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## News Beyond Lights and Sirens

Richard N. Rucker, Executive Director

Recently, there has been concern in the state EMS community about the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's national scope of practice proposal. We have posted a response to those concerns on the Division of EMS Web site and also responded with a news release. I am writing this article for those who may not have seen either of those responses.

The Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services and State EMS Board members are actively reviewing the draft and will submit recommendations to NHTSA no later than January 30th.

We understand the philosophy behind a national standard for EMS practice and its purpose to serve as a guideline for the future. Ohio is not contemplating any changes of its scope of practice based on the draft that NHTSA released.

NHTSA recently released the draft of a National EMS Scope of Practice Model, which is a part of their EMS Agenda for the Future: a Systems Approach. The draft suggests four levels of EMS providers: emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, paramedic and an advanced practice paramedic. The vision of the model is to standardize EMS provider certifications nationwide and to increase system efficiency. NHTSA recognizes the right of any state to deviate from the model once finalized.

The EMS Board is seeking feedback from Ohio's EMS community on the national draft and will submit its recommendations regarding the proposal after reviewing open comments.

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## The Seventh Annual EMS Star of Life Awards Dinner & Ceremony

The Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians will sponsor The Seventh Annual EMS Star of Life Awards Dinner & Ceremony  
Thursday, May 19, 2005  
Hilton Columbus (at Easton)

**The EMS Star of Life Awards are designed to:**  
**HONOR** exceptional EMS personnel from each of Ohio's ten EMS regions  
**RECOGNIZE** Ohio's emergency medical services system and organizations  
**REUNITE** the EMS provider with the person they treated and present the actual patient scenario  
**GENERATE** positive media stories regarding pre-hospital care and the EMS Star of Life Award  
**MAGNIFY** the profile of National EMS Week in the State of Ohio

The Ohio ACEP EMS Committee reviews nominations and selects winners from each region based on the EMS provider's service to his/her community and commitment to saving the lives of his/her patients. In order to ensure that all qualified EMS providers are considered, we are seeking nominations for recipients of this prestigious award

If you know an EMS provider who would merit consideration as the regional recipient of the EMS Star of Life Award, please visit the Web site at [www.ohacep.org](http://www.ohacep.org) to obtain the forms. Complete the forms and forward the appropriate information to the Ohio Chapter ACEP office. Please note: It is important to have the patient sign the release form before you submit this information in order to release you and the Ohio Chapter ACEP from any liability for reviewing these records. Also, it is our desire to have the patient be reunited with their EMS providers at the ceremony so please discuss this with the patients and encourage them to attend. Once all nominations are reviewed, the EMS Committee will notify you if your EMS personnel have been chosen as a winner.

The deadline for nomination submissions is February 25, 2005.

## Meetings @ a Glance

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**Note: Any change in meeting date, time or location can be found on the Division of EMS Web site at <http://ems.ohio.gov>**

#### EMS Board Meetings

February 16, 2005  
March 16, 2005  
10 a.m.  
ODPS  
Rm. 134

#### Trauma Committee Meeting

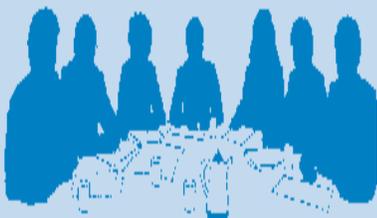
March 9, 2005  
10 a.m.  
ODPS  
Rm. 134

#### Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee

February 15, 2005  
April 19, 2005  
ODPS  
Rm. 134

#### EMS Education Committee

February 15, 2005  
March 15, 2005  
10 a.m.  
ODPS  
Rm. 109



## Ohio EMS Data Center

Have you ever wondered what happens to the information you send to the Ohio EMS Data Center through EMSIRS or the Ohio Trauma Registry? You probably think nobody makes use of it. It just sits around, gathering dust in a giant black hole, right? Wrong. In fact, that's not even close. Your data is being looked at, analyzed, and used for a wide variety of purposes.

The State Board of EMS uses the data to determine what the EMS and trauma systems need to function better. It's used to figure out what areas of care need improvement, where their grant money can be put to better use, and where training may need to be improved. Your data has helped to replace the old method of educated guessing.

The Trauma Committee, which designed the statewide trauma system and advises the EMS Board on matters of trauma, is using the data submitted to the EMS Data Center to evaluate how the trauma system is performing. The trauma system is still relatively new and any improvements or changes that may need to be made will be based on data...your data.

Public health professionals and injury prevention specialists use the data to help determine where their time, effort, and attention are best spent. Again, it's your data that helps them make those decisions.

There are five hospitals in Hamilton County that are within a mile of the University of Cincinnati campus, in an area known as Pill Hill. Regional planners are using your data to evaluate access to and travel patterns around Pill Hill to determine if any improvements can be made. You probably never thought that the pick-up point, destination, and hospital arrival times that you report to the EMS Data Center could be used to make your runs easier, faster, or safer, but they are.

The commissioners of one rural county are considering augmenting their all-volunteer EMS system, which is not functioning well, with a part-paid system. In order to make the best use of their money, they are looking at the times and locations of EMS calls in their county to help determine where paid personnel should be placed and during what times.

Data is available to anyone who requests it, as long as it doesn't identify or even tend to identify a patient or the agency that provided care. As you can see from these brief examples, there's a lot that can be done with your data, even with strict confidentiality rules in place. Last year alone the EMS Data Center fulfilled 60 requests for data, and the rate at which requests are being received is accelerating. You can see what's being requested (and learn how to go about requesting information) by visiting the Data Center section of the EMS Division's Web site at <http://ems.ohio.gov>.

EMSIRS has been recognized as one of the best EMS data systems in the country, and it's because the information you send is being used to make the emergency care you provide better and more effective.

## News Beyond Lights and Sirens *continued*

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We take the concerns of our EMS providers and volunteer departments very seriously and we will always try to balance the needs of rural, suburban and urban EMS providers the best way we can while always focusing on what is in the patients' best interest.

The proposed emergency medical responder level closely mirrors Ohio's current first responder level. The emergency medical technician level does not include some skills already included in Ohio's EMT-basic curriculum. If adopted as drafted, there would be little change in Ohio's curriculum or hours of training at these levels which reflects the certification of the majority of Ohio's EMS providers.

There are currently over 41, 000 certified EMTs in Ohio. Approximately 65 percent are volunteers.

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## New Board Member

Governor Taft has appointed John A. Kubincanek to the State EMS Board to replace the seat vacated by Darla Cooper. Nominations for this seat are submitted by the Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Kubincanek is from the Cleveland area and is looking forward to working with the EMS Board. He attended the January Board retreat.

## DISCIPLINARY & ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

November 17, 2004  
Board Actions

**Eric E. Wilhelm**, Certificate #118403  
**Violation:** Violation of board order  
**Sanction:** Permanent Revocation of certificate to practice

**Jeremy S. Doyle**, Certificate #115544  
**Violation:** Violation of board order  
**Sanction:** Permanent Revocation of certificate to practice

**Gwendolyn Moorehead**, Certificate #29632  
**Violation:** Violation of board order  
**Sanction:** Revocation of certificate to practice

**David J. Marino**, Certificate #11237  
**Violation:** Violation of board order  
**Sanction:** Permanent Revocation of certificate to practice

**Barbara J. Rainey**, Certificate #119024  
**Violation:** Violation of board order  
**Sanction:** Permanent Revocation of certificate to practice

**David Ridenour**, Certificate #69000  
**Violation:** Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements  
**Sanction:** Revocation of certificate to practice

**David A. Kelley**, Certificate #74067  
**Violation:** Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements  
**Sanction:** Revocation of certificate to practice

**Roy J. Lynn**, Certificate #70191  
**Violation:** Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements  
**Sanction:** Revocation of certificate to practice

**Jodi M. Schrader**, Certificate #75785  
**Violation:** Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements  
**Sanction:** Revocation of certificate to practice

**Robert L. Snyder**, Certificate #107410  
**Violation:** Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements  
**Sanction:** Revocation of certificate to practice

**Jeffrey A. Georgia**, Certificate #24377  
**Violation:** Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements  
**Sanction:** Revocation of certificate to practice

**Tina M. Combs**, Certificate # 124742  
**Violation:** Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand and criminal history check

**Aundray C. Toney**, Certificate # 101232  
**Violation:** Random audit issues  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, acceptance of the remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT.

**Keesha T. Stephan**, Certificate # 81823  
**Violation:** Random audit issues  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, must complete remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Layne M. Rice**, Applicant, #125261  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Criminal Trespass, Resisting and Probation Violations  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check prior to issuance of certificate to practice.

**Shawn A. Sutton**, Certificate #68221  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Domestic Violence  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check, and documentation of successful completion of anger management course

**Nathan Crago**, Applicant, #126052  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Menacing and Domestic Violence  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check prior to issuance of certificate to practice, documentation of successful completion of anger management course and no alcohol related incidents in the next three years

**Seth D. Haley**, Applicant, #124163  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Riot  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check prior to issuance of certificate to practice, and no alcohol related incidents in the next three years

# DISCIPLINARY & ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

**Kenneth R. Adams**, Certificate #25200  
**Violation:** Failure to complete the required amount of continuing education hours.  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, \$250.00 fine, must complete the remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Daniel L. Johnson**, Applicant #124482  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Menacing and Disorderly Conduct  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check prior to issuance of certificate to practice, and documentation of successful completion of anger management course

**George L. Bushee**, Certificate #16841  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check, and documentation of successful completion of anger management course

**Eric L. Haines**, Certificate #79089  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand and criminal history check

**Steven L. Alexander**, Certificate # 3987  
**Violation:** Failure to complete the required amount of continuing education hours.  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, \$250.00 fine, must complete the remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Stephen H. Collins**, Certificate #27472  
**Violation:** Random audit issues  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, acceptance of the remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Brooke A. Kabat**, Applicant, #142884  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand and criminal history check prior to issuance of certificate to practice

**Michael J. Richmond**, Certificate #2647  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check, and documentation of successful completion of anger management course

**Casey P. Dotson**, Applicant #95297  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Tampering with Coin machine and Theft  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check now, and another criminal history check at renewal

**Paula F. Rhonemus**, Certificate #19925  
**Violation:** Failure to complete the required amount of continuing education hours.  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, \$250.00 fine, must complete the remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Matthew J. Kacic**, Applicant, ID #143011  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Obstructing Official Business  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand and criminal history check prior to issuance

**Robert M. Neumeister**, Certificate #78916  
**Violation:** Random audit issues  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, must complete remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Jennifer M. Gilmore**, Applicant #111154  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Criminal Damaging and Aggravated Menacing  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, criminal history check prior to issuance of certificate to practice, documentation of successful completion of anger management course and criminal history check at renewal

**Glenna L. Knapp**, Certificate #29316  
**Violation:** Failure to complete the required amount of continuing education hours.  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, \$250.00 fine, must complete the remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Jennifer M. (Cline) Tawney**, Certificate #92642  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, release from counselor, criminal history check now and criminal history check at renewal

**Richard K. Rainey**, Certificate #1919  
**Violation:** Random audit issues  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, must complete remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Josiah D. Mullet**, Certificate # 69027  
**Violation:** Random audit issues  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, must complete remaining continuing education hours, and must provide proof of successful completion of all continuing education hours for the current EMT certification cycle, upon renewal of next application as an EMT

**Michael D. Stahl**, Certificate #23224  
**Violation:** Failure to meet requirements to renew  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand and must provide proof of successful completion of continuing education upon renewal of next application as an EMT

## December 15, 2004 Board Actions

**Joseph A. Amato**, EMS ID#135265, Applicant  
**Violation:** Felony conviction for Attempted Felonious Assault  
**Sanction:** Permanent Denial of EMT certificate to practice

**Steven R. Strickland**, EMT Certificate #120181  
**Violations:** Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice and felony conviction for Theft  
**Sanction:** Permanent Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

**Robert D. Roberts**, EMT Certificate #103774  
**Violation:** Felony conviction for Receiving Stolen Property  
**Sanction:** Permanent Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

**Kimberly M. Hignite**, EMT Certificate #67808  
**Violations:** Misdemeanors involving moral turpitude convictions for Unauthorized Use of Property and Petty Theft  
**Sanction:** Permanent Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

**Christine F. Brunner**, EMT Certificate #77772  
**Violation:** Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction for Falsification  
**Sanction:** Permanent Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

## Accreditation Violations

**Lorain County Community College** OH-319  
**Violation:** Accreditation renewal requirements, passing percentage below 65% - EMT-Paramedic; failure to maintain course records.  
**Sanction:** Written reprimand, must submit strategic plan; must report exam pass rates of classes.

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