



## Leaming Departs as EMS Executive Director to serve at State Fire Marshal's Office

Jeffrey A. Leaming will leave his position as the executive director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to serve as Deputy Chief Fire Marshal to Fire Marshal Larry Flowers at the Ohio Department of Commerce.

Leaming, who is a former fire Chief for the city of Xenia, led the EMS office, which is responsible for the education, certification and investigation of all emergency medical service and fire service providers in the state of Ohio.

Appointed EMS director in July 2011, Leaming will begin his new duties on June 18. As Deputy Chief Fire Marshal, Leaming will work alongside the division's teachers, investigators and regulators to serve Ohio's citizens, fire professionals and businesses.



"EMS plays a critically important role in all of our lives, and the profession is evolving faster than ever with advancements in patient care and technology," Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas Charles said. "We look forward to continuing our relationship with Leaming in his new position at the State Fire Marshal office, and building on our mission of partnering with local agencies to help our first responders receive the best training and deliver the best care possible to Ohioans."

Ellen Owens, a twenty-six year veteran of the Department of Public Safety, will serve as interim executive director of the Division of EMS.

## Learn about the History of EMS Via the National EMS Museum E-newsletter

The National EMS Museum offers a new e-news, *EMS Over Time*, to all interested EMS personnel. The National EMS Museum works to preserve the history of EMS in the belief that remembrance promotes understanding, respect and enlightened progress.

The museum states its mission as "dedicated to memorializing and commemorating the history of EMS and the individuals and organizations that provide emergency care to the sick and injured."

Learn more and visit the museum's virtual exhibits at <http://www.emsmuseum.org/>.



## Division of EMS and State Fire Marshal's Office Partner in Joint Fire Awards Program to Honor Ohio Fire Service

The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS are partnering for the first time on a joint awards program to honor all who serve Ohioans through the fire service .

The program will provide an opportunity for more firefighters to participate in honoring the sacrifices made every day by their brethren, on behalf of communities across Ohio.

Whether it is the time necessary to train in the latest firefighting techniques or time putting those skills to use, the men and women who sacrifice for the safety of others will be recognized in a special program on September 20, 2012 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Award criteria, eligibility rules and nomination instructions are described at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov) under the resources section. Deadline for nominations is June 29, 2012.

## DHS Releases Funding Alternatives For First Responders

The latest edition of funding Alternatives for Emergency Medical and Fire Services released by The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and supported by the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Health Affairs (OHA) provides the most up to date information regarding funding for local level Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and fire departments.

The document includes sources of federal funding as well as other new and innovative funding sources not discussed in previous editions. A key part of the project initiative was an enhanced study of critical funding issues for both fire and non-fire service based EMS systems.

The document can be found at [http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fireservice/research/ems/ems\\_funding.shtm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fireservice/research/ems/ems_funding.shtm).