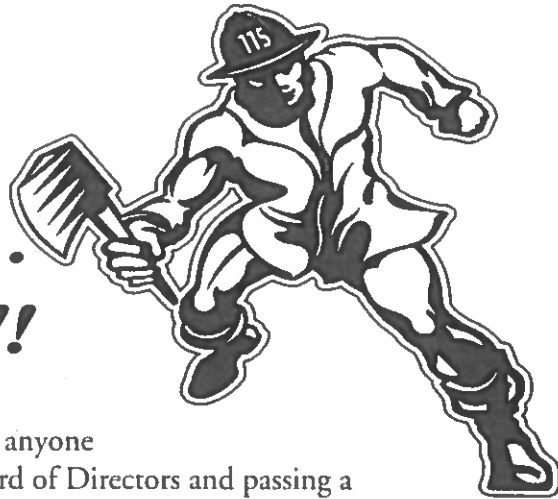


PERRY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

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We Want YOU...
We Want YOU...
We Want YOU...
as a New Recruit!!



Positions are available for anyone that is interested in helping out their community. Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Applicants approved by the Board of Directors and passing a background check will serve as a probationary firefighter and be given the opportunity to complete the State of Indiana Basic Training requirements. Members will be given full protective gear and a department pager. Once the Basic Training requirements are met, the member will be ready to start making emergency responses. Applications are available on our website: www.perryfd.com. Click on the contributing icon. For questions, call 424-8381. Leave a message and someone will get back with you.

New Rescue Truck on Order

Perry Township is happy to announce that it is upgrading its apparatus fleet. A new rescue truck has been ordered and should be delivered by mid-November. The truck is being built by SVI, Inc. out of Loveland, Colorado. The new truck will replace our 1987 Ford rescue running out of Station 1 on Johnson Lane.

The new truck is 14 foot medium duty walk-in rescue on a GMC C5500 2-door chassis. It has a retractable light tower on the roof, and a new air bottle refilling station. The "Jaws of Life" extrication tools will be pre-connected on an onboard power unit, which will eliminate several steps needed to place the tools into operation. The outside compartments will be much larger than the previous truck, and there will be compartments in the walk-in box that will almost double our storage capacity.

Delivery of this vehicle will end a two year project undertaken by the new rescue truck committee. This group was led by Captain David Johann.

Plan Your Escape



Fire Can Happen Any Time!

***Help us,
help you!***

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Serving the residents of Perry and Union Township since 1959!

2004... DEPARTMENT'S BUSIEST YEAR EVER!

Last year Perry Township Fire Department made a total of 870 Emergency Runs, breaking the record of 713 set in 2002. Medical Rescue Calls continue to be the leading type of run we make. Second would be False Alarms, and third is Fires. Speaking of "Fire", we continue to have very few actual structure fire (a total of 10 all year).

74 Fires (8.5% of Total Calls)

- 10 Structures
- 9 Vehicles
- 43 Brush/Trash
- 12 Other



104 False Alarms (12% of Total Calls)

542 EMS/Rescue Calls

(62.3% of Total Calls)

- 458 Medical
- 66 Accidents
- 18 Rescues

53 Hazardous Condition Calls (6.1% of Total Calls)



37 Service Calls

34 Miscellaneous Calls

26 Mutual Aid Calls

TOTAL = 870 CALLS

New Rescue Tools

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Donations from last year's newsletter have been appropriated to purchase new equipment to be carried on our new rescue truck. This includes: a new Amkus hydraulic "Jaws of Life" system for extricating victims from vehicle accidents; new cribbing for stabilizing wrecked vehicles during extrications and various other rescue and EMS equipment.

Donations from this year's campaign will be dedicated to equipment replacement and upgrades on our four engines. For those who would like to help us in this endeavor, please use the envelope included to send in *your* contribution.

Special thanks to the West Side Nut Club for their continued support of The Perry Township Fire Department. This year's donation was used to obtain water rescue and rope rescue equipment.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE

Perry Township Fire Department once again had our Annual 9/11 Remembrance at the overpass at US1 on Highway 62.

This tradition started with the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York City and has continued annually since as a tribute to all of the emergency services personnel as well as innocent victims killed.



This year had additional significance to us. With the hurricane Katrina disaster, Perry Township VFD as well as the Marrs Township VFD joined forces with the Salvation Army to collect money and items for the victims of this most recent event. We collected over \$350 in cash and 13 boxes of food, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. Thanks to everyone that supported us in this endeavor.

Burns...

Treatment of burns consists of immediately cooling the area with large amounts of cool water or cool wet compresses (keep them cool and moist). Use the cleanest water (i.e. running water from a faucet or nearby creek) and clean cloth that you can find to help reduce the risk of infection. Infection and dehydration are major killers associated with burn injuries. It is also essential to cool the skin as soon as possible because the skin will continue to burn for minutes after the burn source has been removed, causing more damage. Allow several minutes of the skin to cool. If there is pain when the body part is removed from the water (or compresses), continue the cooling process. When the burn is cool, remove all clothing from the area. Do not remove clothing that is sticking to the burn.

Next, loosely cover the burned area with dry sterile dressings (if available). Covering the burn keeps out air and helps reduce pain. The bandaging should not put pressure on the burn surface. If a large part of the body is burned, cover the dressings with another cloth. Covering the burn helps to reduce pain by covering up exposed nerve surfaces. Covering also helps to prevent infection. Deep burns can cause shock from the intense pain and dehydration. Thus, lay the victim down (unless he/she has difficulty breathing). Raise the burned areas above heart level, if possible. As burn victims have a tendency to become chilled, help him/her maintain normal body heat by keeping him/her out of drafts.

Treatment DO NOTS:

People have typically treated burns with ice, butter, and oil. However, do not use these! Ice or ice water causes loss of body heat and further damages the skin and underlying tissues. Likewise, do not put oil, butter or ointments on blisters or deep burns because these items seal in the heat and do not relieve pain. Another "Do Not": Do not break open blisters because it makes the skin more prone to infection.

Remember - call 911 and get your Perry Township Fire Department on the way if you get burnt and let trained medical personnel evaluate the severity and amount of burn and whether you need a hospital visit.

PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDER CLASS

To improve our capabilities for serving you, the public, Perry Township recently completed a 40-hour Indiana State certified training course for personnel who could be responding to medical emergencies in our area. Six people from the department committed their personal time to getting this training, which included advanced first aid topics such as patient assessment, airway control, oxygen therapy,

automatic external defibrillation, bleeding control, shock, anatomy and physiology. Congratulations and thanks to the following personnel who made the commitment and completed the First Responder Course successfully.

Bob Leggett • Rick Wolf
Chris Gibson • Brandon Robb
Howie Dotterwich • Nathan Devillez

Perry Township Fire Department has a total of 36 State Certified Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders who are prepared to help you around the clock.



Photo shows EMS Supplies carried by First Response Personnel in their private vehicles.

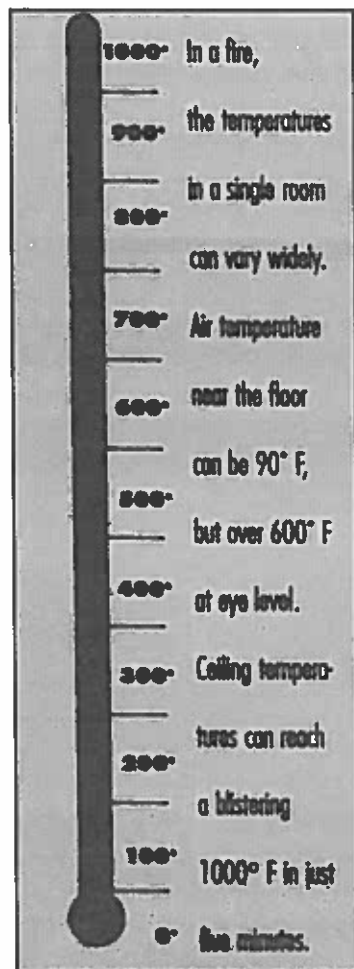
Change Your Clock - Change Your Battery

As the fall time change approaches, PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT wants to remind residents to make another change that could save their lives - changing the batteries in their smoke alarms.

An average of three children a day die in home fires and 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms: worn or missing batteries.

Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. In fact, working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire. Additionally, the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends replacing your smoke alarms every ten years.

To save lives and prevent needless injuries, the PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT joins with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the 17th year of the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign. The program urges all Americans to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall, this year on OCTOBER 30.



Working smoke alarms provide an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape. Tragically, fire can kill selectively. Those most at risk include:

- **CHILDREN** - Approximately 1000 children under the age of 20 die each year in home fires. Fire is the third leading cause of accidental deaths among children under age five, placing them at twice the risk of dying in a home fire.
- **SENIORS** - Adults over age 75 are three times more likely to die in home fires than the rest of the population; those over 85 are 4.5 times more likely to die in a home fire. Many seniors are unable to escape quickly.
- **LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS** - Most low-income families are unable to afford batteries for their smoke alarms. These same households often rely on poorly installed, maintained or misused portable or area heating equipment - a main cause of fatal home fires.

In addition, we recommend that you use the "extra" hour they save from the time change to test smoke alarms by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out" and practicing those **ESCAPE ROUTES** with the entire family. Families should also prepare a fire safety kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries.

CPR PROGRAM

AIRWAY...

BREATHING...

CIRCULATION...

These are the life saving steps to take when doing Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Perry Township Fire Department offers American Heart Association CPR classes to all citizens of the township. The only cost for these classes is to cover the certification card and supplies. Perry Township was recently authorized by American Heart Association as a Certified Training Center and can now provide Heartsaver, Healthcare Provider, Automated External Defibrillation and First Aid classes to the community. Give us a call to get on our schedule or if you have a group needing certification...let us know.

A = Airway

B = Breathing

C = Circulation

**CPR SAVES LIVES!
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TODAY TO TAKE A CLASS!**

Perry Township Loses an Icon...

Long-time Assistant Chief Paul Kuester passed away earlier this year at the age of 86. Paul joined the department in the fall of 1961, making his first run on 11-26-61



- a smoke investigation at 353 S. Bosse Avenue.

In 1960, he was listed on a run report for a truck on fire at 1819 S. Bosse Avenue (a full year and a half before he would officially join). His career would span over 40 years with the department. During that time, he answered the call 4653 times. He served on the Board of Directors from 1963 until 2001, serving as Vice President in 1964 and President in 1965-1966. In 1963 he was appointed 3rd Captain. By 1970 he was promoted to Assistant Chief, a position he held until 1993, when at the age of 74, he moved to the position of Safety Officer. In 2001 at age 82, Paul was no longer able to make responses due to his ailing health. Paul is survived by his wife Anne (a former Auxillary member); their son Ken (wife Annie), grandson Keith (current District Chief); granddaughter Cindy (husband Mike); and four great-grandchildren.

FIRE FACT:

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.

HOUSE NUMBERS: HOW THEY HELP

House numbers, easy to find and easy to read are first rate safety measures! All homes and businesses should be properly identified with large easy-to-read address numbers. This makes it easy for emergency vehicles to find the location without wasting time!

House numbers can be on mailboxes, near entry doors, and painted on the curb as well. The letters should be at least four inches high. The color of the letters should contrast, not match the color of your house. Providing lighting during hours of darkness is also a good idea. You can help the fire department in an emergency by making certain your home is properly numbered. Perry Township Fire can assist

you with your house number needs. They can be provided to you for a minimal cost of materials at \$10. Give us a call, or fill out the form on the back side of your newsletter if you want to purchase a reflective high quality address sign.



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Interesting Facts:

On July 5 we had 19 runs...then 11 more on July 6...most due to a storm that went through the area. November 29 was the busiest day without a storm - on that day, we had 10 runs.

STREET ADDRESS SIGNS ~ ORDER YOURS TODAY!

We Can't Help You If We Can't Find You!!!

ORDER FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name _____

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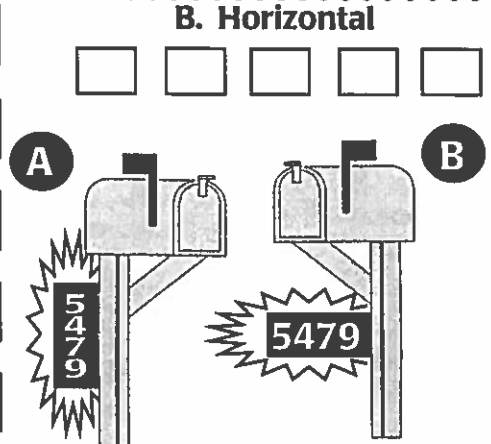
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