

# Perry Township Fire Department

Spring 2000



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

## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

It is time, once again, for Perry Township Fire Department to ask for **YOUR HELP!** Your continued financial support allows us to serve and protect Perry and Union Townships.

During the past year we have had 199 fire runs 306 medical runs and 105 auto accident runs, totaling 610 runs.

Combined with updating equipment, trucks, supplies and insurance, our annual cost to operate continues to grow.

If you have already sent in a donation this year, we would like to thank you; and, if you have not contributed, please send your tax deductible donation in the enclosed envelope.

*Thank you.*

Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department



## Paper can help put out fires!

*We, your local volunteer firefighters depend on your contributions. We depend on them every time we fight a fire. And that's because the tools of our trade don't and shouldn't come cheap.*

Like the \$475,000 it costs for a new ladder truck...the \$140.00 we pay for a protective helmet...or the \$50.00 it costs for an axe to help us reach a trapped victim a few seconds earlier

# To the Residents of Perry and Union Townships...

Since 1959, the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department has built a proud tradition of providing quality fire, rescue and emergency services to the citizens and residents of our community. Because of the support we have received in the past from residents of Perry and Union Townships you have made this possible. We ask for your continued support.

Presently the fire department consists of 40 volunteer members that are donating their time to the citizens and residents of our community. As we are all aware, the West Side of Vanderburgh County is growing. The number of emergency runs that the fire department receives a year is also growing. To continue with a tradition of quality service, the fire department needs the support of willing and able people to share the workload placed on us by the growing community. We are very fortunate in having the best fire, rescue and medical emergency equipment available, but it takes dedicated people to carry out the workload to the full potential of our abilities. If you are able to give some time to help carry on our proud tradition of neighbors helping neighbors and are at least 18 years of age, we are inviting you to contact us at 424-8381 or reply to us with the enclosed envelope and we will contact you.

We realize that not everyone can commit to the fire department as a member. You can still support the fire department by making a tax-deductible financial contribution. The fire department cannot continue to provide the best fire, rescue and emergency service without your support. We must continue to maintain, update and purchase the equipment that we have and is needed for the future.

The fire department has eleven fire and rescue apparatus, four fire engines, one aerial ladder truck, three rescue trucks, two brush trucks and a boat. The oldest fire engine was purchased in 1976 and we are making plans to replace it with a new fire/rescue engine. We are currently making payments on the aerial ladder truck and plan to pay it off next year at which time we will purchase the new fire/rescue engine. Your financial support can assist us in expediting these plans by updating the equipment and apparatus that is available to the residents and community of Perry and Union Townships.

Thank you for your past support and please continue supporting us by taking a few minutes of your time and mail in a tax-deductible donation to the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Sincerely,

Make your  
Place  
Firesafe:



Bob Leggett  
President, PTVFD

Bob Doerr  
Chief, PTVFD

**??? DID YOU KNOW ???**

**IN 1959... WE MADE  
A TOTAL OF 90 RUNS!!**

**T H I S I S**

**FIRE**

If you don't understand fire, you could join the 6,000 Americans who die in fires every year, or the 100,000 people who are injured. Most of them didn't know what fire was like until it was too late.

**FIRE IS**

**FAST**

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**I**n 30 seconds a simple flame can get completely out of control. That's how quickly curtains catching fire from a space heater can turn into a major fire. In as little as two minutes the room can become life-threatening — in as little as five minutes your house can be engulfed in flames.

**FIRE IS**

**HOT**

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**F**ire's heat can be even more threatening than its flames. The air gets so hot it can sear your lungs, not letting you breathe...so hot your clothing fuses to your skin.

**FIRE IS**

**DARK**

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**Y**ou may think fire is bright, but it actually becomes pitch black as smoke rolls down from the ceiling. Imagine yourself blindfolded and terrified, trying to find your way out — that's what the darkness of fire is like.

**FIRE IS**

**SMOKE  
AND  
GASES**

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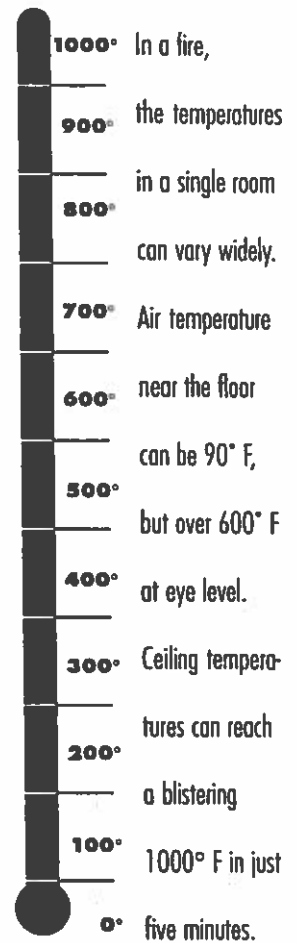
**S**moke and toxic gases kill more people than flames do. Fire uses up the oxygen you need and produces poisonous gases that kill. Breathing even small amounts of these gases can make you disoriented and drowsy. You could pass out and die in minutes.

*Startling Facts  
about . . .*

**FIRE**



**Most fire deaths occur in the home when people are asleep — between midnight and 6:00 a.m.**



**In less than two minutes,  
you can pass out or even die from  
poisonous**

**SMOKE and GASES.**

**FLASHOVER**

***happens when everything in a room — from an armchair to the t.v. set — becomes super heated and bursts into flames simultaneously. Flashover can occur in as little as three minutes.***

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**



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