



THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2020/ Fall Edition

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

As of today, the total number of cases in Belmont County is 747. 5 of those remain hospitalized and 25 others have unfortunately succumbed to the virus. But some good news is that 676 have fully recovered. Numbers in the county have slowed, but vigilance is still needed among all first responders. Currently, 41 cases are currently in quarantine.

At 9-1-1, we continue to receive daily updates from the Health Department, regarding active positives. We enter those into the CAD, so that you can be updated when responding to a specific address. Regardless of any alert to you from Dispatch, we urge ALL first responders to use caution in all interactions with the public. Use your PPE! Let's all watch out for one another and get through this together.

BELMONT COUNTY OVERDOSES REPORTED

These are the overdoses reported to 9-1-1 countywide for 2020, so far. Monthly breakdown is as follows:

January:	12	April:	15	July:	21
February:	20	May:	16	August:	18
March:	18	June:	12	September:	13

2020 YTD Total: 145

9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

4th Quarter of 2020:

Daniel Grady	11/15/10	10 Years of Service
John Cika	12/18/11	9 Years of Service

LAW: PURSUIT CHANNEL...USE IT!

We have had quite a few pursuits throughout the county recently. Multiple different law enforcement agencies are usually involved. For this reason, we want to remind you that the PURSUIT talkgroup is available in all of your radios, both mobile and portable. All you have to do is to press and HOLD the Home button on your mobile radio and you will be taken to the PURSUIT talkgroup. This will aid everyone involved and eliminate unnecessary radio traffic across multiple talkgroups. From a dispatch standpoint, it is a nightmare trying to coordinate everyone and repeat things multiple times over everyone's different talkgroups. Please remember it is there and PLEASE USE IT.

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INTEROPERABILITY: PATCHING RADIOS

Just a reminder to both Law Enforcement and Fire & EMS, we have the ability to patch both Law and/or Fire & EMS into neighboring jurisdictions, when the situation arises. In our system at Central Dispatch, we have Jefferson County, Ohio MARCS, Ohio County, WV and Marshall County, WV programmed in our consoles. If incidents involve our county units going to their area, or theirs coming into ours, we can set up patches for everyone to communicate together. While radio patches may take a minute or two to coordinate and set-up, it can be done when needed.

One thing to remember about patching, your radio (mobile or portable) must be in range of the Belmont County radio system to work. For example, if you are patched into Jefferson County, and you travel far enough north into Jefferson where you lose connection to the Belmont County system, your radio will no longer work once you are out of range. The patch does not put you onto their system, it is only a link for their system into ours. If you have questions about patching and interoperability, please feel free to ask and we will address your concerns.

911 WIRELESS FUND:

JUL 2020: \$1,267.00

AUG 2020: \$19,240.38

SEPT 2020: \$13,285.09

2020 YTD: \$103,978.94

RADIO BASES IN OUT OF AREA HOSPITALS

I have been approached by at least three departments in the last year, asking if we can put a hospital base radio in Southeastern Med Hospital in Cambridge. While I have no problem adding communications to any hospital utilized by our departments, this one is just not possible. When we put a radio base in, that radio must have a good, strong signal connected directly to our radio system in Belmont County. The distance of that hospital to our county does not allow this. We have had Bearcom go out and test to see if it could be done and the signal is not strong enough to reliably reach our radio system, both inside and outside of the hospital.

The option I suggest is, if you have MARCS capabilities in any of your radios, please follow up with MARCS to see if they can add the Southeastern Med talkgroup to your MARCS radio template.

BELMONT COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES

We remain in a holding pattern for the Paging and Microwave installation. While the delays with licensing for the new Microwave have been resolved, we have found new issues with the existing Microwave equipment. Initially, the plan was to reuse the existing lines, compressors, and dishes at each tower site. That is not going to be possible and we are now getting quotes to replace that equipment, prior to putting the new backbone equipment in place. Leaks in the existing lines have been found and the dishes are showing age. Rather than putting a “band-aid” on this and revisiting it in a few years, we will just replace it all now.

We still hope that radio “flashing” (reprogramming) will begin soon. It will all depend on restrictions being lifted regarding COVID-19, so that radio programmers can gain access to all departments. Our best estimate is that we will begin the reprogramming in early fall. You will be contacted to schedule, well in advance of this beginning.

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
Fire and EMS	YEAR 2020												
Barnesville Fire & EMS	67	65	73	54	72	79	69	70	69				618
Barton	22	14	21	12	25	20	16	30	20				180
Beallsville Fire	2	4	2	1	3	2	6	1	1				22
Beallsville EMS	9	23	18	18	7	9	12	8	5				109
Bellaire Fire	15	3	17	5	3	13	10	14	4				84
Belmont	8	11	14	13	13	13	19	17	13				121
Bethesda	33	26	30	38	51	50	49	51	37				365
Bridgeport	43	51	48	30	56	57	56	48	46				435
Brookside	14	24	28	23	31	24	28	30	26				228
Colerain	31	33	22	19	24	27	28	31	27				242
Cumberland Trail	238	224	247	175	222	222	256	247	246				2077
Flushing	13	16	16	16	19	19	18	24	22				163
Holloway	2	3	1	3	0	1	2	2	2				16
Lafferty	21	21	24	14	21	16	18	20	15				170
Martins Ferry	130	117	138	99	111	120	161	132	127				1135
Morristown	1	4	3	1	3	3	4	3	4				26
Neffs	64	55	55	35	39	158	144	138	125				813
Powhatan	22	9	16	15	39	11	16	28	21				177
OR & W	90	47	47	46	7	80	81	76	59				533
Smith Twp	8	10	6	11	10	16	13	13	9				96
Somerton	5	10	14	8	18	12	19	13	10				109
Spirit of 76	14	11	9	9	18	16	21	19	13				130
Sunset Heights	16	15	9	6	6	6	7	13	6				84
Wolfhurst	45	59	65	43	52	45	50	53	44				456
Total Fire & EMS	913	855	923	694	850	1019	1103	1081	951	0	0	0	8389

Police Departments													
Barnesville	276	294	226	132	211	242	247	162	274				2064
Bellaire	327	278	312	254	347	330	368	384	379				2979
Belmont	8	29	30	16	28	29	34	38	19				231
Bethesda	34	40	43	50	35	18	19	29	22				290
Bridgeport	308	179	191	119	319	295	315	363	335				2424
Flushing	34	26	30	27	27	42	42	27	34				289
Martins Ferry	616	612	571	394	583	606	577	506	531				4996
Pease Twp Constables	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0				2
Powhatan	103	119	107	59	102	138	129	106	83				946
Shadyside	107	108	128	87	113	126	109	107	89				974
Sheriff	899	893	747	552	596	797	905	973	834				7196
St. Clairsville	218	210	225	206	257	276	264	316	243				2215
Richland Twp	27	21	21	29	25	30	33	27	16				229
Total Police	2957	2809	2631	1925	2643	2929	3042	3040	2859	0	0	0	24835

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Totals All Incidents	3871	3666	3555	2620	3495	3949	4146	4121	3810	0	0	0	33233
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