



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4765.04 Firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee - trauma committee - other committees and subcommittees.

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(A) The firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services is hereby created and shall consist of the members of the board who are chiefs of fire departments, and the members of the board who are emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio association of professional fire fighters or the northern Ohio fire fighters and from among persons nominated by the Ohio state firefighter's association. Each member of the committee, except the chairperson, may designate a person with fire experience to serve in that member's place. The members of the committee or their designees shall select a chairperson from among the members or their designees.

The committee may conduct investigations in the course of discharging its duties under this chapter. In the course of an investigation, the committee may issue subpoenas. If a person subpoenaed fails to comply with the subpoena, the committee may authorize its chairperson to apply to the court of common pleas in the county where the person to be subpoenaed resides for an order compelling compliance in the same manner as compliance with a subpoena issued by the court is compelled.

(B) The trauma committee of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services is hereby created and shall consist of the following members appointed by the director of public safety:

(1) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgery or American osteopathic board of surgery and actively practices general trauma surgery, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of surgeons, persons nominated by the Ohio state medical association, and persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(2) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgery or the American osteopathic board of surgery and actively practices orthopedic trauma surgery, appointed from among persons



nominated by the Ohio orthopedic society and persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(3) A physician who is certified by the American board of neurological surgeons or the American osteopathic board of surgery and actively practices neurosurgery on trauma victims, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio state neurological society and persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(4) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgeons or American osteopathic board of surgeons and actively specializes in treating burn victims, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of surgeons and persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(5) A dentist who is certified by the American board of oral and maxillofacial surgery and actively practices oral and maxillofacial surgery, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio dental association;

(6) A physician who is certified by the American board of physical medicine and rehabilitation or American osteopathic board of physical medicine and rehabilitation and actively provides rehabilitative care to trauma victims, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio society of physical medicine and rehabilitation and persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(7) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgery or American osteopathic board of surgery with special qualifications in pediatric surgery and actively practices pediatric trauma surgery, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American academy of pediatrics and persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(8) A physician who is certified by the American board of emergency medicine or American osteopathic board of emergency medicine, actively practices emergency medicine, and is actively involved in emergency medical services, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of emergency physicians and persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;



(9) A physician who is certified by the American board of pediatrics, American osteopathic board of pediatrics, American board of emergency medicine, or American osteopathic board of emergency medicine, is sub-boarded in pediatric emergency medicine, actively practices pediatric emergency medicine, and is actively involved in emergency medical services, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American academy of pediatrics, persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of emergency physicians, and persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;

(10) A physician who is certified by the American board of surgery, American osteopathic board of surgery, American board of emergency medicine, or American osteopathic board of emergency medicine and is the chief medical officer of an air medical organization, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio association of air medical services;

(11) A coroner or medical examiner appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio state coroners' association;

(12) A registered nurse who actively practices trauma nursing at an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio association of trauma nurse coordinators;

(13) A registered nurse who actively practices emergency nursing and is actively involved in emergency medical services, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the emergency nurses' association;

(14) The chief trauma registrar of an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among persons nominated by the alliance of Ohio trauma registrars;

(15) The administrator of an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio hospital association, persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's hospitals, and persons nominated by the health forum of Ohio;

(16) The administrator of a hospital that is not a trauma center and actively provides emergency care to adult or pediatric trauma patients, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio hospital



association, persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's hospitals, and persons nominated by the health forum of Ohio;

(17) The operator of an ambulance company that actively provides trauma care to emergency patients, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio ambulance association;

(18) The chief of a fire department that actively provides trauma care to emergency patients, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio fire chiefs' association;

(19) An EMT or paramedic who is certified under this chapter and actively provides trauma care to emergency patients, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio association of professional firefighters, persons nominated by the northern Ohio fire fighters, persons nominated by the Ohio state firefighters' association, and persons nominated by the Ohio association of emergency medical services;

(20) A person who actively advocates for trauma victims, appointed from persons nominated by the Ohio brain injury association;

(21) A physician or nurse who has substantial administrative responsibility for trauma care provided in or by an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio hospital association, persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's hospitals, and persons nominated by the health forum of Ohio;

(22) Three representatives of hospitals that are not trauma centers and actively provide emergency care to trauma patients, appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio hospital association, persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's hospitals, and persons nominated by the health forum of Ohio. The representatives may be hospital administrators, physicians, nurses, or other clinical professionals.

Members of the committee shall have substantial experience in the categories they represent, shall be residents of this state, and may be members of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services. In appointing members of the committee, the director shall attempt to include members representing urban and rural areas, various geographical areas of the state, and various



schools of training. The director shall not appoint to the committee more than one member who is employed by or who primarily practices at the same hospital or emergency medical service organization.

The director may refuse to appoint any of the persons nominated by an organization or organizations under this division. In that event, the organization or organizations shall continue to nominate persons until the director appoints to the committee one or more of the persons nominated by the organization or organizations. If any nominating organization ceases to exist or fails to make a nomination of a member to the committee within sixty days of a vacancy, the director may appoint any person who meets the designated professional qualifications for that member.

Initial appointments to the committee shall be made by the director not later than ninety days after November 3, 2000. Members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the director, except that any member of the committee who ceases to be qualified for the position to which the member was appointed shall cease to be a member of the committee. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

The members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out duties as members of the committee.

The committee shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. A majority of all members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. No action shall be taken without the concurrence of a majority of all members of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair, upon written request of five members of the committee, and at the direction of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services. The committee shall not meet at times or locations that conflict with meetings of the board. The executive director and medical director of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services may participate in any meeting of the committee and shall do so at the request of the committee.

The committee shall advise and assist the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services in matters related to adult and pediatric trauma care and the establishment and operation of the state trauma registry. In matters relating to the state trauma registry, the board and the committee shall consult with trauma registrars from adult and pediatric trauma centers in the state. The



committee may appoint a subcommittee to advise and assist with the trauma registry. The subcommittee may include persons with expertise relevant to the trauma registry who are not members of the board or committee.

(C)(1) The medical transportation committee of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services is hereby created. The committee shall consist of members appointed by the board in accordance with rules adopted by the board. In appointing members of the committee, the board shall attempt to include members representing urban and rural areas and various geographical areas of the state, and shall ensure the members have substantial experience in the transportation of patients, including addressing the unique issues of mobile intensive care and air medical services. The members of the committee shall be residents of this state and may be members of the board. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out duties as members of the committee. The committee shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. A majority of all members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. No action shall be taken without the concurrence of a majority of all members of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair and at the direction of the board. The committee shall not meet at times or locations that conflict with meetings of the board. The committee shall advise and assist the board in matters related to the licensing of nonemergency medical service, emergency medical service, and air medical service organizations in this state.

(2) There is hereby created the critical care subcommittee of the medical transportation committee. The membership of the subcommittee and the conduct of the subcommittee's business shall conform to rules adopted by the board. The subcommittee shall advise and assist the committee and board in matters relating to mobile intensive care and air medical service organizations in this state.

(D) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services may appoint other committees and subcommittees as it considers necessary.

(E) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, and any of its committees or subcommittees, may request assistance from any state agency. The board and its committees and subcommittees may permit persons who are not members of those bodies to participate in deliberations of those bodies, but no person who is not a member of the board shall



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vote on the board and no person who is not a member of a committee created under division (A), (B), or (C) of this section shall vote on that committee.

(F) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not apply to the committees established under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section.