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BEYOND LIGHTS AND SIRENS

The Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services is paying homage to EMS providers by posting a new memorial page dedicated to fallen EMTs and firefighters on our Web site.

The memorial page is a way to recognize those EMS providers and firefighters who are no longer with us, but their dedication and service in the field of emergency medical services or the fire service should be honored.

The new memorial page lists the name of the fallen EMS provider or firefighter and displays a brief summary of the provider's service and accomplishments.

We encourage EMS providers and the public to visit the Web site to view the current list of fallen EMTs and firefighters. We also encourage you to submit names of fallen EMS colleagues that are not currently listed on the memorial page.

The EMS Memorial Web page can be viewed by visiting www.ems.ohio.gov and clicking on the EMS Memorial link in the right-hand column.

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Honoring our Fallen Colleagues from the EMS and Fire Community...

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USFA and IAFF Launch New Online Emergency Vehicle Safety Program

The Department of Homeland Security's United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) announced the release of a new emergency vehicle safety program designed to give professional fire fighters a greater awareness of safety issues when riding on fire apparatus and operating at emergency roadway scenes. Although injuries and death as the result of apparatus collisions are among the easiest to prevent, of the 106 fire fighters who died in the line of duty in 2005, 26 were due to emergency vehicle accidents. In fact, emergency vehicle accidents are the second leading cause of on-duty fire fighter deaths.

The USFA-IAFF emergency vehicle safety program is an outgrowth of the partnership with several leading fire service organizations participating in the Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative, a USFA project developed to reduce the number of fire fighters deaths while responding to or returning from the scene of an emergency.

For more information about this program, visit <http://www.iaff.org/evsp>. Additional information about other USFA efforts in emergency vehicle safety is available at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/research/vehicles.htm>.



Ohio Schools Receive AED's

Last year, a program funded by the Ohio Department of Health and implemented by Akron General Medical Center provided AED's to 2,262 elementary, middle and high schools in Ohio. Public Access Defibrillation via AED's is a critical step in the chain of survival for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden Cardiac Arrest or SCA affects people of all ages and has many causes.

A victim in cardiac arrest loses a 10 percent chance of survival with each passing minute they are in cardiac arrest and no CPR and/or AED procedures are done for them. By equipping the schools with the AED's and training students and faculty in CPR/AED, any victim of cardiac arrest could receive these lifesaving procedures within the first five minutes of the cardiac arrest.

Schools who agreed to participate in the AED program assumed responsibility for ensuring that the equipment is maintained according to the manufacturer's guidelines and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code. It is up to the individual school district to determine and comply with safety standards that meet the guidelines established in Ohio law and those developed within the school district.

This is an excellent opportunity to contact your local school administrators to review emergency response issues and to help answer any questions about the use of AED's.

For more information about the School AED program contact Angela Norton, Ohio Department of Health, Program Administrator for School and Adolescent Health, at 614-466-6039 or Mike Glenn, Assistant Administrator, Division of EMS, at 614-728-6853.

Springfield Township Rescue Squad/EMS

The EMS Board would like to commend Springfield Township for their successful regional use of EMS Grant Funds, and more importantly for providing valuable training opportunities and improving skills above and beyond what would normally be possible with the funds provided by the grant.

The EMS Grants Committee and the EMS Board acknowledge Springfield Township Rescue Squad/EMS, Karen Philibin, EMS Coordinator, and Tom Mason, Special Topic Instructor for the successful implementation of their plan and the successful utilization of EMS training and equipment funds.

They conducted a significant number of trainings on bag-valve mask ventilation and endotracheal intubation skills. These training sessions were offered in northeast Ohio utilizing eight instructors and involving numerous training sites. The training included a curriculum and PowerPoint presentation developed for the program. Cooperative partners in the project include: Howland Fire Department, Jefferson Community College, GM Lordstown plant, East Palestine Fire Department, Negley Fire Department, Cortland Fire Department, Green Township Volunteer Fire Department,

Brown Memorial Hospital, and Beaver Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The initial implementation plan called for one class every three months, but an overwhelming demand for the training and positive feedback resulted in the offering of three to four classes every three months. Future plans for the program call for an expansion to include cricothyrotomy and needle chest decompression. The grantee has made every attempt to accommodate all requests for the program and use of the simulator.

In June of 2004 the EMS Board awarded \$236,000 in grant funds to EMS agencies for the purpose of purchasing training patient simulators for regional training use throughout Ohio.

Data gathered through EMSIRS and the seven studies required by HB 138 indicated that endotracheal intubation success rates are unacceptably low among ill and injured people of all ages. This data presented the EMS Board with an opportunity for improvement in patient care by making available a number of patient simulators utilizing Ohio EMS funding.

Three New Members Appointed to Emergency Medical Services Board

Governor Taft has appointed John A. Pakiela, D.O., FACEOP. He is a chief flight physician at Metro Life Flight in Cleveland, Ohio. He also works closely with the United States Secret Service and the White House Medical Staff Office to coordinate and develop response plans for presidential visits to northeast Ohio.

Another new appointment is Wendy J. Pomerantz, M.D., M.S., F.A.A.P. She is an assistant professor and staff physician at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. She also serves as staff physician at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood, Kentucky.

The last appointment is James W. Osborn. He is a Lieutenant and training officer with the Circleville Fire Department. He also served 27 years in the Ohio Army National Guard as a Command Sergeant Major of the 437th Military Police Battalion.

These new EMS Board members are appointed to the Board until their term ends in November 2008.

Defibrillator Maker Recalls AED Devices Sold in U.S.

The Food and Drug Administration announced the recall of 580 automatic external defibrillators on June 16, 2006. A model known as AED20, is being recalled by MRL, a division of Welch Allyn, because of a malfunction that could result in failure to resuscitate patients.

The worldwide voluntarily recall includes defibrillators manufactured at the company's Buffalo Grove, Ill., plant from April 2003 through October 2003. Units with serial numbers 205199 through 205786 are included in the recall.



Disciplinary Actions

January 2006

Kirk A. Kennard, EMT Cert #77203

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Hit/Skip leaving the scene of an accident

Sanction: Revocation (stayed), written reprimand, three years probation, successful completion of 72-hour Driver Intervention Program, written approval (continual) from medical director and department head permitting him to continue to practice, must maintain compliance with department discipline, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days and at renewal, and must notify the Division of EMS within 10 days of any violation of the driver intervention program, any arrests, or any violation of discipline implemented by the department

Daryl L. Funk, EMT Cert #132672, Applicant

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Check Deception

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

Mark A. Cook, EMT Cert #2262

Violation: Felony conviction involving moral turpitude, Possession of Cocaine

Sanction: Revocation (stayed), written reprimand, three years probation, successful completion of drug/alcohol program, written approval (continual) from medical director and department head permitting him to continue to practice, must maintain compliance with department discipline, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days and at renewal, and must notify the Division of EMS within 10 days of any violation of the

chemical dependency program, any arrests, or any violation of discipline implemented by the department

Alvin L. Evans, EMT Cert #27608

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Aggravated Disorderly Conduct

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

Jessica A. Smith, EMT Cert #28611

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Petty Theft

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

Patrick T. Jones, EMT Cert #127822, Applicant

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Vehicular Manslaughter

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

Lindsey A. Hayden, EMS I.D. #153391, Applicant

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Theft

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

Tyler M. Knowlton, EMT Cert #108712

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Improper Handling of

Firearms in a Motor Vehicle

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

Alison L. Knox, EMT Cert #96732

Violation: Random audit issues

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

Scott E. Fleenor, Sr., EMT Cert #69942

Violation: Random audit issues

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

John A. Burdick, EMT Cert #84550

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Disorderly Conduct

Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and show successful completion of anger management

Christopher W. Price, EMT Cert #113605

Violation: Random Audit Issues

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

Kevin P. Warnock, EMT Cert #96581

Violation: Committed fraud or deception in

applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice

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

Quinton J. Echols, EMT Cert #123840, Applicant

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Theft

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

Anthony M. Leighton, EMT Cert #132474, Applicant

Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Theft

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

Edward B. Coyne, EMT Cert #50680

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Hugh T. Farmer, EMT Cert #53580

Violation: Random audit issues

Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

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Telly S. White, EMT Cert #121643, Applicant
Violation: Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Larceny of Private Property
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance

Carrie M. Spreitzer, EMT Cert #82585
Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 fine, must complete continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Andrew M. DeCarlo, EMT Cert #23621, Applicant
Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance

Rodney H. Hodge, EMT Cert #123542
Violation: Violation of a consent agreement/board order
Sanction: Revocation of emergency medical certification to practice

Terrence M. Francisco, EMT Cert #126388
Violation: Violation of a consent agreement/board order
Sanction: Revocation of emergency medical certification to practice

Jana E. McDaniel, EMT Cert #124820
Violation: Violation of a consent agreement/board order
Sanction: Revocation of emergency medical certification to practice

Mathew E. Gayhart, EMS I.D. #133661, Applicant
Violation: Violation of a consent agreement/board order
Sanction: Denial of application for emergency medical certification to practice

Michael R. Bruce, EMT Cert #127227, Applicant
Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice; Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude, Unauthorized Use of Property
Sanction: Denial of application for emergency medical certification to practice

Paul A. Lowry, EMT Cert #19909
Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice
Sanction: Continue case for further investigation

Alice M. Lieving, EMT Cert #5921
Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice
Sanction: Revocation of emergency medical certification to practice

Michelle L. Lehtonen, EMT Cert #65449
Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice
Sanction: Revocation of emergency medical certification to practice

David A. Knuutila, EMT Cert #84136
Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice
Sanction: Revocation of emergency medical certification to practice

February 15, 2006
Matthew H. Mason, EMS Cert #31717
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Public Indecency
Sanction: Revocation of EMT-Paramedic and EMS-Instructor

David C. Deerwester, EMS Cert #3127
Violation: Intervention in lieu of conviction for two (2), fourth degree felonies, Theft of Drugs
Sanction: Revocation of emergency medical technician certificate to practice

March 15, 2006
James R. Emerine, EMT Cert #5402
Violation: Violation of Consent Agreement
Sanction: 60- day suspension of EMT certificate to practice

Christopher J. Sills, EMT Cert #113478
Violations: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit, and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements to satisfy the renewal requirement for a certificate to practice
Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Christine M. Howe, A.K.A., Christie M. Howe, EMT Cert #100740
Violations: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit, and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements to satisfy the renewal requirement for a certificate to practice
Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Robert J. Greene, EMT Cert #25002
Violations: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit, and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements to satisfy the renewal requirement for a certificate to practice
Sanction: Revocation of EMT certificate to practice

Christopher A. Barlow, EMT Cert #92713
Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing an EMT certificate to practice
Sanction: Written reprimand, 30 days suspension (stayed), three year probation

Nancy J. Whiting, EMT Cert #116016
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Passing Bad Checks
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days

Joshua N. Korosi, EMS I.D. #150834, Applicant
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Passing Bad Checks
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance

James T. Shepard, EMS I.D. #51970, Applicant
Violation: Felony conviction for Attempted Possession of Drugs
Sanctions: Denial—stayed, written reprimand, written approval to practice from medical director or administrative head of agency, three year probation, full disclosure of consent to employer, Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background prior to issuance/within 120 days, Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background at renewal, random drug tests, completion of drug or alcohol treatment program, must remain in compliance with program and must notify division within 10 days of any violation and no incidents involving alcohol or illegal drugs

Anthony H. Hylton, EMT Cert #110865
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

David C. Dilsaver, EMT Cert #8663
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Aggravated Menacing
Sanction: Written reprimand, must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days, and must submit proof of documentation of psychological evaluation which documents that he is not a threat to himself or others within 120 days

Kevin K. Mullins, EMT Cert #105575
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

John C. McNeish, III, EMT Cert #37153
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Domestic Violence and Aggravated Menacing
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance

Ildon C. Hamm, EMT Cert #942
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

Philip R. Eads, EMS I.D. #152135, Applicant
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Disorderly Conduct and Passing Bad Checks
Sanction: Written reprimand and must submit a Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check within 120 days/prior to issuance

Brian C. Halk, EMT Cert #25173
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

Donald W. Landon, EMT Cert #9576
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

Douglas Sheppard, EMT Cert #77331
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

Charles W. Nicodemus, EMT Cert #91602
Violation: Random Audit Issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete continuing education requirements and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

David J. Ridenour, Previously Revoked EMT Cert #6900
Violation: Previously Revoked for failing to respond to an audit and completing the continuing education requirements
Sanction: Revocation—stayed; written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements, and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

James O. Smith, EMT Cert #29899
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

Brian D. Ware, EMT Cert #116553
Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Drug Possession
Sanctions: Denial—stayed, written reprimand, written approval to practice from medical director or administrative head of agency, three year probation, full disclosure of consent to employer, Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background prior to issuance/within 120 days, Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background at renewal, random drug tests, completion of drug or alcohol treatment program, must remain in compliance with program and must notify division within 10 days of any violation and no incidents involving alcohol or illegal drugs

Matthew J. Salyers, EMT Cert #109337
Violation: Random Audit Issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete continuing education requirements and must supply documentation of continuing education with next renewal application

Elizabeth A. Tullos, EMT Cert #103865
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

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