



Ohio Fire Chiefs Association
EMS Committee Report
July 13, 2022
To: Ohio Fire Chief's Board of Directors

It is my pleasure to serve as the chair of the EMS committee for the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association. I was asked by OFCA president, Chief Mark Kidd to chair the committee starting in early 2022 and we have had a bimonthly meeting schedule meeting in February, April and June on the 4th Thursday at 0900 via Zoom. Chief Kidd had set the intention with me to regroup the committee as it had not met for sometime due to the pandemic and provide leadership in the areas that are growth potential for EMS providers in the state. The committee consists of mostly executive level fire officers representing most regions in the state minus the southeast. Meetings have been restructured to offer an educational component or presentation from a topic of state-wide interest and also to provide time for open discussion on topics pertinent to the needs of those in attendance. During our meetings, participants are briefed on legislative issues facing the industry and a report is given from the member that sits on the EMFTS Board. During the first half of the year this committee has discussed many topics including:

Stroke HB2-Mobile Stroke Units
CARES registry participation
Research related to lift assists/fall calls
CEUs required for EMS recertification
Behavioral health responses
Ketamine administration
Supply chain issues for medications
Hiring/recruiting practices
COVID and vaccinations

In the future, speakers of state-wide interest will be scheduled and subcommittee work will be identified for committee members. It is my objective as committee chair to establish a focus for the group and set a couple goals for the remainder of the year. We are scheduled to meet via Zoom on August 25th at 0900. Our committee also plans to have a touchpoint in person during the OFCA Officer Development Conference on Monday, July 18th at 1415.

Respectfully,
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