

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OHIO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Date: December 29, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety
1970 West Broad Street, Room 109
Columbus, Ohio 43223

The Executive Director of Ohio Emergency Medical Services (EMS), with advice and counsel of the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on the following rule proposed for adoption to the Ohio Administrative Code. This rule is being filed to implement statutory provisions set forth in House Bill 98 and House Bill 488 of the 130th General Assembly pertaining to veterans' rights and occupational licensing.

Rule 4765-24-03 "Military provisions related to firefighter, fire safety inspector, and instructor certificates and application processing" sets forth the process for identifying, prioritizing, and expediting initial and renewal applications for certification as a firefighter, fire safety inspector, fire instructor, fire safety inspector instructor, and assistant fire instructor submitted pursuant to Chapters 4765-20 and/or 4765-21 of the Administrative Code by an applicant who serves or has served in the military. Further, provisions set forth in this rule require the EMS Executive Director to consider an applicant's equivalent military education and experience in determining whether to grant a certificate. Finally, this rule addresses the process for requesting extensions of time to complete required continuing education if the certificate holder or the certificate holder's spouse has been serving on active military duty.

Any persons affected by the proposed adoption of this rule may appear at the hearing and be heard in person, or by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, argument, or contentions in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence to show that the proposed rule will be unreasonable or unlawful if enacted.

The proposed rule may be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS' website at http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules_notices.stm. Questions and/or public comments regarding the proposed rules may be addressed to Rules Coordinator Beverly Cooper at (614) 728-6853.