

PERRY

TOWNSHIP

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Westside growth means more businesses, families, homes, and traffic . . . and it means a greater need for emergency services from Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department.

We ask for donations once a year. Although donations are accepted throughout the year, this is our *Annual Fund Drive!* We need your help with offsetting costs of fire station building maintenance, truck maintenance, equipment updates, insurance, increased emergency response (including medical, auto accidents, fires to homes, businesses and personal property). So, at this time we ask for your support by way of donations. All contributions are tax deductible and very much appreciated.

Thank you!

Your Volunteer Fire Department

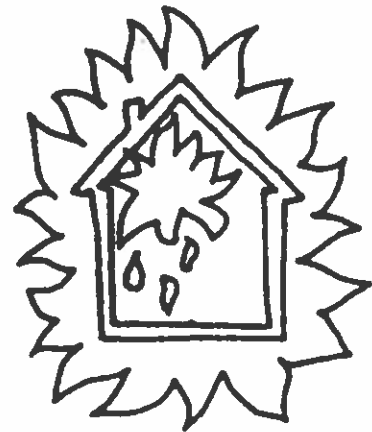
Call 9-1-1

We are fortunate in Vanderburgh County to have an enhanced 9-1-1 system. Everyone should understand that to get the appropriate response for any emergency, they should call 9-1-1. This is the quickest way to get help.

When you call 9-1-1 you are talking directly to the dispatcher who will dispatch the Perry Township Fire Department or the Vanderburgh County Sheriff.

It is important that you give the dispatcher any and all information that you can about your emergency. Know when to call. If in doubt, let the dispatcher make the decision as to what response your call requires.

Plan Your Escape



Fire Can Happen Any Time!

Serving the residents of Perry and Union Township since 1959!

To the residents of Perry and Union Townships:

The Perry Township Fire Department wishes to thank everyone who has supported and donated to the fire department. Because of your considerations, we have continued to provide quality fire, rescue and emergency services to you and the community.

Unfortunately for the fire department, we are only receiving donations from about 15% of the residents in our response area. In order for us to maintain the best services available, we need your assistance. YOU can help the fire department provide these quality services by making a **tax deductible contribution** to the Perry Township Fire Department. There are approximately 4000 residents in our response area. If every resident would donate anywhere from \$25 to \$50, imagine how that could assist us in purchasing quality state-of-the-art equipment for saving lives and protecting your property.

During the past year we made the final payment on our Aerial Truck (\$57,000), purchased a 1993 Ford E350 Ambulance and converted it into an EMS / Rescue Truck (\$6000) and purchased a defibrillator (\$2800) for the unit. A defibrillator is used on a patient that has a heart failure. We replaced 24 self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) packs (\$60,000) that are worn by firefighters in a contaminated atmosphere or inside of a structure fire. The units replaced were 15 to 25 years old. The new SCBA packs are more ergonomic for the firefighter to wear and meet a higher safety standard than the old packs.

The fire department is continuing to meet the needs of the community by upgrading and adding new equipment and apparatus to be a Modern Fire Department. It is also necessary to

update with the latest and safest equipment available to keep up with Federal and State Guidelines. These guidelines are continually changing to keep up with the Safety Rules issued by OSHA, The National Fire Protection Association and the State of Indiana.

The fire department is presently evaluating bids for a new fire engine to replace our oldest first line fire engine which is a 1975 model. The order should be placed next month and the fire engine should arrive in November. This new engine will cost approximately \$275,000 to \$300,000 plus some equipment.

To remain a progressive and modern fire department, we must depend on you. Your **tax deductible contribution** can help us provide the budgetary funds needed for capital expenditures, so the fire department can continue to provide quality service and protection to you and the community.

Currently there are 31 active members on the fire department that volunteer their time and receive no pay for responding to emergencies in our community. We set a new record for emergency response runs in 2000. Total responses for last year were 610. We made 199 fire responses, 306 medical responses and 105 auto accident responses.

We are asking you to commit to our annual fund drive. Thank you for your past and present support to the Perry Township Fire Department and the membership.

Sincerely,

David Johann, President

Bob Doerr, Chief

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SMOKE DETECTORS NEED TO BE CHECKED!!

Smoke detectors have given Americans a false sense of security. Fire officials estimate that more than 85% of Americans now have smoke detectors, but at least one-third *would not work* in an emergency! In fact the homes with smoke detectors that do not work outnumber the homes without smoke detectors by 2 to 1 margin.

Have you changed your smoke detector batteries recently???

DON'T LET YOUR SUMMER GET TOO HOT ...

THINK FIRE SAFETY!!

Summertime is a great time for vacations, barbecues, and working on the yard, but remember to always practice fire safety. Here are a few tips to help keep your memories of "the good ole' summertime" pleasant. Don't become a fire statistic.

GASOLINE

Gasoline is a main cause of serious burns to teenagers, especially boys. Recreational vehicles, lawn mowers and power tools are the primary sources. Remember to let the engine sit and cool before refilling the tank. Keep gasoline in a "safety can" and store in an outdoor shed, not in the house or garage.



BARBECUE / CHARCOAL

Store unused charcoal in a cool, dry place, because damp coal can ignite itself. Be careful around barbecues. Don't wear long sleeves. If clothes do catch fire, don't run. Drop and roll to smother the flames. Make sure your barbecue grill is completely out before you leave the area.

HOTEL FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Summertime means vacations, travel and staying in hotels. After checking into your room, check the fire exits. Do the doors open? Count the doorways and other features between your room and the exits. Remember, never use the elevator in a fire. In the event of fire and there is smoke in the corridor, stay low and close to the wall. Take your room key with you. You will need it to get back in your room if the smoke or fire blocks your exit. After reaching the exit, hold on to the handrail to protect from being knocked down by panicking occupants. If fire or smoke is too dense at lower levels, turn around and walk up to clearer air. Pack a flashlight in your suitcase. You may need it to guide yourself through smoke or darkness. Remember, don't panic! If you stay calm and have an escape plan, you can greatly increase your chances of survival.

Summertime means good times and lasting memories. Don't let carelessness and lack of planning create a nightmare. Practice Fire Safety and make sure your summer is a safe and happy one!



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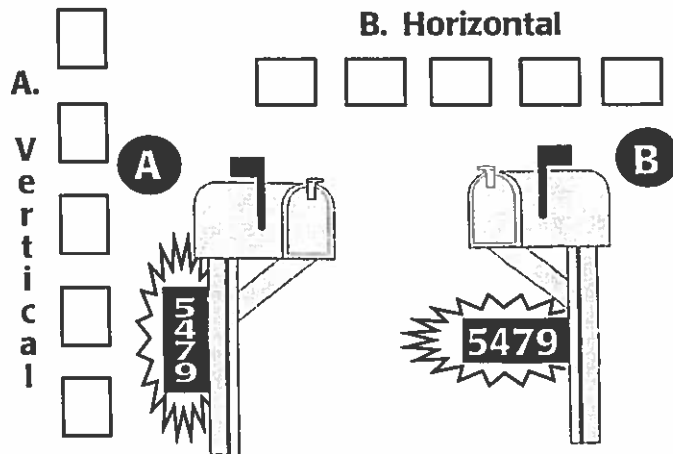
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