CITY OF
MIAMISBURG
OHIO'S STAR CITY

Miamisburg Disasters

Train Derailments

On September 10, 1978, 15 cars of a Conrail freight train derailed as the result of a hot box, caused by uneven distribution of steel ingots in a gondola loaded at Buffalo, New York by Republic Steel. They demolished a house at the Pearl Street crossing and killed three of its five occupants.

Eight years later the city was the site of the July 8, 1986, derailment of 15 cars of a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad train, resulting in explosions of tank cars, emitted gas and clouds from phosphorus, on two successive days. The resulting thick white cloud engulfed communities as far north as Yellow Springs, Pitchin, and South Vienna. Rolling in like a massive desert dust storm across the horizon, the chemical cloud hugged the ground and blotted out the sun for several minutes before dissipating. The explosions led to the evacuation of an estimated 25,000 to 40,000 residents from Miamisburg and surrounding

Train Derailment of 1986

southern Montgomery County municipalities. At the time this was the largest evacuation in U.S. history resulting from a train accident. This was also the largest evacuation in Ohio history.

Natural Disasters

Miamisburg has suffered some natural disasters. On June 9, 1869, a tornado struck the northwest part of town, reportedly destroying roofs and chimneys, as well as uprooting trees. It also destroyed the Linden Avenue Bridge.

Blizzards struck the town in 1978, 2004, and 2008.

In 1913, the Great Dayton Flood destroyed much of the city.

Miamisburg during the 1913 Flood