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Procedure for Nomination & Appointment of Trauma Committee Members

Background

ORC §4765.04(B) creates the Trauma Committee of the EMS Board and specifies the 24-member composition with each member being appointed by the Director of Public Safety. The Code further specifies the following:

- The nominating organization(s) for each member must submit three (3) nominees.
- Members of the committee shall have substantial experience in the categories they represent, shall be residents of this state, and may be members of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire & Transportation Services.
- In appointing members of the committee, the director shall attempt to include members representing urban and rural areas, various geographical areas of the state, and various schools of training.
- The director shall not appoint to the committee more than one member who is employed by or practices at the same hospital, health system, or emergency medical service organization.
- The director may refuse to appoint any of the persons nominated by an organization or organizations under this division. In that event, the organization or organizations shall continue to nominate the required number of persons until the director appoints to the committee one or more of the persons nominated by the organization or organizations.
- The members serve at the pleasure of the Director of Public Safety and there are no terms specified in law or rule.

Mission Statement

“to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio’s motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available.”

Procedure

- 1) When a vacancy occurs, the Division of EMS shall issue a call for three (3) nominees to the appropriate nominating organization(s) as specified in [ORC §4765.04\(B\)](#).
 - a) The call will be issued via letter to the nominating organizations.
 - b) A current roster of Trauma Committee members will be included with the call to help the nominating organization(s) avoid hospital/health system/EMS conflict.
 - c) A period of thirty (30) days will be allowed for return of nominations.
 - d) The nominations should be sent to the Division of EMS, addressed to the Trauma Committee Liaison.
- 2) When the deadline has passed or all nominations have been received, the Division of EMS will evaluate the nominees for qualifications, prohibited employment conflict, and geographic diversity.
- 3) The Executive Director of the Division of EMS will forward an appointment recommendation to the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.
- 4) The Director of Public Safety shall review all nominations and the recommendation, make an appointment or reject all nominees.
- 5) Upon the decision to appoint a nominee, a letter of appointment shall be sent to the appointee, notifying him/her of the appointment. A copy will be sent to the Director of Public Safety, the Chair of the EMS Board and the Chair of the Trauma Committee.
- 6) After the nominee accepts the appointment, the Division of EMS shall send a letter of thanks to those nominees not appointed, notifying them they were not nominated and thanking them for their willingness to serve.

Nominating organization and nominee requirements are listed below (See "[Ohio Revised Code §4765.04 – Trauma Committee Membership](#)")

Ohio Revised Code §4765.04 – Trauma Committee Membership

(B) The trauma committee of the state board of emergency medical, fire and transportation services is hereby created and shall consist of the following members appointed by the director of public safety:

(1) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgery or American osteopathic board of surgery and actively practices general trauma surgery, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of surgeons, three persons nominated by the Ohio state medical association, and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(2) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgery or the American osteopathic board of surgery and actively practices orthopedic trauma surgery, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio orthopedic society and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(3) A physician who is certified by the American board of neurological surgeons or the American osteopathic board of surgery and actively practices neurosurgery on trauma victims, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio state neurological society and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(4) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgeons or American osteopathic board of surgeons and actively specializes in treating burn victims, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of surgeons and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(5) A dentist who is certified by the American board of oral and maxillofacial surgery and actively practices oral and maxillofacial surgery, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio dental association;

(6) A physician who is certified by the American board of physical medicine and rehabilitation or American osteopathic board of rehabilitation medicine and actively provides rehabilitative care to trauma victims, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio society of physical medicine and rehabilitation and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(7) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgery or American osteopathic board of surgery with special qualifications in pediatric surgery and actively practices pediatric trauma surgery, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American academy of pediatrics and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(8) A physician who is certified by the American board of emergency medicine or American osteopathic board of emergency medicine, actively practices emergency medicine, and is actively involved in emergency medical services, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of emergency physicians and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(9) A physician who is certified by the American board of pediatrics, American osteopathic board of pediatrics, or American board of emergency medicine, is sub-boarded in pediatric emergency medicine, actively practices pediatric emergency medicine, and is actively involved in emergency medical services, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American academy of pediatrics, three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of emergency physicians, and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(10) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgery, American osteopathic board of surgery, or American board of emergency medicine and is the chief medical officer of an air medical organization, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio association of air medical services;

(11) A coroner or medical examiner appointed from among three people nominated by the Ohio state coroners' association;

(12) A registered nurse who actively practices trauma nursing at an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio association of trauma nurse coordinators;

(13) A registered nurse who actively practices emergency nursing and is actively involved in emergency medical services, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the emergency nurses' association;

(14) The chief trauma registrar of an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among three persons nominated by the alliance of Ohio trauma registrars;

(15) The administrator of an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among three persons nominated by OHA: the association for hospitals and health systems, three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, three persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's hospitals, and three persons nominated by the health forum of Ohio;

(16) The administrator of a hospital that is not a trauma center and actively provides emergency care to adult or pediatric trauma patients, appointed from among three persons nominated by OHA: the association for hospitals and health systems, three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, three persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's hospitals, and three persons nominated by the health forum of Ohio;

(17) The operator of an ambulance company that actively provides trauma care to emergency patients, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio ambulance association;

(18) The chief of a fire department that actively provides trauma care to emergency patients, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio fire chiefs' association;

(19) An EMT or paramedic who is certified under this chapter and actively provides trauma care to emergency patients, appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio association of professional firefighters, three persons nominated by the northern Ohio fire fighters, three persons nominated by the Ohio state firefighters' association, and three persons nominated by the Ohio association of emergency medical services;

(20) A person who actively advocates for trauma victims, appointed from three persons nominated by the Ohio brain injury association and three persons nominated by the governor's council on people with disabilities;

(21) A physician or nurse who has substantial administrative responsibility for trauma care provided in or by an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among three persons nominated by OHA: the association for hospitals and health systems, three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, three persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's hospitals, and three persons nominated by the health forum of Ohio;

(22-24) Three representatives of hospitals that are not trauma centers and actively provide emergency care to trauma patients, appointed from among three persons nominated by OHA: the association for hospitals and health systems, three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, three persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's hospitals, and three persons nominated by the health forum of Ohio. The representatives may be hospital administrators, physicians, nurses, or other clinical professionals.