

Ordinance No. 03 - 13 - 0003

Passed March 18, 2003

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 943 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE "CIRCLEVILLE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES".**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, is empowered by the Ohio Revised Code to create and operate an Emergency Medical Service to provide emergency medical care and treatment to its citizens; **and**

**WHEREAS,** in order to update and improve the effective operation of said service it is necessary to amend certain portions of Chapter 943 of the Codified Ordinances, previously enacted in 1991.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** that Chapter 943 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio relating to the Emergency Medical Services shall be amended to read as follows:

**943.01 CREATION**

There is hereby created a City Emergency Medical Service as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3303.08 et seq., to be known as the "Circleville Emergency Medical Services". This entity shall provide such emergency medical services as authorized by applicable law and in accordance with rules and regulations that may be promulgated from time to time by the City.

**943.02 COMPOSITION**

(a.) Effective immediately, the composition of the Circleville EMS shall be composed of the following positions that shall receive salaries provided for by ordinance:

- (1.) One full time Chief who shall also have responsibilities to provide EMS services.
- (2.) Two fulltime employees.

In addition to the employees listed above, the EMS shall maintain a roster of volunteers to perform EMS services. These volunteers may be provided a per run stipend and other nominal benefits in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. section 201, et seq.

- (b.) The EMS Chief shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Circleville EMS consistent with applicable laws and rules and regulations governing such operations. The EMS Chief shall have supervisory authority for all employees and volunteers within the Circleville EMS.
- (c.) The Mayor shall have the authority to appoint and remove the EMS Chief. The EMS Chief shall report to the Safety Director.

**943.03 ADVISORY BOARD**

(a.) There is hereby created an EMS Advisory Board. The Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the EMS Chief and the Safety Director concerning matters relating to the delivery of Emergency Medical Services for the City. These activities include recommendations concerning new and revised rules and regulations regarding the Circleville EMS and recommendations relating to the qualifications and requirements for volunteers with the Circleville EMS.

- (b.) The Advisory Board shall consist of the following individuals:
  - (1.) Medical Director of the Service
  - (2.) Chief of Service
  - (3.) Secretary of the Service

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- (4.) Three volunteer members of the Service
- (5.) Two members from the public
  
- (c.) Members (3.) and (4.) above, shall be elected by the volunteers each year. The two members of the public (5.) shall be appointed by the Mayor every two years with input from the CEMS Chief, Medical Director, and Safety Director.
  
- (d.) Each year, the CEMS Chief will appoint a Training Officer of the Service, Equipment Officer of the Service, and a Public Relations Officer of the Service to serve for a calendar year.
  
- (e.) The Medical Director shall have the exclusive authority to promulgate medical rules, regulations, quality assurance standards, continuing education or retraining requirements in order to assure continuing compliance with the "Standards of Care" promulgated by the Ohio Emergency Medical Services Board, the Ohio Association of Emergency Physicians, the Ohio Chapter of the Association of Air Medical Services of the United States Department of Transportation. Such rules and regulations shall apply to all EMT's of the Circleville Emergency Services and EMT's in any other City department.
  
- (f.) The Medical Director of the Circleville Emergency Medical Services may receive reasonable stipend pay for services provided while on the Advisory Board of the Service. This reasonable stipend pay shall be established by the Safety Director with the advise and consent of Council, shall be paid equally from the budgets of the Circleville Emergency Medical Services and Circleville Fire Department and shall be paid on an appropriate schedule. The Medical Director shall be selected by the Safety Director, Chief of the EMS Service, and the Fire Chief.

**943.04 EMS RECORDS**

The EMS Chief shall be responsible for ensuring that EMS records are maintained in accordance with applicable law. The EMS Chief, along with the Medical Director, shall ensure that all applicable reporting requirements are met.

**943.05 AVAILABILITY**

Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to impose a "legal duty" upon the City to provide emergency medical services to any person. To the extent possible considering the personnel available, equipment availability and competing priorities, the City shall provide such equipment, volunteer and/or paid personnel and training as is deemed appropriate to sustain the operation of the Circleville Emergency Medical Services, including, but not limited to the following:

- (a.) Ambulances or such public safety vehicles as are in compliance with standards implemented by the Ohio Emergency Medical Service Board or such standards as may be required by the Advisory Board.
  
- (b.) Emergency medical equipment, light rescue equipment, airway maintenance equipment, cardiac monitoring and defibrillation equipment, intravenous therapy products and such drugs as prescribed by the Medical Director all in compliance with any and all standards established by the Ohio Emergency Medical Services Board.
  
- (c.) Communications equipment necessary to receive dispatch requests, to communicate to the hospital emergency room or other medical control during emergencies and from person to person when engaged in emergency medical service or rescue operation. Such equipment shall conform to those requirements of the Ohio Emergency Medical Services Board of Federal Communications Commission for the region.
  
- (d.) Such training and continuing medical education as is necessary to insure continuing competence of the medical personnel in compliance with the

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licensing and renewal requirements of the State of Ohio, the Medical Director, and the Advisory Board.

- (e.) Repair and continuing maintenance services for the Emergency Medical Service including general operating requirements for disposable supplies, facilities, and fuel.

**943.06 BUDGET**

The Chief of the Emergency Services shall submit annually, or at such other times as the Mayor shall deem appropriate, a fiscal request for appropriated funds and an accounting for expenditures in that form as deemed appropriate by the Auditor of the City.

**943.07 WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE**

The City shall provide coverage for the emergency medical technicians and public safety vehicle operators in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation. The Chief shall certify to the Auditor, as required, the required information regarding membership.

**943.08 SERVICE AND MUTUAL AID CONTRACTS**

The Safety Director, with the advice and consent of Council, is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for supplementary service in the time of extraordinary demand and/or mutual aid contracts with surrounding governmental units. Extra territorial service should be limited to such as is covered by contract or in the event no contract exists then only if life is immediately in jeopardy, but not merely to provide a higher level of medical care than exists in that jurisdiction at the election of the officials of such jurisdiction. Primary coverage shall inure to the benefit of the City and it's citizens and those areas under contract.

**943.09 COMMUNICATION TO RESIDENTS**

The Chief of the Circleville Emergency Medical Service and/or the Advisory Board shall from time to time communicate to the citizens the times and kinds of services available, educating the public as to the methods of operation of the service and for any and all other reasons deemed appropriate.

**SECTION II.** That all other Ordinances contrary to or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby superceded and repealed to such extent.

**SECTION III.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 18, 2003  
DATE

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: *Lucas M. Anthony*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVAL: March 18, 2003  
DATE

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