

Commissioner Turner present Keys to West Perry Fire Department

Perry County Commissioner Albert Turner Jr presented the keys to the new storm shelter to the West Perry Fire Department at their monthly meeting. The State-of-the-art storm shelter is the first shelter acquired by the Commission to be awarded to a fire department in Perry County. The \$80,000.00 shelter is ready to provide a safe haven for the residents of West Perry.

The shelter will house more than 100 citizens during threatening weather. The West Perry fire chief will one of three individuals who will be responsible for opening the shelter upon notice from the EMA Director of threatening weather heading towards West Perry County. Commissioner Turner said" his next step is to get a weather siren that will alert the entire community. Early warning and adhering to the warning are the key to saving lives. I don't want to wake up to mass deaths in the community after a violent storm because I didn't do my best to make sure all was done to alert the citizens of violent storms."

Below are members of the West Perry-East Hale Volunteer Fire Department receiving the keys to the new shelter. Right is an inside photo of the West Perry-East Hale shelter.