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Beyond Lights and Sirens:

By Division of EMS Executive Director Richard Rucker

Division of EMS Hosts Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Seminar

The Division of Emergency Medical Services, Office of Fire Services recently hosted an Implementing the 16 Life Safety Initiatives seminar for program directors of Ohio Fire charters and other agencies who train first responders on Friday, Dec. 11, at the Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus. The goal was to bring awareness to the line of duty deaths that are occurring in Ohio and nationally with first responders.

According to the United States Fire Administration, every year approximately 100 firefighters lose their lives in the line of duty in the United States. In Ohio, six firefighters died while on duty in 2008 and as of July 2009, three Ohio firefighters have died while on duty.

Bob Colameta, National Director of the Firefighter Life Safety Initiative and the National Courage to Be Safe program, as well as Ohio Advocates, Steve Kimple and Richard Best were presenters at the seminar.

The Division of EMS, Office of Fire Services, is excited about partnering with advocates in Ohio to ensure that

we do our part to bring every firefighter home.

The 16 Life Safety Initiatives were created in 2004 in conjunction with the Everyone Goes Home program during a firefighter life safety summit hosted in Florida by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to address prevention efforts in reducing line of duty firefighter deaths. In cooperation with the United States Fire Administration, the Foundation has established the objectives of reducing the fatality rate by 25 percent within five years and by 50 percent within 10 years.

The "first responder" community of EMTs, firefighters, law enforcement and emergency professionals serve as Ohio's first line of defense in our comprehensive public and traffic safety efforts. But this first line of defense can be compromised, endangering the safety of others, when standards and procedures for emergency response are not properly implemented or followed.

A routine response can turn tragic for a patient, a paramedic or a firefighter

if a critical step in safety is overlooked. Properly trained and equipped first responders have the greatest potential to save lives and limit casualties after a catastrophe.

Team efforts like the 16 Life Safety Initiative program are critical in preventing injuries and deaths in Ohio's fire and EMS community ... and strong partnerships are the key to success.

I encourage all instructors to do their part by raising awareness through firefighter life safety training. Be the ones to take the lead in your local agencies to ensure that the 16 Life Safety Initiatives and the "Everyone Goes Home" campaign are implemented into your charter programs.

If we change the culture of firefighting by educating our firefighters with these 16 Life Safety Initiatives and save a life, we have succeeded.

Open Forum on National Accreditation: An Important Decision

The Ohio EMS Board is working through one of the most important decisions that it has ever had to make. Should Ohio follow the National EMS Education Agenda for the Future and require national accreditation for all paramedic programs and remain with the National Registry (NREMT) as its testing agency—or move away from the national agenda and not require programs to be nationally accredited, which would require a new testing agency for the state EMS exam?

On the surface, this may appear to be a simple decision. Requiring Ohio's Paramedic programs to obtain accreditation through the Committee on Accreditation of EMS Programs (CoAEMSP) will involve a fee to the programs and could have a negative impact on the availability and cost of training, particularly in rural areas. For many, a change in testing agencies seems like a simple process, but the EMS Board has carefully weighed this option for almost two years.

The EMS Board recognizes that the decision it makes can have a major impact on how Ohio's EMS system will interact with other states and on the national level in the future. At this time, many states have chosen to follow the national agenda which requires their programs to obtain CoAEMSP accreditation and remain with the NREMT as their testing agency.

If Ohio chooses to move away from the national standard, this could impact the ability of Ohio-trained and certified paramedics to obtain certification in other states in the future. Ohio programs that train students from bordering states may find these students going to states where they will be eligible to sit for the NREMT exam at the completion of the course. Although there has been no indication to date that eligibility for federal funds could be dependent

upon meeting the national standards, we do know that a requirement for completion of NIMS courses for certification had to be implemented to keep Ohio eligible for federal homeland security funds. The possible impact on response to out-of-state emergencies must also be considered.

The EMS Board and the Division of EMS will hold a public forum on **February 24, 2010**, from 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM at 1980 West Broad Street in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Auditorium. The forum is designed to allow EMS stakeholders to voice their opinions to the Board about where they would like to see EMS in Ohio go in the future, and help Board members with this important decision. More information on this critical issue and the public forum will be posted on our Web page at www.ems.ohio.gov in the coming months.



Why Does the Division of EMS Spend Resources and Time on Fire-Related Issues?

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The Division of EMS recently received an inquiry regarding the legitimacy of its involvement in fire-related issues. The inquiry ended with the following suggestion: “focus your time on EMS and leave fire for the fire guys.” This specific inquiry from someone generated a bigger question: how many people really understand the Division’s role in fire-related issues?

When the State EMS Board was established, the 20-member Board appointed by the Governor consisted of eight fire service representatives. The presence of fire members on the board was requested by the fire community because of the fire responsibilities given to the EMS Board. Ohio Revised Code 4765.04 established a “Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee” (FFSITC). ORC 4765.55 states that the FFSITC will give advice and counsel to the executive director of the Division of EMS in areas of issuing training charters, continuing education requirements, and issuing of instructor’s certificates.

The Division is also responsible for Firefighter testing at all levels (Volunteer, Level I, Level II, and Fire Inspector). The Division recently offered all levels of testing through its Web site with online computerized testing.

With the passage of House Bill (HB) 401 in 2008, the Division and Board’s responsibilities increased significantly. Firefighters no longer have a certificate for life, but have to renew it every three years, after completing 18 hours of continuing education every year to be eligible for renewal.

The Division tracks all certification cycles and audits 10 percent of those for verification of continuing education.

Ohio Homeland Security Wins National Award



Cleveland Federal Security Director Michael Young, Executive Director William Vedra, Lt. Rudy Zupanc, and Columbus Federal Security Director Don Barker

Ohio Homeland Security’s Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) was awarded the 2009 TSA Honorary Security Intelligence Award for its accomplishments to promote security, intelligence gathering, and dissemination activities in the prevention of terrorism.

The SAIC has been a valued partner with TSA since 2005. Over the years, this intelligence and information sharing collaboration has provided immense operational benefits through comprehensive information and intelligence exchanges.

The SAIC also was recognized by U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano as the National Fusion Center of the Year.

The Division of EMS assigns an EMS staff member to a position at the SAIC on a weekly basis. The Ohio Division of EMS is proud to be a partner with the Ohio SAIC.

Certificates to Teach as a Special Topic Instructor

Certificates to Teach as a Special Topic Instructor to Expire Soon

Time is running out for any individual holding a certificate to teach as a special topic instructor (STI). All certificates to teach as an STI expire on February 1, 2010, or the expiration date listed on the certificate, whichever comes first. An individual who held a current and valid certificate to teach as an STI on February 1, 2009, has until March 1, 2010, to either submit an application to convert to an EMS Continuing Education Instructor or to upgrade to an Assistant EMS Instructor.

To convert to an EMS Continuing Education Instructor an STI must:

- Have held a current and valid STI certificate to teach on February 1, 2009;
- Be currently certified/licensed as a FR, EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P, RN or PA;
- Submit documentation of expertise and obtain signature from an EMS program director of a CE site or accredited institution;
- Comply with OAC 4765-8-01 (A)(6) to (A)(12); and
- Submit a completed application as approved by the Board.

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/EMS1171.pdf>

To upgrade to an Assistant EMS Instructor an STI must:

- Have held a current and valid STI certificate to teach on February 1, 2009;
- Be currently certified/licensed as a FR, EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P, RN or PA;
- Pass the practical skills exam at certification level (RN & PA test at EMT-P level);
- Complete 8 hours of instruction specific to the field of EMS;
- Complete 10 hours of supervised teaching under auspices of an accredited institution;
- Comply with OAC 4765-8-01 (A)(6) to (A)(12); and
- Submit a completed application as approved by the Board to the Division of EMS.
- Forms can be found at: <http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/EMS0085.pdf>

The complete rule language pertaining to the STI may be viewed at <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4765-18-10>.

EMS Board Welcomes Newest Board Member

The Division of EMS is proud to announce the newest EMS Board member, Dr. Steven M. Steinberg, MD, FACS. He is the Director of the Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn at The Ohio State University, a Level 1 Trauma Center. He also serves as a Professor of Surgery, and is the Vice-Chairman for Clinical Affairs for the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Steinberg is board certified in surgery and critical care, is a member of numerous medical societies, including the American Association for the Surgery

of Trauma, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, the Columbus Surgical Society, and the Central Surgical Association. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is on the Central Ohio Trauma System Board of Trustees.

He has been an invited presenter at many national meetings and is multi-published in numerous peer reviewed journals. The Division looks forward to working with him as a new member of the Board.

Certification Notification and Verification

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The Division of EMS and the Certification Section are always looking for new and innovative ways to help certificate holders maintain their certifications to avoid expiration and reinstatement. For EMTs, a postcard has been mailed 180 days in advance of their expiration date which informed the certificate holder of their impending expiration date and how to renew, but not for 90 more days. This was followed up with a renewal application packet 90 days prior to the expiration date. If you did not renew in 60 days, a renewal application packet was mailed 30 days prior to the expiration date.

Although this process has stood the test of time, it does not always meet the needs of our customers. It is only effective if the Division has a correct mailing address. For those who moved, these packets were NOT forwarded by the post office, but were returned to the Division. Because a special mailing procedure is required, it became costly for the Division to provide applications in this manner.

With the implementation of H.B. 401 for the renewal of firefighter certifications, the Division was faced with the task of renewing all active firefighters within a one year period. With no funds for additional staff and the impending cost of mailing notifications to those certified in the system, an alternative way for processing applications and notifying certificate holders of upcoming expiration dates was implemented.

This process utilizes the Division's Website. While online certification can be intimidating for some, it is currently the most cost-effective, and efficient system available. Instead of only three notices going to certificate holders informing them of their expiration date and their ability to renew, e-mail notifications to each certificate holder starting 90 days prior to expiration can be distributed.

An e-mail from the Division of EMS is sent to each person whose card will expire within 90 days each

Friday until the person either renews or their certification expires.

These e-mails are sent to the e-mail address that each certification holder provides and approves when they register into the certification renewal system. E-mail addresses can be updated simply by re-registering into the system. One does not have to be eligible to renew a certification in order to log into the system. This can be done at any time, from any computer as long as you have access to that e-mail address that you are using.

Many provider services for both fire and EMS have contacted us about the need to track their personnel's certification dates. This has been available for several years through our Web site at www.ems.ohio.gov utilizing the "Certification Verification" section. This gives the provider service the ability to check their personnel's certification dates at any time. Another way is to establish an e-mail address for the provider service and then provide this address to all their personnel to use as a *secondary* e-mail address on each person's renewal application. This address can also be provided to the Division by each certificate holder by logging into the system and editing their personal information. Once this is completed, the exact e-mail that is sent to each individual certificate holder informing them of their need to renew will also be sent to the *secondary* e-mail address. This should help each employer in assuring they use only certified personnel and aid them in helping their employee's to maintain and renew their certifications in a timely fashion to avoid any break in service to the community.

Thank you for your cooperation and suggestions in the renewal application process.

Audits of Fire Certificates to Begin

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The Division of EMS, Office of Fire Services, will begin auditing fire certificates starting with those firefighters with certifications that expire in February 2010.

The audits will be part of an on-going quality assurance process to ensure compliance with the continuing education requirements for firefighters. A random audit will be conducted of the fire certificates that are renewed each month. For example, in March, a computer program will randomly select 10 percent of those certificates renewed in February for audit. Those selected, will receive a letter notifying them of the audit, along with a form to be completed documenting the continuing education hours they attended during their certification cycle. The signature of the Fire Chief and/or Program Director of the chartered fire program that approved the course work will be required on the form. Individuals selected will also be asked to submit documentation of the courses attended.

Any firefighter with a certificate that expires in 2010 is required to complete the following:

- Firefighters 18 hours of continuing education
- Fire Safety Inspectors 10 hours of continuing education
- Fire Instructors 2 hours of continuing education
- Assistant Instructors 2 hours of continuing education

These hour requirements apply only to certificates that expire in 2010. The renewal requirements for certificates expiring in 2011 and beyond can be found on the Division of EMS Website at <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4765-20>.

Please remember that all certificate holders are required to maintain records documenting their continuing education hours for the current and previous certification cycle.

If you have any questions regarding the audit process please contact the Office of Fire Services at 800-233-0785 or e-mail AskEMS@dps.state.oh.us.

Practical Skill Test

The Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee during its November, 2009 meeting passed a motion to require practical skills testing as a requirement for certifications in Ohio. The Division of EMS, Office of Fire Services will be working with subject matter experts in Ohio to develop the skill sheets for Firefighter 1 and Firefighter Level 2. The Volunteer Firefighter course will be excluded and will not have a practical skills examination.

Grant Applications Available February 1, 2010

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The Ohio Emergency Medical Services grant applications for Priorities 1, 2, 3, and 4 for 2010-2011 will be available February 1, 2010, at the Division of EMS Web site. The deadline for applications is 5:00 PM, Thursday, **April 1, 2010**. Late applications cannot be considered.

There are two ways to apply for the Priority 1 training and equipment grant:

1.) **Completing the hard copy application.**

Applicants may complete the hard copy application at www.ems.ohio.gov and mail the completed application with an original signature to the Division of EMS. Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Division of EMS office by 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 1st to be considered for funding. The applications must be sent to: Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, 1970 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 182073, Columbus, OH 43218-2073

2.) **Using the electronic application process with the electronic signature.**

Only Priority 1 training and equipment applications may be completed electronically at the Division of EMS web site. Go to the grants section and select

Already have username and password and proceed to the electronic application. If you do not already have a username and password, you must obtain them through the EMS web site. If you already have a password, remember to use your Ohio driver license number as your username. Applicants who use the electronic application process will be asked to sign the agreement and blanket certification utilizing an electronic signature process. No mailing of hard copies of the application, proof of eligibility, or original signature will be required for the electronic application.

Priority 2 for Injury Prevention and Priorities 3 and 4 for Trauma Rehabilitation and Procedures must use the hard copy application available at www.ems.ohio.gov in the Grant section of the web site.

There will be \$4,000,000 available from seatbelt fines for this award year. Funds will be disbursed through a reimbursement process.

For more information regarding the Ohio EMS grant process, visit the EMS Grants section online or call Grants Administration at 1-800-233-0785.

OSHA Releases Best Practices for Protecting EMS Responders

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently published *Best Practices for Protecting EMS Responders during Treatment and Transport of Victims of Hazardous Substance Releases* as a guide for employers of emergency medical services responders.

The document discusses best practices employers can implement to protect their EMS responders from

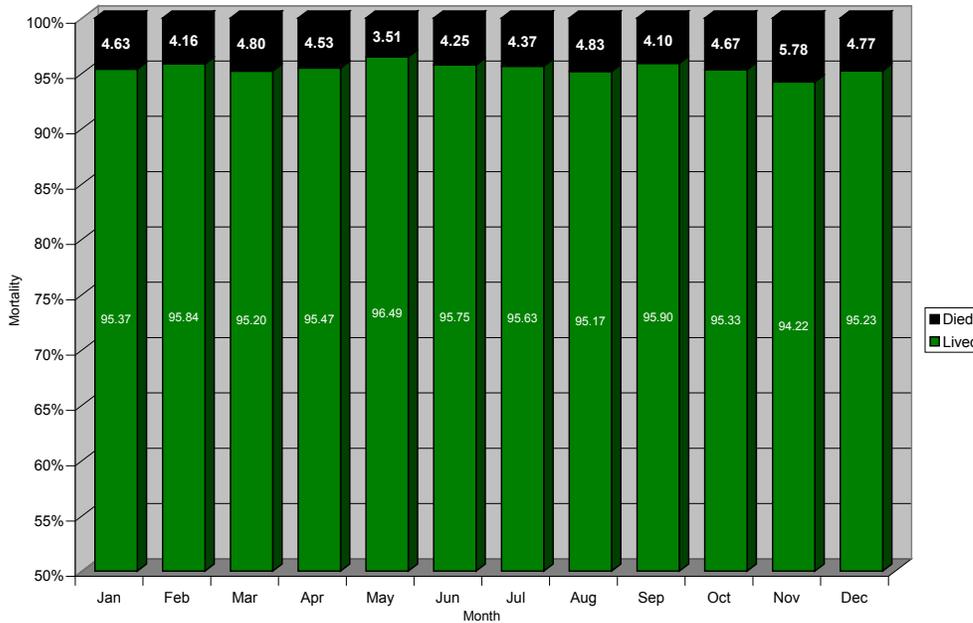
becoming additional victims while on the front line of medical response.

To view the document, please visit: <http://osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3370-protecting-EMS-respondersSM.pdf>.

Quick Look Statistics

A quick look at some of the statistics compiled from the Ohio Trauma Registry gives us some interesting mortality information.

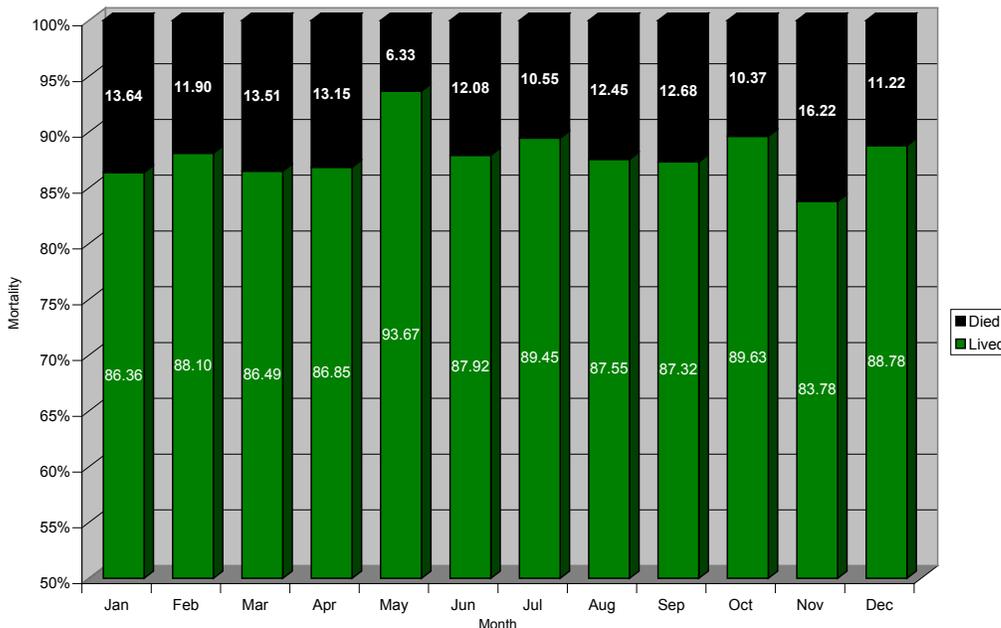
Ohio Trauma Registry Mortality - 2008



In 2008 (the latest complete year available) the overall mortality of severely injured trauma victims was 4.51 percent. This chart shows that the deadliest month of that year was November, when 5.78 percent of trauma victims died. The least deadly month was May, when 3.51 percent of those victims died.

The next chart shows the subset of victims with penetrating trauma, such as stabbings and gun shot wounds.

OTR Penetrating Mortality - 2008



The overall mortality of penetrating trauma was 11.91 percent. Again, the most and least deadly months were November (16.22 percent) and May (6.33 percent).

Stay Up-to-Date

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Last year the EMS Division announced the creation of several e-mail lists to make broadcast announcements to EMS and fire communities easier. The response to these lists has been very positive.

Besides lists for EMS and fire general announcements, there are several lists for specialized topics, including EMS for Children, the Trauma System, and Instructors. You can also receive this newsletter directly in your inbox by signing up for *The Siren* newsletter mailing list.

The initial sign-up rate was good, but there are

still a lot of providers out there who haven't taken advantage of this free service. If you have not yet signed up, consider doing so. It's quick and easy. If you are already signed up, please inform colleagues and co-workers about it. The better informed the entire community is, the better we can care for our patients.

You can sign up for these lists by following the Listserv link on the EMS Web page.

Disciplinary Actions

EMS Disciplinary Actions

August

Joseph C. Beljan, EMS Certificate Number 130905

Violation: Failure to report conviction; Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Todd P. Henderson, EMS Certificate Number 123184

Violation: Felony conviction, Embezzlement
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Federal Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Nicholas R. Carson, EMS Certificate Number 131336

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician, failed to complete the certification requirements for certificates to practice as an EMT-Basic and EMT-Intermediate, and failed to provide appropriate disposition of an EMS patient.

Sanction: Written reprimand, revocation—stayed, one (1) year probation, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Larry B. Watson, EMS Certificate Number 3470

Violation: Felony conviction, Rape

Sanction: Permanent revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Edward J. Melcher, EMS Certificate Number 131570

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Beau J. Palmer, EMS Certificate Number 132964

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Rick K. Lee, EMS Certificate Number 69377

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Roger L. Wade, EMS Certificate Number 71387

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Gary L. Myers, EMS Certificate Number 2205

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Dorene M. Adams, EMS Certificate Number 70733

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Chris J. Walton, EMS Certificate Number 125933

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Kenneth R. Rodgers, EMS Certificate Number 12753

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Timothy A. Sparks, EMS Certificate Number 122368

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Receiving Stolen Property

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

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Bruce M. Kelley, Jr., EMS Certificate Number 120913

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Pete E. Hubbell, EMS Certificate Number 104927

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Dustin B. Jones, EMS Applicant Number 178061

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Hot Checks

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Anthony L. Nosan, EMS Applicant Number 178945

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, must successfully complete anger management program within nine (9) months, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Theodore J. Kavouras, EMS Applicant Number 179058

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

October

Carla M. Kuhlman, EMS Certificate Number 18704

Violation: Felony convictions, Attempted Theft from an Elderly Person, Attempted Forgery of an Elderly Person, Attempted Misuse of a Credit Card of an Elderly Person, and Falsification in Theft

Sanction: Denial of EMT application for renewal; Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

John Abdoo, EMS Certificate Number 143134

Violation: Failed to meet qualifications for certificate to teach

Sanction: Revocation of EMS instructor certificate to teach.

Jesse G. Kernc, EMS Certificate Number 131554

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for a certificate to practice and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Donald O. Donat, EMS Certificate Number 83798

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for a certificate to practice and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Albert S. Gatka, EMS Certificate Number 27878

Violation: Violation of consent agreement

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Brandon G. Taylor, EMS Certificate Number 123974

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Robert J. Shulin, EMS Applicant Number 178651

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Disorderly Conduct, Domestic Violence

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Christine L. Ramunno, EMS Certificate Number 131085

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Cecil W. Bright, III, EMS Certificate Number 115537

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.

Jeffrey J. Turner, EMS Certificate Number 74157

Violation: Random audit issues.

Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Brandon P. Redmond, EMS Certificate Number 138938

Violation: Felony conviction, Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs

Sanction: Written reprimand, revocation—stayed, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, must submit another at renewal of EMT and FF certificates, three (3) year probation, random drug/alcohol screenings during probation, no drug/alcohol violations within next three (3) years, must notify Division of any violations within ten (10) days, must disclose consent agreement to employer,

and must obtain written authorization to practice from chief/medical director prior to practicing and throughout probation.

Peter J. Mauro, EMS Certificate Number 132715

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Michael Pozonitz, Jr., EMS Certificate Number 133530

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Gregory E. Echelberry, EMS Applicant Number 179367

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Domestic Violence and Criminal Damaging

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, must successfully complete anger management program within nine (9) months, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

David L. Belton, EMS Certificate Number 24026

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

Larry R. Ohler, Jr., EMS Certificate Number 126790

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Petty Theft two (2) counts

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Curtis J. Ewing, EMS Certificate Number 121070

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.

EMS Disciplinary Actions

October

Curtis J. Ewing, EMS Certificate Number 121070**Violation:** Random audit issues**Sanction:** Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application.**William J. Sanders, EMS Applicant Number 179608****Violation:** Felony conviction, Attempted Disruption of Public Services; Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct**Sanction:** Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, must successfully complete anger management program within nine (9) months, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.**Robert A. Swann, EMS Applicant Number 179578****Violation:** Felony convictions, Domestic Violence and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle; Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Assault**Sanction:** Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, must successfully complete anger management program within nine (9) months, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.**Kevin A. Wischmeyer, EMS Certificate Number 21428****Violation:** Random audit issues**Sanction:** Revocation of ems instructor certificate to teach.**Michael E. Notestone, EMS Applicant Number 179675****Violation:** Felony conviction, Possession of Controlled Substance**Sanction:** Written reprimand, denial—stayed, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, another in three (3) years, must complete drug/alcohol treatment program, three (3) year probation, random drug/alcohol screenings during probation, no drug/alcohol violations within next three (3) years, must notify Division of any violations within ten (10) days, must disclose consent agreement to employer, and must obtain written authorization to practice from chief/medical director prior to practicing and throughout probation.**Theresa A. Bowers, EMS Certificate Number 77916****Violation:** Random audit issues**Sanction:** Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.**Cynthia P. Osborne, EMS Certificate Number 16961****Violation:** Random audit issues**Sanction:** Revocation of EMT certificate to practice.**William E. Farkas, II, EMS Applicant Number 179761****Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Attempted Preparation of Drugs for Sale, Domestic Violence, Attempted Trafficking, Assault, two (2) counts, and Aggravated Menacing**Sanction:** Written reprimand, denial—stayed, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, must successfully complete anger management program within nine (9) months, three (3) year probation, random drug/alcohol screenings during probation, no drug/alcohol violations within next three (3) years, must notify Division of any violations within ten (10) days, must disclose consent agreement to employer, and must obtain written authorization to practice from chief/medical director prior to practicing and throughout probation.

Disciplinary Actions

Fire Disciplinary Actions

August

Loren C. Ackenhausen, Fire Certificate Number 7658

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Unauthorized Use of Property
Sanction: Written reprimand, three (3) yr probation to run concurrent with certification cycle, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 180 days from journal date of Goldman Order, must submit another at renewal, and ninety (90) days suspension of fire service training certificates, with sixty (60) days stayed.

Jeffrey R. Morris, Fire Certificate Number 84701

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Child Endangerment
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, another in three (3) years, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Timothy A. Sparks, Fire Certificate Number 122368

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Receiving Stolen Property
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Scott H. Sanford, Fire Applicant Number 178075

Violation: Felony conviction, Uttering a Forged Security
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Thomas M. Peters, Jr., Fire Applicant Number 178357

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Attempted Assault
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, must successfully complete anger management program within nine (9) months, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Gary L. Myers, Fire Certificate Number 2205

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Anthony L. Nosan, Fire Applicant Number 178945

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, must successfully complete anger management program within nine (9) months, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

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Jason P. Kreider, Fire Certificate Number 145434

Violation: Violation of consent agreement
Sanction: Revocation of fire service training certificate.

Patrick W. Wormus, Fire Applicant Number 177244

Violation: Failure to report conviction
Sanction: Denial of application for fire service training certificate.

Samuel E. Hamilton, Fire Applicant Number 178147

Violation: Felony conviction, Possession of Drugs

Sanction: Written reprimand, denial—stayed, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, another at renewal, three (3) years probation, must successfully complete drug/alcohol treatment program, random drug/alcohol screenings during probation, no drug/alcohol violations within next three (3) years, must notify Division of any violations within ten (10) days, must disclose consent agreement to employer, and must obtain written authorization to practice from chief/medical director prior to practicing.

Brandon P. Redmond, Fire Certificate Number 138938

Violation: Felony conviction, Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs
Sanction: Written reprimand, revocation—stayed, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, must submit another at renewal of EMT and FF certificates, three (3) year probation, random drug/alcohol screenings during probation, no drug/alcohol violations within next three (3) years, must notify Division of any violations within ten (10) days, must disclose consent agreement to employer, and must obtain written authorization to practice from chief/medical director prior to practicing and throughout probation.

Peter J. Mauro, Fire Certificate Number 132715

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

Thomas W. Bartlett, Fire Applicant Number 179182

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Passing Bad Check
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, and must disclose consent agreement to employer.

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