



# the SIREN UPDATE

## NIH CREATES OFFICE OF EMERGENCY CARE RESEARCH

To help improve health outcomes of patients who require emergency care, the National Institutes of Health has created a new Office of Emergency Care Research (OECR). The office is a focal point for basic, clinical and translational emergency care research and training across NIH.

OECR will not fund grants, but it will foster innovation and improvement in emergency care and in the training of future researchers.

For more information, go to <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jul2012/nih-31.htm>.



## FACILITY UPDATES

We strive to keep the facility list up to date as additional Free Standing Emergency Departments open their doors. Below is a listing of additional facilities in the 3000 series to add to your software.

- 3013: UC Health Psychiatric at Deaconess
- 3014: Marymount South
- 3015: Sagamore Hospital
- 3016: Summa ED at Heritage Crossings in Green
- 3017: Reid Hospital
- 3018: EMH Avon Health Campus
- 3019: Richard E. Jacobs Health Center
- 3022: Summa Lake Medina
- 3023: Twinsburg Family Health & Surgery Center
- 3025: Westerville Emergency Care Center
- 3026: Akron General Health & Wellness Center – Green
- 3501: Akron Children's West - Montrose
- 3502: Akron Children's at Beeghly

As always, our list of facilities is available on the Data Center page of our Web site at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov) and click on Facility Codes. The date of the most recent version will be shown at the top.

## Ohio Division of EMS and the State Fire Marshal 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 Ohio Fire Academy.

## MAINTAINING OPERATIONS IN A PANDEMIC

Since July 2012, there have been more outbreaks of H3N2 influenza around the country, particularly in the Midwest. This variant is a type of swine flu, and is more likely to be passed from pigs to humans than other swine flu strains seen in the past few years.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is tracking these cases, and has stated "while there is no evidence at this time that sustained human-to-human transmission is occurring, all influenza viruses have the capacity to change and it's possible that this virus may become widespread." The CDC has H3N2 resources available to include recent cases, treatment, surveillance, and printable resources such as flyers and posters for public events like fairs and farm shows. These resources can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swineflu/h3n2v-outbreak.htm>.

The Department of Homeland Security has produced a document - "Information for First Responders on Maintaining Operational Capabilities during a Pandemic" - to help the emergency service agencies maintain continuity of operations during a pandemic. It can be found at [http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/maintaining\\_op\\_capabilities\\_during\\_pandemic.pdf](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/maintaining_op_capabilities_during_pandemic.pdf).