



# PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.



OCTOBER, 1988

P.O. BOX 7051

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

## THANKS PERRY AND UNION TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Thanks to all Perry and Union Township residents for all the support and donations given to us this year. This years fund drive has been successful but not as successful as past years. We are 50% behind last years pace. If you have not sent in your donation yet, it's still not to late.

It takes a tremendous amount of money to operate a Volunteer Fire Department. Your donations go towards many different things in our Department, such as: MAINTENANCE OF ALL TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, TOOLS FOR FIRE AND AUTO ACCIDENTS, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND INSURANCE, to name a few.

We have lost Revenue Sharing which accounted for more than 50% of our total funding.

Please residents, if you have not sent in your donation, please do so, it could help us save yours or someone elses home or life. Remember we are 50% behind last years pace.

If you do not have the Envelope we left earlier, send your donation to "Perry Township Fire Department, P. O. Box 7051, Evansville, IN 47712".

**PLEASE HELP US, THANK YOU AGAIN!!!**



STATION 1  
JOHNSON LANE AND BROADWAY



STATION 2  
11 S. WILLIAMS ROAD

Due to many responses to our questionnaire in our last newsletter, we are showing a picture with the address of each fire station. That tells us you do read them and we would like to thank you.

## WHERE ARE WE IN 1988

It is now 1988 and where are we?

In the past 18 years we have seen a remarkable change in the Fire Department.

When 1970 rolled around we had a 1948 International Pumper, a 1966 Chevrolet tanker and a Jeep grass fire unit.

In 1970 Engine 4 was added at a cost of \$27,000, this started the move to a modern Fire Department.

In 1975 Engine 1 was added at a cost of \$65,000.

In 1976 Brush 6 was added at a cost of \$12,000.

In 1978 Squad 5 was added at a cost of \$45,000.

In 1982 Engine 2 was added at a cost of \$160,000.

In 1988 Squad 7 was added at a cost of \$40,000

In 1988 because of an accident to Engine 4, a new Engine 4 was purchased at a cost of \$147,000.

At this time, we are only in debt for Engine 4.

We have bought and paid for over \$350,000 worth of equipment during this period.

This does not include numerous other equipment (Radios, Coats, Helmets, Boots, Bunkers, etc.). Conservatively speaking the Department has about \$500,000 worth of Fire Apparatus and equipment carried on them and approximately \$125,000 in Fire Stations.

There are also Audio Visual Equipment, training manuals, books etc., worth probably several thousand dollars.

In all we exceed 1 million dollars in value of the Department.

We spend about \$100,000 each year to operate the Department, \$20,000 for insurance alone.

As you can see this is a big business.

During this period we have established several firsts among the Suburban Fire Departments. We had the first diesel pumper and now have three, we had the first deluge gun, the first large diameter hose (3 1/2") also the first to carry 5" hose, we have more 5" than any Department (2200'). We were the first to use 1 3/4" hose, automatic nozzles, pre-piped foam and Mobile Air cascade system.

We have the only 1500 GPM pumper in the area, including the City of Evansville.

What do we do in the future?

We hope to purchase a new chassis for Brush 3 this year, if money is available, if not it will be purchased next year

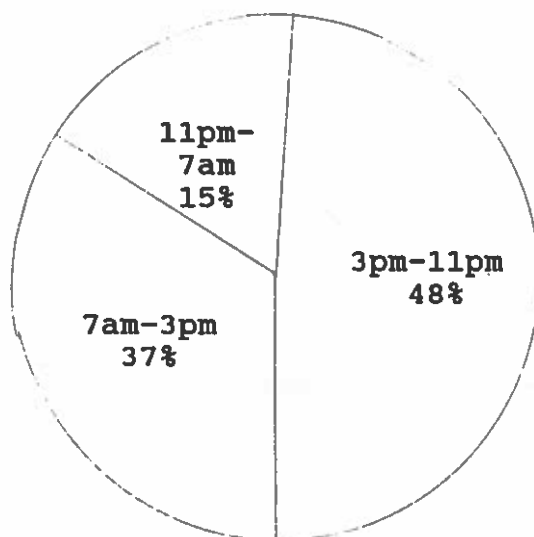
Our primary goals are to be improvements in the training programs, more Fire Prevention work and an increased Code Enforcement program.

1988 RESPONSES AS OF AUGUST 31, 1988

Total Number of Auto Accidents	36	15%
Total Number of Medical Emergencies	89	37%
Total Number of Fire Runs	113	48%
Total Number of Responses	<u>238</u>	<u>100%</u>

Of our 113 responses to fires, 48 or 43%, are grass. trash, or woods fires.

WHAT TIME OF DAY IS THE BUSIEST?



WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IS THE BUSIEST?

SUNDAY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	27
MONDAY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	35
TUESDAY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	28
WEDNESDAY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	27
THURSDAY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	22
FRIDAY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	32
SATURDAY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	31

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SMOKE DETECTORS - A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH!!!!

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WISH YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. CHANGE THE BATTERY ONCE A YEAR!!!!!!!!!!

# **Need to know about FIRE PREVENTION?**

## **Perry Township Volunteers can help**

- **Lectures**
- **Demos/Films**
- **CPR Classes**
- **And more**

**For information contact:**

**John Barr (985-3248)**

**Wayne Willoughby (425-2376)**

## FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention is very important to everyone. On Oct. 9th, 1871, the great fire of Chicago, killed 250 people, destroyed 17,430 buildings at a cost of 168 million dollars. Getting a little closer to the current figures based on 1987 fire loss in the United States according to the Fire Journal, there were 565,500 Home fires, 4,655 deaths in Homes, 18,575 injuries and 3,464 Billion dollars in direct property loss.

The week of Oct. 9 - 15, 1988 is Fire Prevention Week. The main theme for this years Fire Prevention Week is Smoke Detectors. "A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH - TEST YOUR DETECTOR!" is to help emphasize the importance of smoke detectors, their proper installation and testing. Battery operated detectors should be tested weekly and AC powered detectors monthly.

In Fire Prevention you need:

(1) to have Home Smoke Detectors, in 1981, 77% of all US homes had at least one detector, also in 1/3 of those homes having one detector, the detector was not operational. Detectors are the leading life-safety device in Home Fire Safety.

(2) to fight Arson, and Schools are a great place to start. In 1981-1985 suspicious fires accounted for 56% of all fires in educational properties. Of those arrested for all Arson offenses in 1986, 40% were under the age of 18.

(3) to use Wood Stoves Safely. Since 1982 there have been an average of more than 50,000 home fires each year involving Wood Burning Stoves, and these fires have caused more than 1,000 deaths each year. Proper maintenance, installation and safe operation are needed to make your home safe.

(4) to prevent fires involving Space Heaters and Portable Heaters. From 1981 to 1985, Fire Departments have reported an average of 140 deaths a year involving Portable Electric Heaters. Portable Kerosene Heaters have caused 110 per year, as do Gas Fueled Space Heaters.

(5) you need to practice Exit drills. Have a family meeting, decide where you're going out and where you are going to meet once you are out. This is vital to most Fire Departments, it lets them know if there is any one inside when they arrive.

(6) to protect Young Children from fire. Young Children need someone to protect them and teach them how to escape. More than 90% of the victims were either too young to react, or were asleep.

By having the right information and taking an active role, you can prevent fires in Home and Community.

If these programs are carried out properly, a further reduction in fire suppression activity will eventually be achieved.

I have seen great changes in the "Fire Fighting Field" in the past 18 years. In 1970 we started training on a regular basis, once a month, we have since added a second training each month, along with special training meetings. We offer over 100 hours of training each year.

We have one of the two Dive Teams in the area, they must do extensive training to stay qualified. Until now when someone drowns everyone shakes their head and says too bad.

This is 1988 - we can put people on the moon, but we don't try to save the lives of our own friends and neighbors from drowning, one of the most horrible deaths there can be. Recent publicity has shown that people CAN be rescued from Cold Water drownings. Why aren't we giving them that chance?

How things have changed in the past few years. Remember when CPR wasn't even known, now Paramedics are daily saving lives with help of First Responders. REMEMBER - EVERYONE IS A PART OF THE TEAM.

In 1970 the Fire Chief was in charge at Fires or similar incidents, sometimes being inside the structure, etc., assisting with the suppression efforts.

How things have changed. It has now become a job of Manager. People must be managed to provide the Support Services necessary for today's operation.

Some of the additional duties that have been added to operating a fire department include:

Computer Operations of the Dispatching Systems.  
Monthly meetings of the Suburban Chiefs in which we are working towards several goals including a burning ban ordinance  
911 (which is being installed) and Enhanced 911, which hopefully can be installed in the next two years

A fire code for the county that hopefully will include sprinklers for homes someday, and now includes smoke detectors for new construction. What about existing residences, wouldn't a County wide Smoke Detector ordinance be a help in saving lives. In 1989 we are sponsoring the Indiana Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Convention in Evansville. This is the first time it has been in this area. What does it mean to us? In addition to providing a large amount spent in Evansville's Economy, it will let us show off what the Suburban Fire Departments have in the way of Equipment, people, Mutual Aid, etc..

We are excited about it and many people around the State of Indiana are too, there are already requests for reservations. This is our chance to show the rest of the State what we have down here. Aren't you proud of it?

John Barr  
Fire Chief

# ATTENTION

## RESIDENTS OF PERRY AND UNION TOWNSHIP

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## IS HERE

### HOW DOES IT WORK

When you have an emergency (Fire, Medical or Police), pick up the phone and dial 9 1 1.

If you call from a 42 or 46 prefix it will be answered by the Police 911 Operators, if you call from 985 exchange the Vanderburgh County Sheriff will answer.

In either case, you should specify that you have a County Emergency

This will eliminate precious lost time in the dispatch of emergency equipment.

Example: Dial 911

911 Operator: "911 emergency"

Resident: "I need County Emergency , I need a County Fire Department".

911 Operator: "Please hold". (if Sheriff Dispatch answers he will say "this is County Fire").

Resident: There is a fire (Medical Emergency) at (address)

YOU SHOULD SPEAK SLOWLY AND CALMLY AND GIVE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED. DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL OPERATOR IS FINISHED AND HANGS UP.

TWO NEW PHONE STICKERS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE ATTACH THESE TO YOUR PHONES IMMEDIATELY. IF MORE ARE NEEDED CALL JOHN BARR AT 985-3248 OR WAYNE WILLOUGHBY AT 425-2376.

# PERRY TWP FIRE DEPT

## EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Yes, that's right, Early Christmas presents. We would like to make a little suggestion for some inexpensive Christmas presents for mom and dad's house, garages, work shops, cars or trucks, etc.. Fire Extinguishers and Smoke Detectors. We have been able to purchase Fire Extinguishers from a local dealer and offer them to you at the following prices:

2 1/2 lb. ABC - \$17.30  
5 lb. ABC - - - \$23.85  
10 lb. ABC - - \$34.45

These are multi-purpose Fire Extinguishers and for Computers and other sensitive equipment that dry chemical may damage, we can furnish you Halon gas extinguishers for:

1 1/4 lb. Halon \$20.00  
2 1/2 lb. Halon \$30.95

We also have Smoke Detectors for Home, Garage and Workshop use for \$9.00.

Remember, either one of these two gifts could save your life or the life of a friend or relative.

If you wish to purchase any of these items, please contact one of the following members and they will make arrangements to them to you.

Tim Montgomery - - 464-5742 (after 5 p.m. weekdays)  
John Barr - - - - 985-3248  
Wayne Willoughby - 425-2376

Again - Remember it could save someone's life!!!

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E. D. I. T. H. - EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME.  
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN OF ESCAPE FROM YOUR HOME?  
DO YOU PRACTICE IT?

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HOME SMOKE DETECTORS - CUT YOUR RISK OF DYING IN A FIRE BY 50%. CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO HAVE THEM!!!

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