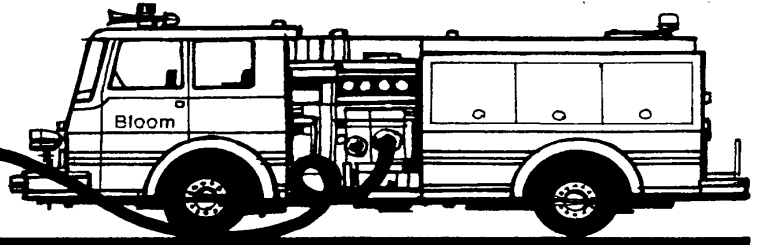


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Thank You Bloom Township for Another Successful Fish Fry!!

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 Hensley and Executive Committee Member Ron DePouw present Bloom Township Fire Chief Terry B. Gill with a generous donation for the fire department.



Scooter, Bike and Pedestrian Safety

An NFPA editorial brought to you by the Bloom Township Fire fighters.

Scooters, bikes, in-line skates and skateboards are associated with numerous injuries yearly. Summer break is approaching an end and our children are heading back to school. Let's review these important safety tips with them.

- Wear a comfortable, properly fitted helmet bearing the label of an independent testing lab. Be sure that the helmet sits level on top of the head—not rocking in any direction—and always fasten the safety strap.
- BE sure that safety gear (wrist, elbow and kneepads) fits properly and does not interfere with the rider's movement, vision or hearing. Wrist pads are not recommended for scooter riders as they may affect their ability to maneuver.
- Ride scooters and bikes only on smooth, paved surfaces and only ride during daylight hours.
- Learn the proper hand signals and use them when you turn or stop.
- Come to a complete stop before entering driveways, paths or sidewalks, then look left, right and left again for bikes, cars or pedestrians heading your way.
- Teach crossing safety to children by example



MEET THE FIRE FIGHTERS

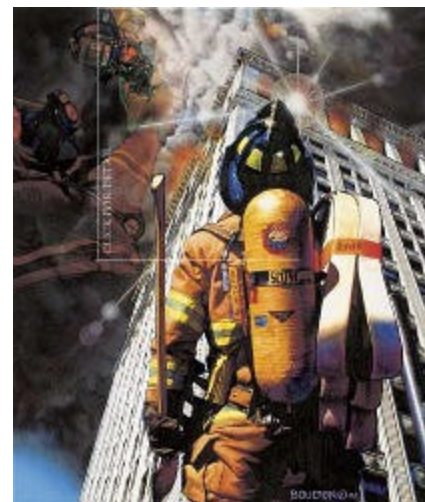
Get to know the men and women who serve you.



Firefighter Andy Nunley EMT-P

Meet Andy Nunley. Andy started with the Bloom Township Fire Department while in high school. He began as a fire department explorer. Andy attended Hocking College and received his 240 professional fire card and EMT-Paramedic certification. During college, Andy commuted and worked as a part-time fire fighter for the department. Andy was hired full time in July of 2000. His humor and unique outlook never offers a dull moment. Andy is loyal and trusted by all of his co-workers. He is constantly being praised by his patients for his skills and compassion.

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WE WILL NOT FORGET

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.

"Thank all of you very much. We really do appreciate everything you do."- R. Williams, S. Weber, T. Stauffer

"Your personnel were professional, kind and caring. How wonderful to have such people available."- K. Alexander, J. Browett, S. Meese

"Professional. Extremely Proud of our firemen."- Chief Gill, Lt. Jeff Cotner, R. Redmon, R. Williams, S. Weber, E. Smith

Bloom Township, On the Grow

One trip around the roads of Bloom Township will tell you that the area is growing. In 2003 there were 2710 homes in the township. With the building sites that have already been approved, by 2008 there will be 4160 homes. These figures do not take into consideration the homes that have not even been approved yet.

What does this mean to the fire department? It means more calls. At the current run rate, the fire department takes approximately 34 calls per 100 homes.

With the growth, the fire department will experience a minimum of 53% increase in the run volume.

Your fire department is already planning for the future. The firefighters and officers worked closely with the Chief to put together and begin implementing a five-year plan to facilitate the increased run volume. The plan includes tools and equipment needs, training needs and every aspect of fire department operations to enhance the abilities of the personnel to continue to diligently serve the citizens of Bloom Township.

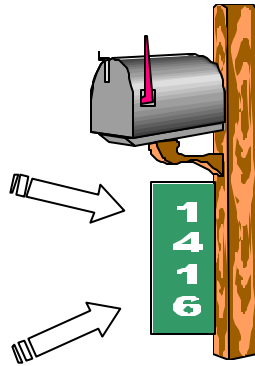
Keeping Fit

The fire service experiences nearly 100 line of duty deaths a year average. 50% of these deaths are contributed to heart related illness or injury. You can imagine the stress your body experiences to be awakened at 2:30 am on an auto accident with victims trapped or a number of variations to this call.

For this reason the Bloom Township Fire Fighter Association has purchased several pieces of cardiovascular and weight training equipment. Several members of the department take advantage of this necessary equipment daily. The members who have utilized the equipment have seen a marked difference in their stamina and strength to help them help you.



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



Please remember and pray for our troops daily.

Check out our Website
Please visit us at www.bloomtp.org and click the fire department link.

