

# THE TOWNSHIP **Scribe**



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Members of WTPFD at the 2025 Honor Flight Mission #143

## Honor Flight Mission Honors Local Veterans

Each June, members of the Washington Township Fire Department take part in a special mission honoring our nation’s veterans through an incredible experience provided by Honor Flight Columbus.

Honor Flight Columbus is part of the nationwide Honor Flight Network, an organization dedicated to honoring America’s veterans by providing free trips to Washington D.C., to visit the memorials built in their honor. Since its founding in 2007, Honor Flight Columbus has served thousands of veterans from central and southeastern Ohio, giving them the opportunity to experience the memorials that commemorate their service and sacrifice.

Priority is given to World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans, as well as veterans with terminal illnesses. Each trip is provided at no cost to the veteran and includes airfare, meals, transportation, and a full day visiting memorials such as the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Beth Johnson, Director of Honor Flight Columbus, still becomes emotional when speaking about the impact of the program after nearly a decade with the organization. She began her work with Honor Flight as a guardian and has seen firsthand how meaningful the experience is for both veterans and volunteers. “As we kick off our spring flights, we will have flown 11,000 veterans. This is how you treat them,” Johnson said. “We celebrate them before, during, and after.”

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### Local Support for Mission #153

Mission #153, scheduled for June 10, 2026, will mark the fifth flight sponsored by the Washington Township Fire Department alongside the Captain Nick Rozanski Memorial Foundation. The mission is made possible through community fundraising efforts including the WTFD Pancake Breakfast, Poinsettia and May Flower Sales, and the Dublin Firefighters' Ball. Led by Firefighter Chuck Catrell, the department remains committed to supporting Honor Flight Columbus for years to come.

"I'm grateful that veterans are finally receiving the thanks they have deserved for so long and that many of them have never received, especially those of the Vietnam War era," Catrell said. "I love seeing school kids shaking hands with the veterans at various memorials and hearing stories shared throughout the day. I already know how much my coworkers care for our community and the patients we interact with, but there's something extra special about seeing them serve as guardians outside of our normal fire station environment volunteering their time on Honor Flight."



Firefighter Chuck Catrell had the honor of presenting an American flag to a WWII veteran on the 2025 mission.

### Firefighters Serving as Guardians

Every veteran travels with a volunteer "guardian," who assists them throughout the trip to ensure they have a safe and meaningful experience. These guardians, along with hundreds of volunteers, help make each Honor Flight possible.

Washington Township firefighters proudly serve as guardians for the day, providing support and camaraderie to help ensure each veteran has the best experience possible.

"I love giving back to people who have given so much to our country," said Firefighter Collin Habel. "It is an incredible experience to take Vietnam veterans to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial."

Firefighter Shawn Harding shared that one of the most meaningful parts of serving as a guardian is the opportunity to spend a full day getting to know the veterans. "You get to learn about their lives—not just the veteran you're paired with, but many different veterans," Harding said. "You hear about their service years and their lives after the military, and you can see their pride in their service grow throughout the day."



### A Powerful Welcome Home

One of the most memorable moments happens when the veterans return home. Families, friends, and community members gather at John Glenn International Airport to create an emotional "Welcome Home" celebration filled with cheers, signs, and heartfelt gratitude. For many veterans—especially those who served during the Vietnam War—it is the first time they have received such recognition for their service. "It's a perfect way to end a special day," Catrell said.

WTWP Public Information Officer Lindsay Hummer attended the mission as a member of the media and said the homecoming celebration leaves a lasting impression. "This was the most overwhelming part of the day in the best way possible," Hummer said. "Thousands of people come to the airport to welcome them home—clapping, cheering, lots of tears, and shaking hands with veterans to thank them for their service. It's truly a heartwarming experience to witness."

Honor Flight Columbus operates entirely through community donations, sponsorships, and volunteers. Local organizations, businesses, and individuals continue to support the mission to ensure as many veterans as possible can participate.

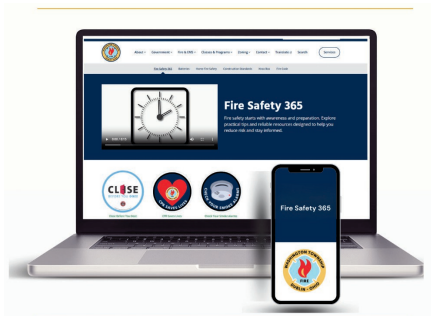
"Donations are always wonderful and help cover the expenses for our missions, and we are beyond appreciative for that support," Johnson said. "But we also need help from the community finding the veterans. Honor Flight exists because we have veterans to fly. We want every veteran possible to receive their flight."

If you would like to support the upcoming trip, the Washington Township Fire Department will host its annual Flower Sale in May, with proceeds benefiting Mission #153.

Veterans who have not yet taken their Honor Flight are encouraged to apply, and community members are invited to volunteer or donate to support future flights. Each trip serves as a powerful reminder that the sacrifices made by our nation's veterans will never be forgotten.

## FIRE SAFETY 365: A New Resource for Residents

The Washington Township Fire Prevention Team is proud to introduce Fire Safety 365, a new online resource designed to help residents stay informed and prepared for fire and life safety emergencies.



Available on the Township website at [wtwpDublinOH.gov](http://wtwpDublinOH.gov), Fire Safety 365 serves as an easy-to-access library covering a wide range of fire safety topics that impact our community. Emergencies can happen at any time, but having the right knowledge can make all the difference when seconds matter.

“This is another tool to help keep our residents safe,” said Sam Parsons, WTFD Fire Marshal. “Our Prevention Team is always working hard to make sure our community is the safest it can possibly be.”

Each month, the Fire Prevention Team will highlight a new safety topic, providing practical tips and information to help residents protect themselves, their families, and their homes.

To help expand the reach of these important safety messages, Washington Township has also partnered with AMC Dublin, where fire safety messages will be shared on movie screens throughout the year.

Through Fire Safety 365, the department hopes to keep safety top of mind year-round and ensure residents have reliable information when they need it most.



## Siren & Lights-Move Over to the Right

When you see flashing emergency lights and hear a siren, it means emergency crews are responding to someone who needs help quickly. Knowing what to do helps first responders reach emergencies faster while keeping everyone on the road safe.

When you see an emergency vehicle approaching:

- Move to the right side of the road
- Slow down and come to a complete stop
- Stay stopped until the emergency vehicle passes
- Check for additional responding vehicles before pulling back into traffic

These few seconds of cooperation help firefighters, EMS, and police respond quickly and safely when every moment matters.

# Keep Storm Drains Clean

You can help minimize flooding and drainage issues on your street by keeping your storm drains, ditches, and culverts free of debris.


Leaves and yard waste can clog storm drains and create backups and flooding.

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*In the event on an emergency, every second counts.*

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:  
Emergency: CALL 9-1-1  
Non-Emergency: 614-766-1112  
WTWP Administration: 614-625-3920




## News from the Department

Washington Township is proud to recognize several recent hires and promotions within the Fire Department, adding to the growth and strength of the future.



### **Matt Scarbury, 1-Unit Battalion Chief**

Matt has served the Washington Township Fire Department for 28 years as a part-time firefighter, full-time firefighter, lieutenant, and captain. His knowledge of the fire service and strong leadership will continue to bring a high level of excellence to the department.



### **Rob Morton, 2-Unit Battalion Chief**

Recently joining the Washington Township Fire Department, Rob brings 27 years of combined career and volunteer experience. He looks forward to helping strengthen the department's culture while supporting the continued growth and development of WTFD.



### **Jesse Hill, Captain**

Jesse has been a dedicated and valued member of the department for the past 16 years—14 of those as a full-time firefighter leading with integrity, professionalism, and strong technical knowledge.



### **Evan Will, Lieutenant**

Evan consistently demonstrates strong leadership, is always willing to lend a hand, and goes above and beyond to support and train others.

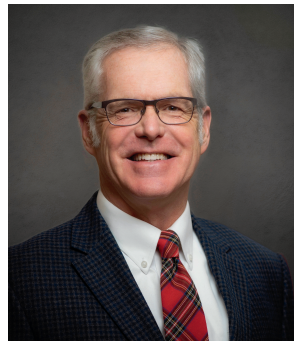


### **George Sorge: Training & Safety Manager**

We are thrilled to welcome George to the WTFD team as Training and Safety Manager. In this role, he will lead training initiatives and help ensure firefighters are well prepared for emergency situations.

### **Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer**

Washington Township also recently swore in the following members of the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Thank you for your continued dedication to our community.



**Stu Harris,  
Township Trustee**



**Charles Kranstuber,  
Township Trustee**



**Scott Melody,  
Fiscal Officer**

### **Promoted to Full-Time Firefighters:**

**Joe Commisso**

**Arthur Green**

**Colten Hinch**

**Ethan Loring**

**Kasey Swank**

**Blake Wilfong**



## Public vs. Private Fire Hydrants: Why the Difference Matters

There are more than 3,800 fire hydrants throughout the City of Dublin. About 84% are publicly owned and maintained by the City of Dublin and Washington Township Fire Department, while the remaining hydrants are privately owned and maintained by businesses, apartment complexes, or neighborhoods served by private water lines.

### How to Identify Hydrants

The easiest way to tell the difference is by color:

- Public hydrants: painted completely green
- Private hydrants: white hydrants with green caps

Public hydrants connect to the city water system, while private hydrants connect to privately maintained water lines.

### Private Hydrant Maintenance

City ordinance requires private hydrants to be flushed at least once each year between April 15 and October 15 to ensure they work properly during emergencies. During flushing, a backflow prevention device must be used to prevent contaminants from entering the water system. All service and maintenance records are required to be provided to the Washington Township Fire Department.

### If a Hydrant Is Not Working

If a private hydrant becomes inoperable:

- Place an out-of-service bag over the hydrant
- Contact a licensed fire suppression contractor for repairs
- Notify the Washington Township Fire Department by calling 614-652-3920

**For questions about hydrant maintenance, contact the Washington Township Fire Department by calling 614-652-3920.**



## Heroes Up Close: Safety & Trucks

Bring the whole family for a hands-on, action-packed morning with local heroes! Join the Washington Township Fire Department and City of Dublin Police Department to explore fire trucks, medic trucks, police vehicles and more. Kids can climb aboard emergency vehicles, learn in Sparky's Fire Safety Trailer, take photos with Sparky the Fire Dog Mascot, receive a free goodie bag for each child while supplies last, and meet local first responders—ask questions and learn how to stay safe! This free event is a fun and educational way for children to learn about safety while enjoying an exciting morning with local heroes. Additional community heroes may also attend, based on availability.

**Date: Friday, June 26**

**Time: 10am-11:30am**

**Location: DCRC Overflow Lot • 5600 Post Rd,  
Dublin, OH 43017**



# Classes and Programs



## Red Cross Babysitting (Blended Learning)

If you're thinking about a job babysitting this Summer, we have the perfect course for you. This course prepares young individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to safely and responsibly care for children and infants. Participants will learn leadership skills, how to start and manage a babysitting business, ways to keep themselves and others safe, how to guide children's behavior, and the basics of childcare. The course also includes Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED certification. Students will receive a link to complete the pediatric first aid and CPR online portion approximately two weeks before the class. Babysitter training and hands-on skills sessions for pediatric first aid and CPR will take place in person during the class.

**Ages: 11-15**

**Dates: Saturday, May 9 or Friday, June 5**

**Time: 9am-3:30pm**

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

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

**Duration: Allow 6.5 hours**

**Registration is required:**

[wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/)

## Free Hands-Only CPR

This free course is designed for anyone who wants to learn CPR but does not need certification for a job requirement. It's a great option for community groups, parents, grandparents, caregivers and students who want to be prepared to help in an emergency. Participants will learn:

- Adult, child and infant CPR and AED.
- How to help a choking adult, child, and infant.

This class provides valuable lifesaving skills that can help you respond quickly and confidently during an emergency.

**Ages: 12 and up**

**Date: Monday, August 3**

**Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm**

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

**Fee: Free!**

**Registration is required:**

[wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/)

## CPR & AED Certification

Learn CPR and how to use an automatic 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, June 1 or Monday, August 24**

**Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm**

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

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

**Duration: Allow 2 hours**

**Registration is required:**

[wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/)

## Register at [wtwpdublinoh.gov](http://wtwpdublinoh.gov)

### Infant CPR for New & Expecting 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 skills needed to respond quickly if a baby is choking or needs CPR. Although this is an American Heart Association course, you will not receive a completion card. Our certified car seat technician will also offer tips on securing your child's car seat.

**Ages: 18 and up**

**Date: Monday, July 20**

**Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm**

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

**Fee: Free!**

**Duration: Allow 1 hour**

**Registration is required:**

[wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/)



### Family Fire Safety Class

Learn great ways to keep your family safe, develop a fire escape plan, and help keep your home free from hazards. Participants will go through Sparky's Safety House and learn what to do if there is a fire. This hands-on class helps families understand how to react quickly and safely in an emergency.

**Families with children 5 and up**

**Date: Wednesday, June 18**

**Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm**

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

**Please note: Each family only needs to register one spot/ticket**

**Fee: Free!**

**Registration is required:**

[wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/](http://wtwpdublinoh.gov/classes-programs/classes/)

### Public Safety U Is Here!

Ever wondered what really happens when you call 9-1-1? Curious how police, fire, EMS and dispatch coordinate in real time, when every second matters?

Public Safety U pulls back the curtain. This one-of-a-kind program brings together the experts of the Dublin Police Department, Washington Township Fire Department and the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center to show you exactly how Dublin's safety network works — from the first call to the final response.

Over 10 weeks, participants will engage in immersive classroom sessions and interactive, hands-on experiences across all four disciplines. You'll learn how emergency calls are received and managed, explore police operations and decision-making, see how fire crews respond and operate on scene and gain insight into real-world EMS care.

Go behind the scenes. Meet the professionals. See how preparation, partnership and precision come together to protect our community every day. This isn't just a class — it's public safety in action. Join us at Public Safety U.

**Applications Open May 1:**

[dublinohiousa.gov/dublin-police/citizens-police-academy/](http://dublinohiousa.gov/dublin-police/citizens-police-academy/)

**Ages: 18 and up**

**Dates: Every Thursday August 27-November 5**

**Time: 6pm-9pm**

**Fee: Free!**



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