



Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department

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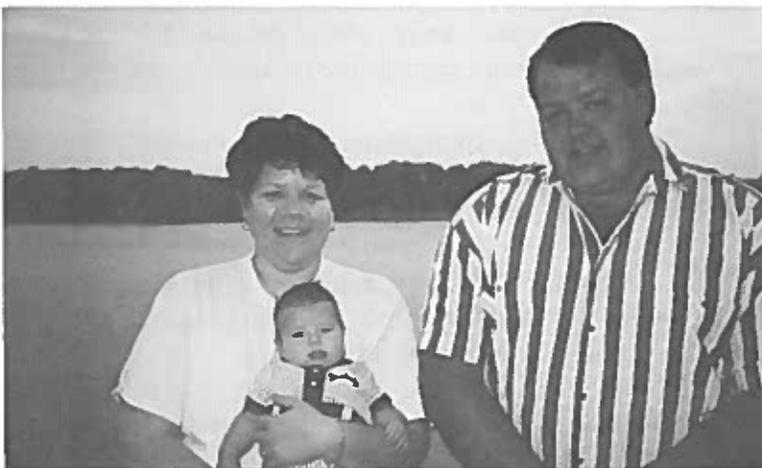
Infant Brought Back to Life

On March 2, 1993, a call was received at 8:32 am for a 10-day-old baby that was not breathing. Perry Township Fire Department, along with Alexander Ambulance quickly rush to the home of Mike and Dawn Lefler.

PTFD's First Responder, Tim Steinkamp, came on scene minutes after the call to find the baby's mother had started CPR. With still no respiration or pulse, Tim immediately took over CPR on the baby to continue the attempt to bring him back to life. PTFD's EMT, Keith Kuester, arrived moments later to find an infant with a restored pulse, but still too weak to sustain life, so compressions and ventilations were continued.

Five minutes after the call was received, Alexander Paramedic, Bud Wimpleburg, and EMT, Ben Parsley, arrived with medications to assist in reviving young Scott, and to transport him to Welborn's Emergency Room.

Because of Tim Steinkamp's quick response, it was possible to revive the infant without fear of permanent damage. First Responders cover all parts of Perry and Union Township, and are ready to be there when you or a loved one needs their help. Isn't that a good feeling?



Dawn and Scott Lefler with PTFD's First Responder, Tim Steinkamp



Firefighters train in live house fire, Page 3 for details.

1992 Record Breaking Year

In 1992 we had a record breaking year in emergency runs on your fire department. We had a total of 419 runs, which was an increase of 79 runs over 1991. The total break downs are 210 medical emergencies, 157 fire related runs, and 52 automobile accidents.

To put this years increased call rate in perspective, PTFD received a total of 90 emergency runs in 1960, and only 88 alarms in 1970.

During this busy year, our operating costs worked out to about \$350 per hour, per truck responding to calls. Even with that high of operation cost, and over 2,300 man hours in 1992 Emergency Calls, volunteer firefighters receive no monetary compensation for their time. It's all done with the only reward being satisfaction of a job well done.

With these firefighters devotion to keeping you safe, please help keep them safe. Please send in your *Tax Deductible Contribution* to Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department in the enclosed envelope, so we can continue to keep updating our equipment.

Firefighter's Train in Live House Fire

During a mutual aid run at 12:27am on March 10th, Asst. Chief, Keith Kuester, spotted another house fire on Old Henderson Road, and called for engines to respond. PTFD arrived on the scene minutes later to quickly extinguish the fire and began investigating the scene. When it was found that the fire was caused by arson, the Sheriff's Department was alerted. With the fast action of fire and law officials, the arsonists were caught hours later.

Due to the arsonist setting fires in multiple rooms, the house was written off as a total loss. For the quick actions of the fire department, the house was offered for fire training before it was demolished.

Firefighters quickly jumped at the chance to train in a live, but controlled, house fire and began their training early the following Saturday. Throughout the day, firefighters suited up to enter the burning house to learn more about the way fire works and to test new methods of fire suppression. For some firefighters, it was their first experience with entering a house fire. First year firefighter, Bill Ross, says "It was definitely a experience I did not want to miss!"

Training was given on properly ventilating the house, hose operations, running the trucks pump panel, the use of Class-A Foam fire suppression and overhaul, along with looking for signs of building collapse. Training videos were made to document the activities of the day, so evaluations could be made during firefighter classroom time.

After close to eight hours, the training session was concluded. Currently, no future plans have been made for another live fire training session, but District Chief, Wayne Willoughby, says "If the opportunity arises, we will look into doing it again."

Top Ten Reasons Why I Wear My Safety Belt

10. I just don't like the taste of glass.
9. I can think of better things to do with \$25.
8. I don't have a license to fly, yet!
7. Steering wheels give me headaches.
6. I can see the road just fine from inside the car.
5. Plastic surgery isn't for me.
4. The family reunion just wouldn't be the same without me.
3. Emergency rooms are not my idea of a late night place to be.
2. My head won't fit in the glove box because it's already full.
1. I know my brother's driving out there somewhere.

Life Saving Equipment Needs Funding!

Sudden cardiac death due to cardiac arrhythmias claim thousands of lives per year. Studies have shown that early cardiac defibrillation can prevent up to 38% of these deaths.

Paramedics have used defibrillation in the field for many years. Now EMTs and First Responders are being trained to provide early defibrillation using state of the art equipment. PTFD medical personnel have been trained in the use of Automatic External Cardiac Defibrillators and the department has purchased two Physio-Control lifepack 300s at a price tag of \$14,268.

The rescue squads at each fire station will be equipped with these monitors to provide rapid defibrillation when it is needed. It is our commitment to provide the excellent, professional emergency medical care to the residents of Perry and Union Township when needed. Your tax deductible donation enables us to purchase the necessary materials and equipment and to provide continuing education for our medical personnel.

Survive Alive House in Operation

In July 1992, the local Volunteer Fire Departments celebrated the opening of the Survive Alive House located at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center.

The building is a model of a house with a child's bedroom and kitchen, along with an auditorium. The house was constructed to give children a hands on experience of what to do in case of a fire.

In the bedroom, children are taught ways to escape from the house. The bedroom door is heated, just like a door in a burning room would be, so children know what to feel for before opening the door.

In the kitchen, firefighters demonstrate how to put out grease fires by placing a lid over a burning pan. With a control panel, firefighters can send non-toxic smoke into the rooms, along with special strobe lighting to simulate fire. Children are then taught how to recognize the sounds a fireman would make coming into the fire with full equipment and air packs on.

For more information on your child or group taking a free tour of the Survive Alive House, please feel free to contact David Johann at 424-9191.



Perry Township's New Rescue 8



Perry Township's New Union District Engine 9

To the Residents of Perry and Union Townships:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that has supported and donated to us. Because of your consideration, we have continued to maintain for you the best in fire and emergency medical services. As you can see by the pictures above, we have grown again.

Rescue 8, a 1993 Explorer, doubles as a rescue vehicle and as an incident command vehicle for all emergency runs. Engine 9, is a used 1980 Ford pumper, that has been assigned to the Union Township District. This is the first time that a firetruck has been permanently assigned to Union Township. If there is a major emergency in Perry Township it will also be brought in to assist. These two trucks increase our capabilities tremendously. If you are a resident of Union Township, please take the time to contact your insurance company to see if you are due a decrease on your homeowners policy by the addition of this fire truck in your area. At present, this truck is housed at 1700 Kings Road. Eventually, we hope to build a more centralized station in Union Township.

But this does increase our operating expenses for truck housing, insurance and increase in department members and turnout equipment. Again we are asking you to help support your volunteer fire department by sending in your *Tax Deductible Contribution* in the envelope provided.

We are also looking for approximately two acres of land, in the Broadway Avenue area, for a new Station #1 between the city-county line and Schutte Road. If anyone knows of land that may be available, please contact one of us as soon as possible. We are in need of a new station in this area because we have outgrown our present location. We are presently housing four fire trucks in our Johnson Lane Station and have very little parking for our members.

Again, all the 39 members of Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department thank you for all your support and hope you will continue to remember us as we continue to grow for your safety.

Sincerely,

Robert Doerr
Robert Doerr, Chief
Perry Twp. Vol. F. D.

Wayne Willoughby
Wayne Willoughby, President
Perry Twp. Vol. F. D.

OPEN HOUSE
August 28th, 12-4pm
Station #2 on Williams Road
Everyone is Invited!

Did You Know? One of the leaders in firefighter deaths is not at the fire scene, but at home or at the station! When calls are received, firefighters go from a state of rest to a high adrenalin situation, which can cause heart attacks.

Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department 1993 Roster

Robert Doerr	Chief	M, E	20 Years
Bill Phipps	Asst. Chief	M, E	14 Years
Larry Krack	Asst. Chief	M, F, D	19 Years
Keith Kuester	Asst. Chief	1, E, D	8 Years
Tom Burnett	Dist. Chief	M, E	19 Years
Wayne Willoughby	Dist. Chief	1, E	20 Years

Scott Whitfield	Dist. Chief	1, E, D	5 Years
David Johann	Dist. Chief	2, F, D	5 Years
Bob Leggett	Dpty. Chief	M	16 Years
Paul Kuester	Safety Off.	M	33 Years
Tracy MacGregor	EMS Capt.	2, E	9 Years
Tim Montgomery	EMS Lieut.	1, F	6 Years

Steve Anderson	Firefighter	F	3 Years
Gary Barr	Firefighter	F	2 Years
Jeff Buente	Firefighter	M, F, D	8 Years
Dan Casper	Firefighter	F	6 Years
Brad Day	Firefighter	1, D	3 Years
Marlene Doerr	Firefighter	1, E	14 Years
Ron Emory	Firefighter	M, F	6 Years
Larry Gasser	Firefighter	1, D	13 Years
Perry Gostley	Firefighter	2, E, D	9 Years
Steve Jewell	Firefighter	2, F	8 Years
Mark MacGregor	Firefighter	2, F, D	7 Years
Tim Mahone	Firefighter	M, P, D	3 Years
Paul Mattingly	Firefighter	E	2 Years

Tom McDowell	Firefighter		1 Year
Sam Peters	Firefighter	F, D	7 Years
Eric Reutter	Firefighter		1 Year
Tony Robb	Firefighter		2 Years
Jeff Roedel	Firefighter	M	16 Years
David Roos	Firefighter	2, F	8 Years
Bill Ross	Firefighter	F	1 Years
Steve Russler	Firefighter	F	2 Years
Tony Schneider	Firefighter	M, P	5 Years
Tim Steinkamp	Firefighter	F	4 Years
Jim Tucker	Firefighter		1 Year
Cecil West	Firefighter	2	20 Years
Harlon Ziliak	Firefighter	M	26 Years

Tom Anderson	Lifetime Member		20 Years
John Barr	Lifetime Member		25 Years
Fred Conway	Lifetime Member		10 Years
Paul Harper	Lifetime Member		24 Years

Jim Joyce	Lifetime Member		15 Years
Tim Krack	Lifetime Member		10 Years
Chuck Wiesling	Lifetime Member		20 Years

TRAINING-FIRE: M-Master Firefighter 1-1st Class Firefighter 2-2nd Class Firefighter MEDICAL: P-Paramedic E-EMT F-First Responder D-Scuba Diver



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