

PERRY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

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New Engine 1 and Water 2 ready to respond!



Your fire department has put it's latest fire truck on the streets and added a new boat to the waters.

First, the new Engine 1 is a brand new Class A pumper that holds 1000 gallons of water and is designed to make a quick attack on fires. This truck features many advancements, including a rotating chain system to insure a safe response even on icy road conditions.

The new Water 2 is a much needed addition to our water rescue team. It's advantage is a drop down gate on the front of the boat, which allows us to bring victims and divers on board, without the fear of capsizing the boat.

These additions to the fire department will greatly help us serve you quicker and more effectively and it is all thanks to you and your contributions to our fire department.

Highlights from 2003:

- *New Class A Pumper (Engine 1)*
- *New Water Rescue Boat (Water 2)*
- *Thermal Imaging Camera helps find victims and spots hidden fires*
- *New department website to keep you informed*



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Emergency Medical Response

FIRE FACT:
Fire spreads 1,100 % in the first 4 minutes.

Last year the fire department was dispatched to approximately 700 emergency runs. Almost 500 of those runs were for medical emergencies or motor vehicle accidents with injuries.

65% of the firefighters on the fire department are medically trained as a First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician. 95% of the firefighters are trained in CPR.

On many of these medical emergencies, the first emergency unit to arrive on the scene was a Perry Township firefighter arriving in their

personal vehicle. The fire department has established a program to provide some of the firefighters with an emergency medical trauma bag that contains basic first aid and life support equipment such as oxygen. They also carry a 2-way radio that allows them to communicate with Central Dispatch, the fire department and AMR ambulance units. The emergency medical trauma bag and radio cost approximately \$1250.

The fire department response throughout the township to provide emergency care can be very quick because of

the medical trained firefighter with a medical bag. We would like to provide additional medical trauma bags to all medical trained firefighters so that they will be able to initiate medical care before units that have equipment arrive. With your financial help and support someday we may be able to meet our goal of providing all of our medical trained personnel with an EMS trauma bag.

If you ever require the services of the fire department, don't be surprised if the first contact for emergency care is with an individual member of the fire department responding from their home with an EMS trauma bag.

Street Address Signs

Five years ago, the Perry Township Fire Department started a project to assist us in finding you during an emergency incident. The project involved offering street address signs to the residences for a price of \$10.

These address signs have been popping up around the township and have greatly helped the fire department and emergency services in being able to

quickly locate an address and quickly respond to a residence in time of an emergency.

With this great start, there are still many house addresses that are poorly labeled and could slow our ability to get on scene quickly. Think about a family member needing medical attention and your address is poorly marked as to the location of your house or driveway. We think

that you would prefer us to have the opportunity to arrive quickly without having to drive up and down your street trying to locate your home.

You can assist the fire department and insure yourself the peace of mind that we can locate your home by adding an address marker sign that has big reflective numbers that can be visible during the day or night. You can do this either by designing your own address marker or for \$10 you can purchase one of our reflective metal address markers. Please take the time to mark your home so you can help us help you!

FIRE FACT:
Heat rises at 90 feet per second, or approximately 60 miles per hour.

ORDER FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

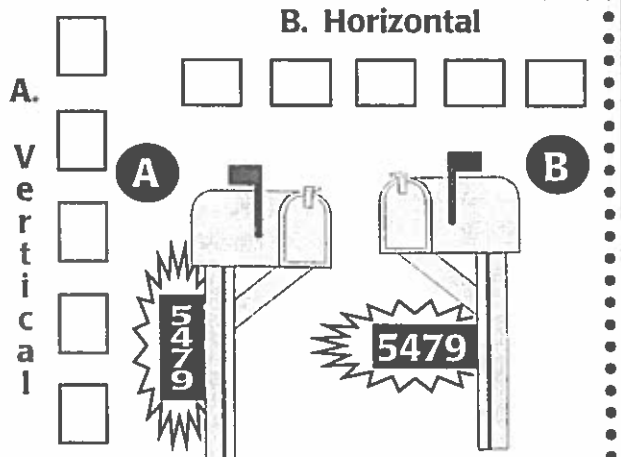
Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

MAILBOX MARKER - \$10.00 ea.



Make checks payable to: **PERRY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Thermal Imaging Camera

We purchased our unit in February of 2002 with the help of a \$3000 donation from the West Side Nut Club. The camera cost \$10,850. The Argus 2 from Marconi Applied Technologies is a hand held device that assists

firefighters in "seeing" through smoke and darkness. Light and durable this unit will allow the viewer to see the thermal signature of an object warmer or colder than its surroundings. Radiant heat from a fire in the walls, a person in a smoke filled residence, or a dazed victim

who wandered a short distance from a nighttime automobile accident. The firefighters have been trained in the operation and are ready to use this new technology when the need arises.

FIRE FACT:
More than 4500 Americans die in fires each year. Fire kills every 100 minutes in the U.S.



Help us, help you!

It is time for our yearly drive to raise donations to better supplement our department's operations and advancements. Our 50+ department members all donate their time to serve the residents of the township. They are not compensated for their time by money, only by pride in a job well done and knowing they made a difference.

We are always looking for new members to join our department, in a wide range of areas. Not interested in fighting a fire, but want to help? There are many areas we need help, including medical runs, in which no prior knowledge is necessary. We will provide you the medical training.

For those of you not interested in making runs at all, we still can use your help. Record keeping, planning events, public relations, station and equipment maintenance,

along with other areas of which we could always use help.

Of course, the other way is also financial contributions. Your donations are 100% tax deductible and every penny will be used to purchase better equipment and training to insure that you have a great fire department with well trained people.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, please use the envelope enclosed.

If you would like to inquire more about helping our department by donating time, please call our administration office at

812-424-8381

or visit our website at:
www.perryfd.com

FIRE FACT:
Approximately 80 percent of all fire fatalities occur in the home. 90 percent of those occur between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

If you have already sent a donation - THANK YOU!!





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