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TO: All EMS-Instructors and Course Coordinators

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The Office has become aware that there may be confusion among some EMS-Instructors regarding EMS Regulation 19a-179-17 (a) (2), highlighted below.

19a-179-17. EMS training programs
(a) In order to conduct an OEMS-approved training program for any classification set forth in Sec. 19a-179-16 of these regulations, a person must:
   (1) Deliver to OEMS at least thirty (30) days prior to the planned initiation of the program a written application to conduct said training program on a form prescribed by OEMS. Such application shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:
      (A) A list of teaching facilities to be used, and of available teaching aids and supplies.
      (C) A statement of compliance that the program meets the most recent National Standard Training Curriculae, as approved by the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Safety Traffic Administration, for the appropriate category.
   (2) Ensure that there is a state-certified EMS-I responsible for all class sessions.

To fulfill the regulatory requirement, a Connecticut certified EMS-Instructor must be physically present at the location of any / all EMS courses to assure responsibility for a program’s conformance to Regulation / Scope of Practice / National Standard Curriculum – EMS Education Standard concerns and to monitor the effectiveness of the instructional – learning process. Additionally, for purposes of testing sessions, the certified instructor verifies that the exam candidates seated are eligible for testing (i.e. have successfully met all course requirements prior to the exam session) as well as assuming responsibility for the logistical requirements for the test site.

By July 1, 2009, all EMS-I’s are expected to have resolved any planning / scheduling issues relating to this Regulation and any approved courses, and that all courses thereafter will meet these expectations.

Please contact me with any questions.