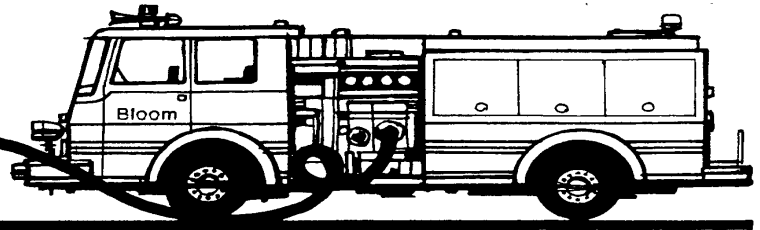


Fireline
Bloom Twp.
Firefighters Association



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 71st ANNUAL BLOOM TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY FISH FRY

Schedule of events: Monday, May 25, 2009

9:00 am Parade Line up at American Legion on Smith Rd.

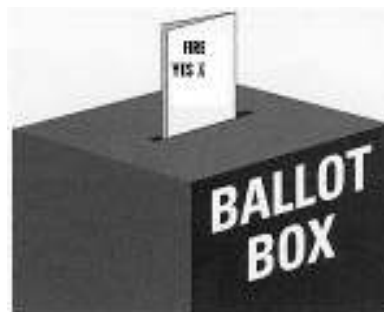
10:00 am Parade starts in Lithopolis

Noon- 5pm Cruise-In Lithopolis (Registration 12:00-2:00)

11:00am- 5pm (or when the fish is gone) Fish fry at the firehouse in Lithopolis

THANK YOU!!

The chief, officers and fire fighters would like to express our thanks to all who have displayed their confidence in the department by passing the fire levy in November. We understand, in this economy that was a sacrifice and we will work hard to be good stewards of what you have entrusted us.



Bloom Township Fire Fighters Association offers CPR classes

The Bloom Township Fire Fighters Association are offering public CPR classes. Bloom Twp. residents are encouraged to attend a Heartsaver Adult/Child AED class. The classes will be schedule quarterly at the firehouse in Lithopolis. Class size is limited. If you are interested in attending a class, please call the firehouse at 614-837-5530 or email <mailto:bloomfire@sbcglobal.net>. Dates are set below. There is a class fee.

Date	Time
May 3, 2009	1 pm
August 16, 2009	1 pm
October 18, 2009	1 pm
December 5, 2009	1 pm

FIRE APPARATUS NEED ACCESS

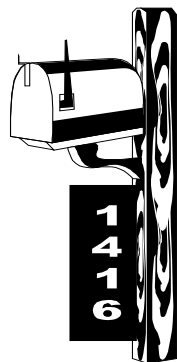
The Bloom Township Fire Department recognizes its commitment to educate the public in ways to better serve the residents of Bloom Township.

As we replace aging vehicles in our fleet and the need to design larger apparatus to better serve the public, it has become clear that many driveways in our community pose an issue to a prompt and safe response to our customers at the time of an emergency. Many driveways are lined with trees, bushes and other obstructions that will slow and possibly damage our equipment.

We are requesting that every resident check for obstructions on their property that could lead a slow response and correct the problems. Below are pictures that illustrate the differences in height and width of a passenger vehicle, fire engine and medic unit. Please note our vehicles are 8 feet wide and about 10 feet tall.



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.

Bloom Township Says Goodbye to a Retired Member

More than 26 years ago, Fire Captain George Mason retired from the Bloom Township Fire Department. He had spent 40 years serving Lithopolis and the surrounding community. The last 12 years of service, he also served on the squad.

On November 21, 2008 George Mason passed away. Members of the fire department paid their respects at Spence Funeral Home. We were welcomed and appreciated by friends and family that made us feel as though we were part of the family. Even though only a few of the members ever even George, we were family. The appreciation and encouragement we received was beyond measure.

We were enthralled with stories that Mr. Mason's daughters shared with us. One of George's daughters, Nancy Lee Haughn sent us a newspaper clipping that highlighted his retirement. In it, another daughter, Molly Ann Miller described the house of an active volunteer fire fighter as being "...like Dagwood Bumstead's when he got a call..."

Years after retirement, George would still stop in and visit with the members, some of whom, George never met before. He even visited the fire department and took pictures of new fire department equipment. You could still see his love for the work in his eyes.

The Bloom Township Fire Department would like to acknowledge George for his dedication serving our community in the generations past. We would like to thank his family and friends for the time of sharing stories and fond memories. We enjoyed sharing new stories and experiences on Captain George Mason's fire department.

(Picture taken by Capt. Mason)



1990 WHITE FORD PUMPER

BULK FISH ORDERS

Take home some bulk fish! Please fill out this form and return to the firehouse prior to the fish fry or send us an email to bloomfire@sbcglobal.net. On Memorial Day pick up your fish and pay at the time you specified. Please bring a container with you.

Bulk Fish Order Form

Name _____

Phone _____

of pieces _____

Time of fish pickup (optional) _____

F.D. Rep who took order _____

ALEXANDER RECEIVES FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR



Kyle Alexander was overwhelmingly nominated as Bloom Township's Fire Fighter of the Year.

Kyle is a second-generation fire fighter who has been with the Bloom Township Fire Department since September 1, 2001. Kyle became a career firefighter-paramedic with the department on May 5, 2003.

Kyle is married to Sarah. They have three children; Jackson-4, Lydia-2 and Madelyn- 3 months.

His officers and peers describe Kyle as being a reliable, hard working individual, advocate for patient care and a role model for dedication. Kyle's compassion and care toward patients and homeowners is remarkable. Kyle is an unspoken leader in new member training and day-to-day operations.

Kyle was also the 2009 K of C Bluecoat award honoree for the Bloom Township Fire Department.

Leaders of the Bloom Township Fire Department Complete Executive Leadership Training Program

Lt Thomas Williams sponsored by the Bloom Township Fire Department and Bloom Township Firefighter Brad Shull sponsored by the Richland Township Fire Department recently graduated from the Ohio Fire Executive (OFE) program, an intensive, two-and-a-half year executive education program geared toward chief fire officers. Graduation was held Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Huntington Club in Ohio Stadium at the Ohio State University.

The Ohio Fire and Emergency Services Foundation of the Ohio Chiefs' Association, the statewide trade association for fire officers in Ohio, administers the OFE program.

Lt Williams and Firefighter Shull began the program in April 2007 as part of the seventh class of the fire officer leadership program. Thomas and Brad graduated with 22 other officers from fire departments across Ohio.

Graduation from the OFE program signifies one of the highest levels of achievement in the profession. The OFE is designed to provide fire and emergency service officers with the educational experience focused on the development of executive skills used by effective leaders. As a member of the seventh OFE class, Lt Williams and Firefighter Shull are among an elite group of officers in Ohio to successfully complete the program.

During the five weeks of in-residence classes, and during the interim between those weeks, the program requires in-depth participation in a significant number of learning modules. In part, participants are required to read books and case studies, write several papers, present in-class speeches, develop an organizational strategic plan and complete a research project. The program is taught by accomplished instructors from both within and outside the fire service including faculty from academia and consultants.

File of Life

The Bloom Township Firefighter's Association continues to provide the "File of Life" to our residents free of charge. This program involves a medical information packet designed to provide emergency personnel with necessary medical data to begin immediate treatment.

Benefits to Fire/EMS

Instantly know medical history of patient.
Corrective treatment can begin at once.

Benefits to hospital emergency staff

On arrival, data is immediately available to medical staff.


Benefits to each individual

Peace of mind knowing they will have prompt and quality care.

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Easy access to potentially life-saving information

FILE OF LIFE

	Name: _____
	Address: _____
Doctor: _____	Phone#: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACTS	
Name: _____	Phone#: _____
Address: _____	
Name: _____	Phone#: _____
Address: _____	

For more info or to obtain the "File of Life", please contact us at 614-837-5530 or email us at bloomfire@sbcglobal.net