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Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

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TO: Fire Chiefs
EMS Prehospital Providers - ALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft
EMS Training Institutions and Continuing Education Providers
Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino County EMCC Members
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Virginia Hastings
Executive Director

SUBJECT: **ICEMA PROTOCOL REFERENCE #1040 - REQUIREMENTS FOR EMT-P ACCREDITATION**

On June 14, 2011, the ICEMA Governing Board approved the ICEMA 2011-2012 Fee Schedule and by the Emergency Medical Care Committees in all three counties during the month of May. The fee schedule includes a $100 penalty fee for each course EMT-Ps fail to complete during specified periods throughout the accreditation period. Effective September 15, 2011, the revised *Protocol #1040 - Requirements for EMT-P Accreditation* will be implemented. Although the educational requirements have always been in place, the revisions outline specific timeframes for education including:

- Documentation of two (2) ICEMA approved Skills Day, one (1) during each year of accreditation, a minimum of six (6) months apart.
- Documentation of six (6) hours of field care audits obtained within the ICEMA region, during the accreditation period.
- EMT-Ps that fail to complete two (2) consecutive ARC classes must pay the testing fee, penalty fees and pass the ICEMA accreditation exam.

In order to implement this policy and provide EMT-Ps the opportunity to complete missed requirements, penalties will not be assessed until March 1, 2012.

ICEMA has experienced a dramatic increase in EMT-Ps failing to complete the continuing education requirements for re-verification. Continuing Education (CE) is essential for the awareness of system changes, protocol revisions, standards of care and medical control, all of which are critical to the health and safety of the citizens we serve.

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Additionally, effective August 2011, ICEMA will offer monthly EMT-P/MICN skills days as follows:

- August 25, 2011 (9am-12pm)
- September 22, 2011 (9am-12pm)
- October 27, 2011 (9am-12pm)
- November 30, 2011 (9am-12pm)
- December 8, 2011 (9am-12pm)

Beginning in January 2012, ICEMA will also offer a monthly Mega CE day including ARC, skills, and field care audit hours.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sherry Shimshy, RN, at (909) 388-5816 or via email at sshimshy@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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