

EMERGENCY 9-1-1 HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

Everyone knows the adage **"Every Second Counts"** when we're referring to an emergency, and it's true. The difference between life and death may only be a few seconds for a victim. This fact has not been ignored by governmental agencies and community organizations; millions and millions of dollars have been poured into technologically advanced E-911 systems over the past 15-20 years. Even today, the hot topic is wireless E-911 concerning cell phones dialing 911.

However, with all of this technology, we've ignored one small problem. People don't mark their addresses sufficiently for emergency personnel to find them.

Our goal is to eliminate this problem. For the past 15 years we have been providing reflective address signs to our citizens at our cost. We would like to see every residence in the township marked with one of these signs. You can't imagine how frustrating it is to our emergency responders when they know someone is in dire need, and they cannot find, or read, the house numbers on the mailboxes. When they find the next readable number and realize they have past the actual address, then they have to turn around and go back. This all takes time, and lost time equals lost life or property in our business. The sign, including numbers for both sides, cost only \$8.00, and could save your life. We always have them on hand at the fire station. Please bring exact amount or a check as we do not keep cash on hand at the station.

