



THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2021 / Fall Edition

DISPATCH OF THE YEAR 2020 & 2021

As part of the Belmont County Fire & Squad Officer's Association dinner each year, one award, voted on by the county's Fire Chiefs, is the Dispatcher of the Year award. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 recipient had not yet been recognized. The 2020 Dispatcher of the Year was Darrin Sawchuk. He will be recognized at the dinner on October 3, 2021. Additionally, this year's winner of the 2021 Dispatcher of the Year is Dustin Hudak. You may remember that Dustin had won this award previously, in 2015. Dustin will receive his award on the same night.

At 9-1-1, we like to think that all of our dispatchers are worthy of Dispatcher of the Year distinction. Regardless, we are very proud of the annual winner and like to give them the recognition that they deserve. Congratulations to both Darrin and Dustin!

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
April:	15
May:	19
June:	9
July:	13
August:	28
September:	16

2021 YTD TOTAL: 160

UPCOMING 9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Fourth Quarter of 2021:

Tony Gregor	10/1/12	9 Years of Service
Daniel Grady	11/15/10	11 Years of Service
Jim Delman	11/16/04	17 Years of service
Alisa Scott	12/17/13	8 Years of Service
John Cika	12/18/11	10 Years of Service

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BELMONT COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES

System upgrades are moving right along. Radio flashing has begun. BearCom has started with a few of the local fire departments and has completed the radio upgrades to their county-owned radios. BearCom will be calling each Chief shortly, to get you scheduled. Please be patient, as they are working with limited manpower to get these done. If you have issues or problems after the flashing is done, please contact us and we will work to get the issues rectified. Law enforcement radios will begin shortly.

One questions from the FDs was, “Why aren’t you flashing our MARCS radios that we own?”. Well, we will address those, once the county-owned radios are completed. Those radios weren’t part of the original project, but we haven’t forgotten about them. We plan to lump those together as one project and hope to be able to offset some of the cost to you, once we see what is left over from the initial project. We will be in touch with each department, once we have final numbers.

Also, these projects are all possible due to the current 1 mill 9-1-1 Radio Upgrade Levy.

911 WIRELESS FUND:

JUL 2021: \$1,267.00

AUG 2021: \$19,240.38

SEP 2021: \$13,285.09

**2021 YTD TOTAL:
\$103,978.94**

FIRE AND SQUAD OFFICERS RECOGNITION DINNER

Each year, the Belmont County Fire & Squad Officer’s Association holds their annual appreciation dinner. This year, it will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at Undo’s in St. Clairsville. Dinner begins at 6:00. Various awards are given out each year, which help to recognize those in the county’s Fire and EMS service for the outstanding work that they do each day. This year’s dinner will recognize winners from 2020 and 2021, since last year’s dinner had to be cancelled, due to COVID-19 restrictions. We’d like to congratulate all the winners being recognized this year.

RADIO UPGRADE LEVY BACK ON THE BALLOT

We are asking for the support of the public for our Radio System Upgrade Levy. It is being placed back on the ballot in November. We have made a change to it, as we feel that it can be reduced to a ¾ mil levy, from a 1 mil levy. With the projects we have on tap, for the foreseeable future, sufficient funding will come from a smaller levy.

Some of the upgrade plans for the next 5-year timeframe include: NextGen 9-1-1 upgrades (including upgraded CAD, Mapping, NG 9-1-1 recording and Text-to-911), radio system software and hardware upgrades, automatic vehicle location, mobile data terminals in all vehicles, push-to-talk GPS, dead area coverage, and much more. We are just trying to keep up with the challenges of ever-changing technology.

We ask that you please help to support our levy on November 2nd. We also ask that you help to promote it to all of your family and friends. None of this would be possible without this generous funding source and the support of you.

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 2021												
Barnesville Fire & EMS	82	71	100	77	79	83	82	77	89				740
Barton	24	25	16	29	22	26	31	25	26				224
Beallsville Fire	3	1	2	4	6	4	2	7	6				35
Beallsville EMS	19	13	11	15	21	6	23	20	20				148
Bellaire Fire	8	13	16	6	7	9	7	8	10				84
Belmont	19	9	14	12	16	7	21	21	14				133
Bethesda	44	33	51	36	53	37	57	56	48				415
Bridgeport	72	57	50	69	54	45	38	64	43				492
Brookside	26	22	24	26	39	24	37	36	31				265
Colerain	28	35	33	32	42	32	32	38	25				297
Cumberland Trail	275	245	285	232	262	240	274	329	312				2454
Flushing	18	21	15	15	13	12	17	27	20				158
Holloway	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	2	0				9
Lafferty	20	17	32	19	16	17	34	27	21				203
Martins Ferry	154	131	140	149	153	123	155	162	154				1321
Morristown	4	4	6	2	3	2	5	3	1				30
Neffs	110	109	125	130	116	124	151	143	158				1166
Powhatan	15	21	20	19	13	11	15	18	26				158
OR & W	78	57	56	81	59	53	49	70	82				585
Smith Twp	9	9	15	10	17	11	16	17	17				121
Somerton	22	8	19	17	14	11	14	18	15				138
Spirit of 76	10	14	18	23	24	20	14	24	17				164
Sunset Heights	15	20	15	10	10	10	6	21	12				119
Wolfhurst	71	42	44	31	51	48	63	43	55				448
Total Fire & EMS	1126	977	1108	1046	1092	955	1145	1256	1202	0	0	0	9907

Police Departments													
Barnesville	285	209	252	247	214	335	336	285	322				2485
Bellaire	298	244	298	323	346	267	316	325	321				2738
Belmont	33	17	21	14	6	26	24	4	21				166
Bethesda	14	6	0	0	3	17	28	35	36				139
Bridgeport	276	206	276	359	368	305	342	282	268				2682
Flushing	24	23	55	38	23	29	33	30	12				267
Martins Ferry	501	445	477	508	573	593	818	709	664				5288
Pease Twp Constables	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Powhatan	34	53	90	96	76	93	71	80	54				647
Shadyside	97	86	150	130	108	76	146	120	147				1060
Sheriff	719	611	778	755	812	812	902	873	768				7030
St. Clairsville	229	278	275	287	262	263	299	328	258				2479
Richland Twp	22	31	17	17	17	23	16	9	59				211
Total Police	2532	2209	2690	2774	2808	2839	3331	3080	2930	0	0	0	25193

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Totals All Incidents	3661	3189	3799	3822	3904	3795	4478	4336	4135	0	0	0	35119
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