



# THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2021 / Summer Edition

## ACTIVE 911

It needs to be repeated that 9-1-1 does not administer the Active 9-1-1 system or app. We merely fund it for the responders of Belmont County. If you are having issues with the app, need your “Code”, have problems downloading the app or have any general questions, we urge you to first contact your department’s Chief. If they can’t resolve your issue, you may try to contact Jim Delman or Allan Ketzell, from the Belmont County Fire & Squad Officer’s Association. The Association is the one who administers Active 9-1-1 in the county.

Additionally, please do not rely on Active911 as your sole source for dispatch notifications. The primary source for dispatching is voice paging and radio. Active911 is not 100% reliable. There can be delays in activations due to poor cell coverage, slow internet, issues with Active911 servers, human error and so on. While it is a nice supplement to our existing system, it should not be considered a 100% reliable source for notifications.

## BELMONT COUNTY OVERDOSES REPORTED

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

<b>January:</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>February:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>March:</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>April:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>May:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>June:</b>	<b>9</b>

**2021 YTD TOTAL: 103**

## UPCOMING 9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Third Quarter of 2021:

Shelley Jefferis	7/25/16	5 Years of Service
Michael Lollini	7/26/11	10 Years of Service
Nate Conaway	7/26/15	6 Years of Service
Ty Wilson	7/31/17	4 Years of Service
Kyle Polanski	9/5/14	7 Years of Service
Scott Puskas	9/13/19	2 Years of Service

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## BELMONT COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES

System upgrades are moving right along. Microwave is completed and Paging should be installed very soon. Also, once final details are worked out, you will be contacted by BearCom to begin scheduling radio reprogramming (flashing). Due to the large number of radios, it may take multiple trips to each department to get them all reprogrammed. We will do our best to work with you and your schedule.

We are also coming up with a plan to help you reprogram, or flash, the radios that your department owns, as well. Most of those were obtained through a MARCS grant. We are awaiting on word of a final cost for updating those radios. Once we know more, we will be in contact with you to work towards getting those completed, too.

Also, these projects are all possible due to the current 1 mill 9-1-1 Radio Upgrade Levy. This levy is going to be coming back up on the ballot this fall. We have many projects that we want to accomplish over the next 5-year period. We are asking for your support this fall, as we look to continue this levy.

### **911 WIRELESS FUND:**

APR 2021: \$11,089.89

MAY 2021: \$10,611.88

JUN 2021: \$10,683.70

### **2021 YTD TOTAL:**

**\$70,186.47**

## RADIO PATCHING PROCEDURES

One of the many features of our 800 MHz trunked radio system is the ability to “patch” our talkgroups (or channels) into others loaded into our system. This includes neighboring counties and states. We can patch into Ohio MARCS (which includes Jefferson County), Wheeling/Ohio County, Marshall County, and others. The process of “patching” talkgroups together requires a process by our dispatchers and it also ties up one frequency (channel) on our system to do so. We try to limit patching for this reason. Tying up a frequency places limitations on the system and can cause “busy” tones. If your radio has the capability to go directly to a certain talkgroup, please do so. Patching should be reserved for talkgroups not programmed into your radio.

## RADIO BATTERIES FLASHING RED/GREEN

Motorola Impres batteries, used in our portable radios, are preprogrammed with a “life cycle”. Once initially charged, that cycle begins. After a certain period of time, and number of charges, that battery will cause your charger to flash Red/Green when a battery is inserted. This does not always mean that the battery is bad. It can still be used, charged and reconditioned. Base your battery’s life on actual use. See how long you get out of it. If life is only a few hours, then yes, please get it replaced. If you can still get 8-10 hours out of a charge, it is a good battery. If the charger flashes only Red, the battery is definitely in need of replacement. If you have bad batteries, we will replace them here on a one-for-one basis. Please contact your Chief, or department head, and they can arrange replacements with us.

## 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.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Fire and EMS</b>	<b>YEAR 2021</b>												
Barnesville Fire & EMS	82	71	100	77	79	83							492
Barton	24	25	16	29	22	26							142
Beallsville Fire	3	1	2	4	6	4							20
Beallsville EMS	19	13	11	15	21	6							85
Bellaire Fire	8	13	16	6	7	9							59
Belmont	19	9	14	12	16	7							77
Bethesda	44	33	51	36	53	37							254
Bridgeport	72	57	50	69	54	45							347
Brookside	26	22	24	26	39	24							161
Colerain	28	35	33	32	42	32							202
Cumberland Trail	275	245	285	232	262	240							1539
Flushing	18	21	15	15	13	12							94
Holloway	0	0	1	2	2	0							5
Lafferty	20	17	32	19	16	17							121
Martins Ferry	154	131	140	149	153	123							850
Morristown	4	4	6	2	3	2							21
Neffs	110	109	125	130	116	124							714
Powhatan	15	21	20	19	13	11							99
OR & W	78	57	56	81	59	53							384
Smith Twp	9	9	15	10	17	11							71
Somerton	22	8	19	17	14	11							91
Spirit of 76	10	14	18	23	24	20							109
Sunset Heights	15	20	15	10	10	10							80
Wolfhurst	71	42	44	31	51	48							287
<b>Total Fire &amp; EMS</b>	1126	977	1108	1046	1092	955	0	0	0	0	0	0	6304
<b>Police Departments</b>													
Barnesville	285	209	252	247	214	335							1542
Bellaire	298	244	298	323	346	267							1776
Belmont	33	17	21	14	6	26							117
Bethesda	14	6	0	0	3	17							40
Bridgeport	276	206	276	359	368	305							1790
Flushing	24	23	55	38	23	29							192
Martins Ferry	501	445	477	508	573	593							3097
Pease Twp Constables	0	0	1	0	0	0							1
Powhatan	34	53	90	96	76	93							442
Shadyside	97	86	150	130	108	76							647
Sheriff	719	611	778	755	812	812							4487
St. Clairsville	229	278	275	287	262	263							1594
Richland Twp	22	31	17	17	17	23							127
<b>Total Police</b>	2532	2209	2690	2774	2808	2839	0	0	0	0	0	0	15852
<b>E M A</b>	3	3	1	2	4	1							14
<b>Totals All Incidents</b>	3661	3189	3799	3822	3904	3795	0	0	0	0	0	0	22170