

UFOs Buzz Tennessee Town

... Claim Sheriff, Firemen & Citizens Who Saw Strange Objects in Sky
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Strange objects seen repeatedly whizzing through the night skies of northwest Tennessee — in one case by an entire company of city firemen — have officials and citizens alike in an uproar.

"One UFO passed so low that I could hear a humming noise coming from it," declared Sheriff Nathan Cunningham of Obion County.

Sheriff Cunningham, 43, told The ENQUIRER his first sighting was on Saturday, September 29, just before 9 p.m., about 18 miles from Union City.

"Someone pointed out a shining object in the sky that was obviously not a star," he said. "I watched it from the ground, then from a high fire tower

with binoculars. It had a central white light and smaller colored outer lights. As I watched, a second, identical object came from the north and hovered over the first. They seemed to be stationary, then moved out of sight to the west.

"I drove 2½ miles to my son's house to discuss it with him. He had just been on the phone with a woman who'd seen mysterious lights, and had already received other reports. We stood outside his house, talking about it all.

"Suddenly, a UFO buzzed over his house. It was about 1,000 feet high and traveling about 100 miles an hour. It seemed to be about 40 feet long, with a glowing white light in the center and other lights around it.

"It made a noise I can only describe as like the hum of an electric motor. We just watched in amazement as it flew by."

His son, Deputy Sheriff Danny Cunningham, 22, said: "It certainly didn't look any-



SHERIFF Nathan Cunningham heard one humming.



SEARCH: A sheriff's deputy points to where UFO was seen during search of a bean field where craft was spotted.

thing like an airplane or a helicopter."

The next night, again at about 9, a Union City dentist, Dr. Fred Hansen, 35, was walking in his yard when he spotted a strange orange light zig-zagging across the sky.

"It was very bright and moving much faster than any airplane," he told The ENQUIRER. "I have seen satellites in the sky. This object did not behave like one."

The following night, Monday, Oct. 1, five firemen on the night shift in Union City saw two strange objects, visible from 8 p.m. to about midnight.

Fireman Doug McGowan, 28, said: "They were toward the northeast of the fire station and like no aircraft I have ever seen. They were V-shaped and had large white lights and red and blue-green lights close together."

Fireman Gregory Lane, 20, described their movement as "back and forth across the sky for about 4 hours," then moving off to the north at high speed.

Firemen David Bobo, 26, James Randy King, 31, and Rudy J. Skoda, 45, saw the objects at the same time.

While an ENQUIRER reporter and photographer were with the sheriff in his office at the Union City Court House, a call came in from a resident about a UFO coming down into a bean field opposite her house. The ENQUIRER team rushed with the po-

lice to the site about 2 miles away.

There Mrs. Kay Moore, 27, excitedly told police that she and her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Taylor, had seen two white lights that sank toward the ground, hovered, then vanished into the earth. "They left a bluish glow above the soil, then the strange haze disappeared too," she said. "The whole thing was so eerie that it was frightening."



FIREMAN
Doug McGowan
Saw V-shaped
objects

The ENQUIRER team watched as the police, with a tractor and floodlights, searched the area for an hour and a half, then gave up. The phenomenon had left no trace whatever.

Sheriff Cunningham had reported the numerous sightings to the U.S. Naval Air Station

at Millington, about 100 miles from Union City. But a Navy spokesman told The ENQUIRER: "We can definitely state that we had no aircraft up at the times of the sightings which could have been responsible for what was reported.

"We have also seen nothing on our radar screens that would account for the sightings."