

To: Chief Jeff Klein, President - Ohio Fire Chiefs Association

From: Deputy Chief Johnny Ross, OFCA Representative - State Trauma Committee

Subject: State Trauma Committee Update for OFCA Annual Conference 2017

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The State Trauma Committee continues to be very active in 2017. The Framework for Improving Ohio's Trauma System and the 2011 statewide assessment of EMS in Ohio completed by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) were some of the resources utilized by the State EMFTS Board to create the Ohio EMS 2015 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was updated for 2017-2018 that outline objectives for the State Trauma Committee that include:

- Resource Assessment
- System Oversight
- Competent Workforce
- Data-based System Evaluation

The State Trauma Committee has updated the Subcommittee / Workgroups to address these objectives and include:

- EMS Subcommittee
- Performance Improvement Subcommittee
- Registry Subcommittee
- Rehabilitation Subcommittee

This Strategic Plan is designed to shape the future of EMS and Trauma care in Ohio.

Since the May 5-8, 2013 evaluation by The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma was conducted, the Trauma Committee has attempted to implement several of their suggestions. The report is posted to the Ohio Trauma System webpage, <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/trauma-resources.aspx>. There are also links to other reports and State Trauma System information.

On May 13, 2015, the Trauma Committee conducted a reassessment of the Ohio Trauma System using the Model Trauma Systems Planning and Evaluation tool created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The results were analyzed by the Trauma Committee and the strategic plan was updated.

The State Trauma Committee continues to watch legislation that is introduced that could have impact on the delivery of trauma care in the State.

The EMS Subcommittee, that I chair, assisted in releasing the first statewide Elderly Fall Prevention Resource Guide that has resources for all 88 counties in the state. The link to the document is,

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/EMS5934.pdf>. The EMS Subcommittee, along with Emergency Medical Service for Children partnered and continues offer a “Train-The-Trainer” Concepts in Process Improvement Workshop. Process Improvement Workshops have been offered in various locations in the state with more planned for the future.

In 2015 the State Trauma Triage Guidelines were updated to closer resemble the CDC guidelines. This includes adding automatic crash notification to the guidelines. There are no changes to report for 2017.

Lastly, Mr. Tim Erskine resigned from ODPS where he served as the Chief of Trauma and Research and staff liaison for the State Trauma Committee. Currently, EMS Division Executive Director Mel House is in the process of reorganizing while maintaining leadership for the committee.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

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