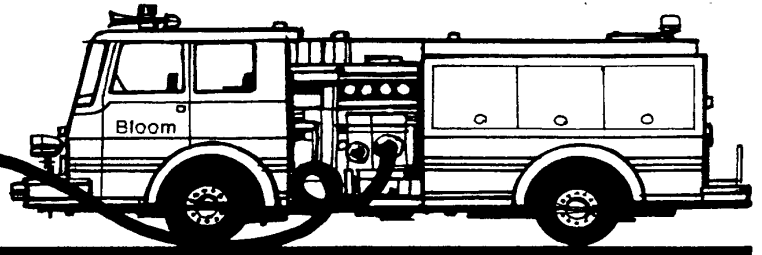


Fireline
Bloom Twp.
Firefighters Association



The Bloom Township Firefighters wish to send our heartfelt thanks for another successful Memorial Day Fish Fry!



Photo by Anne Darling Cyphert

Firefighters took part in a training exercise in a donated home.



Open Burning In Bloom Township

Several times throughout the year, we receive calls for open burns. Most residents call the fire station in advance of lighting outdoor fires to give us their information. This is an excellent idea. If someone would call 911 and advise the dispatcher that they see smoke in an area, it may save you some embarrassment of having several firetrucks arrive on the scene of your hog roast or neighborhood gathering.

Your Bloom Township fire department follows guidelines set forth by the EPA for open burning. These guidelines include answers to many frequently asked questions. What materials can never be burned? Where is burning illegal? What types of open burning are legal?

If you would like to burn in Bloom Township, the fire department will not issue you a permit. We will, however, advise you of the EPA guidelines and acknowledge your call with our dispatch center.

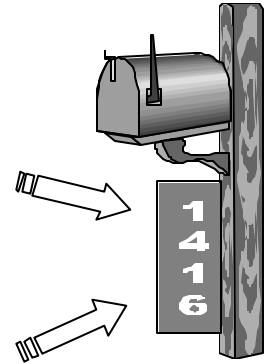
Regardless of whether you call the fire department or not, if we receive a complaint by a passer-by or neighbor, we must act and extinguish your open burn. This may seem unfair to the homeowner burning but several studies have shown the health risk of open burning, especially to those with predisposed respiratory illnesses.

The fire department does not like to be placed in the middle of neighborhood feuds. We recently received a call from a resident stating that she wanted her neighbors small open burned extinguished because the neighbor had called the police on her barking dog. So many times this scenario makes the fire department the “bad guy” by extinguishing a perfectly legal burn. More importantly, if the engine is tied up at a neighborhood feud, we may be farther away from a family in need of “emergency” assistance.

If you burn illegally in Bloom Township or any other area in Ohio, you may be cited and/or fined by the EPA. Please call the firehouse at 614-837-5530 to notify the crew of the size, type and location of your open burn. You may also stop by the firehouse in Lithopolis to

acquire a copy of the Ohio EPA’s Open Burning Regulations or visit www.epa.gov.

**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 \$10.00. Stop by and pick one up today. Help us reach our goal of a green sign for every house in Bloom Township.



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Bloom Township Firefighters training in a donated home.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES EQUIPMENT AT NO COST TO TAXPAYERS!

Over the past several months, the Bloom Township Fire Department has received several new items at no cost to taxpayers.



The fire department has applied several times over the last few years for Federal Emergency Management Agency grants. In 2005 our persistency paid off. We were awarded over \$67,000 in federal funds to replace all of our aging and out-of-standard self-contained breathing apparatus.



Also in 2005 we received local grants and donations that allowed us to purchase an additional thermal imaging camera, which helps firefighters see in poor visibility such as in search and rescue operations in structure fires, a new heart monitor with improved capabilities and an air compressor and fill station which allows us to readily and easily fill our self contained breathing apparatus.



In total this equals in excess of \$113,000 in new tools and equipment at no cost to Bloom Township taxpayers. Thank you to those who made donations. Your generosity is appreciated.

MEET A FIREFIGHTER



The Bloom Township Fire Department would like to welcome Chris DeBoard as our newest full-time firefighter/ paramedic.

Chris has been on the department for nearly two years since he joined the department as a volunteer.

Chris says that he is thankful to be involved in a profession that makes a difference in peoples lives. He appreciates the camaraderie and brotherhood shared in the fire service.

Chris is proud to carry on the fire fighter tradition shared with his father, a 16-year veteran of the Columbus Division of Fire.