

OEMSCA NEWSLETTER

Arcanum Rescue hopes to amplify its voice at state level

One of the Ohio EMS Chiefs Association’s newest members is Arcanum Rescue out of west central Ohio, and the agency’s experienced leader is helping them navigate the everchanging world of EMS.

Arcanum Chief Terry Shroder said joining OEMSCA will bring many benefits to his organization.

“We joined OEMSCA to have an amplified voice at the state level and to network with other, similar third-service departments,” he said.

Seneca County EMS Director Ken Majors, an executive board member for OEMSCA, said one of the best parts about being a member of OEMSCA is using other departments as a sounding board for advice or suggestions. “When you face a problem as an EMS chief or leader, chances are, someone in this group has already successfully dealt with the issue. Having this resource is invaluable,” he said.



Arcanum Rescue Chief Terry Shroder (right) is shown.

with the department for 35 years, serving as chief for 23 of them. Arcanum Rescue is located in Darke County, a rural farming community with about 53,000 residents. Shroder’s team covers about 150-square-miles and about 10,000 people across six townships, five villages and two school districts. The department is contracted with the Joint Ambulance District, which is made up of a representative from each township and village.

Arcanum Rescue runs two ambulances and one crash truck, which is stocked with extrication tools and other important rescue equipment.

The agency is staffed with all part-time employees, including 6 EMTs, 2 EMTAs and 20 paramedics. Arcanum crews responded to about 760 calls in 2018. The department is supplemented by seven volunteer or paid per call fire departments within the coverage area.

Shroder said the two biggest challenges he faces are budgetary and finding and retaining trained personnel.

“The most challenging part of

this job is finding the budget needed for purchasing equipment,” he said. “It’s also difficult to find trained personnel who are willing to stay around.”

Shroder loves his staff and the community the department works for.

“I feel the best part of my job is getting the opportunity to work with the community and with the employees of Arcanum rescue,” he said.

Shroder said although the budget is always of concern, improved and more efficient technology and equipment help he and his personnel do the job better.

“For example, with all the new features that come with heart monitors, we can now upload data from those monitors right into the EMS reporting systems,” he said.

Shroder also mentioned the LUCAS Chest Compression System, which saves time and energy while administering CPR.

“This job is all about adapting to change and working with the new technology that keeps coming out,” he said.

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Shroder uses his experience and leadership to tackle the challenges of his agency. He has been

“You now have a seat at the table” a letter from the VP

OEMSCA Membership,

In July of 2013 I was appointed to the role of Director for Meigs County EMS. I had a lengthy public safety career but not in the field of pre-hospital emergency medicine. Honestly, I was not prepared for the challenges that many of you have faced for decades. You can imagine the difficulty in trying to navigate all the issues that this profession has to offer without having anyone to turn to for guidance with no experience. I was also disappointed that such a vital piece of public safety was a fragmented body with no representation or support. It seemed that no one really cared about pre-hospital emergency medicine except the men and women that have dedicated their lives to caring for the citizens of their communities.

Fortunately, I received a letter from a fledgling organization known as OEMSCA that invited me to an organizational meeting. I immediately recognized the importance of this organization. My entire career up to this point had been in the law enforcement and I knew the value of organiza-

tions such as the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Ohio Troopers Coalition in advancing initiatives for the law enforcement field. I attended my first meeting that summer.

As I reflect on the summer of 2013 and the years following, I am proud to say that I have been able to work with such a fine group of professionals that represent OEMSCA. You have inspired and motivated me, given me practical advice and battled for the people you lead and serve. You now have the attention of government leaders and legislators and a “seat at the table” where it was sorely needed. We still have many issues that will need to be addressed and the work is not done, but I am confident that OEMSCA will continue to advance the EMS mission.

In closing, I wanted to thank you for being in a position of senior leadership at a pivotal time in Ohio EMS history. What we do now as leaders will determine the success of EMS for generations. OEMSCA has gained some ground but we have many issues



OEMSCA VP Robbie Jacks

left to address. Your skills, experiences and voice are needed. I believe we are stronger together and our unity will continue to pave the way for future leaders. Keep up the great work.

Sincerely,
Robbie Jacks, OEMSCA Vice President

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Since 1978, Bound Tree's mission is the same: save minutes & lives

Since Bound Tree Medical opened its doors in 1978, its mission has stayed the same. "As your partner in EMS for over 40 years, we've made it our mission to help you save minutes and lives," said Emily Hoste, account manager for Bound Tree.

David Currier, an entrepreneur, politician and former Emergency Medical Technician, established the small emergency medical supply company in Henniker, New Hampshire. Since its inception, the company continues to work hard to help EMS providers do their job more efficiently.

"With over four decades of experience, we are a partner you can count on to provide you with the right products, services and support," Hoste said.

Bound Tree offers a full line of emergency medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals from some of the industry's top healthcare manufacturers.

"We strive to understand your unique needs and provide you with the right products, services and support to best meet those needs," Hoste said.

Hoste said since the company carries all major products from the leading manufacturers nationwide, it is difficult to assess what products are the most popular at any given point.

"However, we can tell you that the NIO® Intraosseous Device from PerSys Medical, is flying off of our shelves. It is a sterile, disposable, automatic intraosseous device for safe, quick and easy vascular access. No drills, no batteries and no extra parts," She said. "Additionally, our Curaplex® pre-assembled kits give our customers the ability to re-



"The focus of EMS should be saving AND improving lives," - said Daniel Sledge from Williamson County EMS. Sledge said this about opioid overdose patients during a Bound Tree webcast.

spond quickly during various situations. Our active shooter situation kits, Stop the Bleed® kits, IV start kits and airway kits are currently very, very popular.

Hoste said the company offers thousands of prehospital emergency medical supplies and equipment, but it's the services Bound Tree offers that makes the company unique.

"We offer valuable services to increase efficiency and accuracy, reduce liability and positively impact your bottom line," she said. "Services such as inventory and asset management, online ordering for controlled substances, and emergency disaster support can save time and reduce overall costs. We also provide best-in-class support. This includes a dedicated account manager and a team of highly-knowledgeable customer service representatives as well as additional educational resources and continuing education through Bound Tree University."

Hoste said Bound Tree has enjoyed supporting the Ohio

EMS Chiefs Association of the past few years.

"We do business with several individuals and departments that attend and support the association. The conference is well attended, and we really enjoy the speakers. Our hope is to continue to support the association and become even more involved the best they see fit," she said.

Hoste said those interested in doing business with Bound Tree can call the company (800) 533-0523, e-mail them at CustomerService@boundtree.com or peruse items and services online at www.boundtree.com. She also said EMTs who are interested in Continuing Education Units should visit Bound Tree University online at www.boundtree.com/university.

"The site is loaded with articles, videos, webinars, e-Books and other educational resources created with the help of industry-leading organizations and professionals who are passionate about EMS," she said.

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