National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

Update

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Vice Chairman, NREMT Board of Directors
NREMT Mission Statement

To serve as the National EMS Certification organization by providing a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice by EMS professionals throughout their careers and by maintaining a registry of certification status.
“The primary purpose of licensure or certification is to protect the public.”
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NREMT Departments & Staff

Executive Director, Bill Brown – retires May 2013
Incoming Exec. Dir.: Severo “Tre” Rodriguez

• 31 FTE’s
• Administration – 6
• Certification/Recertification – 11
• Examination, Results & Sales – 6
• Information Technology – 5
• Community Relations – 1
• Research – 2
The Nation’s EMS Certification

- A 43-year history as a non-profit organization
- Used by 45 states (+DC/military/DHS) as part of state licensure process
- Certified over 1.6 million EMTs
- Accredited by NCCA
State Utilization
2012 Statistics

- Over 411,700 Nationally Registered EMS Providers (as of 11/1/12)
- Examined over 120,600 National EMS Certification candidates
- Recertified over 83,000 EMS Providers
Transition Update

• Exam changed according to NASEMSO Implementation team schedule
• Eliminate I/85 (March 31, 2013)
• Eliminate I/99 (December 31, 2013)
  – test without certification to be available for State licensure
• Transition courses – 200+, vary of State – State leads – validated by State or TO
• Completed in 2016/17
Paramedic Program Accreditation

• Paramedic Education Accreditation required as of 1/1/2013 - incoming STUDENTS ONLY

• Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
  – Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP)
  – 2007 – NREMT Motion
  – 2013 – Implementation
CoAEMSP advises -

- 343 Accredited Programs
- 207 Letters of Review issued
- 51 Applications on hold for additional info
- 15 New Self Studies being reviewed
Current NREMT Activities
Community Relations

• Communiqués – Program Directors; State EMS Offices; Training Officers; Medical Directors; NREMT Representatives

• Resource for NREMT Information

• Webinars (12 now available on website for replay)

• Spring 2013 Newsletter at press

• 2012 Annual Report coming late Spring

• Website content updates
Current NREMT Research Projects

• Public Opinion Survey:
  • Manuscript is in preparation
  • Others manuscripts under journal review

• Field Training Officer Roles & Responsibilities:
  • Entry level competency
  • Continued competency

• LEADS II
Current NREMT Research Projects

• Census Surveys – using electronic format
• Continued Competency
• Distributive Education

• EMS Research Fellow Position
  • AVAILABLE!!
  • See Tre Rodriguez or contact NREMT
New Recertification Requirements
Continued Competency Program

• 2016 Implementation – for those due in 2018
• 2010 Ad-Hoc Committee work
• Focus Group (2011)
• 3 Focus Groups (2012)
  – MD’s and State Officials
  – Educators and Training Officers
  – EMT’s and Paramedic’s (Rural and Urban)
• NREMT Continued Competency Committee
Continued Competency Program

• Competency based on four principals
  (referenced to the American Board of Medical Specialties)

  – Professional Standing
  – Practice Performance
  – Lifelong Learning
  – Cognitive Competency
Continued Competency Program

• National Continued Competency Requirements 50%

• Local Continued Competency Requirements 25%

• Individual Continued Competency Requirements 25%
Continued Competency Program

- Emergency Medical Responder
  - 16 hours (8/4/4)

- Emergency Medical Technician
  - 40 hours (20/10/10)

- Advanced EMT
  - 50 hours (25/12.5/12.5)

- Paramedic
  - 60 hours (30/15/15)
Mark King Initiative

- Alabama – South Carolina – Vermont
- Reinstatement Program (State-wide)
- Opportunity to get NREMT Certification back
- State MUST Require Ongoing National Registry Certification as licensure requirement
- Supports National EMS Certification

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Thank you