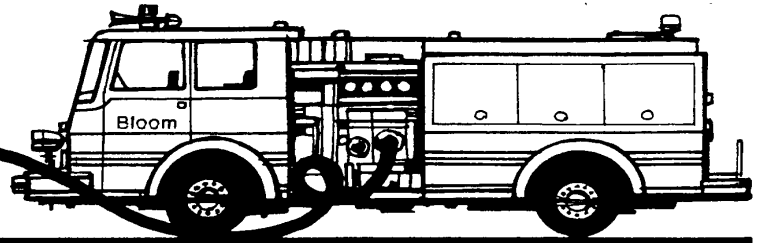


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Bloom Twp.
Firefighters Association



Thank You Bloom Township for Another Successful Fish Fry!!

The Bloom Township Fire Fighters Association would like to thank all of you who attended the annual Memorial Day event. The fire fighters worked hard to make your holiday pleasant as you chose to spend it with us. Thank you for showing support to your fire department.

American Legion Post 677 Donates to Fire Department



American Legion Post 677 Commander George Stensley and Executive Committee Member Ron DePow present Bloom Township Fire Chief Terry B. Gill with a generous donation for the fire department



Something else to cook up in the kitchen-fire safety An NFPA editorial

She was making french fries in a fryer in the kitchen, when the children first began to fuss in the living room. The dog started barking and the phone rang. Within seconds, mom would serve as on-the-spot referee, dog handler and phone answerer. In the minute she was distracted from her work in the kitchen, hot grease ignited a potholder, hurriedly thrown next to the fryer. The fire spread through the kitchen before she could return.

Everyone escaped and firefighters put the fire out, but the house suffered extensive damage. The kind of fire this family experienced is one of the leading causes of home fires in the U.S. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), the international nonprofit fire, building and life safety advocate, reports that in 1998, 94,000 cooking fires were reported in the U.S.

While the national figure for cooking fires is alarming, NFPA reports that this is the lowest total in the 19 years it has studied cooking fires. Hundreds die in cooking fires and injuries are estimated at almost 4,700 annually, but keep in mind that an estimated 640,000 or more injuries and illnesses a year (including headaches and dizziness) are the result of cooking fires that are not reported to fire departments.

Unattended cooking is by far the leading cause of home cooking equipment fires and associated losses. Other human errors, such as lack of maintenance (allowing grease to build up), failing to turn off the equipment and placing combustibles too close to heat sources (as in the case above), also play roles in these fires.

To make your kitchen safer, supervise cooking closely, and clean cooking equipment so that food items like grease don't start fires. Make sure combustibles, like potholders and rags, are kept away from cooking surfaces, and avoid wearing loose-fitting clothing that might easily catch on fire. Keep pot handles turned inward to avoid spills and possible scalds, and keep children and pets away from cooking areas.

If there's a stove-top grease fire, don't use a fire extinguisher which can splatter the grease and spread the fire. Instead, smother the fire by carefully sliding a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and wait till the pan completely cools before lifting it. (If you lift the lid, oxygen may re-ignite the fire.) If a fire starts in your microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the appliance.

Please don't cook if you're sleepy, have been drinking alcohol excessively, or taking medication that makes you drowsy. For more information on fire safety, download the free fact sheets from NFPA's Web site at www.nfpa.org.

KIDS Cooking Safety Checklist

- Yes No Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Yes No Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
- Yes No Are there pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
- Yes No Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- Yes No Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
- Yes No Is there a "kid-free" zone of three feet (one metre) around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?



Send in your tickets!

Once again the Bloom Township Fire department will be holding a 50/50 drawing at the fish fry. Enclosed you will find 6 tickets and a return envelope. Just fill out the tickets and send them back to the address on the envelope with the appropriate donation. On the day of the fish fry we may draw YOUR NAME for fun prizes.



What You're Saying

After each call we want to make sure that you received the best care possible. We believe that our members are among the best in the area for providing professional, caring treatment in all of your emergencies. To ensure that we are accomplishing this goal, if you receive a questionnaire following your emergency, please complete and return it in the envelope provided.

The following are excerpts from incident evaluations from you the residents who have used our services.

"We thank you all for being there when we need you."

"On the run"- S. Meese, E. Smith, S. Weber

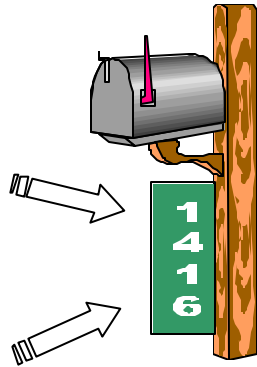
"I'm very appreciative of the care my mother received and the wonderful men who transported her. I'm proud we have you here."

"On the run"- E. Smith, K. Alexander, J. Vermillion

"Professional, extremely proud of our firemen."

"On the run"- Chief Gill, Lt. Cotner, R. Redmon, R. Williams, S. Weber and E. Smith

DOES YOUR MAILBOX HAVE A GREEN HOUSE NUMBER SIGN THAT IS VISIBLE AT NIGHT TO A FAST MOVING EMERGENCY VEHICLE?



PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP

At night it is very difficult to locate residences that do not have any numbers on their mailbox. Each house should have a reflective green 9-1-1 address sign. These signs improve our emergency response time because we can find your house quicker, day or night. The signs and numbers are available at the Fire Station in Lithopolis for only \$8.00. Stop by and pick one up

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

--Thomas Jefferson

today. Help us reach our goal of a green sign for every house in Bloom Township.

MEET THE FIRE FIGHTERS

Get to know the men and women who serve you.



Firefighter Eric Smith NREMT-P

Meet Eric Smith, 2003 fire fighter of the year. Eric joined your fire department on August 20, 1994 with his father. After a lot of hard work and many dedicated hours, Eric became a full time fire fighter, paramedic in 1998. Eric now serves as the EMS coordinator for our department. His job entails the typical requirements for fire fighter/paramedic as well as his EMS coordinator duties, which include updating and improving EMS protocols, supplying personnel and apparatus with needed equipment, procuring EMS grants averaging \$15,000 per year to stretch your tax dollars and implementing trainings that assists fire department personnel to keep their EMS provider status. The list goes on and on. Eric is regarded as one of the hardest working people on the department. He holds state of Ohio certification as an EMS instructor and Assistant Fire instructor. ERIC also serves his local fire fighters union and fire fighters association as an officer for each organization.

Check out our Website

Please visit us at www.bloomtwp.org and click the fire department link.



This Memorial Day....

**Much like most Memorial days in the past,
The USA finds many of its sons and
daughters serving their country and the free
world. It is important that daily as we enjoy
our freedoms, we remember and pray for
those who have fought and those that are
still fighting.**



No, Freedom Isn't Free

Author Unknown

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard

At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.

Take part in the Stone City 5K Memorial Day Fun Run/Walk

The race will begin at the community building at 8a.m.
with sign ups beginning at 6:30 a.m.

Stop by the Wagnalls Memorial Library circulation
desk for a registration form.

Entry fees will be \$25 in advance, \$30 the day of the
race, \$20 per person for groups of 10 or more.

The first 250 entrants will receive a Stone City 5K
Race shirt.

Volunteers are needed. Each volunteer will receive a
free race shirt.

For more information contact 614-837-4765, ext. 104.



**WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE....
WITH CHARITY FOR ALL; WITH
FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT, AS GOD
GIVES US TO SEE THE RIGHT, LET US
STRIVE ON TO FINISH THE WORK WE
ARE IN; TO BIND UP THE NATION'S
WOUNDS; TO CARE FOR HIM WHO
SHALL HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE, AND
FOR HIS WIDOW AND HIS ORPHAN-- TO
DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE AND
CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE
AMONG OURSELVES, AND WITH ALL
NATIONS.**

Abraham Lincoln, March 4, 1865