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Beyond Lights and Sirens:

Everyone has a Role to Play in National Preparedness Month

By Division of EMS Executive Director Richard Rucker

September marks the observance of National Preparedness Month, a nationwide coordinated effort encouraging Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools.

I join the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and a diverse group of national, state and local partners in highlighting the importance of emergency preparedness and promoting community involvement through a wide variety of events and activities.

I am requesting statewide involvement from the EMS and fire community in assisting the community you serve to prepare for all types of emergencies, from natural disasters to possible terrorist attacks.

Suggestions on how to participate in National Preparedness Month and examples of communication materials that will assist your department in spreading the word about emergency preparedness and other preparedness resources can be found at www.ready.gov. Become a coalition member and list your NPM activities locally on www.ready.ohio.gov.

We hope you will agree to encourage members of your agency to participate in National Preparedness Month this September. Join Ohio's readiness efforts and get prepared!



Division of EMS is Highlighted in National EMS Publication



State Medical Director Dr. Carol Cunningham and State Trauma Coordinator Tim Erskine were featured in the May issue of the national publication, *The EMS Insider*.

The article highlighted the recent adoption of new geriatric protocols by the State EMS Board and the positive effect that the newly accepted guidelines will have on elderly patients treated by EMS and emergency department personnel in Ohio.

Special Note: State EMS Medical Director Dr. Carol Cunningham is a featured columnist in the *Journal of Emergency Medicine*. Catch the latest on clinical and operational topics from the heartland of America at Dr. C's Corner at www.jems.com.

CHEMPACK Training Exercise Held in Northwest Region

The EMS Board's Homeland Security Committee conducted CHEMPACK training in May that consisted of testing the hospital CHEMPACK SOP's or protocol for moving hospital and EMS CHEMPACKS to and from hospitals in Xenia, Troy, Dayton and Greenville, Ohio.

"The simulation identified several areas of needed improvement, but overall the exercises were completed as planned and the CHEMPACKS were moved in a very short time period," said John Sands, Division of EMS Education Coordinator.

Ohio Division of EMS Aims to Reduce Crash Rates for Teen Drivers During Trauma Season

The Division will promote the "100 Days of Summer" Campaign to teen motorists and their passengers, aiming to reduce the number of youth injuries and fatalities on Ohio roads caused by inattention, failing to buckle up, speeding and impaired driving.

The Ohio Division of EMS will incorporate safe driving messaging with their annual injury prevention efforts during trauma season; a time when injuries tend to peak for children during the summer months. If your EMS or fire agency is interested in partnering with the Division to help raise awareness in your area, please contact Public Information Officer China Dodley at 614-466-2551 or by email at clodley@dps.state.oh.us.



The exercise was originally planned in conjunction with a full-scale Hazmat drill at Central State University, but due to a dorm fire, the Hazmat portion at Central State was canceled.



Forum on National Accreditation of Paramedic Programs

The State Board of EMS conducted a public forum on June 18, 2008 to gain insight into national accreditation of paramedic programs and to provide the public an opportunity to comment to the EMS Board on the benefits, disadvantages and/or obstacles in transitioning to one nationally accredited paramedic program, versus seeking to develop an accreditation process within our own state that would be equivalent.

Thirty-eight individuals representing 28 agencies attended the forum; seven individuals provided comments to the Board. To review a comparison of CAAHEP accreditation requirements and the Ohio Certificate of Accreditation as well as the national accreditation process outline, visit www.ems.ohio.gov.

Updated Rules and Guidelines

Scope of Practice Rules Updated

The State Board of EMS has completed rule revisions pertaining to the scope of practice for first responders and EMTs (O.A.C. 4765-12-04, 4765-15-04, 4765-16-04 & 4765-17-03). The revised rules became effective May 29, 2008 and can be found on the Division of EMS Web site.

The rule revisions include the addition of obtaining a 12-lead electrocardiogram by an EMT-Basic and/or EMT-Intermediate for the purpose of electronic transmission. The addition was made based in part on a study conducted in Ross County, Ohio pertaining to the transmission of 12-lead EKGs.

Language regarding airways has also been updated to address the new

devices on the market, replacing the LMA with the term supraglottic airway. As specified in the rule, no EMT should perform any emergency medical service unless the EMT has received approved training.

Rule Regarding Research Studies Impacting Scope of Practice Adopted

The State Board of EMS adopted a new rule addressing the performance of services beyond the scope of practice of the first responder and/or EMT as part of an EMS Board approved research study. The rule outlines the criteria to be met by an entity applying to become a board-approved research study. The EMS Board is not obligated to approve a proposed research study or to accept the entity's recommendations to permanently amend the scope of

practice for first responders or EMTs based on the results of the research study. This rule does not apply to prehospital research conducted within the current scope of practice. The new rule, O.A.C. 4765-6-04, became effective May 29, 2008. The full language of the rule can be found on the Division of EMS' Web site.

Emergency Guidelines for Schools Now Available

A copy of the third edition of the Emergency Guidelines for Schools published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) was recently distributed. Copies are available online in PDF file format, or a hard copy is available from the AAP at a minimal cost.

Disciplinary Actions

March 2008

Derek W. Clark, EMS Certificate Number 110011
Violation: Failure to report convictions
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Anthony V. Bell, EMS Certificate Number 68353
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must complete anger management course within nine months

Charles I. Worrell, Jr., EMS Certificate Number 4665
Violation: Felony conviction, Illegal Voting
Sanction: Written reprimand, one-year suspension—stayed, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, submit another in three years, and three years probation

Scott M. Curren, EMS Certificate Number 29563
Violation: Failure to report convictions; felony convictions, Abduction, Interception of Wire or Electronic Communication, two counts, and Burglary; Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Domestic Violence
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

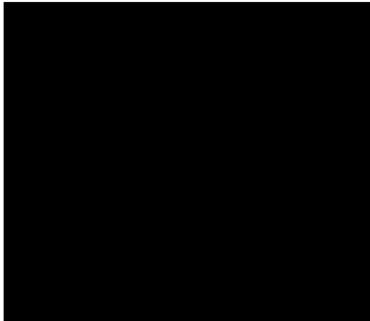
Don R. Williams, Jr., EMS Certificate Number 136531
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Unauthorized Use of Property
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and another at renewal

April 2008

Kenneth C. Baugess, EMS Certificate Number 8397
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Christopher P. LaDue, Revoked EMS Certificate Number 95798
Violation: Violation of consent agreement
Sanction: Denial stayed, written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, must submit another at renewal, and must complete fit-for-duty evaluation prior to issuance/within 120 days

Nicolas B. Roark, EMS Applicant Number 164506
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft and Wanton Endangerment
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days



Joseph P. Paoletta, EMS Certificate Number 66312
Violation: Running with only one EMT onboard ambulance
Sanction: Eight-month suspension stayed, written reprimand, and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days

Nathan L. Howard, EMS Certificate Number 88770
Violation: Failure to report conviction; misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Petty Theft, two counts
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days

Edmund J. Spills, EMS Certificate Number 130027
Violation: Failure to report conviction; misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Assault
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days

Matthew C. Miller, EMS Certificate Number 103434
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must complete an anger management course within nine months

Dawn M. Koking, EMS Certificate Number 95994
Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for a certificate to teach as an emergency medical services instructor
Sanction: Thirty-day suspension stayed and written reprimand

Douglas A. Cremeans, EMS Applicant Number 124191
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Unauthorized Use of Property
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days

John W. Driscoll, EMS Certificate Number 9338
Violation: Failure to report conviction; felony conviction, Theft
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must submit another at renewal

Rodney W. Madewell, EMS Certificate Number 21962
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to teach

Mark C. Morton, EMS Certificate Number 118107
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

James W. Hutson, EMS Certificate Number 5801
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Teresa L. Harper, EMS Certificate Number 89133
Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for a certificate to teach as a special topic instructor; practicing outside of scope of practice
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice and teach

William N. Cordle, EMS Certificate Number 137816
Violation: Failure to report conviction
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must submit another Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check upon applying for EMT-Paramedic certification

Brenda L. Boice, EMS Applicant Number 171847
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Petty Theft and Attempted Drug Abuse
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, and must submit another at renewal

Jeremy L. Woodward, EMS Applicant Number 126820
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Domestic Violence
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days, and must complete an anger management course within nine months

Latoya S. Lewis, EMS Applicant Number 164141
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days

Peter G. Wilms, EMS Certificate Number 96697
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Jennifer N. Bell, EMS Certificate Number 121656
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Michael D. Ramsdell, EMS Certificate Number 126104
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Jon R. Strittmatter, EMS Certificate Number 76441
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

John F. Witt, EMS Certificate Number 5226
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Anthony M. Vissoc, EMS Certificate Number 16722
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Rex K. Snyder, EMS Certificate Number 79262
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Zachary B. Oates, EMS Certificate Number 84963
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Disciplinary Actions

May 2008

Tiffany A. Kongo, EMS Applicant Number 165122

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Domestic Violence-Knowingly, Passing Bad Checks
Sanction: Denial of application for EMT certification

Tamera R. Winnen, EMS Certificate Number 124171

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

James B. Howard, EMS Certificate Number 39356

Violation: Felony conviction, Sexual Battery
Sanction: Permanent revocation of certificate to practice

Ron B. Lewis, EMS Certificate Number 101959

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Christopher Bivins, Revoked EMS Certificate Number 3782

Violation: *****
Sanction: Must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days

Anna M. Little, EMS Certificate Number 123141

Violation: Felony conviction, Failure to Comply with Order or Signal of Police Officer
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background within 120 days, must submit another at renewal, three year probation, must submit to random drug/alcohol testing, must provide proof of successful completion of drug/alcohol program, and must notify division of any violations

Dana J. Smithson, EMS Certificate Number 92472

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Child Endangering, two counts
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and another at renewal

Jeff A. Hagen, EMS Certificate Number 19459

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Vehicular Manslaughter
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and another at renewal

Patti L. Roberts, EMS Certificate Number 4188

Violation: Turned over care of patient to person who lacked certification/training to provide appropriate level of care
Sanction: Written reprimand

Matthew J. Meyer, EMS Certificate Number 121416

Violation: Disseminated medication without written/verbal order from physician
Sanction: Written reprimand, must comply with employer discipline, and written notification to Division upon completion of employer discipline

Charlotte R. Putnam, EMS Certificate Number 111815

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Chad E. Orwig, EMS Certificate Number 128121

Violation: Practicing outside scope of practice
Sanction: Written reprimand

Keith A. Neale, EMS Certificate Number 12589

Violation: Failure to report conviction; Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Domestic Violence
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days

Derek P. Bartkowiak, EMS Certificate Number 138008

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Obstruction of Official Business
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check prior to issuance/within 120 days

Aaron J. Niederkohr, EMS Certificate Number 124912

Violation: Failure to report conviction; Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Obstruction of Official Business
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days

DeWayne D. Rhodes, EMS Certificate Number 10353

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

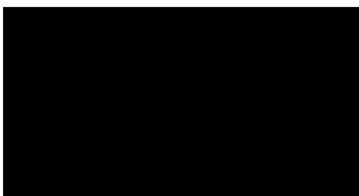
John R. Rumbold, EMS Certificate Number 5374

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, 30-day suspension stayed, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

June 2008

Jerry L. Oxender, EMS Certificate Number 2026

Violation: Felony treatment in lieu of conviction; Theft of Drugs, 2 counts; and Theft in Office, 4 counts
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice



Peter D. Nagel, EMS Applicant Number 172704

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

Justin L. Culver, EMS Certificate Number 128023

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Jennifer L. Helmick, EMS Certificate Number 130813

Violation: Felony intervention in lieu of conviction, Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background within 120 days, must submit another at renewal, three year probation, must submit to random drug/alcohol testing, must provide proof of successful completion of drug/alcohol program, must obtain authorization to practice from chief/medical director, and must notify division of any violations

Louis E. Simpson, EMS Certificate Number 14242

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to teach

Karen K. Littleton, EMS Certificate Number 80230

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Mark S. Wigal, EMS Certificate Number 98696

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Amanda M. Gordon, EMS Certificate Number 78730

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Criminal Trespassing
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must complete anger management course

Dennis W. Gast, EMS Certificate Number 52352

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct
Sanction: Written reprimand, 30-day suspension stayed, must submit Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must submit another at renewal

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