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## Ohio EMS Awards \$322,844 in Board Priority, and Economic Hardship Funds to EMS Agencies

**(COLUMBUS)** – The Division of EMS recently awarded Board Priority and Economic Hardship grant funds to 13 EMS agencies throughout the State of Ohio for EMS equipment and personnel training. This is the first year for this type of award.

The Board Priority grant provides funding to EMS agencies for the acquisition of 12-lead heart monitors equipped with waveform capnography, an EMFTS Board mandated equipment requirement for all Ohio EMS agencies effective January 1, 2021.

Economic Hardship grants provide funding to Ohio EMS agencies to assist with improvement in systems of care through the purchase of equipment, and personnel development training.

In order to receive the Board Priority and Economic Hardship funds, EMS agencies had to meet the eligibility requirements of the traditional Priority One Training and Equipment grant, demonstrate need, and participate in a site visit.

Grant awards support the purchase of several different types of equipment and training, including: 12-lead heart monitors; power stretchers; personnel training; autovents and CPR assisting devices.

The Division of EMS administers the Board Priority and Economic Hardship Grants Program under the direction of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, for the improvement and enhancement of EMS patient care in Ohio. Funding for the EMS grants program comes from fines levied in the State of Ohio for seatbelt violations.

Following is a list of the grants and the amount of each award:

#### Ohio EMS Agency Board Priority Grants:

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| Ridgeville Township Volunteer Fire Department (Henry County) | \$27,604.07 |
| Quincy-Miami Township EMS (Logan County)                     | \$30,000.00 |
| Clark Township Life Squad (Clinton County)                   | \$30,000.00 |
| Junction City Volunteer Fire Department (Perry County)       | \$22,000.00 |
| Mineral-Sandy Ambulance District (Tuscarawas County)         | \$30,000.00 |
| Milton Township Volunteer Fire Department (Mahoning County)  | \$24,245.00 |
| Franklin Township Fire Department (Franklin County)          | \$28,743.80 |
| Old Washington Fire Department (Guernsey County)             | \$30,000.00 |

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#### Ohio EMS Agency Economic Hardship Grants:

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| Vinton County EMS (Vinton County)                               | \$30,000.00 |
| Matamoras Emergency Squad (Washington County)                   | \$13,148.00 |
| Bethesda Fire Department (Belmont County)                       | \$15,000.00 |
| Buckeye Lake Village Volunteer Fire Department (Licking County) | \$15,000.00 |
| City of Maple Heights Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)         | \$27,103.29 |

**Total:** **\$322,844.16**

For information about the Division of EMS grant program, please visit [www.ems.ohio.gov/grants.aspx](http://www.ems.ohio.gov/grants.aspx)

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