 500-gallon screen right now is better than a 1,000-gallon screen in half an hour."

By the time the 14-hour training

session was over, the fire fighters were able to go back to their home departments and instruct the people there during their own weekly training meetings.

"If we (Louisville) call these people in for a back-up, we want them to know what they are doing," Ridge said. "We can respond to the county and the county can respond to us. It's always been a 50-50 situation."

State law requires fire fighters — whether volunteer or paid — to have a minimum of 150 hours of training a year. Almost all of the county fire fighters are volunteer, not paid.

St. Matthews Assistant Fire Chief Jack Monohan said most of his men put in about 200 training hours a year; some much more. In Middletown, Chief Bob Martin said several of his officers have more than 700 hours of training.

"But the hours are not the best indicator," Ridge said. "We have to make sure the hours are quality training. If improvements are going to be made, they will have to be made here. The payoff will be what happens on the street."

Past monthly sessions have concentrated on extrication, smoke, rescue, high-rise fire fighting, aerial ladders, and fireground hydraulics.

"If something comes up in the course

of the year, and we need training, we have to be able to respond to it," Ridge said. "In the past, training was so structured, you had to study certain things (at certain times).

"You need to pull people together. Training in anything will have some effect."

All county departments meet weekly for two or three-hour training sessions, where they have slide shows, movies, or discussions on fire fighting during bad weather, and practical training in good weather.

The sessions are required, and usually well attended. In a survey of the local fire chiefs, virtually all said fire fighters would lose their status if they missed too many.

Middletown Chief Martin said his men earn a brass tag at the end of the year if they miss only one or two sessions. If they earn tags for eight years, they are awarded a plaque.

"This is a big incentive because these men really fight for these," Martin said.

Last year, 75 per cent of the Middletown force received tags.

"But," Martin said, "if they don't make a certain percentage, if they don't have a good reason, we just relieve them. There's no reason to have dead weight around."

In addition to the weekly sessions, and monthly weekends, many fire fighters also take advantage of the fire school at the University of Kentucky in June, which offers 18 courses.

Several departments have very strict requirements for joining the force. For instance, Highview, St. Matthews, Lyndon and Middletown run police checks before signing on a new man. All departments have a probationary period for new personnel.

In St. Matthews, it could take as long as two years for a fire fighter to earn full status on the department, since he must complete three levels of testing.

"It's important to have a well trained department," Assistant Chief Jack Monohan said of St. Matthews, "but it's also important to be able to work with the other fire departments and back them up."

"Improved relations is a side effect," Ridge said of the monthly training sessions. "People who train together naturally get along better at a fire."

But Monohan admits he's bothered that the majority of the public doesn't know the county departments are volunteer.

"We need them to know that, so they can help. They are demanding more because they think we are being paid and sitting around and playing checkers."

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Detectors may offer early warning of fire

By Underwriters Laboratories

Fire Prevention Week, the week of October 3-9, has been set aside to remind the American public that family dwellings have been particularly susceptible to fire, and have been the scene of more than half of all fire deaths in this country. Fire Prevention Week is to remind us that there is something that we can do about fires in the home.

There are two types of fire detectors that are available for use in the home: heat detectors and smoke detectors. Heat detectors sense the temperature of the surrounding atmosphere, the rate at which the temperature is rising, or both. In short, they are designed to detect flaming fires.

Smoke detectors are, as their name indicates, designed to sense the presence of smoke particles in the atmosphere. A smoke detector is particularly effective in detecting smoldering fires in their early stages. In these situations, smoke often develops before there is any appreciable increase in temperature. Smoke is a major cause of death by suffocation. For these reasons smoke detectors are considered particularly effective for home use.

When an abnormal quantity of smoke is sensed, a smoke detector will emit an audible alarm. This is an important feature, when considering that a significant percentage of residential dwelling fire victims are asleep when fires originate.

Where you install your smoke detectors could effect the overall sensitivity of the warning system. For effective protection, smoke detectors should at least be installed in each separate sleeping area and at the head of each basement stairway. This basic protection can then be supplemented by installing detectors in all other major

areas of the home, including the living room, dining room, bedrooms, kitchen, hallways, attic, furnace room, utility rooms, basements, and attached garages for maximum protection.

It is crucial to maintain the detector unit in proper working order. You should read the manufacturer's instructions concerning how and when to clean the unit. As an added safeguard the detectors should be tested weekly. It is also recommended that a maintenance contract be executed with the installer, whenever feasible.

A household emergency evacuation plan should be established for the safety of the occupants.

Emperor feared fire fighters

When a Roman provincial governor asked the Emperor Trajan's permission to form a company of firemen in the city of Nicomedia, the request was denied.

The emperor feared such an organized body of men could be expected to engage in revolutionary activities, "no matter how noble the public purpose for which they were originally founded."

In fact, the purely volunteer form of fire department did not become common until the days of the British colonies in North America, where the machinery of local government was otherwise little organized.

Frequently, volunteer fire organizations began informally, then were formally recognized by local law after they already were well established.

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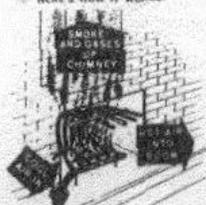
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Train derailment surprises neighbors

By Judith Berzof
Staff Writer

Robert and Linda Smart bought a home at 3828 Staebler Avenue three years ago for two reasons — it was economical, and it was right on the railroad tracks.

A railroad buff, Smart collects pictures of trains, model trains and rail-roading books. Last Thursday afternoon he "collected" the real thing when several derailed coal cars landed near his back yard.

Smart inherited his love for trains — his father, Hector, was president of the Kentucky Railway Museum three times. "My son always used to joke if there was ever a wreck, there would be train cars in the back yard," Hector said.

Eight cars carrying a total of 560 tons of coal derailed, and a ninth car was damaged. Several cars spilled coal over the Smart's flower bed — twisted metal barely missed their garage. Cars also landed near the backyards of Helen Garbandt, 3824 Staebler Ave., and Steve Csepregi, 3826 Staebler Ave.

Several employees of the Thomas Car Wash, which borders the Smarts' home, saw the accident happen. Tom Ravenscroft said he was eating lunch outside on a bench about 10 feet from the tracks when he saw a wheel pop off a coal car.

"I didn't stick around. The cars crashed into a pole. It was all crackling, falling wires. Everybody here made 90," said Ravenscroft.

Charles Vincent was sitting behind the car wash eating lunch when the coal cars began to fall toward him. "I was sitting right there where the coal is — my lunch is buried under the coal," he said.

The cars knocked into a utility pole behind the Smarts' home. Electricity to three homes on Staebler Avenue was out for several hours. A six-man crew from Louisville Gas — Electric Co. was repairing the damage within minutes after the accident.

The accident also caused several

small brush fires. L. Allan Caperton of Reflections furniture shop stomped out one small fire before the fire department arrived.

As the cars derailed, vibrations shook nearby buildings. "It looked like an explosion. Coal dust flew way up in the air," said Clarence W. Lange who works nearby.

Philip Iwan, 3812 Staebler Ave., was putting a radio in his daughter's car when he heard the air brakes release. "When the rest of the train went by and there was no caboose, I knew something happened," Iwan said.

Edison N. Thomas, director of public relations for Louisville & Nashville Railroad, said an overheated axle threw the wheel of a coal car out of line, causing eight cars to derail. He said the cars were bound into Louisville from Eastern Kentucky coal fields at a speed of 10 miles per hour.

Several hundred feet of track near the intersection of Westport and Chenoweth Roads was torn up, Thomas said. One set of tracks was cleared about 6:45 p.m. the day of the accident. The other set of tracks should be repaired by tomorrow, Thomas said.

Workers using cranes replaced the damaged track with 38-foot, pre-assembled panels of ties and rails.

One volunteer called in and wanted to clean up the coal, but didn't have the heavy equipment needed to do the job, Thomas said.

The coal cars cost \$25,000 apiece, but it probably would be several months before the railroad would know how much the accident cost," Thomas added.

The derailment caused a traffic jam in the complicated Westport Road - Shelbyville Road - Frankfort Avenue - Chenoweth Lane intersection. Officer C.C. Zimmerlee of the St. Matthews police force said traffic was backed up along Chenoweth Lane for about an hour and 15 minutes until the crossing was cleared.

Traffic was re-routed over Massie and Ridgeway. "Traffic wasn't bad at all considering. If this had happened around 3:30 p.m., there would have been hell to pay," Zimmerlee said.

"There were a lot of lucky people. The White Castle on the corner was full of people having lunch. If the cars derailed a half mile sooner, many people in the White Castle parking lot would have been hurt," Zimmerlee said.

For hours after the accident, people from nearby homes and businesses climbed on the tracks to survey the damage. After the accident, Steve Csepregi stood in his back yard quietly looking at the pile of crumpled metal.

"It's awful. You can hardly believe it. The tracks look just like spaghetti," he said.



L & N WORKMEN got out of the way as a crane hooked onto a derailed coal car during clean-up operations after the Thursday afternoon accident in St. Matthews. (Staff photo by Robin Garr III)

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2262

FIRE REPORT

DATE 10/28/76 TIME OF ALARM 12:20 A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 1:30 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION Chenoweth + Westport APT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER Train Derailment

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 33

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November 11, 1976, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Nov. 11, 1976.

Directors Present:

Geo. Miller	Tom Jerry Smith
J.C. Nuckols	John Monohan
Bill Andriot	J.P. Terry
Bill Hammer	Phil Grauman
Marty Kamer	

Minutes of meeting held on Oct. 14, 1976 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Terry, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Monohan announced that Jack Monohan declined the appointment of Deputy Chief. Instead, Al Haerberlin will serve as Deputy Chief until the annual meeting in July 1977.

Mr. Nuckols made a motion that John Monohan be made a life-time board member on advisory standpoint. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion voted on and so carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Nuckols that we purchase Turkeys for the firemen for Thanksgiving. Motion seconded by Mr. Hammer and so carried.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grauman, that Mr. Hammer be elected as Treasurer and Mr. Nuckols will assist. Both men will serve until annual meeting in July 1977. Motion voted on and so carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Terry, that we open an operating account at Citizens Fidelity Bank. Motion voted on and so carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Smith, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.



November 11, 1976, *The Voice*:

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St. Matthews fire runs

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department has responded to these recent fire alarms, according to the department's official records:

Saturday, Oct. 9, at 3600 Hycliffe Ave., furnace.

Saturday, Oct. 9, at 3802 Nanz Ave., furnace.

Sunday, Oct. 10, at 3800 Frankfort Ave., odor in building.

Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 4600 Shelbyville Road, gasoline washoff.

Friday, Oct. 15, at 92 Beechwood Road, electric.

Sunday, Oct. 17, at 1101 Lyndon Lane, back up Lyndon VFD.

Sunday, Oct. 17, at 314 Westport Drive, trash.

Monday, Oct. 18, at 538 N. Hubbards Lane, trash.

Monday, Oct. 18, at 319 Monohan Drive, defective flue.

Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 4300 Alton Road, sump pump motor.

Thursday, Oct. 21, at 1101 Lyndon Lane, back up Lyndon VFD.

Friday, Oct. 22, at 3901 Massie Ave., auto.

Friday, Oct. 22, at 1112 Dupont Circle, odor, nothing found.

Saturday, Oct. 23, 4014 Shelbyville Road, city of Louisville, wiring on furnace.

Sunday, Oct. 24, 15 834 Milford Court, plastic items on range.

Sunday, Oct. 24, at 136 St. Matthews Ave., light ballast.

Monday, Oct. 25, 15 4001 Dutchmans Lane, auto.

Monday, Oct. 25, at 4001 Dutchmans Lane, alarm in kitchen, set off by water.

Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 6811 Green Meadow Circle, food in oven.

Thursday, Oct. 28, at 11:18 a.m., 3804 Ormond Road, fan motor.

Thursday, Oct. 28, at 12:20 p.m., Chenoweth Lane at railroad tracks, derailment.

Sunday, Oct. 31, at 9:12 p.m., Talahi at Sequoyah, gasoline washoff.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, I-264 westbound lanes west of Westport Road, gasoline washoff.

November 1976: Gary Doyle and Kent Monohan new members.

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November 21, 1976, Working fire at 141 Breckenridge Lane, Nanz & Kraft Florists:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2275

FIRE REPORT (39)

DATE 11/21/76 TIME OF ALARM 9³⁹ P.M. A.M. 12³⁴ P.M. TIME RETURNED (39) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 141 Breckenridge Lane CAPT. NO. _____

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER _____

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

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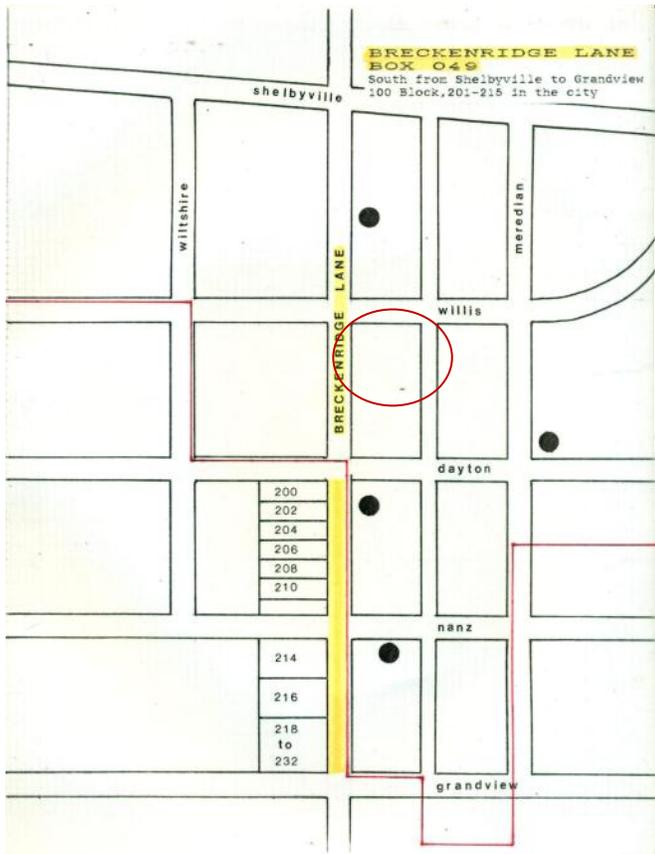
OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS Back up City of Louisville

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY _____

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Courtesy—<http://nanzandkraftcorporate.com/pages/aboutus.asp>—pictures from David Kraft, business historian:



Courtesy Louisville Division of Fire Multiple Alarm Book:

11-21-76 – 3rd Alarm plus 1 Special Alarm on Box 2683 – Frankfort Avenue & Breckinridge Lane

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141 Breckinridge Lane – Nanz & Kraft Florists

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Extra truck at 9:44 AM

Second at 9:47 AM

Third at 9:51 AM

Out at 1:14 PM

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November 22, 1976, *The Courier-Journal*: Working fire at 141 Breckenridge Lane, Nanz & Kraft Florists:

Blaze heavily damages florist shop and offices

By KEN LOOMIS
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

A three-alarm fire, fanned by strong winds, roared through the Nanz & Kraft Florists building at 141 Breckenridge Lane in Louisville yesterday morning, destroying or heavily damaging the florist shop and five business offices in the rambling, two-story structure.

E. Ramsey Kraft, the operator of the florist shop and part owner of the building, estimated the damage at \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Kraft, his son and an employe were driven from the building by smoke only minutes after the fire was detected about 9:30 a.m.

Within a half-hour after the first alarm was sounded at 9:39 a.m., nearly 100 firemen and 16 pieces of equipment from two fire departments were battling the blaze, which was brought under control at 10:39 a.m.

Lt. Col. Bert Sils, an assistant chief, said 60 men and 13 pieces of equipment

from the Louisville Fire Department responded.

Although the building is in the City of Louisville, it is only one block from the heart of St. Matthews, and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department also responded with three trucks and 39 men, according to Fire Chief John Monohan.

One fire fighter was injured. Louisville Capt. Joseph Vessels fell through a second-story balcony railing at the front of the building. He was taken to Suburban Hospital, where he was treated for a back injury and released.

Kraft, his 12-year-old son Eddie and Marcia Zeh, a floor designer, were working in the building when the fire started.

Mrs. Zeh said she first noticed smoke right after an electric coffee-maker had been plugged in near the front of the shop. She said that, when she looked toward the coffee-maker, she saw ceiling-high flames in a display of dried pampas grass nearby and called to Kraft, who was in the greenhouse; for help.

Kraft said he carried a fire ex-

tinguisher from the greenhouse section, just behind the store area, into the front room and tried to put out the blaze "but the smoke forced us out within 30 seconds."

While Mrs. Zeh and Eddie Kraft ran to a nearby building to call firemen, Kraft stopped St. Matthews Mayor Bernard Bowling, who was passing in his car, and Bowling also radioed an alarm.

By the time the first units responded, said Sils, the fire was spreading rapidly toward the back of the building, which is at the northeast corner of Willis Avenue and Breckenridge Lane.

A special call for an extra truck was sent at 9:44 a.m., a second alarm at 9:47 a.m. and the final alarm at 9:51 a.m.

More than a dozen cars from the Louisville, Jefferson County and St. Matthews Police Departments converged on the fire to reroute traffic around the area.

By the time the blaze was brought

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Three-alarm fire hits florist shop and offices

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under control, the florist shop and adjoining gift shop on Breckenridge Lane had been gutted, and there was heavy damage to offices of the Millett Hardware Co. and Langdon & Associates, a freight broker, upstairs.

Less severely damaged were the second-floor office of Coast to Coast Lumber Co. and the ground floor offices of Ben Thornbury Realtor and Louisville Right to Life, all in the rear of the building on the Willis Avenue side.

Thornbury said the damage to his office had been limited to water and smoke damage. However, Margie Montgomery, executive director of Right to Life of Louisville, said the fire had destroyed "irreplaceable films and files" and some movie equipment.

Kraft said it was fortunate the fire had started on a Sunday morning when no one was in the other offices. There

were no customers in the florist shop and adjoining gift shop, said Kraft, but he had scheduled a pre-Christmas open house for the afternoon and expected several hundred people then.

Kraft said the rambling, concrete-block structure was built in sections, with the first section constructed in the mid-1930s. The family business has been at or near the present location since it was founded in 1850, he said.

Kraft said he expected the whole structure would have to be rebuilt over the next several months.

In the meantime, he said, he would transfer his business operations to a former tree nursery at Hubbards Lane and Westport Road.

1976

November 22, 1976, *The Courier-Journal*: Working fire at 141 Breckenridge Lane, Nanz & Kraft Florists:



Three-alarm flower fire

Louisville and St. Matthews firemen battle a three-alarm fire at Nanz & Kraft Florists.

Typical “meeting of the minds” between Chief and Officer!!!! — Chief John M. Monohan Jr. & Captain Russ Rakestraw. — Unknown and Capt. Al Ring

1976

November 22, 1976, *The Courier-Journal*: Working fire at 141 Breckenridge Lane, Nanz & Kraft Florists:

November 22, 1976
Courier-Journal

15 Cents



Staff Photo by Larry Spitzer

Firemen fight a three-alarm blaze that struck the Nanz & Kraft Florists building yesterday.

November 22, 1976, *The Louisville Times*: Working fire at 141 Breckenridge Lane, Nanz & Kraft Florists:

Fire destroys florist and gift shops

Fire destroyed Nanz & Kraft Florist Shop and an adjoining gift shop and heavily damaged five offices at 141 Breckinridge Lane yesterday morning.

E. Ramsey Kraft, operator of the florist shop and part-owner of the building at Willis Avenue and Breckinridge Lane, estimated damage at between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Kraft, his 12-year-old son Eddie and Marcia Zeh, an employee, were driven from the building by smoke only minutes after the fire was detected about 9:30 a.m.

Nearly 100 firemen and 16 pieces of equipment from the Louisville Fire Department and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department fought the three-alarm blaze, which was brought under control about 10:30 a.m.

One fire fighter was injured. Louisville Capt. Joseph Vessels fell through a second-story balcony railing at the front of the building. He was taken to Suburban Hospital and treated for a back injury and released.

The cause of the fire was still undetermined.

The florist shop and the adjoining gift shop on Breckinridge Lane were gutted and there was heavy damage to offices of

the Millett Hardwood Co. and Langdon & Associates, a freight broker, upstairs.

Less severely damaged were the second-floor offices of Coast to Coast Lumber Co. and the ground floor offices of Ben Thornbury Realtor and Right to Life of Louisville, Inc., all in the rear of the building on the Willis Avenue side.

Kraft, his son and Mrs. Zeh were work-

ing in the shop in preparation for a pre-Christmas open house scheduled for yesterday afternoon when the fire started.

Mrs. Zeh and Eddie Kraft ran to a nearby building to call firemen. Kraft flagged down St. Matthews Mayor Bernard Bowling, who was passing in his car, and Bowling also radioed in an alarm.

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1976

November 24, 1976, *The Voice*: Working fire at 141 Breckenridge Lane, Nanz & Kraft Florists:



MORE THAN 100 Louisville and St. Matthews fire fighters battled a smoky, wind-whipped Sunday morning blaze that gutted the Nanz & Kraft florist, a gift shop and other offices at the corner of Breckinridge Lane and Willis Avenue. (Staff photo by Robin Garr III)

November 24, 1976, *The Voice*: Working fire at 141 Breckenridge Lane, Nanz & Kraft Florists:

11-4-76

Florist shop hit by fire

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

A smoky, wind-whipped blaze gutted the Nanz & Kraft florist building at 141 Breckenridge Lane Sunday morning.

The first-floor shop, as well as rental offices on the second floor and at the rear, were heavily damaged. Of the two-story section facing Breckenridge Lane at St. Matthews Avenue, only the walls were left standing.

Florist Ramsey Kraft, of Mary Hill, said he, his 12-year old son Eddie and an employee, Martha Zeh were working in the building when the fire started about 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Kraft said the fire apparently started in an electrical wall outlet where a coffee pot was plugged into an extension cord. When he saw fire coming up from a dried plant arrangement near the coffee pot, recalled Kraft, "I yelled at Marcia and Eddie to get out."

They found the smoke was already too heavy to use the phones in a back room to call the fire department, said Kraft. He ran for a portable fire extinguisher, but after using it for about 15 seconds found the smoke was already too heavy for it to be much help.

When he heard his son and employee were safely out of the building, Kraft ran outside, too.

The strong, cold wind already had forced flames through most of the building by the time the first Louisville fire fighters came. The location is in the City of Louisville, near St. Matthews. More than 100 fire fighters from two Louisville stations and the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, came to fight the blaze.

A Christmas open house scheduled at Nanz & Kraft Sunday afternoon had to be abandoned, but Kraft said the firm would be able to continue in business by taking telephone orders while repairs are done. Most of their business was done by phone anyway, Kraft said.

St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan said his men were on the scene until midafternoon Sunday, and Louisville firemen remained there until late Sunday evening, clearing up the scene and boarding windows.

In addition to the first-floor florist and gift shop, the Millett Hardwood Co.; Coast to Coast Lumber Co.; a fireplace damper firm; and Langdon and Associates, freight brokers, on the second floor were heavily damaged. Right to Life of Louisville and Ben Thornbury, Realtor, facing Willis Avenue at the first floor rear, were less seriously damaged.

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department also has responded to these recent runs in the local area, according to the department's official records:

Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 3534 St. Germaine Court, leaves.

Thursday, Nov. 11, at 125 Fairfax Ave., leaves.

Saturday, Nov. 13, at 200 Ten Pin Lane, gasoline washoff.

Sunday, Nov. 14, at 320 Westport Place, haze in area.

Monday, Nov. 15, at 232 Breckenridge Lane, electrical.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 4233 Westport Road, tool shop.

Thursday, Nov. 18, at 5000 U.S. 60, Stewart's, dumpster.

Friday, Nov. 19, Clover Lane at Massie, auto.

Friday, Nov. 19, rear of St. Matthews Community Center, woods.

Sunday, Nov. 21, Browns Lane at Church Way, trailer.

Monday, Nov. 22, at 3116 Breckenridge Lane, Hillcreek Manor Nursing Home, back up McMahan Volunteer Fire Department.

November 24, 1976, *The Voice*:

Chief asks St. Matthews neighbors about siren test

By Robin Garr III
Managing Editor

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is thinking about changing the time of its daily siren test, and Fire Chief John Monohan wants to know what the neighbors think about it.

Back in the days when the fire fighters' station was over on St. Matthews Avenue, the chief recalled, they used to blow the siren at 6 p.m.

That was because, when they blew it at noon, the process of education at Trinity High School came to a halt. The siren blew right into Trinity's windows, and classes were in session at noon.

So for years, the St. Matthews fire siren went off daily at 6 p.m., rather than lunchtime.

When the new fire station was built on Lyndon Way, the chief said, the department's new neighbors didn't much like the 6 p.m. test. They asked it be rescheduled at noon, when many people were away at work.

Now, though, the department has

been getting some calls from people who would like to have it blown at dinner time.

That way, they can tell their children, "Go out and play now, but be sure to come home for dinner when you hear the fire siren."

Then again, mused the chief, there might be some people who don't want the time changed.

For instance, the people who know it's lunchtime when they hear the siren at noon. "I know they do, because when there's a mechanical problem and it doesn't go off at noon, they call and ask us why," Monohan said.

Insurance regulations require the siren to be tested once daily, but they don't specify a particular time.

Chief Monohan hopes people who live around the firehouse at 4114 Lyndon Way (behind Sears) will write and let him know what they think.

Write Fire Chief John Monohan, St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 7283, St. Matthews, Ky. 40207.

11-24-76

1976

December 1, 1976, STMFD had 2 working fires, during the day time. Both were very serious house fires. The first was at 117 Spruce Lane, with a smoke scare run later during the operation.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2285

FIRE REPORT

DATE 12/1/76 TIME OF ALARM 11:45 A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 2:30 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 117 SP 117 SPRUCE LN APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER GARAGE

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT B. Grimsman

OWNER same 62

COMPANY RESPONSE 8844, 8934, 8936, 1233, 1244, 1898

REMARKS Mr. Grimsman started hot coals in a propane dryer had been placed in a plastic garbage can in an area next to the garage. Acid was in the house when fire started. Fire progressed rapidly thru garage, breech way - into house thru common area by time of discovery -

OFFICER IN CHARGE Mr. Florence REPORT WRITTEN BY Mr. Florence

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2287

FIRE REPORT

DATE 12-7-76 TIME OF ALARM 12:30 A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 1:00 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 1701 Spruce APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER Explosion

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

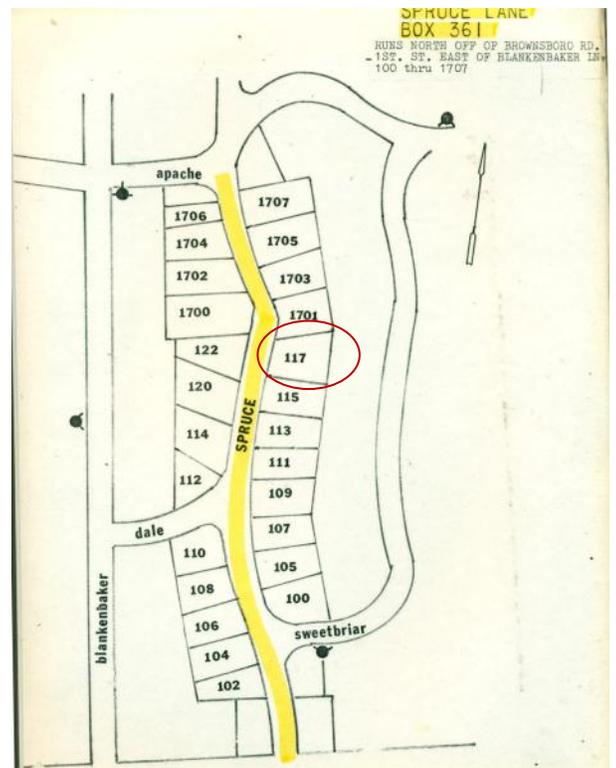
OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS 8855-26-0803
No Fire or Explosion - This location is next door to 117 Spruce which had a fire.
(Hydant responded (1 to 6 fire fighters))

OFFICER IN CHARGE Mr. Mowbray REPORT WRITTEN BY Sam?



1976

December 1, 1976, 117 Spruce Lane –by Gar Davis

It was a daytime run in the fall of the year. We were knocked out on a working house fire on Spruce Ln. I was working construction for my Dad's home building company at the time, and I was allowed to respond to some daytime calls. When I got to the firehouse, one truck had left and I was the only one there to bring the next apparatus. There had been a train going through St. Matthews blocking the first piece of equipment so that officer called County Alarm to knock out Harrods Creek for back-up. We had no idea how long the train would delay us. Harrods Creek responded and arrived first on the scene. After we finally arrived, there was a shortage of personnel. I parked our truck and was instructed by the officer on the scene to take a 2 ½ through the front door, down the hall to the rear of the house. The fire had started in a garbage can in the garage, extended through the attic, and came down at the other end of the house in the den. I grabbed Richard Tackett (aka: Spider), the first person I could find to back me up. Fortunately, we got to the door of the den just as the line was charged. I opened the nozzle and had hit the fire for about 15 seconds when the water flow quit. I waited a minute or two to see if the water would return, which it didn't. I asked Spider to go find out what had happened to our water supply, and that I would wait there and hit it again as soon as the water came back. I waited what seemed like an eternity, which was probably only a couple of minutes, yet Spider never returned. It was getting really hot! My face was burning and I thought my ears were already burned off, so I decided it was time to exit myself. If I didn't get water soon I would surely be burnt up. I turned around and moved about 4 feet and ran into a large object which turned out to be Spider. I yelled "Spider, what the hell are you doing?" He replied "I don't know how to find my way out of here." I told him to follow the damned hose, grabbed him by the collar, followed the hose out through the kitchen, down the hall and out the front door. Angry as you might expect, I followed the line to a Harrods Creek pumper with nobody around except a dazed, heavysset man with no turnout gear, whom I assumed was a Harrods Creek Firefighter. I screamed to him, "Where the hell is my water?!" The man replied irately, "I don't know, but this is *my* house!"

December 1, 1976, STMFD had 2 working fires, during the day time. Both were very serious house fires.



Staff Photo by Paul Schuhmann

Smoke and ashes

Barnett Grimes looks over all that's left of his garage after a fire started by hot fireplace ashes destroyed it and damaged his home at 117 Spruce

Lane. It was the first of two home fires that St. Matthews firemen battled yesterday. (Story, Page B 5.)

12-1-76

St. Matthews firemen battle two house fires

St. Matthews firemen were kept busy by two house fires yesterday. The first fire, at 117 Spruce Lane, was discovered about 11:45 a.m. At 2:30 p.m., shortly after the firemen returned to the firehouse, a second serious fire was reported at 312 Ring Road.

The Spruce Lane fire, at the home of Barnett Grimes, was started by hot fireplace ashes that had been placed in a garbage can in the garage next to the house, firemen reported.

A spokesman for the St. Matthews fire department said the garage was destroyed and the fire spread through the roof connecting the garage to the house. Fire damaged the roof and attic of the one-story, brick, ranch-style home. Harrods Creek firemen assisted the St. Matthews firemen.

The Ring Road fire, at the home of James C. Sorrels, began after a flammable liquid was turned over and ignited, firemen said. The fire spread through the interior walls of the brick building and caused considerable damage to the home as it spread from the basement to the roof.

St. Matthews firemen were aided by the Lyndon and McMahan volunteer fire departments.

The fire was out by 6 p.m.

No injuries reported

12-1-76

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garbage can in the garage next to the house, firemen reported.

A spokesman for the St. Matthews fire department said the garage was destroyed and the fire spread through the roof connecting the garage to the house. Fire damaged the roof and attic of the one-story, brick, ranch-style home. Harrods Creek firemen assisted the St. Matthews firemen in fighting the Indian Hills-area fire.

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St. Matthews firemen were aided by the Lyndon and McMahan volunteer fire departments.

The fire was extinguished by 6 p.m.

1976

December 1, 1976, STMFD had 2 working fires, during the day time. Both were very serious house fires. The second was at 312 Ring Road.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2288

FIRE REPORT

DATE 12-1-76 TIME OF ALARM 2:25 P.M. TIME RETURNED 5:27 P.M. 6:00 (25) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 512 RING RD BOX 317 APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE LVED-6 MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

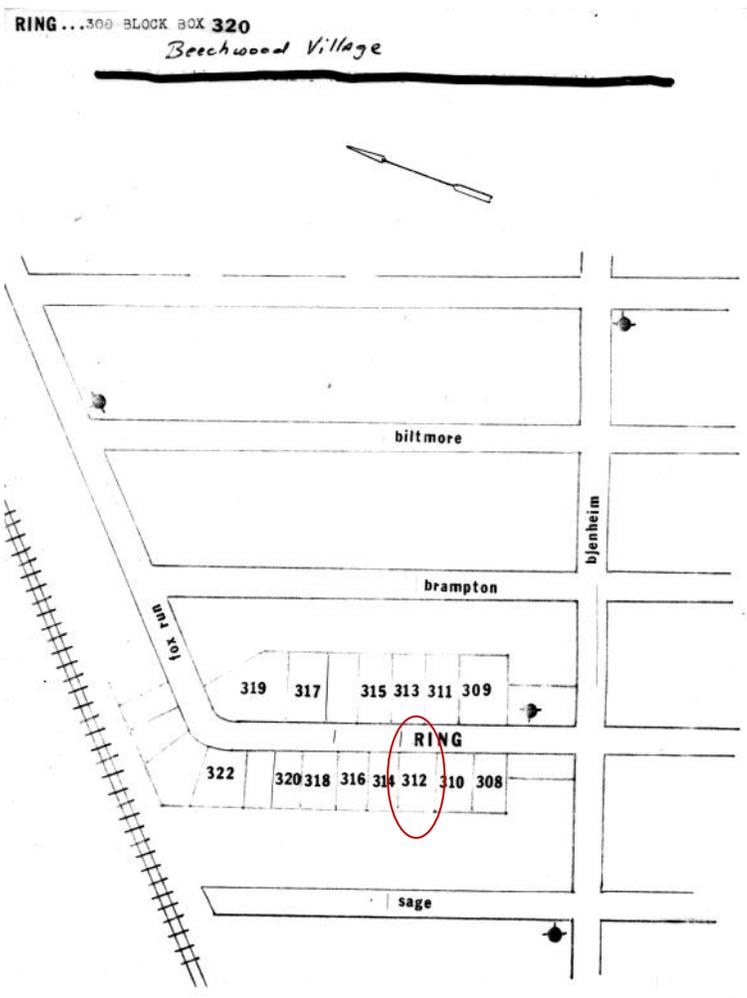
OCCUPANT 501V263 Occupant stated he was clearing basement & knocked over lamp 5 gal. oil furnace tank & Day this furnace tank had tank of gas started which

OWNER YES 312 Ring Rd No tank to estimate before calling Dept

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110

REMARKS 1 1/2 story Crable built gasoline fire in basement. Com. to 1st & 2nd Floor USED 4 1/2 - 100 backs - Fan - Lites & boosters app 50 min

OFFICER IN CHARGE O3 JRM HRR AR REPORT WRITTEN BY JRM (OVER)



1976

December 1976: All new portable radios on the apparatus. Elections were held December 28,--Fireman's Committee—Dave Kamer, Captain Strange, Rick Albers, Jim Woodring.

December 9, 1976, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Dec.9,1976.

Directors present:

Bill Hammer
Geo. Miller
Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer
John Monohan

Minutes of meeting held on Nov.11,1976 were read by Mr. Monohan. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Hammer, that minutes be accepted as read.

Financial report was given by Mr. Monohan. A motion was made by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Miller, to pay bills for hose and radios.

Motion made by Mr. Andriot, seconded by Mr. Hammer, that we purchase Hams for the firemen for Xmas. Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Monohan suggested that firemen from Lyndon, Harrods Creek, and McMahan be given an invitation to attend Xmas Party here on Dec.21 in appreciation for the help they rendered at two recent fires in our area. Motion made by Mr. Andriot, seconded by Mr. Hammer, that these firemen be invited. Motion voted on and so carried.

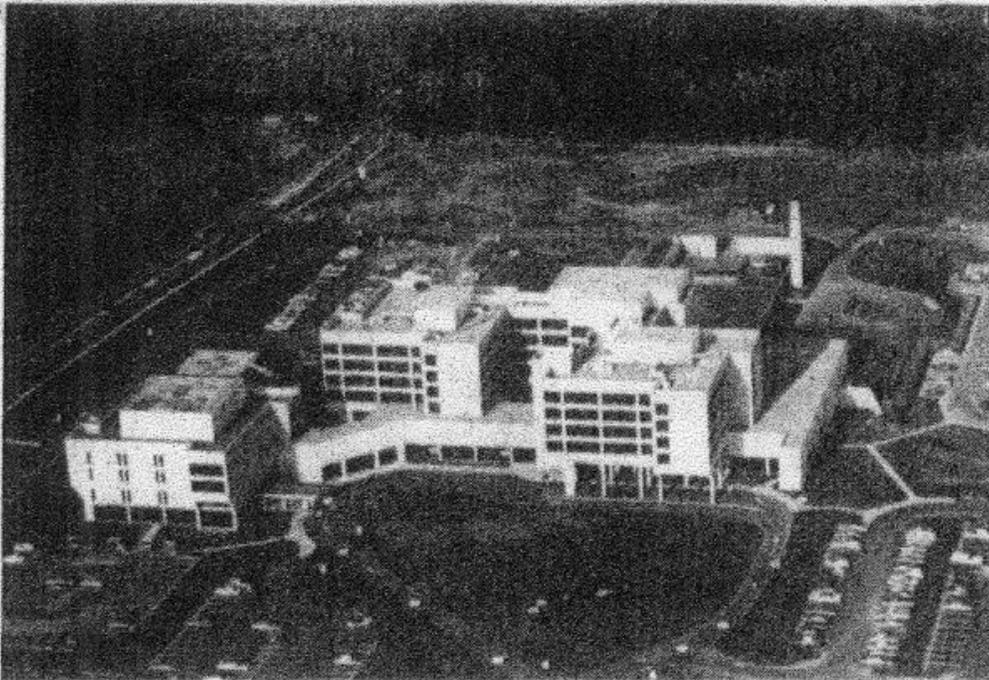
There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Monohan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

1976

December 30, 1976: *The Voice*:



BAPTIST HOSPITAL EAST

Baptist East architecture wins honor

St. Matthew's Baptist Hospital East, a division of Louisville Baptist Hospitals, was honored by the Kentucky Society of Architects this month with an award for achievement of excellence for architectural design.

Baptist Hospital East is a bush-hammered concrete building with support services on the first two floors. The third through sixth floors contain two patient towers connected by a central service tower. The gray bush-hammered concrete towers overlook lawns and surround an interior courtyard.

A satellite, four-story Doctors' Building, reflecting the basic architecture of the main hospital, is connected by a glass-walled concourse where essential atmospheric and power systems are located.

The final design and construction of Baptist Hospital East was supervised by the Louisville firm of Arrasmith, Judd, Rapp and Associates.

Ground was broken in May 1972. The 253-bed hospital opened March 29, 1975. Baptist Hospital East provides services in medicine, surgery, obstetrics, gynecology, emergency care, and ancillary and support services.

1976 Party:



Bob Wheatley, Pat Noland, Ran Florence, Kent Monohan, Joe Noland, Gary Doyle, Rick Albers

1976

1976 Run information, 1st. Quarter, day and night runs:

St. Matthews Fire Dept.

DAY RUNS - 34

(1976) 1st. Qtr.- Jan.-Feb.-Mar.
7:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.-Wk.Days Only

St. Matthews Fire Dept.

NIGHT RUNS - 48

1976 - 1st. Qtr. - Jan.-Feb.-Mar.
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 A.M.- Including All Week Ends(Both Day & Night)

Officers

#33 Col. J. Monohan, Jr.	12 - 35%
#16 Maj. A. Haeberlin	4 - 12%
#36 Maj. J. Monohan, III	3 - 9%
#52 Capt. A.E. Andriot, III	5 - 15%
#28 Capt. F. Florence	9 - 26%
#62 Capt. R. Rakestraw	32 - 94%
#38 Capt. Al Ring	19 - 56%
#69 Capt. K. Strange	3 - 9%
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#51 R. Albers	31 - 91%
#1 A.E. Andriot, Jr.	4 - 12%
#8 Jim Andriot	9 - 26%
#56 D. Bryant	7 - 21%
#64 Charlie Davis	8 - 24%
#24 Sgt. Gar Davis	8 - 24%
#5 Sgt. J. DeHart	12 - 35%
#12 P. Dillman	2 - 6%
#13 D. Engnehl	3 - 9%
#29 M. Engnehl	1 - 3%
#22 R. Florence	3 - 9%
#3 Sgt. Tim Golden	7 - 21%
#15 J. Hytken	11 - 32%
#23 T. Kaelin	14 - 41%
#20 D. Kamer	21 - 62%
#57 M. Kamer	13 - 38%
#53 C. Kinberger	8 - 24%
#40 H. Koehler	11 - 32%
#32 B. Martin	19 - 56%
#65 J. McGrath	0 - 0%

#7 T. McGrath	12 - 35%
#44 C. Morgan	
#18 Sgt. Joe Noland	9 - 26%
#55 Mike Noland	24 - 71%
#30 Pat Noland	21 - 62%
#35 John Noon	2 - 6%
#31 Mike Noon	20 - 59%
#37 Sgt. J.R. O'Toole	13 - 38%
#19 Sgt. Pat Owens	27 - 79%
#27 J. Redmon	15 - 44%
#41 P. Schneider	3 - 9%
#42 H. Schultze	9 - 26%
#43 A.R. Scott	9 - 26%
#34 R. Smith	13 - 38%
#66 R. Tackett	4 - 12%
#26 R. Tonini	3 - 9%
#14 R. Unthank	15 - 44%
#2 John Walling	7 - 21%
#9 Joe Wheatley	7 - 21%
#25 J.R. Wheatley	12 - 35%
#4 J. Woodring	21 - 62%

Officers

#33 Col. J. Monohan, Jr.	40 - 83%
#16 Maj. A Haeberlin	35 - 73%
#36 Maj. J. Monohan, III	32 - 67%
#52 Capt. A.E. Andriot, III	19 - 40%
#28 Capt. F. Florence	32 - 67%
#62 Capt. R. Rakestraw	39 - 81%
#38 Capt. Al Ring	21 - 44%
#69 Capt. K. Strange	26 - 54%
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#51 R. Albers	27 - 56%
#1 A.E. Andriot, Jr.	16 - 33%
#8 Jim Andriot	33 - 69%
#56 D. Bryant	11 - 23%
#64 Charlie Davis	1 - 0%
#24 Sgt. Gar Davis	21 - 44%
#5 Sgt. J. DeHart	17 - 35%
#12 P. Dillman	6 - 13%
#13 D. Engnehl	10 - 21%
#29 M. Engnehl	19 - 40%
#22 R. Florence	5 - 10%
#3 Sgt. Tim Golden	26 - 54%
#15 J. Hytken	9 - 19%
#23 T. Kaelin	25 - 52%
#20 D. Kamer	33 - 69%
#57 M. Kamer	16 - 33%
#53 C. Kinberger	11 - 23%
#40 H. Koehler	37 - 77%
#32 B. Martin	36 - 75%
#65 J. McGrath	5 - 10%

#7 T. McGrath	14 - 29%
#44 C. Morgan	6 - 13%
#18 Sgt. Joe Noland	33 - 69%
#55 Mike Noland	35 - 73%
#30 Pat Noland	46 - 96%
#35 John Noon	3 - 6%
#31 Mike Noon	18 - 38%
#37 Sgt. J.R. O'Toole	35 - 73%
#19 Sgt. Pat Owens	37 - 77%
#27 J. Redmon	14 - 29%
#41 P. Schneider	1 - 0%
#42 H. Schultze	19 - 40%
#43 A.R. Scott	17 - 35%
#34 R. Smith	27 - 56%
#66 R. Tackett	17 - 35%
#26 R. Tonini	18 - 38%
#14 R. Unthank	19 - 40%
#2 John Walling	42 - 88%
#9 Joe Wheatley	13 - 27%
#25 J.R. Wheatley	32 - 67%
#4 J. Woodring	17 - 35%

1976

1976 Run information, 2nd. Quarter, night runs:

2ND QUARTER
NIGHT

St. Matthews Fire Dept.

NIGHT RUNS - 48 - TOTAL - 75

1976 - 2nd. Qtr. - April-May-June

5:00 P.M. - 7:30 A.M. - Including All Week Ends(Both Day & Night)

<u>Officers</u>	
#33 Col. J. Monohan, Jr.	44 - 83%
#16 Maj. A. Haeberlin	36 - 75%
#36 Maj. J. Monohan, III	47 - 98%
#52 Capt. A.E. Andriot, III	21 - 44%
#28 Capt. F. Florence	20 - 42%
#62 Capt. R. Rakestraw	41 - 85%
#38 Capt. Al Ring	18 - 38%
#69 Capt. K. Strange	21 - 44%
#51 R. Albers	37 - 77%
# 1 A.E. Andriot, Jr.	7 - 15%
# 8 Jim Andriot	15 - 31%
#56 D. Bryant	14 - 29%
#64 Charlie Davis	3 - 6%
#24 Sgt. Gar Davis	22 - 46%
# 5 Sgt. J. DeHart	12 - 25%
#11 Bill Dieckman	4 - 8%
#12 P. Dillman	11 - 23%
#13 D. Engnehl	7 - 15%
#29 M. Engnehl	12 - 25%
#22 F. Florence, Jr.	22 - 46%
# 3 Tim Golden	23 - 48%
#39 Jason Handel	5 - 10%
#15 J. Hytken	33 - 69%
#23 T. Kaelin	16 - 33%
#20 D. Kamer	24 - 50%
#57 M. Kamer	17 - 35%
#53 C. Kinberger	8 - 17%
#40 H. Koehler	24 - 50%
#32 B. Martin	31 - 65%
#65 J. McGrath	12 - 25%
# 7 T. McGrath	12 - 25%
#44 C. Morgan	6 - 3%
#18 Sgt. J. Noland	22 - 46%
#55 Mike Noland	28 - 58%
#30 Pat Noland	27 - 56%
#35 John Noon	- - -
#31 Mike Noon	13 - 27%
#37 Sgt. J. O'Toole	13 - 27%
#19 Sgt. Pat Owens	23 - 48%
#27 J. Redmon	2 - 4%
#41 P. Schneider	1 - 2%
#42 H. Schultze	16 - 33%
#43 A.R. Scott	26 - 54%
#34 R. Smith	18 - 30%
#66 R. Tackett	24 - 50%
#26 R. Tonini	5 - 10%
#14 R. Unthank	22 - 46%
# 2 John Walling	33 - 69%
# 9 Joe Wheatley	27 - 56%
#25 J.R. Wheatley	31 - 65%
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1976 Run information:

CAPT. Ring
File with your
1976 Data on
History

TYPE ALARMS

	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
AUTO / TRUCK	57	16.3%
WASH OFF	18	5.1%
TRASH / FIELD / DUMPSTER	44	12.6%
<u>HOUSE / GARAGE</u>	92	26.3%
APARTMENT	21	6.0%
BUSINESS / OFFICE / COMMERCIAL	50	14.3%
HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME	19	5.4%
CHURCH / SCHOOL	6	1.7%
RESCUE - ALL TYPES	4	1.1%
WIRES DOWN	10	2.9%
MISC. CALLS	20	5.7%
COUNTY LAPS	7	2.0%
CITY LAPS	2	.6%
TOTALS	350	100%

OF THE ABOVE ALARMS THE
Following RESULTS ARE NOTED:

FALSE	15	4.3%
MAL. FALSE	19	5.4%
County Automatic	6	1.7%
City Contract	7	2.0%
WORKING FIRE	18	5.1%

1976

1976 Run information:

MONTH OF YEAR

	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
JAN.	28	8.1%
FEB.	29	8.3%
MAR.	<u>25</u>	7.1%
	82	TOTAL 1 ST QUARTER <u>OR</u> 23.4%
APR.	27	7.7%
MAY	21	6.1%
JUN.	<u>27</u>	7.7%
	75	TOTAL 2 ND QUARTER <u>OR</u> 21.4%
JUL.	36	10.3%
AUG.	27	7.7%
SEP.	<u>36</u>	10.3%
	99	TOTAL <u>3RD QUARTER</u> <u>OR</u> 28.3%
OCT.	27	7.7%
NOV.	21	6.1%
<u>DEC.</u>	<u>46</u>	13.2%
	94	TOTAL 4 TH QUARTER <u>OR</u> 26.9%

350 TOTAL FOR 1976

1976 Run information:

TIME OF DAY

AM		No.	%
MIDNIGHT -	1	8	2.3%
1	2	11	3.1%
2	3	11	3.1%
3	4	5	1.4%
4	5	6	1.7%
5	6	6	1.7%
6	7	6	1.7%
7	8	6	1.7%
8	9	15	4.3%
9	10	15	4.3%
10	11	4	1.2%
11	Noon	12	3.4%
PM		No.	%
Noon	1	21	6.0%
1	2	12	3.4%
2	3	23	6.6%
3	4	16	4.6%
4	5	23	6.6%
5	6	22	6.3%
6	7	25	7.2%
7	8	25	7.2%
8	9	19	5.4%
9	10	19	5.4%
10	11	21	6.0%
11	MIDNIGHT	19	5.4%
TOTALS		350	100%

AM = 105
OR 30%

PM = 245
OR 70%

1976

1976 Run information:

5-2-77

DAY OF THE WK.

	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
SUN.	46	13.1%
MON.	46	13.1%
TUE.	54	15.4%
WED.	48	13.7%
THR.	44	12.6%
<u>FRI.</u>	67	19.2%
SAT.	45	12.9%
TOTALS	350	100%

WK. OF THE MONTH

	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
1 ST	51	14.6%
2 ND	67	19.2%
<u>3RD</u>	88	25.1%
4 TH	87	24.8%
5 TH	57	16.3%
	350	100%

1976

1976 Run information:

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS	
BLACK MUDD	6	16	23	34	30	26	15	28	24	24	21	31	26	298
BUECHEL	3	30	31	21	34	23	24	37	25	23	21	36	26	331
CAMP TAYLOR	9	23	22	30	32	18	15	27	14	21	20	20	14	256
DIXIE SUBURBAN	18	7	5	4	3	8	2	7	4	5	4	6	9	64
EASTWOOD	19	2	5	6	8	4	3	2	2		3	6	9	50
EDGEWOOD	8	27	26	21	35	19	13	24	15	20	28	34	16	278
FAIRDALE	6	23	38	40	38	34	9	16	14	16	19	39	29	315
FERN CREEK	11	19	18	23	20	21	13	25	11	18	23	28	20	239
HARRODS CREEK	15	15	9	15	14	11	13	10	15	8	9	16	15	150
HIGHVIEW	13	12	23	29	22	19	6	14	18	16	13	31	13	215
JEFFERSONTOWN	10	21	22	29	19	15	17	19	13	14	19	35	22	245
LAKE DREAMLAND	7	21	26	29	28	19	16	18	20	22	21	42	28	290
LYNDON	4	31	25	30	20	25	18	25	26	24	28	34	37	323
MC MAHAN	16	11	16	15	12	5	14	7	14	10	10	21	11	146
MIDDLETOWN	14	9	15	19	17	9	24	16	10	16	16	21	29	201
OKOLONA	1	48	59	68	67	38	44	47	49	55	37	77	56	645
ST. MATTHEWS	2	28	30	25	26	20	28	36	26	34	27	22	43	356
SOUTH DIXIE	12	19	22	28	24	12	15	13	20	15	15	30	20	233
WORTHINGTON	17	6	9	8	12	5	9	8	11	11	10	17	21	127
TOTALS		368	424	474	461	331	298	379	331	352	344	546	444	4752

1976:

SERGEANT ASSIGNMENTS:

Sergeant J. Noland	8821
Sergeant J. DeHart	8833
Sergeant P. Owens	8836
Sergeant J. O'Toole	8844
Sergeant G. Davis	8855

ENGINEERS QUALIFIED:

R. Albers
 A. E. Andriot, Jr.
 D. Bryant
 C. Davis
 T. Golden
 C. Kinberger
 R. Tonini
 J. R. Wheatley
 J. Woodring

ENGINEERS QUALIFIED; But with noted exceptions:

D. Kamer	Needs continued practical experience.
J. Redmon	Under 21 years of age – until July 8, 1976
R. Unthank	Needs continued practical experience.

Samples of Fire Run Reports 1976:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 1991

FIRE REPORT 59 37
DATE 1-15-76 TIME OF ALARM 6:41 AM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 8 AM A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 2230 Yonkersville Great House School APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Fire in floor of Teachers Lounge - used
Boosters

OFFICER IN CHARGE Major Harsheim REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 1995

FIRE REPORT 56 31
DATE 1/20/76 TIME OF ALARM 5:31 AM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 6:41 AM A.M. P.M. 7:00 A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 11009 David Hills Rd APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Two Rooms of Fire - used two
Boosters and 3" supply line

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 1999

FIRE REPORT 216 14
DATE 1-26-76 TIME OF ALARM 2:16 AM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 4:14 (25) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION Dim Rooster Dept Snow APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. 2822 No Hubbards Lane

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 5536, 3324

REMARKS WORKING FIRE IN BOOT SHOP,
CAN AND ROOF CEILING. VIA CAMERAS - BEING
WENT INTO PAN - YES 1 1/2" into - 2.50' 2 1/2
INLET.

OFFICER IN CHARGE Capt. O. B. REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt. O. B.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2007

FIRE REPORT 909 26
DATE 2/6/76 TIME OF ALARM 9:09 AM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 10:26 (26) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 417 KEELIN APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER Thomas TARPEY

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Used Boosters on couch fire
Neighbors Rescued 9 children & wife
Apparent cause: older child locking under
couch with candle

OFFICER IN CHARGE Majors REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2020

FIRE REPORT 944 20
DATE 2-11-76 TIME OF ALARM 9:44 AM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 10:20 (20) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION 63 Indian Hills Tr APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109

REMARKS WORKING HOUSE & GARAGE FIRE - 8844-8844
8831-8821 - 2 MURKIN HARBOR CEILING - 1 QUAD FROM
SYMPO - 1 PUMPER FROM MICHIGAN IN OUR
PILE HOUSE.

OFFICER IN CHARGE MAT Minton REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt O. B.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2022

FIRE REPORT 453 22
DATE 2/20/76 TIME OF ALARM 4:53 AM A.M. P.M. TIME RETURNED 7:22 (22) A.M. P.M.

LOCATION Walters & Willis APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER GARAGE

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF #142 Wiltshire

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Address 192 Wiltshire - used 6 Boosters
ON FRAME GARAGE - SLIGHT EXTENSION TO
GARAGE AT 190 Wiltshire - Reported by
JCPD Call 2 A 11

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

Samples of Fire Run Reports 1976:

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2129

FIRE REPORT 7:43 (26)

DATE 6/21/76 TIME OF ALARM 6:53 P.M. TIME RETURNED 7:43 P.M.

LOCATION 201 Breckenridge Ln APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Working Fire in three story stucco Bldg - Assisted LFD - under fire. Cause under investigation by LFD. Arson Squad - used 600' 3" + 200' 15"

OFFICER IN CHARGE MAJ Monahan REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2244

FIRE REPORT 8:50 (27)

DATE 10/15/76 TIME OF ALARM 7:11 P.M. TIME RETURNED 8:30 P.M.

LOCATION 420 Beechwood Rd APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36, 35

REMARKS Working Fire in commercial Bldg 1 Van involved - used 1 1/2" line. County Arson notified.

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2288

FIRE REPORT 5:21 (25)

DATE 12-1-76 TIME OF ALARM 2:25 P.M. TIME RETURNED 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION 512 RING RD APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 39, 36

REMARKS 1 1/2 story Cable Bank gasoline fire in basement. Comm. to int + 2nd floor. Used 4 1/2" - 100' Backo - Fan - lifes booster supp 50 man.

OFFICER IN CHARGE O3 JPH MARRAR REPORT WRITTEN BY JPH

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2198

FIRE REPORT 5:38 (31)

DATE 8/31/76 TIME OF ALARM 2:36 P.M. TIME RETURNED 5:38 P.M.

LOCATION 4019 Winchester Rd APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER BK Rubison

OWNER ADDRESS 4019 Winchester

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 36

REMARKS Fire in upstairs + attic - used 3 1/2" lines - 1 250' 3" Supply line - FFTR R. Smith injured + treated at scene by JCPD Med unit, then sent home.

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2286

FIRE REPORT 2:30 (21)

DATE 12/1/76 TIME OF ALARM 11:40 P.M. TIME RETURNED 2:30 P.M.

LOCATION 117 SP 117 SILVER LN APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT B. Grimes, MN

OWNER same

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 8844, 8934, 8836, 1233, 1244, 1899

REMARKS Mr. Grimes started hot coils, no propane involved. Been placed in plastic garage can in an area next to the garage. Maid was in the house when fire started. Fire progressed rapidly thru garage, broke way into 1st floor thru common area by time of discovery.

OFFICER IN CHARGE Mr. Florence REPORT WRITTEN BY Mr. Florence

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. No. 2316

FIRE REPORT 4:30 (20)

DATE 12-21-76 TIME OF ALARM 3:41 P.M. TIME RETURNED 4:30 P.M.

LOCATION 3958 STABERS AVS APT. NO.

TYPE OF CALL HOUSE APARTMENT COMMERCIAL OFFICE

SMOKE FUMES LOCK OUT DRYER WASHER

WEEDS TRASH OTHER

RESUSCITATOR RESCUE WASH OFF

BACKUP DEPT. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ TAG NO. _____

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

OCCUPANT _____

OWNER Dennis Merrifield

OWNER ADDRESS _____

COMPANY RESPONSE 101 102 103 104 105 108 109 39, 36

REMARKS Used booster on fire in mattress on second floor.

OFFICER IN CHARGE Chief REPORT WRITTEN BY Capt Rakestraw

1976

Fire Statistics For 1976

Total number of fire runs: 350
 Total working fires: 19
 Back up City of Louisville: 2
 Number of A. M. runs: 80 this is out of 260 runs, the rest were not recorded.
 Number of P. M. runs: 180 this is out of 260 runs, the rest were not recorded.

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

8801: 89
 8802: 155
 8803: 160
 8804: 23
 8805:
 8821: 139
 8833: 93
 8834: 19
 8835: 55
 8836: 175
 8844: 121
 8855: 81

Types of fire runs:

House 87
 Commercial 92
 Automobile 55
 Field & trash 46
 Miscellaneous 49
 Malicious false 19

WORKING FIRES

1/1/1976 4:30 a.m. 130 N. Hubbards Lane Fire in attached frame garage. (Arson)
 1/15/1976 7:00 a.m. 3930 Grandview Greathouse Elementary School, fire in floor.
 1/20/1976 4:30 p.m. 4008 Druid Hills Rd. Working fire, used 2 boosters & supply line.
 1/26/1976 4:16 p.m. 282 N. Hubbards Ln. Jim Booher Body Shop, Used 2 big pipes & one 1 1/2" line
 2/6/1976: 11 p.m. 417 Kaelin Drive Working fire in front room, no rescue.
 2/10/1976 9:25 a.m. Hubbards Lane at entrance to Coach Gate Condos. Working fire in construction trailer (containing dynamite – which never detonated).
 2/19/1976 9:05 a.m. 63 Indian Hills Trail Working house fire, flashover trapped 2 firefighters upstairs, used 1 1/2" and 3 boosters.
 2/20/1976: 4:16 a.m. Wallace Ave & Willis Ave Garage fire used 6 boosters.
 6/13/1976 9:27 p.m. 4104 Hycliffe Avenue Kitchen fire, used booster.
 6/14/1976 4:20 p.m. Wolf Pen Branch Rd. & US 42, St. Francis in the Fields Church Quad sent to assist HCFD, used 3 1 1/2 " lines.
 6/21/1976 6:54 a.m. 201 Breckenridge Lane Working fire in 3 story, LFD fire.
 8/29/1976 2:00 a.m. 3939 Frankfort Avenue (Bacons) Working fire, 3 heads off in basement.
 8/31/1976 2:31 p.m. 4119 Winchester Road House fire, second floor used 3 1 1/2" lines.
 9/4/1976 12:56 p.m. I-264 eastbound between Shelbyville Rd. and Brownsboro Rd. Working trailer fire, car stopped to help was hit, injuries and rescue.
 10/15/ 1976 92 Beechwood Rd. Building fire, used 2 1 1/2" lines.
 11/21/1976 141 Breckinridge Lane Nanz & Kraft Florists. (3 alarms for LFD)
 12/1/1976 117 Spruce Lane House fire, started in garage.
 12/1/1976 312 Ring Road House fire, started in basement ran walls.
 12/21/1976 3958 Staebler Avenue House fire, mattress, used booster.

1976

Board Of Directors

A. E. Andriot, Jr.
Donald Black, Leaves board in July
Philip Grauman
William D. "Bill" Hammer, start, August
Marty A. Kamer
George E. Miller
John M. Monohan Jr.
J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr.
Dr. Tom Jerry Smith
James "JP" Terry

Officers

1976

Chief John M. Monohan Jr.
Assist. Chief Al Haeberlin
Assist. Chief John M. "Jack" Monohan, III
Captain A. E. Andriot, III
Capt. Franklin R. Florence
Captain Russell "Russ" M. Rakestraw
Captain Al Ring
Captain Kenneth "Ken" L. Strange
Sgt. E. Gar Davis
Sgt. Jack DeHart
Sgt. Joseph L. "Joe" Noland, Jr.
Sgt. John R. "Jack" O'Toole, Jr., June resign
Sgt. Patrick M. "Jesse" Owens

Firefighters

Rick Albers
A. E. Andriot, Jr.
Jim L. Andriot
D. L. Bryant
Gary Butts,
Charile T. Davis
David C. Dick
Paul G. Dillman, July inactive
Gary Doyle, ovember start
Denny Engnehl
Mike Engnehl
Ran Florence, February applicant
Tim D. Golden
Jason B. Handel
Rob N. Helm
Jim F. Hytken
Jim L. Jackson
Tom Kaelin
Dave Kamer
Marty A. Kamer
Chris E. Kinberger, Sr.
Hugo Koehler

Brian Martin
Jim J. McGrath
William "Tony" McGrath
Kent Monohan, start September
Craig E. Morgan
Mike E. Noland
Patrick H. "Pat" Noland
John L. Noon
John M. "Mike" Noon
John S. Redman, June resign
Ken C. Reising, Jr.
Patrick J. Rhodes, resigns Janaury
Philip "Leakey" Schneider
Richard Harvey Schultze
Allan R. Scott
Richard King Smith
Richard E. Tackett
Richard J. "Rick" Tonini
Ron D. Unthank
John Walling
Joseph "Joe" Wheatley
J. Robert "Bob" Wheatley
James W. "Woody" Woodring