

# OPEN HOUSE



## Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department

Station #2

Williams & Hogue Road

Saturday, June 4, 1988  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**Red Cross Blood Drive**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Blood Donations Needed

**Demonstrations**

**Displays**

**Video Presentations**

**Door Prizes To Be Given Away!**

(4 Portable Fire Extinguishers / 4 Smoke Detectors)



**Bring the Kids!**  
6 Different Trucks on Display!





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## Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

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May 17th, 1988

RESIDENTS PERRY & UNION TOWNSHIPS:

FIRST LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO SUPPORTED US BY SENDING A DONATION TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR. WE RECEIVED DONATIONS FROM ABOUT 22% OF ALL RESIDENTS, THIS FAR EXCEED THE PREVIOUS YEARS RESPONSE. AGAIN LET ME EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED US LAST YEAR.

WE ARE ENCLOSING A QUESTIONNAIRE AND AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SET DOWN TODAY, FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR DONATION OF \$25.00 OR MORE TO US IMMEDIATELY.

WE ARE STILL FEELING THE PINCH OF THE PROPERTY TAX FREEZE AND THE END OF REVENUE SHARING. RECENT LEGISLATION HAS GIVEN THE CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MEANS OF INCREASING TAXES, BUT NOTHING HAS HELPED THE FINANCIALLY STRAPPED VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF INDIANA AND OUR COSTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE, INSURANCE COVERAGE COSTS HAVE INCREASED YEARLY AND WE NOW MUST CARRY WORKMENS COMPENSATION ON ALL MEMBERS, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$275 PER YEAR.

WE ASK THAT YOU READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY, IT CONTAINS MANY ITEMS ON FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, SMOKE DETECTORS, ETC., THAT MAY HELP YOU PREVENT A FIRE AND WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF FIRE.

YOUR SUPPORT OF US IN THE PAST HAS BEEN NOTHING LESS THAN SENSATIONAL, AND WE HAVE SHOWN OUR APPRECIATION BY SUPPLYING YOU, THE RESIDENTS OF PERRY AND UNION TOWNSHIPS WITH THE FINEST IN FIRE, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE. IT IS ONLY THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE AND USE THE FINE EQUIPMENT WE HAVE.

PLEASE HELP US AGAIN THIS YEAR BY ASSISTING US IN OUR FUND RAISING EFFORTS AND SENDING US YOUR DONATION OF \$25.00 OR MORE.

SINCERELY YOURS

JOHN BARR  
FIRE CHIEF

## SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors for homes and apartments are a must. A smoke alarm will let you know about a smoldering fire before it actually becomes a big fire.

The basic types of detectors are: the Photoelectric and the ionization. The Photoelectric responds to smoldering fires a few seconds quicker than the ionization detector. But, the differences are so small that it's more important to have any type than to spend the time trying to figure out which is the best.



Most detectors are battery operated. The 9 volt battery powered detector is the best. Some are 110 volt wired-in electric detectors. The battery type is the best in most cases because it can be mounted at the best spot by merely attaching it to the ceiling where you need it.

Where you place the unit is probably more important than the type of unit you select. Since smoke rises, the detector should be high. It is best placed on the ceiling and toward the center of the room. If for some reason you can't place a unit on the ceiling, it should go on the wall, but not right against the ceiling. Come down 6 to 12 inches from the top. The area where the ceiling and wall meet is a dead air space and the smoke and fumes would avoid that area in all probability. Be sure you're away at least a couple of feet from a corner. Corners are also dead air space and would be much longer in getting a whiff of smoke.

Do try to place the units close enough to sleeping quarters so that the alarm can be heard even with the bedroom doors closed. If there is any doubt about it being loud enough to wake you, install an additional alarm in the bedrooms.

Wired-in units can be installed in series so that if one detector senses smoke, all other units in the home go off.

If your home is two story, detectors should be installed on both floors. Your basement should also be equipped with a unit.

Each detector should be tested monthly. Smoke from a cigarette or a smoldering rope held near the detector will work the best.

So, what if you are awakened by the sound of the alarm in the middle of the night? Do you know what to do? You should have an escape plan for all the family. Have a fire drill and have a place outside for all members to congregate so you will be sure everyone is out. Then call for help at a neighbor's home.

Properly installed, smoke detectors can give you several minutes early warning which should be enough to save your life.

## HEAT EMERGENCIES

Summer is fast approaching and with it comes heat and humidity. In warm weather there are three types of heat related emergencies which you may come accross. HEAT CRAMPS, HEAT EXHAUSTION and HEAT STROKE. Heat emergencies can affect anyone who is not used to exposure of extreme heat for any period of time.

HEAT CRAMPS is the least serious of the three. Cramps are muscular pains and spasms that occur when a person is sweating profusely and is losing too much salt out of the body. Heat cramps usually affects the arms, legs or abdomen and is a sign of a more serious emergency developing. The victim may feel faint, dizzy and exhausted.

EMERGENCY CARE: The victim should relax in a cool place and be given Gator-ade or salt water to drink. The salt water solution should consist of one teaspoon of salt in one-half glass of water every fifteen minutes until cramps cease. Consult your Doctor.

HEAT EXHAUSTION is the most common of all heat related emergencies. In hot environments or during physical exertion a person may sweat profusly, losing large quantities of salt and water from the body. The victim may complain of a headache, dizziness, nausea, weakness, possible faintness and profuse sweating.

EMERGENCY CARE: The victim should be taken to a cool place and remove as much clothing as possible. He should lay down with legs elevated. Apply cool wet compresses to the skin, a garden hose can also be used to cool the patient. Get patient to an emergency facility as soon as possible.

HEAT STROKE is the most serious. In heat stroke the bodies regulating mechanism break down causing cooling of the body to stop. This can cause internal temperatures to raise to 105 to 110 degrees with results of brain damage, permanent disability or even death. The patient may complain of a headache, dry mouth and muscle twitching. His skin may be dry, hot and red. The patient may lose consciousness or suffer mental confusion.

EMERGENCY CARE: Place patient in a cool place, lying down with legs elevated. Begin cooling with fans, applications of ice or with a garden hose. Remove as much clothing as possible. DO NOT give a heat stroke victim anything to drink. This is a life threatening situation, medical attention is crucial. The patient should be taken to the hospital as soon as possible.

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## CADET TROOP FORMED

If you are 14 up to 21 years old, join the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Departments Cadet Troop. The Cadets meet every second Sunday of each month from 6:30 P.M. until about 9:30 P.M. The chief of the Cadets is Gary Barr, (the son of chief John Barr). If you are interested in joining the Cadets, contact Gary at 985-3248. The Cadets will have a display June 4, 1988 at Station #2 on Williams Rd. just off of Hogue Rd. during the open house.

PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND RETURN WITH YOUR DONATION IN THE ENCLOSED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

1. DID YOU KNOW THAT 911 IS AVAILABLE TO THE ENTIRE AREA NOW FOR ANY EMERGENCY? \_\_\_\_\_
2. ARE YOU AWARE THAT YOUR AREA IS PROTECTED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT? \_\_\_\_\_
3. ARE YOU AWARE OF THE LOCATION OF BOTH FIRE STATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF YOU ANSWERED NO, READ THIS NEWSLETTER FOR EACH LOCATION.
4. HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACTION? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, WHAT WAS YOUR OPINION OF THEM? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. HAVE YOU SEEN THE TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT? \_\_\_\_\_  
YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSE AT STATION 2 ON WILLIAMS ROAD ON JUNE 4TH AND SEE ALL THE EQUIPMENT.
6. DID YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR AREA HAS 6 INSURANCE CLASSIFICATION THAT SAVES YOU APPROXIMATELY 35% ON YOUR INSURANCE PREMIUMS? \_\_\_\_\_
7. WERE YOU AWARE THE SUCCESS OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPENDS ON YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS CONTRIBUTIONS? \_\_\_\_\_
8. DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL TRAINING OR TALENTS THAT COULD BE OF HELP TO YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY OR OTHERWISE? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF YES, DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. DO YOU OPERATE OR AFFILIATED WITH A BUSINESS THAT COULD HELP YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AN EMERGENCY OR OTHERWISE? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, DESCRIBE \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. DO YOU HAVE A LAKE ON YOUR PROPERTY THAT COULD BE USED FOR A WATER SOURCE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY? \_\_\_\_\_  
IS IT ACCESSIBLE TO A FIRE TRUCK? \_\_\_\_\_  
ARE YOU WILLING TO LET US USE IT, IN CASE OF A FIRE? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF YOU DO, AND YOU ARE WILLING TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE GIVE LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BE A PART OF HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP? \_\_\_\_\_  
ARE YOU AVAILABLE DURING DAYTIME HOURS? \_\_\_\_\_
12. DO YOU HAVE ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY, AGE 14 TO 21 WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN OUR CADET FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_