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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

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To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
Training Officers, Protective Services, Resident
Troopers, Police Academy Satellite Directors, EMSI's

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Subject: Emergency Medical Responder - Basic Training Area 304

At the November 18th, 2021, regular meeting, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council approved the following changes to the Basic Training Curriculum Area 304, Emergency Medical Response.

The POST Basic Training Curriculum requirement for area 304 will consist of 60+ classroom hours as required by the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services and successful passing of a Psychomotor Skills Practical.

Completion of the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician EMR Cognitive Exam will be at the discretion of the individual agency and will not be a component of the certification process for completion of basic training or a comparative certification.

Beginning in 2020 the State of Connecticut, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), changed the testing procedure necessary to obtain an Emergency Medical Responder certification to the following:

1. Successful completion of a state-approved Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards for the Emergency Medical Responder.
2. Successful completion of a Connecticut OEMS psychomotor examination.
3. Successful completion of the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician EMR Cognitive examination.

As a result of the OEMS changes, recruits attending training at the Connecticut Police Academy or a Regional Satellite Academy, complete the first two components of the requirement: 60+ hours of classroom course work and successful completion of a Connecticut OEMS psychomotor examination.

EMSI's are then required to submit to the State of Connecticut OEMS a completed T-4 report of course completion form showing completion of the first two components satisfying successful completion for Basic Training. Law Enforcement Agencies requiring their Officers to be EMR certified must do the following:

- Set up an account through National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians
<https://my.nremt.org/rwd/public/dashboard/create-account>
- Create an application -selecting EMR level- follow prompts through the application process
- Pay the association fee
- Monitor the progress of your application from the "Certification Application Status"
- Once application is approved the status will change to "Ready to Test"
- Contact PearsonVue to schedule the examination at one of their testing facilities (currently Norwalk, Plantsville, Wallingford, Wethersfield, and Woodbridge)

OEMS requires that the test must be passed within 2 years from completion of the EMR Course in order to achieve certification status through the State of Connecticut.

If your officer does not pass the cognitive exam for Emergency Medical Responder, The National Registry has a retest policy as follows:

After successfully completion of an approved EMS education program, candidates are initially given three attempts to pass the cognitive examination (provided all other requirements for National EMS Certification are met). If a candidate is unsuccessful on an exam attempt, they may apply to retest 15 days after the last examination. After three unsuccessful examination attempts, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic candidates must submit official documentation verifying the completion of a remedial training program. Candidates who fail to pass the cognitive exam after a total of six attempts are required to complete an entire state approved educational program. EMR is not applicable to remedial training and must repeat a full education program after three failures.

Connecticut OEMS confirmed that NREMT EMR testing program only allows the officer three chances to pass the test. If the officer fails the National Registry Exam three times, that officer will need to complete the full EMR program of 60+ hours.

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