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2007 Response Report

By F. M. Bales, CFPS, CFI—Fire Chief / EMT

During 2007, we responded to 396 calls for assistance, which is a negligible increase from the previous year's 393 calls with no shift in the call volume by type. However, this represents nearly 100 more calls per year than we experienced in 1997; and a 204% increase from 1994, when we first began keeping detailed reports.

The responses for 2007 are summarized as follows:

TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT
Fire		
Brush/Grass/Trash	11	2.8
Building fire	39	9.9
Relocate to Another	6	1.5
False Alarm	45	11.4
Mutual Aid Drill	2	0.5
Controlled Burning	7	1.8
Vehicle Fire	5	1.3
Sub Total	115	29.1
Medical		
Medical Emergency	133	33.6
Non-emergency Standby	7	1.8
Sub Total	140	35.4
Rescue		
Motor Vehicle Accident	96	24.1
Sub Total	96	24.1
Hazardous Condition		
Carbon Monoxide Incident	2	0.5
Chemical Investigation	10	2.5
Explosion	2	0.5
Natural Gas or Propane Leak	1	0.3
Combustible Liquid Spill	3	0.8
Power Line Down	13	3.3
Tree Down, Wind	6	1.5
Sub Total	37	9.4
Public Service		
Assist Police	5	1.3
Public Service	3	0.8
Sub Total	8	2.1

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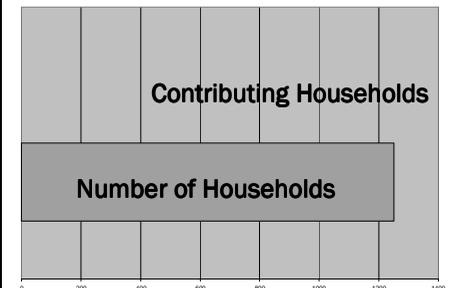
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Food Safety

By M. S. Karolyi—Administrative Member

Food safety is a topic of interest to all householders. Eating is one of life's most satisfying pleasures but food contamination may result in sickness, pain, medical expense, and even death. Here are some hints to help keep us all healthy so we can enjoy our food.

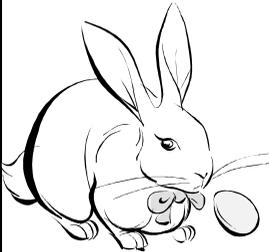
The preparation of good food starts in the store. Wise shoppers select produce in good condition as evidenced by no wilting, holes, mold or past expiration dates. Meats are to be selected with an eye for the color, the smell, and the sell by date. Sometimes stores offer "two for one" sales on meat. This is where caution is required. First, check the "for sale date" printed on the package to make sure it has not expired. If you see the date is very close (like tomorrow!) this could be a good deal. However, you have three choices with this situation. First, cook it up immediately, put it in the freezer right away, or third, cook it immediately and put the prepared food into the freezer for future use. Keep in mind that most stores today use inert gases to package their meats so that the fresh color you are looking for has been artificially prepared. The meat could actually be spoiled and not appear to be. Canned goods should be intact without rust or major dents that could extend into the contents. Fish must have no odor – if it is "fishy" smelling or the eyes look dull, then the fish is past its prime. Frozen items are purchased last to maintain temperature. In warm weather, bring a cooler with ice packs to keep these items frozen and also put the meats and vegetables in the cooler. When putting either meat or fish in the cart, place those items in a plastic bag and place to prevent any leakage onto the dry groceries.

Upon arrival at home, food safety begins with the unpacking of the groceries. First, frozen items are placed in the freezer and then refrigerated products go into the refrigerator. Maintain proper temperatures for safe cooling. Freezers need to be at zero while refrigerators should be at 40 degrees.

Menu planning must take into consideration the type of products purchased. Items such as fresh strawberries will not keep as long as do grapes. Mushrooms do not store as well as do carrots. Poultry and fish should be cooked within two days while the ham will keep fresh

much longer. Utilize the more perishable items first to prevent nutrient loss, to prevent the development of molds or bacteria growth, and to save money by not wasting food that has turned bad.

Cleanliness is at utmost importance to prevent illness. Use lots of hot soapy water to keep counters, knives, and cutting boards clean. Wash your sponges in a bleach solution or put them in the dishwasher. Use separate boards for meat and vegetables to prevent cross contamination from raw meat or fish. As needed, sanitize cutting boards and kitchen counters with a mixture of one teaspoon bleach to a gallon of water. Wash fresh fruits and vegetables with running water. Fruits such as melons required a soapy wash to kill surface bacteria prior to cutting. Thaw frozen items in the refrigerator and not on the kitchen counter. Cook foods thoroughly to kill any bacteria. Studies have found that the majority of chicken has salmonella that can cause us to become ill unless sufficient cooking has taken place. Leftovers should be put into the refrigerator promptly as leaving them out at room temperatures encourages the growth of bacteria. If you have a large quantity such as a pot of soup, consider dividing it into two separate containers. This will cool the soup more quickly and therefore be safer for future consumption. Do not store food items in the same cabinet with chemical cleaners. And, the first thing to do with food preparation is to *wash your hands!* The next thing to do is *wash your hands* during meal preparation. For example, after making the meat loaf or handling fresh eggs. Clean hands so that bacteria are not applied to that salad you are fixing. The last food preparation is to *wash your hands! Now enjoy!*



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Numbers, Numbers

By A. F. Karolyi—Administrative Member

We all have special numbers attached to our names. Car license plate numbers; driver license numbers; social security numbers; and telephone numbers, just to name a few. One simple number is directly related to ourselves and our family safety, our address number!

Imagine requiring emergency services, calling 911 and trying to describe the location of your home. Most of us would give our address number and the road/street it is located on. But!! Suppose you don't have an address number posted? You have lived in Greenfield Twp. for a long time and everyone knows where you live. Unfortunately the 911 dispatcher is not among that group of people! So you proceed to describe the location of your home. "It's the fourth house on the left hand side of (name) street/road after you take the second right off of the main road (or another street/road)". You are probably excited, not speaking very clearly and confusing the h___ out of the 911 dispatcher. If you are lucky and GTVFC responds, not one of our mutual aid companies, then the emergency services you need will arrive at the proper location. However, some time will be lost. Wouldn't it be simpler to just give the address number and street/road?

A Greenfield Twp Ordinance specifies that all houses located within the township be assigned and identified by an appropriate street/road name and address number. The ordinance further states "The owner, or occupant of premises other than the owner, shall display 2 inch reflective numbers on both sides of the property's mailbox and shall also display 5 inch address numbers upon the street side of any residence..... These numbers should be contrasting in color and visible from the street or road." Violation of this ordinance could result in a \$300 fine or by default a jail term of 30 days.

The township supervisors had street/road identifying signs installed. Unfortunately some have been vandalized or stolen. The supervisors have advised new signs are purchased and installation will start, weather and workload permitting. In the near future, the house address numbers ordinance will be enforced! It's not the township's responsibility to install address numbers, it is your responsibility! Avoid a legal hassle.

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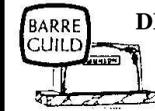
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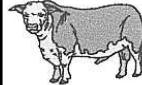
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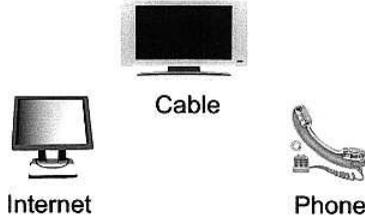
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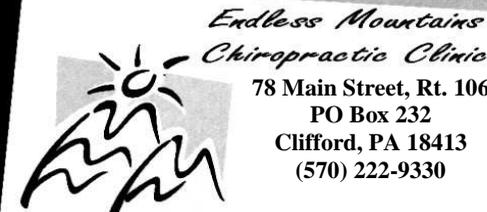
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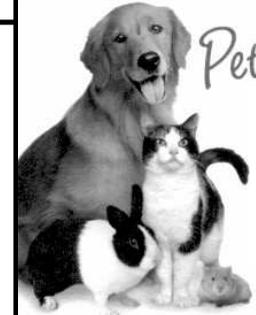
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