

# Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

## Letter to Applicant

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department. This letter will explain a little bit about the department, the application process and acceptance procedures and membership requirements.

The department currently operates 11 pieces of apparatus from 3 stations. Our coverage area includes the Wal Mart area and extends from the city limits to County Line Road, east to west and from the 3100 North Red Bank (around Booker Road) to the Ohio River, north to south. We respond to more than 600 incidents annually.

When we receive your application, your references will be checked and a driver's status and criminal history will be done by the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department. The first Monday of the next month the Board of Directors will meet with you and discuss your application for membership and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held 7:00 PM, Station 2 located at 11 South Williams Road (near the intersection of Hogue Road and Peerless Road). Afterwards the Board of Directors will take action on your application, which may include Hold (due to membership full), 30 Day Advisement (at which time the Board may finish background checks), or Probationary Status. If placed on Hold, we will review your application again when members are needed. If placed on 30 Day Advisement, we will notify you if you should meet with us again. If you are placed on Probationary Status you will begin your first required training. The Board of Directors reserves the right to deny membership to the fire department due to warranted circumstances.

The Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department offers several types of membership classifications that you can apply for. Please select the type of membership that you desire. The Classes of Membership are as follows:

A. Active Member

1. Class A

- a. Member who resides in Perry or Union Township 18 years of age or older.
- b. Completed probationary requirements and maintains response and training requirements or supplemental requirements of station time, details or non-mandatory meeting time.
- c. Member may not be an active volunteer member on another volunteer fire department.
- d. Member has voting privileges.

2. Class B

- a. Member who resides outside of Perry or Union Township 18 years of age or older.
- b. The number of Class B members allowed will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- c. Completed probationary requirements and maintains response and training requirements or supplemental requirements of station time, details or non-mandatory meeting time.
- d. Member will respond on emergency calls to a fire station unless redirected by the chief officer.
- e. Member will be issued turnout gear based upon budgetary restraints. In the event that a Class A member is recruited and there is inadequate gear available for both members, then the Class B member would be expected to give up the turnout gear.
- f. Member will not use a Blue Light and will obey all traffic laws during an emergency incident.
- g. Member will not have voting privileges or hold an elected position.

3. Class C

- a. Member who resides in Perry or Union Township 18 years of age or older.
- b. Completed probationary requirements and maintains training requirements.

- c. Member may be issued turnout gear based upon budgetary restraints. In the event that a Class A or B member is recruited and there is inadequate gear available for both members, then the Class C member would be expected to give up the turnout gear.
  - d. Member will respond on emergency calls to a fire station unless redirected by the chief officer.
  - e. Member will not have voting privileges or hold an elected position.
- B. Associate Member - Member who can provide needed services to the department. The Board of Directors determines what services, requirements and privileges they may have. Member will not have voting privileges or hold an elected position.
- C. Cadet Member
1. Member who lives in Perry or Union Township that is 16 or 17 years of age.
  2. Cadet member and parent or guardian shall meet with the Chief and the Board of Directors when applying for membership.
  3. Cadet may be issued turnout gear based upon budgetary restraints. In the event that a Class A, B or C member is recruited and there is inadequate gear available for both members, then the Cadet member would be expected to give up the turnout gear.
  4. Cadet will respond to a fire station, unless redirected by a chief officer.
  5. Cadet will not use a Blue Light and they will obey all traffic laws during an emergency incident.
  6. Cadet will never be allowed to operate within a hazardous environment as defined by OSHA.
  7. Cadet shall be assigned support functions on the fire or emergency scene. These duties shall not include the donning of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
  8. Cadet must meet fire department training requirements.
  9. Cadet must be high school student or graduate. Cadet must maintain passing grades in order to remain active on the department.
  10. Cadet will not have voting privileges or hold an elected position.

If you apply for membership as an Active Member, during the first 6 months, you must complete a mandatory 24 hours of training required by the State of Indiana before you may respond to any emergency situation. After the first six months you may be placed on Active Fire Fighter Status by decision of the Board of Directors after review.

To remain on Active Status you must attend 20% of the total number of fire runs each 6 months or 30% of the total runs, and attend 30% of the regularly scheduled training meetings which are held on the third and fourth Mondays of the month. These totals are reviewed semi-annually. The second Monday of the month is our regular business meeting and is open to all members.

You as a member of this department will not only be ask to give of your time responding to emergencies, but also for non-emergency business and activities of the department, which includes serving on committees such as Public Relations, Truck Maintenance, Photography, Training, Fire Prevention, Pre-Plans and Maps, and many others. We respond to emergencies in all types of weather. We will invest a lot of time and expense in you if you decide to become an Active Member. To outfit a fire fighter today it cost well over \$1000 in just a coat, pants, boots and helmet. The training and experience of being a member of our department will be invaluable to you.

The members of our department take pride in serving the community and our neighbors. Before you fill out the application, you need to ask yourself if you have the time and dedication to serve the community in this manner. We strongly suggest that you talk over this letter with your spouse. We hope that if you have the time and dedication, that you will return this application to us.

Thank You,  
Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department