

Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

OPERATING PROCEDURE

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EMS Re-Entry

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PURPOSE

To establish the process for re-entry as an EMS provider into the Fauquier County Fire-Rescue system.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to all operational personnel within the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management and the Fauquier County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and its associated departments.

I. DEFINITIONS

Re-entry process – a modified internship that is to be applied to personnel who have a break in service with a Department in the system greater than 6 months.

Break in service – a continuous absence from work, separation from employment or period of no participation in an associated Department.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) Process

1. AEMT personnel must have successfully completed five team member events prior to being authorized to function as the Team Lead. To demonstrate competency as the Team Lead the following must occur:
 - a. An IV/IO must be attempted (successfully), and at least one medication, other than oxygen must be administered, and use good aseptic technique.
 - b. Correctly evaluate the resources needed (e.g. need or no need for extra manpower).

Desire to Serve

Ability to Perform

Courage to Act

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- c. Correctly anticipate intervention(s) needed (e.g. patient is in respiratory distress and deteriorating to respiratory arrest, call for ventilation).
- d. Correctly identify where and how the patient needs to be transported (e.g. Fauquier Hospital vs. a trauma center via helicopter).
- e. Correctly identify treatments and transport priority.
- f. Field diagnosis is correct based-on patient presentation.
- g. Demonstrate they are competent with obtaining a 12 lead EKG.
- h. Demonstrate they have good exposure control habits.
- i. Candidate must be proficient with current protocols and complete the latest protocol test successfully with a score of at least 90%.

B. Paramedic/Intermediate Process

- 1. Paramedic and Intermediate personnel must have successfully completed ten team member events prior to being authorized to function as the Team Lead. To demonstrate competency as the Team Lead the following must occur as noted as well as the above listed requirements for AEMT:
 - a. Demonstrate knowledge with preparation and delivery of medications.
 - b. Ability to monitor EKG and interpret rhythms – (5 must be other than Sinus Rhythm).
 - c. Ability to perform appropriate defibrillation, pacing and cardioversion.
 - d. Ability to intubate pediatric and adult patients, as appropriate.
 - i. Demonstrate with introducer device.
 - ii. Demonstrate with video laryngoscope.

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C. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

1. EMT personnel must have successfully completed five team member events prior to being authorized to function as the Team Lead. To demonstrate competency as the Team Lead the following must occur:
 - a. Correctly anticipate intervention(s) needed (e.g. patient is in respiratory distress and deteriorating to respiratory arrest, call for ventilation).
 - b. Correctly identify where and how the patient needs to be transported (e.g. Fauquier Hospital vs. a trauma center via helicopter).
 - c. Correctly identify treatments and transport priority.
 - d. Demonstrate they have good exposure control habits.
 - e. Candidate must be proficient with current protocols and complete the latest protocol test successfully with a score of at least 90%.

D. Documentation

1. Documentation of the re-entry process shall be documented on the appropriate Fire Rescue Form (FRF). Completed forms shall be sent to the shift battalion chief or volunteer chief for review and approval.
2. Approved forms shall then forwarded to the appropriate training division for processing.