

The City of Noblesville Fire Department, with the aid of Liberty Mutual Insurance, is asking the residents of Noblesville and Noblesville Township for help in an opportunity to receive a \$10,000 grant distributed by Liberty Mutual Insurance.

This community grant sponsorship is at no cost to the citizens of Noblesville or Noblesville Township. Liberty Mutual has provided the opportunity to help our community become fire safe through an online, interactive quiz, while generating points towards receiving one of the ten grants available nationwide.

The Noblesville Fire Department recently became a member of Project Lifesaver in conjunction with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Project Lifesaver is a valuable program that assists in locating children and adults with Autism, persons suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease who may have wandered away from their homes or loved ones. Indiana ranks fifth in the United States with the highest number of children diagnosed with Autism. According to our partnership with the Hamilton County Autism Support Group, Hamilton County today has over 1,200 families who have a child diagnosed with Autism.

Through our membership with Project Lifesaver, we can provide the special equipment necessary to those people in our community, enabling this effort to be successful. Each child suffering from Autism, or elderly person suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's disease, must be equipped with a special wristband that emits a signal that is picked up by a receiver. The cost per wristband is \$300, while the cost of the receiver is \$2,400. These costs are not covered by insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, however with these simple tools to assist Public Safety personnel to find these individuals, results could be quicker, and outcomes happier. Securing this grant from Liberty Mutual Insurance would greatly increase our ability to provide additional wristbands throughout Noblesville and Hamilton County, and hopefully assist all affected families.

The Noblesville Fire Department is asking you to sit down with your family and log onto www.befiresmart.com to help us help our community.

Click on the icon to the right labeled "Help Your Fire Department Earn \$10,000". On this page, titled "Fire Safety Pledge Program", you will click on the "Get Started" tab. This will start the 10-question fire safety quiz for you and your family to answer. After you complete the quiz, all you have to do is follow the instructions for submitting your answers. The more people in our community that take the quiz earns the Noblesville Fire Department more quiz points, leading us closer to receiving one of the ten grants available. The opportunity for you and your family to submit your answers runs from October 21, 2009 thru December 21, 2009.