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Date: August 28, 2001
To: Training Officers
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Re: Virginia Continuing Education Information

Important CE Information

Effective July 1, 2001, the Virginia Advanced Life Support continuing education program was altered to reflect changes adopted by the National Registry of EMTs. The purpose of changing the CE program to mirror the National Registry's program is to streamline and decrease confusion for recertification of both National and Virginia EMS credentials.

The attached memorandum from Warren Short, Jr., Virginia Office of EMS ALS Training Specialist, outlines the changes and how different certification levels are affected.

The new CE program requirements are enclosed. The table identifies new Category 1 areas, the subject matter distribution, and the number of hours required in each new area for each ALS Level.

Every ALS provider needs to be familiar with these changes and how they will be affected. The new program increases the Airway area hours from two to either five (5) or six (6) hours and adds two (2) hours in the Operations area. Consequently, the Office of EMS extended certification expiration dates for those providers who expired between July 1, 2001 and November 30, 2001 to December 31, 2001. This extension is to allow ALS providers additional time to meet the new continuing education requirements imposed by the Airway and Operations areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage those ALS providers who expire by the end of the year to reconcile their current CE report with the new CE requirements. It is likely you will need hours in the Operations area and in the Airway area. **CSEMS will offer 2 hours of Operations area continuing education on November 5, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Airway area hours will be available in September and October CE classes. Additionally, many VAVRS rescue courses, such as Vehicle Rescue, will now satisfy the operations area requirement by offering Category 1 CE, instead of Category 2.

If you have not recently received your CE report, it can be obtained on-line at the Virginia Office of EMS web site under EMS Provider Information. If you have any questions concerning the new CE requirements, please contact me.



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Virginia ALS Continuing Education Required Topics

Required Topics (Category 1) Includes Lesson Subjects Listed	Area #	Required Hours		
		ST/E	C/I	PM
PREPARATORY EMS Systems/Roles & Responsibilities Well Being of the ALS Provider - Illness and Injury Prevention Medial/Legal Issues - Ethics - General Pathophysiology Pharmacology - Venous Access and Medication Admin. Therapeutic Communications - Life Span Development General Patient Assessment	94	5	5	6
AIRWAY MANAGEMENT & VENTILATION Airway Management - Ventilation	95	5	5	6
TRAUMA Trauma Systems/Mechanism of Injury Hemorrhage and Shock - Soft Tissue Injuries - Burns Head and Facial Trauma - Thoracic Trauma Abdominal Trauma - Musculoskeletal Trauma Trauma Patient Assessment	96	5	8	10
MEDICAL Pulmonary - Cardiology - Neurology - Endocrinology Allergies and Anaphylaxis - Gastroenterology Renal/Urology - Toxicology - Hematology Environmental Conditions Infectious and Communicable Disease Behavioral Emergencies (Psychotic, Violent Patients, Response to Crisis) Medical Patient Assessment	97	5	12	18
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS Neonatology - Pediatrics - Geriatrics - Gynecology Obstetrics - Abuse and Assault Patients with Special Challenges Acute Interventions for the Chronic Care Patient	98	2	4	6
OPERATIONS Ambulance Operations - Medical Incident Command Rescue Awareness and Operations Hazardous Materials Incidents - Crime Scene Awareness	99	2	2	2
CATEGORY 1 HOURS – REQUIRED		24	36	48
CATEGORY 2 HOURS – OTHER NEEDED (UP TO)		12	12	24
CATEGORY 3 HOURS – MULTIMEDIA		All levels may obtain up to 10 hours of Category 3		
TOTAL RECERTIFICATION HOURS (Cat. 1 + Cat. 2/3)		36	48	72