

**When seconds count, you count on us.
We need to count on you for your support of
COLUMBIA FIRE LEVY ISSUE #22.**

An Open House is being held on October 30, 2012 between 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. to answer any questions you may have. If there are concerns or comments, please feel free to contact Chief Raymond Anthony at the fire station (440)236-8812.

The Columbia Fire Department is asking for your support in the November election for the passage of our operating levy, which is a **renewal**. The income received from this levy goes directly to the operation of the fire department and emergency medical services. We, as a department, respond to approximately 750 emergencies per year. This year we have already responded to 625 emergencies and anticipate around 800 runs.

We are able to provide staffing of two trained Firefighters/EMT's on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, due to the passage of the original operating levy. This has dramatically improved our response times in the community. We do respond from home with additional help to support the two personal on duty. Because of the manning, our response time to the scene averages less than 5 minutes, which before the manning it averaged approximately 12 minutes.

In addition to staffing, this renewal levy will support our annual Worker's Compensation, insurances, utilities, and training. This levy also supports the purchase of needed medical equipment for the rescue squads, tools, firefighting clothing, and additional equipment needed for the operation of our fire department.

To present a brief description of your fire department, we are located in a three-bay station at 25540 Royalton Road. There are two rescue squads, a 2001 Wheelcoach and a 2006 Horton. There are two fire engines, a 1997 Sutphen and 1987 Pierce. We have one tanker, a 1992 International with a 3500-gallon water tank and a 2012 multi-purpose vehicle. The members of this department consist of 33 trained personnel. Of the 33 members, 19 are trained as Paramedics, 2 are Intermediate EMT's, 12 are Basic EMT's, and all are cross-trained as firefighters.

Thank you for your support on our Issue #22 Fire Levy.

Chief Raymond Anthony
and Members of the Columbia Fire Dept.