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May is National Trauma Awareness Month

COLUMBUS- Throughout National Trauma Awareness Month, state and local planners will hold activities to educate the public about injury prevention, safety awareness and medical emergencies.

According to the American College of Surgeons, trauma injury is the leading cause of death for those 1 to 44 years old, and the leading cause of disability in the first four decades of life. Since 1980, trauma has killed more people from 1 - 34 years old in the United States than all diseases combined. Each year, approximately 90,000 people sustain injuries serious enough to produce long-term disability.

Even though the statistics are grim, the good news is that injury is preventable, diagnosable, treatable, survivable and controllable.

The following is a list of trauma prevention and EMS-related activities taking place during the month of May:

Grant Medical Center/Ohio Health

The Ohio EMS Conference on May 17, 2010, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Conference Location:

The Greater Columbus Convention Center

400 North High Street

Columbus, OH 43215

(614)827-2500

(800)626-0241

www.columbusconventions.com

Hilliard Police Department and Norwich Township Fire Department

2010 Spirit of Safety Day on May 15, 2010, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Location:

5181 Northwest Parkway

Safety Services Building

Hilliard, OH 43026

www.norwichtownship.org

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Mount Carmel Health

The 4th annual ED/Trauma Symposium on May 21, 2010, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
The purpose of the symposium is to honor EMS providers during EMS week. The registration fee for all EMS providers is waived. The symposium offers 6.0 continuing education hours for EMS.

Symposium Location:
793 West State Street
Columbus, Ohio 43222

The Ohio Division EMS and the Ohio American College of Emergency Physicians

The 1st Annual Ohio EMS Awards in conjunction with the OHACEP Star of Life Awards on May 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m..

Location:
The Ohio Department of Transportation, Auditorium
1980 W. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43223

Sheetz Convenience Stores

Offering free medium self-serve hot or cold drinks to EMS personnel on May 19.
To find a Sheetz location, go to their Web site at: **www.sheetz.com**.

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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.