

# Perry Township Fire Department



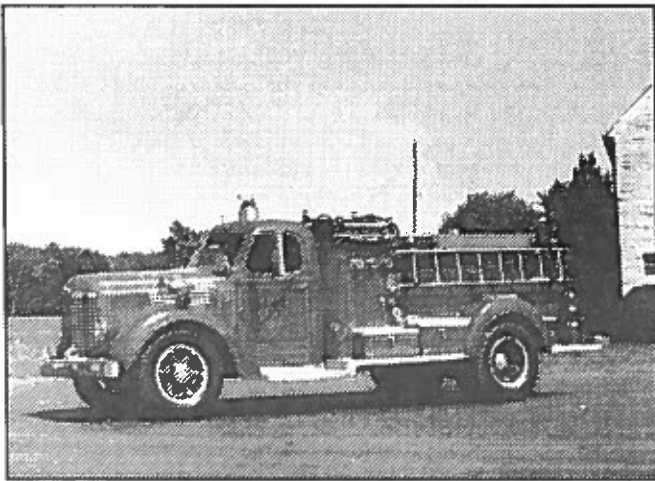
*Serving the residents of Perry and Union Township since 1959!*

## 1999 FUND DRIVE

*40th Anniversary*

*1959*

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*\$2500<sup>00</sup>*



*\$475,000<sup>00</sup>*

The Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department personnel are dedicated emergency responders. We respond day and night, for fire protection, auto accidents, medical services, search & rescue (both land and water) and many other public needs. Our goal is to save lives and property while improving our community and quality of life.

Your generous donations assist us in maintaining our trucks, turnout gear, fire fighting equipment, medical equipment and training courses. Some of these areas are in need of updating or replacing, and all areas must be state certified. Please take a moment to make a tax deductible donation.

*Thank You!*

Perry Township Volunteer  
Fire Department

# Volunteers needed!!!

No, we do not get paid; however, we provide you with on going state certified training, equipment and the opportunity to make a difference in the community. If you are interested, please call President Dave Johann at 424-9191 or Fire Chief Bob Doerr at 425-9975.



## Did You Know?

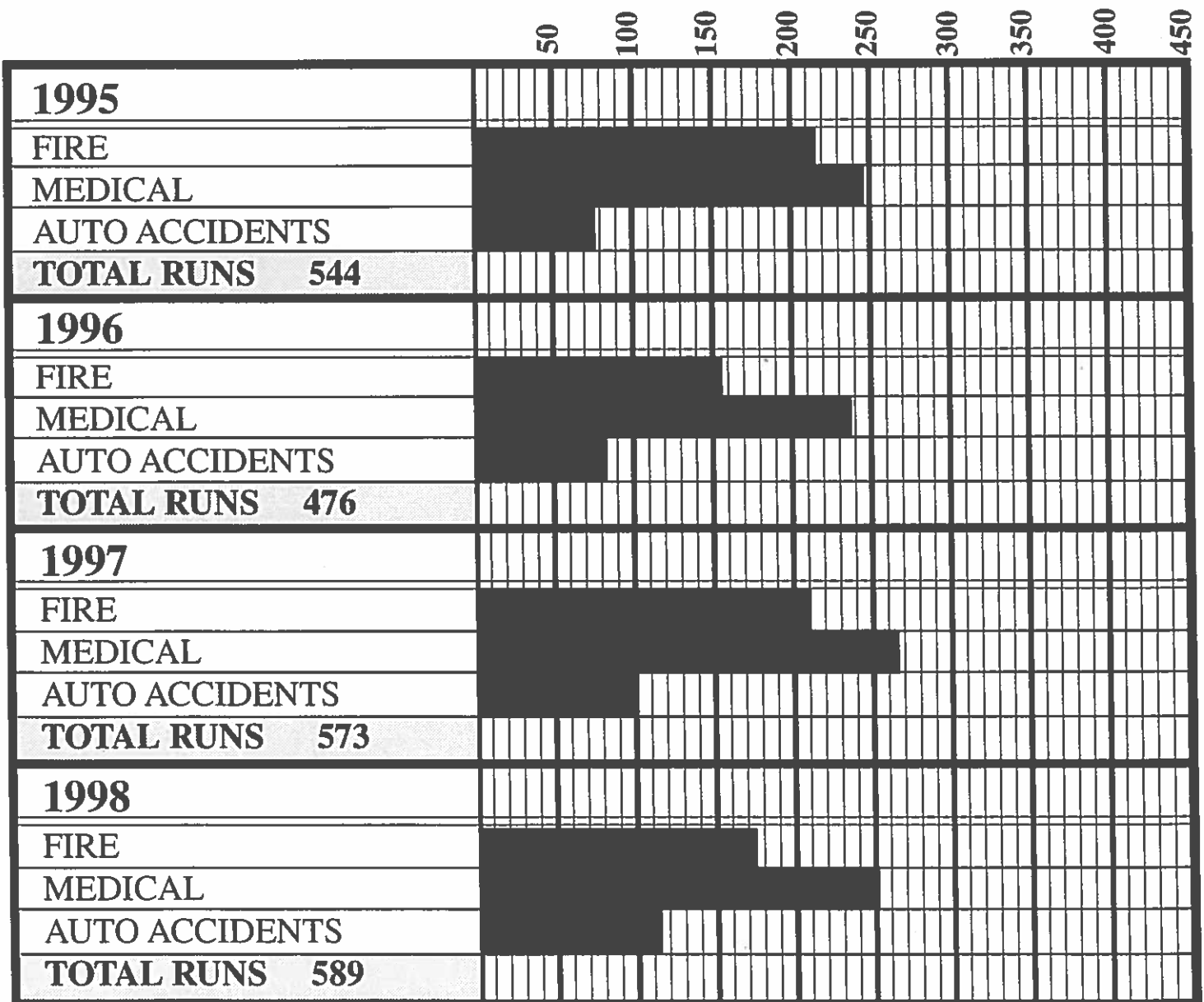
Hwy. 62 & Schutte intersection has the highest rate of accidents.

## Did You Know?



The busiest day of the year in 1998 was Thursday...in 1999, it's Monday.

## Perry Township Run Statistics



## Did You Know?

Over 70% of drownings happen when people have no intention of getting in the water.

# Water Safety

## YOU CAN HELP...even if you can't swim

**S**afety in and on the water depends upon a number of things. It begins with the ability to swim well enough to care for yourself under ordinary conditions. It doesn't end there. Real water safety is also based upon such factors as the ability to use self rescue skills to get out of dangerous situations. Finally, skill in rescuing or helping persons in danger of drowning is a means of preserving a person's own life as well as someone else's.

The three major causes of drowning are failure to recognize hazardous conditions, inability to get out of dangerous situations, and lack of knowledge of safe ways in which to aid persons requiring help in the water.

Here are some ways you can make your backyard pool or lake safer:

**SAFETY POST (Illustration 1)** - Put a safety post by your pool or lake. A safety post can be made easily with materials around the home and should be put near the water where swimmers might get into trouble. Put a post in the ground and have a metal shelf bracket near the top of the post as a hook for a coiled 40 foot rope and a plastic jug with an inch of water in the jug tied to the rope. A 10 foot bamboo pole for reaching assistance may be secured through two 6 oz. cans nailed near the bottom of the pole.

**REACH (Illustration 2)** - Help someone reaching - without getting into the water. Lay down on the deck of the pool and extend your arm or leg so you can grab the victim and pull him in. Reach with your pole from your safety post. You can use anything to extend your reach and assist someone in trouble.

**THROW (Illustration 3)** - Help someone by throwing a life jacket, an empty picnic jug, or your rope and milk jug hanging on your safety post. You can throw anything that floats to assist someone in trouble.

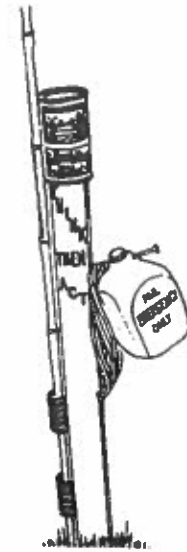
**ROW (Illustration 4)** - You can help someone by rowing to them with a boat in your backyard lake, but only if you can swim and can handle a boat. Use this method if the victim is out of reach or throwing distance.

**GO (Illustration 5)** - A swimming rescue is only done by a trained life guard or swimmer, and still only as a last resort. An untrained person trying to make a swimming rescue may become a victim. Instead of one person drowning, you may have a double drowning.

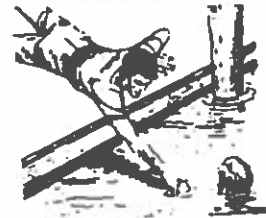
### PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS:

- Do not swim alone. • Swim when the water temperature is around 70° or 78°. If you start shivering, your lips turn blue, and you have cold and clammy skin, it's time to get out of the water.
- Don't over exhaust yourself. • Don't race from the shore to the middle of the lake. Start in the middle of the lake and swim to the shore.
- If you get into a dangerous situation like cramps or a capsized boat, don't panic. Stay calm and you will survive.

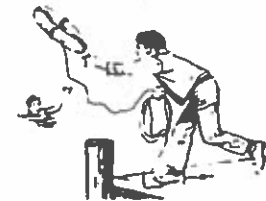
You are not a trained lifesaver just because you have read this article. If you want to become a trained lifesaver, call the Red Cross for Basic or Advanced Lifesaving courses. **REMEMBER - DROWNING IS FOREVER!**



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## Perry Township Fire Dept. Training

The most important aspect of the fire service is training. Perry Township Fire Department is involved in all areas of fire service training. Our training program has helped increase our insurance rating and makes us unpaid professionals. The Fire Department also recognizes its responsibility in special emergency situations. Many firefighters have taken specialized training. We have firefighters trained in water rescue, underwater search and recovery, rope rescue, hazardous material, farm rescue, and auto extraction. Our responsibility to the people of Perry and Union Townships is to provide the utmost professionalism in firefighting. We feel that our training program will provide each member the knowledge and skill necessary for performing the job of a firefighter.

# The Cost of Equipping a Fire Fighter

## LIST OF APPARATUS

**2 PUMPERS**  
**1 PUMPER TANKER**  
**2 RESCUE PUMPERS**  
**2 RESCUE TRUCKS**  
**2 BRUSH TRUCKS**  
**1 LADDER TRUCK**  
**1 BOAT**

Fire Resistant  
Hood \$18.00

Helmet \$139.85

Breathing Apparatus \$1889.53

Personal Safety

Alarm Device \$140.50

Fire Coat \$500.70

Suspenders \$19.75

Pager \$425.00

Gloves \$30.50

Firefighter Physical \$281.02

Fire Pants \$344.50

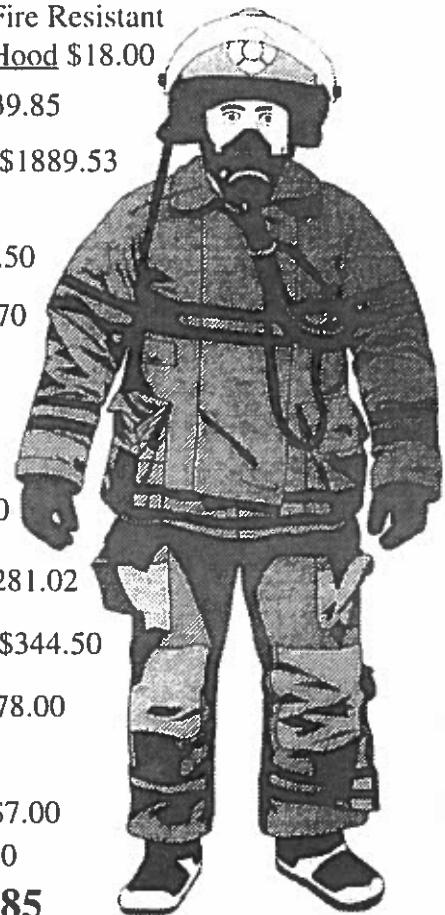
Hepatitis B Vaccination \$78.00

TB Skin Test \$10.00

Flu Vaccination \$7.00

Boots \$99.50

**TOTAL \$3,983.85**



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