

History of Emergency Medical Services



- 1797 – Napoleon’s chief army surgeon invents system to take medical care to wounded soldiers.
- 1865 – The first civilian ambulance service in the US operated by Cincinnati Commercial Hospital (now University Hospital).
- 1928 – The first organized, volunteer rescue squad in the US is created in Roanoke, VA.
- 1966 – Modern EMS in America created by federal highway safety legislation.
- 1969 – Cities of Seattle, WA and Miami, FL begin providing paramedic services.
- 1970 – National training standards for EMTs created.



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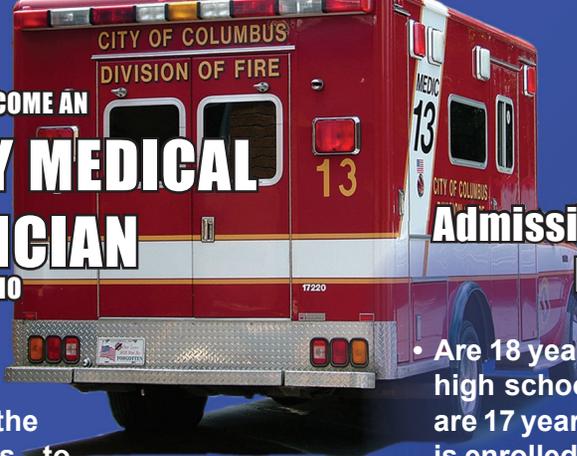
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Information on Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) in Ohio



HOW TO BECOME AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN IN OHIO



Admission Requirements for EMS Training

The Division of Emergency Medical Services establishes the training requirements to receive certification in the State of Ohio. The Division of EMS has 96 EMS training institutions to provide training for EMS Providers.

What training will be required?

Your local volunteer EMS departments are in need of volunteers that are willing to take a 130 hour EMT-Basic training course through their local EMS training institutions. The institutions will give you hands-on, practical training and classroom lectures covering the basics of Emergency care. The topic areas covered are:

- EMT Safety
- Moving and Handling Patients
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Medical Legal Considerations
- Patient Assessment
- Airway Management
- Cardiac Arrest Management
- Trauma Patient Management
- Medical Patient Management
- Driving EMS Vehicles



- Are 18 years of age and are not attending high school, except those students who are 17 years old provided that the student is enrolled in the 12th and final grade in a secondary program.
- Have not been convicted of, plead guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for any of the following:

1. Fraud or material deception in applying for, or obtaining, a certificate issued in accordance with this chapter;
2. A Felony;
3. A misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
4. A violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal narcotics law;
5. Any act committed in another state that, if committed in Ohio, would constitute a violation.

Contact Information If Interested in becoming an EMT-Basic

- State of Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services at 1-800-233-0785 or www.ems.ohio.gov
- Your local fire or EMS department or ambulance service will be able to get you the information to get started in serving your community.
- Your local EMS training institution.

Facts on EMS Providers

- Emergency Medical Services are a vital service and EMS teams are ready 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide life-saving care
- There are four levels of training for EMS providers: First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and EMT-Paramedic.
- There are over 38,000 EMTs and 1,000 services providing EMS care in Ohio.
- There are about 1 million EMS runs made in Ohio every year.
- The need for volunteer EMTs in Ohio is great. Many EMS and fire services are looking for your help.

