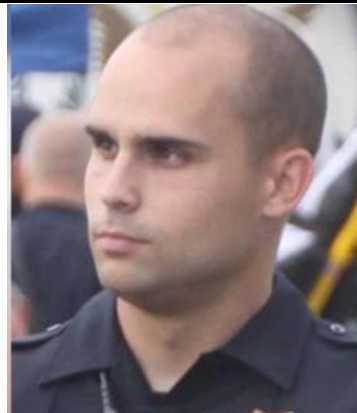




# Dispatch Times

## Clearcreek Township Officer Jerrid Lee

Officer Jerrid Lee of Clearcreek Township Police Department lost his life from a head-on collision involving an impaired driver on Monday night, January 28th in Clermont County.



Lee began working part time at Clearcreek Township Police Department in 2017 and just celebrated 1 year as a full time member of the department earlier this month. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Prior to beginning his career here in Warren County, Officer Lee served in the U.S. Air Force as a police officer and security forces.

Tuesday morning our department, specifically the night crew spoke of how well he was liked and that he was truly a great guy. They said that over the holidays Jerrid brought food to the dispatch center and that he was working extra hours for a Disney vacation his family planned to take.



You will be missed immensely by us and all those that knew you. Rest In Peace Officer Jerrid Lee.

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### Mark Your Calendar!



- February 14**  
Valentine's Day
- February 21**  
Brownbag Ed. On Planning P
- February 23**  
Polar Plunge @ Caesar Creek
- February 24**  
Madcap Puppets @ Kings HS
- February 28**  
Weather Spotter Class @ Atrium

# Employee Spotlight

## Employee of The Quarter

Employee of the month has been changed to employee of the quarter. Check back in March.

*Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”  
Theodore Roosevelt*

## February Birthdays

**Tramel Waddell** 12th  
**Andrew Jackson** 17th  
**Ashlee Rector** 17th  
**Brad Edrington** 18th  
**Stacy Ryan** 19th  
**Samantha Hall** 23rd  
**Richard Slusher** 26th  
**Lesli Holt** 28th

## Milestones

**Bob Anson** 24 years  
**Dennis Rutter** 19 years  
**Chris Carr** 19 years



## Call Of The Month

By: Samantha Hall

In the early morning hours of Jan 5, 2019 the Communications Center fielded multiple calls reporting an explosion and a fully involved trailer fire at Lebanon Acres Trailer Park 5608 Zoar Rd. Lot 18 in Hamilton Township. Within seconds police, fire and ems were dispatched to the scene. Many of the callers reported the trailer was occupied by an elderly male and the explosion shook surrounding trailers. Callers were upset by the event as can be heard in their faceless voices. Although the dispatchers knew there were multiple reports that the trailer was occupied and the occupant likely did not survive the explosion and raging fire the dispatchers remained the unruffled voice within the chaos. The dispatchers did an amazing job controlling callers, remaining calm while also dispatching help to the scene.



# Did You Know?

## ODOT (Ohio Department Of Transportation) District 8

By: Chuck Hecht

District 8 proudly serves Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Greene, Hamilton, Preble and Warren County.

Our Warren County Garage oversees the state routes and interstates in Warren County. The general business hours are 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday-Friday and our District Office core hours are 7:00-AM-4:00 PM. After hour calls should go to the District Office for assistance.

Please remember by the ORC any state or US route within a City or Village limits, is the responsibility of that local entity.

We can and do provide traffic control for accidents, assist towing companies with clean-up of debris, small fuel spills, etc...

We do not clean-up hazardous materials incidents but can place sand and/or floor dri for smaller fuel spills. When there are larger accidents or incidents (Semi rollover, hazmat, interstate closure) we will probably send a supervisor to the scene and I may also respond depending on the severity of the incident. We will work with the IC (Incident Command) or whoever may be in charge to coordinate our response as needed.

If there is an accident during a winter storm and we have full crews committed, we may not be able to respond to requests for assistance for traffic control. We always try to help when asked but sometimes it is not possible.

In meetings/exercises I always tell emergency responders as soon as you believe you need us make the call. After business hours it does take time to recall crews, get their equipment and then respond.

The scenes I have been on with emergency crews in Warren County they have always been great to work with. Fire, Sheriff, Local PD they are all a great group of folks.

You can find more information about ODOT and the districts they serve by going to their website; [www.dot.state.oh.us](http://www.dot.state.oh.us)



Some may not know that ODOT also has an app called OHGO. Their motto is “be the first to know before you go”. This is a great resource to have on your cell phone. It allows you to choose what you would like to view on the map. For instance, you can select live camera feeds (updating every 5 seconds), digital signs, construction areas and more! You can also set personal alerts for travel delays. Check it out! [www.ohgo.com](http://www.ohgo.com)

# LEADS-Record Retentions

By: Chris Dill, Supervisor, LEADS TAC

Is your LEADS entry no longer showing up in LEADS? It may have been purged. Here is a list of record retentions for LEADS entries and how long they will stay in LEADS.

**Wanted Persons** will not purge until cleared or cancelled by entering agency.

- ⇒ Once the 1st locate is placed, the entering agency has 5 days to place a detainer or it will be automatically purged.
- ⇒ Once the detainer is placed, it will not purge until the entering agency clears or cancels the record.
- ⇒ Once the 2<sup>nd</sup> locate is placed the record will automatically purge.

**Missing Persons** will not purge until cleared, cancelled, or located.

- ⇒ Once locate is placed on the record, it will automatically purge the entry.

**Guns** will not purge until cleared or cancelled by the entering agency.

- ⇒ Recovered guns remain on file for the remainder of year entered plus 2 years or 10 days after locate is placed

**Vehicles** entered with VIN or OAN (Owner Applied Number) will remain in LEADS for the remainder of year entered plus 4 years.

- ⇒ Entries without a VIN or OAN will purge 90 days after entry.

**License Plates** will remain in LEADS for the remainder of year entered plus 4 years.

**Boats** entered with BHN (Boat Haul Number), CGD (Coast Guard Document number), or OAN will remain in LEADS for the remainder of year entered plus 4 years.

- ⇒ Entries without BHN, CGD, or OAN will purge 90 days after entry.

**Part** entries, such as engines, batteries etc.... with SER (serial) or OAN will remain in LEADS for the remainder of year entered plus 4 years.

**Article** entries such as cell phones, chainsaws etc.... will remain in LEADS for the remainder of year entered plus 1 year, unless entered with TYP: "Q" (public safety, homeland security or critical infrastructure items of identification), "T" (Toxic chemicals), or "Z" (lost or stolen items from public safety, Homeland Security or critical infrastructure) which will not purge until cleared or cancelled by agency. Securities will remain in LEADS for balance of year entered plus 4 years.



# Ice Jams: A Severe Cold Weather Threat

By: Lesli Holt

Cold snaps followed by a thaw and/or rain can lead to a potentially significant hazard in rivers and creeks called ice jams. Ice jams occur when warm temperatures and heavy rain cause snow to melt rapidly, which can cause a waterway to swell and break the layer of ice on top. The large pieces of floating ice carried by a waterway's current can accumulate and cause a jam in the current's ability to move downstream. This water that is held back may cause flooding or flash flooding upstream. If the obstruction suddenly breaks, then flash flooding may occur downstream.

Ice jams typically develop near river bends, mouth of tributaries, points where river slope decreases, downstream of dams and upstream of bridges, or near other obstructions in the waterway. Historically, ice jam issues don't often reach into the Southern Ohio region, however with periods of extreme cold followed by significant rains upstream, the potential for ice jams does exist.

## What to look for:

Smooth, thin ice is not a potential hazard. When looking for potential ice jams, watch for thick ice (near/greater than 4" thick and nearly covering the channel). Check river bends, slower flowing areas, and bridge areas for potential accumulation of chunks of ice.

## Reporting of potential ice jams

Report thick ice (4" or greater) in area rivers or tributaries to Warren County EMA. Notify EMA if there are any accumulations of ice chunks that could impede river flow. Submit photos (if able) that can be passed along to the National Weather Service office in Wilmington to help them forecast river levels and potential flood watches or warnings. Under no circumstances should you walk out on the ice or go near the ice to gauge its thickness! Take all photos and observations from a safe location.

## Be prepared!

When an ice jam forms, water can rise several feet within minutes compared to the hours or days that it could take for normal river flooding. Be prepared to evacuate affected areas quickly. Do not attempt to drive around barricades placed at flooded roads. It only takes as little as two feet of flowing water to float away many vehicles.

**Contact Warren County EMA with any ice jam reports**

**Office: 513-695-1315 After hours: 513-925-2525**



## Where Am I?

If you know the location where this picture was taken, email us at [melissa.bour@wcoh.net](mailto:melissa.bour@wcoh.net) no later than February 25th. Everyone that has the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. Include your name, phone number, department you work for and your guess of the location and any other details. Don't forget to check back next month to see if your name was drawn!

Congratulations to Becky Trovillo of Warren County Telecom for guessing that last month's picture was of Lebanon Correctional Institute at 3791 St. Rt. 63 .



## Reminder– Use Caution Tape For Disabled Vehicles That You Checked

We all know that crashes and disabled vehicles are on the rise during the winter months. During hazardous road conditions it is not uncommon for a driver to leave their vehicle until the roads clear and/or they can get help to remove it. This causes a lot of repeat calls for the same disabled vehicle. We are asking that officers and firefighters tie yellow caution tape around the side mirror of the vehicle that is facing the roadway. This helps when dispatchers are taking these types of calls. They will ask if the caller sees caution tape on the vehicle. If the caller says they see the tape then the dispatcher knows that we have already been out with the vehicle and there is no need to send anyone out. For several years now this practice has reduced unnecessary calls and dispatches.



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