



## Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council

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Date: January 30, 2007  
To: ALS Agency Chiefs/Captains  
From: Matt Lawler, Assistant Director *ml*  
Re: Vidacare EZ-IO Training and Distribution

The Central Shenandoah EMS Council received notification from the Virginia Office of EMS at the beginning of the month that the grant for the EZ-IOs was approved and funded at 100%. The Council has ordered and received the EZ-IOs for the region. The Council will serve as the distribution point for the EZ-IOs.

Sovereign Medical, the distributor of the EZ-IOs, has arranged EZ-IO training through Vidacare, the manufacturer of the EZ-IO. Two train-the-trainer programs have been scheduled for our region. These programs, conducted by a clinical specialist from Vidacare, will train attendees on the use of the EZ-IOs and then train them to be trainers at your agency for your personnel.

Our office is unavailable on the selected date due to other training programs. The Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad has offered their facility to conduct the training so that the location can remain centralized to the region. Following is the information on the two training sessions. You should send one or two EMT-Cardiac, EMT-Intermediate, or EMT-Paramedic level providers to the training.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Session 1</u></b> Monday, February 26, 2007 <b>7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b> Central Shenandoah EMS Council 2312 W. Beverley St. Staunton, VA 24401</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Session 2</u></b> Tuesday, February 27, 2007 <b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b> Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad 1601 N. Coalter St. Staunton, VA 24401</p>
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Registration is required so that Vidacare can ensure the appropriate amount of training materials are available. Register by contacting me at 540-886-3676 or [mlawler@vaems.org](mailto:mlawler@vaems.org).

**IMPORTANT:** Prior to attending the training, each attendee should visit the Vidacare website and complete the on-line training. To access the training, visit Vidacare's website at [www.vidacare.com](http://www.vidacare.com) and click on 'Training and Education,' then "EZ-IO StarCast (Online Training)." The site provides several self-guided training programs based on the access site.

For your agency, the Council will distribute one EZ-IO device and accessories for each licensed EMS vehicle at the training session. Each device will come with two adult needles and one pediatric needle.

Vidacare will exchange your F.A.S.T.1 Sternal IOs for EZ-IO needles on a one-for-one basis. The deadline to turn in the F.A.S.T.1 devices to the Council will be March 15, 2007. You may turn in the F.A.S.T.1 devices at the training on February 27. After March 15, the Council will exchange the F.A.S.T.1 devices and distribute the new EZ-IO needles when then come in.

For additional information on the EZ-IO product system, visit our website at [www.csems.vaems.org](http://www.csems.vaems.org) or contact the Council. If you would like additional sales information on the EZ-IO driver, needles or accessories, contact:

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