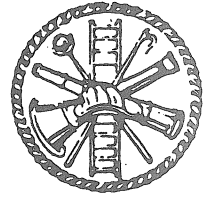


PERRY HI-WAY HOSE Co., INC.

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October 31, 2004

Erie County Technical School
Dr. Jackson
8500 Oliver Road
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Dr. Jackson,

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company has just received a "need improvement statement" from Insurance Services Office Inc., a company that rates fire protection capabilities across the United States. At current, all areas in Summit Township with public fire hydrants are rated at a class 5 (scale 1 best to 10 worst) while the non-hydrant areas are rated at a level 9 (minimal protection). While we underwent a review in 2000, we will have a full rating evaluation in 2005.

This need assessment has identified a deficiency in the training program at Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. While we have made improvements in our training curriculum, we still lack a dedicated training ground for training evolutions. The old fire school training ground contains many of the buildings and facilities we need in order to gain points on our rating evaluation.

We are asking permission to utilize the old training grounds and buildings for our training program. We would need to have access to the tower and garages to properly perform training evolutions. We are willing to provide any necessary insurance coverage that you would require. There would be no cost to the Erie County Technical School, as Perry Hi-Way Hose Company will pay for any improvements or repairs necessary. There will be no police training at this site. There will also be no burning of fuel oils or tires as was done previously. There is also support from our local politicians to provide funding for upgrades to the facility in the future.

It is the goal of Perry Hi-Way Hose Company to increase the points awarded in all categories of our ISO evaluation. The items above have been identified as areas that need improvement under the fire department training category. By raising our score we hope to obtain a lower ISO rate which will lower the insurance premiums for those who are served by the public water system.

The members of Perry Hi-Way Hose Company are very eager to work in cooperation with the Erie County Technical School to develop a top notch training facility for our members. We are more than willing to discuss any questions or concerns with you or members of the School administration. Our focus is to provide our members with the training they require to do the job ask of them when the emergency strikes.

If we can be of any assistance in these endeavors, please feel free to contact me at 864-1771 or at the address above.

Sincerely,

John Spaulding Jr.
Vice President
Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

"No person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin will be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by the Perry Hi-Way Hose Co."

"Volunteering Time, Service, Dedication ... To Serve and Protect our community with Pride."

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