

EMERGENCY PARTNER CREDENTIALING SYSTEM (EPCS)

1. What is the EMERGENCY PARTNER CREDENTIALING SYSTEM (EPCS)?

The EPCS is a nationally unique system that provides state-issued documentation to eligible personnel of organizations aiding communities struck by disaster. The EPCS is housed in Ohio's Homeland Security's Communication Information Management System (CIMS).

2. What are EPCS credentials?

EPCS Credentials are documentation linked to a specific person, giving them access to emergencies/disasters; whether that is to perform aid or perform essential job duties.

3. When should EPCS credentials be used?

When stopped and asked by Law Enforcement why you are out during the "Stay at Home Order" issued by Governor DeWine in response to Coronavirus/COVID-19.

4. How are EPCS credentials being used during Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic?

EPCS Credentials are being issued for work related travel by essential employees of organizations (to/from work).

5. How do you apply for EPCS credentials?

A form must be completed and submit to the designated staff members at each organization. For GCRTA, Richard Kopp at rkopp@gcrt.org and Robert Tulevski at rtulevski@gcrt.org are collecting the forms and entering the information in the EPCS system. The form is called Ohio Emergency Partner Credentialing System and can be found on GCRTA's intranet and MyInfo pages.

6. Once approved, how are the credentials distributed?

Once they are assigned,

- A PDF will be emailed to the email provided on the form.
- A text message notification will be sent to the number used on the form to advise credentials have been issued.

7. What do the EPCS credentials look like?

