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Leaming Departs as EMS Executive Director to serve at State Fire Marshal's Office

(COLUMBUS) - Jeffrey A. Leaming will leave his position as the executive director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to serve as Deputy Chief Fire Marshal to Fire Marshal Larry Flowers at the Ohio Department of Commerce.

Leaming, who is a former fire Chief for the city of Xenia, led the EMS office, which is responsible for the education, certification and investigation of all emergency medical service and fire service providers in the state of Ohio. Appointed EMS director in July 2011, Leaming will begin his new duties on June 18.

As Deputy Chief Fire Marshal, Leaming will work alongside the division's teachers, investigators and regulators to serve Ohio's citizens, fire professionals and businesses.

"EMS plays a critically important role in all of our lives, and the profession is evolving faster than ever with advancements in patient care and technology," Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas Charles said. "We look forward to continuing our relationship with Leaming in his new position at the State Fire Marshal office, and building on our mission of partnering with local agencies to help our first responders receive the best training and deliver the best care possible to Ohioans."

Ellen Owens, a twenty-six year veteran of the Department of Public Safety, will serve as interim executive director of the Division of EMS.

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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.