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Change the Clocks, Change the Batteries

Daylight saving time ends Sunday,
November 3rd. As you turn your clocks
back one hour, it is the perfect time
to also test each of the smoke and
carbon monoxide alarms throughout
your home. We recommend replacing
the batteries because working smoke
alarms save lives, cutting the risk of
death from a home fire in half.

Meet the Fleet

The Washington Township Fire Department takes great pride in serving the residents and visitors of Washington Township and the City of Dublin. The Department strives to provide the best emergency medical care and all firefighters are either EMTs or paramedics. The Department also has advanced medical equipment on the apparatus to help in an emergency.

Once in service, the average lifespan of a WTWP apparatus is 15 years. Below are the three most recent additions to the WTFD fleet and the total purchase price.

Medic 95: \$310,000 Quint 93: \$1,255,084 Engine 95: \$539,219

Front Line Equipment

2 ALS Engines
 4 ALS Medics
 1 ALS Ladder
 1 ALS Quint
 4 ALS Medics
 1 ALS Engine
 Heavy /Rescue

All of our front line apparatus are capable of responding to EMS calls and initiating advanced life support (ALS).



QUINT

The Quint is designed to function as either an engine company or a ladder company depending on the emergency when the truck arrives on-scene. The Quint carries 500 gallons of water, along with the same complement of hose carried on the engines. It also has a 100-foot ladder capable of performing rescues, along with master stream operations. The truck is also outfitted with other equipment such as large fans, various sizes of ground ladders, and saws to perform the necessary tasks required by a ladder company. The initial tasks of the Quint range from initial fire attack to primary search or ventilation operations. The Quint is typically staffed with 3 personnel.

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MEDIC

The medic is specifically designed for patient care. Each medic unit is stocked with advanced lifesaving medications and equipment. Medic vehicles are typically staffed with 2 Paramedics.



ENGINE

The main function of an engine company is fire suppression. Our engines carry a minimum of 750 gallons of water and a large complement of fire hose in various sizes. Engine companies are typically staffed with 3 personnel also trained as paramedics with the capabilities of responding to EMS calls.



LADDER

The ladder truck is designed to perform multiple functions during fire operations. The most important is making entry into the structure and performing a primary search for victims. The ladder is a 95-foot aerial with a bucket capable of performing rescues and conducting master stream operations. It also carries various sizes of ground ladders, large fans, and saws for ventilation purposes.



ENGINE/RESCUE

This is a dual purpose truck capable of performing the same duties as an engine company, as well as a rescue company. ER91 is outfitted with the equipment needed to perform the following rescue functions: auto extrication, minor structural collapse, rope rescue incidents, confined space, and water/ice incidents.

New Fiscal Officer Scott Melody

Scott Melody was appointed by the Board of Trustees effective May 1, 2024 for the unexpired term left vacant by the retirement of Joyce Robinson, who served as Fiscal Officer for over 28 years. Scott served four terms as a member of the Dublin Board of Education (2007 to 2023), and was also selected by his peers to represent Dublin on the Tolles Board of Education. As a school board member, Scott collaborated with fellow board members to make informed decisions regarding budget allocations, resource management, and administrative planning while also serving on the district's financial committee for six years. We are pleased to welcome Scott as the new Washington Township Fiscal Officer!



Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center

If you have ever had to call 9-1-1, the calming voice you hear on the other end of the phone is our community partner, Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC).

Dublin is home to the Northwest Regional Emergency
Communications Center (NRECC), which is the primary public safety
dispatch center for the City of Dublin and Washington Township.
NRECC's highly trained staff are here to answer your emergency
calls and send help where needed.

NRECC is the primary answering point for all wireline and voiceover-internet calls placed within the City of Dublin, the City of Hilliard, the City of Upper Arlington and the City of Worthington. As one of six wireless public safety answering points (PSAPs) in Franklin County, NRECC is also the primary answering point for 911 calls placed from wireless phones throughout northwest Franklin County.

NRECC FACTS:

Number of calls: Over 48,000 calls a year (2023) with the highest amount of calls occurring during the month of May. Fridays had the most 9-1-1 calls.

Most common type of calls: General medical illness, injury or assistance is the most common call over fire calls or even car accidents.

Training: NRECC communications technicians undergo an extensive 21-week training program, including emergency medical dispatch. They walk callers through steps they can take to help the patient until medics arrive on the scene. This includes everything from bleeding control up to and including CPR and childbirth instructions. NRECC has ongoing continuing education each year.





City of Dublin | Washington Township | City of Hilliard Norwich Township | City of Upper Arlington | City of Worthington



















Station 91

6255 Shier Rings Rd

Station 92 4497 Hard Rd

Station 93 5825 Brand Rd

Station 95 5750 Blazer Pkwy





Financial Report

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

Revenue Receipts	Total
Taxes	20,573,342
Charges for Services	1,226,031
Licenses, Permits & Fees	42,808
Intergovernmental Receipts	2,340,737
Interest	410,032
All Other Revenue	331,517
Transfers In	234,026
Total Revenue Receipts 2023	25,158,494
Expenditure Disbursements	
General Government	885,115
Public Safety	22,183,554
Public Works	15,616
Capital Outlay	2,604,973
Transfer Out	234,026
Total Expenditure Disbursement 2023	25,923,284
Total Receipts Over (Under Disbursements)	(764,790)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2023	38,101,839
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2023	37,337,049*

*Township policy requires an amount equal to 25% of operating expenditures be carried over to the following year to pay bills during the first quarter of the following year. Because townships are funded primarily through real estate and property taxes, the carryover requirement was established to enable the Township to pay bills until the first half tax settlement is received in mid-March. The remainder is reserved to fund future capital projects such as real estate acquisition and replacement of fire trucks and medic vehicles. The Township currently has no debt service obligations.

Every Minute Counts

The Ohio Department of Public Safety and Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services have launched a statewide campaign called Every Minute Counts that encourages all Ohioans to learn basic bystander care. "Sudden cardiac arrest starts a clock, and with each passing minute, the chance of survival ticks down," said Governor DeWine. "You don't have to be a medical professional to help. Anyone can perform hands-only CPR, which buys precious time until medics arrive." It can often take two minutes before bystanders realize someone is suffering a medical emergency. Each minute that passes without bystander intervention decreases the chances of survival significantly.

The new Every Minute Counts campaign aims to educate more Ohioans about sudden cardiac arrest and how bystander intervention helps increase survivor rates. The campaign includes social media posts debunking myths about hands-only CPR and encourages local EMS agencies to engage with their communities about the importance of bystander intervention.

"Every Ohioan has the ability to save a life," said Andy Wilson, Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. "If it was your mom, your brother, your child, any person you cared about, suffering a life-threatening medical emergency, wouldn't you hope a bystander would step in to save them? Hands-only CPR is easy to learn, as are other basic life-saving skills. A 911 dispatcher can even talk you through it."

To learn more about the Every Minute Counts Campaign, visit ems.ohio.gov/everyminutecounts.com

To register for your CPR class with WTFD, visit wtwp.com

Honor Flight

The June 2024 Honor Flight #133 was a huge success thanks to the support we received from the community. Thirteen members of our team accompanied over 80 veterans from WWII and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. It was a day spent sharing in the history of our country with those who fought so hard to protect it.



Be Salt Smart for Water Safety

from our friends at Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District

THE TRUTH ABOUT SALT

There is no such thing as an environmentally friendly salt or deicer and currently, no regulations that require truth in labeling within the salt and deicing industry. All such chemicals cause damage to our waterbodies, plants, wildlife and infrastructure, and should be used as little as possible.

WHEN TO USE SALT

If you must apply salt or deicer, do it after the storm is finished. Clear off any loose and/or compacted snow first. Apply the product on ice only; do not apply it on dry pavement.

Temperatures often drop after a snowstorm, so double-check the label on your salt or deicer product to make sure it will work before you apply it. Rock salt doesn't work below 15°F.

And remember: If it's a warm day and the sidewalk is wet, don't use any deicers. The sun is already doing the job for you, and throwing salt onto the ice isn't going to hurry the process; it's just going to send deicer down the storm drains.

HOW MUCH SALT TO USE?

More salt does not equal faster melting — just more pollution and wasted money.

Shoot for a 3-inch spread between salt granules. For \$10-\$20, a hand spreader can make the job easier and more accurate. To be more exact, try to apply no more than 1 pound per 250 square feet of pavement. (Tip: A regular-size coffee mug typically holds about 1 pound of salt.)

What is the Correct Amount of Salt?



How to be a Smart Salter:



WHAT ABOUT SAND?

Use sand when it's too cold for salt to work. Sprinkle just enough to provide traction on walkways. Sweep up any excess after the ice melts and dispose of in the trash or reuse so that it doesn't get carried into storm drains. Remember, sand pollutes too.

Don't bother mixing sand and salt together. They serve two completely different purposes. Sand is useless in wet, melting snow and slush.

Safety with Sam

Our Fire Prevention Bureau is hard at work all year round making sure our residents are being as safe as possible. Sharing the most up-to-date information, best practices, and being out in the community to talk with residents is our main goal. Fire Marshal Sam Parsons is here to give you a few tips to be safe this Fall.

- Test smoke & carbon monoxide alarms and replace batteries.
 These devices should be replaced every ten years to maintain reliability and proper working order. Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area, as well as on every level of your home, including the basement.
- Develop a home fire safety & evacuation plan with your family.
- Have your HVAC systems checked
 & serviced regularly.
 - Regularly replacing filters.
 - Maintain clearance around the furnace.
- Have your chimney inspected & cleaned.
 - Ensure the flue is open prior to starting a fire for the first time of the season.
- Keep Fall foliage cleared away from the edges of your home.



Classes

Poster Contest

Who? Third graders enrolled in Dublin City Schools, Washington Elementary (Hilliard Schools), St. Brigid's, Tree of Life, or homeschooled in Dublin or Washington Township.

What? Create a poster which includes the following message, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" Posters will be evaluated based on: (1) creativity incorporating the theme into the poster design, (2) effectiveness at catching the readers' 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 October 6.

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, get some from your third grade teacher or at 6200 Eiterman Road.

When? Entries must be submitted at the entrant's school or at 6200 Eiterman Rd. by 4 p.m. September 20, 2024. 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).



Toy Drive to Benefit Firefighters 4 Kids

December 1-22

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys at our four fire stations for Firefighters 4 Kids. Drop your donations off any time between December 1st and the 22nd at 6255 Shier Rings Rd., 4497 Hard Rd., 5825 Brand Rd., or 5750 Blazer Parkway. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

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.

React quickly with the knowledge and skills that can help a baby if they are choking or need CPR. Although this in an American Heart Association course, you 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: Tuesday, October 29 Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200

Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: Free

Registration is required: wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/

Red Cross Babysitting

This course educates young individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This class helps participants develop leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe, help children behave, and learn about basic child care. Please bring a lunch to class.

Ages: 11-15

Date: Friday, October 18; Tuesday, November 5; or Saturday,

January 11

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200

Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: \$45 (Township/Dublin residents), \$50 (non-residents)
Registration is required: wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/

Register at wtwp.com

Free Hands-Only 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.

• How to help a choking adult, child, and infant.

Ages: 12 and up

Date: Wednesday, November 13 or Tuesday, February 18

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200

Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: Free

Registration is required: wtwp.com/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: Tuesday, September 17, October 22, December 3,

or January 21

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200

Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: \$35 (Township/Dublin residents), \$45 (non-residents)
Registration is required: wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/

CPR for Healthcare Provider Certification

This course is specifically designed for those who work in the healthcare field. Topics include recognizing several life-threatening emergencies, providing CPR, using an AED and relieving choking in a safe, timely and effective manner.

Ages: 18 and up

Date: Tuesday, December 10

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices• 6200

Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: \$35 (Township/Dublin residents), \$45 (non-residents)
Registration is required: wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/

Until Help Arrives

If you are ever involved in or witness a traumatic accident, will you know what to do until first responders arrive? This course will walk you through each step: how to recognize that there is a problem, how to assess the surroundings so you can act safely, what information is most important to share on your 911 call, and the care you can administer until law enforcement and or fire/EMS arrive. Washington Township Fire Department Battalion Chief Mike Riebel and emergency dispatcher (Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center) Stephanie Skipworth present this class in a format that includes lecture, demonstrations and hands-on skills practice. This class is suitable for ages 13 and up. Parent/guardian must accompany (and be a registered participant) 13-16 year olds.

Ages: 13 and up (ages 13-16 need to be accompanied by a

parent/guardian).

Date: Wednesday, October 16

Time: 6pm-9pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200

Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: Free

Registration is required: wtwp.com/classes-programs/classes/

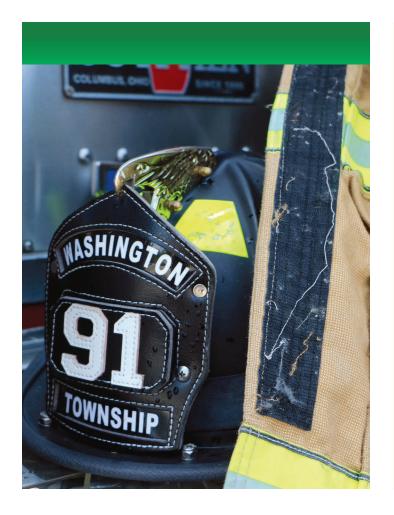
Drive Thru Toy Drive

December 14, 10am-2pm @ Station 91

Supporting the Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive is easy and sweet. Drive through the equipment bay at Fire Station 91 (6255 Shier Rings Rd.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 14 and get a sweet treat while firefighters unload your donations.

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