

To: Chief William Shaw, President - Ohio Fire Chiefs Association

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

Subject: State Trauma Committee Update for OFCA Annual Conference 2016

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The State Trauma Committee continues to be very active in 2016. 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 outlines objectives for the State Trauma Committee that include:

- Leadership/Governance
- Patient Care/Service Excellence/System Development
- Funding/Resources

The State Trauma Committee currently has work groups addressing the ten goals set forth in the Ohio EMS 2015 Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1: Leadership
- Goal 2: Injury Prevention
- Goal 3: Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Plan
- Goal 4: Prehospital Care
- Goal 5: Definitive Care – Acute Care Hospitals and Trauma Centers
- Goal 6: Definitive Care – Rehabilitation
- Goal 7: Evaluation, Quality Management & Performance Improvement
- Goal 8: Trauma System Registry Infrastructure
- Goal 9: Professional Education and Public Information
- Goal 10: People With Functional Needs

This Strategic Plan is a 4-year plan 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 are currently being analyzed by the Trauma Committee and from there a new strategic plan is currently being 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.

I am excited to report that the Goal 4, Prehospital Care work group, that I chair, has 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 Prehospital work group, along with Emergency Medical Service for Children partnered to 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. Currently, we are working on developing Vehicle Telematics training for EMS and investigating the EMS reporting processes used to forward patient information to hospitals.

In 2015 the State Trauma Triage Guidelines were updated to closer resemble the CDC guidelines. This includes adding automatic crash notification to the guidelines.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

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