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Ohio Division of EMS Announces New EMS Board Appointments

COLUMBUS – The State Board of Emergency Medical Services ushered in the New Year by selecting new board leadership. The Board's twenty members, who represent diverse facets of emergency medical services, are dedicated to saving lives and minimizing disability primarily through education, training, certification and strategic planning.

Craig Self of Dayton will serve as the new Board chair. He replaces former Board chair Jim Davis who served a two-year term. Mr. Self, who was appointed to the board in 2008, has over 20 years of health care experience in hospital operations, medical staff and board relations, financial management, strategic planning, physician recruitment, and physician practice development. He currently serves as the vice president of Business Development and Strategic Planning for Premier Health Partners at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton.

Dr. John Pakiela will serve as the Board's co-chair. Pakiela has been a member of the Emergency Medical Services Board since 2005, serving as the chair for the Medical Oversight Committee. He is currently the medical director of paramedic education at Akron General Medical Center, where he also serves as attending physician in the emergency department.

Dr. Jonathan Saxe will serve as the new chair to the Trauma committee. Saxe, who joined the Trauma Committee in 2008, currently works at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton where he serves as Professor of Surgery and Director of Trauma Research.

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Governor John R. Kasich also appointed the following members to the State Board of Emergency Medical Services who will serve their terms until November 12, 2014:

- Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove of Cleveland (Cuyahoga Co.)
- William Mallory of Lancaster (Fairfield Co.)
- Dr. Wendy J. Pomerantz of Cincinnati (Hamilton Co.)
- Matthew T. Dick of Delaware (Delaware Co.)
- Arthur Owens of Georgetown (Brown Co.)

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.

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