

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – LEMSA CERTIFIED

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PURPOSE

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This policy section outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) personnel regarding Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) certified EMTs.

The CAL FIRE EMS Program is responsible for coordinating with the LEMSAs regarding LEMSA certified CAL FIRE EMTs.

AUTHORITY

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- United States National Highway Safety and Traffic Administration National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, DOT HS 811 077C, 2010
- California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- California Penal Code, Part 4
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- Governing California Local Emergency Medical Services Agency
- National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians
- American Heart Association

RELATED POLICIES

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- 1000 CAL FIRE Personnel Procedures Handbook
- 1800 CAL FIRE Health and Fitness Handbook
- 4000 CAL FIRE Training Handbook
- 4300 CAL FIRE Fire Protection Training Handbook
- 7000 CAL FIRE Fire Operations Handbook
- 7200 CAL FIRE Emergency Medical Services Handbook
- 7700 CAL FIRE Emergency Incident Management Handbook
- 8500 CAL FIRE Cooperative Fire Services Handbook

RESPONSIBILITIES

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LEMSA Certified EMT Employee

- Ensures required EMS training requirements are met (refer to the appropriate CAL FIRE handbook)
- Ensures all training/certification/licensure requirements are met
- Notifies supervisor (employer) regarding any action that may affect EMS certification/licensure
- Notifies EMS Program of any change of address within 30 days

All CAL FIRE EMTs certified through a LEMSA must follow the governing LEMSA policy and procedure regarding certification. For LEMSA website information, refer to the 7200 CAL FIRE Emergency Medical Services Handbook, Appendix 1. For information regarding LEMSA certification process, refer to the 7200 CAL FIRE Emergency Medical Services Handbook, Appendix 9.

Lapses in Certification

Should an EMT certification lapse, the following additional CE requirements apply to recertify:

- Lapses less than six months: completion of the refresher course or 24 hours of CE for recertification
- Lapses more than six months, but less than 12 months: an additional 12 CE hours (for a total of 36 CE hours) from an approved EMS CE provider are required for recertification
- Lapses more than 12 months but less than 24 months: an additional 24 CE hours (for a total of 48 CE hours) from an approved EMS CE provider and the applicant shall pass the written and skills certification exams for recertification
- Lapses of 24 months or more: completion of a full EMT training course is required for recertification

For additional information regarding CE requirements, refer to the 7200 CAL FIRE Emergency Medical Services Handbook, Appendix 5.

Allowances for active military personnel that function as EMTs in California are found in the CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2.

Emergency Medical Technician to Emergency Medical Responder Reciprocity

CAL FIRE employees with a valid EMT certificate and in good standing with the certifying entity, must meet the training standards required for Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and may apply for an EMR training verification card through their Unit. Each Unit/Program has discretion on the issuance of EMR cards.

CAL FIRE Supervisor

Assists EMT employees with certification process as required **Unit/Program EMS Coordinator**

- Maintains an EMT certification level or above
- Ensures all EMS related training for recertification/maintenance of certification is conducted and CE certificates are issued

Unit Chief/Program Manager

- Ensures EMS CE training is provided for required personnel

Region Chief/Deputy Director

- Directs Unit Chief/Program Manager to Ensure all public safety personnel meet minimum training standards

EMS Program Staff

- Assists LEMSAs with EMT certification issues as needed

EMS Training Coordinator

- Assists Unit/Program EMS Coordinators with EMT training issues
- Assists EMS Program staff with certification issues as needed

EMS Physician

- Reviews EMS curricula in conjunction with EMS Program and curriculum development staff, to ensure training materials meet current regulations and guidelines
- Coordinates with the CAL FIRE EMS Training Coordinator for distribution of curriculum as directed

EMS Program Manager

- Coordinates with Unit/Program and LEMSA staff as needed
- Assists EMS Program staff with EMT certifications and training as needed
- Ensures all EMS curricula meets all laws, statutes, regulations, and CAL FIRE policies and procedures.

EMS Chief

- Supervises EMS Program Manager
- Ensures all EMS curricula meets all laws, statutes, regulations, and CAL FIRE policies and procedures.

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