



THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2017 / Spring Edition

2017 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

On March 18, 2017, the Belmont County Fire and Squad Officer's Association held their annual appreciations dinner. Various awards were given out, including Dispatcher of the Year. The Dispatcher of the Year award is unique, as it is the only award voted on by ALL Fire and EMS agencies in Belmont County.

This year's recipient was Brock Williams. Congratulations Brock and thank you for all that you do!



Dispatcher Brock Williams

WHY A NEWSLETTER?

In January 2017, the Belmont County Enhanced 911 Board voted unanimously to request that the 911 Board be dissolved, as they felt it no longer served a useful purpose. To address this request, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners called a meeting of the 9-1-1 Planning Committee to discuss changing the 911 Final Plan. On March 22, 2017, the Planning Committee amended, and unanimously approved, the 911 Final Plan and eliminated all language that established the Enhanced 911 Board. The amendments were approved by the Commissioners at their April 5th meeting. As part of the Board being disbanded, 911 Director Bryan Minder agreed to continue communications to all public safety and governmental agencies as to any changes or updates with Belmont County 911. Communications will now come to you in the form of a quarterly newsletter, "The 9-1-1 Dispatch". You should expect to receive these newsletters in April, July, October and January of each year.

ANNUAL RADIO AND PAGER INVENTORY

Beginning in late April, Belmont County 911 will begin to send out information to all departments regarding the annual radio and pager inventory. Since all radios were reprogrammed last spring, this year will just need an inventory completed by the Chief, or designee, of each department. Once completed, the Chief will sign off on the inventory and return the paperwork to Director Minder. Changes should be made on these sheets, prior to submission. Signing the document assures that the inventory is correct and all radios and pagers are accounted for. As always, if there are questions or discrepancies, please be sure to address them with the 911 Director prior to signing off on your inventory.

APRIL 9-15, 2017 IS NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR APPRECIATION WEEK

Each year, Belmont County 911 recognizes our dispatchers by celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. It is a small token of appreciation to the ones behind the headsets and microphones. As you all know, dispatchers are a vital link between those who need help and those who provide help. Various events are carried out throughout the week,

including catered meals, dressing-down for the week, donated prize giveaways and much more. Please join in by taking the time to tell ALL dispatchers thank you for the often thankless job that they do all year long.

ACTIVE 911

As a reminder to all Fire and EMS agencies utilizing Active 911, Belmont County 9-1-1 does **NOT** administer the Active 9-1-1 system or its users. We merely fund the annual subscription. The Belmont County Fire & Squad Officer's Association has administrative control of the app for Belmont County. Anyone needing Active 911 access, or needing changes to your Active 911 account, should first contact your Fire Chief. They must approve your access and send a form to the Fire & Squad Officer's Association. The following rules must be followed for access:

1. Must be active and certified (or working to be certified) through the State of Ohio in Fire and/or EMS
2. No more than two devices on the system per person
3. Cadets must be at least 16 years of age, with a letter from the Chief verifying permission to be on the system.
4. The Fire Chief will submit a form, or letter, of ALL department members needing access to the app.
5. Chiefs should email the letters or forms to belmontcountyfiresquadofficers@gmail.com

MONTHLY CALL NUMBER REPORT

At the end of this newsletter, we will continue to provide you with the monthly call numbers for each department in Belmont County. As a reminder, your numbers may differ from what we report. Our report represents the number of calls that a department is associated with in the CAD. This means if your department was dispatched to a call, but didn't respond, we still show it as one call for your agency. Your department may not have a record of that call, since no one responded.

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS.

Since there will no longer be a 9-1-1 Board that holds bi-monthly meetings, I would like to give agencies the ability to ask questions and get answers. Quite often, these questions will benefit multiple agencies. So, I will publish them here with answers. If you have questions that you would like to have answered in the newsletter, please submit them to us for review. Email your questions to Ask911@belmontcounty911.com and put "Newsletter Question" in the Subject Line.

9-1-1 WIRELESS FUND

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THE THIN GOLD LINE

Between the thin red line and the thin blue line lies the thinnest gold line.

This gold line represents those who rarely are seen but mostly heard.

The calm voices in the dark night; the golden glue that holds it all together.

DISPATCHERS

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Fire and EMS	YEAR 2017												
Barnesville EMS	57	56	71										184
Barnesville Fire	17	18	26										61
Barton	22	23	23										68
Beallsville Fire	2	4	4										10
Beallsville EMS	36	14	18										68
Bellaire Fire	18	7	10										35
Belmont	17	18	17										52
Bethesda	36	40	51										127
Bridgeport	33	44	44										121
Brookside	23	18	34										75
Colerain	33	19	33										85
Cumberland Trail	190	187	223										600
Flushing	27	14	25										66
Holloway	2	3	2										7
Lafferty	18	18	14										50
Martins Ferry	135	144	100										379
Maynard	0	2	0										2
Morristown	5	3	5										13
Neffs	43	33	39										115
Powhatan	11	14	10										35
OR & W	62	64	79										205
Smith Twp	8	11	11										30
Somerton	10	9	8										27
Spirit of 76	9	15	10										34
Sunset Heights	13	8	15										36
Wolfhurst	45	46	49										140
Total Fire & EMS	872	832	921	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2625
Police Departments													
Barnesville	180	129	144										453
Bellaire	267	353	342										962
Bethesda	97	88	104										289
Bridgeport	225	280	256										761
Flushing	22	13	13										48
Martins Ferry	596	530	569										1695
Powhatan	101	79	135										315
Richland Twp	28	26	31										85
Shadyside	122	152	152										426
Sheriff	801	721	802										2324
St. Clairsville	173	177	251										601
Total Police	2612	2548	2799	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7959
E M A	1	2	0										3
Totals All Incidents	3485	3382	3720	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10587