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Washington Township . . . Your Community, Your Future

Get the App. Answer the Call.

Washington Township is now a PulsePoint partner and invites you to join the network of life savers!

PulsePoint is a free smartphone app that gives users real time access to the 9-1-1 call locations where cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is needed. If a cardiac emergency occurs in a public place, PulsePoint users who are trained in CPR will be alerted to the location of the emergency and the need for bystander CPR until emergency responders arrive.

Immediate response is imperative with cardiac arrest victims because, for every minute they go unaided, their chance of survival decreases by 10%.

PulsePoint isn't new but it is new to our community and, judging from the life-saving impact it has had in other cities, we expect it to be a valuable tool in increasing the survival rate of cardiac

arrest victims and others who need CPR.

In addition to notifications for the need for CPR, PulsePoint can also direct users to the exact location of the closest



publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator, or AED. Users can also opt in to receive notifications of other emergency calls including fire, rescue, and some medical.

If you are trained to administer CPR and would like to be part of the PulsePoint community, we encourage you to download the app from either the Apple App Store or Google Play. Search for PulsePoint.

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If you would like to learn CPR, Washington Township offers classes, monthly. Register for our next class at wtwp.com.

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE • OCTOBER 8, 1-4 pm
Details inside!



Accreditation means accountability

How can residents be assured that the fire department they support with tax dollars is performing well? Without an intimate understanding of every aspect of how fire departments operate, it might be difficult for a resident to determine if their tax dollars are being used efficiently and effectively.

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) aims at helping residents do just that. Their accreditation programs allows fire departments to benchmark their performance against a number of indicators including operations, training, equipment, disaster response planning, human resources, inspections, investigations, public education and finance.

The accreditation process requires agencies seeking this distinction to enlist both quantitative and qualitative measures in every aspect of their business and use the data they collect as the basis for making business decisions that promote service excellence goals.

For Washington Township Fire Department, data collection happens on every emergency call, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Continuous analysis can expose trends in emergency

response time, and quality or effectiveness of service, signaling the need for operational adjustments.

Depending on performance goals, adjustments can be made to staffing, apparatus locations within the response district, and number and type of response vehicles assigned to a particular call type.

Consistent and purposeful data collection and analysis is one important way the Fire Department

can demonstrate accountability to the community. “I think accreditation has been a driver of excellence for us,” said Chief O’Connell. “It has become a way of thinking for our staff and reinforces our commitment to transparency and exceptional patient care.”

On July 26th, Washington Township Fire Department earned accreditation for the third time. Of the 30,000+

fire departments in the United States, less than 1% are accredited.



Left to right: Captain Adam Smith, Chief Alec O’Connell, CFAI Chairman Steven P. Westermann, EMS Manager Troy Elmore, Asst. Chief Bill Lynn, Battalion Chief Mark McCann

Sheriff welcomes community involvement

The Franklin County Sheriff’s Department has recently implemented a team-based approach to enhance success in crime monitoring and prevention. This new approach assembles a team called a Community Liaison Unit (CLU) made up of members from various stakeholder groups including four Sheriff Deputies, a Crime Prevention Analyst, and two civilians from the Hispanic and Somali communities.

The CLU is charged with identifying and assessing the safety, security and law enforcement needs of their assigned region by collaborating with government leaders and members of neighborhood watch groups, religious organizations, civic associations, schools, and businesses.



The CLU approach offers the public more direct access to the Sheriff’s Department and enables law enforcement officials to better utilize limited staff resources to target enforcement, based on community needs. The CLU does not take the place of the Sheriff Department’s Deputies who will continue to patrol the county and respond to all calls they receive.

The CLU leader who will be working in Washington Township is Deputy Jessie Hatfield, a 20-year veteran of the Corrections and Patrol Bureaus. He is interested to know about your safety, security and or crime concerns in the unincorporated Township. Deputy Hatfield can be reached at jwhatfie@franklincountyohio.gov.

Residents can also submit law enforcement concerns or tips regarding criminal activity online at <http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov>.

Gather supplies. Get Ready Now!

Are you prepared to “weather the storm” during an emergency? Depending on the kind and severity of the emergency, you could be on your own for hours or days.

The increased demands on first responders and relief workers during emergencies can prevent them from reaching you immediately. In addition, electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, land and wireless telephone services may be unavailable for an extended period.

You’ll need the tools, supplies and enough food and water for at least three days. What tools? What supplies?

Consult our free disaster preparedness guide to help you take an inventory

of what you have and what you need to get to be prepared. Checklists for equipment and tools, food and water, first aid kits, medicine kits, sanitation and hygiene, clothes and bedding, documents, and keys will save you time and help you discover items you may otherwise overlook.

There is also information about sheltering in place, water purification methods, and special considerations for babies, seniors, and pets.

Download the guide at wtwp.com. Search for *emergency preparedness*.

Get Ready Now!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS November 5!

Set clocks back one hour • Install fresh smoke alarm batteries

Best inspections ever

Last year, the Fire Department completed 3,555 fire safety inspections, most of which were to enforce fire code requirements in commercial-use buildings. However, eleven were the kind of inspections that Fire Inspector Neil Cline calls his favorite.

That’s because they were home inspections for families who are in the process of adopting a child.

“For me, it’s the best kind of inspection there is. It’s an exciting time for the adopting parents so you feel their joy and anticipation. And I feel like I have the chance to help the family in ways that could make a difference between life and death.”



In Ohio, fire safety inspections are a requirement for adopting parents. Among the many things our inspectors check and discuss with soon-to-be parents are smoke alarms, windows and doors, exit routes, baby gates, hot water heaters, electrical outlets, and fire extinguishers.

If an in-home fire safety consultation sounds like something that would be valuable to you, call 614-652-3920 for an appointment (residents only). A pending adoption is not required. Any resident can request a fire safety consultation. No reports are generated during these consultations and no citations are issued.

Home fire safety consultations give homeowners the benefit of addressing issues that are specific to their home and the needs of their family members.

Secure prescriptions in your home

Convenience reigns supreme when it comes to where we store our prescription medications. When and how prescriptions are to be administered often impacts where we store them: on the night stand or bathroom vanity so we can take them at bed time or at the kitchen table where we take them with food.

But, prescription medication abuse is a serious issue, making it more important than ever to prevent access to medications by anyone except the person for whom they are intended.

If you have prescription medications in your home, secure them so that they won't be found, even if someone is actively searching for them. It may be a bit inconvenient but, in the long-run, safer for everyone.

Remove all prescription medication from counter tops, bathroom vanity

drawers, medicine cabinets, and nightstands or keep them in a locked container so they cannot be easily accessed.

If you need a lock bag to secure your prescription medications, the Fire Department has a limited supply available (Washington Township and Dublin residents only). To request one (limit one per household), go to wtwp.com and search for *safe drug storage*. We will send one to your home.

Lock bags are made of canvas, have a zipper closure and keyed lock, and measure approximately 10" wide and 8.5" high.



Who? Third graders enrolled in Dublin City Schools, Washington Elementary (Hilliard Schools), or homeschooled in Dublin or Washington Township.

What? Create a poster which includes the following message, *“Every second counts. Plan 2 ways out.”* Posters will be evaluated based on: (1) creativity incorporating the theme into the poster design, (2) effectiveness at catching the readers's attention.

Why? Enter because it's fun and because prizes will be awarded for the first place and runner up entries from each school and from among all homeschooled students. Award recipients and their family members will be invited to an awards ceremony on Thursday Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

How? Use one 12" X 18" sheet of paper and any medium you desire (pencils, crayons, paint, chalk, etc.) to create a cool, one-of-a-kind poster design that attracts attention and conveys your message. Supply your own paper or get some from your third grade teacher or at 6200 Eiterman Road beginning Sept. 14, 2017.

When? Entries must be submitted at the entrant's school or at 6200 Eiterman Road by noon **Sept. 28, 2017**. All entries must have the following legible information on the poster's reverse side in order to be eligible: Student's first and last name, school name (or home address, if homeschooled), teacher's name (or parent's name, if homeschooled).

Cost recovery drives class fee increases

The Township's safety education classes are designed to help prevent fire and life safety emergencies, an important aspect of the Township's public education program.

The Township Trustees have made it a priority to price these classes as economically as possible, a philosophy they believe promotes accessibility and encourages resident participation. However, these fees haven't changed for more than a decade, despite increases in staff and supply costs.

So, to bring the fees closer to the Township's true cost of offering the

classes, the Trustees voted at their July 11th meeting to make the following adjustments for all classes offered beginning January 1, 2018.

Even after these changes go into effect, our fees will still be either equal to or remain slightly lower than those of neighboring communities.

Class	Current Fee		New Fee	
	Resident	Non-resident	Resident	Non-resident
Heartsaver® CPR AED	\$10	\$25	\$25	\$35
Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers	\$10	\$25	\$25	\$35
Family & Friends CPR	\$5	\$10	\$10	\$15
Heartsaver® First Aid	\$15	\$20	\$30	\$40



Until help arrives

Have you ever witnessed an accident or been with a friend or loved one who has suffered a serious injury?

What can you do while you wait for first responders to arrive?

“Plenty,” says Washington Township Battalion Chief Mike Riebel. “If you are prepared and willing to act, you can help save their life.”

Based on the Fire Department's emergency response statistics in 2016, Washington Township/Dublin arrives

at emergency scenes in just over eight minutes, 90% of the time. It is during this critical time period that Battalion Chief Riebel is focused, because he sees a great deal of potential for improved victim outcomes, if they can get the help they need immediately.

Riebel has developed a course, “Until Help Arrives,” to improve people's confidence in their ability to address a victim's most pressing needs. The class format will be interactive with lecture, video, and hands-on practice. Class

topics will include scene safety, bleeding control, victim comfort and positioning, and preparing to help first responders.

Date: October 17, 2017

Cost: \$5

Ages: 13 and up

Location: Dublin Recreation Center

Register: <http://dublinohiousa.gov>

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

OCT. 8, 2017
1-4 P.M.



- Climb in the Trucks
- Take a Fire Station Tour
- See Demonstrations
- Talk to the Firefighters
- Enjoy Snacks
- Meet Sparky, the Fire Safety Dog

S.U.D.S. COLLECTION DRIVE TO BENEFIT WELCOME WAREHOUSE

Accepting Donations of New:

Socks **U**nderwear
Deodorant **S**hampoo

STATION 91
6255 SHIER RINGS RD

STATION 92
4497 HARD RD

STATION 93
5825 BRAND RD

STATION 95
5750 BLAZER PKWY

Register at wtwp.com

Safety education & events

Red Cross Baby-sitting

This six-hour course prepares young individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This class helps participants develop the leadership skills, learn how to start a baby-sitting business, keep themselves and others safe, help children behave, and learn about basic child care.

Ages: 11-15
Dates: Friday, October 20, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. *Register by Oct. 13*
Saturday, January 20, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. *Register by Jan. 8*
Location: Township Administration, 6200 Eiterman Road
Fee: \$45 (Township/Dublin residents), \$50 (non-residents)

Santa's Coming to Town

Make holiday memories at this fun family event with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Check out Dublin's first fire truck, a 1937 REO Speedwagon, create a holiday craft, and enjoy delicious refreshments. We will be accepting new, unwrapped toys and or monetary donations to benefit the *Firefighters for Kids* Toy Drive. No registration is required.

Date: Wednesday, December 6
Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Township Administration
6200 Eiterman Road, Dublin
Fee: Optional donation: monetary or new, unwrapped toy

Infant CPR for Expecting and New Parents

Are you expecting or adopting a baby, or already have a newborn at home? Be prepared, should you ever need to help your little one if they are choking or need CPR. Participants who complete the class will be certified by the American Heart Association for infant CPR.

Ages: 18 & up
Date: Tuesday, November 28 *Register by Nov. 21*
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Township Administration
6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin
Fee: \$7 (Township/Dublin residents), \$15 (non-residents)

HEAT, HOSES & HEAVY RESCUE

It's a snapshot of a firefighter's scope of work, fighting fire, executing rescues, and delivering emergency medical services. It's an action-packed day of demonstrations and hands-on with hoses, extrication tools, rappelling, ropes and more! No experience is necessary. All fitness and skill abilities are welcomed.

Ages: Grades 10-12 *Register by Oct. 1*
Date: Saturday, October 14
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Township Administration
6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin
Fee: none



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Resident Newsletter!

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