



Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF PERRY AND UNION TOWNSHIPS:

Recently a tragic Fire occurred in a residence in a nearby City and two children died from this fire. The accounts of the tragic incident clearly show that **NO SMOKE DETECTORS** were present. Do you have an **OPERATING** Smoke Detector in your home? Have you checked it lately? The price of a Smoke Detector is very inexpensive when compared to the chance you take with your Home, its contents, and most important with you and your families lives. If you need a Smoke Detector for your home, they are available from the Fire Department for \$9.95 each and, if you request it, we will assist you in selecting its location.

This newsletter is the start of our ANNUAL FUND DRIVE. It is with your help that we can provide the Services that you are receiving from the Perry Township Fire Department. These donations are used to support such programs as Fire Inspections to help find problems that could cause a fire someday. Fire Prevention activities, these include programs to various organizations in the area and to the Three Schools in our Response area, as well as the various Day Care Centers within the area. Safety, so the Fire Fighters and Equipment that protect you operate in such a manner that loss of property and lives is kept to a minimum. Fire Investigations are conducted to find the cause of any fires in your Home or adjacent areas so any correctable problems can be minimized in the future. Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment to be sure that, if any emergency occurs, they are ready to operate at any time. Training of Fire Fighters to insure that they are adequately trained for each and every emergency. Water Supply to insure that all hydrants are in operating condition in case of an emergency, to locate alternate Water Supplies in the event hydrants are not available.

All of these are supported by your donations, and to make each of these programs work everyone must help.

Please send us your annual donation in the enclosed Self Addressed Envelope. We need for each Residence to send us \$25.00 or more to help with these programs, however, if you are unable to give this amount, anything you can send will help support these programs.

DON'T FORGET, SEND YOUR DONATION TODAY.

THANKS FOR YOUR PAST AND PRESENT SUPPORT, WITHOUT YOU WE COULD NOT OPERATE, AND WE OPERATE TO SERVE YOU!!!!!!!!!!

Dave Roos
President

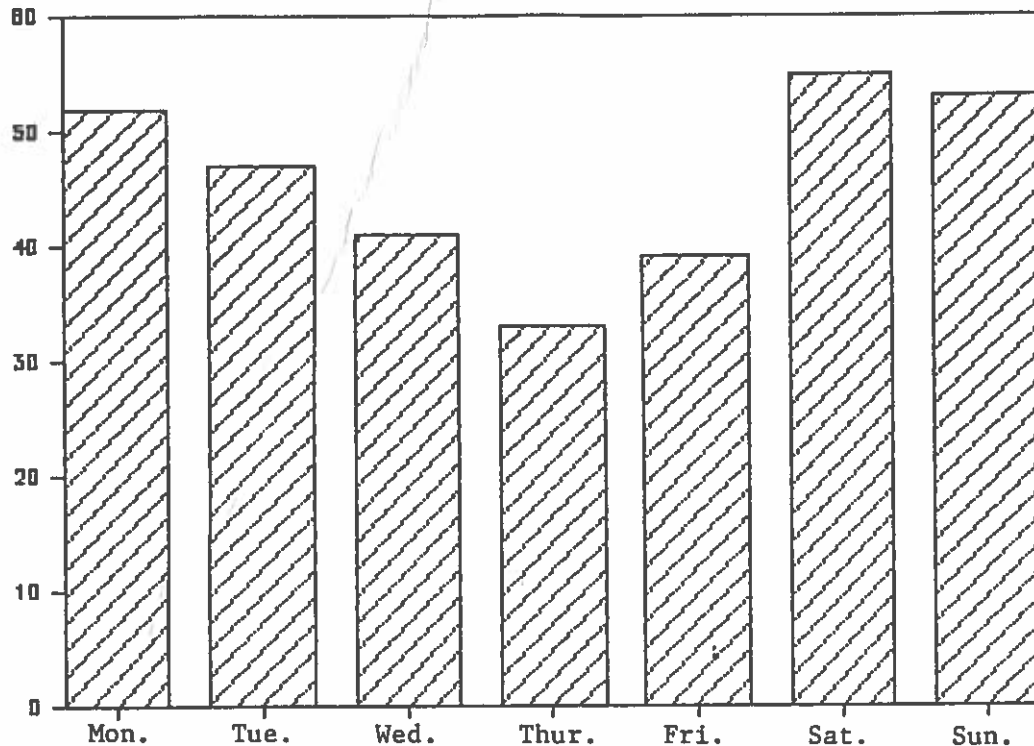
John Barr
Fire Chief

1989 FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

New subdivisions, new stores, and an expanding U.S.I. are all signs of a growing west side. This influx of people and buisness is reflected in our run totals. Perry Township Fire Department made 314 responses in 1989. Of those 314 responses 125 were fire runs, 132 medical emergencies, and 57 auto accidents.

We have made 95 responses in the first quarter of this year, up from 75 in the same period last year.

The following graph represents the days of the week when we most frequently resonded to emergency calls in 1989.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency medical calls comprised 42% of the total runs made by Perry Township Fire Department in 1989. Medical emergencies varied from major auto accidents and heart attacks to minor cuts and falls. We work close with Alexander Ambulance to assist with basic life support and first aid skills.

Currently we have 22 state certified Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders, among our 34 firefighters. Monthly training meetings are held to keep our skills up to date. In addition, 28 department members are annually certified in C.P.R.

A rescue squad with the latest in rescue equipment is housed at each fire station. Among our firefighters we have C.P.R. and First Aid instructors who are available upon request to provide classes for any group or organization.

Hopefully, you will never need our emergency services. But if you do, you will be cared for by highly trained, professional caring individuals dedicated to you and your family.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Last year, residents donated an additional \$20,120.00 toward the operation of the fire department. Needless to say, all of the contributions were appreciated and needed. In addition to the \$20,120.00 of donations, we received \$75,000.00 of tax revenue and \$2,315.00 interest. Many of you took the time to write inquiries about the needs of our organization. I hope this brief message will give you some insight about our operation.

Our operating expenses for 1990 are shown below.

Buildings and Grounds	\$8,000.00
Protective Clothing	2,500.00
Communication Equip & Repair	3,100.00
Fire Equipment	32,500.00
Fire Equipment Maintenance	3,000.00
Fuel and Oil	1,800.00
Insurance	21,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	4,200.00
Utilities	2,800.00
Auditing and CPA fees	3,700.00
Miscellaneous expenses	3,000.00

New Federal and State regulations are placing an additional burden on us by requiring the replacement of protective clothing, breathing apparatus, and ladders. Please notice that nowhere in the list of expenses was any mention of new apparatus.

As you look around the area, it is apparent that the west-side is growing. The Fire Department must grow also. The need for an Aerial apparatus is upon us and the cost of such equipment is extremely high. \$300,000.00 would be a good estimate of the cost of such a piece of equipment. This is the reason that we ask for donations. If 3000 residents donated \$25.00 each for 4 years, the \$300,000.00 Aerial truck could be a reality. If we had to borrow this amount, the interest would amount to \$60,000.00 over the four years.--that is if we could borrow it for 8% per year!!

I hope this article gives you some insight as to the type and amounts of our expenses and needs.

THE SILENT INTRUDER

AT 10:00 P.M. MR. AND MRS. SMITH PUT THEIR TWO CHILDREN TO BED AND THEY RETIRED TO THEIR ROOM. WHILE THE SMITH FAMILY SLEPT, EVERYTHING WAS QUIET.

AT 10:10 P.M. A FORGOTTEN CIGARETTE FELL INTO A CHAIR IN THE LIVING ROOM, UNKNOWN TO THE SMITH'S.

BY MIDNIGHT, THE CIGARETTE HAD SMOLDERED IN THE CHAIR FOR HOURS. A SMALL FLAME IS VISIBLE AND IS FILLING THE ROOM WITH COMBUSTIBLE AND TOXIC SMOKE. SMOKE SLOWLY CREEPS DOWN THE HALL TOWARD THE BEDROOMS.

THE TEMPERATURE ABOVE THE CHAIR IS NOW 570 DEGREES. THE HOT GASES AND TOXIC SMOKE HAVE NOW THICKENED IN ONLY 70 SECONDS FROM THE FIRST SIGN OF A FLAME.

THE TOXIC SMOKE FILLS THE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM AND THEY AREN'T AWARE OF THE SILENT INTRUDER. THE SMOKE ALSO FILLS MR. AND MRS. SMITH'S BEDROOM.

MR. SMITH AWAKENS TO BE CONFRONTED BY THE THICK SMOKE. HE TRIES TO WAKEN HIS WIFE WITH NO SUCCESS. HE THEN TRIES TO GO TO THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.

THE CARBON MONOXIDE IN THE SMOKE INTERFERES WITH THE BLOOD TO CARRY OXYGEN TO MR. SMITH'S BRAIN CAUSING HIM TO BE CONFUSED AND DISORIENTED. ALSO CAUSING HIS EYES TO WATER AND CAUSING HIM TO HAVE A VIOLENT COUGH. WITH HIS VISIBILITY OBSCURE AND CONSCIOUSNESS SLIPPING, ESCAPE IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE. MR. SMITH IS ONLY FIVE FEET FROM HIS BED.

THE FIRE IS NOW HOT ENOUGH TO BLISTER THE PAINT ON THE WALLS AND MELT THE PLASTIC IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE SMOKE LEVEL IS FOUR FEET FROM THE FLOOR AND THE TEMPERATURE OF THE FLOOR IS 212 DEGREES, THE BOILING POINT OF WATER.

THE SMOKE HAS ALMOST FILLED THE HOUSE. THE FLOW OF HOT AIR AND HEAT FROM THE LAYER OF SMOKE HAVE COMBINED TO RAISE THE TEMPERATURE OF EVERYTHING IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THE CARPET AND OTHER FURNISHINGS ARE NOW SO HOT THEY ARE READY TO BURST INTO FLAMES. THIS IS WHEN FLASH OVER OCCURS, EVERY FLAMMABLE OBJECT IN THE ROOM IS IGNITED ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY.

THE ROOM IS NOW AN INFERNO. FROM A TINY FLAME IN A CHAIR TO A ROOM TOTALLY INVOLVED IN A FIRE TOOK ONLY TWO MINUTES. THE TIME IS 12:02 A.M. AND THE TEMPERATURE IN THE ROOM IS 1400 DEGREES.

HOW COULD THE SMITH FAMILY HAVE SURVIVED THIS FIRE?

- A. HAVE A BETTER DOG TO WAKE YOU.
- B. HAVE BETTER E. S. P.
- C. HAVE SMOKE DETECTOR TO WAKE YOU.

THE ANSWER IS C. A SMOKE DETECTOR IS LIKE A GUARD THAT NEVER SLEEPS. IF YOU THINK FIRE DEATHS ONLY HAPPEN TO "THE OTHER GUY", YOU HAD BETTER WAKE UP. IN THE PAST YEAR, THERE WERE SEVEN FAMILIES IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY THAT FOUND OUT DIFFERENTLY.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

EARTH, WIND, AND FIRE

Earthquake, windstorm, tornado, flood, and fire. These are the most devastating forces on the earth. Almost everyday a disaster strikes somewhere in the world. Most of us remember the June 8th storm here in Evansville, and the earthquake of 1987. What if we have a major earthquake here in Evansville, another June 8th storm, tornado, or flood? Scientists predict a major earthquake here before the turn of the century. A tornado or a ravaging fire can happen without warning. In all of these emergencies, one thing remains in common. People and resources are desperately needed to save lives.

The Perry Township Fire Department is dedicated to providing services in all of these emergencies, however, due to the devastation of a major catastrophe our department, as well as all fire departments will be overwhelmed. We may need your help!!! Think about some things around your house that may be needed. Do you have a chainsaw, a tractor, a four wheel drive vehicle, or first aid or other medical experience? We will most probably need your help. We understand you have probably said in the past that you do not have time to join the fire department. We are asking though if we can count on you to help get roads open for fire and emergency personnel, help the injured, help your neighbors. If it is possible for you to help or loan equipment, in the event of a disaster, please contact us. We will put your name in a disaster resource book to be kept on file at the fire station in the event of a disaster.

"911" Telephone Emergency Service

In an emergency, seconds count. That's why in those precious moments your first response should be to pick up the telephone and dial 911.

Would you or your family know how to report a fire or an emergency?

While it's normal to feel anxious during a crisis, it's important to stay calm and speak clearly during the call. The caller should:

1. STATE THEIR NAME AND A CALLBACK NUMBER.
2. WHAT TYPE OF AN EMERGENCY (fire, auto accident, medical emergency condition, etc.)
3. PROVIDE THE FULL ADDRESS. IF POSSIBLE THE NEAREST INTERSECTIONS OR LANDMARKS.
4. ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE DISPATCHER.
5. HANG UP LAST, AFTER THE DISPATCHER TELLS YOU TO DO SO.

We hope that you or your family never have an emergency situation occur, but with this information that we have provided it will be easier for you to take control of the situation during an emergency.

CONSOLIDATED DISPATCHING FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Sometime later this year, all Vanderburgh County Fire and Police dispatching will be consolidated into one building now being built on Harmony Way. With the Consolidation of Dispatching in in Vanderburgh County a new "enhanced" 911 system will be implemented which will show the Dispatching forces immediately on answering your call for assistance, your name, address, telephone number and if it is a residence, business or telephone booth.

This new system will provide you with the State of the Art system which should greatly improve the quality of response you receive when an emergency occurs.

DO YOU KNOW??????????

- HOW TO GET OUT OF A BURNING BUILDING?
- HOW TO HANDLE AN EMERGENCY?
- WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOU CALL 911?
- WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONES HEART STOPS BEATING?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANSWERS TO THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO EMERGENCIES, CALL US AND WE CAN SET UP A PROGRAM FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION.

WE HAVE ASSISTED MANY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PAST WITH FIRE PREVENTION, CPR OR FIRST AID PROGRAMS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY TYPE OF PROGRAM DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES OR IF YOU WOULD JUST LIKE TO STOP BY THE FIRE STATION AND SEE THE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, GIVE WAYNE WILLOUGHBY A CALL AT 425-2376 OR CALL 424-8381 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

Perry Twp. Fire Dep't
P.O. Box 7051
Evansville, IN 47712

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PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.

OPEN HOUSE

JUNE 9TH 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM AT WILLIAMS AND HOGUE RD.

SEE FIRE TRUCKS, DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND HANDOUTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DOOR PRIZES AND REFRESHMENTS

When you give blood
you give another birthday,
another anniversary,
another day at the beach,
another night under the stars,
another talk with a friend,
another laugh,
another hug,
another chance.



American Red Cross

PERRY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1990

TIME: 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: PERRY TWP. VOL. FIRE DEPT.
11 WILLIAMS ROAD

SPONSORED BY: YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT AND AUXILIARY.

CONTACT: WAYNE WILLOUGHBY AT 425-2376

Please give blood.

IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU
WE CAN'T HELP YOU



WHICH ADDRESS COULD YOU EASILY LOCATE ?

In a fire or emergency every second counts, valuable time can be lost if your address is not clearly posted and visible for firefighters or ambulance personnel.

A few guidelines to assist us in helping you are:

- *Place reflecting address numbers on both sides of your mailbox.
- *Use large, plain numbers -- not script or other hard to read numbers.
- *Use contrasting colors (black on white, for example).
- *Post your address numbers on the front of your house where it is visible from the street.
- *Install a light fixture above the house numbers.

CAN YOU HELP

We are in need of Volunteer Firefighters for Station #2 located on Williams Road. If you are available, especially during the daytime hours, contact President Dave Roos at 985-2017 or Chief John Barr at 985-3248. We will provide you with the necessary required training before you start making responses.