

Milton Township Volunteer Fire Department

Established 2000

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*** News Release ***

Milton Twp VFD Receives Excellent ISO Ratings

"Potential Decrease In Fire Insurance For Milton Twp Businesses & Residents"

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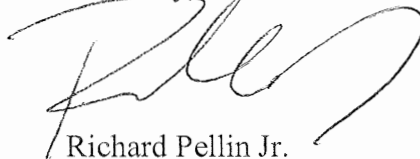
The Milton Township Fire Department has recently undergone an insurance (ISO) rating evaluation. The Insurance Service Office is an independent organization that rates a fire departments ability to protect its constituents against fire. This is the first rating evaluation since the department's inception on January 1, 2000. ISO uses a rating scale, from 1 to 10, when determining the effectiveness of the overall fire protection in a community. Smaller numbers result in better insurance rates for our business owners and residents, and shows the community that they have better fire protection. The ISO rating that was in effect until recently, was a **9** in areas without fire hydrants and **7** in areas with hydrants.. After the department's three day evaluation process, the MTVFD improved the ratings to **8b** in areas without fire hydrants, and an EXCELLENT rating of **5** in areas with hydrants. This rating of 5 is equivalent to many full time fire departments throughout Mahoning County, and our department is 100% volunteer.

As the new water lines and hydrants are installed throughout much of the Township, they will automatically become eligible to move from the **8b** rating to the **5** rating.

Insurance companies should begin to recognize the new rating system for residents and businesses at any time. If you will be renewing your policy ask the agent to recognize this new rating. This could save you a significant amount on your insurance premium.

The Milton Township Volunteer Fire Department was established on January 1, 2000 with 1 donated fire vehicle, a donated drive thru to use as a station, and 12 volunteer firefighters to provide fire protection for the residents of Milton Township. In a span of 6 years of service, the department has grown to 8 fire vehicles, including a boat, nearly 30 volunteers, a permanent fire levy, a new fire station, and now excellent ISO ratings. The department now runs EMT-Intermediate level first response EMS, and responds to approximately 300 fire and EMS calls per year. For a complete history or questions regarding the new ISO rating, direct your agent to the department's web site at: www.miltonfire.org

Sincerely,



Richard Pellin Jr.
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