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## Text-to-911 is now available in Franklin County

**T**exting 911 from your text enabled cellphone or tablet is now an option in Franklin County. For detailed information, go to the website: <https://commissioners.franklincountyohio.gov/text-to-911>. A one-minute video is featured on the website that will answer many questions, including those shown below.

### When to Use it

- You are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.
- If you cannot speak due to an injury or medical condition.
- You are in a threatening situation and a voice call could increase the threat.
- If you cannot speak due to an injury or medical condition.

It is important to remember that Text-to-911 is not meant to replace a phone call. Remember this, “Call if you can, text if you can’t”

### How it Works

1. Enter the numbers 911 in the “To” field
2. Text the exact location of the emergency
3. Briefly describe what kind of help you need
4. Push the “Send” button
5. Respond to any questions you receive
6. Follow instructions given by dispatcher
7. If you’re driving, pull over when it’s safe. Do not text and drive!



### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What kind of phone or phone service do I need to be able to text to 911?**

Any text enabled phone or tablet with a data service plan that allows texts will work, regardless of service provider.

**Q: Where is text-to-911 available?**

Text-to-911 is available throughout Franklin County. The only other Central Ohio jurisdiction able to receive text to 911 is Delaware County. Elsewhere in the state or country, the service is very limited.

**Q: If I text-to-911, will the dispatcher know my location?**

No. Be sure to provide your location and the nature of your emergency when you text.

**Q: Can I text in another language or just English?**

Emergency dispatchers use translation services to understand phone calls in different languages. These services are not currently available for texts.

**Q: Do emergency texts receive priority?**

No. They are treated like any other text message, and subject to the same possible delays, reliance on signal strength, etcetera.

**Q: Can I text a picture or video?**

No. Emergency dispatchers cannot right now receive pictures, video, or emojis via text. Likewise, they cannot receive messages that are part of a group text chain or with more than one recipient.

**Q: Can I text police for a non-emergency inquiry?**

No. Text-to-911, like calling 911 on the phone, is reserved for emergencies only.

***From Your Police Department...***

***WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD...*** Within the first two weeks of each month, we post on the Website the crime and traffic report from the previous month. The report is broken down by neighborhoods. You will be able to read what type of activity has been close to your home. We do not post specific addresses or names. In addition, by the end of January of each year we post the previous year’s Activity Reports. Just go to ‘Police Statistics’ on the Police Department page of [www.sharontwp.us](http://www.sharontwp.us).

***NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY IS SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019....*** For those who have prescription drugs to dispose of, you will be able to do so on this date. More information will be available as the date gets closer. Look for an announcement on the Township Website at [www.sharontwp.us](http://www.sharontwp.us) and on the Township Facebook.

## **WINTER IS HERE**

### **SNOW REMOVAL:**

***Please help us keep the roads free of snow and ice.***

When shoveling your snow from the driveway please don’t throw it into the street, piles of snow thrown back into the street is hazardous to traffic and can cause unexpected slippery spots.

To help keep the snowplows from filling your drive entrance back in with snow, pile your snow on the opposite side of your driveway from the flow of traffic.

On street parking – If you must park your car on the street please move it to a clear location after a 2” or more snowfall. This will allow the plow trucks to clear the area where you normally park. If possible park on the other side of the street.

Give them a break, when approaching a plow truck please give them the right of way, stay back at least 50 feet from the rear of the truck, please do not try to pass a salt truck on steep hills, they are trying to make the roadway safe for you. Remember the salt trucks are driving on the untreated pavement and may lose traction the same as your vehicle does.

### **Snow Removal Policy:**

Our policy on snow removal is all clear. This means we plow the roads from curb to curb or road edge to road edge. We salt down the center of the roads to allow the salt brine to melt the snow and ice in both directions. During the late evening hours and during heavy snowfalls we try to maintain two lanes of open roadway, returning during daylight hours or after snowfall stops to clear the roads to full width.

How do we know when the roads need plowed or salted?

During regular work hours 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. the Road Department monitors the road conditions with the help of the Police Department. The Police Department is responsible for monitoring road conditions during our off time. When they determine our services are needed they have the dispatcher call the Road Superintendent. Our response time to their call is normally between 30 to 45 minutes to get employees in and trucks loaded. If you have any questions or problems, please call the numbers listed.

### **Winter Driving Tips:**

- When stopped at an intersection in a vehicle with an automatic transmission, if you feel that your vehicle is starting to slide to one side, put your transmission in the neutral position.
- On extremely slippery roads sometimes the drive wheels will start to spin even though the brakes are being applied. This can cause the vehicle to start sliding off the road even though you’re not moving forward.
- When starting out on slippery pavement it can help to start out in 2nd gear, this works with an automatic or standard transmission.
- Always allow additional stopping distance.
- Watch for Black Ice, this is the thin layer of ice that forms on the roads, however it looks more like wet pavement. This is especially common after sunset as the temperatures start to fall and water on the roads start to refreeze.

Have a Safe and Warm Winter  
The Sharon Township Road Department

<b>Telephone Numbers</b>	
7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	614-885-5933
<i>Please Note:</i> This phone is answered Walnut Grove Cemetery and Sharon Township Road Department	
24-Hour Number	614-525-2125
<i>Please Note:</i> This is the Police Department non-emergency number	
Emergency for police or fire 911- Call if you can, text if you can’t	

## **Renewing Your License Plates?**

**Make sure your tax dollars go where they belong.** When renewing your license plates, please make sure your taxes are going to Sharon Township and not the City of Columbus or other jurisdictions. Part of the license fees are used for Road Department services. If you do not check your registration your money may go to the wrong entity. This is your money please make sure it goes to your community.

# Reporting Water Pollution

If you see anyone putting anything down a storm drain or into a ditch, stream or river, call your local police non-emergency number. Sharon Township Police Department 614-525-2125

Chemical or petroleum pollution: call the Ohio EPA 24-hour hotline, 800-282-9378

Sewage-related pollution: Call the Franklin County Public Health 24-hour hotline, 614-525-3965, or report on line at [www.fcbhforms.org/viewphp](http://www.fcbhforms.org/viewphp)?

Agriculture or manure-related pollution: Call Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, 614-486-9613 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You can also contact us about any non-emergency water pollution and we will contact the appropriate agency.

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Board of Trustees  
Regular Meetings  
@ 6:30 p.m.

March 6, 2019  
March 20, 2019

April 3, 2019  
April 17, 2019

*Check website for updates  
and more information*

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Chief Bailot is pleased to announce two promotions in the Worthington Division of Fire and EMS. Lieutenant Chris Craig was promoted to the rank of Captain and is in-charge of one-unit. Firefighter-EMT Pat Toole was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Toole is one of the line-officers on two-unit.

**CITY OF WORTHINGTON  
FIRE & EMS**

DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, LOCAL BODIES OF WATER present a potential safety hazard when they become partially frozen. The Worthington Division of Fire & EMS urges you to stay safe and stay off the ice! Please remember, no ice is completely safe.

Falling into cold water will often result in a loss of dexterity and motor function leaving a victim unable to swim. In the event that you witness an ice emergency, staff off the ice! Call 9-1-1 and remain on the shoreline until help arrives.

For more information on water safety, visit: [ohiodnr.gov/winter-recreation/recreation/winter-safety](http://ohiodnr.gov/winter-recreation/recreation/winter-safety)

Additionally, this time of year brings with it the potential for severe winter weather. With this in mind, the Worthington Division of Fire & EMS encourages all residents to be prepared for winter storms. Consider actions such as charging cell phones, locating flashlights (check batteries), limiting travel, monitoring weather alerts, and checking on neighbors.

For more information on winter storm preparedness, visit:

[https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1529447351958-f0c1e070e38b5d1d65e6271b9fbed189/WinterStorm\\_InfoSheet\\_061418.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1529447351958-f0c1e070e38b5d1d65e6271b9fbed189/WinterStorm_InfoSheet_061418.pdf)

Link to downloadable graphic

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/images/111973>

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