



# THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2023 / Fall Edition

## COUNTY MOURNS THE LOSS OF RETIRED FIRE CHIEF

Former Spirit of 76 Fire Chief Jim Tharp has passed. At the age of 12, Jim became a cadet for the Spirit of 76 fire department, following in his father's footsteps. At the age of 16, he officially became a fireman. Through the years he climbed the ranks and finally became the Chief of The Spirit of 76 fire department, where he held that position with grace and pride until 2023 when he retired. Jim was the most selfless, loving, forgiving, and determined Chief. He loved his family and community dearly and dedicated most of his life to serving others. He will be missed.

## BELMONT COUNTY OVERDOSES REPORTED

These are the overdoses reported to 9-1-1 countywide for all of 2023. Monthly breakdown is as follows:

<b>January:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>February:</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>March:</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>April:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>May:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>June:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>July:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>August:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>September:</b>	<b>18</b>

**2022 TOTAL: 165**

## UPCOMING 9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

### Fourth Quarter of 2023:

Jim Delman	11/16/2004	19 Years of Service
Alisa Scott	12/17/2013	10 Years of Service
John Cika	12/18/2011	12 Years of Service

## NEW DISPATCHER AT 9-1-1

We welcome new dispatcher Cali Brudzinski to our staff as a new dispatcher. Cali is a recent graduate of Union Local High School. She has completed an EMT class and has a strong interest in public safety. She is currently in training and hopes to be released on her own soon.

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## BELMONT COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES

Motorola is actively working on the next radio system upgrade project. If you recall from previous newsletters, this one will involve the following:

1. All equipment is in, or in transit, for this project. Staging is occurring and next will be testing and set-up of all equipment for the project.
2. Radio inventory by BearCom is underway. Some of you may have had visits recently from them, in an effort to get the “flash codes” from all remaining radios that didn’t have a chance to be reprogrammed last time.
3. Once everything is in place, reprogramming of existing radios will occur. This is a vital step in order to get the project rolling.

### 911 WIRELESS FUND:

JUL 2023: \$6,954.60

AUG 2023: \$12,231.22

SEP 2023: \$12,602.14

### **2023 YTD TOTAL:**

**\$106,017.77**

## NEW CAD SYSTEMS BEING EXPLORED

We are actively looking at new CAD vendors this month. We hope to have everything narrowed down in the very near future and would like to choose a vendor by the beginning of 2024. Many of you have reached out with ideas and things that you’d like to see in the future from our CAD system. We are presenting those things to each vendor as they demo their product. Many of those things include mobile data terminals, mobile mapping, the ability to see other units assigned to your call, body cam tagging to CAD calls, “silent” dispatching, better reporting capabilities, moving away from faxed times and call records, and on and on.

## CARES PROGRAM IS EXPANDING

CARES Director Jamie Betts has introduced Chad Zambori as the new CARES coordinator for Belmont County. Chad is a 25-year member of the Cumberland Trail Fire District, and will help in overseeing the CARES program, collaborating with local organizations, agencies and community partners, reaching out to educate the public and providing support. The CARES program will also be moving to a new office space, located at 133 Woodrow Ave. in St. Clairsville. If their services are needed, you can reach them at (740) 827-0004.

## BELMONT COUNTY CISM IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Just a reminder to all departments, Belmont County has access to Critical Incident Stress Management teams to help your members 24/7. CISM can be accessed by calling the EMA at 740-695-5984 or by calling into dispatch at 740-699-0425 to request it. All requests are kept confidential. Additionally, **the Belmont County CISM Team is now certified and approved through the FOP to provide CISM to all law enforcement in Belmont County.** CISM is a very valuable tool that can help your members cope with difficult calls and situations. Please do not hesitate to ask for their assistance. They can provide the following:

- Pre-Incident Agency Training
- Family & Significant Other Support
- Peer Support Services
- Defusing (On Scene/Immediate Response)
- Debriefings (CISD)
- Demobilization & Crisis Management Briefings (Large Incidents)
- On Scene Support

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Fire and EMS</b>	<b>YEAR 2023</b>												
Barnesville Fire & EMS	84	100	110	87	103	71	104	104	123				886
Barton	27	30	15	16	21	14	23	16	29				191
Beallsville Fire	5	2	6	7	3	4	5	3	0				35
Beallsville EMS	0	0	3	1	1	0	3	3	12				23
Bellaire Fire	9	8	10	14	10	5	5	10	9				80
Belmont	19	16	19	16	19	12	15	21	23				160
Bethesda	25	31	27	27	39	35	30	46	48				308
Bridgeport	56	46	43	33	44	36	63	50	60				431
Brookside	25	29	30	26	29	29	32	32	40				272
Colerain	41	20	38	42	35	20	37	30	27				290
Cumberland Trail	294	289	301	289	303	298	270	315	324				2683
Flushing	19	15	25	20	21	17	7	14	15				153
Holloway	1	0	3	3	1	2	1	0	2				13
Lafferty	21	14	22	31	24	37	13	25	17				204
Martins Ferry	143	127	127	109	152	126	142	110	120				1156
Morristown	1	3	2	6	3	4	3	5	5				32
Neffs	143	109	142	140	136	129	117	137	140				1193
Powhatan	10	10	9	16	21	23	23	24	14				150
OR & W	100	73	85	99	108	96	104	99	120				884
Smith Twp	18	8	11	7	4	12	11	17	12				100
Somerton	16	18	12	16	8	13	10	11	10				114
Spirit of 76	14	21	16	18	22	16	9	11	11				138
Sunset Heights	12	16	10	5	10	5	17	10	9				94
Wolfhurst	51	62	73	69	62	69	70	79	75				610
<b>Total Fire &amp; EMS</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>1047</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>1073</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10200</b>

<b>Police Departments</b>													
Barnesville	252	230	239	253	258	257	265	264	285				2303
Bellaire	250	243	282	329	386	337	325	358	296				2806
Belmont	7	15	27	23	13	24	16	9	10				144
Bethesda	73	76	21	15	16	62	40	35	37				375
Bridgeport	371	324	466	396	379	480	346	343	363				3468
Flushing	17	12	24	15	15	41	10	13	17				164
Martins Ferry	587	630	633	630	670	634	647	524	494				5449
Pease Twp Constables	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0				5
Powhatan	78	86	107	73	59	42	50	62	20				577
Shadyside	148	157	156	162	182	169	177	149	125				1425
Sheriff	773	746	869	870	885	799	854	969	881				7646
St. Clairsville	315	318	343	289	310	330	274	249	254				2682
Richland Twp	43	71	64	67	74	75	51	52	50				547
<b>Total Police</b>	<b>2914</b>	<b>2908</b>	<b>3232</b>	<b>3122</b>	<b>3248</b>	<b>3251</b>	<b>3055</b>	<b>3029</b>	<b>2832</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27591</b>

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<b>Totals All Incidents</b>	<b>4055</b>	<b>3961</b>	<b>4375</b>	<b>4219</b>	<b>4431</b>	<b>4329</b>	<b>4169</b>	<b>4207</b>	<b>4084</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37830</b>