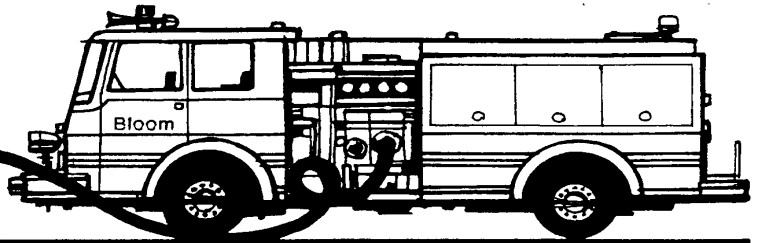


Fireline
Bloom Twp.
Firefighters Association



Thank You Bloom Township!!

The Bloom Township Fire Department would like to thank all of you who support us in our never-ending endeavor to protect you and your families.



Jack Anson served the citizens of Bloom Township for over 22 years. He owned a restaurant in Lithopolis for a time, but always put the fire department first. He loved to help people. Jack realized a dream a short time ago when he became a full-time officer with the Greenfield Twp fire department. Jack, always true to his roots, continued to serve Bloom Township as a firefighter paramedic. Jack will be missed.

**This issue of Fireline is dedicated to our good friend and brother,
Lt. Jack Anson
1946-2004**



FROM ARE YOU READY- GUIDE TO PREPAREDNESS FROM FEMA

<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready>

Winter driving

About 70 percent of winter deaths related to snow and ice occur in automobiles. Consider public transportation if you must travel. If you travel by car, travel in the day, don't travel alone, and keep others informed of your schedule. Stay on main roads; avoid back-road shortcuts.

1. Winterize your car. This includes a battery check, antifreeze, wipers and windshield washer fluid, ignition system, thermostat, lights, flashing hazard lights, exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster, oil level, and tires. Consider snow tires, snow tires with studs, or chains. Keep your car's gas tank full.
2. Carry a disaster supplies "winter car kit" in the trunk of your car. The kit should include:
 - Shovel, Windshield scraper, Battery-powered radio, Flashlight, Extra batteries, Water, Snack food, Mittens, Hat, Blanket, Tow chain or rope, Tire chains Bag of road salt and sand, Fluorescent distress flag, Jumper/booster cables, Road maps, Emergency flares, Cellular telephone or two-way radio, if available.
3. If a blizzard traps you in your car:
 - Pull off the highway. Turn on hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio aerial or window.
 - Remain in your vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find you. Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. Be careful: distances are distorted by blowing snow. A building may seem close but be too far to walk to in deep snow.
 - Run the engine and heater about ten minutes each hour to keep warm. When the engine is running, open a window slightly

for ventilation. This will protect you from possible carbon monoxide poisoning. Periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe.

- Exercise to maintain body heat, but avoid overexertion. In extreme cold, use road maps, seat covers and floor mats for insulation. Huddle with passengers and use your coat for a blanket.
- Take turns sleeping. One person should be awake at all times to look for rescue crews.
- Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Be careful not to waste battery power. Balance electrical energy needs - the use of lights, heat and radio - with supply.
- At night, turn on the inside light so work crews or rescuers can see you.
- If stranded in a remote area, stomp large block letters in an open area spelling out HELP or SOS and line with rocks or tree limbs to attract the attention of rescue personnel who may be surveying the area by airplane.
- Once the blizzard passes, you may need to leave the car and proceed on foot.



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.

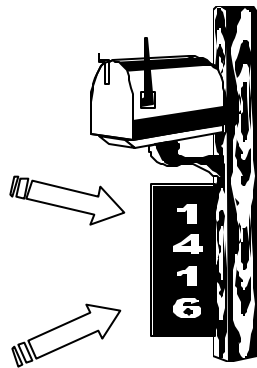
“We have had to call about 3 times in the month of September and each time was treated great.”

“On the run”- C. DeBoard, A. Nunley, J. Vermillion

“They were also ready “as hunters call it...” Locked and loaded ready to do their jobs as they walked in the door...I felt so secure with them I let them take my 8 yr. Old diabetic to the hospital by himself and had my husband meet them that way I was able to get a babysitter for my 10 yr. old.

“On the run”- K. Alexander, Joe Browett, Zach Zinkon

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.

MEET THE FIRE FIGHTERS

Get to know the men and women who serve you.



Firefighter Brad Shull EMT-P

Meet Brad Shull. Brad is one of those fire fighters that can never get enough of the job. Brad has been full time with our fire department since the summer of 1998. He is also a member of the Richland Twp FD, A state certified fire instructor, the Communications Coordinator with the Fairfield County Fire Fighters Association and a member of Task Force One, an urban search and rescue team, which can be called to assist with large emergency incidents.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The fire department has been busy this year educating youth and organizations in Bloom Township.

50 kids were involved in Safety Town this summer. Fire prevention week tours from various pre-schools and Bloom Elementary brought out over 140 children. Forty kids visited us at Safety Park at Slate Run.

Fire department representatives also visited Tri-county Kiwanis and other various organizations.

We would be glad to meet with your daycare, pre-school, homeowners association, church group, home school organization or fraternal organization

If you are involved with an organization that would like a fire department representative to visit you or you would like to schedule a tour call the firehouse at 614-837-5530 and ask for the duty officer.

Check out our Website

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



Please continue to pray for our troops.