



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*Greetings!* As spring arrives with warmer weather it also ushers in the annual residential fund drive for Perry Hi-Way Hose Company, your **VOLUNTEER** fire and ambulance service. Once again we must ask every residence to make a contribution to offset the cost of providing emergency services to the Summit Township Community. Every dollar of your **tax-deductible contribution** will benefit in maintaining and improving your fire protection and ambulance services.

Your contributions are needed this year more than ever as our budget has climbed to over \$258,000 for this year. The major factor for the increased budget is due to the new fire station being built to replace the current Peach Street station. The new station is being constructed on Oliver Road just south of the Robison Road intersection and across from Erie Sign Corp. The new station will have additional space to accommodate today's larger apparatus, additional office space as well as bunk rooms with locker and shower facilities for both men and women. The new social hall will continue to seat 350 people and will have new kitchen facilities as well as improved and expanded rest room facilities. The Peach Street Station, built in 1962, has been outgrown, plagued by Peach Street traffic problems and has become outdated. The total cost of the new facility (building, furnishings, site prep and paving) is \$3 million dollars. The Summit Township Supervisors have been very supportive of this new facility and granted \$1 million dollars for this project, however we must rely on the township residents to help pay for the remaining costs.

**There is no dedicated fire taxation in Summit Township.** For this reason alone your donations are needed to keep our operations running. In addition to the new building mortgage payments your donations will also be used to fund our costs of operations which include utilities, fuel for the apparatus, insurance coverage, dispatching fees, ambulance supplies, and maintenance for apparatus and equipment. Our **well trained volunteers** will continue to provide the best service possible throughout the next year, but we cannot do it without your financial support.

We are asking every Household for a **tax deductible** donation of **\$45.00** to support the numerous services provided by Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. Please keep in mind donations of any size will be put to good use and for those who can fit a higher donation into their budget, we thank you. Years past have seen only 32 – 34% of households send in contributions. We want to see this number increase for 2009. Perry Hi-Way Responds to 100% of your calls for assistance, now we are asking our residents to respond and assist us in this financially trying time by sending in your donation today.

*Please return your donation and contribution card in the envelope provided.*

Thank You ... THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF PERRY HI-WAYHOSE COMPANY

**YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO KEEP OUR SERVICES AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL!**