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Contact Judith Coeby at greeter@comcast.net; (810) 229-4608 or (586) 872-4535.

Addendum To BFD Series
In December, 1976, the Brighton City Council recognized these firemen for their years of service: Charles Bidwell (23 years), Billy Hathaway (20 years), Gary Cole (19 years), Terry Watts (16 years), Jess Mack (15 years), Gene Feltly and Chief Mel Sanch (13 years), Denny Dymond and Dave Sobieski (12 years), Ron Dione (9 years), Herb Wright (8 years), Robert Ash and Robert Myers (7 years), Richard Ferguson, Fred Gingles and Bill Mesling (5 years), Brian Rowlette, Charles Sucher and Charles Thompson (4 years), Frank Fedorovich, Don Hall, Ed Hodgkins and Gary Shelters (2 years).

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