

Fire and EMS Department News

We would like to remind our citizens that tornado sirens are tested the 1st Wednesday of the month at noon. There are four alerting devices in our service area. These are located next to the village water tower, at the fire station, adjacent to the Knollwood subdivision, and near West Sonora.

With the onset of spring and the desire to do spring cleaning, the departments would like to offer some simple steps to protect your family and home.

- Clear leaves, debris, and other yard waste from around the home, garage, and storage sheds.
- Check for frayed or damaged electrical cords and wires. Replace them or have them repaired by a qualified professional.
- Remove any combustibles from around hot water tanks, clothes dryers, and vents.
- Remove lint build-up from clothes dryers.
- Get rid of oily rags and recycle stacks of newspapers.
- Have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio in the event of a power outage.

The departments are anxiously awaiting the delivery of a new rescue engine and an ambulance that will be replacing two

vehicles our department presently has in service. The present engine is 33 years old, and the current medic is 16 years old. We pride ourselves in the fact that we do our very best to take care of our vehicles to lengthen the service time of these pieces of equipment. We thank our citizens for their unwavering support which gives us the opportunity to secure equipment to serve our community.

We would be remiss if we did not thank the Harrison Township Trustees for their most generous donation to assist us in being able to purchase some items for the two new vehicles. With these monies, it will enable us to purchase new rescue tools along with a cot and load system to assist our departments to increase its ability and efficiency to assist our citizens in their time of need.

The Fire/EMS Departments over the last 4 months were fortunate to receive three grants from the State of Ohio for approximately \$23,000. One grant was for training of new firefighters, an EMS grant for training and equipment, and an Ohio MARCS grant for the new communication equipment.

The Fire Department is excited to welcome three new members to our team. Kyle Gebhart, Casey Whipp, and Collin Whipp recently completed their course of instruction to become state certified firefighters. All three are third generation members of our department. These young men are all valuable assets to our Village.

As a benefit to our community, we are still offering reflective address signs **free** of charge. It is extremely important that we can identify your residence quickly when responding to a call for assistance. Also, the department has smoke detectors available - **at no charge** – for our citizens.

As always, we ask that anyone having questions or concerns regarding our departments, please contact the Station at 962-4640.

2021 Department Awards

Most EMS Training Hours:

- Steve Hobbs-FF/P
- TenilleLawrence-FF/EMT
- Cynthia Pottenger-AEMT

Most EMS Calls:

- Cynthia Pottenger-AEMT

Most EMS Back-Up Calls:

- Lt. Timothy Kring-

Most EMS Hours Worked:

- Jessica Frye-FF/P
- Cynthia Pottenger-AEMT
- TenilleLawrence-FF/EMT

Most Fire Training Hours:

- Steve Hobbs-FF/P
- Lieutenant Timothy Kring

Most Fire Calls:

- Lieutenant Timothy Kring

Years of Service Awards:

• **Five Years:**

Jim Ake-FF/P
Cody Burnside-FF
Danial Douglas-FF
Ryan Gebhart—FF
Anthony Guerrero-FF
Josh Harry-FF
Alexis Kring-FF/P
Kendra Vanover-FF/P

• **Ten Years:**

Randall Anderson –FF/P

• **Fifteen Years:**

Aaron Cooper-FF
Brady Creech-FF/P
Steve Hobbs-FF/P
Katie McGrath-EMT
MichaelMcGrath-FF/EMT
Cynthia Pottenger-AEMT

• **Twenty Years:**

Abigail Kring-P
Jackie Sewert, AEMT

• **Twenty-Five Years:**

Jeffery Barnhart-EMT
Patrick Fink-AC
Lt. Todd Gebhart
Lt. Timothy Kring

• **Thirty-Five Years:**

Capt. Dave Whipp

• **Forty Years:**

Capt. Randy Creech

• **Fifty Years:**

Chief BJ Sewert



Lewisburg Honors EMS “Heart Savers” at December Council Meeting

On December 2nd at the Village of Lewisburg Council meeting, several members of the Fire/EMS Department were recognized for exemplary service. Assistant Chief Pat Fink, Lt. Tim Kring, Lt. Aaron Kimmel, Cindy Pottenger - EMT-A, Nick Erbaugh – Firefighter/Paramedic, Mallory Creech – Firefighter/Paramedic, Allie Kring - Firefighter/ Paramedic, and Tenille Lawrence - Firefighter/EMT, were given commendations for saving the lives of two individuals in the past 12 months. Both Mike Imhoff and Janice Bricker suffered medical emergencies that could have resulted in death, if not for the quick and efficient medical care provided by these individuals.

The two incidents that led to the personnel receiving citations were heart related. In both patients, the signs and symptoms included unresponsiveness, non-breathing, and unconsciousness, resulting in the need for advanced cardiac care. Utilizing devices and equipment that Lewisburg citizens have graciously provided to the department through tax levies, not only were two lives saved, but moreover, the patients were able to make a full recovery and resume normal daily activities.

These calls for assistance exemplify two important aspects. First, the importance of a community-based CPR program as a vital link in the chain of survival. The one incident proves the difference made when a family member identifies the seriousness of their loved one’s condition and begins CPR while activating 9-1-1. Without these procedures, the outcome could have ended considerably different. Second is having committed department members providing excellent service through competent skills and quality care. Through the passion of our members, the lives of these two citizens were saved.

For those that serve in the Fire/EMS field, one of the most rewarding accomplishments any member can experience is to know that their actions contributed to saving the life of another human being. The Lewisburg Fire/EMS Department strives to provide the highest quality of care to the citizens they protect by delivering emergency medical services efficiently and effectively. Accountability and compassion guide us to provide optimal customer service.

We would be remiss if we did not express our thanks to the individuals that were assisted along with their spouses for attending the ceremony and meeting those department members that provided the emergency lifesaving care at a time when it was needed the most.



Shown Left: Janice & Dave Brickel with Lt. Aaron Kimmel & Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Erbaugh

Shown Right: Mike & Melissa Imhoff with Asst Chief Pat Fink, Firefighter/Paramedics Nick Erbaugh, Mallory Creech, and Allie Kring, Firefighter/EMT Tenille Lawrence, EMT Cindy Pottenger (not shown Lt. Tim Kring)



DRINKING WATER NOTICE—Monitoring requirements were not met for the Village of Lewisburg

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During September 2021, we “did not monitor or test” or “did not complete all monitoring or testing” for total coliform bacteria, and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What should you do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** This notice is to inform you that the Village of Lewisburg did not monitor and report results for the presence of total coliform bacteria in the public drinking water system during the September 2021 time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

What is being done? Upon being notified of this violation, the water supplier was required to have the drinking water analyzed for the above mentioned parameters. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future. For more information, please contact Jeff Sewert at 937-962-4377 or at 112 S. Commerce Street, Lewisburg, Ohio 45338.



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Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 AM the LEU/LFD will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the Village Park on the Knapke Lane side. This is open to all children from 1 to 9 years of age. Please bring a basket for your children to collect eggs and prizes!



Upcoming Village Events

- * Winter Farmers Market/Trinity Lutheran-2nd Saturday 10AM to 1PM
- * Bingo Night/Community Center—2nd Saturday-Doors open at 6 PM
- * Primary Election—May 3rd 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM at Community Center
- * First Friday Block Party— May 6th from 5 PM to 8 PM
- * Joy & Whimsy Spring Exhibition—Opens Saturday, May 7th
- * Farmers Market at TCN—Mondays 5 PM to 7:30 PM starting in June
- * Historical Society Ice Cream Social—June 18th 10 AM to 5 PM
- * Bridges, Bikes & Blues—June 18th ending at the Lewisburg Park
- * Lewisburg Comic Con at Joy & Whimsy & Trinity Lutheran—July 1 & 2