



# THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2018 / Spring Edition

## DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR 2018

We are happy to announce that this year's Belmont County Fire & Squad Officer's Association Dispatcher of the Year is Tom Regis.

Tom has been employed as a dispatcher since 2010. He is also a volunteer member of the Martins Ferry Fire Department and a part time paid member of the Colerain Fire Company.

Tom's attention to detail, ability to anticipate the needs of first responders and willingness to do whatever it takes to see a call through, has earned him this year's award. Congratulations!



## 2018 CALL NUMBERS ARE UP COUNTYWIDE

Included with this newsletter are current call numbers for the first 3 months of 2018. While 2017 was a very busy year for 9-1-1, 2018 is already shaping up to beat those numbers. In addition to the normal call numbers by department, I am including a comparison of numbers from 2017 to 2018 for 7-digit calls, 9-1-1 calls and CAD transactions.

## MAYNARD FIRE DEPARTMENT CLOSES

We were saddened to receive the news that the Maynard Fire Department has closed, effective March 11, 2018. The Maynard Fire Department was established in 1950 and served the community well. Many very good firemen, EMTs and Paramedics have come out of the community of Maynard. To all past members, we thank you for your service.

In this day and age of dwindling volunteer numbers and population decline, the outlook is bleak for many smaller departments. To those volunteer departments who still function with limited manpower and volunteers, we urge you to get the word out to the younger generation. Explain to them the need for volunteers and the sense of pride and worth that comes with it. Get them involved. We don't want to see any more departments in Belmont County meet this fate.

## 9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

### Last Quarter:

Miranda Schramm	3/6/2006	12 Years of Service
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### Upcoming:

Greg Probst	4/8/2012	6 Years of Service
Tom Regis	4/19/10	8 Years of Service
Brendan Bobo	5/1/2017	1 Year of Service
Stacey Zavatsky	5/2/2016	2 Years of Service
Bob Tracey	5/10/1999	19 Years of Service
Dustin Hudak	5/23/2010	8 Years of Service
Shawn Yost	6/20/2010	8 Years of Service
Kyle Jones	6/30/2017	1 Year of Service

## 2018 NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Once again, Belmont County 9-1-1 will celebrate National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This year, it will run from April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>. For our dispatchers, there will be various catered meals, provided by many vendor sponsors. Additionally, each dispatcher will receive some gifts of appreciation. If any department would like to help us to recognize these hard-working, professional dispatchers, donations are always welcome. If nothing else, please take the time to thank the dispatchers for what they do all year long for ALL public safety agencies in our county. As I've said many times, being a dispatcher is an often thankless and under-appreciated job. These men and women deserve all of the recognition that we can give them.

### 911 WIRELESS FUNDS

JAN 2018: \$7,500.00

FEB 2018: \$20,001.17

MAR 2018: \$9,876.73

## MORE NEW VOICES, MORE NEW DISPATCHERS

We would like to welcome two new full-time dispatchers to 9-1-1. Darrin Sawchuk and Aaron Petersen, both come to us from the Neffs Fire Department. By the time that this is published, Darrin will have completed his training and Aaron will be starting his. Please welcome them to our team and please show patience as they work to learn the challenging job of a dispatcher.

## 2018 BELMONT COUNTY FIRE & SQUAD OFFICERS ASSOCIATION BANQUET

In addition to our own Tom Regis winning Dispatcher of the Year for 2018, the following Fire and EMS personnel received awards. Congratulations to all who were recognized this year!

**Lifetime Achievement:** TOM ABSALOM, DAVID H. MARTIN, BOB EBERHART, JOHN YEMICH, HOWARD DAVIS and LORI WINES

**Firefighter of the Year:** DAVE ANDERSON (Brookside)

**Paramedic of the Year:** PAMELA FERRELL (Sunset Heights)

**EMT of the Year:** MARY ANNE STEPHENS (Barnesville EMS)

**Fire Officer of the Year:** JOSH COOPER (Asst. Chief, Powhatan Point)

**Incident of the Year:** SCHNEGG WELL PAD (Powhatan Point FD)

**Valley Boy Award:** GREG LASH (Ret. Captain, Columbus Fire)

## LIKE THE NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING?

With this quarterly newsletter, we are attempting to continue to disseminate the same type of information that was previously given to the 9-1-1 Board at their bimonthly meetings. If there is something you'd like to see or know, please tell us. We will be happy to add additional content to this newsletter. If you know of common problems or issues and want answers, tell us. If you'd like training on portable or mobile radio features, tell us. We will be happy to get the word out on anything that is deemed important to all first responders.



**YTD TOTALS 2017 vs 2018**

**9-1-1 CALLS**

2017	2018	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
7690	8030	340	4%

AVG RING TIME
4.6

**7-DIGIT CALLS**

2017	2018	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
2288	3279	991	30%

**CAD TRANSACTIONS**

2017	2018	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
8908	12117	3209	26%