

Genesis and Fishers Fire Department: *A Partnership for Life*

The Town of Fishers Fire Department is a career department with 128 full-time personnel operating from 5 stations. Fishers Fire Department provides Fire, Tactical Rescue, Haz-Mat, and ALS protection to approximately 52 square miles and nearly 70,000 residents in the Town of Fishers as well as Delaware and Fall Creek Townships.



In 2004 our rescue tools were due for replacement. That year a committee of Fishers Firefighters was put together to evaluate rescue tools and decide on a replacement system. This committee was tasked with researching, demoing, and evaluating several different rescue tool systems. After extensive research and testing the committee recommended that we purchase Genesis Rescue Tools. The committee cited that they were very comfortable with the balance of the equipment and confident in the power and performance of the tools. Further, at a time when almost no other tool could cut boron steel, the Genesis line was equipped with a cutter that was rated to handle the task. The committee also made the department aware that Genesis would stand behind its product line by providing us with timely service and loaner equipment in the event



that one of our tools would need to be serviced. Finally, a major selling point for our department was the fact that all Genesis tools are NFPA compliant. According to Battalion Chief Steve White, who also serves as the department's technical rescue coordinator, "It is a good feeling to know that we have added tools that have passed a national testing standard, which translates to a high level of tool performance and, more importantly, increased firefighter safety."

Since adding the Genesis line to our department, we have not been disappointed. Not only is it important to have high performance tools, it is also important to have quality individuals running the tool company who are willing to stand behind their product. The Genesis representatives have met our needs in the areas of training and service. Numerous times representatives have helped us to obtain the tools that we required to complete hands-on training for a rescue course. Also, Genesis service has been outstanding. Whenever we have sent a tool in for service, we have not had to worry about being run ready with less equipment. The representatives from Genesis have always ensured that we have had loaner equipment to maintain the same tool cache.

February 3rd, 2009 was a great example of how our Genesis Rescue Tools have aided us in the service area of vehicle rescue. On that day our department responded to a 32 vehicle pile-up on a stretch of interstate that runs through our fire protection district. Our highly trained firefighters put the Genesis tools to the test and they were not let down. By the end of the incident the Genesis tools had aided us in rescuing 5 trapped occupants from 5 separate vehicles. The tools also helped us recover two individuals from a medium duty work truck. According to the men of Fishers Rescue 91, "We utilized the Genesis tools for several hours that day on multiple types of vehicles and didn't experience a single problem. The tools performed flawlessly in a situation where time was of the essence due to numerous individuals being trapped."

Partnership in Action



FFD Rescue Task Force personnel using a Genesis s50 spreader to complete a machinery rescue scenario for training.



FFD personnel successfully extricated a middle aged man from this pickup by performing a dash lift with a Genesis s50 spreader.



FFD Rescue Task Force personnel learning heavy truck dash displacement techniques using a Genesis 27/54 ram.