

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The EMS Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.02 through 119.04 on Wednesday, April 16, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit public comment on the following proposed rules to the Ohio Administrative Code:

Adoption of 4765-6-04 (Research study impacting scope of practice), 4765-12-04 (First responder scope of practice), 4765-15-04 (EMT-basic scope of practice), 4765-16-04 (EMT-intermediate scope of practice), and 4765-17-03 (EMT-paramedic scope of practice).

These rules are being proposed in order to update the scope of practice for First Responders and EMTs. Additionally, rule 4765-6-04 is being proposed in order to establish a method by which an agency may increase the scope of practice of First Responders and EMTs during an EMS Board-approved research study for a limited period of time. Based on the results of the study, the agency may end up requesting that the Board increase the scope permanently for the specific emergency medical services and provider levels that were approved for the study.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments must be submitted to Heather Reed Frient, Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Comments received at the above address before the hearing will be treated as testimony.

These rules may be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/rules.htm>). Questions concerning these proposed rules may be addressed to Ms. Reed Frient at 614-466-7014.