

the SIREN UPDATE

Ohio EMS Grant Applications Due April 1st

The Division of EMS' Grant applications for Priorities 1, 2, 3, & 4 for 2011-2012 are due by **5:00 P.M. Friday April 1, 2011**. Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Ohio Division of EMS office by the date and time indicated 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.

Priority one applications may be completed electronically. There is no electronic application for priorities 2, 3, & 4. No late applications will be considered for funding.

Priority 1 training and equipment applications may be completed electronically at the Ohio EMS Web site. Go to the grants section. 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's license as your username.

Awards will be based upon the number of seatbelt fines available 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 at www.ems.ohio.gov or call Grants Administration at 1-800-233-0785.

Second Annual Ohio EMS Awards

The EMS Division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety is proud to announce the 2011 Ohio EMS Awards program.



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The Ohio EMS Awards Program was created by the EMS Division to recognize outstanding achievements and to honor those in Ohio's EMS system whose accomplishments rise above the day-to-day excellence of that system.

Each day in Ohio, EMS providers save lives and perform countless noteworthy acts of caring, kindness and service to their community. These awards are a tribute to those individuals and organizations whose overall contributions go beyond their basic duties and responsibilities and who represent the finest traditions of our profession.

Awards will given to the First Responder/EMT-B/EMT-I/EMT-P of the Year (one award for each certification level), EMS Service of the Year, and EMS Medical Director of the Year.

Anyone can submit nominations for any of the awards. Award criteria, eligibility rules and nomination instructions will be described in the nomination packet which will be available on the Division Web site soon.

Division Extends Welcome to New and Returning RPAB Members

The Division of EMS would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest addition to the Regional Physician Advisory Boards (RPAB);

Paul Zeeb, M.D. – RPAB Region V (Central Ohio)

Dr. Zeeb has served as an emergency physician with Mount Carmel East and West Hospitals in Columbus, Ohio since 1996. Dr. Zeeb completed medical school at Wright State University School of Medicine (Dayton, Ohio) and a family practice residency at Grant Medical Center (Columbus, Ohio). Dr. Zeeb is board-certified in emergency medicine and has served as an EMS medical director for 19 years.

The Division of EMS also welcomes the return of two members to the RPAB;

Thomas R. Krzmarzick, M.D. – RPAB Region II (West Central Ohio)

Dr. Krzmarzick is currently serving as the Medical Director of the emergency department at Dayton (Ohio) Children's Hospital and has been a member of the RPAB since 2002. Dr. Krzmarzick completed medical school at the University of Iowa College of Medicine and pediatric residency with Children's Hospital Medical Center (Cincinnati, Ohio). Dr. Krzmarzick is board-certified in pediatric emergency medicine.

Jason R. Pickett, M.D. – RPAB Region II (West Central Ohio)

Dr. Pickett currently works as staff physician in the emergency department at the Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio and also serves as Assistant Director of Operations, Division of Tactical Emergency Medicine at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine (Dayton). Dr. Pickett completed medical school at Eastern Virginia Medical School and a residency in emergency medicine at Wright State University. Dr. Pickett is board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Ohio is currently divided into ten regions. Each region may have up to nine physician members. Applicants for membership must submit an application (available on our Web page at www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/EMS0096.pdf) along with a current curriculum vitae. The state medical director, Dr. Carol Cunningham, reviews all eligible applications and presents them to the Board of EMS for final approval.

A physician seeking appointment to a RPAB must possess knowledge and experience in or related to emergency medical services; work or reside in the region to be served by the RPAB; and be board-certified through a medical specialty board supported by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association or board-eligible by completion of a residency program recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association. RPAB members are appointed for three year terms and may seek re-appointment.

All meetings of the RPAB are open to the public. Meeting information is posted on the Division of EMS calendar on our Web page at www.ems.ohio.gov.

NIOSH Works to Reduce Ambulance Crashes

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and partners are working to reduce ambulance crash-related injuries and deaths among EMS workers.

The Ambulance Crash Survivability Improvement Project addresses the layout and structural integrity of ambulance compartments, design of hardware, and occupant restraints.

The findings will be used to help inform new standards for ambulance safety devices, structural integrity, and other safety-related factors. For more information, go to www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2010-164.