



THE 9-1-1 DISPATCH

2022 / Summer Edition

DISPATCHER BOB TRACEY HAS RETIRED

Most of you are very familiar with Bob Tracey, as he has been a mainstay here at 9-1-1 since May of 1999. Bob has decided that it is time to retire. So, after 23 years of service, June 30th has become Bob's last day of work. Bob has been a dedicated employee, loyal coworker, and asset to all of Belmont County's first responders and citizens. His knowledge, experience and work ethic will be missed. We wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.

WE WELCOME TWO NEW 9-1-1 DISPATCHERS

We ask that everyone take the time to welcome our newest dispatchers, Kate Stover and Melissa Wade. Kate is an EMT with both Barnesville and Bethesda fire departments. Melissa is an EMT with OR&W, Neffs and Martins Ferry EMS. Kate has just completed her dispatch training and will begin working on her shift next week. Melissa begins training the first week in July.

BELMONT COUNTY OVERDOSES REPORTED

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

January:	22
February:	21
March:	12
April:	22
May:	20
June:	16

2022 YTD TOTAL: 113

UPCOMING 9-1-1 WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Third Quarter of 2022:

Kyle Polanski	9/5/2014	8 Years of Service
Nathan Conaway	7/26/2015	7 Years of Service
Shelley Jefferis	7/25/2016	6 Years of Service
Ty Wilson	7/31/2017	5 Years of Service
Scott Puskas	9/13/2019	3 Years of Service
Michael Lollini	7/26/2011	11 Years of Service

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BELMONT COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES

Most of our radios have received the “flash” upgrade, but there are more that need to be done. The new flashes are on order but are delayed (like so many other things) due to the chip shortage and other delays from COVID. Small batches have been coming in and BearCom has been doing those as they can. We hope that the remaining ones are received soon.

The microwave and paging upgrade is still being tested. Software configurations are in the works. The biggest obstacle is coming up with a plan that will cause minimal interruptions to our system. We will keep you updated on the progress.

TALK AROUND CHANNEL – WHAT IS IT? WHEN TO USE IT?

All Belmont County radios (Law, Fire and EMS) have channels available that are used as a “talk around” channel. The channels allow your radios to talk directly, radio-to-radio, without going through the radio system’s towers. The benefits of these channels are many. If you have poor coverage in an area in, or out, of our system’s range, it allows you to communicate to others near you. Also, it gives you an option to do things like traffic control or special events, without tying up frequencies and talkgroups on our system. These channels do have some limitations. First, Dispatch cannot hear any transmissions on these channels. These channels only reach as far as the radio can transmit. Meaning, depending on terrain, the range from one radio to another is probably only about 1 mile or so. For law enforcement, you must understand that Talk Around channels are not encrypted.

To find your Talk Around channels, please scroll through the A, B and C zones in your radio. Most have them programmed into B or C zone. They will be listed as IO T/A 1, IO T/A 2, or IO CALL T/A (they may or may not have the “IO” in front). This stands for Interoperable Talk Around 1, 2, etc. As long as you and the other radio near you are on the same Talk Around channel, you should be able to communicate radio-to-radio, off of the Belmont County radio system.

9-1-1 IS LOOKING FOR APPLICANTS – PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

We have recently hired two new dispatchers to fill two full time openings. We want to let everyone know that we are always looking for new applicants. We especially like to have applicants with a background in public safety. If you, or someone you know, is interested in a career as a 9-1-1 dispatcher, please visit our website (belmontcounty911.com) and go to the Employment section. You can download the application there. Mail it into us, or scan and email it to bminder@belmontcounty911.com. Even if we are not currently hiring, we always welcome applications and resumes to have on file, for when an opening occurs.

CORONER NOTIFICATION REMINDER

Please remember, if the Coroner’s Office needs to be notified of a death, or to respond to your scene, just ask the dispatchers and they will contact the investigator who is on call for the day. Do not just call one of the investigators direct. We will notify the correct member of their staff and have them contact you immediately.

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.

911 WIRELESS FUND:

APR 2022: \$12,101.89

MAY 2022: \$11,321.26

JUN 2022: \$11,285.97

2022 YTD TOTAL:

\$72,702.61

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Fire and EMS	YEAR 2022												
Barnesville Fire & EMS	121	82	80	101	81	90							555
Barton	23	24	25	21	29	34							156
Beallsville Fire	2	2	3	3	1	7							18
Beallsville EMS	15	9	4	2	3	2							35
Bellaire Fire	13	7	7	9	8	7							51
Belmont	10	19	17	15	18	9							88
Bethesda	53	51	31	27	39	37							238
Bridgeport	53	54	52	52	47	40							298
Brookside	36	24	17	22	21	20							140
Colerain	28	38	27	23	35	32							183
Cumberland Trail	301	281	302	254	313	361							1812
Flushing	36	31	10	15	20	19							131
Holloway	0	1	0	1	1	2							5
Lafferty	19	21	31	19	20	23							133
Martins Ferry	146	100	152	126	157	164							845
Morristown	1	4	4	2	0	3							14
Neffs	157	125	151	124	145	150							852
Powhatan	27	22	17	22	22	35							145
OR & W	91	85	89	70	84	95							514
Smith Twp	14	25	10	8	10	9							76
Somerton	14	11	7	14	8	24							78
Spirit of 76	19	27	19	23	11	16							115
Sunset Heights	13	7	12	20	17	22							91
Wolfhurst	64	58	44	62	62	51							341
Total Fire & EMS	1256	1108	1111	1035	1152	1252	0	0	0	0	0	0	6914
Police Departments													
Barnesville	274	227	291	304	291	300							1687
Bellaire	312	371	399	356	398	427							2263
Belmont	4	10	7	3	8	4							36
Bethesda	15	13	46	46	60	36							216
Bridgeport	319	287	328	368	438	412							2152
Flushing	10	17	27	11	20	27							112
Martins Ferry	509	477	608	862	881	895							4232
Pease Twp Constables	0	0	0	0	1	1							2
Powhatan	41	56	53	50	54	64							318
Shadyside	92	111	134	161	172	150							820
Sheriff	721	753	799	815	890	875							4853
St. Clairsville	224	282	344	331	302	350							1833
Richland Twp	43	56	81	58	36	23							297
Total Police	2564	2660	3117	3365	3551	3564	0	0	0	0	0	0	18821
E M A	2	1	3	7	5	5							23
Totals All Incidents	3822	3769	4231	4407	4708	4821	0	0	0	0	0	0	25758