



Perry Township Fire Department VOLUNTEER



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ABOUT YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

What is The Perry Township Fire Department?

It is a volunteer organization of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and property from fire and other emergencies and to serving the community in other important ways, such as fire safety and prevention, basic first aid, and CPR programs.

The volunteer firefighters are at your service 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They are not motivated by compensation, but by achievement, challenges, and opportunities to serve their community.

Last year the fire department responded to 340 fires and other emergencies, such as medical emergencies and auto accidents.

The fire department also presented 55 programs, such as fire safety and prevention, and first aid and CPR courses.



How can I help the fire department?

You can help the fire department continue to provide quality service to the community by making a tax deductible contribution to The Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Why should I contribute for fire protection?

Last year, The Perry Township Fire Department received only \$1.27 out of every \$100 of property taxes that you paid for protection.

Our funds from township government have decreased. We must depend on your contributions to help us provide the budgetary funds so the fire department can continue to provide quality service and protection to you and the community.

Why should I learn about the fire department?

The fire department needs your support to do its job successfully. By supporting the fire department you help to:

- Protect people, homes, schools, and businesses from fire and emergencies.
- Improve the quality of life for everyone by creating a safer community to live in.

YOU CAN PREVENT FIRE — USE THESE TIPS

HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

Home is where the heart is, and where fire hazards are, too. You **CAN** prevent fire!

Most home fires can be prevented if you take the time to spot and correct hazards. You will do yourself a big favor, and you also will protect your family and friends. Be a role model for youngsters. Kids need to know how to live safely and you can show them.

Practice good housekeeping! A clean house can help prevent fires. Homes are filled with materials that will burn. Clothing, bedding, books, furniture, fabrics, and flammable liquids are the ingredients of everyday life — and of fire. Know what to do with flammable liquids and other hazards.

Flammable liquids should be stored outside the home and in an approved safety container. Keep them out of the reach of children. Use flammable liquids safely, only outdoors or in a cool, very well ventilated place, away from sparks or flames.

Use electricity safely! Electricity can be a fire hazard, too. Now is a good time to inspect your home for potential trouble spots. Pay attention to cords, wires, and appliances. Replace damaged cords. Don't try to repair cracked or frayed cords with tape. Protect cords — don't run them under rugs, behind radiators, through door jambs, or beneath furniture. Don't nail or staple cords to walls or baseboards. Avoid extension cords or use them only if you must, and only temporarily. Only use an extension cord rated for the electric load of the appliance it is used with.

What's cooking in the kitchen? Hopefully, nothing you don't already know about! Make sure you use some fire safety tips. Keep the range clean and free of grease. Wear proper clothing when you cook. Keep flammables away from the range and oven. Never leave the kitchen unattended when cooking food.

Install smoke detectors in your home. Most fatal fires occur when people are asleep. These devices can warn and wake you if a fire breaks out. If you have smoke detectors in your home, you need to maintain them. Check and replace the batteries semi-annually. Keep the unit free of dust. Test the unit regularly.

Have a fire escape plan! Plan escape routes and practice them. Have two exits from each room or part of the house. Select a place outdoors for everyone to meet. Make some practice runs of your escape plan to make sure all doors and windows open easily. Keep furniture or clutter out of the way of all escape routes.

What do you do in case of a fire? If you smell smoke or hear an alarm, follow your emergency escape plan and get out. Stay low since most smoke rises; good air is close to the floor. Don't open any door unless it feels cool to the touch. Open it slowly. Use another exit if the door is hot or smoke is seeping in.

If your clothes catch on fire, STOP, DROP, and ROLL!

Have a fire extinguisher on hand. Know how to use it. Fight a fire only if everyone has been vacated and the fire is still small. If you have any doubt about putting out the fire, call the fire department.

IS YOUR HOME SAFE FROM FIRE?

Take time today to:

- SPOT potential fire hazards
- REMOVE any hazards
- LEARN what to do in case of a fire
- PRACTICE safety habits

TAKE SAFETY TO HEART — STOP FIRES BEFORE THEY START!



You Can Make The Difference. Know What To Do In A Fire.



Wal-Mart employee David Welman was presented a plaque from Perry Township Fire Department District Chief Wayne Willoughby for his quick action in extinguishing a fire in the pet department of the Wal-Mart Store.

Thank You For Your Support

The members of your fire department thank you the residents of Perry and Union Townships for your support in the past and we know we can count on your support now and in the future.

We would like to extend an invitation to the residents an opportunity to visit your fire department at 11 South Williams Road or Johnson Lane and Broadway.

If you or an organization that you belong to would be interested in a fire safety program or first aid and CPR course please feel free to contact us.

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