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Beyond Lights and Sirens

EMS Board and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS Position Statement Regarding Restraints

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS and the EMS Board acknowledge the management of violent or uncooperative patients presents a unique challenge to EMS providers. Medical direction should provide sufficient restraint protocols or guidelines to maximize the safety of patients and to protect EMS providers from medical, physical and medical legal risk.

During the management of these patients, the appropriate utilization of physical and/or chemical restraints and support from law enforcement agencies facilitate the maintenance of patient

and EMS provider safety. Patients who have restraints applied that require a key or special releasing device should be physically accompanied by the individual who applied the device regardless of the vehicle of transport. EMS providers retain the right to request additional physical or chemical restraints prior to the commencement of patient transport. In addition, EMS providers retain the right to refuse the elective transports of patients deemed too violent or uncooperative to be controlled by physical and chemical restraints permitted by their prehospital protocols.

Ohio Division of EMS Commemorates National EMS Week

The Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio Division of EMS commemorated National EMS Week (May 20-26) with a kick-off event and recognition ceremony at the Charles Shipley Building in Columbus on May 15.

Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry Guzmán, Ohio EMS Director Richard Rucker and State Medical Director Carol Cunningham joined representatives from Columbus Fire Department, Battalion 5- who were recognized for their contributions serving the Franklin and Hilltop communities- for this special event.

Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communi-



ties and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor dedication of those 750,000 EMS providers nationwide who provide lifesaving services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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EMSIRS Data Counts in Injury Prevention Research

EMSIRS data submitted by EMS providers across Ohio contributed significantly to a recent study that examined the growing public health issues associated with ATV-related accidents and injuries.

The study, conducted by the Center for Injury Research and Policy (CIRP) at Columbus' Children's Hospital, determined more than 65 percent of injuries occur in urban areas. More than one-quarter of ATV accidents occur on a street or roadway, while the rate of traumatic brain injury in these accidents was nearly double of that of other ATV accidents. The study's findings support safety legislation, vehicle design modifications and additional training resources as important steps toward preventing these costly injuries.

According to CIRP's research, nearly 80 percent of ATV injuries are suffered by males with the median age of 32.

Helmets are worn by riders in only 36 percent of all cases, with helmet use decreasing as patient age increased. The median length of stay in the hospital was three days, with patients incurring an average charge of \$12,243 for their hospital stay.

Media coverage of the research was extensive and included stories in the Columbus Dispatch, Scientific Daily, and Newsweek. An article is in preparation for publication by Central Ohio Pediatric Society in Columbus Parent, and a manuscript has been submitted to Accident Analysis and Prevention.

Results of the study, funded in part by an injury research grant from the State Board of EMS, were presented at the annual scientific meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior.

Defibrillators Available to Public Safety Agencies

New initiative established to raise the standard of care for community safety

LifeGuard Medical Solutions, a national leader in the field of cardiac care, has created a new initiative aimed to provide automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to all agencies providing services of Public Safety (EMS/Fire/Police).

The Public Safety AED Program initiative has been established in an effort to raise the standard of care for communities throughout the U.S. The program allows all Public Safety agencies the ability to purchase AEDs at a nationally contracted discounted rate-structure. The defibrillator awarded as the AED-of-choice for The Public Safety AED Program is the HeartStart Onsite AED.

Manufactured by Philips Medical Systems – the worldwide leader in the AED industry – the HeartStart OnSite AED has been selected for this program based upon its reliability, ease-of-use and advanced technology. While the deadline date may be extended, The Public Safety AED Program is currently valid until August 31, 2007. All agencies interested in purchasing AEDs from this national contract are therefore encouraged to respond to this opportunity promptly.

EMS Profiler....Up Close and Personal

Name: Mark Burgess

Job Title: Fire Chief

Education: BS/BA Business Administration

Current Job Responsibilities: Fire Chief, Emergency Coordinator for Ashland County, Ashland County WMD committee, LEPC co-chair and others.

Where did you work before? Graduated high school and joined Loudonville Fire Dept. in 1975 while working at my parent's car dealership. Started full-time as firefighter/paramedic with Ashland in 1976.

How would you define excellence in service? Exceeding your customer's expectations.



Disciplinary Actions

March 2006

Adam R. Gates, EMS Applicant Number 127653

Violation: Violated conditions of consent agreement

Sanction: Denial of application for certification

Joshua N. Korosi, EMS Applicant Number 150834

Violation: Violated conditions of consent agreement

Sanction: Denial of application for certification

Joel N. Denton, EMS Certificate Number 121008

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Matthew C. Sandmann, EMS Certificate Number 105183

Violation: *****

Sanction: Written reprimand, revocation of certificate to practice, stayed pending compliance with the following: must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background within 120 days and another in three years

Jason F. Schoeppner, EMS Certificate Number 129989

Violation: Felony conviction, Attempted Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Terry A. Kelley, EMS Certificate Number 37902

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Persistent Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance, and must complete anger management course within nine months

Larry W. Graham, EMS Applicant Number 9279

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Public Indecency

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance

Ke E. Goolsby, EMS Certificate Number 27582

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Obstructing Official Business

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days

Anne M. Herzog, EMS Certificate Number 115390

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Brian M. Stafford, EMS Applicant Number 162936

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions: Theft (3 counts)

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background within 120 days/prior to issuance, and another at renewal

Jessie M. Call, EMS Applicant Number 161257

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Passing Bad Checks

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background within 120 days/prior to issuance

Stacy A. Pabon, EMS Certificate Number 111881

Violation: Practicing without a state certification in violation of Section 4765.50(A) of the Ohio Revised Code and Sections 4765-10-03(B) (1), to wit: 4765-9-01(F) of the Ohio Administrative Code

Sanction: Grant reinstatement, however, certificate to practice shall be placed on a 13 month suspension, 7 months of the suspension shall be stayed—Ms. Pabon shall serve a 6 month actual suspension, written reprimand, must provide continuing education with next renewal application

Joseph P. Pannetti, EMS Applicant Number 163330

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance

Bradley L. Kelley, EMS Certificate Number 81965

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions: Attempted Telephone Harassment and Attempted Coercion

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background within 120 days and another at renewal

Shelley M Hoover, EMS Applicant Number 162570

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Passing Bad Checks

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background within 120 days/prior to issuance

Steven A. Jenson, EMS Certificate 31993

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Assault

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background within 120 days

Patrick A. Kertesz, EMS Certificate Number 127805

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Obstructing Official Business

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days

Thomas D. Maund, EMS Certificate 21175

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must complete anger management course within nine months

Michelle A. Paraniuk, EMS Certificate Number 29332

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Douglas W. Eckley, EMS Certificate Number 17779

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must complete anger management course within nine months

Erin M. Cappo, EMS Applicant Number 126196

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Theft and Receiving Stolen Property

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days prior to issuance

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New Braun Community Receives New Ambulance

Willard Fire and Rescue has enhanced its response capabilities with the new ambulance they received thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services and donations from Willard Moose and Willard American Legion.

“With the city and townships having a very tight budget, we would not have been able to afford this type of unit,” said Willard City Fire Chief Richard Myers.

Willard Fire and Rescue serves the city of New Braun with a population of 7,000, and four other townships with a combined population of 6,000.



Disciplinary Actions

Ronald J. Pfahl, EMS Certificate Number 6644

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Sandra W. Lavelle, EMS Certificate Number 16900

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Lorie L. Vystrcil, EMS Certificate Number 115070

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Daniel Gagliardi, EMS Certificate Number 23159

Violations: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice and failure to complete the continuing education requirements to renew.

Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Leanne L. Flath, EMS Certificate Number 3976

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Rachael N. Thomas, EMS Applicant Number 164266

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft

Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance

Michael S. Primiano, EMS Certificate Number 111508

Violation: Practicing on expired certificate to practice

Sanction: Written reprimand, Ninety day suspension of certificate to practice—stayed, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Michael H. Kemmerling, EMS Applicant Number 135764

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

April 2007

David K. Kavanaugh, EMS Certificate Number 68403

Violation: Violated conditions of consent agreement

Sanction: Mr. Kavanaugh's EMT certificate to practice is suspended for one year, with nine months of the suspension stayed. Mr. Kavanaugh's certificate to practice is placed on three year probation. He is required to send a letter from his employer, supervisor, or designee of the employer every year by May 30 for the next three years stating he is in compliance with all drug and alcohol policies and procedures of the department

David C. Miller, EMS Certificate Number 105984

Violation: Treatment in lieu of conviction for Theft, 3 Counts, all fourth-degree felonies and Theft in Office, 3 Counts, all fourth-degree felonies

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Bruce E. Barber, EMS Certificate Number 29933

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Bradley A. Gibson, EMS Applicant Number 154005

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Sexual Imposition

Sanction: Denial of application for certification to practice as an EMT

Jane E. Layton, EMS Certificate Number 67880

Violation: Committed fraud, misrepresentation or deception in applying for a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician and failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that she had satisfied the requirements to renew her certificate to practice

Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Frank E. Thomas, EMT Applicant number 162254

Violation: Felony conviction, Cultivation of Marijuana and Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Receiving Stolen Property, and Assault
Sanction: Denial of application for certification to practice as an EMT.

Comprehensive Guide to Retention and Recruitment Now Available

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), in partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), has released an in-depth guide on two of the biggest challenges facing the volunteer fire and emergency services - retention and recruitment. Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services: Challenges and Solutions (Second Edition) addresses the primary challenges departments face regarding retention and recruitment.

The guide also outlines proven solutions to overcome these challenges to retention and recruitment of volunteer first responders. This valuable resource is designed for all volunteer and combination departments who are experiencing retention and recruitment challenges.

A hard copy of this publication will be available through the USFA Publications Center in September 2007.

To download your free copy of Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services: Challenges and Solutions (Second Edition), visit <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/media/press/2007releases/062007.shtm>.

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