August 29, 2014

Welcome to the August edition of the Mifflin Township Division of Fire's monthly news. Attached are the emergency run statistics from July 2014. Emergency run statistics also are posted at www.mifflin-oh.gov

Around The Township

Mifflin Township Firefighters Assist with Medical Screenings at Gahanna Lincoln

Mifflin Township firefighters assisted with medical screenings for incoming freshman at Gahanna Lincoln High School prior to the start of school, providing more than 600 blood pressure checks. This service is free to the students, and invariably, identifies 5 – 10 freshmen who are referred to their physician for potential underlying conditions and care.

Mifflin Township Fire Responds to Shooting in Gahanna

Mifflin Township firefighters responded to a call to treat the victim of a shooting off of Allanby Court this past Monday. According to police, a man approached the shooting victim and demanded his wallet. The victim tossed the wallet at the suspect and then charged at him, at which time the suspect fired a gun which grazed the victim's cheek. Mifflin Township paramedics treated and transported the victim to The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Mifflin Township In The News

ThisWeek News/Rocky Fork Enterprise printed an editorial from Fire Chief Tim Taylor, thanking residents for the opportunity to conduct fire-safety training in the houses on Hamilton Rd. during June and July. Read the letter to the editor at http://www.thisweeknews.com/content/stories/Letters/2014/08/07/donated-houses-were-treasure-troves-for-training.html

ThisWeek News/Rocky Fork Enterprise featured the newest addition to the Mifflin Township Fire Department fleet, a newly outfitted bariatric vehicle designed to transport patients weighing more than 400 pounds. The cot and equipment were donated to Mifflin Township from the Central Ohio Trauma System as part of a grant. Full article is attached.

Upcoming Events

You are encouraged and invited to attend the September Mifflin Township Board of Trustees meetings, which will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2 and at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the Township Meeting Hall, 155 Olde Ridenour Rd.

In recognition of 9/11, St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church will hold a Blue Mass honoring first responders and military personnel at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 11, 807 Havens Corners Rd. Additionally, a Blue Mass will also be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Timothy Catholic Church at 5 p.m. on Sept. 11. Both services are open to all EMS, fire, police and military, and both have receptions afterward. You need not be Catholic to attend.

Contact Us

Please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Rapp, Public Information Officer, or Fire Chief Timothy Taylor at (614) 471-4494 regarding any questions or concerns you may have relating to the Mifflin Township Division of Fire.

MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP

Timothy N. Taylor
Fire Chief

Frederick Kauser
Deputy Fire Chief

Proudly serving the Citizens of Mifflin Township and the City of Gahanna

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Date: 8/27/2014

Contact: Fire Chief Timothy N. Taylor
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EMERGENCY RUN SUMMARY: July 2014 – (7/1/2014 – through – 7/31/2014)

The Mifflin Township - Division of Fire responded to:

• **Fire Runs:**	**180**
• **EMS Runs:**	**668**
Total Emergency Runs: (See Attachments for Details)	**848**

The Mifflin Township – Fire Prevention Bureau Conducted:

• Commercial Building Inspections	53
• Re-Inspections	36
• Final Approval Inspections	2
• Commercial Building Construction Plans Reviewed	12
• Fire Drills Columbus Academy	1
• Fire Reports Reviewed and Submitted	154
• Professional Association & Collaborative Meetings	8
• Fire Protection Alarm Systems Tested	1
• Fire Service Water Main Hydrostatically Tested	1
• Fire Sprinkler Testing	2
• Fire Department Facilities Inspected	1
• Daycare Licensing Inspections	3
• Special Events Tent Inspections	1
• Burn Permits Issued	3
• Cooking Duct Fire System	1

Count of ResponseTypes for MIFFLIN TWP FD

From 7/1/2014 to 7/31/2014

EMS

		% of Group	% of All
ILLNESS-EMS	135	20%	16%
INJURY-EMS	98	15%	12%
BREATHING PROBLEMS-EMS	65	10%	8%
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT-EMS	49	7%	6%
CHEST PAIN-EMS	47	7%	6%
UNCONSCIOUS PERSON-EMS	26	4%	3%
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT HIGH SPEED / ENTRAPMENT-EMS	23	3%	
PERSONAL ASSIST-EMS	22	3%	
ALARM MEDICAL-EMS	18		
SEIZURE-EMS	18		
ASSAULT-EMS	17		
HEART PROBLEMS-EMS	15		
ATTEMPT SUICIDE-EMS	13		
STROKE / CVA-EMS	12		
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT MOTORCYCLE-EMS	12		
ABDOMINAL PAIN-EMS	9		
BEHAVORIAL EMERGENCY-EMS	9		
DIABETIC PROBLEMS-EMS	9		
NON BREATHER / ARREST-EMS	9		
PERSON DOWN-EMS	9		
ALLERGIC REACTION-EMS	8		
UNKNOWN EMERGENCY-EMS	8		
HEMORRHAGE-EMS	6		
ATTEMPT VIOLENT-EMS	5		
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VEHICLE IN STRUCTURE-EMS	5		
CHILDBIRTH / OB-EMS	3		
CHOKING-EMS	3		
OVERDOSE-EMS	3		
SHOOTING-EMS	3		
STABBING-EMS	3		
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PEDESTRIAN STRUCK-EMS	3		
WELL BEING CHECK-EMS	3		
Total for EMS	**668**		

FIRE

		% of Group	% of All
ALARM COMMERCIAL FIRE-FIRE	34	19%	4%
INVESTIGATION/SERVICE RUN-FIRE	29	16%	3%
FIRE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE-FIRE	19	11%	
ALARM RESIDENTIAL FIRE-FIRE	13	7%	
ALARM HIGH LIFE / VALUE-FIRE	11	6%	
ALARM WATERFLOW-FIRE	9	5%	
CO ALARMS / CHECK-FIRE	7	4%	
ALERT 2 AIRCRAFT-FIRE	6	3%	
FOREIGN ODOR-FIRE	6	3%	
NATURAL GAS LEAK-FIRE	6	3%	
VEHICLE FIRE-FIRE	5		
ALARM LIMITED RESOURCE-FIRE	4		
FIRE COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE-FIRE	4		
FIRE UTILITIES-FIRE	4		
RESCUE ELEVATOR-FIRE	4		
FIRE HIGH LIFE / VALUE STRUCTURE-FIRE	3		
FIRE TRASH-FIRE	3		
LOCK OUT-FIRE	3		
NATURAL GAS ODOR OUTSIDE-FIRE	2		
NATURAL GAS RUPTURE-FIRE	2		
FIRE OTHER / UNKNOWN-FIRE	1		
HAZMAT INCIDENT GENERAL-FIRE	1		
LOCK IN-FIRE	1		
POLICE ASSIST-FIRE	1		
VEHICLE FIRE BUS-FIRE	1		
WIRES DOWN-FIRE	1		
Total for FIRE	**180**		

ThisWeek COMMUNITY NEWS

MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP

Transport unit designed for heavier patients

By MARLA K. KUHLMAN
Wednesday August 14, 2014 2:44 PM

Area residents weighing 400 pounds or more could be transported by Mifflin Township Division of Fire more easily, thanks a new bariatrics cot and equipment that has been placed into service.

The bariatrics unit, which also could be used for other patients, will be known as Medical Support Unit 135 and will be housed at Station 131 on Rocky Fork Boulevard in Gahanna.

"M135 will be a valuable asset to the area, as obesity has reached epidemic proportions in central Ohio," said Tim Taylor, Mifflin Township fire chief. "The unit will save wear and tear on our equipment. It will be safer for our staff and the patient since the bariatrics cot decreases the amount of lifting for the firefighters to get the patient into the back of the vehicle. It provides a safer, more secure ride for the patient."

Firefighter/paramedic and EMS coordinator Kenny King, of the Mifflin Township Division of Fire, demonstrates the use of the new bariatrics vehicle, which will enable Mifflin Township emergency personnel to transport patients up to 1,200 pounds.

An existing department vehicle has been outfitted with the bariatrics cot and equipment, at a cost value of about $20,000.

The cot and equipment were donated to Mifflin Township as part of a grant acquired by the Central Ohio Trauma System, commonly known as COTS.

COTS acquired the grant for the purpose of aiding in transporting bariatric patients in excess of 600 pounds, the upper weight limit of a standard EMS cot.

A patient is considered to be bariatric when his or her weight exceeds 400 pounds or width exceeds 26 inches. The donated bariatric cot is capable of transporting patients up to 1,200 pounds.

Prior to having the bariatrics cot, the crew had to lift such patients into the back of the vehicle on a specially reinforced tarp, and the patients rode to the hospital on the floor of the vehicle with no way to secure them in an accident.

MSU135 will be available as a regional asset to central Ohio.

MSU135 joins MSU19, housed in the Clintonville area at Columbus' Fire Station 19. A similarly equipped unit was stationed recently in Delaware County.

Brian Tulodzieski, of the Columbus Division of Fire, secures the cot in the new bariatrics vehicle.

Mifflin Fire Offers End-of-Summer Safety Tips

Labor Day is considered by many to be the *unofficial* end summer. And while many residents will venture outside to fire up the grill one last time or make some S'mores near the fire pit, Mifflin Township Division of Fire thought this might be a good time to pass along a few fire safety tips so that your holiday weekend is both safe and fun.

- Keep your grill away from siding and deck rails.
- Keep a three-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire to keep pets and kids safe.
- Clean your grill before putting it away for the summer. This will remove grease that can start a fire, and it will be ready to go when the snow thaws in the spring.
- Never leave your grill or fire pit unattended.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

For more information and resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov or www.nfpa.org.

GRILLING FIRE SAFETY

KNOWING A FEW FIRE SAFETY GRILLING TIPS WILL HELP EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.

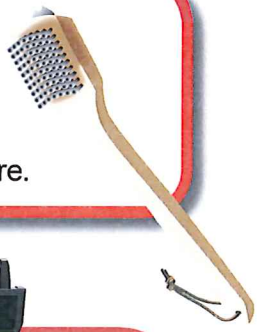
Only use your grill outside.

Keep it away from siding and deck rails.

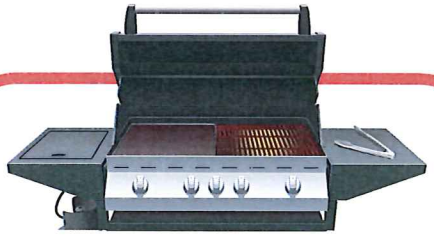
Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire.

This will keep kids and pets safe.

Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.



Open your gas grill before lighting.

Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.

STAY FIRE-SAFE THIS SUMMER!

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