

**DEDICATION CEREMONY**

**OF**

**DILLSBORO**

**TOWN HALL - FIRE STATION**

**JULY 6, 1974**

A VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

FROM ATOP THE SCHOOLHOUSE, BUILT IN 1905, MY VOICE HAS RUNG OUT — BECKONING BOYS AND GIRLS TO SCHOOL, CLANGED OUT THE CALL FOR HELP TO FIGHT FIRES, PEELED FORTH JOYOUS TONES OF VICTORY AT WARS' ENDS, TOLLED THE OLD YEAR OUT AND RUNG IN THE NEW.

NOW I STAND SILENT — DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF ALL WHO HAVE SERVED THE DILLSBORO COMMUNITY.

\*The above inscription is on the plaque attached to the structure upon which the old school bell is mounted, just outside the Town Board meeting room.

## PROGRAM

Invocation ..... Rev. Gary Anderson

Flag Raising

Star Spangled Banner ..... Dillsboro High School Band  
Director, Dennis Akers

Welcome ..... Fire Chief, Robert Heitmeyer

Introduction Town Board .....  
Captain Life Squad, Dale Wendelman

President - Robert Clore  
Gilbert Gerster  
Mitchell Hankins

Clerk-Treasurer - Charles Block  
Clay Township Trustee - Luther Hon

Dedication Speaker .....  
9th District Congressman Lee H. Hamilton

Economic Development Administration, Chicago, Illinois ....  
Mgr. Regional Office, Myron L. Dodge  
Field Representative, Omer Daupaise

Economic Development Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana  
William E. Wilson

Legal Counsel ..... Richard R. Mattingly, Aurora, Indiana

Engineer on Project ..... Albert Hopping, Aurora, Indiana

Contractor ..... Roy A. Miller & Son, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Benediction ..... Rev. Thomas Fehrman

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PROJECT

DILLSBORO TOWN BOARD

Harry Clore  
Gilbert C. Gerster  
Mitchell Hankins

TOWN OFFICERS

Charles Block, Clerk-Treasurer  
Richard Mattingly, Attorney

DILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

Robert H. Heitmeyer, Chief  
Dale Wendelman, President  
Reynold Lanvermeyer  
Charles Baker  
Larry Elder  
Arthur Luke

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Roy A. Miller & Son Inc.  
Lawrenceburg, Indiana     Indiana

ENGINEER

Albert G. Hopping P.E.  
Aurora, Indiana

\*This plaque hangs on the wall in the TOWN HALL.

DILLSBORO TOWN BOARD

Some months ago, letters were sent out to the citizens of the town of Dillsboro by the Town Board. Today that same letter could be sent out with a foot note reading "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED".

Following is our letter to you, our citizens, on this the dedication day of our new municipal building.

Fellow Citizens:

The Town Board of Dillsboro, Indiana is delighted and happy to report to you that a new combination TOWN HALL — FIRE STATION has been constructed on the site of the old school house built in 1905 and later used for the Town Hall and Fire House.

None of your tax dollars were used in financing this building.

The town of Dillsboro received a Federal Grant of money from the Economic Development Administration in the sum of \$134,400.00.

In addition to the above amount we also received from the CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND the sum of \$10,309.96.

This Fund gets its money from the STATE OF INDIANA through distribution of cigarette taxes and is instructed to be used for the purpose of construction improvement, purchase of real property or buildings for the town.

From the Cumulative Building Fund we received \$2,129.04, making a total from these three sources of \$146,839.00.

The money in the CUMULATIVE BUILDING FUND came from an insurance claim settlement caused by the disastrous hail storm that struck Dillsboro in April, 1970.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Dillsboro donated \$20,000.00 toward the building.

Now the new building stands completed and FREE OF ANY INDEBTEDNESS, a beautiful and most useful addition to our town.

As one approaches the area, particularly at night, before the building comes into view, attention is called to "OLD GLORY" our beautiful American flag waving freely in the breeze high above the building, lighted from the spot lights below. Its message seems to be "WE STILL LIVE IN THE GREATEST LAND ON EARTH".

In addition to facilities for the towns affairs, this building houses the fire fighting equipment, consisting of five pieces and the new LIFE SQUAD AMBULANCE, a complete kitchen, lounge and shower room for the firemen.

At this the dedication ceremony and open house of this new edifice, each of you is invited to tour the building and see for yourself this fine new building and the services it will provide for you, the citizens of Dillsboro, Indiana.

Sincerely,

DILLSBORO TOWN BOARD

## DILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Prior to 1888 fires in Dillsboro were fought by a bucket brigade formed by any number of persons willing to come running with a bucket of water.

In 1888 the little wooden water wagon was pulled by hand and pumped by hands of those first on the scene.

Then in the 1920's a Dodge motorized truck with wooden spokes in the wheels was purchased by the town.

In 1927 interests turned toward an organized fire department and the same was begun. Then in 1934 further organization took place.

A new Chevrolet pumper was purchased by the town in 1936.

In 1952 the Dodge pumper was purchased, thus progress continued, however, the first piece of equipment purchased by the fire department themselves was a used panel truck, in 1961. This was used to carry extra equipment to fires. In 1965 this panel truck was replaced with another used one.

During the year 1969 the town of Dillsboro and Clay Township, together, purchased a new Ford Pumper which was a much improved piece of equipment.

Disposing of surplus equipment, the U.S. ARMY provided the department with a tank truck which is rushed to grass fires and all others where needed. This truck was secured in 1971.

In 1974 the town and township purchased a new panel truck.

During the 1930's the Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department wishing to be of further service to the community, purchased the land between the Harry Smith property and that which is now the Ulrich Filter Funeral Home. At the rear of this lot a ball diamond and recreational facilities were provided for the community. There were swings, teeter totters, basketball goals, bleacher seats, concession stand and toilet facilities.

Softball games were held regularly. Proceeds from these games and the concession stand went into the firemen's treasury.

For a number of years the FIRE DEPARTMENT sponsored a Carnival, such as the Civic Club now has.

They have received some money from memorials, wills and other individuals. All of these, along with the sale of the Ball Park and grounds, mentioned above, in 1969 provided them with \$20,000.00 which they donated toward the new building which today we so proudly dedicate.

#### DILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Dillsboro Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary was formed in October 1964 with eighteen members. They were Karen Graver, Dana Rullman, Mabel Long, Hallie Seaman, Shirley Lanvermeyer, Mary Cutter, Norma Heitmeyer, Deloris Graver, Verneda Wendelman, Donna Fehrman, Leota Wafford, Patty Ochs, Wanda Baker, Verna Heitmeyer, Laura Cutter, Golda Jewett, Jean Graver and Shirley Weatherford.

The first officers were President, Verneda Wendelman; Vice President, Golda Jewett; Secretary, Laura Cutter; Treasurer, Shirley Weatherford and Chaplain, Hallie Seaman.

The Auxiliary helped the Life Squad by buying wash cloths, towels and a hydraulic lift. They fixed Christmas treats for a while for the Civic Club. They are now serving refreshments during and after a fire to the firemen who fought a fire and also collect clothing for those that are fire victims and have lost their clothes in a fire.

Many money projects were had to help furnish the kitchen in the new firehouse. We have served O & I three times since we were organized. This year we are presenting each fireman with a windbreaker to wear to meetings and in their bingo stand at homecomings.

The current members are Rheta Holtegel, Annis Luke, Vivian Elder, Madonna Gordon, Jeanette Thayer, Betty Grace, Cheryl Schmaltz, Marietta Ohlmansiek, Glenna Kieninger, Jean Benning, Marcelene Elder, Sherry Gordon, Bonita Wafford, Tina Fortner, Karen Filter, Barbara Anderson, Kay Holtegel, Joan Vinup, Mary Bruce, Joanne Disbro, Mary Jane Jewett, Nettie Cleeter, Ruth Holtegel, Iona Frakes, Gayla Laker, and the charter members, Wanda Baker, Donna Fehrman, Karen Graver, Verna Heitmeyer, Shirley Lanvermeyer, Mary Cutter, Verneda Wendelman, Hallie Seaman, and Shirley Weatherford.

The present officers are President, Verneda Wendelman; Vice President, Madonna Gordon; Secretary, Marietta Ohlmansiek; Treasurer, Mary Cutter; and Cheryl Schmaltz, Chaplain.

## DILLSBORO EMERGENCY UNIT INC.

The Dillsboro Emergency Unit Inc. was organized in September, 1964. The Fire Department loaned them \$750 to help them purchase an ambulance. Mr. Clifford Knigga donated a pony which was raffled off for over \$1,000.00.

The unit made their first run on December 26, 1964. They repaid the Fireman's loan in January, 1965. Mr. Knigga donated two more ponies which were raffled in the following year.

The unit's first ambulance was a 1957 Oldsmobile which was purchased for \$780.00. In May, 1966, they purchased a 1959 Cadillac for \$1200.00 and trade in. This they kept until June 1969 and traded it for a 1965 Cadillac. Cost — \$4500.00 and trade.

The first ambulance was housed at Dale Wendelman's until a garage was rented from Charles Jewett. The unit was kept there until it was moved to the new firehouse in December, 1973.

Charter members of the unit were:

Donald Ulrich, Captain	Glen Weatherford
Dale Wendelman, Co-Captain	John Heffelmire
Charles Baker, Secretary	Don Walston
Bill Stockdale, Treasurer	Tom Fehrman
Bob Holtegel	David Jewett
Norman Holtegel	Dave Graver
Paul Holtegel	Reynold Lanvermeyer
Ray Watts	Lehman Combs
Howard Meyers	Delmar Thayer

The Emergency Unit is given \$500.00 annually by the Dearborn County Commissioners. Other than these monies it is supported by memorials and donations. All squad members are volunteers.

Runs completed by the unit are as follows:

1965 .....	57	1970 .....	77
1966 .....	55	1971 .....	71
1967 .....	58	1972 .....	92
1968 .....	61	1973 .....	120
1969 .....	69	1974 .....	???

The unit now consists of approximately twenty members which have had First Aid Training. In addition to this training fourteen recently completed their E.M.T. course.

On May 29, 1974, the Unit purchased a 1974 Dodge Mediacruiser at a cost of \$14,600.07. The unit made its first run with it on June 2. With more modern equipment and more space for patients and their recent training the squad is prepared to meet the emergency needs of this community.

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DILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1974

Robert Anderson  
Charles Baker, Vice President  
David Benning, Trustee  
Larry Bruce  
Melvin Cleeter  
Francis Cleeter  
John Cutter, Trustee  
Wilbur Disbro  
Larry Elder, Captain  
Vernon Elder  
Thomas Fehrman  
Paul Filter, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mike Fortner  
Ronald Frakes  
Jerry Gordon  
Tommy Gordon  
Don Grace, Assistant Chief  
David Graver, Captain  
Robert Heitmeyer, Chief  
Norman Holtegel  
Paul Holtegel, Captain  
Robert Holtegel  
David Jewett  
Lawrence Keininger  
Earl Laker  
Reynold Lanvermeyer  
Arthur Luke, Trustee  
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Richie Schmaltz  
Harold Seaman  
Delmar Thayer, President  
James Vinup  
Tom Wafford  
Glen Weatherford  
Dale Wendelman

