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News Beyond Lights and Sirens

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DEA Licensure for EMS

There have been several questions lately regarding the drug licensure requirements of EMS units. The DEA requirements are as follows:

According to the DEA Officer who handles licensing, when EMS carries a controlled drug in its inventory, it needs to have a DEA license. This is not a recent rule change.

According to the DEA Office, there are three ways to register for carrying controlled drugs:

1. Mid-Level Practitioner - i.e. EMS pre-hospital provider.
2. Medical Director's DEA license listing director's name, the name of the EMS unit, and the mailing address of the EMS headquarters building.
3. Hospital DEA license and address. However, the EMS MAY ONLY RESTOCK AT THAT HOSPITAL.

Copies of the license must be posted in the EMS unit, and the original must be on file in the agency's business office.

Departments utilizing option 2 or 3 above must have a contract or written agreement confirming the arrangement. If there is a discrepancy found during the audit, the Medical director/hospital will be liable for the discrepancy.

The person or organization possessing the license is the first name appearing on the license (DEA-223).

The second character found in the DEA registration number corresponds to the first letter of the person's last name or the organization possessing the license. In the "Business Activity" section you will find either "Practitioner" indicating a physician or "Middle Level Practitioner" indicating an EMS agency. The "Middle Level Practitioner" category is also used for nurse/prac-

tioners. Therefore, some organizations have been using "AMB" or "AMB/EMT" on the application to identify them as an EMS agency rather than nurse practitioners.

Local government multiple station operations need only one license.

There is no fee for the license for local government. The DEA Officer is checking on what private EMS units must do to comply.

EMS units who participate in a drug bag exchange program do not have to break the seal and inventory the contents. The seal placed by the hospital pharmacy is adequate. If a discrepancy is discovered, upon opening the bag for patient care purposes, it is the responsibility of the EMS agency to report that discrepancy to the DEA.

Departments should check their records and check with their medical director to determine if they are in compliance with the DEA rules. If your department is not in compliance, you should determine which registration process is appropriate for your department and register your department.

DEA Web site <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugreg/index.html>

Contacts for more information on this topic:

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| Ohio Fire Chiefs Association | (614) 410-6322 |
| Ohio Ambulance and Medical Transportation Association | (614) 659-0198 |
| State Board of Pharmacy | (614) 466-4143 |

Meetings @ a Glance

Note: Any change in meeting date, time or location can be found on the Division of EMS Web site.

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EMS Board Meetings	Trauma Registry Advisory Subcommittee
April 20, 2005	June 14, 2005
May 18, 2005	August 16, 2005
10 a.m. ODPS Rm. 134	ODPS Rm. 134

Trauma Committee Meeting	EMS Education Committee
May 11, 2005	May 17, 2005
10 a.m. ODPS Rm. 134	June 21, 2005
	10 a.m. ODPS, Rm. 109

RPAB Meetings

Region I	Region IV:
May 25, 2005, 1 p.m.	June 22, 2005
Montgomery Fire Dept. Cincinnati	9 a.m.
	Hospital Council Central Park West Drive, Toledo

Region II	Region V:
June 9, 2005, 8:30 a.m.	May 19, 2005, 10 a.m.
Wright State University Student Union, Dayton	ACE, Columbus

Region III:	Region X:
June 2, 2005, 5:30 p.m.	June 14, 2005, Noon
Mercer County Community Hospital, Coldwater	St. Elizabeth Health Center, Youngstown

If you need more information on your region, please contact Carol MacDowell at 800-233-0785.

Board Actions February 16, 2005

Steven R. Potter, Sr., EMS CerT #6564
Violation: Felony convictions for Attempted Murder, Kidnapping and Felonious Assault
Sanction: Permanent revocation of certificate to practice

Karl E. Bowsher, EMS Cert #115586
Violation: Violation of Consent Agreement
Sanction: Certificate to practice suspended until Mr. Bowsher provides documentation of successful completion of an Ethics Course, which is approved by the Board, and provides the Division with an extensive Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation Civilian Background Check, at his expense, wherefore no other convictions have been indicated. After submitting the necessary documentation, Mr. Bowsher may apply to the Board for reinstatement.

Voluntary Surrenders

On January 19, 2005, the State Board of Emergency Medical Services, at their regularly scheduled board meeting, accepted the voluntary surrendering of the following Emergency Medical Technician Certificates to practice:

Paul J. Bricking, EMS Certificate #29269
 Sandra K. Smith, EMS Certificate #19992

Accreditation Violations—none this time

ATTENTION All EMT-Intermediates Important Information about Transition Course Completion Requirements

A letter was sent to all EMT-Intermediates in early March who are actively certified in the state of Ohio. It stated as a reminder to all EMT-Intermediates whose initial training class was started prior to 9/1/2003 that they are required to complete the 40-hour transition course. The deadline to complete this training is rapidly approaching. With this in mind please be aware of the following notice:

If you have not been trained in the new EMT-I curriculum, (as contained in Rule 4765-16-01), you **MUST** complete the EMT-I transition course by June 30, 2005. You will not be able to renew as an EMT-Intermediate if you have not completed the transition course by this date.

If you fail to complete the transition course by June 30, 2005, your only options at renewal time will be:

- (1) Drop back to an EMT-Basic, (assuming you have completed all educational requirements for that level),
- Or
- (2) Take the transition course and then apply for reinstatement in accordance with Rule 4765-8-18.

Please note that there will be **NO** extensions granted for completion of this training. The deadline date will be strictly enforced in accordance with Rule 4765-16-02.

If you have any questions please contact our office at 1-800-233-0785 or 614-466-9447 and speak to a customer service representative.

EMS for Children to Host Stakeholder Meeting on April 28

The Ohio Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program is hosting a stakeholder meeting on Thursday, April 28, 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to bring together a group of people with an interest in improving pediatric prehospital care in Ohio to help plan the future direction of the Ohio EMSC program. Attendance is by registration only. Anyone with an interest or expertise in this area may contact Joe Stack at 614-387-1949 for more information.

APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

You Drink and Drive... You Lose.

April commemorates Alcohol Awareness Month and the Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services is joining local law enforcement and other safety agencies to help spread the message of alcohol and drug-impaired driving prevention.

The Division of EMS is committed to getting the word out that driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol is something we cannot afford to overlook in our community. The people that Ohio EMTs are treating in impaired-driving crashes are real people. They are our families, friends, and neighbors. In most cases, their injuries and even deaths are preventable.

In 2003, there were 17,361 alcohol-related crashes in Ohio. There were a reported 463 deaths and 10,645 injuries.

Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest problems. Nationally, more than 17,000 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes during 2003. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, EMS providers are treating someone in an alcohol-related crash. According to NHTSA, about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk because the consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.

Whether you are just meeting a few friends after work at the local bar or attending a big social event, if you plan on using alcohol, never drive while impaired - and never let your friends drive if you think they are impaired.

Designating a sober driver before the local celebration begins and making sure friends don't drive drunk are two simple steps Ohioans can take to prevent a tragic crash or an arrest from impaired driving.



EMS Data Center

One of the databases the EMS Data Center is responsible for maintaining is the EMS Agency Database. The agency database contains information on all EMS provider agencies in Ohio, such as address, level of service provided, chief and medical director names, etc. This information is used by the division to contact you whenever necessary, and is the source of the mailing labels for this newsletter. It is also the source of information for the Directory of Emergency Medical Services Agencies in Ohio, which can be found on the front page of our Web site.

Some of the information in the directory is out of date, some of it is incomplete, and as much as we hate to admit it, some of it is just plain wrong. But we don't know what's inaccurate and what's in error until somebody tells us. That somebody would be you.

Please take time to go to the EMS Division Web site at <http://ems.ohio.gov> and click on the Ohio EMS Agencies link. You will be able to download the .pdf file and review it for its accuracy. If you find something that needs to be updated, print an EMS Agency Change of Information form from the Forms section of the Web site, fill it out, and return it via one of the methods listed on the form. We will update the information as soon as possible.

Finally, we'd like to issue yet another reminder that compliance with submission to EMSIRS is a portion of your eligibility process to receive grants. Please make sure that the number of incidents we have in the database is at least close, if not an exact match, to the number of runs you made.

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DISCIPLINARY & ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

January 2005 Board Actions

Frederick M. Woollard, EMS Cert #10542

Violation: Violation of board order
Sanction: Permanent Revocation of certificate to practice

James Brent Mudgett, EMS Cert #80647

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Domestic Violence
Sanction: Permanent Revocation of certificate to practice

George J. France, EMS Cert #20760

Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice, failure to respond to an audit and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Scott A. Gearhart, EMS Cert # 85037

Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice and failure to accurately document the continuing education requirements
Sanction: Revocation of certificate to practice

Richard E. Boroff, Jr., EMS Applicant ID #115905

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct/ Persisting
Sanction: Grant EMT-Basic certificate, must submit annual Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation civilian background checks, three-year probationary period, if any convictions indicated, Mr. Boroff's certification shall be revoked

Joshua J. Madsen, EMS Cert #71499

Violation: Felony convictions for Rape (6 counts) and Kidnapping
Sanction: Permanent Revocation of EMT-Paramedic

Virgie L. Mason, EMS Applicant #125652

Violation: Felony conviction for Drug Abuse and misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction for Petty Theft
Sanction: Refuse to grant certificate to practice

David W. Estridge, EMS Applicant #78694

Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice, felony convictions for Trafficking in Food Stamps and misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions for Petty Theft (2 separate counts), Receiving Stolen Property (2 separate counts)
Sanction: Refuse to grant certificate to practice

Kelly J. Spicer, EMS Reinstatement #5406

Violation: Reinstatement of previously revoked certificate to practice
Sanction: Revocation stayed pending the following stipulations: successful completion of substance abuse program prior to issuance of certificate to practice, must submit complete criminal background check prior to issuance, must file a motion to dismiss pending appeal, must serve a three-year probationary period, must submit to random drug/alcohol screenings, no other arrests or offenses involving alcohol or narcotics, must notify the Division within 14 days of any arrests and must provide a complete criminal background check upon renewal.

Randall W. Benner, EMS Instructor #3123

Violation: Instructing without appropriate certificate to teach
Sanction: Written reprimand, 90 day suspension of EMS Instructor and two years probation

Chad C. White, EMS Applicant #140479

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Unauthorized Use of Property
Sanction: Written Reprimand and criminal background check prior to issuance

Chris P. Mahoney, EMS Applicant #140779

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Aggravated Menacing
Sanction: Written reprimand, criminal background check prior to issuance, no alcohol/drug-related incidents in the next three years and criminal background check upon renewal

John F. Graver, EMS Cert #100378

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Petty Theft
Sanction: Written reprimand, criminal background check within six months, no alcohol/drug related incidents in the next three years, and criminal background check upon renewal

Andrea K. Deck, EMS Applicant #142368

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft
Sanction: Written reprimand, criminal background check prior to issuance of certificate to practice and criminal background check upon renewal

Larry P. Sehome, EMT Applicant #142286

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Theft
Sanction: Written reprimand and criminal

background check prior to issuance of certificate to practice

Todd M. Beery, EMS Cert #59908

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Domestic Violence
Sanction: Written reprimand, criminal background check within nine months and successful completion of anger management course within nine months

Howard B. DeVennish, EMS Applicant #144045

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct
Sanction: Written reprimand and criminal background check prior to issuance of certificate to practice

Stacy M. Nolen, EMS Cert #87708

Violation: Intervention in lieu of felony convictions for Theft of Drugs and Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs
Sanction: Revocation stayed pending compliance with the following: issuance of written reprimand, three years probation, maintain compliance and successfully complete a chemical dependency program, must notify the Board within ten days of any violations of the chemical dependency program, must submit to random drug/alcohol tests, must submit criminal background check, must maintain contiguous abstinence from the use of alcohol/narcotics, must disclose to EMS/ Fire related employer the Consent Agreement entered into with the Board of EMS and must obtain written authorization to practice from the medical director and chief/administrative head of any such agency

Scott A. Shepherd, EMS Cert #8746

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Disorderly Conduct
Sanction: Written reprimand, criminal background check within nine months and successful completion of anger management course within nine months

Peter J. Huey, EMS Cert #23705

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude convictions, Telephone Harassment and Trespassing
Sanction: Written reprimand and criminal background check within six months

Lawrence Jamie Nellis, EMS Cert #41535

Violation: Performance of a service that exceeds the scope of a certificate to practice
Sanction: Written reprimand, 90 day suspension (stayed), and three year probation

Bridgett A. Pugh, EMS Cert #95014

Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice and failure to complete the continuing education requirements to renew
Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements and must supply documentation of continuing education upon renewal

Bradley M. Periat, EMT-P Reciprocity Applicant

Violation: Misdemeanor involving moral turpitude conviction, Domestic Violence
Sanction: Written reprimand, criminal background check within nine months and successful completion of anger management course within nine months

Latevis D. Greenwood, EMS Cert #71418

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete continuing education requirements and must supply documentation of continuing education upon renewal

John J. Sharkey, EMS Cert #14162

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete continuing education requirements and must supply documentation of continuing education upon renewal

Don D. Saxby, EMS Cert #86155

Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice and failure to complete the continuing education requirements to renew
Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements and must supply documentation of continuing education upon renewal

Geoffrey T. Watson, EMS Cert #87920

Violation: Random audit issues
Sanction: Written reprimand, must complete continuing education requirements and must supply documentation of continuing education upon renewal

Kevin L. Moser, EMS Cert #21037

Violation: Committed fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate to practice and failure to complete the continuing education requirements to renew
Sanction: Written reprimand, \$250.00 disciplinary fine, must complete the continuing education requirements and must supply documentation of continuing education upon renewal

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