NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Date: **August 22, 2013**
Time: **9:30 a.m.**
Location: **Ohio Department of Public Safety**
1970 West Broad Street, Room 134
Columbus, Ohio 43223

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, State Board of Emergency Medical Services, will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on the following proposed changes to Chapters 4765-15, "EMT-Basics," 4765-16, "EMT-Intermediates," and 4765-17, "EMT-Paramedics" of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). These rules are being filed in response to a scheduled five-year rule review, and in part, to implement provisions of Am. Sub. HB284 of the 129th General Assembly.

Chapter 4765-15 sets forth the curriculum standards to be met by EMT training and refresher training programs, the conditions under which an EMT certificate to practice may be renewed, and the emergency medical services that may be performed by an EMT.

Chapter 4765-16 sets forth the curriculum standards to be met by AEMT training and refresher training programs, the conditions under which an AEMT certificate to practice may be renewed, and the emergency medical services that may be performed by an AEMT.

Chapter 4765-17 sets forth the curriculum standards to be met by paramedic training and refresher training programs, the conditions under which a paramedic certificate to practice may be renewed, and the emergency medical services that may be performed by a paramedic.

All rules in Chapters 4765-15, 4765-16, and 4765-17 of the Administrative Code, with the exception of rule 4765-16-05, which is being proposed without change, are proposed for amendment to address the materials incorporated by reference in the rules in compliance with section 121.71 to section 121.74 of the Revised Code.

The following rules are also proposed for amendment to implement provisions of Am. Sub. HB284 by adding physician assistants to the list of health care professionals from which emergency medical service personnel may obtain required authorization to perform certain emergency services: 4765-15-04 (Emergency medical technician scope of practice); 4765-16-04 (Advanced emergency medical technician scope of practice); and 4765-17-03 (Paramedic scope of practice).

Finally, in addition to addressing materials incorporated by reference and implementing provisions of Am. Sub. HB284, an amendment to 4765-15-04 (Emergency medical technician scope of practice) is proposed to allow EMTs to administer epinephrine auto-injectors to patients suffering from anaphylaxis, and an amendment to 4765-17-04 (Paramedic curriculum) is proposed to correct an OAC reference in paragraph (B).

Any persons affected by the proposed amendments may appear at the hearing and be heard in person, or by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, argument, or contention in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence to show that the proposed rules will be unreasonable or unlawful if enacted.

Requests for copies of the proposed rules and/or public comments may be submitted in person or by mail at the following address: Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Legal Services, Suite 531C, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, Telephone: (614) 466-5605. The proposed rules may also be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS' website at http://www.ems.ohio.gov/ems_laws.stm.