



Update from the Office of EMS

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Provider Service News

Providers in the East, Southeast, and Gulf Regions that just renewed your service license, your expiration date changed from December 31st of each year to June 30th of each year. You were issued a license that will expire in six months, on June 30, 2015. This administrative procedure change was necessary in order to have all provider services expiring at the same time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The OEMS will send out postcards to the address on file prior to the expiration date reminding you to renew.

The OEMS would also like to remind all services that your license will expire June 30, 2015. You may renew online at www.adph.org/ems click on the licensure link and you will see the option for the online renewal application and the printable type written paper application that will need to be mailed to our office. The OEMS will start accepting your applications online or by mail on April 1, 2015. Please remember if you submit your application by mail to include your plans and fee, (if transport service) along with the application. If you submit your application online the OEMS may request a copy of your plans be submitted. Any service that is carrying controlled substances must submit a controlled substance plan for approval with each application.

If you should have any questions please contact our office.

Stephen Wilson
Licensure Coordinator

Individual Licensure Update

For individuals expiring March 31, 2015 it is time for you to renew your license. You may begin submitting your application January 2, 2015. You will need to submit the following in order to renew.

- Application, this can be found on our web site www.adph.org/ems click on the licensure link. Please make sure you are using the current application that is located on our web site, all previous versions will be returned.
- Current National Registry Certification, if you are grandfathered and have never been Nationally Registered you will need to submit your continuing education to the OEMS, you must complete the same continuing education the National Registry requires.
- Fee of \$10.00

You may also renew online at www.adph.org/ems click on the licensure link. Individuals renewing after March 31, 2015 will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee.

New National Registry Requirements

Provide Level	NCCR	LCCR	ICCR	Total
EMR	8	4	4	16
EMT	20	10	10	40
AEMT	25	12.5	12.5	50
Paramedic	30	15	15	60

ADPH OEMS requirements is under “Local Continued Competency Requirements (LCCR)”

NCCR: The National Registry will provide the topics associated with this section. For 2015 and 2016 you may use a tradition refresher to complete this section. Renewals starting in 2017 must meet the new NCCR requirements.

LCCR: ADPH OEMS Requirement, For renewals in 2015 a traditional 16 hour protocol certificate can be used to complete this section. For renewals in 2016 you must meet the new LCCR requirements listed below.

- 1) Acute Care* AND Protocol Education, ALL Levels – 6 Hours
- 2) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Education, All Levels – 4 Hours

*Acute Care is Trauma, Stroke, and STEMI System

NOTE: The additional AEMT 2.5 hours and Paramedic 5 hours can come from any EMS Related ConEd

ICCR: For renewals in 2015 and the future you can use any EMS related ConEd to complete this requirement.

If you are a Nationally Registered EMT or Paramedic you will have to complete a 100 question self assessment tool exam prior to renewing your National Certification. This is a tool not a test, please use to examine your own weaknesses and improve upon them.





Individual Licensure Update continued

The following information was released by the NREMT in the summer 2014 *The Registry*. The NREMT Board of Directors approved a re-entry pathway for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). The re-entry pathway provides an opportunity for EMTs to regain their NREMT Certification. The re-entry pathway requires that a previous Nationally Certified or state licensed EMT:

- 1) Provide documentation of successful EMT course completion; including transition course documentation if required*.
- 2) Provide documentation of prior National Certification at the EMT level.
- 3) Provide documentation of prior state licensure as an EMT (if not Nationally Certified).
- 4) Meet the eligibility requirements for National Certification.
- 5) Successfully complete an EMT psychomotor exam.
- 6) Successfully complete the NREMT cognitive examination.
- 7) *EMT courses not following the 2009 Education Standards must be accompanied by transition course documentation.

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Licensure and Education Information

- All EMS students must be licensed by the State of Alabama at the previous level.
- Please remember the requirements as stated in the EMS Rules document under **420-2-1-.11 Licensed Provider Service Staffing** License Provider Services shall not allow EMSP to respond to a medical emergency with the intent to treat or transport a patient unless the EMSP are clean and appropriately dressed and wearing photo identification with the level of license, license number, and name of EMSP visible. The photo identification shall be displayed at all times unless extenuating circumstances prevent the photo identification from being available.

2015 License Renewal Requirements

- A current completed application
- National Registry card (if applicable)
- Walk-ins **WILL NOT** be processed during the license renewal period. Applications are processed on a first come-first served basis.

Ambulance Driver Qualifications

The requirements for all ambulance drivers are: a valid drivers' license, a current EVOC from an approved EMS course, a current approved CPR course, and a certificate of completion of an approved Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course, or be a previously licensed EMSP. All EMSPs who drive an ambulance must maintain an initial approved EVOC course and a refresher every two (2) years. Alabama EVOC is still a requirement; you **MUST** have a current EVOC certificate in your personnel file.





Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Course

The following are approved EMR Courses:

- EMS approved courses offered through your regional office, or
- A course approved by the Alabama Fire College which includes the Emergency Care Provider Course.

Transition Courses

The National Registry website indicates that all EMSPs need to complete a transition course to re-certify. The OEMS has determined that Alabama EMSPs will **NOT** have to take a transition course. The National Registry renewal application will ask “have you transitioned?” All EMSPs should respond “yes” to this question. This transition is in name only and all EMSPs should disregard any request to submit transition paperwork to the National Registry.

Training Officers Register Your Agency (the employer) on the NREMT Website!

Online re-certification allows:

- Certified EMS providers to document their continuing education using the NREMT website
- You to monitor the progress of their continuing education
- You to enter continuing education documentation for all providers at your agency
- Electronic verification of continuing education and skills.

Persons authorized to serve as a Training Officer by their employer (service) should register their agency on the NREMT website by following [these simple instructions](#). User guides for the online re-certification process can also be found [online](#).

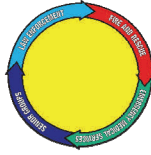
Please note:

- Audits and verifications of agencies and Training Officers will be performed
- There is no fee to register your agency online, this program is a service provided by the NREMT.
- There are no additional fees to Nationally Certified providers who use the online system to document their continuing education. Current re-certification application fees using continuing education are: First Responder=\$10; EMT-Basic/Intermediate=\$15; EMT-Paramedic=\$20.

Alabama Yellow Dot

A FREE Program with One Goal:

To Save Lives



Alabama Yellow Dot is designed to assist Alabama citizens and first responders in the event of an automobile crash or other medical emergency involving the participant's vehicle. The program can help save lives during the critical "golden hour" by improving communication at a time when crash victims may be unable to communicate for themselves.

The "Yellow Dot" program provides detailed medical information that can be crucial following a crash. Participants of the program receive a "Yellow Dot" decal, a "Yellow Dot" folder, and an information form where they will place an identifying photo, list their name, emergency contact information, personal physicians' information, medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies and medications being used. **Birth date and social security number are not to be listed.** A "Yellow Dot" decal on the lower left corner of the rear windshield of a vehicle or school bus or lower left corner of the license plate of a motorcycle alerts first responders to check in the glove compartment or storage compartment of the motorcycle for the corresponding "Yellow Dot" folder. Having this information following a crash helps first responders positively identify the person, get in touch with family or emergency contacts, and ensures that the person's current medications and pre-existing medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for injuries.

The "Yellow Dot" program is a free service provided to individuals of all ages. The program is being funded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs/ Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Division (ADECA/LETS) and is a cooperative effort of local Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, and concerned citizens.

Yellow Dot is now available in all of Alabama's 67 counties. Please visit their facebook page and become a "Friend" if you're not already one www.facebook.com/AlabamaYellowDot. Also, be sure to visit ADECA's Yellow Dot page where you will see a list of enrollment sites throughout the state as well as a few testimonials that will attest to the effectiveness of the program. <http://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/lets/TrafficSafety/YellowDot/Pages/default.aspx>.

It is recommended that everyone (adults of all ages & children) have their information included inside a Yellow Dot folder in every vehicle of their household. You just never know when the information contained within the form might be useful to emergency personnel & even lifesaving.

Please share this information in your staff meetings, by Email, etc. to help spread the word about this wonderful program. And if you're not involved with Yellow Dot, please consider including the program in your department's community outreach efforts. We want to ensure that no Alabama citizen falls through the cracks & that all emergency personnel understand what Yellow Dot is, what to look for & how to use it out there on the roadways.

Thank you for your consideration, help & support of this important FREE service offered to all of you & to all of our state's citizens. BOLO for Yellow Dots & help save even more lives!

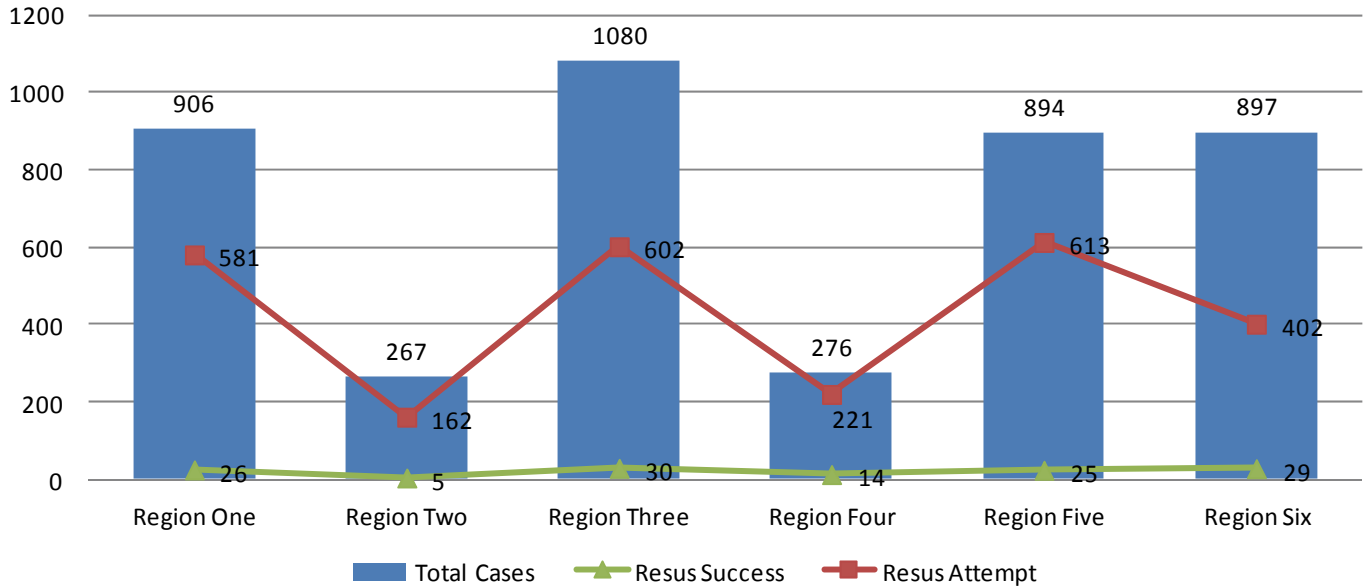




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Resuscitation was Attempted in 60% of the Cases of Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation was Successful in 3% of the Cases Year 2013

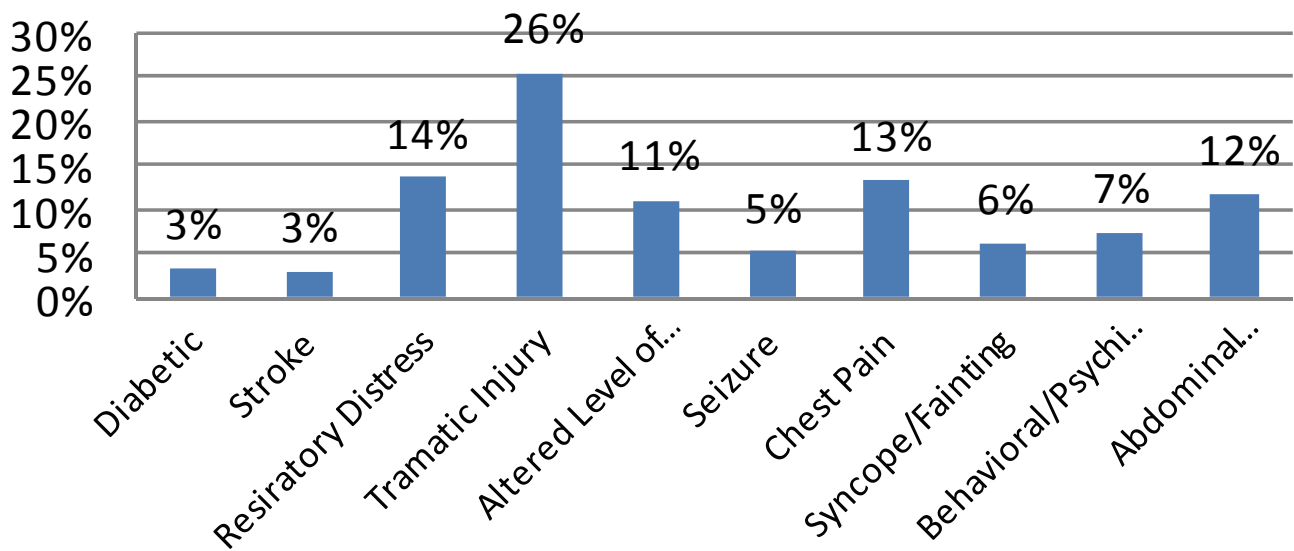


Total Cases	AERO	EAEMS	BREMSS	West	SEAEMS	AGEMSS	Total
C.A. in VFIB	91	28	117	34	121	65	456
C.A. in PEA	152	49	203	44	180	111	739
C.A. in Asystole	644	178	708	190	556	689	2965
C.A. in Bradycardia	13	9	42	5	25	24	118
C.A. in VTAC	6	3	10	3	12	8	42
Total	906	267	1080	276	894	897	4320

Resus Attempt	AERO	EAEMS	BREMSS	West	SEAEMS	AGEMSS	Total
C.A. in VFIB	78	21	90	31	108	56	384
C.A. in PEA	130	38	135	43	167	95	608
C.A. in Asystole	361	91	339	141	304	230	1466
C.A. in Bradycardia	9	9	32	4	24	14	92
C.A. in VTAC	3	3	6	2	10	7	31
Total	581	162	602	221	613	402	2581

Resus Success	AERO	EAEMS	BREMSS	West	SEAEMS	AGEMSS	Total
C.A. in VFIB	3	1	4	6	2	6	22
C.A. in PEA	12	1	11	3	6	8	41
C.A. in Asystole	9	3	10	5	11	15	53
C.A. in Bradycardia	1	0	3	0	5	0	9
C.A. in VTAC	1	0	2	0	1	0	4
Total	26	5	30	14	25	29	129

2013 Top Ten 911 Calls by Provider Primary Impression



Compliance Issues

Name	Rule/Protocol	Complaint	Action Taken
Curtis Albarado EMSP-Paramedic #9600548	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension
Michael Armstrong EMSP-Paramedic #0900706	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension
Mark Beverett EMSP-EMT #0700084	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension
Billy Chancey EMSP-Paramedic #9701224	420-2-1.25 420-2-1.30 Protocol 1.12 Protocol 3.01	Patient Care Issue Duty to Act Patient Rights General Patient Care	Suspension
Joseph Ferrell EMSP-EMT #9900805	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension
Adam Hall EMSP-Paramedic #0300049	420-2-1-.25 420-2-1-.30 Protocol 1.12 Protocol 3.01	Patient Care Issue Duty to Act Patient Rights General Patient Care	Suspension
Justin Hart EMSP-Paramedic #0700550	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension
James G. Hill EMSP-Paramedic #0200671	420-2-1-.13 420-2-1-.25 420-2-1-.28 420-2-1-.30	Patient Care Reporting Patient Care Issue Responsibility of Patient Duty to Act	Suspension





Compliance Issues continued

Name	Rule/Protocol	Complaint	Action Taken
Kevin Lories EMSP-Paramedic #1100471	420-2-1-.25 420-2-1-.30 Protocol 1.12 Protocol 3.01	Patient Care Issue Duty to Act Patient Rights General Patient Care	Suspension
Lindsey Louque EMSP-EMT #1400503	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension
Thomas Mason EMSP-AEMT #1100174	420-2-1-.25 420-2-1-.30 Protocol 1.12 Protocol 3.01	Patient Care Issue Duty to Act Patient Rights General Patient Care	Suspension
Shaun Matone EMSP-Paramedic #0600632	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension
Julien McGriff EMSP-EMT #1400166	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension
Dakota Menna EMSP-EMT #1200623	420-2-1-.30	Exceeding Scope of License	Suspension
Josh Murray EMSP-Paramedic #0800420	420-2-1-.30	Guilty of Misconduct	Suspension
Erik Preston EMSP-EMT #0800108	420-2-1-.19	Driver Qualifications	Probation
Charles Stone II EMSP-Paramedic #0300681	420-2-1-.29	Impaired EMSP	Suspension

Provider Service Inspections

The inspection reports for the following services can be found on the Office of EMS webpage (www.adph.org/ems). These inspections were completed July-December, 2014.

Albertville Fire & Rescue

AM/NS Calvert

A-Med Ambulance Service, Marshall County

AMVAC Chemical Corporation

Arab Fire Rescue

Dauphin Island Fire & Rescue

GEMS Ambulance

Goodwater Ambulance Service

Guntersville Fire & Rescue

Highland Home Fire & Rescue

Kellyton Fire & Rescue

Lifeguard Ambulance Service

Mobile Fire Rescue Department

New Site Volunteer Fire & Ambulance

North Baldwin EMS

Phil Campbell Rescue Squad

Pleasant Bay Ambulance

Saraland Fire Rescue Department

Shoals Ambulance, Franklin County

Tallapoosa EMS





Culture of Excellence

Alexander City Fire Department

Nixon Chapel Volunteer Fire Department

Boaz Fire and Rescue

Marshall County Drug Enforcement Unit

Samaritan EMS Morgan County

Russellville Fire and Rescue

Greenville Fire Department

General Information

Do You Have Questions for OEMS Staff?

This is another reminder to those of you calling our office (334) 206-5383:

Complaints, Investigations, and Inspections —Call Mark Jackson

Provider Service Licenses—Call Stephen Wilson or Stephanie Smith

Individual Licenses—Call Stephen Wilson or Kembley Thomas

Individual Training or Testing—Call Hugh Hollon

EMS for Children, Website, and Social Media—Call Katherine Dixon Hert

Requests for Information from Regional Offices

The Office of EMS would like to request that you comply with any request for information from your regional office. Some Directors are still having issues receiving information and data as requested by the State office. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and compliance.

Newsletter Reminder

The newsletter is free to anyone as long as they have internet access to our web page (www.adph.org/ems). The newsletters can be found on the Newsletter page which is linked to the home page. All Alabama licensed EMSPs who have a **VALID** email address will receive notice when the newsletter has been published. Our licensure database is used to store your last submitted valid email address, but cannot accommodate unlicensed people. They will have to visit our website to view or download the newsletter.

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