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- New Ice Rescue Suits
- Medical Supplies
- COVID-19 Protective Equipment
- New Suction Units

or Current Resident

Fall 2020 Newsletter



*Your financial support of
 The Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department
 is greatly appreciated!*

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Serving the Residents of Perry & Union Township since 1959!

ABOUT US

Perry Township Fire Department was established in 1959. Our original mission was to serve and protect Perry Township for fire emergencies. Since then, we have progressed from just fires to include medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, water and dive rescues, and much more. We also now serve the Union Township area as well.

We are the last 100% volunteer department left in Vanderburgh County. This means that every time you call, the response is covered by someone that is volunteering their time back to the community. We still hold the all the same training standards that any other department carries. All members are certified for fire, hazmat and CPR. About 75% of our membership also carries a medical certification of Emergency Medical Responder or higher.

We strive to serve the community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and it couldn't happen without support from you as the community being there for us.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO KEEPING YOU SAFE...AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF US

ICE RESCUE SUITS

In addition to fighting fires, Perry Township has a Water Rescue Team. One component of the Water Rescue Team is cold water and/or ice rescue.

To protect our firefighters, we have special ice suits that keep the water/ice away from the firefighter. These suits have rubber seals at the openings. As with anything made of rubber, they degrade with time, even with the best care possible. The manufacturer's recommendation is to replace them every 5 years, at a cost of \$1,100 each. For safety reasons, we have four ice suits.

This year, as most years, we have to replace one ice suit. If you are able to provide a donation to help with this cost, it would be greatly appreciated.



Ice rescue drills taking place on the lake near the Liberal Arts Center and Business and Engineering Center on the campus of the University of Southern Indiana.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Are you ready to give back to your community? Do you have a passion for what you do, a love for your neighbors, and the time for a little commitment?

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our team, especially those that are available during the daytime hours. We not only respond to fires, but also car wrecks, medical emergencies and many types of special incidents.

New members will need to take state certification training before responding to incidents, but we will assist you to complete this requirement. We hold training and department meetings on Monday nights, but can work around most schedules.

Check us out on Facebook or on our website at www.perryfd.com. To fill out an application, click on the membership tab. If you have any questions call 812-424-8381 and leave a message, so someone from our membership committee can get back in touch with you.

AMAZON SMILE

If you are an Amazon shopper and are interesting in trying AmazonSmile, we are now registered to be a beneficiary. If you select Perry Township FD for your Amazon Smile charity, we will get 0.5% of your eligible purchases. It might not sound like much, but we are thinking that this could add up for us quickly.

Here's how to shop AmazonSmile:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com.
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials.
3. Search for Perry Township Fire Department
4. Select us to receive your donations.

SUCTION UNITS

We are looking for multiple helpers from the community to help us with the costs on upgrading our suction units.

On some medical calls, we utilize a suction unit to remove any types of fluid. This includes saliva, blood, or vomitus from the mouth and airway of a patient. As we all know, a patient cannot breathe through fluid, so this is a life saving measure.

In reviewing our current equipment, we are seeing that these units are approaching the end of their useable life. Our suction units are at least 15 years old, and utilize built in batteries. Many scenes have no electricity located nearby. As the units age, we are concerned we could experience failures.

The cost of a new suction unit is about \$700. We need to have 10 units in total for adequate coverage for the territory. This is a total of \$7,000. The West Side Nut Club has graciously donated \$3,500 to purchase half of what we need. We would greatly appreciate any donations towards the replacement suction units.

DANGERS OF CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is poisonous to humans. CO is created by incomplete combustion in burning. This can be from your furnace, dryer, or fireplace. A CO alarm can warn the occupants of a home of this silent killer long before anyone in the home shows symptoms.

A CO alarm should be on each level of your home. They may be placed anywhere in the room and still be effective. Alarms should be tested monthly and have the battery replaced every 6 months. Depending on the model, the alarm itself should be replaced every 5 to 7 years. Alarms are available at home improvement stores or from the Internet.

Should your CO alarm sound, it is okay to unplug it and replace the batteries one time. If replacing of the batteries doesn't silence the alarm, you should assume it is correctly activated. Call 911 and exit the building quickly. We will respond with a multi-gas meter that can verify the levels of CO (as well as other dangerous gases) and ensure that it is safe for you to return home or identify the source of the problem.

THERMAL IMAGING COMES TO UNION TOWNSHIP

Thermal Imaging Cameras are used to help locate fires in walls, victims in fires, and hotspots after the fire has been extinguished. They are also used to search for a missing person outside in the woods. It is a hand held device the size of a shoe, rugged enough to withstand the heat of a fire, and sensitive enough to show smaller temperature fluctuations.

Just recently, we were able to purchase a thermal camera for our engine that sits at Station 3 in Union Township, thanks to a donation check from the Union Township Trustee. Until now, we have only had two units, one on Middle Mt. Vernon and one Williams Road. Station 3 did not have one, as they cost approximately \$7,500. These cameras are big assets to us and to the community to find victims more quickly and minimize damages from a fire. Thanks again to the Union Township Trustee for making this possible.