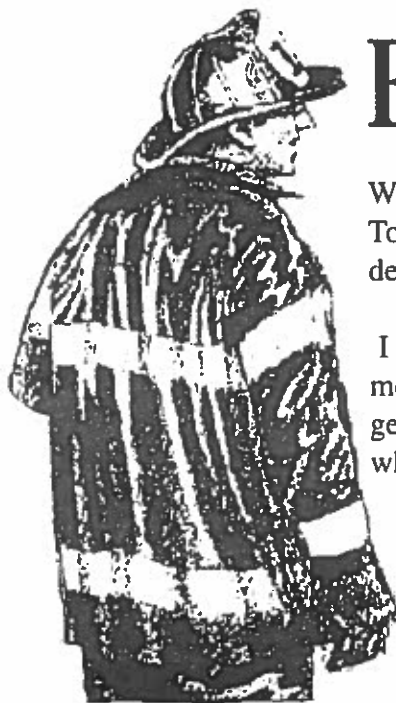


Perry Township Fire Department

Serving the residents of Perry and Union Township since 1959!



Fall 1999



EQUIPPED TO SERVE . . .

What a year we are having in 1999! It has turned out to be a busy year for The Perry Township Fire Department. We have made a total of 422 fire, medical and auto accidents to date. The old record was set in 1998 with 590 emergency runs.

I can't say enough about the firefighters and medical personnel on your fire department. You cannot imagine the dedication they have for you in case there is an emergency. You truly can depend on your fire department no matter what time of day or what type of emergency you may have.

We cannot do this without your dedication and support. Again we have enclosed an envelope for your tax deductible donation for those of you who have not already done so. We are always ready to respond for you. Please help us continue our training and modernizing of our equipment to keep serving you with the best possible emergency department around.

We have already had emergency responses in our continually growing area as USI continues to expand, and with the addition of a new hotel, theater, restaurants and other future businesses in our coverage area, we must continue to maintain our equipment and grow. We have upgraded our water rescue boat with sonar. We are constantly training for new and better emergency responses.

We have at least three nights of 4 hours of training each and every month. We have had firefighters in courses throughout the state for advanced training; all of which return to your fire department to update all the members with the latest in firefighting and medical technology.

Tim Montgomery,
President PTVFD

Bob Doerr,
Chief PTVFD

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Each year the Eastside Kiwanis honors a member from one of the five Volunteer Departments in Vanderburgh County as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. This year Bill Phipps from Perry Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. was given this honor. Bill has been an active member for 20 years, holding the rank of firefighter, Captain, District Chief and currently Asst. Chief. He is also a member of the Board of Directors and has been the Treasurer for the past 10 years. He is an EMT, Master Firefighter, CPR Instructor and our Code Enforcement Officer. Bill has been instrumental in obtaining funds for new equipment and additions to the stations. The members of Perry Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. would like to congratulate Bill on receiving this award. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated member and extend our thanks for all you have done for this department and its members.



October 3 - Fire Prevention Week

You Can Prevent Fire - Use These Tips

IN AN EMERGENCY NOTIFY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BEFORE YOU TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION!

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!

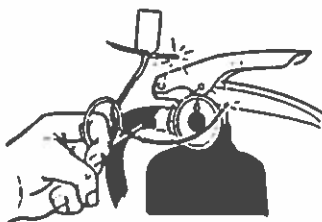
Have a fire extinguisher on hand. Know how to use it. Fight a fire only if everyone has been vacated and the fire is still small. If you have doubts about putting out the fire, call the fire department.

HOW TO USE

To familiarize users with the proper steps in operating fire extinguishers companies furnish a detailed owners manual with every extinguisher including the how to use illustrations shown here.

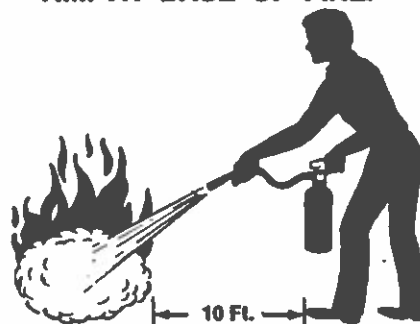
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**HOLD UPRIGHT.
PULL RING PIN.**



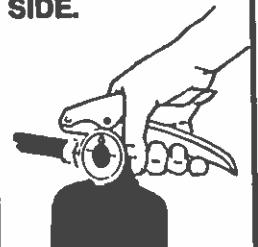
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**START BACK 10 FEET.
AIM AT BASE OF FIRE.**



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**SQUEEZE LEVER.
SWEEP SIDE TO
SIDE.**



IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN HELPING YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR COMMUNITY, CHECK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN. FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE NEEDED 24 HOURS A DAY. IF YOU HAVE AVAILABLE TIME, YOU HAVE THE CHANCE OF HELPING US BY BECOMING AN ACTIVE MEMBER.

CALL BOB DOERR AT 425-9975.

**ARE YOU AVAILABLE
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WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!**

DISASTER

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Earthquake, tornado, thunderstorm or flood...What if we have a major disaster here in Evansville?

By taking certain preparedness measures, the impact of a disaster can definitely be lessened. Set aside some emergency supplies and teach your family what to do at home during and after a disaster. You could be without help for up to 72 hours, so learn to cope for at least that long.

More important than what to do after a disaster is what to do before. It will be necessary for you to prepare yourself physically and mentally. Mentally, you'll need to acquaint yourself with the possible likely scenarios. Physically, you'll need to obtain certain important supplies.

Even the most "normal" person feels some psychological trauma in the wake of a disaster. Your best defense is carefully going through the reasonable possibilities, so as to make the disaster seem less a fearful unknown.

If a disaster occurs at a time when your family is not all together, *where will you meet?* If someone is injured, *do you have basic knowledge of first aid?* Frequently power lines are knocked down. Is your family prepared to do without a refrigerator, stove, microwave, TV, radio, heating or air conditioning? When the electric lights are out, *will you be able to find the supplies you need in the dark?* Earthquakes frequently take out water lines. You may not get water from your faucets, and if you do it may be contaminated. *What will you do in a water shortage?* Other lines may go down. The phone lines will certainly be either out or overloaded with life/death emergencies. If the sewage lines are out, you can't use the toilet. It won't flush. If your gas line is broken, *do you know how to shut it off?* Do other members of your family? By acquainting yourself with the likely possibilities now, you'll be less likely to be unpleasantly, and possibly dangerously, surprised later. Because disasters occur without warning, it's important to take steps now to prepare, so that you know what to do and how to respond.

With power lines out, you'll need *batteries*. Keep plenty of *flashlights* on hand and a *portable radio* around. It may be your only contact with the outside world for news and information. You'll need a *fire extinguisher* and a *pipe wrench* to stop small fires and turn off broken gas lines. Gas leaks are extremely dangerous, so take necessary precautions. With no sewage lines, you'll need *plastic bags* for garbage and human waste. Medically, you'll need a *first aid kit*. It's a good idea to keep extra prescription medications around as well as an extra pair of eyeglasses.

There are two other critical needs to address - - - *Food and Water*. You must keep *canned and dry foods* on hand. Without electricity, food in the refrigerator will spoil and you may not be able to cook. Generally canned and dry foods have a shelf life of at least one year. Keep enough food to last each member of the family for a week. For your canned food don't forget a *manual can opener*. You may also want to keep disposable plates and cups. *Water* should be a primary concern. The human body cannot survive more than a few days without it. Damaged water lines may result in contaminated water. Your best bet is to keep plenty of *bottled water* on hand. Generally, each person will need two quarts to a gallon of water per day, so keep 4-7 gallons on hand per person just to be safe.

To be prepared you need to imagine yourself in the possible scenarios and decide what you need to do to survive. *Remain Calm!* It cannot be stressed enough. By remaining calm and thinking clearly, you'll be able to make the correct decisions in potentially dangerous situations. While a disaster can be frightening, preparation works and works well.

In Memoriam

*The Perry Township
Volunteer Fire Department
would like to express its condolences
to the family and friends in the death of
Fred Conway
the founder of PTVFD.*

Fred was active in many areas ~ founding and developing Squire Boone Caverns, and his own company (Discount Labels) in addition to the fire department. He was a consultant for PBS and was considered an expert on volunteer fire departments and equipment. Fred was a long time friend and member of this department and will be sincerely missed.

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. We know we can count on your support now and in the future.

We would like to extend an invitation to the residents to visit your fire departments 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 at 424-8381.

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Would you like to become a member of the Perry Township Fire Department Cadet Troop? This program is open to anyone between the ages of 16 and 20.

These Cadets meet once a month and train with Perry Township Fire Apparatus and Equipment along with other activities. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, call us at 424-8381.

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