OHIO FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM ADDED AS AN ADDITIONAL METHOD TO CREATE AN INCIDENT IN OHTRAC

The mobile OHTrac App, designed originally for pre-hospital EMS providers, was intentionally developed only for patient data entry. It is not possible to create incidents with the OHTrac App. There are a variety of methods available for EMS providers and hospitals to create an incident. Dispatch centers, t are often the first agency to receive notification of a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI), and may be able to create an OHTrac incident. However, in many dispatch centers, the other needs of an MCI preclude having the time to login and start an OHTrac incident.   Hospitals also have the capability to create incidents, but may also be time limited. Furthermore, the potential exists for hospitals and dispatch centers to create multiple OHTrac incidents for the same event.

The Ohio Fire Chiefs Association Emergency Response System (ERS) has stepped up and agreed to offer another option for creating incidents on OHTrac. Hospital, fire, and EMS providers can all call the same 1 -888-822-4900 number used to access the ERS. The ERS dispatcher will take the relevant information and create the incident on OHTrac.

This method is now available for hospitals and pre-hospital providers. It is one of a group of options and is not intended to supersede any established local/regional protocols already in place for creating an incident on OHTrac, such as in the Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) regions. The option of using the Ohio Fire Chief Response System Dispatch Center is available to OHTrac users effective April 1, 2019.