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Division of EMS Remind Applicants of Grant Deadline

COLUMBUS - The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Medical Services is reminding all EMS agencies seeking funding for the 2010-2011 grant year the deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 1, 2010.

Applications must be postmarked, completed electronically or hand-delivered to the Ohio Division of EMS office by the date and time indicated to be considered for funding.

"Ohio is one of two states in the nation that give out 4 million dollars in equipment grants yearly," said Richard Rucker, executive director of the Division of EMS. "The Grants Committee is committed to ensuring that all grant funds are distributed fairly, efficiently, and in accordance with the direction provided by the Ohio EMS Board."

Hard copy grant applications are now available for Priorities 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the Grants section of the EMS Web site www.ems.ohio.gov. All priority 2, 3 and 4 applications must utilize the hard copy application. Options for completing the Training and Equipment Application (Priority 1) are listed below:

1. Grant applicants may download the hard copy application at the EMS website, complete items 1-24, sign the Authorizing Official section with an original signature, and mail the completed application to **Grants Administration, Ohio Division of EMS, PO Box 182073, Columbus, OH 43218-2073**. Applicants completing the hard copy application must provide proof of eligibility.
2. Grant applicants may complete the application online at www.ems.ohio.gov, utilizing an electronic signature. Select the Electronic Application System option from the EMS Web page and follow the instructions. You must obtain a unique password and user ID if you do not already have one. In order to apply electronically and use the electronic signature process, only the person authorized to sign the application may obtain the password and user ID by providing their driver license information.

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Please contact EMS Grants Administration at 1-800-233-0785 with any questions regarding the grant application process.

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The Ohio Department of Public Safety, through the Division of EMS, oversees the certification of emergency medical technicians and firefighters and ensures that the professionals in these lifesaving roles are properly trained, educated and prepared for emergency situations.