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The Responder

An informational source for the Emergency Responders of Chester County

Crisis First Aid

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If someone suddenly collapsed and appeared to be having a heart attack, you wouldn't just walk on by, right? You'd at least call 911. You'd likely stay with the person until the ambulance arrived. You would likely get an AED and begin CPR if you were trained and if you weren't the 911 call taker would talk you through CPR over the phone until the ambulance arrived.

Chances are that human decency would motivate you to do something.

So why is it that when we see obvious signs of mental or emotional crisis in a friend, colleague or even a casual acquaintance, our first reaction is to withdraw, ignore it or even walk away?

We typically consider behavioral health issues too personal for our intervention, out of bounds for anyone but a family member or a very close friend. With approximately 1 in 5 U.S. adults experiencing a mental illness in any given year and approximately 10% of all police incidents involving a person suffering from a mental illness, the truth of the

matter is that you are more likely to encounter someone who is experiencing a behavioral health condition or crisis than someone facing a physical emergency. Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. In the Mental Health First Aid course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.

Mental Health First Aid aims to reduce stigma and teaches about recovery and resiliency. The opportunity to practice through role plays, scenarios, and activities makes it easier to apply and be confident and competent using these skills in a real-life situation. Why then do we as U.S. citizens and more importantly as first responders not consider turning the odds in favor of those suffering a mental illness and become certified Mental Health First Aiders? I challenge you to become a better human and "Be the change you wish to see in the world" by taking the time to attend a course and become a certified Mental Health First Aider.

Be a part of the change by reducing stigma and learning about the signs and symptoms of mental illness and how to assist someone battling a mental illness.

Need to talk?

Connect with the Chester County CISM Peer Support Team

E-mail: cism@chesco.org or Phone: 9-1-1 Center Supervisor 610-344-5100

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FROM THE DIRECTOR...



Bobby Kagel,
Director

Project Updates & Monthly Stats

Computer-Aided-Dispatch System (CADS):

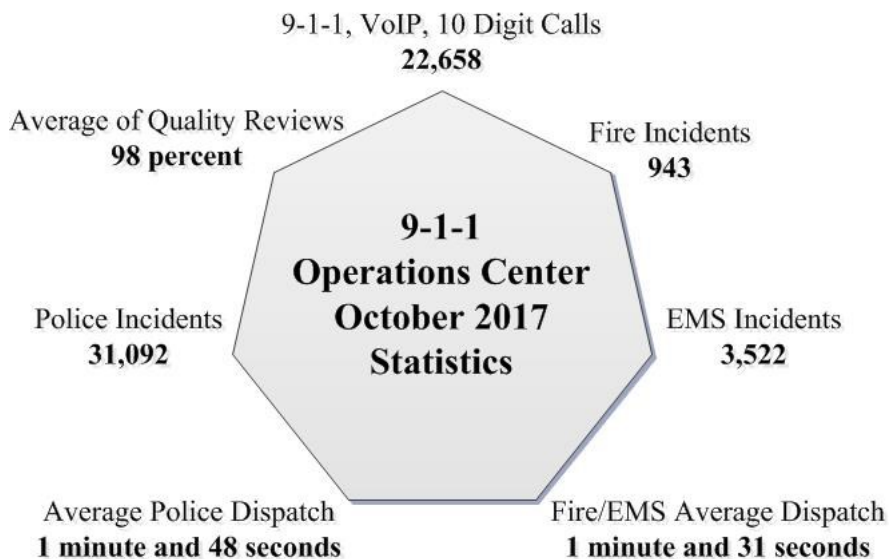
- The contract for changes to the Mobile for Public Safety (MPS) requested by the responders has been signed. Intergraph has assigned a resource and will begin work on the changes.
- Active Incidents are now displayed on the DES website.
- PulsePoint app has been launched to alert people trained in CPR within ¼ mile of a cardiac arrest in a public location that emergency responders are not on-scene.

Voice Radio Project:

- We continue to work with AT&T to resolve tower space issues at the Wayne site. A project kick-off meeting was held on the West Chester Borough in-building coverage enhancement.

Training Facility:

- Last month we hosted 1,990 people at 183 events in the Academic Building.
- We hosted 54 training sessions in the Tactical Village.



HAVE YOU SCHEDULED A TRAINING
AT THE CHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC
SAFETY TRAINING CAMPUS?



COME TRAIN WITH US



For assistance with booking, call
John Gillespie, Assistant Director of
Chester County Public Safety
Training Campus at:

610-344-4241

CHESTER COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

OCTOBER 2017 STATS



OCTOBER 2017		7	2	8	0	0
Have you checked your batteries in all smoke alarms?		NOTIFICATIONS	UNDETERMINED	UNINTENTIONAL	INTENTIONAL	NATURAL
		YTD 113	YTD 41	YTD 88	YTD 9	YTD 7
ASSEMBLY 1 Fire \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 13 Fires</i> \$2,500 <i>Loss Reported</i>	EDUCATIONAL 0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 2 Fires</i> \$-- Loss Reported	INSTITUTIONAL 1 Fire \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 10 Fires</i> \$-- Loss Reported	RESIDENTIAL 9 Fires \$210,000 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 149 Fires</i> \$9,445,125 <i>Loss Reported</i>	BUSINESS 1 Fire \$ -- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 11 Fires</i> \$1,970,000 <i>Loss Reported</i>		
INDUSTRIAL 1 Fire \$350,000 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 9 Fires</i> \$1,356,000 <i>Loss Reported</i>	MANUFACTURING 0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 4 Fires</i> \$310,000 <i>Loss Reported</i>	STORAGE 2 Fires \$272,000 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 23 Fires</i> \$1,295,400 <i>Loss Reported</i>	OUTSIDE 2 Fires \$1,500 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 22 Fires</i> \$141,250 <i>Loss Reported</i>	OTHER 0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 19 Fires</i> \$52,500 <i>Loss Reported</i>		
RESPONDER INJURIES 0 YTD 29	RESPONDER DEATHS 0 YTD 0	CIVILIAN INJURIES 0 YTD 57	CIVILIAN DEATHS 0 YTD 2			
0	11	0	10	14		
ACTIVE ARSON CASES YTD 12	FIRE INSPECTIONS YTD 117	YOUTH FIRE SETTERS PROGRAMS YTD 3	REPORTS SENT TO ASSESSMENT YTD 115	FOLLOW-UP WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES & INVESTIGATORS YTD 115		

Thanksgiving Safety



The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



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www.nfpa.org/education

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

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Coatesville, PA 19320

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