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Leaming Appointed EMS Director

(COLUMBUS) – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas Charles has appointed a new executive director of the Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Jeffrey A. Leaming will leave his position as Xenia fire chief to lead 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. Leaming will start July 11.

“We look forward to Chief Leaming helping us build on our efforts to improve emergency medical services and firefighting in Ohio,” Director Charles said. “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. Chief Leaming will lead our mission of partnering with local first responders to help them deliver the best care possible.”

The state EMS Board, a governing panel of EMS professionals, considered dozens of applications and interviewed nine finalists before recommending Leaming to Director Charles. Leaming has been with the Xenia fire department for 26 years, serving as chief since 2003. He also is a certified paramedic with a master’s degree in public administration.

“We interviewed several outstanding candidates,” EMS Board President James Davis said. “Chief Leaming's combination of front-line fire and EMS experience and education made him an excellent choice for this position. We look forward to his fresh perspectives and insights to move the fire and EMS communities forward in Ohio.”

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