



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

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TO: ICEMA Certified Governmental Providers

FROM: Virginia Hastings
ICEMA Executive Director 

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF EMT CENTRAL REGISTRY AND MANDATED DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) BACKGROUND CHECKS

Effective July 1, 2010, the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) will implement significant changes in EMT regulations. These significant changes include:

- Establishing a Central Registry for EMTs
- Establishing State EMS Authority (EMSA) fees to support the Registry
- Requiring all EMTs to have a Department of Justice (DOJ) background check on file with the certifying entity

EMSA will implement the EMT Central Registry which local EMS agencies and other certifying entities will be required to maintain. The public will have access to obtaining certification information including whether the certification is active and if it is in good standing.

The cost of maintaining this registry is being borne by certifying EMTs. EMSA will assess a \$75 certification fee for every initial application and a \$37 fee for recertification. Local EMS agencies and other certifying entities will collect the funds on behalf of EMSA at the time of application. EMSA's certification fee is in addition to the ICEMA certification/recertification fee, which is currently \$32.

If a background check (LiveScan) was completed for the purposes of employment, and that employer is an ambulance service permitted by the California Highway Patrol or a public safety agency that employs firefighters, lifeguards or peace officers, the EMT **may** also be "grandfathered" into the registry, provided the employer submits written documentation to the certifying entity (ICEMA) confirming:

1. Department conducted a previous State level CORI on the EMT prior to July 1, 2010.
2. Department is actively receiving subsequent arrest notification reports from the California DOJ prior to July 1, 2010 on the EMT.

3. Nothing in the CORI search precluded the applicant from obtaining EMT certification as outlined in Division 9, Title 22, Chapter 6, Section 100216 of the California Health and Safety Code:
 - a. Has committed any sexually related offense specified under Section 290 of the Penal Code.
 - b. Has been convicted of murder, attempted murder, or murder for hire.
 - c. Has been convicted of two (2) or more felonies.
 - d. Is on parole or probation for any felony.
 - e. Has been convicted and released from incarceration for said offense during the preceding fifteen (15) years for the crime of manslaughter or involuntary manslaughter.
 - f. Has been convicted and released from incarceration for said offense during the preceding ten (10) years for any offense punishable as a felony.
 - g. Has been convicted of two (2) or more misdemeanors within the preceding five (5) years for any offense relating to the use, sale, possession, or transportation of narcotics or addictive or dangerous drugs.
 - h. Has been convicted of two (2) or more misdemeanors within the preceding five (5) years for any offense relating to force, threat, violence, or intimidation.
 - i. Has been convicted within the preceding five (5) years of any theft related misdemeanor.

ICEMA has developed the attached spreadsheet to allow ICEMA to collect the required information allowing your employees to meet the grandfathering requirements. This information will be input into our database which will be transmitted to EMSA on June 30, 2010. If your department wishes to have its employee's DOJ status included in this transmission, the attached spreadsheet must be submitted to ICEMA **no later than May 15, 2010**.

NOTE: The initial EMSA fee will be charged to all EMTs who do not have background information on file with EMSA prior to July 1, 2010 which may result in additional costs for your department and/or employees. Local EMS agencies and other certifying entities will collect the funds on behalf of EMSA at the time of application. This is in addition to the ICEMA certification/recertification fee, which is currently \$32.

Additionally, after July 1, 2010 all initial certification applicants and recertifying applicants who do not have the qualifying background check on file with ICEMA will be required to have new DOJ and FBI background checks conducted by the certifying entity (ICEMA).

If you should have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Denice Wicker-Stiles at (909) 388-5831.

Attachment