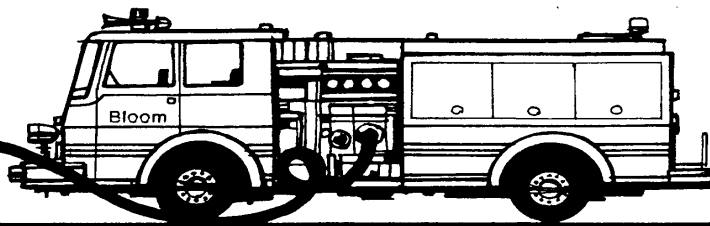


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Firefighters Association



Merry Christmas and Have a Safe and Happy New Year!



Bloom Township Fire Department Projects Moving Forward

The Chief, officers and firefighters of Bloom Township F.D. take great pride in making the most of the tax dollars that are collected for emergency services.

At this time purchasing committees are studying and reporting the purchases of a light tower and generator for our front line Pierce Arrow fire engine. The light tower and generator would make a safer working environment for firefighters as well as create a more visible and audible scene to allow us to make the tactical decisions necessary for the greatest outcome of your emergencies. Proceeds from this year's annual fish fry will supplement donations to the firefighter's association for the equipment purchases.

Also On-spot chains were added to the apparatus to facilitate inclement weather emergency driving.



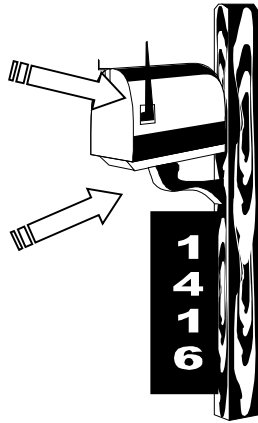
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**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED "YOUR" FIREFIGHTERS AT THIS YEAR'S
MEMORIAL DAY FISH FRY!**

PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP

At night it is very difficult to locate residences that do

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



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.

This Christmas let's remember those who are serving our nation. Thank you



Check out our Website

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



LT. COTNER TO TEACH AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



In a past article we let you know that several of your firefighters teach at various fire service educational facilities such as Ohio Fire Academy and Eastland Vocational School.

In April of 2007, Lt. Jeff Cotner will instruct Chief Officers, line officers, instructors and firefighters at The Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis. FDIC is an international conference that draws thousands to learn from the top names in the fire service. Lt Cotner will be teaching about foam operations, which is a state of the art system that has a quicker knock down and less damaging affects than water alone. Lt. Cotner was instrumental in bringing our Compressed Air Foam System to Bloom Township and it has benefited several of your neighbors.

We are all very proud of Lt. Cotner and respect his accomplishments.

NOAA Weather Radios

For inclement weather, floods, civil disturbances, dangerous spills or leaks and other hazards the Ohio Emergency Management Agency suggests each homeowner have a NOAA weather radio. The radios may be purchased with several options at local department or electronics stores.

For more information, please visit the Fairfield County EMA website at <http://www.co.fairfield.oh.us>, select emergency management link and then click the Weather Radio link.



CO Alarms and Smoke Detectors

Knowing the abilities and limitations of these valuable tools can save your life and those you love.

Christmas trees and trimmings, candles and fireplaces, beautiful winter nights with the warmth of family and your home are all what add to this festive season.

We would like you to take a minute to recognize some of the precautions that need to be taken this season to prevent illness or catastrophe.

Thankfully, there are two valuable tools that we see each year increasing in the number of homes: CO monitors and smoke detectors. Both lifesavers and both need to be understood. The information herein is general from several sources. This information should only be a supplement to your alarm/ detector manual.

CO Monitors

What is CO? CO is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas, produced by incomplete burning of carbon-based fuels, including gasoline, oil, and wood. When carbon monoxide gets into the body, the carbon monoxide combines with chemicals in the blood and prevents the blood from bringing oxygen to cells, tissues, and organs. The body's parts need oxygen for energy, so high-level exposures to carbon monoxide can cause serious health effects with death possible from massive exposures. Symptoms of exposure to carbon monoxide can include vision problems, reduced alertness, and general reduction in mental and physical functions. Carbon monoxide exposures are especially harmful to people with heart, lung and circulatory system diseases. CO alarms provide around-the-clock monitoring of CO levels in the area of the monitor. The alarm will provide early warning of elevated and unacceptable chronic levels of CO.

CO Monitors may be battery or plug in type or a combination. They only detect CO. They will not detect other gases or smoke in the area.

These monitors should be placed near a living area where most people spend their time and can be easily heard. The monitor should not be placed near a door or

window, in a garage, furnace or cooking area, as this will not allow the monitor to collect an accurate and pertinent reading.

At this time, CO monitors should be replaced in about 5 years (see owners manual) and batteries changed at change of clock.

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are a very simple and inexpensive tool that saves thousands of lives and millions of dollars of property each and every year.

Smoke detectors should also be placed near a living area where most people spend their time and can be easily heard.

Smoke detectors obviously sense smoke in a particular area where the detector is placed. Each floor and each area of bedrooms should have a smoke detector.

More than any tool, smoke detectors, when properly upkept gives the greatest opportunity for fire survival.

Most manufacturers state that smoke detectors should be replaced within 10 years of first activation, but see your detector's manual to be certain.

In the event of a CO or smoke alarm, please call 911 and allow the fire department to check the area and resolve the problem.

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.

“Dad and I were very impressed with the efficiency of service that the squad provided.”

Medic Crew- Kyle Alexander, Joe Browett & Ricci Redmon

“A big 10 for the emergency squad! Great job!”

Medic Crew- Justin Vermillion, Zach Zinkon & Victor Dulaney

“We feel we are very lucky to have a good squad. They are outstanding!”

Medic Crew- Bill Carroll & Scott Weber

This Memorial Day....

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. We must never forget those who have paid the ultimate price, those who are willing to and those who have yet to come home. God Bless You All.



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