



BATH TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Bath Township Resident Bath Township, Ohio



Dear Bath Township Residents,

It is my pleasure to update you on the latest news and information about YOUR local fire department. Like the rest of the world, we are glad to be climbing back out from all of the COVID-19 restrictions and challenges. Our department has been busy responding to calls, maintaining our equipment and apparatus, as well as providing training and education for our employees. Like many businesses and organizations, we have had staffing issues due to retirements, resignations, and lower than normal applicants for open positions. We are working hard to solve these issues and are hopeful that they are only temporary.

The Bath Twp. Fire Department Foundation Inc. was organized four years ago to support the efforts of your local firefighters and EMS personnel. The leadership of the department has worked hard to ensure a balanced budget but are always looking for ways to avoid asking the township residents for additional tax dollars. That's where the Foundation comes in and we are asking for your support again this year.

It is our mission, as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation, to raise funds through charitable giving to supplement the department's general operating budget. The primary focus of the Foundation fundraising is to provide training, education, and professional development for the department's personnel. Additionally, the Foundation supports vital programs and services which will continuously improve the department's operation and its service to our community.

Annually, the department responds to approximately 1,700 calls for service. (2022 is on track to exceed this number.) These calls include everything from fires, motor vehicle crashes, and hazardous material spills to emergency medical care of the sick and injured. EMS calls are our most common emergency in the township. In addition to responding to the homes of Bath Township residents, we also handle emergencies at schools, universities, businesses, industries, and parks.

Additionally, the department provides services such as; fire inspections, plans review, code enforcement, public education, and numerous partnerships with residents, businesses, industries, and schools. Many of our personnel have specialized training in areas such as rope rescue, confined space rescue, and hazardous materials response. Foundation donations have helped supplement funding for these services.

To keep our public safety personnel trained to the highest level, ongoing continuing education is required. The Foundation has a goal of helping the department by providing financial assistance to cover expenses such as course registrations, travel, and lodging for firefighters to attend local, regional, national training workshops, seminars, and conferences.

Further, we assist the department with projects such as fire safety education, and public education courses such as; CPR and first aid. We will also support the department with specialized equipment needs as they arise. Recently, we purchased two rescue manikins for our firefighters.

The men and women of the Bath Twp. Fire Department are dedicated to providing the highest level of service to their community. It is our desire to give them the support and assistance they need to continue to achieve their mission.

Please consider making your tax deductible donation to our Foundation. 100% of the money will be used right here in your community to enhance the operation of our already excellent fire department.

It is our honor to serve you and we appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Joseph Kitchen
Fire Chief

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Bath Township Fire Department Foundation Inc.

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Our Core Values:

Service - Integrity - Professionalism - Compassion

2022-23 Foundation Board

Joseph Kitchen
Crystal Plumpe
Brenda Meyer
Terry Baldwin
Kevin Schmiedebusch
Barbara Pinney
Todd Clark

The Bath Twp. F.D. Foundation Board is made up of seven members, three from within the department and four representing our community. The board meets regularly to discuss current needs of the firefighters and to review the financial activity of the foundation.

The purpose of the Bath Township Fire Department Foundation, Inc. is to provide helpful assistance to the members of the Bath Township Fire Department and the Bath Township community, with a focus on training, education, and professional development; this foundation will serve to improve and enhance the overall service provided by the fire department to its residents, businesses, and visitors.

BTFD 2021 STATISTICS

FIRES	74
EMS	1297
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	24
SERVICE CALLS	177
GOOD INTENT CALLS	99
FALSE ALARMS	54
SPECIAL INCIDENT TYPE	1

2022-23 BTFD FOUNDATION GOALS:

Provide funding for the following programs and projects to benefit the fire department:

- Training seminars & workshops
- Education conferences including travel costs
- Professional development courses
- Training props, equipment, and materials
- Fire prevention materials
- Firefighter recruitment program funding