

To: Chief Mark Martin, President - Ohio Fire Chiefs Association

From: Chief Dave Freeman, OFCA Representative - State Trauma Committee

Subject: State Trauma Committee Update for OFCA Annual Conference 2019

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I joined the Trauma Committee in March and have only attended (2) meetings (March/May) during my time as a member. The Committee discussed multiple issues during these (2) meetings and some of the highlights are listed below for your review.

1. John Kutcher, CEO of Digital Innovation attended in March and gave a presentation trauma data reporting and the associated software. This was a very in depth presentation and more information is available in the minutes link supplied below.
2. In March, we discussed the possibility of partnering with the EMFTS Board Homeland Security Subcommittee to introduce a Rescue Task Force Conference to providers. I was nominated to serve as the Liaison and accepted.
3. The Committee received a report on the status of trauma centers in the state and discussed the need for mapping neighboring states as well since they may be a better option in some areas. This issue is being worked on.
4. We discussed the need for timely submission of EMS run information to the hospital for inclusion in patient tracking. Discussion on the subject centered on whether this issue should be presented to the EMFTS board for legislative action. DEMS staff will evaluate current standards. Ms. Haley will work with the Ohio Society Trauma Nurse Leaders to determine the percent of run reports which are currently being entered.
5. I met with the Homeland Security Committee to discuss the possibility of the Rescue Task Force and how to proceed. A working group was formed and we will meet and decide our course of action.
6. As of this date, May minutes are incomplete and will be reported on in the future.

Detailed State Trauma Committee meeting minutes can be found at <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/trauma-committee.aspx>

Respectfully submitted,

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