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EMS Accreditation

Sandusky County EMS initiated the comprehensive application process for accreditation over one year ago. Following a two-day on-site review by national experts in emergency medical services, the Sandusky County EMS received accreditation from the Commission of Accreditation of Ambulance Services for its compliance with national standards of excellence.

With this achievement, Sandusky County EMS is now 1 of 180 ambulance services in the country, and 1 of 6 ambulance services in the state of Ohio to successfully complete the voluntary review process.

The Sandusky County EMS strives for excellence, exceeding state and local licensing requirements and surpassing the expectations of the CAAs by focusing on the delivery of patient care, ambulance services, total operation, relationships with other agencies, the general public, and the medical community.

The Sandusky County EMS excels in high-quality patient care and is ranked in the top 5% of all accredited agencies in the United States.

Lifeline Award

Earlier this year, Sandusky County EMS was presented with the American Heart Association's Mission Lifeline 2018 EMS Gold Plus Performance Achievement award. Sandusky County EMS distinguished itself as 1 of only 7 pre-hospital agencies in Ohio receiving this award.

The American Heart Association recognized the critical life-saving role EMS provides to the overall success of STEMI systems of care. As an EMS agency that delivers education in STEMI identification, provides access to 12 lead ECG machines and develops protocols derived from ACC/AHA STEMI guideline recommendations, Sandusky County EMS is driving improvements in the care and outcomes for heart attack patients. Sandusky County EMS is part of an elite group of pre-hospital agencies in the US focused on not just "high functioning" but also "high quality" systems of care. Sandusky County EMS joins 497 other EMS agencies in the US and is 1 of 48 other EMS agencies in Ohio that are receiving



the award. Because of the hard work and dedication of Sandusky County EMS and hospital partners, lives have been saved. From the launching of Mission Life line in 2007, to 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported nearly a 50% decrease in the age-adjusted mortality rate for adults 35 years or older from heart attacks in Sandusky County.

We thank our EMS for their life-saving efforts and congratulate their achievements.



HAPPY FALL!

Child Support Awareness Month



The well-being of Ohio's children and families relies on adequate financial support. The Child Support Program reduces or avoids the need for other public programs by recovering costs and

reducing or eliminating the need for public welfare programs. In 2017, 6,770 children were served and over 11.8 million dollars was collected right here in Sandusky County. In

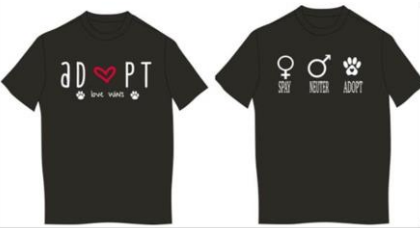
acknowledgement of the efforts of our local Child Support Enforcement Agency, the Board of Commissioners proclaimed August, 2018 as Child Support Awareness Month.

Show Your Support For the Dogs at Our Kennel

We have T-shirts available at the Sandusky County Dog Kennel for a \$20 donation. (located at 1950 Countryside Place in Fremont)

100% of your donation will be used to help the dogs in our care get treated for minor medical issues.

For questions, call us at 419-334-2372

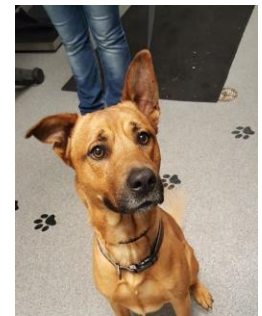


Dog Kennel

The Sandusky County Dog Kennel maintains a busy operation. Just through August of this year the kennel has housed 320 dogs. The number of dogs in the kennel on any given day fluctuates on an hourly basis. Some days start with 8 dogs and end with 17. The Kennel acquires dogs that are stray or surrendered. Upon notification of a stray dog, kennel employees locate the dog and place it in the

facility. Reunification efforts are made and owners are attempted to be notified by social media. If the dog is not claimed after 72 hours, the dog is placed for adoption. Dogs are also acquired through owner surrender, if space is available. Some of the dogs may enter the facility needing medical care. Treatment of the dogs increases their chance for adoption. In major medical cases, the kennel will

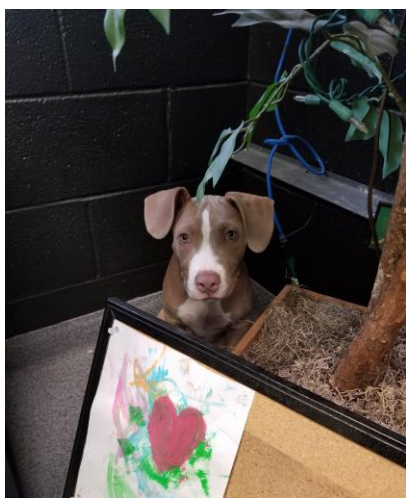
make a request for a donation. Such was the case for Thor/Bowser. You can read all about his journey on the Kennel's facebook page. In minor medical cases, such as an ear infection, costs are incurred. To assist with those medical care costs the Kennel is accepting donations for t-shirts. 100% of the money raised will be used for dog medical care.



The Alpha Project

The Alpha Project is a simple program designed to give back to Veterans by sponsoring an adoption for them at the Sandusky County Dog Kennel. By donating the cost of the adoption, you are providing a Veteran with the gift of companionship. The sponsorship is earmarked for a Veteran and will never be used for anything else. Included in the adoption fee is the spay/neuter, 4 in 1 vaccine, 1 year rabies vaccine, heartworm test, deworming and current year dog license.

For more information on the fundraising t-shirts or the Alpha Project, please contact the Sandusky County Dog Kennel at 419-334-2372.



Energy Efficient Upgrades

Sandusky County is moving forward with energy efficient upgrades. The renovation projects will include improvements to the lighting, cooling and heating systems of many county buildings.

and improve user comforts.

Audits of the buildings are currently being done and the project is expected to commence in mid-2019.

There are many benefits to reduction in energy use. In addition to the impact on our planet, our county will save money on utility bills, reduce costs of maintenance materials



Safety

Thank you for participating in the 2018 vehicle inspections.

used to address department safety concerns.

In the month of October building inspections will be conducted by each department. Participation in safety inspections contributes to reduction and elimination of hazards that may exist in the workplace. The self-inspections are done in coordination with the safety audits. Input is then

Why so much safety? Completion of safety programs ensures that the county will be given credit from CORSA on the annual incentive program.



Wellness

Open enrollment for Health Insurance begins October 22nd and runs through November 2nd. Please review the information that was sent by email on October 19, 2018.



Did you know?

Sandusky County EMS has four stations across 390 square miles of Sandusky County.

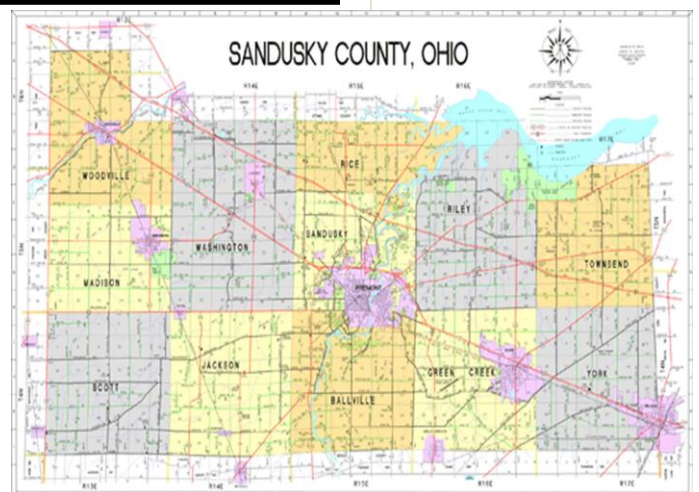
Sandusky County employs over 600 people.

There are 12 townships in Sandusky County.

Sandusky County is home to approximately 60,000 individuals.

The county seat is right here in Fremont.

November 3rd is National Sandwich day.



The Sandusky County Commissioners serve as administrators for Sandusky County by:

- Formulating a Multi-million Dollar Budget;
- Approving Purchase Vouchers;
- Negotiating and Approving Union Contracts;
- Pro-active long term planning;
- Handling day-to-day county issues;
- Approving the county road program for the County Engineer;
- Advertising and taking bids on all road, bridge, ditch and sewer projects;
- Implement maintenance on the inside and outside of county buildings; and
- Holding hearings to discuss drainage ditch projects, establishing and vacating roads, personnel and equipment needs for county departments, budget and expenses for upcoming county projects.

The Commissioners board meetings are held weekly, on Tuesday and Thursday, commencing at 8:00 a.m. Public forum sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. Evening sessions are held quarterly at 6:00 PM. Generally, all sessions are open to the public and anyone interested in attending the meetings are welcome to do so!



Moving On

Most of you know our former treasurer, Irma Celestino. Irma was employed by Sandusky County for a total of 45 years. She worked in the Commissioners office for 32 years and served as Treasurer for 13 years. As of September 30, 2018, Irma officially retired. Thank you Irma for all of your hard work and dedication to our county and its residents!

Looking Forward

- October 22-November 2-Open enrollment for County Health Insurance.
- November 6-Election Day. Don't forget to vote and make it count!
- November 12-Veterans Day



Irma arriving at her surprise retirement party.

