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PERRY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

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I would like to introduce you to the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department. We are your neighbors, friends, co-workers, fellow worshipers and the "strangers" you chat with in the grocery or hardware store. We live and work with you and your neighbors in the community. We represent a multitude of occupations with a wide range of skills. We volunteer our time and services for different reasons, but we share one professional goal: to be there when you need us.

The volunteer fire and rescue service can provide personal rewards and satisfaction beyond description. There is a special sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction serving the residents of the community by providing fire protection for personal property and emergency medical services to you, your family and the community.

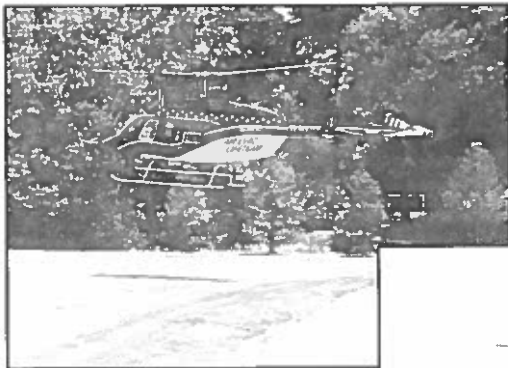
In addition to a desire to help people and serve the community, we are continuously seeking new members with a need of dedication, assertiveness and a willingness to face new challenges. If this is something that would be of interest to you, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Tom Leggett, President
Perry Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

AIR-EVAC & LIFE-FLIGHT TRAINING

These are recent pictures of Air-Evac & Life-Flight Training at Burdette Park. The class was to teach EMS personnel how to set up landing zones for a helicopter landing.



This training is important for an emergency with multiple patients.



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!

Residents of Perry Township...

Come Join Us for a Day of Fun & Learning!

Perry Township Fire Dept. will be hosting a Rolling Open House on August 11, 2007, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. We will be traveling with our fire trucks and members to different areas in Perry Township to visit with the residents, answer any questions, have our fire trucks open for viewing, and for general public awareness. We will have drawings for prizes at each stop for residents and a final drawing at the end of the day. The following locations and times are approximate and subject to change and to weather conditions.

Solarbron Retirement Center
9:00 - 9:55

Willow Creek Subdivision
10:00 - 10:25

Meadow West Subdivision
10:30 - 10:55

Copper Creek Apts.
11:00 - 11:25

Arbors West Apts.
11:30 - 11:55

Booker Road / Periwinkle Ln.
12:00 - 12:25

N. Eichoff / Ashley Place Subdiv.
12:30 - 12:55

Heartland Ridge North
1:00 - 1:25

Heartland Ridge South / Wolf Creek
1:30 - 1:55

Key West / West Terrace Area
2:00 - 2:30

Due to length of time & availability, we are not able to cover all of Perry Township. If we have missed your area, you are more than welcome to visit any of these locations. We appreciate all residents who attend this open house.

Thank You West Side Nut Club & Toyota TMMI

The Perry Township Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the West Side Nut Club and Toyota TMMI for financially supporting the Fire Department with a donation and a grant that allowed the Fire Department the opportunity to purchase a Vehicle Stabilization System.

The Vehicle Stabilization System provides quick, safe and efficient stability for motor vehicles involved in accidents that require patients to be extricated from the vehicle. This system is a telescoping strut and jack system that extends to various lengths that brace and stabilize vehicles that are on their side, roof or on an embankment off the roadway. The system is quickly, easily and safely deployed with minimal manpower allowing a significant reduction in the time that it takes to stabilize a vehicle. This new system helps us improve patient care by reducing on-scene medical time for a critical patient and significantly enhances the safety of our personnel operating on the scene.

Thank you for supporting the Fire Department in purchasing the equipment that will allow us the opportunity to enhance our emergency services to the community.

New Rescue Truck

This year we placed in service a new rescue truck. The vehicle is a 2005 Ford



F-350 pick up truck with a utility bed. The new truck is equipped with a light tower for night time operations and carries a full set of EMS equipment and an automated external defibrillator (AED). The truck is housed at Station 2 on Williams Road and responds on all emergency medical runs and other emergency calls as requested. This truck replaces the old rescue truck that was a retired 1990 ambulance.

SMOKE ALARM TIPS

The right way to install smoke alarms

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm inside every separate sleeping area. New homes are required to have a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and all smoke alarms must be interconnected.
- Hard-wired smoke alarms operate on your household electrical current. They can be interconnected so that every alarm sounds regardless of the fire's location. This is an advantage in early warning, because it gives occupants extra time to escape if they are in one part of the home and a fire breaks out in another part. Alarms that are hard-wired should have battery backups in case of a power outage, and should be installed by a qualified electrician.
- If you sleep with bedroom doors closed, have a qualified electrician install interconnected smoke alarms in each room so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- If you or someone in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, consider installing an alarm that combines flashing lights, vibration and/or sound.
- Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Ceiling-mounted alarms should be installed at least four inches away from the nearest wall; wall-mounted alarms should be installed four to 12 inches from the ceiling.
- If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the alarm near the ceiling's highest point.
- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.
- Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.

A life-saving test: check your smoke alarms regularly.

- Test your smoke alarms once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarm once a year, or as soon as the alarm "chirps" warning that the battery is low. Hint: Schedule battery replacements for the same day you change your clocks from daylight savings time to standard time in the fall.
- Never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm. Smoke alarms can't warn you of fire if their batteries are missing or have been disconnected.
- Don't disable smoke alarms even temporarily. If your smoke alarm is sounding "nuisance alarms," try relocating it farther from kitchens or bathrooms, where cooking fumes and steam can cause the alarm to sound.
- Regularly vacuuming or dusting your smoke alarms, following the manufacturer's instructions, can keep them working properly.
- Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace yours once every 10 years. If you can't remember how old the alarm is, then it's probably time for a new one.
- Consider installing smoke alarms with "long-life" (10-year) batteries.
- Plan regular fire drills to ensure that everyone knows exactly what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Hold a drill at night to make sure that sleeping family members awaken at the sound of the alarm. Some studies have shown that some children may not awaken to the sound of the smoke alarm. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs.
- If you are building a new home or remodeling your existing home, consider installing an automatic home fire sprinkler system. Sprinklers and smoke alarms together cut your risk of dying in a home fire 82% relative to having neither - a savings of thousands of lives a year.

Current Roster Member Certifications

NAME	FIRE CERT.	MEDICAL CERT.	HAZMAT CERT	INSTR. CERT.	ADD'L. CERT.
Steve Anderson	Fire Officer I	First Responder	Operations	Inst. I, II, III	CPR Instructor
Gary Barr	Firefighter I,II	First Responder	Awareness		
Jerry Bulger	Master	EMT Basic	Operations	Inst. I, II, III	CPR Instructor
Rick Carl	Master	EMT Basic	Technician	Instructor I	
Jason Craig	Basic	First Responder			Diver O/W
Michael DeBlanc	Basic	First Responder		CPR Instructor	Diver O/W
Nathan DeVillez	Basic	First Responder			
Bob Doerr	Master	EMT Basic			
Andy Elfreich	Firefighter I,II	CPR, First Aid			
Beth Evans	Basic	EMT Inermediate		CPR Instructor	
Roy Fleenor	First Class	EMT Advanced	Awareness	2nd Class	CPR Instructor
Drew Gasser	Firefighter I,II	EMT Basic	Technician		Diver O/W
Larry Gasser	Master	CPR, First Aid	Operations		Arsn Invest.
Chris Gibson	Basic	First Responder	Operations		
Bryan Goebel	Firefighter I	First Responder	Awareness		
Steve Gossman	Fire Officer I,II	EMT Advanced	Operations	Instr. I, CPR	Diver O/W
Perry Gostley	Fire Officer I	EMT Basic	Awareness	CPR Instructor	Rescue Diver
Steve Jewell	First Class	First Responder	Awareness		
David Johann	Master	First Responder	Operations	2nd Class	Diver O/W
Larry Krack	Master	First Responder	Operations	Fire Officer II	Arson Invest.
Keith Kuester	Master	EMT Basic	Awareness		Diver O/W
Bob Leggett	Master	First Responder	Awareness		
Tom Leggett	Basic	First Responder	Awareness		
Katie McClintock	Basic	CPR, First Aid	Awareness		
Tom McDowell	Basic	CPR, First Aid			
Mark McGregor	First Class	First Responder	Operations		Diver O/W
Rodney Miller	Second Class	First Responder	Awareness	CPR Instructor	
Keith Mosby, Jr.	Basic	CPR, First Aid	Awareness		
Dave Roos	Firefighter I,II	First Responder	Operations		
Will Singleton	Basic	EMT-B Student	Awareness		
Matt Smith	Basic	CPR, First Aid	Operations		
Tim Steinkamp	Second Class	First Responder			
Travis Toon	Basic		Awareness		
Scott Whitfield	Master	EMT Basic		Instructor I	Diver O/W
Ryon Wilson	Firefighter I,II	EMT Basic	Operations	CPR Instructor	
Rick Wolf	Basic	First Responder	Awareness		
Harlan Ziliak	Master	CPR, First Aid		1st Class	

RESCUE APPARATUS REPLACED

In December 2005, the Fire Department replaced a light duty 1989 Ford commercial truck with a new medium duty custom built 2005 SVI Rescue Apparatus.

A truck committee established in 2004 was assigned the task to determine what functions and support services a new rescue apparatus would be required to support on an emergency scene. They also made a determination of what major components will be required to make the rescue apparatus meet the requirements of the Fire Department and meet additional requirements in the future.



The new SVI Rescue Apparatus has a 14-foot walk-in rescue module with roll-up compartment doors mounted on a GMC 5500 (22KGVW) chassis with a diesel engine and an automatic transmission.

The addition of several new major components on the new rescue apparatus that the old apparatus did not have will assist firefighters in deploying emergency tools when seconds count.

- Generator 15 KW PTO and an electric rewind reel with 150 feet of electric cord. There are also numerous 120v electrical outlets placed throughout the module for charging equipment.
- Roof mounted telescoping tower light system with remote control operation and portable telescoping tri-pod lights.
- Extrication Rescue System for motor vehicle accidents that operates with an electric powered 3HP Hydraulic Power Unit with two sections of 100 ft. pre-connected hydraulic hose installed on two electric rewind reels mounted inside a compartment. This system operates the Jaws of Life, hydraulic cutter, and spreader tools.
- Breathing Air Fill Station with control panel that will be used for filling air bottles on an emergency scene.
- Roll out trays and shelving in compartments to minimize back strain when lifting heavy equipment.
- Electric portable winch with four receivers mounted on the chassis/module (front, rear, driver and passenger sides).
- Intercom system (cab to module).
- Trailer towing package.

There are numerous operational improvements designed into the new rescue apparatus that allow the firefighters the availability to deploy rescue tools more quickly and safely, thus allowing us to provide a higher standard of quality fire, rescue and emergency service to the community.

We are extremely proud of the new apparatus and invite the community the opportunity to look at the apparatus and equipment, but remember that the roadway during an emergency scene is not the time or place to distract yourself from driving. Please remember to pay attention when emergency apparatus and personnel are operating on the roadways for your safety and ours.



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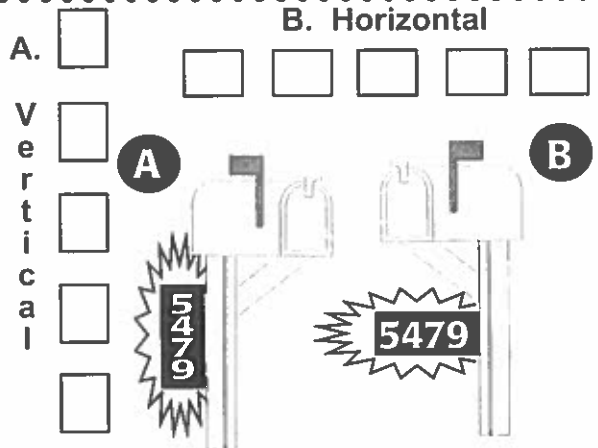
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