



# TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

## Emergency Medical Technician

CLASSES HELD AT AUGUSTA COUNTY FIRE RESCUE  
TRAINING CENTER

115 Dick Huff Lane, Verona, VA 24482

**February 13th, 2019—June 12th, 2019**

**Test Date                      June 19th, 2019**

*Times: Mondays and Wednesdays 1800-2200*

*Designated Saturdays (Below) 0800-1300*

*February 23rd, March 16th, April 6th & 27th, May 11th, & June 1st*

Augusta County Fire-Rescue (ACFR) is pleased to announce an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification program to be held at the ACFR Training Center. This course is designed to train an individual to function independently in a medical emergency. This course provides the basic knowledge and skills needed to deliver Basic Life Support (BLS) care and is required to progress to more advanced levels of pre-hospital patient care. The ACFR course requires a minimum of 153 hours of classroom and skills instruction and 20 hours of Clinical/Field rotations for a total of 173 hours of training. Virginia certification requires successful completion of a standardized cognitive and psychomotor skills examination.

**Class Size:** 24 students

**Instructor:** ACFR Training Division Staff

**Prerequisites:**

- Current CPR certification at the beginning of the program. Include copy with registration. CPR requirements are enclosed.
- CPR class will be offered for \$25.00 on February 11th, 2019 from 1800-2200 at the ACFR Training Center. Please email Charles Earley (cearley@co.augusta.va.us) if you plan to take the CPR class. (No charge for Augusta County Fire/EMS volunteers)
- Additional prerequisites are outlined on the enclosed document.

**Tuition:**

- \$425.00 due at time of registration (fee includes textbook, badge, & polo shirt).
- **Students who are affiliated with an Augusta County Fire and/or EMS agency on the first day of class will not be charged for any initial class fees (retesting fees may apply).**

**Registration Deadline—January 4th at 5 pm**

[ACFR Course Registration Form](#)

**Continuing Ed:** BLS Category 1 CE is available in this course. Please contact the instructor one week prior to the date of the class you wish to attend. (Charles Earley...cearley@co.augusta.va.us)

### **CPR Requirements:**

#### Specification of C.P.R. Requirements—Approved Courses

The requirements for certification in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.) for the purposes of testing at all Virginia certifications levels are based upon the current guidelines as referenced in the following:

- National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards (NEMSES), and the
- Virginia Emergency Medical Services Education Standards (VEMSES)

These documents base and reference their content to the American Heart Association “Standards for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiac Care (ECC). Revisions of these standards are generally considered as the current accepted practice of C.P.R. on a national basis.

The Virginia Office of EMS requires that all individuals hold current certification in C.P.R. as a prerequisite for enrollment in the EMT and EMR Programs (initial full certification courses). Completion of an approved course which tests the following skills is required:

- One and Two Rescuer C.P.R.—ADULT and CHILD
- Infant Resuscitation
- Complete Airway Obstruction—Unconscious Victim
- Complete Airway Obstruction—Conscious Victim
- Complete Airway Obstruction—Unconscious Infant
- Complete Airway Obstruction—Conscious/Choking Infant

The current courses which are accepted by the Virginia Office of EMS to meet these standards are:

- American Heart Association—Basic Cardiac Life Support—“BLS Provider” or “Healthcare Provider”
- American Red Cross—“Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers” or CPR/AED for Lifeguards
- American Safety and Health Institute—“CPR-PRO” or “BLS for Healthcare Providers and Professional Rescuers”
- Emergency Care and Safety Institute “Professional Rescuer”/Healthcare Provider CPR & AED”
- EMS Safety Services, Inc—CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers
- Military Training Network—Healthcare Provider
- National Safety Council—“Healthcare and Professional Rescuer”
- ProCPR—“Healthcare Provider”



## ***Virginia EMS Regulations***

### **12VAC5-31-900. General Requirements**

EMS personnel shall meet and maintain compliance with the following general requirements:

1. Be a minimum of 16 years of age. (An EMS agency may have associated personnel who are less than 16 years of age. This person is not allowed to participate in any EMS response or other activity that may involve exposure to a communicable disease, hazardous chemical or other risk of serious injury.)
2. Be clean and neat in appearance.
3. Be proficient in reading, writing and speaking the English language in order to clearly communicate with a patient, family or bystander to determine a chief complaint, nature of illness, mechanism of injury and/or assess signs and symptoms.
4. Have no physical or mental impairment that would render him unable to perform all practical skills required for that level of training. Physical and mental performance skills include the ability of the individual to function and communicate independently to perform appropriate patient care, physical assessments and treatments without the need for an assistant.
5. Provide to the Office of EMS within 15 days, any change in contact information to include mailing address, electronic notification such as email, or telephone number.

### **12VAC5-31-910. Criminal or enforcement history**

A. General Denial. Application for or certification of individuals convicted of certain crimes present an unreasonable risk to public health and safety. Thus, applications for certification by individuals convicted of the following crimes will be denied in all cases:

1. Felonies involving sexual misconduct where the victim's failure to affirmatively consent is an element of the crime such as forcible rape.
2. Felonies involving the sexual or physical abuse of children, the elderly or the infirm, such as sexual misconduct with a child, making or distributing child pornography or using a child in a sexual display, incest involving a child, or assault on an elderly or infirm person.
3. Any crime in which the victim is an out-of-hospital patient or a patient or resident of a healthcare facility including abuse of, neglect of, theft from, or financial exploitation of a person entrusted to the care or protection of the applicant.
4. Serious crimes of violence against persons such as assault or battery with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, murder or attempted murder, manslaughter except involuntary manslaughter, kidnapping, robbery of any degree, or arson.
5. Has been subject to a permanent revocation of license or certification by another state EMS office or other recognized state or national healthcare provider licensing or certifying body.

B. Presumptive denial. Application for or current certification by individuals in the following categories will be denied except in extraordinary circumstances, and then will be granted only if the applicant or provider establishes by clear and convincing evidence that certification will not jeopardize public health and safety.

1. Application for certification by individuals who have been convicted of any crime and who are currently incarcerated, on work release, on probation, or on parole.

2. Application for or certification by individuals convicted of crimes in the following categories unless at least five years have passed since the conviction or five years have passed since release from custodial confinement whichever occurs later.

- A. Crimes involving controlled substances or synthetics, including unlawful possession or distribution or intent to distribute unlawfully Schedule I through V drugs as defined by the Virginia Drug Control Act (54.1-3400 seq. of the Code of Virginia).
- B. Serious crimes against property, such as grand larceny, burglary, embezzlement, or insurance fraud.
- C. Any other crime involving sexual misconduct.

3. Is currently under any disciplinary or enforcement action from another state EMS office or other recognized state or national healthcare provider licensing or certifying body. Personnel subject to these disciplinary or enforcement actions may be eligible for certification provided there have been no further disciplinary or enforcement actions for five years prior to application for certification in Virginia.

C. Permitted vehicle operations. Agencies are responsible for the monitoring of compliance with all driving criteria set forth in these regulations.

- 1. Personnel operating OEMS permitted vehicles shall possess a valid operator's or driver's license from his state of residence.
- 2. Personnel operating OEMS permitted vehicles shall not have been convicted on any charge as described in subsections A and B of this section.
- 3. Personnel who as the proximate result of having operated an OEMS permitted vehicle are (i) convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or (ii) sentenced or assigned to any alcohol safety action program or any driver alcohol rehabilitation program pursuant to the Code of Virginia shall be prohibited from operating any OEMS permitted vehicle. Personnel or agencies shall be required to report these situations to OEMS.
- 4. Agencies shall develop and maintain policies that address driver eligibility, record review, and vehicle operation. Such policies must minimally address:
  - A. Driving education or training required for personnel to include information on the agency's policy content;
  - B. Safe operation of vehicles;
  - C. Agency driving record review procedures;
  - D. Requirement for immediate agency notification by personnel regarding any convictions, regardless of the state where an infraction occurred or changes to his operator's or driver's license. The immediate agency notification shall be defined as no more than 10 calendar days following the conviction date; and
  - E. Identification of internal mechanisms regarding agency level actions for driver penalties (i.e. probation or suspension of driving privileges).

D. All references to criminal acts or convictions under this section refer to substantially similar laws or regulations of any other state or the United States. Convictions include prior adult convictions, juvenile convictions and adjudications of delinquency based on an offense that would have been, at the time of conviction, a felony conviction if committed by an adult within or outside of Virginia.

E. Agencies shall submit a report regarding items in this section to OEMS upon request.