

Department of Emergency Management



INTEROFFICE MEMO

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To: EMS Providers

From: John F. Brown MD
Medical Director

Subject: Working on Expired Emergency Medical Technician Certifications

This memo is to remind all EMS providers that Title 22 Division 9 Article 5 Section 100080 of the California Code of Regulations requires that all Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) in California possess a valid EMT certificate. You must have a current EMT certificate to practice prehospital medicine in San Francisco and anywhere in California. It is the responsibility of each individual EMT to maintain their certification if they are performing EMS care under that certification, and to apply for recertification in a timely manner. It takes approximately 4 to 6 weeks for us to receive the state and federal criminal background check information once the an individual is live-scanned, and another 15 days to process a completed recertification application. Please be aware of your EMT certification expiration date and plan accordingly.

Please complete a renewal application with the San Francisco EMS Agency, **60 days prior to the expiration date on your card**, in order to meet re-certification requirements. As of August 1, 2013, any EMT who practices using an expired EMT certification will be subject to disciplinary action including a minimum suspension of one day for every day working using an expired certificate up to revocation of the certificate.

If you have any questions on this issue, please contact Lt. Babe Franey at 415 487 5009.