

Fire Department Open House
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On Sunday October 9th the Bloomfield Village Fire Department held its annual open house. The open house is held every year in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week and we had a spectacular Fall day that seemed like summer.

Several pieces of equipment were on display. The township's Safety House was back again. This is a trailer equipped with an artificial smoke machine and a severe weather simulation to help participants learn the proper procedures in an emergency such as a house fire or a tornado warning. The kids and parents alike had a chance to climb on the village fire truck, aim a real fire hose, inspect the village police car and snack on cider and doughnuts. In one of the demonstrations several of the moms received hands-on instruction in the proper use of a home fire extinguisher on an actual fire.

Anyone who is a village resident and 18 years of age is eligible to become a member of Bloomfield Village Fire Department. For more information about becoming a volunteer firefighter, contact Deputy Chief Ted Gauthier at (248) 645-8285 or tgauthier@bloomfieldtwp.org.