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Ohio Division of EMS and the State Fire Marshal Office Partner in Joint Fire Awards Program to Honor Ohio Fire Service

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS are partnering for the first time on a joint awards program to honor all who serve Ohioans through the fire service .

The program will provide an opportunity for more firefighters to participate in honoring the sacrifices made every day by their brethren, on behalf of communities across Ohio.

Whether it is the time necessary to train in the latest firefighting techniques or time putting those skills to use, the men and women who sacrifice for the safety of others will be recognized in a special program on September 20, 2012 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Award criteria, eligibility rules and nomination instructions are described at www.ems.ohio.gov under the *resources* section. Deadline for nominations is **June 29, 2012**.

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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.