



## Fire & Rescue

The Hinckley Fire Dept. is a 40 member Dept. (currently at 35). We are in a rural setting that covers 25 sq. miles of area. Located in the NORTHEAST corner of Medina county, 25 miles SOUTH of CLEVELAND, OHIO.

We are toned out (notified) on calls by pagers. Depending on the calls location, some members go direct to the scene and others respond to the station for equipment. This makes for a faster response time to the call, by trained personnel.



The center of town is made up small shops and service related businesses. Our western boarder is our main industrial area with hydrant coverage.

Our water delivery systems consist of Hydrants and water shuttle systems. Due to our rural area only 1/3 of our Township has hydrants, leaving the remaining 2/3 to be protected by water tankers shuttle systems require using water tankers and portable tanks. The portable tanks hold 2000 gallons each. On any fire call we will have 2750 gallons to work with the moment we arrive on the scene. When needed, we can start a water shuttle using 2 or 3 tankers and adding another portable tank, one in

front of the other, to give us close to 5000 gallons on site to draft water from on the scene. The shuttle can continue as long as water is needed. **ISO insurance rating is a 6 with fire hydrants and a 9 without.**

### EMS Calls

Approximately 80% of our calls are medical calls - Sudden illness, falls, MVA's (motor vehicle accidents) medical emergencies and assistance to other Departments. We also respond to all calls in the Hinckley MetroParks hiking, swimming and camping areas. This sometimes requires ice and rope rescues due to its year round activities.

### Prevention/Inspections

Even with the country setting and open spaces we have many small and large businesses in our Township. Currently over 150 private enterprises co-exist with the Hinckley Buzzards.



Prevention in our Schools, shops and Homes is everyone's job. We display posters and distribute, handouts. Without having a Fire escape plan (and practicing it) injury or death can continue to happen. So we urge you to hunt for hazards, keep electrical systems in good, updated condition, don't use extension cords as permanent wiring and DON'T overload outlets.

### Smoke and C.O. Detectors



Keep them clean, test them monthly and replace the battery with a new-fresh one twice a year. Have a minimum of one on each floor and each sleeping area.

CO detectors require the same care and battery replacement.

Placement of these CO units should be near your sleeping area, NOT closer to the items that can be producing the CO product. The poison gas



will be in your sleeping area long before it is detected at the appliances location.

### **Fire extinguishers**

The last Fire SAFETY POINT to address is FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. They could save lives if you're prepared---Have it nearby... have it charged... know the different types and correct usage (i.e. Don't use a water extinguisher on electrical or grease fires). Having a 5 or 10 lb. ABC rated extinguisher on hand for general use is recommended. Check with an approved Extinguisher Service Company for specialty applications. Remember the word PASS:

The P= Pull the PIN. A= Aim at the base of the fire. S=squeeze the handle. S=sweep at the base, moving in a back and forth motion.

### **Equipment**

- Two Fire Pumper (1250 gpm) 750 g on board
- Two Rescue Squads (advanced L.S. equipped)
- One Tanker/Pumper 2000 gal w/quick dump
- One Heavy Rescue w/SCBA Cascade System
- One Grass Fire Truck w/200 gal. Tank & Hose Coil
- One Car w/medical & investigation equipment

We are very proud of our fine equipment and even more so of our dedicated Fire fighter / EMT's. Any of our members would be happy to help you with any fire safety related problems. Any concerns? Contact any Firefighter, Fire Officer or Fire Chief, Bill Horton.

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