



THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2024 / Spring Edition

2024 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

The Belmont County Fire and Squad Officer's Association 2024 Dispatcher of the Year, as voted by the Fire Chiefs of Belmont County, is Kyle Jones. Kyle won this award in 2022, as well. This award is unique to the awards given at the annual dinner, in that it is voted on by ALL of the fire departments in the county. Congratulations, once again, to Kyle for your outstanding service to the citizens and first responders of Belmont County.

LIFE SAVING AWARD ISSUED TO KYLE JONES

January 12, 2024, at 17:34, a 9-1-1 call was received reporting a child choking on Broadland St. in St. Clairsville. Dispatcher Kyle Jones answered the call. He was able to immediately assess the situation, ask appropriate questions and walk the caller through relieving the airway obstruction, before the squad arrived on scene. While talking the caller through this, other dispatchers on duty were able to dispatch the fire department to the scene. Kyle was issued a Lifesaving Award for his efforts. When we know of a dispatcher having a direct impact on helping to save a life, we like to recognize them for their part. A job well done, Kyle.

BELMONT COUNTY OVERDOSES REPORTED

These are the overdoses reported to 9-1-1 countywide for all of 2023. Monthly breakdown is as follows:

January: 17
February: 13
March: 9

2024 TOTAL: 39

UPCOMING 9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Second Quarter of 2024:

Greg Probst	4/8/2012	12 Years of Service
Dustin Hudak	5/23/2010	14 Years of Service
Kate Stover	5/25/2022	2 Years of Service
Shawn Yost	6/20/2010	14 Years of Service
Kyle Jones	6/30/2017	7 Years of Service

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RADIO REPROGRAMMING UNDERWAY

BearCom has begun doing some radio reprogramming. Some of you have already been contacted; others will be in the near future. This will be a long process, as each radio will need to be read, flash updated and then reprogrammed again with a new template. Please be patient with the Techs, as this involves an extended programming period. One good part of this project will be the addition of “Over-the-Air” programming through Radio Management. Meaning, we will be able to do some future reprogramming remotely, so that radios don’t have to be “touched” every time changes are needed. Additionally, if you have radios owned by your department, purchased by a previous grant or otherwise but not owned by us, we are going to make arrangements later to have those flash updated for you. We will pay the cost for that update, but it was not included in this part of the radio upgrade project.

NEXT GEN 911 FUND:

JAN 2024: \$14,993.79

FEB 2024: \$12,819.93

MAR 2024: \$14,758.77

2024 YTD TOTAL:

\$42,572.49

RADIO PUSH-TO-TALK GPS WILL BE ENABLED

As part of the radio reprogramming, a new feature will be enabled. This feature is Push-To-Talk GPS. What this feature does is it will display the location of your mobile and portable radio any time you key up and talk, or your “Man Down” button is activated. It will display this information to our dispatchers on a mapping program called CompassCom. There are some limitations to this GPS. It is NOT an “always on” GPS, that will track your every move. It only reports your location when you key up or set off a Man Down. They will only be able to see your last known location when you keyed up. Also, if you are in a multi-story building, it will not know what floor you are on. It only displays your “X-Y” coordinates. Last, the technology can be limited based on a building’s construction. If a roof, or other feature, limits your radio signal, it will also limit the ability to provide an accurate GPS location.

BURN BAN FOR ALL OF OHIO IN EFFECT

It is that time of year again. Burning is restricted between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm daily, for the months of March, April and May. Then again in October and November. Please refer to ORC 1503.18 and OAC 3745.19 for rules set forth and enforced by the Division of Forestry and the Ohio EPA. The Division of Forestry can be reached at 877-247-8733 and the Ohio EPA can be reached at 614-644-2270.

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. They can provide the following:

- Pre-Incident Agency Training
- Family & Significant Other Support
- Peer Support Services
- Defusing (On Scene/Immediate Response)
- Debriefings (CISD)
- Demobilization & Crisis Management Briefings (Large Incidents)
- On Scene Support