

TITLE: FIRST RESPONDER RECERTIFICATION

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I. AUTHORITY

- A. ~~In accordance with Section 2.03 of the EMS System Guidelines, an EMS Agency shall have a mechanism to accredit, authorize or certify prehospital personnel.~~
- B. ~~In accordance with Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, Section 100079(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations, the local EMS agency may establish minimum standards for certification.~~

II. DEFINITION

- A. ~~"Agency" means the Mountain Valley EMS Agency.~~
- B. ~~"First Responder" means an individual that is currently certified by the Mountain Valley EMS Agency in compliance with Agency Policy #212.00-~~
- C. ~~"Lapsed Certification" means an individual that was certified within the last twenty-four (24) months as a First Responder by the Mountain Valley EMS Agency.~~
- D. ~~"Certification" means authorization to practice First Responder skills in the Region.~~

III. PURPOSE

~~The purpose of this policy is to provide a mechanism whereby individuals may be recertified as a First Responder.~~

IV. POLICY

~~The Agency shall issue First Responder recertification to those individuals that meet the requirements of this policy.~~

V. PROCEDURE

- A. ~~A First Responder will be issued recertification upon successful completion of the following:~~
 - 1. ~~Obtain 16 hours of continuing education in accordance with Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, Section 100025 of the California Code of Regulations~~

2. ~~submit an application which includes:~~
 - a. ~~a copy of current CPR Certification which is taught to the curriculum standards of the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or the National Safety Council at the Health Care Provider or equivalent level.~~
 - b. ~~a copy of a current driver's license or picture identification.~~
 - c. ~~a signed affidavit that the individual is at least 18 years of age.~~
 - d. ~~a signed affidavit that the individual is not precluded from Certification for reasons defined in Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.200.~~
 - e. ~~pay the appropriate Certification fee.~~
3. ~~Submit a Mountain Valley EMS Agency approved form that documents competency to the National Registry standards of the following skills:~~
 - a. ~~Patient examination, trauma patient~~
 - b. ~~Patient examination, medical patient~~
 - c. ~~Airway emergencies (test on one only)~~
 1. ~~Mouth To Mask with Supplemental Oxygen~~
 2. ~~Upper Airway Adjuncts and Suction~~
 - d. ~~Breathing emergencies (test on one only)~~
 1. ~~Supplemental Oxygen Administration~~
 2. ~~Bag Valve Mask Apneic Patient~~
 - e. ~~Automated External Defibrillation~~
 - f. ~~Circulation Emergency – Bleeding Control – Shock Management~~
 - g. ~~Neurological emergencies (test on one only)~~
 1. ~~Spinal Immobilization – Seated patient~~
 2. ~~Spinal Immobilization – Supine patient~~
 - h. ~~Soft tissue injuries – Open Fracture of an Extremity–~~
 - i. ~~Musculoskeletal injuries (test on one only)~~
 1. ~~Long Bone Injury~~
 2. ~~Joint Injury~~
 3. ~~Traction Splinting~~
 - j. ~~Obstetrical Emergency~~

~~B. First Responder Certification may be denied, or a First Responder Certification may be suspended or revoked if they meet any of the following:~~

1. ~~has committed any sexually related offense specified under Section 290 of the Penal Code~~
2. ~~been convicted of murder, attempted murder, or murder for hire~~
3. ~~been convicted of two or more felonies~~
4. ~~is on parole or probation for any felony~~
5. ~~been convicted and released from incarceration during the preceding fifteen years of the crime of manslaughter or involuntary manslaughter~~
6. ~~been convicted and released from incarceration during the preceding ten years for any offense punishable as a felony~~

- ~~7. been convicted of two misdemeanors within the preceding five years for any offense relating to the use, sale, possession, or transportation of narcotics or addictive or dangerous drugs~~
- ~~8. been convicted of two misdemeanors within the preceding five years for any offense relating to force, violence, threat, or intimidation~~
- ~~9. been convicted within the preceding five years of any theft related misdemeanor~~
- ~~10. has committed any act within the preceding seven years involving fraud or intentional dishonesty for personal gain~~

~~C. Upon successful completion of all items listed in V.A, the First Responder will be issued recertification for a maximum period of two years. The Certification expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period.~~

- ~~1. If the First Responder applies for recertification within six (6) months prior to the expiration date of their current certificate, their new effective date of Certification shall be the day after their current Certification expires.~~
- ~~2. If the First Responder applies for recertification more than six (6) months before their current certificate expires, they will be issued a new beginning Certification date effective the day that they meet the recertification requirements.~~
- ~~3. If the First Responder with lapsed Certification applies for recertification, they will be issued a new beginning Certification date effective the day that they meet the recertification requirements.~~

~~D. An individual with lapsed Certification may be recertified as a First Responder as follows:~~

- ~~1. For a lapse of less than six months, the individual shall comply with all items listed in Section IV.A of this policy.~~
- ~~2. For a lapse of six months or more, but less than twelve months, the individual shall comply with the requirements of Section IV.A . of this policy plus an additional 6 hours of continuing education.~~
- ~~3. For a lapse of twelve months or more, but less than twenty four months, the individual shall comply with items 1 and 2 in Section IV.A of this policy, complete an additional 16 hours of continuing education and successfully complete the Certification examination process outlined in Mountain Valley EMS Agency Policy # 211.00 for First Responder Initial Certification..~~
- ~~4. Individuals with lapsed Certification that successfully complete the process outlined in Section V.C of this policy will be issued Certification effective the day that they meet the recertification requirements. The Certification expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period.~~