

Xenia Township Firefighters & Community Association

FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER WWW.XENIATOWNSHIP.ORG

2012 STATISTICS

Total Calls for 2012: 1017

EMS: 648

Fire: 369

Busiest Day of the Week:

Thursday

Busiest Time of Day: 4P-5P

Busiest Month: March

PRESENTLY

Members: 44

Firefighter: 43

1st Responder: 1

EMT-Basic: 13

EMT-Intermediate: 6

EMT-Paramedic: 17

Chaplains: 2

Station 51 (Old Town)

Staffed: 24/7

Station 52 (US 68 South)

Staffed: Based on staffing.

Goal is 7 days a week 7AM-7PM

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We asked for you support & you listened!

Thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Xenia Twp, Caesarscreek Twp. & Kil-Kare Raceway, through donations provided during last year's newsletter campaign, we now have a new tool to provide 1st class EMS care. We were able to purchase three Masimo Rad 57 Pulse Oximeters. These devices read the amount of carbon monoxide (CO) in your blood stream which will dictate the treatment given and help determine the severity of an exposure.

CO is the leading cause of poisoning in the U.S.A. for the last 100 years & is a common hazard to Fire & EMS personnel. Until recently, the only way to reliably diagnose CO poisoning was to draw blood & check the CO levels in a lab. With the introduction of the Masimo Rad-57, testing for CO can now be done quickly and easily, allowing for prompt

screening and treatment.

CO is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, toxic gas that, when inhaled, can cause serious physical problems and even death. CO poisoning can happen within a matter of minutes & is responsible for more deaths than any other single poison. In low levels this odorless, colorless poison can hurt you slowly. In moderate levels it can cause permanent neurological dysfunctions or may take lives in higher levels. Protection against this deadly poison is as easy as installing a simple carbon monoxide detector in your home.

CO emissions are produced whenever fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal is burned. The amount of CO produced while using fuel-



burning appliances is usually not harmful. It becomes hazardous when appliances are used improperly or are not functioning adequately. When symptoms such as nausea, headaches, and light-headedness occur, the ill man, woman or child should seek medical treatment, especially when more than one person in the home is showing these symptoms.

If you have any questions about placement of CO detectors or smoke detectors, please contact XTFD Station 51 at 937-372-7857.



Sparky the Fire Dog

The Xenia Township Fire Department would like to introduce you our newest member, Sparky the Fire Dog! This purchase was made possible by the donations that were made to the Xenia Township Firefighter and Community Association. Sparky is a great resource to have when talking to children about fire prevention. Every year in October we meet with Tecumseh Elementary School during fire prevention week. Firefighters discuss with the students fire safety tips & what to do in an emergency at home or at school. We also have boy & girl scouts troops, daycare, and school groups that tour the fire stations. If you would like to schedule a tour for your group or family please contact Station 51 at 937-372-7857.

A Note From the Chief's Desk



Left: Deputy Chief Greg Beegle
Right: Chief Dean Fox

On behalf of Chief Dean Fox, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Xenia Township Fire Department! Please allow me to take this opportunity to update you, the citizen, on the changes that have been underway within our organization so far in 2013.

You may or may not be aware that former Chief Daryl Meyers retired from Xenia Township on March 30, 2013. Chief Dean Fox had been named Interim Chief since June 2012, and in January of 2013, Chief Fox was named as the permanent Fire Chief. Greg Beegle was named as Deputy Chief. Since then the two have been hard at work, improving the operations and administration of the fire department.

With the addition of 3 full time employees in 2012, the fire department established a foundation on which to build its manpower base. Each day, there is at least one Advanced Life Support provider, paramedic, on duty in Xenia Township. With additional staffing from part-time employees, there are usually 3 firefighter/EMT's on duty, and most days four, which allows both Station 51 and 52 to be covered for a 12 hour shift. At night, Station 51 is the base of operations, with 3 firefighter/EMT's spending the night on duty.

Some of the changes we have been able to make within our organization are the promotion of several firefighters to various officer positions. Logan Surls was named Fire Captain, Daryle Williams EMS Captain, Ben Nartker Lieutenant, and Jay Leach Lieutenant. These employees bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their positions, and have made great suggestions and efforts into improving our fire department.

As for the future, a major renovation of Station 52 occurred this summer, mostly completed by Dave Shuey, Road Superintendent and his employees, with help from some fire department employees. The station was totally painted and carpeted, and overnight quarters were built for those employees who may choose to spend the night at the station, instead of responding from home. This renovation will provide our employees with a better base of operations with which to respond to your needs, as they arise.

Also in 2013, Xenia Township purchased a new Road Rescue Ambulance to add to its ambulance fleet. It will be assigned to Station 51, as Medic 51, and allows our department to now have two front line ambulances that are less than 5 years old. Medic 52 was purchased in 2009.

As I close, I would like to stress the appreciation that Chief Fox and I have for all the support that we continually receive from you, our residents. You may not be aware, but Chief Fox started his career in April of 1989, and myself, Deputy Chief Beegle in September of 1992. Between us, we have 46 years of experience in Xenia Township, responding to your calls for help. We were fortunate to learn from our predecessors Chief Cliff Beegle, Chief Jim Hurly, Chief Richard Baker, Chief Tim Spradlin, Chief Chris Seiter, Chief Doug Cope, Chief Jeff DeVoe, Captain Carl Miller, Captain John Faulkner and several others who were leaders in our department in our early years. We are honored to continue the mission that has been long standing for us at Xenia Township Fire, provide our citizens and guests with professional and prompt response in their time of need. During our 20th Anniversary of providing EMS services from our fire stations, we take a moment to remember all the loved ones and others who we have helped over the years. We appreciate everything we have been able to accomplish, with the help of all of you.

Thank you!

Celebrate Our 65th Anniversary

at our Annual Open House

MARK YOUR CALENDARS YOUR INVITED!

The Xenia Township Fire Department is celebrating its 65th Anniversary of providing Fire and Rescue services. We are also celebrating our 20th Anniversary of providing Emergency Medical Services.

Where:

Xenia Township Fire Station 52,
located at 893 U.S. 68 South

When:

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Time:

The festivities will begin at 12:00 noon and will run until 4:00 p.m.



See Jaws of Life Used!

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Prizes!**



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You don't want to miss...

- Firefighter's Chili Cook Off
- Live Auto Extrication Demonstration
- Greene County Sheriff's Office K9 Dog
- See CareFlight Helicopter Land (weather permitting)
- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog
- Lots of Kids Activities including Touch A Truck

Also Stop By Our Other Booths

- Children's Medical Center
- Ohio State Patrol
- GC Veteran's Service
- Greene Memorial Hospital
- Moorman's Towing
- GC Combined Health Dist.
- More Being Added Each Day



Adopt-A-Spot Program

Pictured above are some of the Explorers & Advisors before the annual road side clean up. The Explorers spot is located on North Bickett Road between State Route 42 & State Route 35, just East of Xenia and is 1.1 miles long each way. This year, this clean-up spot service project took approximately 3 hours.

Know a teen interested in Fire & EMS?

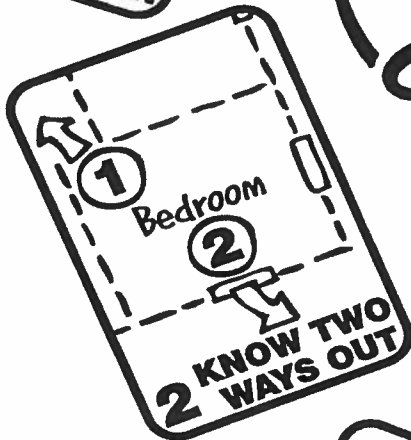
The Explorer Post is a group of area youths that are interested in Public Service with Firefighting and/or Emergency Medical Services. This group is made up of young men & woman between the ages of 15 - 21.

The Explorers meet twice a month, (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) at Fire Station 52 on US 68 South. Our trainings are held 7pm-9pm. The focus of the trainings are on firefighting techniques and Emergency Medical procedures. If you are interested in becoming an Explorer, please contact Fire Station 51 at 937-372-7857.

Bring This Coloring Page To Our Open House For A Special Surprise

Remember the Steps

CHECK OUT SPARKY.ORG FOR MORE FUN!



Note: Sparky's helmet and coat are always yellow with red stripes!®



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Newly Promoted Officers



Fire Chief Dean Fox
Resides In: Xenia

Years of Service: 24
Appointed to XTFD: 1989 as Volunteer Firefighter
Current Certifications: Firefighter, First Responder, Fire Inspector, Fire Instructor
With your new position what do you plan to bring to Xenia Twp Fire Dept?: Provide a quality fire department with well trained personnel



Fire Captain Logan Surls
Resides In: Caesarscreek Twp

Years of Service: 6
Appointed to XTFD: Joined Explorer Program in 2004, Appointed in 2008 as a Paid on Call Firefighter/EMT-B
Current Certifications: Firefighter, Paramedic, Rope Rescue, Ice Rescue & Confined Space Tech
With your new position what do you plan to bring to Xenia Twp Fire Dept?: Improve fire training so we can provide the best skilled employees



Deputy Chief Greg Beegle
Resides In: Xenia Twp

Years of Service: 21
Appointed to XTFD: 1992 Volunteer Firefighter
Current Certifications: Firefighter, Paramedic, Fire Inspector, Fire, EMS & CPR Instructor
With your new position what do you plan to bring to Xenia Twp Fire Dept?: To provide the employees with strong leadership & support, & enable them to be successful in providing quality care to our community



Lieutenant Ben Nartker
Resides In: Xenia

Years of Service: 17
Appointed to XTFD: 2008 as part time Firefighter/Paramedic
Current Certifications: Firefighter, Paramedic, Fire Inspector, Rope Rescue, Water Rescue, Confined Space, Hazmat, Ice Rescue
With your new position what do you plan to bring to Xenia Twp Fire Dept?: Improve fire inspection program. Bring experience from working with in 5 different departments



EMS Captain Daryle Williams
Resides In: Xenia

Years of Service: 18
Appointed to XTFD: 1995 as firefighter/EMT-Basic
Current Certifications: Firefighter, Paramedic, Fire Inspector, Fire & EMS Instructor, Hazmat, Airport Firefighter
With your new position what do you plan to bring to Xenia Twp Fire Dept?: Creating a vision for the EMS department, provide quality training, provide feedback to EMS providers on ways to improve & making sure protocol is followed



Lieutenant Jay Leach
Resides In: Xenia

Years of Service: 7
Appointed to XTFD: 2012 as part time Firefighter/Paramedic
Current Certifications: Firefighter, Paramedic, Fire Inspector, Arson Investigator, Ice Rescue, Hazmat, Ground Ladder Tech
With your new position what do you plan to bring to Xenia Twp Fire Dept?: Teaching and helping employees to advance and excel in the department

New 2013 Road Rescue Ambulance



Currently, Xenia Township Fire Department has three ambulances. Two of the ambulances are housed at Station 51 in Old Town, and one is located at Station 52 on

US 68 South. Since hiring 3 full time firefighter/paramedics in August 2012; it is guaranteed that 24 hours 7 days a week, one medic will have a paramedic on board.

You might hear the words ambulance and medic, and wonder what the difference is. The words get used interchangeably, but there is a difference. The definition of an ambulance is having at least two EMT Basic's or Intermediates on board. A medic is defined as having two EMT's on board with at least one of those being a paramedic.

This year Xenia Township Fire Department purchased a new 2013 Road Rescue Ambulance

for Station 51. This new ambulance replaces a 14 year old ambulance that had over 100,000 miles. Besides the new and improved safety features, this new ambulance is almost identical to the 2009 Road Rescue ambulance that is running out of Station 52. Having both ambulances set up the same allows for EMS personnel to easily transition between both fire stations.

Check out Fire Related Activities

for Children at: www.sparky.org

- Emergency Home Plans
- Games
- Coloring Pages
- Safety Checklist

Station 52 Remodel

Numerous things have changed within the department since Station 52 located at 893 US 68 South was build in 1972. One of the biggest changes has been changing from a volunteer fire department to a combination of volunteers, paid on call, part time & full time employees. To better accommodate the Fire & EMS personnel who stay over night at Station 52 the Xenia Twp

Trustees agreed to add 3 separate bedrooms. This allow for privacy between coworkers. Along with the new bunk rooms, a fresh coat of paint now covers the walls that were once covered with wood paneling. New flooring replaced the aged carpet & vinyl flooring from 1993. A new work area is being added



to allow the Fire & EMS personnel to better complete their reports after a call. As funds allow the furniture will be replaced & a few updates in the men's restroom.

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