



# THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2021 / Spring Edition

## RADIO REPAIR, INSTALL, REPLACEMENT AND REMOVAL

Any time a radio, owned by Belmont County 9-1-1, is in need of repair, install, replacement or removal from a vehicle, do not attempt to schedule this on your own. All that needs done is to contact Bryan Minder, Jim Delman or Tony Gregor at (740) 695-9104. We will arrange everything with Bearcom. The work must be approved by us, in order to have the cost covered by us. We will have Bearcom follow up with you to schedule a date and time for the work to be done.

Also, please do not wait until the last minute to have a removal done. We need a minimum of one week notice to get someone out to do a proper radio removal. Removals do not just mean that a radio head is taken out. It also requires that all cables, wiring, antenna, and speaker be removed. Do not do this yourself. We will pay to have it done properly.

## BELMONT COUNTY OVERDOSES REPORTED

These are the overdoses reported to 9-1-1 countywide for all of 2021. Monthly breakdown is as follows:

**January:** 17  
**February:** 20  
**March:** 23

**2021 YTD TOTAL: 60**

## 9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

### First Quarter of 2021:

Bryan Minder	1/6/97	24 Years of Service
Brittany Saffell	2/10/20	1 Year of Service
Darrin Sawchuk	2/26/18	3 Years of Service
Miranda Schramm	3/6/06	15 Years of Service

### Second Quarter of 2021:

Greg Probst	4/8/12	9 Years of Service
Bob Tracey	5/10/99	22 Years of Service
Dustin Hudak	5/23/10	11 Years of Service
Shawn Yost	6/20/10	11 Years of Service
Kyle Jones	6/30/17	4 Years of Service

## OHIO BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Just a reminder to all, burning is prohibited in Ohio from 6:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. for the months of March, April, May, October and November. Burning rules are governed by the ODNR Division of Forestry (ORC 1503.18) and the Ohio EPA (OAC 3745.19).

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## BELMONT COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES

Movement on the upgrades has been a bit slow, due to weather and order delays. But, over the past few months, crews were able to install the lines, dishes and equipment for the new microwave system at all tower sites. Additionally, they removed all of the old equipment. Upgraded Paging equipment is now in place and is ready to cutover to the new system. Coordination of this is tricky, as parts of the system must be taken out of service to move over. When this occurs, there will be some minor interruptions in paging service. We will work to keep this to a minimum and will be sure to communicate this to everyone effected, before it occurs. Radio and Active911 will be used as a back-up during these periods.

Next, we will begin to coordinate reprogramming of all mobiles and portables. Every radio in service today will need to be reprogrammed. We will work with each department to get this done in a timely manner.

All of these upgrades will be paid with funds from the 9-1-1 Radio System Upgrade Levy. Without this levy, none of these upgrades and enhancements would be possible.

### **911 WIRELESS FUND:**

JAN 2021: \$7,500.00

FEB 2021: \$21,448.68

MAR 2021: \$8,852.32

### **2021 YTD TOTAL:**

**\$37,801.00**

## NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK IS COMING

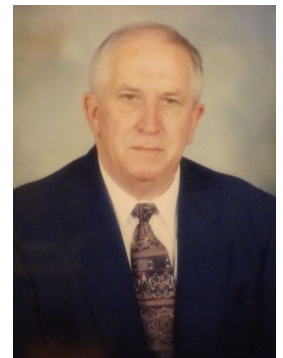
National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week will be observed from April 11-17, 2021. As is tradition, we will recognize our dispatchers during the week with various giveaways and food will be provided each day. This is a week to thank the dispatchers for what they do all year long. If you can, please take the time to reach out and thank these men and women for all they do.

## BRIDGEPORT DISPATCHER RETIRES

Effective later today, Bridgeport Police Department will no longer have a dispatcher on duty, Monday-Friday. Dispatcher Cathy Bernard is retiring after 11 years with the Village. Cathy had prior years of service with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, before coming to Bridgeport. Cathy's position will not be replaced by the Village. We would like to wish Cathy a very happy retirement. We would also like to thank her for working so well with us throughout the years and for her dedication to the residents of Bridgeport.

## BELMONT COUNTY'S FIRST 9-1-1 DIRECTOR PASSES

As many of you know, Cliff Sligar passed away on March 17, 2021. Cliff was well known as being a past Wheeling, WV Fire Chief. He was better known to us as Belmont County's first 9-1-1 Director. Cliff held the position of Director from 1995-2007. Everything that we have here today is due to the efforts and guidance of Cliff and the 9-1-1 Board. I can't begin to express how important Cliff was to me and my career at 9-1-1. He was a leader, a mentor and a friend. We at Belmont County 9-1-1 extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Sherry, and his entire family. He will be missed by all.



## 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.