

### Lebanon Fire Department- the first to purchase Kenwood Radios

The City of Lebanon Fire Division has purchased four Kenwood Viking VP8000 portable radios. This purchase, led by Chief Ryan Dipzinski, marks the first Kenwood radios entering service within a Warren County Department. These radios will supplement their existing portable radio fleet and are intended for use by Lebanon's Chief officers. This will enable Lebanon to accelerate their plan of assigning a radio to each firefighter. In support of this, Telecom is in the process of bringing our core based programming

methodology into the Kenwood (Armada) software. This allows us to bring world class programming and support - to the Kenwood (Viking) platform.

If you have any questions on this please reach out to Gary Estes <u>gary.estes@wcoh.net</u>.



PICTURED ABOVE: TC'S ALEX MOKRYCKI, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR & CHIEF RYAN DIPZINKSI @ LEBANON FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Warren County TELECOM takes weather seriously

In today's interconnected world, the role of telecommunications in public safety cannot be overstated. In Warren County, the dedicated team at Warren County TELECOM recognizes the critical importance of being prepared for weather events, especially during the winter months when snow and ice can pose significant challenges. Their proactive approach ensures not only the reliability of communication systems but also the safety of the community during severe weather conditions.

Warren County TELECOM's commitment to proactive weather preparedness is commendable and vital for community safety. Collaboration with our Warren County Public safety agencies (local police, fire departments, dispatch, and the Emergency Management Agency (EMA)) is essential for effective response, ongoing training, and effective communication, that will ensure that Warren County is ready to respond to the challenges posed by snow and ice. Their diligence not only fosters a more resilient infrastructure but also enhances the overall safety and well-being of the Warren County community that they serve.

When adverse weather strikes, Warren County TELECOM stands ready, demonstrating that preparation, collaboration, and communication are key pillars of effective public safety.

\*Warren County is StormReady Accredited StormReady

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#### REMINDER: MONTHTLY MAINTENANCE Wednesday, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Central Square maintenance 5:00am – 8:00am Monthly maintenance 5:00pm– 8:00pm TELECOM SYSTEMS STATUS

Warren County



#### Warren County Telecom BAR Report



**<u>REMINDER</u>** - your Warren County Agency will be receiving Telecom's Benefit Assessment Report (BAR) this February or March.

This report will come via email from Lisa.Hicks@wcoh.net and will have an excel document attached with the value of products & services you receive from the Board of Warren County Commissioners via Warren County Telecom; either solely funded by the Commissioners, solely funded by your Department, or a combination of the two. Financial breakdowns are noted within the report. This report is not a complete picture of all provided products and services as we continually find new ways to account for applicable expenses and components.

# WINDOWS AND MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS/LAPTOPS TECH BULLETIN UPDATE - <u>CLICK HERE</u>

It is time to start thinking about Mobile Data Computer/MDC (MDC – any mobile device with a Windows OS (operating system) that connects to the PSN (Public Safety Network) via VPN (Netmotion) and their future with the upcoming Windows 11.

#### The end date for Telecom's use of Windows 10 will be July 31, 2025.

We will not begin Windows 11 installation until 2025. With Windows 11, there are restrictions coming from Microsoft that cannot be upgraded on existing hardware.

As it stands, the CF-19, CF-31, CF-20 MK 1, CF33-MK 1, and the G1 are not supported by the Windows 11 processor requirement. Current models that support upgrading to Windows 11 are CF-20 Mk2, CF-33 Mk2 FZ-55, G2 Surface pro's 6, 7, 8. Philip Bomer will be following up with individual department emails containing MDC lists of what is and isn't supported.

Here are the current systems from Panasonic Toughbook line:

- G2-CF20 replacement <u>CLICKHERE</u>
- CF-33 <u>CLICK HERE</u>
- FZ-55 CLICK HERE
- CF-40 Fully-rugged FZ-55 (No one has yet)



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# TEAM TELECOM PROMOTIONS

PAVING THE WAY FOR NEW CHALLENGES AND GROWTH WITHIN THEIR CAREER!



Charles Zugaro Cybersecurity Analyst 1



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### **TELECOM YEARS OF SERVICE AND BIRTHDAYS!**



### **WELCOME TO TELECOM, BRANDON FLUHARTY!**

**Meet our new Infrastructure Systems Technician 1** 

Before coming to telecom, I worked with:
Kings Island as a Security Analyst.
My education and industry training include:
High School Diploma, CompTIA+, CompTIA Network+,
CompTIA Security+, CompTIA Linux+, CompTIA CySA+.
Key skills I plan to utilize here at Telecom include:
problem-solving, troubleshooting, and teamwork.
A fun fact about me is:
I have a twin.



### TELECOM IS HIRING!

Communications Systems Analyst 1
Infrastructure Systems Technician







#### AUXCOMM WINTER FIELD DAY WITH WC AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Telecom's Warren County AuxComm team participated with the Warren County Amateur Radio Association (WCARA) at their annual winter party on Saturday January 25th. This was an all-day event hosted at the Massie Township Fire Department and open to all amateur radio operators and those interested in becoming operators.

The agenda for the day included HF operating, FCC radio testing, radio tech and repair, and of course an all-day buffet of food.

The focus of the day was HF operating, which included three radio stations *contacting other stations around North America.* There were over **400 contacts** made with high-frequency radio stations as far away as the west coat and Puerto Rico with no towers or other infrastructure in between! Whereas this event was fun and a hobby where the setup used for this event parallels the communications plans for significant natural disasters including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes.





Pictured above: Several AuxComm, WCARA and Telecom members participating in this fun event!









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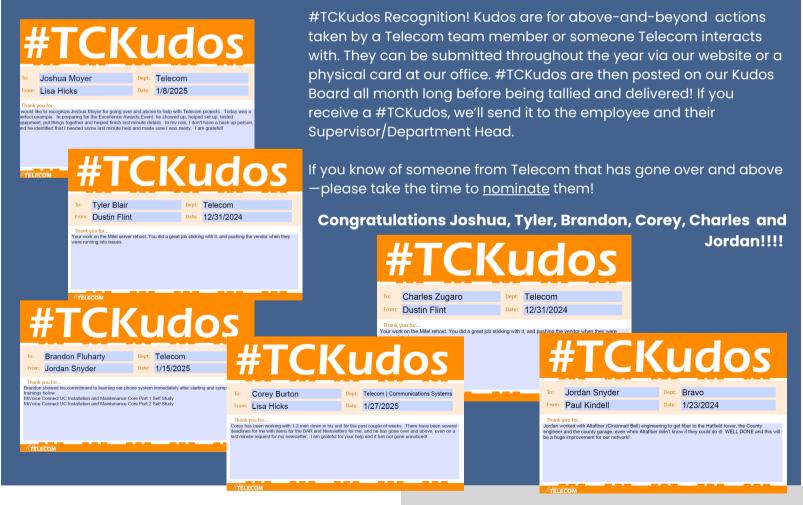
TOMMY KRAMER



# #TCKUDOS 2024 RECOGNITION!

In 2024, **TWENTY EIGHT** Telecom Team Members were sent a **#TCKudos** for going above-and-beyond! That is something to be celebrated!

## #TCKUDOS 2025



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Well done!

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