

# Career Tech Matters

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**A**n event that has been a year in the making will kick off next Saturday at the new Adult Education campus on Industrial Drive.



A brain child of Amy Raike, Public Safety coordinator, and instructor Brian Graves, the department is holding a Fire/EMS Conference from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.



Brian Graves teaches students in Early Childhood Education how to perform CPR.



**Amy Raike**

The goal of the conference is two-fold: to show off the new campus and help area public safety professionals get continuing education units.

Generally, mandatory public safety training is offered in Columbus, a far drive for many in Ross and even Pickaway counties, Brian said.



**Brian Graves**

The free conference is providing participants with the opportunity to earn up to six continuing education units.

Brian, who is a paramedic and firefighter for Pickaway Township Fire Department, has worked as a Public Safety instructor for Pickaway-Ross since 2005.

With his background in the public safety field, he was able to get other professionals to donate their time for the conference.

Two sessions will be offered each hour, with one specifically for EMS professionals and one for fire professionals. A combined session on Ohio com-

pliance will be offered in the afternoon.

Topics for EMS professionals include the history of EMS, field management of cardiac arrest and amputation injuries: hand and microsurgery. Fire professionals can attend sessions on smoke behavior, Denver Drill/SAR and fire scene CPR.

After the last session concludes at 4:50, a dodge ball tournament will be held. Participants will play in full gear – including the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) tank – and the winner will be the last one who hasn't been hit and who still has air in his or her tank.

Brian has created a Facebook page (Pickaway-Ross CTC Fire/EMS Conference) for conference updates.

Those interested in registering for the free conference can do so at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3SWC5T](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3SWC5T).

Any questions can be directed to Amy at (740) 642-1384.

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