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EMS Medical Director to Serve as EMS Panelist at CDC 2014 Preparedness Summit

COLUMBUS- Dr. Carol Cunningham, the State Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS, will serve as EMS panelist and a workshop facilitator at the 2014 Center for Disease Control (CDC) Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, Georgia this April.

Selected by the Institute of Medicine, Dr. Cunningham will discuss EMS elements of the Institute's *Crisis Standards of Care* as well as Ohio's Medical Coordination Plan.

"This opportunity is a tremendous example of Ohio continuing to take the lead in helping to raise the level of emergency preparedness," said Mel House, executive director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services. "Dr. Cunningham's leadership and expertise will help ensure that the attendees of the CDC 2014 Preparedness Summit have the most up-to-date information as it relates to the role and value of EMS in emergency response."

Dr. Cunningham, who was appointed State Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS in July 2004, has been an active participant in many national-level EMS activities. She is the EMS Medical Directors representative on the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC), the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) physician representative working with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on the National EMS Education Standards Implementation Team and is the co-principal investigator for the NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines project.

The Preparedness Summit is the premier national conference in the field of public health preparedness. The four-day annual event provides one of the only cross-disciplinary learning opportunities in the field and has evolved over time to meet the growing needs of the preparedness community. A diverse range of attendees includes professionals working in all levels of government (local, state, and federal), emergency management, volunteer organizations, and healthcare coalitions.

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