Fire Department Receives Superior Rating

The Norwich Township Fire Department (NTFD) has recently received from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) a rating of Public Protection Class 2/2Y, a superior rating placing it among the top two percent in Ohio. The “2” represents a fire department system that serves an area with an established water supply such as that available in Hilliard, including the incorporated portions of Brown Township. The “2Y” is a special classification that recognizes a superior level of fire protection in an area lacking a water supply that has proven the ability to provide 250 gallons of water per minute for two hours.

A community’s investment in fire protection is a reliable indicator to insurance companies of future fire losses. In general, a community’s investment consists of four categories:

- **Needed fire flow**—criteria determining the theoretical amount of water needed to suppress a fire in a building.
- **Emergency communication**—number of dispatchers, reporting, system type, etc.
- **Fire department**—equipment, staffing, training, geographical distribution of fire companies, fire prevention measure, and operational/tactical considerations.
- **Water supply**—inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations, dry hydrants, and available water.

ISO is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property and casualty insurance industry. The organization collects and evaluates information and grades fire departments on their structure fire suppression capabilities on a scale of 1 to 10. The ISO evaluates and classifies 46,000 fire protection areas across the United States, including 2,676 in Ohio.

Norwich Township Fire Chief Jeff Warren encourages property owners to contact their insurance providers to make them aware of the change which takes effect June 1 and to determine if their insurance rates may be affected.

“I am proud of our agency’s accomplishments, I am very appreciative of the community’s support, and I am proud to be your fire chief,” said Chief Warren.

Local Firefighter to the Rescue

Firefighter Dan Buelow

Norwich Township Firefighter Dan Buelow has used his training in minor incidents while off duty in the past, but his fast action at a volleyball tournament in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in February was the first time he was called upon to save a life while off duty.

The veteran firefighter and EMT was attending his son’s tournament when he noticed a coach collapse. He rubbed the man’s chest to determine consciousness, saw that he was not breathing, and immediately started cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). In the unfamiliar environment and without his usual equipment and backup from fellow firefighters, Buelow located an automated external defibrillator (AED), and put it to use. (continued next page)
2016 was a milestone year for Metro Parks with attendance surpassing 10 million people and, as spring approaches, Metro Parks is preparing for another busy year. As always, the primary goal of Metro Parks and its employees is to provide safe, clean parks for residents and taxpayers of Franklin County and Central Ohio to enjoy. Metro Parks manages 19 parks with over 27,000 acres of land included in the system.

More than 60 commissioned park rangers and managers patrol the Metro Park system, aided by another 65 uniformed non-commissioned part-time and seasonal park rangers. Commissioned park rangers and managers have full police powers within our jurisdiction including the ability to arrest and issue citations to court. In a typical year, our rangers respond to and investigate approximately 400 incidents throughout the park district. In addition to Metro Parks' rangers, local law enforcement agencies including the County Sheriff have concurrent jurisdiction and are able to respond to incidents.

Most of these incidents involve minor visitor illnesses or injuries, dispatching of injured wildlife, minor vehicle accidents, and damage to park property. A few of the incidents involve criminal activity with the primary issues involving vehicle break-ins and property damage/vandalism/theft. On rare occasions, the incidents are more serious and involve reported crimes of violence. Our rangers are able to respond quickly and activate appropriate support from local law enforcement, fire, and EMS partners.

Reasons for the low incident reports relative to the large visitation and amounts of property managed in the Metro Park system are many and include design and the facilities provided at each Metro Park, proactive patrol of the parks by rangers and local law enforcement, and the vigilance of our park visitors—visitors frequently alert rangers to suspicious and unusual behavior. All Metro Parks have cell phones assigned to on-duty rangers allowing for direct reporting of observations. Those cell phone numbers are posted at each park and regular visitors are encouraged to add them to phone contacts.

Metro Parks encourages visitors to follow certain precautions to enhance their safety, including reporting any suspicious or unusual behavior immediately to a ranger, being aware of one's surroundings, enjoying parks and trails with a friend or family member (or if you are going for a walk by yourself, alerting somebody about where you will be and making contact with them when your hike is completed), and not keeping valuables in your vehicle. If you must, secure valuables in your vehicle before you get to the park. Most of the Metro Parks vehicle break-ins are committed by organized groups who observe visitors placing wallets, purses, electronic devices, etc. in their trunk or under a seat before going on a hike making them easy victims.

While there have been several high profile incidents in Metro Parks that the media reported on based on initial statements by victims (i.e. assaults on trails by strangers), subsequent investigations have led to different conclusions (i.e. the assailant was not a stranger to the victim or the crime happened under different circumstances than first reported). It is never a good idea to go to a remote location of the park with somebody you don't know.

Visitors need to be aware of Mother Nature and hazards associated with the natural world from weather events and storms to natural features in the park to the wildlife that call the park home.

In summary, Metro Parks are very safe and well patrolled but we should always be aware of our surroundings and use common sense during visits. Metro Parks are great places to get some exercise, enjoy and learn about nature, socialize with friends and family, and recharge your batteries. Together, visitors and park staff can make each and every visit a positive experience.

By Lawrence J. Peck, Deputy Director, Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks

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Local paramedics soon arrived and took the coach to a hospital where he survived what was termed a major heart attack.

A 23-year veteran of the department and a 1990 graduate of Hilliard High School, Buelow has maintained contact with the man, who underwent successful bypass surgery and is now at home. Buelow was one of the original firefighters to serve at Brown Township’s Station 82 when it opened. He has worked out of all three Norwich Township fire stations and is again serving at Station 82.

“I would recommend everyone take a CPR class. General knowledge is always good. With general knowledge, you can always help,” he said.

The Norwich Township Fire Department offers monthly CPR classes. For more information, call the department at 614-876-7694. If you have interest in scheduling a CPR class in Brown Township for your group, please contact Barbara Hoover at the township office at 614-876-2133.
Each issue of the Brown Township newsletter contains a quarterly wrap-up of public safety reports and calls in Brown Township.

**Norwich Township Fire Department**

Calls to addresses in Brown Township (including Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard):

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**Franklin County Sheriff’s Department**

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

**December 2016**

December 16 – criminal damaging of a motor vehicle at an address on Adams Lane.

December 16 – theft of $3.00 in change from a motor vehicle at an address on Adams Lane.

December 19 – domestic dispute and Sheriff’s Office impoundment of four pills, nine syringes used to inject drugs, six glass and metal tubes used to smoke drugs, two needles used in IVs, and a metal scouring pad at an address on Walker Road.

December 30 – theft of a leaf blower, hedge clippers, charger, edger, push mower, hedge trimmers, gas can with gas, and miscellaneous hand tools from an unoccupied structure at an address on Langton Road.

**January 2017**

January 4 – damage to a side barn door at an address on Cole Road.

January 7 – theft of a running motor vehicle, later recovered, from an address on Roberts Road.

January 7 – theft of vehicle registration, ipod, earbuds, and CDs from an unlocked motor vehicle at an address on Roberts Road.

January 9 – theft of currency, wallet, driver’s license, social security card, credit cards, gift cards, vehicle key fob, and prescription drugs from an unlocked motor vehicle at an address on Spicewood Court.

January 10 – theft of a hydraulic maintenance set and miscellaneous change from an unlocked motor vehicle at an address on Roberts Road.

January 11 – theft of a generator, power washer, hand tools, saw, weed eater, five chain saws, four helmets, circular saw, tire inflator, drill, bolt cutters, battery charger, and fishing poles from an unoccupied structure at an address on Feder Road.

January 12 – child endangering at an address on Amity Road.

January 13 – theft of gift cards, miscellaneous change, a drink cooler, and packages of frozen beef from a motor vehicle at an address on Morris Road.

January 14 – theft of miscellaneous change and dog food from a motor vehicle at an address on Morris Road.

January 14 – theft of two audio components from a motor vehicle at an address on Hardwood Drive.

January 14 – theft of a purse, credit and debit cards, gift card, driver’s license, coat, and gloves from an unlocked motor vehicle at an address on Morris Road.

January 16 – theft of currency from a motor vehicle at an address on Morris Road.

January 16 – theft of miscellaneous change from an unlocked motor vehicle at an address on Morris Road.

January 16 – theft of a ring, loose diamond, miscellaneous change, and currency from a motor vehicle at an address on Morris Road.

January 16 – theft of a running motor vehicle and theft of hand tools, power tools, flat screen television, and ipod-enabled stereo from an unoccupied structure at an address on Morris Road.

January 17 – theft of a tablet, gift cards, and coupons from an unlocked residence at an address on Adams Lane. Offender apprehended and property returned at the scene.

January 17 – theft of miscellaneous change from several unlocked motor vehicles at an address on Morris Road.

January 17 – theft of miscellaneous change from an unlocked vehicle at an address on Morris Road.

January 17 – theft of a book bag containing miscellaneous items, bag containing gift cards, three cell phones, pocket knife, throwing knife, ipod, vehicle key, and identification card from a motor vehicle at an address on Morris Road.

January 27 – wallet, currency, driver’s license, social security card, and credit cards found in the driveway at an address on Hardwood Drive and impounded by Sheriff’s Office.

**February 2017**

February 4 – heroin overdose at an address on Amity Road. Cell phone, dose of black heroin, and miscellaneous needles and paraphernalia seized by Sheriff’s Office.

**Hilliard Division of Police**

Non-routine calls to Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard:

**December 2016**

December 30 – criminal damaging to a motor vehicle and theft of two purses, handbag, cellphone, and eight credit cards from a motor vehicle in a parking lot at an address on Hayden Run Road.

**January 2017**

No non-routine calls.

**February 2017**

No non-routine calls.

**CORRECTION:** Due to an editor’s error, several law enforcement calls were omitted from the Winter 2017 issue of the Brown Township newsletter. We apologize for the omission.
Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio.

L-R: Fiscal Officer Greg Ruwe and Trustees Gary Dever, Pam Sayre and Joe Martin

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Gossett-Johnson Appointed to Panel

At its February 20 regular meeting, the Brown Township Board of Trustees appointed Sheree Gossett-Johnson as the township’s representative on the Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel. She replaces John Lux who resigned in January.

Gossett-Johnson recently retired from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency where she spent 25 years in wastewater inspection with particular attention to the Darby watershed for part of that time. Previously she was a wastewater plant operator in Fairborn. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Wright State University with a dual major in biology and chemistry.

The Panel is made up of representatives of the Big Darby Accord partner jurisdictions and is responsible for review and non-binding recommendations on development proposals from the member jurisdictions for property located within the Big Darby watershed in Franklin County to confirm that land use changes and rezonings are consistent with the general land use plan and plan policies, establishing open space conservation areas, ensuring adequate public facilities, and overseeing adaptive management principles. The Panel’s recommendations are forwarded to the legislative body of the jurisdiction for consideration during its deliberations.

The Big Darby Accord is a landmark multijurisdictional watershed master plan adopted by Brown Township and other jurisdictions in 2006 and later by the City of Hilliard.

NTFD Uses New Device

The Norwich Township Fire Department (NTFD) is using a new device that allows a 95% success rate in intubating patients, a vast improvement over previous methods, according to firefighters.

IntuBrite is a portable video laryngoscope with an LED light that permits firefighters to easily see vocal cords, the internal structure of the throat, and the airway while viewing the process on an attached video screen. The process can be recorded for later viewing by medical personnel at the hospital.

Intubation is needed when a patient’s breathing is compromised.

Each NTFD medic vehicle carries the device. The first was obtained using grant funds.