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Fairfield County ADAMH Board honors first responders

Everyone is invited to attend ceremony and reception

LANCASTER, Ohio, April 26 — On Friday, May 3, 2019, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board will honor Fairfield County's first responders at the First Responders Week of Appreciation Ceremony and Reception. A brief ceremony, including various speakers and a musical performance, will kick the event off at the first responders monument in Fountain Square in downtown Lancaster. The festivities will continue with a reception of food and beverages at 111 S. Broad St.

"We would like everyone in the community to attend the ceremony and reception to show support and gratitude for our local heroes on the frontlines," says Fairfield County ADAMH Board Executive Director Rhonda Myers, MA, MSW, LISW-S.

This year, the Week of Appreciation lasts from April 29 to May 5. Sponsored by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, the Week of Appreciation with the theme "Bringing Help, Bringing Hope" is an opportunity appreciate those who work directly with individuals struggling to overcome substance use disorders. Frontline workers include police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, children's services workers, emergency department staff, and anyone else who may experience burnout or secondary trauma as a result of his or her work with individuals with addiction.

For more information about the First Responders Week of Appreciation Ceremony and Reception, visit www.fairfieldadamh.org/first-responders-week-of-appreciation-ceremony--reception.html.

The Fairfield County ADAMH Board is responsible for the planning, funding and monitoring of mental health, addiction and recovery services in Fairfield County. ADAMH promotes wellness and recovery from mental health and addiction disorders by providing a continuum of care consisting of prevention, recovery and community support services for those affected by addiction and/or mental health disorders in Fairfield County. For more information, visit www.fairfieldadamh.org.