



THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2020/ Summer Edition

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

I do not have the words to describe the last few months. The words crazy, unprecedented and unfathomable all come to mind, regarding this COVID-19 pandemic. Our response to calls, as first responders, has changed drastically. As of today, the total number of cases in Belmont County is 563. 4 of those remain hospitalized and 22 others have unfortunately succumbed to the virus. But some good news is that 504 have fully recovered. Numbers in the county have slowed, but vigilance is still needed among all first responders.

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
February:	20	May:	16
March:	18	June:	12

2020 YTD Total: 93

9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Quarter of 2020:

Shelley Jefferis	7/25/16	4 Years of Service
Michael Lollini	7/26/11	9 Years of Service
Nathan Conaway	7/26/15	5 Years of Service
Ty Wilson	7/31/17	3 Years of Service
Kyle Polanski	9/5/14	6 Years of Service
Scott Puskas	9/13/19	1 Year of Service

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NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR APPRECIATION WEEK

This year, we recognized our dispatchers during the week of April 12-18, 2020. They were provided lunch and dinner throughout the week, a few small giveaways were done and also had some departments provide various treats and food, as well. While 2020 was scaled back a little, due to the pandemic, it doesn't change the appreciation that we have for these individuals and the job that they do every single day. While they may not be seen, they are the first, first responders on the scene. They work hard to keep the public and ALL first responders safe. Thank you for the job that you do!

DARRIN SAWCHUK - DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR 2020



While the Belmont County Fire & Squad Officers Association annual dinner was cancelled for this year, some awards were still voted on and approved. The Dispatcher of the Year award is the only one voted on by all Belmont County Fire Departments. This year, the Dispatcher of the Year award goes to Darrin Sawchuk. Darrin will be having his name attached to the plaque lining the hall at 9-1-1. He will be formally recognized at next year's banquet. Congratulations go out to Darrin for a well-deserved award!

911 WIRELESS FUND:

APR 2020: \$11,089.89

MAY 2020: \$10,611.88

JUN 2020: \$10,683.70

2020 YTD: \$70,186.47

LIFE SAVING EFFORT RECOGNIZED



On April 18, 2020 at 10:31, a 9-1-1 call was received by dispatcher Miranda Schramm. On the other end of the line was a mother reporting that her one-month old child was not breathing. The child was reported to be limp, blue and completely unresponsive. Miranda, without hesitation, began to give the mother CPR instructions. Her calm demeanor, quick actions and concise instructions helped to bring life back into the child, prior to the arrival of EMS to the scene. It was chilling to listen to, especially when hearing the child begin to make noises, and then fully cry, by the end of the call.

The discovery of this call led the 9-1-1 administration to create a new award to recognize efforts such as this, by our staff. Miranda was awarded the very first 9-1-1 Lifesaving Award. She was presented a framed certificate and will have her name affixed to a plaque, that will hang at the Communications Center. While our 9-1-1 dispatchers handle thousands of calls every year, some of those calls really stand out and deserve additional recognition. This was one of those calls. Thank you, Miranda, for a job well done!

BELMONT COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES

We are in a holding pattern for the Paging and Microwave installation. They ran into delays with the licensing for the new Microwave with the FCC. They are awaiting the go ahead to move forward with install. The Microwave and Paging equipment is in and staged, ready to be put in service.

We 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.

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.

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							410
Barton	22	14	21	12	25	20							114
Beallsville Fire	2	4	2	1	3	2							14
Beallsville EMS	9	23	18	18	7	9							84
Bellaire Fire	15	3	17	5	3	13							56
Belmont	8	11	14	13	13	13							72
Bethesda	33	26	30	38	51	50							228
Bridgeport	43	51	48	30	56	57							285
Brookside	14	24	28	23	31	24							144
Colerain	31	33	22	19	24	27							156
Cumberland Trail	238	224	247	175	222	222							1328
Flushing	13	16	16	16	19	19							99
Holloway	2	3	1	3	0	1							10
Lafferty	21	21	24	14	21	16							117
Martins Ferry	130	117	138	99	111	120							715
Morristown	1	4	3	1	3	3							15
Neffs	64	55	55	35	39	158							406
Powhatan	22	9	16	15	39	11							112
OR & W	90	47	47	46	7	80							317
Smith Twp	8	10	6	11	10	16							61
Somerton	5	10	14	8	18	12							67
Spirit of 76	14	11	9	9	18	16							77
Sunset Heights	16	15	9	6	6	6							58
Wolfhurst	45	59	65	43	52	45							309
Total Fire & EMS	913	855	923	694	850	1019	0	0	0	0	0	0	5254

Police Departments													
Barnesville	276	294	226	132	211	242							1381
Bellaire	327	278	312	254	347	330							1848
Belmont	8	29	30	16	28	29							140
Bethesda	34	40	43	50	35	18							220
Bridgeport	308	179	191	119	319	295							1411
Flushing	34	26	30	27	27	42							186
Martins Ferry	616	612	571	394	583	606							3382
Powhatan	103	119	107	59	102	138							628
Shadyside	107	108	128	87	113	126							669
Sheriff	899	893	747	552	596	797							4484
St. Clairsville	218	210	225	206	257	276							1392
Richland Twp	27	21	21	29	25	30							153
Total Police	2957	2809	2631	1925	2643	2929	0	0	0	0	0	0	15894

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Totals All Incidents	3871	3666	3555	2620	3495	3949	0	0	0	0	0	0	21156
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