

Portage County Medical Reserve Corps



EMS Appreciation Week!

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May 17-23: 41st Annual EMS Week

Emergency Medical Services are a key component of the medical care system.

The Portage County Health Department would like to recognize the important role of EMS practitioners in saving lives from cardiac arrest and trauma.

Thousands of EMS responses that happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week don't make the news, EMS is there for communities at the greatest time of need.

Want to recognize EMS practitioners for a job well done? Here Are Five Ways To Celebrate EMS Practitioners.

5 Ways to Celebrate EMS Practitioners

- Send a personal thank you card.
- Acknowledge their compassion and dedication.
- Compliment on a talent or skill you admire.
- Feed a team's soul with lunch.
- Recognize a CPR save.



New Volunteers!

Evan Goldenblat

Vincent Hendershot



National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day!

If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household.

Unfortunately, animals are also affected by disaster.

Make sure your family pets are ready for a disaster by putting together a disaster-preparedness kit!

Basic Disaster Kit Includes:

- Food & water for at least five days (pet bowls)
- Medications and medical records.
- Cat litter box, litter, litter scoop and garbage bags.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and carriers.
- Current photos/descriptions of you with your pets.
- Towels, toys, paper towel's, and grooming items.
- Schedule facility placement for larger animals.



Make Your Community Safer on Nationwide Wildfire Community Preparedness Day!

Wildfires can occur anywhere in the county with the potential to destroy homes, businesses, infrastructure, natural resources, and agriculture.

Wildfires can start in remote wilderness areas, national parks, or even your backyard!

Protect your family and community from a wildfire by taking action before one happens.

How to Protect My Home and Community:

1. Reduce the amount flammable materials and brush.
2. Create a fire-free area within the first five feet of your home using non-flammable materials and high moisture-content plantings.
3. Maintain area that is clear of debris at least 30 feet from your home.

4. Move wood piles and propane tanks at least 30 feet from your home.



Substance Use and Abuse: A Portage County Epidemic

MRC Volunteers, we will be reaching out to recruit volunteers in educating county and community officials on the impact of drug use and abuse in Portage County.

Space is limited!

Topics Include:

1. Understanding Addiction
2. What's Happening in Portage County
3. Drug Abuse Perspectives
4. Future Programming
5. Panel Discussion: Next Steps and Services

Save The Date!

Thursday, June 25

9:00 — 3:00 PM

Ravenna Elks Lodge

776 North Freedom St.

**Nurses/ EMT's/Sanitaricians
Receive CEU's!**



Important!

**Kent City Health Department
Has Moved!**

**800 E. Summit St. Room 207
Kent, OH 44242**



We would love your feedback! Please contact us for suggestions or comments!

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