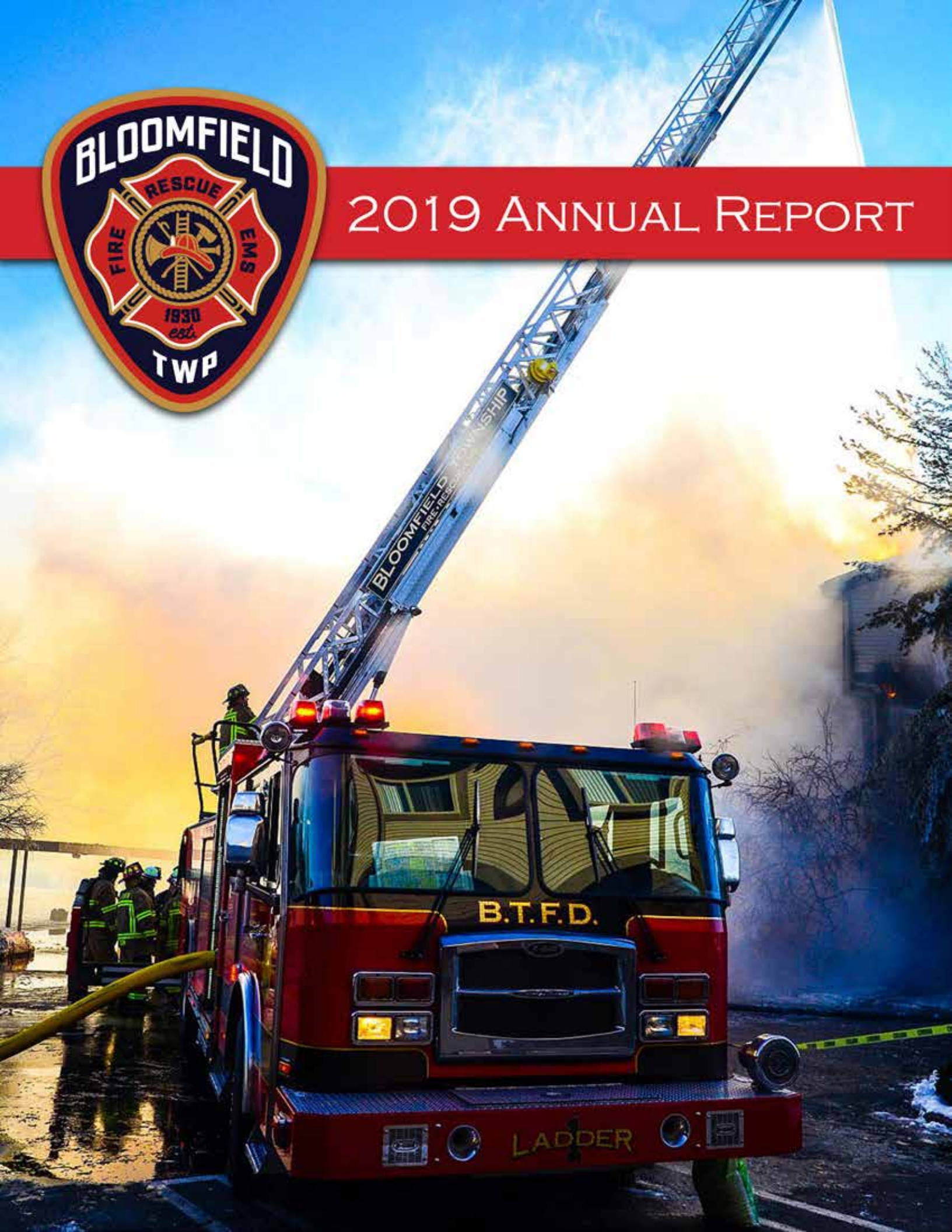




2019 ANNUAL REPORT



CHIEF'S REPORT



Mike Morin
Fire Chief





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FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

Mike Morin
Fire Chief
33 Years of Service



Capt Matthew DeRousse
EMS Coordinator
20 Years of Service



Lt. Joseph Syracuse
Fire Inspector
21 Years of Service



John LeRoy
Asst. Fire Chief
18 Years of Service



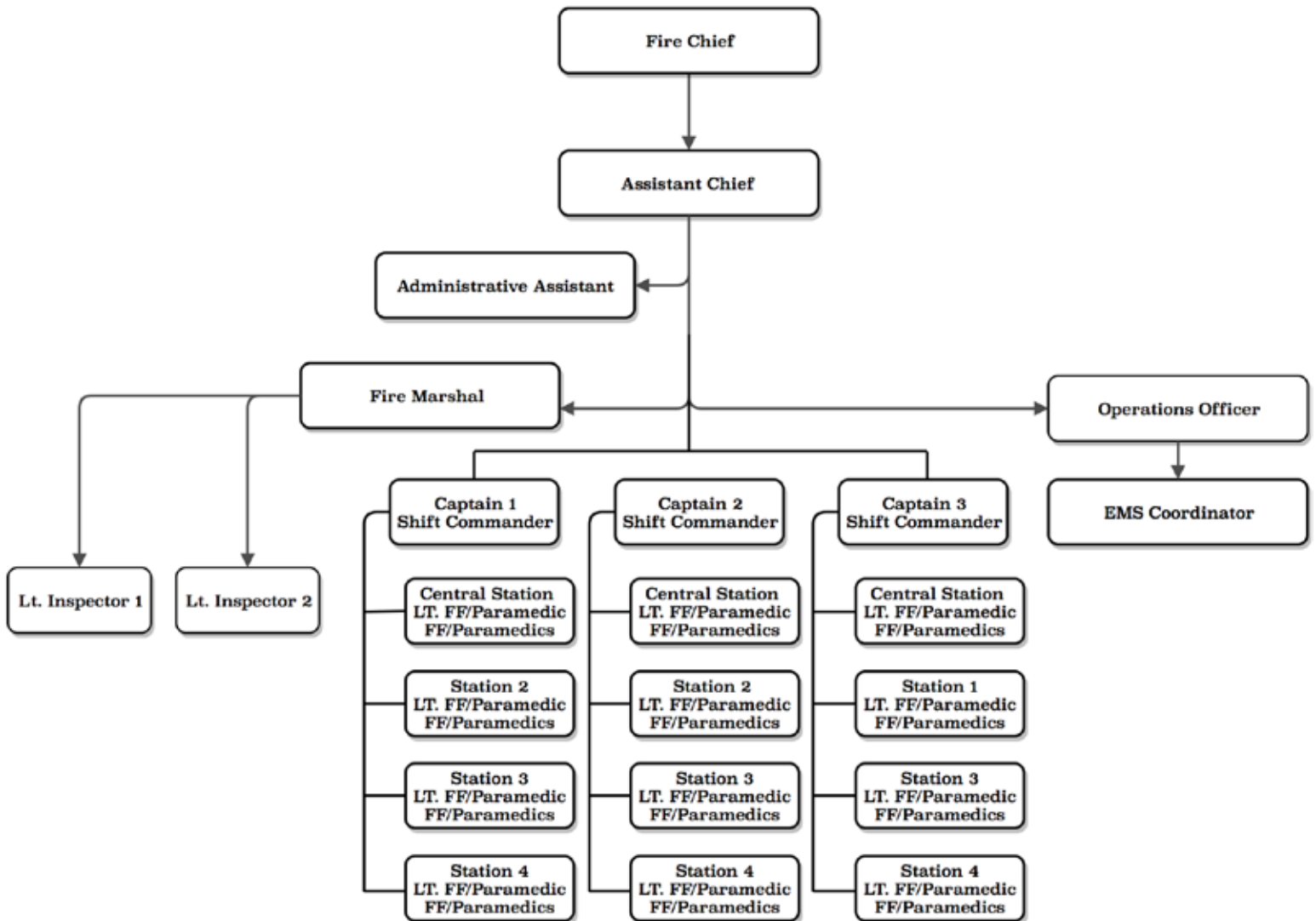
Peter Vlahos
Fire Marshal
23 Years of Service



Sandy Heath
Administrative Assistant
8 Years of Service



FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



STATION INFORMATION

CENTRAL FIRE STATION 1

1264 Total Incidents
302 Fire Related
556 Medical
406 Calls for Service



Central Fire Station is located at 1155 Exeter, in Bloomfield Township's Municipal Government Complex. It houses one Paramedic Ladder truck, one Incident Command vehicle, one Paramedic Rescue truck, one Water Rescue Boat, one Special Operations and Rescue truck (S.O.A.R.), and numerous staff and utility vehicles.

Central Fire Station serves a mostly residential area in the heart of Bloomfield Township. In addition to residences, Central Fire Station protects many well known structures such as Wabeek Country Club, Kirk in the Hills, and the Bloomfield Township Library to name a few. Central Fire Station also has the job of protecting several condo complexes, some light mercantile, and the major thoroughfare of Telegraph Road.

Central Fire Station is staffed with one Shift Commander (Captain/Paramedic), one Lieutenant/Paramedic, and five additional Firefighter/Paramedics. The fire department's administrative staff, including the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Operations Officer, Fire Marshal, EMS Coordinator, two Fire Inspectors, and Administrative Assistant are also located at this station.

FIRE STATION 2

1700 Total Incidents
262 Fire Related
947 Medical
491 Calls for Service



Fire Station 2 is located at 1063 Westview, on the Township's northeast side. This fire station houses one Paramedic Engine and one Paramedic Rescue truck to protect its district. A Lieutenant/Paramedic and three Firefighter/Paramedics, are assigned to this fire station. Fire Station 2 protects residential areas, light mercantile areas, and the major thoroughfares of I-75, Woodward Avenue, and Square Lake Road. Some of the notable structures located in Station 2's area are the International Academy, Bowers School Farm, Oakland Community College offices, and Sacred Heart.

FIRE STATION 3

2041 Total Incidents
448 Fire Related
1179 Medical
414 Calls for Service



Fire Station 3 is located at 4151 W. Maple on the Township's southwest side. This fire station houses one Paramedic Engine, one Paramedic Rescue truck, and one reserve Paramedic Engine. A Lieutenant/Paramedic and three Firefighter/Paramedics are assigned to this fire station. Fire Station 3 serves a mainly residential area, including Bloomfield Village, some light mercantile and the major thoroughfares of Telegraph and Maple Roads. Some of the notable buildings protected by Station 3 are Oakland Hills Country Club, Franklin Cider Mill, Birmingham Athletic Club, Birmingham Country Club, Sunrise Assisted Living (South), and Temple Beth El.

FIRE STATION 4

1444 Total Incidents
298 Fire Related
781 Medical
365 Calls for Service



Fire Station 4 is located at 2389 Franklin Road on the Township's north side. This fire station houses one Paramedic Ladder Truck, one Paramedic Rescue truck, one reserve Paramedic Engine, and Fire Prevention Van. A Lieutenant/Paramedic and three Firefighter/Paramedics are assigned to this station. Fire Station 4 serves an area of residential, light through heavy mercantile, light industrial, and major thoroughfares of Telegraph Road, Square Lake Road, Woodward Avenue, and I-75. Some of the notable buildings in this area include Forest Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Town Square, Carl's Golf Land, and Sunrise Assisted Living (North).

LINE PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
Fox Gary K.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	29
Fritz William D.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	26
VanHeck Alan D.	Captain/Paramedic	24
Cardinale Kevin J.	Captain/Paramedic	24
Husch Ryan A.	Captain/Paramedic	23
Collins Scott N.	Firefighter/Paramedic	23
Cowher Timothy J.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	22
Chopski Joseph E.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	22
Keeton Nathaniel A.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	20
Lietz Edward J.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	19
Valigura James A.	Firefighter/Paramedic	19
Schuette Kevin W.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	19
Bailey Kevin G.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	19
Gahlau Robert A.	Firefighter/Paramedic	18
Wineski Leonard V.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	18
Grunwald Jason P.	Firefighter/Paramedic	18
Pucci Michael A.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	17
Overby Matthew K.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	17
Bartlett Jeffrey R.	Firefighter/Paramedic	16
Nichols Robert A.	Firefighter/Paramedic	16
Patterson Shaun C.	Lieutenant/Paramedic	15
Zsido Matthew A.	Firefighter/Paramedic	11
Koziel Jeremy C.	Firefighter/Paramedic	11
Gainer Brandon R.	Firefighter/Paramedic	11
McGrail Joseph P.	Firefighter/Paramedic	11
Bradford Benjamin F.	Firefighter/Paramedic	11
Gibson Andrew M.	Firefighter/Paramedic	11
Sova Michael J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	11
VanHeck Cory D.	Firefighter/Paramedic	9
Hull Christopher L.	Firefighter/Paramedic	9
Miller Benjamin E.	Firefighter/Paramedic	8

NAME	RANK	YEARS OF SERVICE
Switala Ryan A.	Firefighter/Paramedic	8
Trudeau II Daniel J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	7
Morin Ryan M.	Firefighter/Paramedic	7
Edgemon Kenneth S.	Firefighter/Paramedic	6
Onderbeke Craig A.	Firefighter/Paramedic	5
Piché Jacob D.	Firefighter/Paramedic	5
Phillips Adam C.	Firefighter/Paramedic	4
Metz Michael P.	Firefighter/Paramedic	4
Bertucci Christian P.	Firefighter/Paramedic	4
Yang Chu	Firefighter/Paramedic	3
Quinn Patrick J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	3
Cloonan Jason M.	Firefighter/Paramedic	3
Perkins Matthew W.	Firefighter/Paramedic	3
Figurski Michelle L.	Firefighter/Paramedic	3
Elliott Brett D.	Firefighter/Paramedic	2
Altman Andrew J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	2
Nancarrow Jeffrey T.	Firefighter/Paramedic	2
Corbley Adam J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	2
Whalen Kimberly	Firefighter/Paramedic	2
Woodhull Bradley J	Firefighter/Paramedic	2
Rie Alec D	Firefighter/Paramedic	.5
Griffith Ian J	Firefighter/Paramedic	.5
Gawura Aidan W	Firefighter/Paramedic	.5

TOTAL

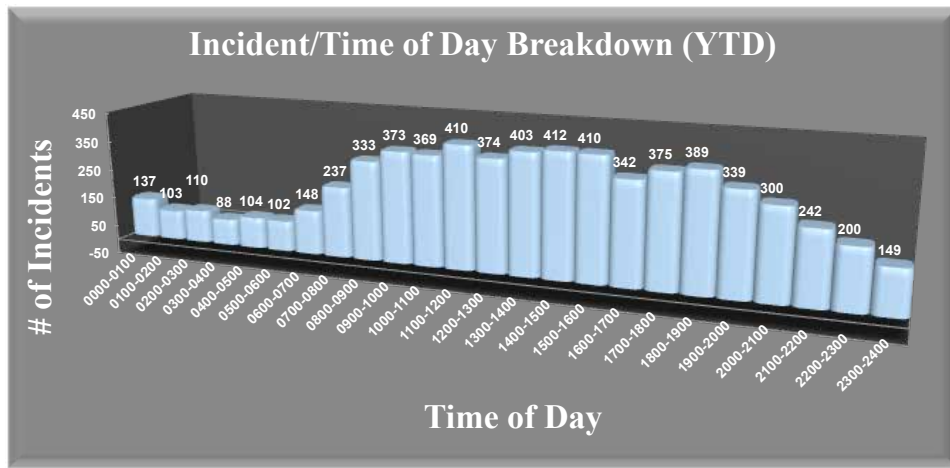
LINE PERSONNEL - 54 personnel

3 Captain/Paramedics

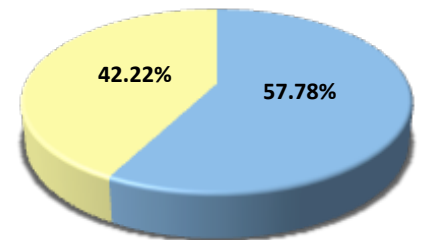
12 Lieutenant/Paramedics

39 Firefighter/Paramedics

INCIDENT METRICS



Number of Concurrent Incidents	2019	
1 Incident Occurring	3720	
2 Incidents Occurring	1697	
3 Incidents Occurring	674	
4 Incidents Occurring	245	
5 Incidents Occurring	74	
6 Incidents Occurring	27	
7 Incidents Occurring	12	
Concurrent Runs	2729	42%
Total Runs	6449	57%





TRAINING REPORT



John LeRoy
Assistant Fire Chief

On a national level, fire service training is perhaps the most prolific component of being a successful and safe Fire Department. The Bloomfield Township Fire Department takes training to another level. The training that is done here is designed to be challenging and thought provoking to make all of our firefighters better educated and safer in the performance of their duties.

The fire service is constantly evolving and the training has to evolve with it. Fifty years ago homes were made of dimensional lumber and belongings were made of natural materials like cotton, wool and wood. Today homes are made primarily of synthetic materials like particle board, which is made of wood chips and glue, and other oil-based materials. These lightweight synthetic materials burn hotter and faster than previous building generations, presenting many different challenges for first responders. The training that the BTFD does on an annual basis addresses these challenges in order to keep the residents, visitors and firefighters of Bloomfield Township safe.

In 2019 the Bloomfield Township Fire Department completed **13,778 hours of training**. The training consisted of Firefighting, EMS, Officer Development, Public Education, Technical Rescue, Professional Emergency Management, Michigan Task Force One and Physical Fitness. These all-encompassing trainings help the first responder to maintain their skills, education and fitness to keep all involved safe. The BTFD has a couple mottos, “Every Day is a Training Day” and “Everyone Goes Home Safe”. These go hand in hand with the training that is completed on a daily basis. The Department has built a training structure and established a training ground and is available for use not only for the BTFD but other area Fire Departments.

The BTFD Training grounds has hosted many different kinds of training evolutions this year. The OAKWAY Mutual Aid group hosted a two-day firefighter save your own class. This class is designed to teach firefighters how to save themselves from trouble in a fire. The facility was used by the Bloomfield Township Police Department in training for active shooter and barricaded gunmen scenarios. This multi-use facility allows for comprehensive skills based training to be completed, in Bloomfield Township, on a daily basis, which would normally have to be completed at another offsite location. The benefits of this training site will be seen for years to come.

Moving forward the Bloomfield Township Fire Department will keep training at the highest of levels, to ensure the BTFD personnel are the best in their profession and that “Everyone Goes Home Safe.”

Respectfully submitted,

John LeRoy
Assistant Fire Chief





FIRE MARSHAL REPORT



Peter Vlahos
Fire Marshal

This past year proved to be a productive, yet challenging for the Bloomfield Township Fire and Life Safety Division (FLSD). As we worked constantly to meet the demands of the quick changing community we were also committed to providing the highest level of customer service. This ranged from commercial fire inspections and construction plan reviews to residential home fire inspections, residential smoke alarm installations, and lock box consultations.

This year also marked our 14th year for the fire safety and injury prevention school program in the Bloomfield Hills School District. The program teaches second graders the importance of making safe choices and preventing injuries caused by accidents.

Additional duties of the FLSD include conducting various types of fire inspections and construction plan reviews. While performing inspections the Fire and Life Safety Division takes the opportunity to educate the community on many different fire safety issues.

The Fire and Life Safety Division is also responsible for the investigation of all structure fires, incendiary fires, and fires resulting in injury and/or death. These investigations are conducted for the purpose of preventing future fires by identifying common risk factors.

The Fire and Life Safety Division is continuously striving to develop and promote the most innovated public education programs possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Peter G. Vlahos
Fire Marshal

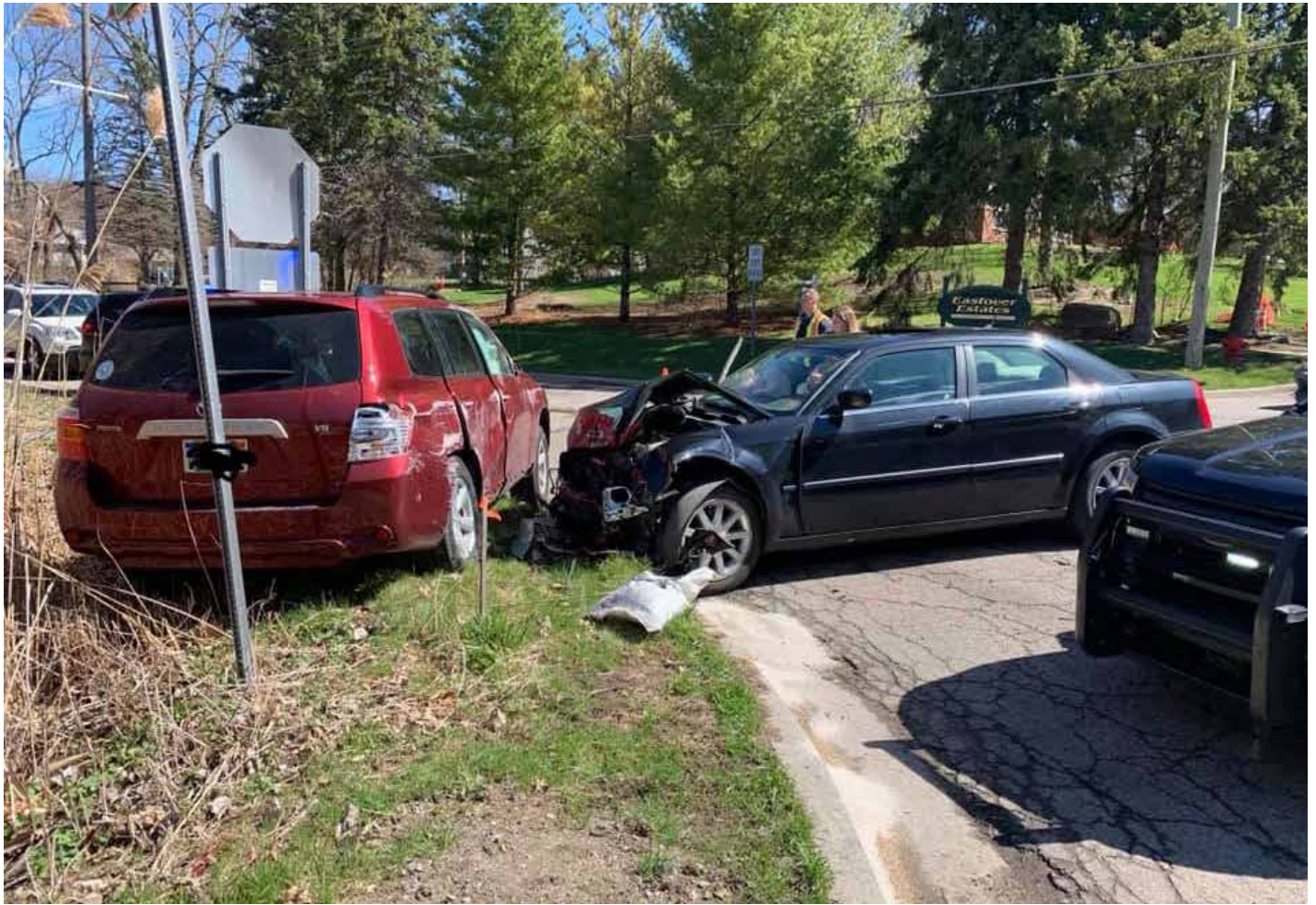


INSPECTIONS & PLAN REVIEWS



Type of Inspection	2018	2019
Annual	1001	1137
Change of Occupancy	14	27
Complaints	42	70
Final Building	89	51
Fire Alarm Acceptance	40	42
Fire Suppression Acceptance	77	39
Fire Works Site Inspections	3	1
Hood Suppression Acceptance	7	3
Knox Box Installation	15	45
Hazardous Materials	0	1
Pre-Construction Inspections	4	6
Re-Inspections	871	791
Site Inspections	68	63
Special Event Inspections	8	14
Total	2239	2290
Violations Discovered	1709	1551

Plan Reviews	2018	2019
Change of Occupancy	3	5
Fire Alarm Plan Review	41	33
Fire Suppression Plan Review	34	16
Fire Works	3	1
Hood System Plan Review	3	3
Liquor License	3	1
Outdoor Dining	1	0
Plan Alteration	72	47
New Construction Plan Review	47	5
Seasonal Sales	4	0
Site Plan Review	108	68
Special Event Plan Review	50	58
Total	369	237



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORT



Matt DeRousse
EMS Coordinator

Again this year, Bloomfield Township Fire Department (BTFD) has had an increase in total calls for service which includes an increase in emergency medical responses. Despite being busier in 2019, the BTFD still responded to our residents that were experiencing a medical emergency with at least four highly trained paramedics. All paramedics are required by the State of Michigan to complete many hours of continuing medical education training, in addition, our medics must stay current on new equipment and scientific trends in pre-hospital emergency medical care. This is a significant task considering ALL Bloomfield Township fire personnel are trained to the level of paramedic.

BTFD is still involved in two on-going studies related to expanding our Emergency Medical Services. The first study is a Community Paramedicine program where BTFD is partnering with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. This program involves Fire Department paramedics and St. Joe's doctors who work together to ensure that the participating Bloomfield Township resident that has recently been discharged from the hospital is following their discharge plan. The paramedics will visit with the resident at their home and the physician will join the visit remotely via secure video technology. The goal is to provide a Community Paramedicine program that can address the resident's specific health care needs and offer the knowledge and resources to support home recovery.

The second study is an OCMCA Stroke Special Study conducted by Oakland County Medical Control Authority. The purpose of this study is to determine if EMS personnel can identify patients that are candidates for endovascular therapy (EVT) with a reasonable degree of accuracy, utilizing a pre-hospital stroke severity scale. The study ran for all of 2018 and has been continued into 2019. Bloomfield Township Fire Department is the only life support agency in the state participating in this kind of stroke study.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Matt DeRousse
EMS Coordinator



BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE FIRE CHIEF REPORT

The residents of Bloomfield Village are in a unique situation as they are protected by a volunteer fire department, Bloomfield Village Fire Department (BVFD), and Bloomfield Township Fire Department (BTFD). BVFD assisted BTFD on all fire calls in the village last year.



*Geoff Hockman
Village Fire Chief*

Our volunteer firefighters live in the village, are state certified, must be available to respond to calls, and participate in training throughout the year. In addition to the volunteers, we have a full time Lieutenant on the department who oversees the day to day operations of the village fire station.

The Bloomfield Village Fire Department budget is authorized by a special assessment district. These monies are billed by Bloomfield Township in the winter tax statement to all properties in Bloomfield Village. There are 991 parcels of land in the village.



*Mike Cummings
Fire Lieutenant*

In 2019, Bloomfield Village Fire Department had a total of 134 runs for the year. BVFD this past year participated in the Celebrate Birmingham Parade, Amberly Block Party, BVFD Open House, trips to local schools to teach fire safety, and the annual delivery of Santa Claus to the Christmas tree lighting at Hackett Hall.

BVFD operates one fire engine and one four-wheel-drive emergency vehicle.

The Bloomfield Village Fire Station is located at 3595 Bradway Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Hockman
Bloomfield Village Fire Chief



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION



Peter Vlahos
Fire Marshal

In 2019, the Bloomfield Township Emergency Management Division continued to serve its residents, businesses and visitors by working to ensure that the emergency response personnel, and the employees of Bloomfield Township, would be prepared to minimize the impact of any natural or man-made disaster incident.

Under the authority of the Michigan Emergency Management Act (Public Act 390 of 1976, as amended), each county is required to appoint an emergency management coordinator. In addition, some Michigan communities have municipal emergency management coordinators. Bloomfield Township is a one of four municipalities in Oakland County that has its own Emergency Management Coordinator.

The Emergency Management Division has been active in training events throughout the year. Some of our training highlights for 2019 included:

- Professional Emergency Management (PEM) training through the Michigan state Police. Bloomfield Township currently has four PEM certified personnel that coordinate and manage the Township's emergency management.
- Attendance at the Great Lakes Homeland Security (GLHS) Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. This event is hosted by the Michigan State Police's (MSP) Emergency Management Homeland Security Division (EMHSD). The three day conference filled with seminars and clinics that range in topics from the latest information about known threats or hazards, to what we may be facing in the near future. These sessions were presented by nationally recognized speakers and clinicians.
- Trainings offered by Oakland County and the Michigan State Police, such as Incident Command System (ICS), National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses, and damage assessment training

As we look forward to 2020, Emergency Management continues to be one of the most important services that Bloomfield Township provides to its residents. We have begun to plan a full scale exercise for the summer of 2020 and additional planning exercises locally and with other agencies. With the uncertainty of an ever changing world, Bloomfield Township will continue to train and prepare for any potential disaster that may come our way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter G. Vlahos
Fire Marshal



HAZMAT REPORT

A hazardous material is defined as any item or agent (biological, chemical, physical) which has the potential to cause harm to humans, animals, or the environment, either by itself or through interaction with other factors.



Brandon Gainer
Firefighter/Paramedic

We had many HazMat calls that were handled by our regular firefighting crews who are all trained to the operations level; which allows our firefighters to recognize a hazard and handle the call defensively. These calls were mostly made up of carbon monoxide incidents, natural gas leaks, and small fuel spills. However, some calls required a more technical response. This is where the Bloomfield Township Fire Department Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Team can be used to bring in the level of expertise needed to mitigate the incident.

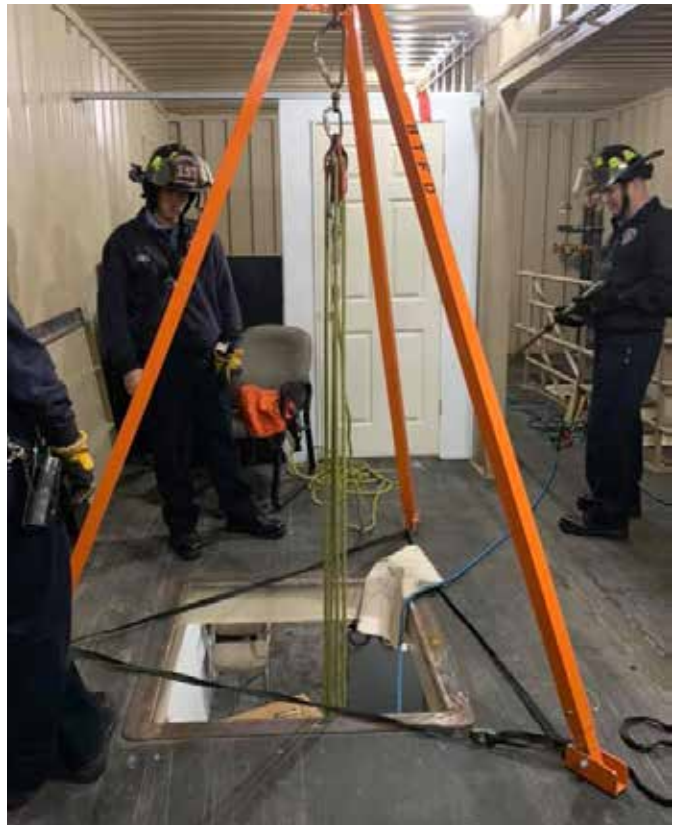
All of our HazMat team members are trained to at least technician level and have many hours of specialized training above and beyond our other firefighters. Bloomfield Township has 13 hazardous materials technicians and specialists that currently make up our department HazMat team.

Throughout the year, we train with the neighboring OAKWAY community HazMat teams. During these trainings the team can stay up to date with equipment, scenarios, and best practices.

Bloomfield Township Fire Department has multiple members staffed each day to provide HAZMAT expertise and ensure the safety of Bloomfield Township and its citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Gainer
Firefighter/Paramedic/Hazmat Team Coordinator



TECHNICAL RESCUE REPORT



Matthew Overby
Lieutenant Paramedic

Ten members of the Department are on the Technical Rescue Team (TRT). The members are trained in advanced rescue techniques and how to use specialized rescue equipment. Some of the equipment and training the members have allow them to mitigate situations such as Structural Collapse, Trench Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Rope Rescue, Machinery Rescue, Advanced vehicle extrication techniques, swift water rescue, and submerged vehicle rescue.

All members of the TRT are members of the OAKWAY TRT and train at least four times a year with other OAKWAY Departments. Six members of the TRT are also on members of Michigan Task Force 1 (MITF-1). MITF-1 is an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team that consists of over 100 personnel from more than 30 Fire Departments from across the State. MITF-1 is designed to deploy a minimum of 36 personnel and associated USAR equipment anywhere, for 12 hour operational periods, and be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

Lieutenant Joe Chopski, Lieutenant Fox, and Firefighter Patterson deployed, with Michigan Task Force 1 as a part of a twenty member Type III Water Rescue team, to Florida and later North Carolina for Hurricane Dorian, working in areas where flooding was expected.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt Matthew Overby
Technical Rescue Team Leader



CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT



Edward Lietz
Lieutenant Paramedic

Customer service is everyone's job here at The Bloomfield Township Fire Department (BTFD), and extraordinary service for extraordinary customers is what we strive to provide. Over the years the BTFD has trademarked the slogan "When in Doubt, Call us out" and that our customers did.

The BTFD Car Seat Inspection program is now in its second year and continues to grow. In 2019 BTFD technicians have installed over 80 car seats for residents and visitors. On the 2nd Monday of each month, BTFD hosts Oakland County Safe Kids car seat checks at Fire Station #1 located at 1155 Exeter Rd. All residents in need of this service are encouraged to sign up at <https://signup.com/group/986451908068>.

This past year BTFD was proud to continue its dinner at the firehouse raffle for Bloomfield Township residents. This year two lucky families were treated to a traditional fire house dinner as well as an in-depth tour of the station and its equipment. Crews have also been busy installing smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, performing home safety inspections as well as participating in neighborhood parades and subdivision social gatherings.

As always, the BTFD men and women will be out responding to all customer needs and we are available for your emergencies 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. As always "When in doubt, call us out!"

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lietz
Lieutenant/Paramedic



CHARITIES REPORT



BTFD Charities hosted four major events and along with donations from generous partners raised over \$40,000.00. This has allowed BTFD Charities to support many charitable requests this year.

This year the Charities hosted its 33rd annual golf outing at the beautiful Wabeek Country Club to a sold- out crowd of 144 golfers. All participants enjoyed a nice spring day filled with sunshine all while raising money for good causes.

In August, our crews and families participated in the annual Woodward Dream Cruise and hosted our 14th annual Classic Car Show at the Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield Hills. This family friendly event showcased a large range of classic cars, great food and entertainment throughout the day.

The Bloomfield Township Fire Department hockey team hosted the Bloomfield Township Classic Hockey tournament for the third consecutive year, held at the Troy Sports Center. This year's event showcased hockey teams from around southeast Michigan to as far as Windsor, Canada. Ten teams raised over \$4,500 for charitable causes.

In November, BTFD Firefighters went out the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and "Filled the Boot" for The Muscular Dystrophy Association. Firefighters and their families staffed locations throughout the Township allowing generous residents to donate and support this amazing cause. This year the team collected more than \$18,000.00 to donate directly to MDA. This will be the 5th year in a row that BTFD will finish in the top five within the State of Michigan MDA Fill the Boot for total money raised.

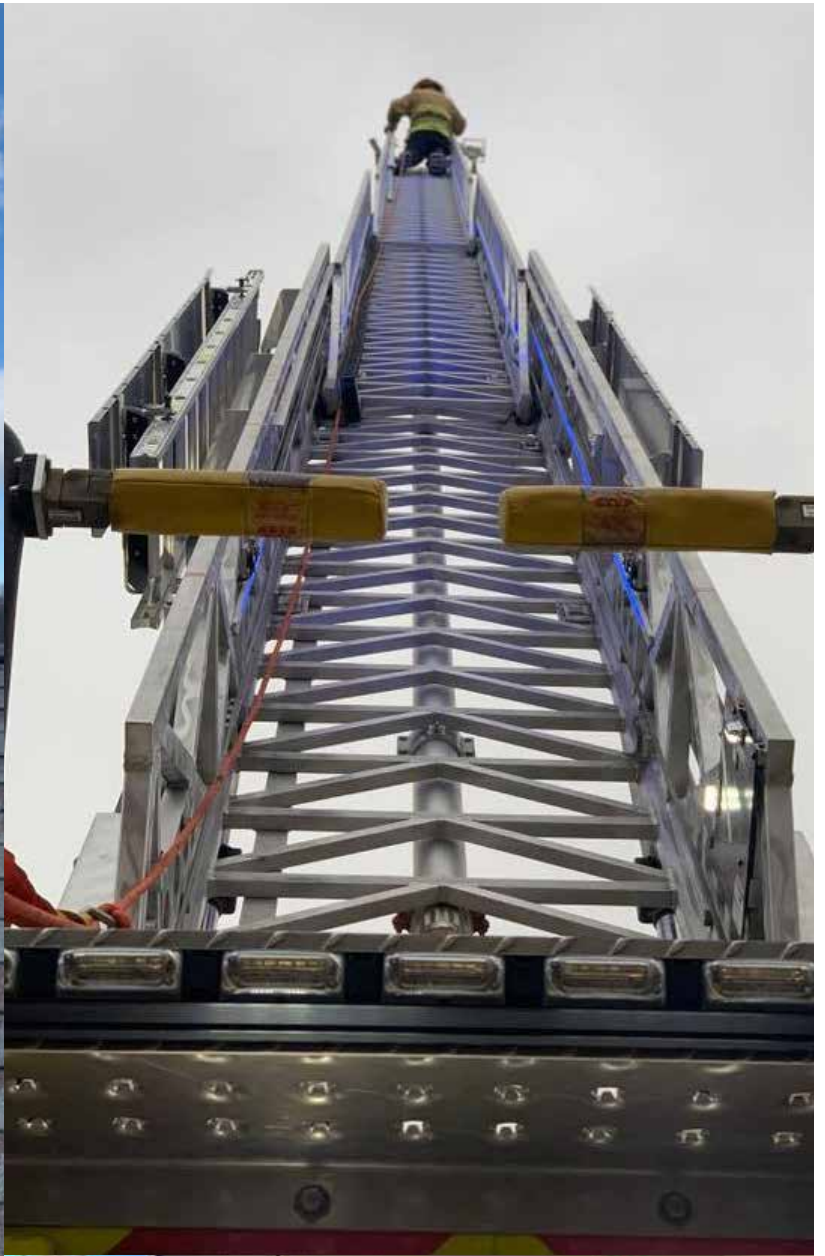
This year, in cooperation with the Bloomfield Hills Optimist Club, BTFD Charities supported many families by donating and wrapping gifts for children of all ages. Other charitable donations made in 2018 include:

- U of M Trauma Burn Center
- Bloomfield Youth Guidance Scholarship
- CMU Speech and Language clinics
- Children's Holiday Wish Program
- 2018 Heart of the Hills
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Several personal donations to families and individuals in need

Thank you for all the support, without your help none of this is possible. Your Bloomfield Township Fire Department Charities looks forward to another great charitable year in 2020. For more information visit us at www.btfidcharities.com/ or follow us at [Facebook.com/BTFDcharitiesandbenevolentfund](https://www.facebook.com/BTFDcharitiesandbenevolentfund)

Respectfully Submitted,
Lieutenant Ed Lietz
President, BTFD Charities





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I get a copy of a Fire or Medical report?

Call the Fire Department at 248-433-7745, during our regular business hours of 7:00AM-5:30PM Monday thru Thursday, for proper procedures to obtain a report.

Who do I call to learn CPR?

You can call 248-433-7745 and ask for the EMS Coordinator.

What is a “Lock Box” & where can I obtain one?

A Lock Box is a secured locked box that is placed on the front of a building/house and contains keys to the building or residence. The fire department keeps a key that opens the Lock Box locked and secured on their vehicles. This allows the fire department easy access to a home or business even when the building may be secured, i.e. after hours or when occupants have limited mobility. Information to purchase a “Lock Box” can be obtained by calling the Bloomfield Township Fire Department at 248-433-7745.

If my Carbon Monoxide detector activates, what should I do?

Carbon Monoxide (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SILENT KILLER) is a colorless/odorless gas that is created by the incomplete combustion of carbon based fuels. It also connects to blood cells at a rate 200 times faster than oxygen. It is recommended that you install a Carbon Monoxide detector on each level of your home and if a detector activates, call 911 and leave your home. The fire department will come to your home and check the level of Carbon Monoxide (if any).

Is it legal to burn brush or tree branches in Bloomfield Township?

No, it is not legal to have any open burning in Bloomfield Township. Only approved containers (Recreational Fire Pits) are allowed. See the Township’s website for further information. www.bloomfieldtp.org

What should I do with HOT fireplace ash?

DO NOT remove hot ashes from the fireplace immediately. Wait up to 2-3 days and let the ashes cool completely in the fireplace until there are no remaining hot embers before removing them. Place cool ash in a metal container and store outside away from the home and all combustibles.

“When in Doubt, Call Us Out!” That’s what you need to remember, no matter what situation or problem may arise. When you don’t know where to turn, turn to us, your fire department. We have knowledge and resources to help solve almost any problem you may encounter, even those situations not directly related to fire or medical emergencies. Remember, we’re here to serve you, any time, any day, and in any way.

www.BTFDFire.org



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