

Village of Bloomfield – Fact Sheet – helpful information before completing the survey

Public Safety:

- Our police department responds to 10,000 calls per year.
- According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting program the rate of sworn officers is 2.4 per 1,000 households. At this standard, the Village of Bloomfield would have 12 officers.
- The Village has 8 full time officers, with no clerical staff.
- Walworth County Law Enforcement Survey shows the median comparable patrol area has 7.5 officers and 1 full time clerical employee (8.5 full time staff).
- The Village of Bloomfield Fire & Rescue shares services with Genoa City, and Bloomfield Township. This intergovernmental agreement saves the Village substantial infrastructure and consolidates expenses for all three entities saving substantial money.
- 53% of all EMS/Fire calls in 2017 had responders on site within 7 minutes of dispatch and 83.7% within 10 minutes of dispatch and 96% within 14 minutes of dispatch.
- There were 736 calls in 2017, of these there were 609 EMS calls with 622 patients and 127 fire calls. The Village of Bloomfield represents 50% of the total EMS calls
- According to NFTA standards all structure fires should have a minimum of 4 people. We do not consistently meet this standard due to a combination of budget and volunteer shortfalls.
- WI State standards require there should be a “first out” ambulance 24 hours a day, if a municipality does not get a response on the road in adequate time, dispatch automatically sends another entity to cover the call. If there is no transport or the transport is a Medicare patient, then *we are billed* for this coverage.

Highway Department:

- Currently the Village of Bloomfield Police has 4 snow plow drivers.
- The county standard is one snow plow per 20 highway miles.
- The Village of Bloomfield meets this standard with trucks but have only one driver per truck.
- Clean up is done the day following a snow event to minimize over time and fatigued drivers.
- Walworth County Plows have an unlimited salt supply to maintain road safety. The Village of Bloomfield Highway department conserves salt by only salting on the initial pass, and the final pass after a snow event.
- 50% of the funds the Village spends for roads is matched by the state, but the funds must be spent to receive this income for the roads.
- The Roads maintenance/paving program is typically a 2-year plan that has been stretched to 3 years due to budget constraints.
- Currently summer work requires ____ of mowing per week – including minimal mowing of Village Buildings and parks only.
- We are not mowing roadsides regularly, unless an intersection or visibility is limited.
- Tree work is limited to dangerous trees, storm damage, minimal work.

Clerk, Utility, Treasurer and other offices:

- The Village offices including the Zoning, Clerk, Treasurer and Utility and Court Clerk until recently were available Monday – Friday during normal business hours.
- Recently these hours were changed to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:15-4 and Wednesday 8:15-12.