



Beavercreek Township Fire Department

Serving proudly since 1946.

HISTORY OF THE BEAVERCREEK-NEW GERMANY DEPARTMENT

The New Germany Fire Association was organized in early 1950 with 143 members and \$76.00 in the treasury. Nineteen of these 143 members volunteered to become volunteer firemen.

In October of 1950 the township gave the department a dump truck, which was converted into a tanker of 500-gallon capacity. By Christmas of the same year, a front mount pump had been installed along with 150 ft. of 2 ½ inch hose, one 15 lb. CO₂ extinguisher, one portable pump, and two Indian pumps. This was about the extent of the equipment at that time and it was housed in a private barn belonging to one of the firemen.

At this time we had started to answer fire calls. In early 1951 the township trustees purchased a lot on Grange Hall Rd. and immediately the members started work on the No. 3 fire station in the township.

The trustees, with the help of the firemen, purchased a 1947 GMC pumper in September of 1951. In October of that year we held open house to acquaint our folks with their fire department. With the completion of the station and the purchase of other equipment we became a bona fide fire department insofar as the Ohio Inspection Bureau was concerned in 1953. The old tank truck was discarded and replaced with a 4,000-gallon semi-tanker bought entirely by the firemen and their good neighbors and then turned over to the township.

Today our department consists of a 1956 Ford pumper with a front mount pump, a 4,000 gallon tanker, and all modern fire fighting and life saving equipment. Although it is a little late we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Alpha, Knollwood, and Fairborn departments for all their advice and assistance as well as to all the wonderful folks of our community who have never let us down. Last, but far from least, we would like also to thank all of our own eager-beaver firemen who have done the lion's share of the work and are still giving their services to make our community a better and safer place in which to live.

We also have a Ladies' Auxiliary who is the first on the job at large fires, serving coffee and food to tired firemen, and who also pitch in and help raise funds to purchase new equipment. Many of the gals as well as the firemen have been trained in Red Cross First Aid and could and would render valuable assistance in the event of serious emergencies or other catastrophes.

