

THE TOWNSHIP Scribe



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Stronger Together: Washington Township Fire Department & Dublin Police Department

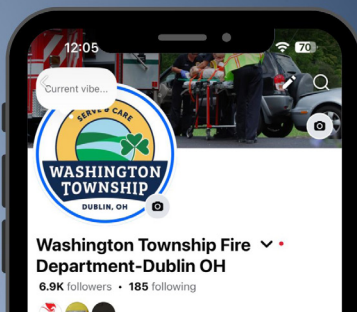
When emergencies happen, our community depends on a seamless response from the people sworn to protect it. That response begins with the strong partnership between the Washington Township Fire Department (WTFD) and the Dublin Police Department (DPD). Together, we work to keep Dublin safe through collaboration, communication, and a shared commitment to serving our residents.

Washington Township Fire Department provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue operations, and fire prevention throughout Dublin and surrounding areas. Covering 27.5 square miles, the department proudly serves more than 50,000 residents and a daytime population of approximately 70,000. Washington Township is also the only township in Ohio that spans portions of Delaware, Franklin, Union, and Madison counties.

Operating from four strategically located fire stations, Washington Township Fire Department employs 102 full-time firefighters and 25 part-time firefighters, with 100 percent of full-time personnel certified as paramedics. Firefighters work 24-hour shifts across three units, training every day to ensure they are prepared for everything from medical emergencies and structure fires to technical rescues, vehicle collisions, and large-scale incidents. The department responds to more than 7,500 calls for service each year while maintaining an average response time of 5.5 minutes or less, well below the national average.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Make sure you are following us on Social Media for all of the latest news, statistics, and WTWP happenings!



Led by Fire Chief John L. Donahue, the department continues to build a culture centered on professionalism, teamwork, and service.

"The culture we have worked hard to create and maintain is why we remain an ISO Class 1 rating and internationally accredited fire department," said Chief Donahue. "Our firefighters trust one another, train together every day, and are dedicated to providing the highest level of service to our community."

That commitment extends beyond the fire department. Washington Township Fire Department and the Dublin Police Department work side-by-side every day, responding together to emergencies, planning for major community events, and supporting one another during critical incidents. Whether responding to a serious crash, medical emergency, structure fire, or community event, both agencies understand that teamwork leads to better outcomes.



"Strong public safety partnerships are essential to a safe, resilient community," said Dublin Police Chief Justin Paez. "By staying connected and working together, the Dublin Police Department and Washington Township Fire Department can provide the thoughtful, professional, coordinated response our community expects and deserves."

Keeping the community safe also means working to prevent emergencies before they happen. Washington Township Fire Department's Fire Prevention Team conducts nearly 2,000 fire code compliance inspections annually, provides fire safety education at schools, businesses, and community events, and partners with residents to reduce fire risks before an emergency occurs. Their outreach efforts help educate thousands of people each year on topics including smoke alarms, CPR, home safety, and emergency preparedness.

The department also provides public safety support for many of Dublin's largest events, including the Memorial Tournament, Dublin Irish Festival, and the Independence Day celebration, ensuring residents and visitors can safely enjoy everything the community has to offer.

Washington Township Fire Department operates four fire stations located on Shier Rings Road, Hard Road, Brand Road, and Blazer Parkway, along with its Administration and Fire Training Facility on Eiterman Road. Together, these facilities help protect more than \$5.6 billion in residential and commercial property throughout Dublin and the surrounding service area.

Washington Township Fire Department is one of only five fire departments in Ohio to hold both an ISO Class 1 rating and accreditation through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, an achievement that reflects its commitment to excellence, continuous improvement, and exceptional service.

Every emergency response, training exercise, community event, and educational program is driven by one goal: ensuring the people who live, work, and visit Dublin receive the highest level of public safety. Together, Washington Township Fire Department and the Dublin Police Department remain committed to protecting the community today and for generations to come.



FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCT. 4, 2026 • 1-4 PM
STATION 91 – 6255 SHIER RINGS RD.

FIRE TRUCKS • FIRE STATION TOURS • DEMONSTRATIONS • ACTIVITIES





Gene Bostic: Sheriff's Citizen Star Award Recipient

A lifetime of service deserves recognition. That's why Deputy Burton Haren with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office nominated Gene for the Sheriff's Citizen Star Award. Gene's commitment to public service has left a lasting impact on the community.

Born in 1937, Chief Bostic grew up in the small town of Eagle's Nest, VA. He served in the United States Air Force from 1956–1976 and was stationed at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, where he met his wife of nearly 61 years, Patricia.

After his time in the Air Force, Gene was contacted by what was then Washington-Perry Township. On April 14, 1977, Gene began his career as a fire safety inspector. In 1985, two years after Washington-Perry Township split, he was promoted to Chief of the Washington Township Fire Department, serving in that role until his retirement in May 2002.

But if you know Chief Bostic, you know he remains deeply involved with the City of Dublin, the Washington Township Fire Department, and his beloved church, St. Brigid of Kildare—always a familiar face at events, meetings, and around the office.

Living by his own motto, "I try to do the right thing at the right time for the right reason," he dedicates his time to volunteering across the Dublin Community.

At nearly 88 years young, Chief Bostic shows no signs of slowing down. A recent Honor Flight Veteran for his time served in the U.S. Air Force, he is a true servant to the community.

Washington Township Secures LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Funding

Washington Township has been awarded a \$544,300 Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Grant to construct a shared use path along the south side of Shier Rings Road, completing an existing void that will connect several miles of established paths. This path connection is being constructed in partnership with the City of Dublin, with a total projected cost of \$709,934.

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and its LinkUS partners include the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the City of Columbus and The Columbus Partnership. LinkUS is Central Ohio's comprehensive transportation and development plan where safe sidewalks, fast and reliable transit, protected bike lanes, and expanded trails all come together. COTA's Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) funding is a multi-million dollar regional initiative backed by the voter-approved Franklin County sales tax expansion. The core goal of this program is to build 500+ total miles of pedestrian and bicycle pathways across Central Ohio by 2050 to improve first and last mile transit access.

Construction is expected to begin in August, with substantial completion by the end of October 2026.



This project was made possible thanks to community support for the LinkUS initiative.

LinkUS
Moving our region Together

Shier Rings Road Shared Use Path



What Does “Hospital Diversion” Mean?

You may have heard that a hospital is “on diversion” and wondered what that means. Hospital diversion is a temporary situation that occurs when an emergency department is experiencing unusually high patient volumes, limited resources, or other operational challenges. During these times, the hospital may ask EMS to transport some ambulance patients to another nearby hospital based on current capacity and availability.

A hospital on diversion is not closed. Diversion helps balance ambulance patient volume among area hospitals so patients can receive timely care.

When you call 9-1-1, EMS works closely with area hospitals and follows regional EMS protocols to determine the most appropriate destination for your care. While many patients have a preferred hospital, there may be times when another facility is the best option based on your condition and current hospital availability.

Some medical emergencies, such as major trauma, stroke, heart attack, or certain pediatric emergencies, require transport to specialized hospitals regardless of patient preference. If you’re experiencing a medical emergency, don’t hesitate to call 9-1-1.

Be Prepared Before You Need 911

Emergencies can happen when you least expect them. That’s why Washington Township Fire Department encourages residents to sign up for Smart911. Smart911 is a free service that helps 9-1-1 dispatchers at the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) and other participating emergency communication centers better assist you during an emergency.



Scan to Create Your
FREE Smart911 Safety Profile

Creating a Smart911 Safety Profile only takes a few minutes. Simply visit Smart911.com and create an account. You can add information such as the people in your household, medical conditions or special needs, emergency contacts, pets, and important details about your home. If you ever call 9-1-1 from a phone linked to your profile, the information you’ve chosen to share can automatically be available to the dispatcher, helping first responders better understand your situation.

Smart911 also allows you to sign up for emergency alerts, including severe weather, traffic incidents, and other important community notifications, so you can stay informed before an emergency affects you.

After creating your profile, be sure to review and validate it every six months to keep your information up to date. A few minutes today can help provide dispatchers and first responders with valuable information when every second counts. If you have any questions or need assistance signing up, please call 614-652-3920.

Know Your Location with what3words

One of the first questions a 9-1-1 dispatcher will ask is, “What is the address of your emergency?” In a stressful situation, many people don’t know the exact address or may be in a park, on a trail, or another location without a nearby street address.

The what3words app provides a simple solution by dividing the world into 10-foot by 10-foot squares, each identified by a unique combination of three words. By sharing those three words with a 9-1-1 dispatcher, you can help emergency responders locate you quickly and accurately.

We encourage you to talk with your family about what to do in an emergency, including when to call 9-1-1, having a home fire escape plan, and downloading the free what3words app. Practice by looking up your home address and other places you visit often so you’re prepared if an emergency ever happens.



Try it for yourself! Can you name these 4 **what3words** locations?

///sting.hunt.spray

///orderedCLOCKS.hike

///preach.afflict.javelin

///stripes.dunks.hardens

Answers: Station 91, Station 92, Station 95, Station 93



Set the Beat. Save a Life.

Did you know the American Heart Association recommends performing CPR chest compressions at 100–120 beats per minute? One easy way to remember the correct pace is to think of songs like “Stayin’ Alive” by the Bee Gees or “Can’t Stop the Feeling!” by Justin Timberlake.

Music can help you maintain the proper rhythm if you ever need to perform CPR.

Ready to learn CPR? Washington Township Fire Department offers CPR classes for all experience levels. Visit wtwpdublinoh.gov to view upcoming classes.

To explore more songs that match the recommended CPR rhythm, visit the American Heart Association’s Be the Beat playlist.



Financial Report

Combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in balances. This is an unaudited Financial Statement.

Revenue Receipts	Total
Property and Other Local Taxes	21,342,739
Charges for Services	1,672,130
Licenses, Permits & Fees	130
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	58,945
Intergovernmental Receipts	2,441,167
Earnings on Investments	560,604
All Other Revenue	175,154
Transfers In	1,313,854
Total Revenue Receipts 2025	27,564,723

Expenditure Disbursements	
General Government	412,559
Public Safety	24,834,480
Public Works	124,325
Health	56,542
Other	50,000
Capital Outlay	1,965,480
Transfer Out	1,313,854
Total Expenditure Disbursement 2025	28,757,240
Total Receipts Over (Under Disbursements)	(1,192,517)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2025	36,154,604
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2025	34,962,087*

*Township policy establishes minimum cash reserve requirements be carried over to the following year to pay bills during the first quarter of the next calendar year. Because townships are funded primarily through real estate and property taxes, the carryover requirement has been established to enable the Township to pay bills until the first half tax settlement is received. The Township currently has no debt service obligations.



Classes and Programs

Toy Drive to Benefit Firefighters 4 Kids • December 1-22

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys at all four Washington Township fire stations from December 1–22 to benefit Firefighters 4 Kids. Donations can be dropped off at 6255 Shier Rings Rd., 4497 Hard Rd., 5825 Brand Rd., or 5750 Blazer Pkwy.

Drive-Thru Toy Drive • December 12 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Station 91

Make your donation at our Drive-Thru Toy Drive! Simply drive through the equipment bay at Station 91 (6255 Shier Rings Rd.), and we'll unload your donations while you enjoy a sweet treat.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



Red Cross Babysitting (Blended Learning)

This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly care for children and infants. Participants will develop leadership skills, learn how to build a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe, and help children behave. The class also includes Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED certification. Students will receive a link approximately two weeks before class to complete the Pediatric First Aid/CPR portion online. Babysitter's Training and the Pediatric First Aid/CPR skills sessions will be held in person. Please bring a lunch to class.

Ages: 11-15

**Date: Saturday, October 24; Tuesday, November 3;
or Monday, January 18**

Time: 9am-3:30pm

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices
• 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

Fee: \$60 (Township/Dublin residents), \$65 (non-residents)

Registration required: wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/

Infant CPR for Expecting & New Parents

If you are expecting or adopting a child, have a newborn at home, or will be babysitting your new grandchild, this class is for you. Learn the knowledge and skills to respond quickly if a baby is choking or needs CPR. Although this is an American Heart Association course, participants will not receive a completion card. Our certified car seat technician will also offer tips on properly securing your child's car seat.

Ages: 18 and up

Date: Monday, January 25

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices
• 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

Fee: \$10 (Township/Dublin residents), \$15 (non-residents)

Registration required: wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/

Family and Friends CPR

This course is for anyone who wants to learn CPR but does not need a course completion card to meet a job requirement. It is ideal for community groups, parents, grandparents, caregivers, and students. Topics include adult, child, and infant CPR and AED use, as well as how to help a choking adult, child, or infant.

Ages: 12 and up

Date: Monday, October 19 or Monday, March 1

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

**Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices
• 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016**

Fee: \$10 (Township/Dublin residents), \$15 (non-residents)

Registration required: wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/

Register at wtwpdublinoh.gov



CPR & AED Certification

Learn CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator, or AED. Developed by the American Heart Association, this class addresses pediatric and adult CPR, recognizing and relieving a choking victim, recognizing the signs of a heart attack, and how to use an AED. This class is not for healthcare providers.

Ages: 12 and up

Dates: Monday, September 21 or Monday, December 14

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices

• 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: \$35 (Township/Dublin residents), \$45 (non-residents)

Registration required: wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/

Until Help Arrives

If you are involved in or witness an emergency, will you know what to do until first responders arrive? This course will teach you how to recognize an emergency, assess your surroundings, provide important information when calling 911, and give care until law enforcement or fire/EMS arrives. Washington Township Fire Department Battalion Chief Mike Riebel and Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center Communications Manager Stephanie Skipworth will present the class through lecture, demonstrations, and hands-on skills practice.

Ages: 13 and up (ages 13–16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who is also registered)

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Time: 6–9pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices

• 6200 Eiterman Rd., Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: \$10 (Township/Dublin residents), \$15 (non-residents)

Registration required: wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/

**THE WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP FIRE
DEPARTMENT WILL
BE ACCEPTING
HOUSEHOLD
BATTERIES DURING
THE OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4 FROM 1-4PM.**



Accepted Batteries

Dry Cell Batteries

- Alkaline
- Nickel Cadmium (NiCd)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH)
- Zinc-Air
- Carbon

Other Accepted Batteries

- Small Sealed Lead Acid Batteries



Important: For batteries over 9 volts, tape the terminal ends with clear tape. For lithium and lithium-ion batteries, all terminal ends must be taped with clear tape.

Batteries We Cannot Accept:

- Damaged, defective, or returned Batteries
- Lithium-Ion cells with a watt-hour (Wh) rating over 20 Wh
- Lithium-Ion batteries with a watt-hour (Wh) rating over 100 Wh
- Small household/residential batteries only. No automotive, marine, lawn equipment, e-bike, or other large batteries

Location:

Station 91, 6255 Shier Rings Rd.

**FIRE STATION
OPEN HOUSE**

Washington Township
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Dublin, Ohio 43016



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Station 92
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Station 95
5750 Blazer Parkway

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Dublin, Ohio 43016**
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