



Update from the Office of EMS

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From the State EMS Medical Director

Now that the Mark King Initiative is complete and all EMSPs are maintaining the requirements for National Registry certification, I would like to encourage everyone to take this opportunity to really concentrate on education. I would encourage everyone to learn as much medicine as they can. Read the prehospital journals and attend every course or conference that is offered. EMS is a profession and as such, we owe it to ourselves and our patients to be as knowledgeable as possible. Don't do just the minimum; strive to be the absolute best EMSP.

William Crawford, M.D.
State EMS Medical Director



Licensure and Education Information

Licensure Update

- There is no longer an inactive status for Alabama licensed EMSP.
- Any licensed Intermediate who has not attended or was not successful in completing the Intermediate Medication and Procedure Course will be re-classed to the EMT level.
- All individuals renewing their license in 2013 will be required to provide a copy of their National Registry card and proof of **FULL** Alabama Patient Care Protocols completion. This National Registry card requirement does not apply to those who have never acquired National Registry Certification.
- Online individual license renewal will be available through March 31, 2013 (with an additional \$2.00 convenience fee).

All 2013 License Renewals License Requirements All Levels

- A current completed application
- A copy of your National Registry card if you are Nationally Registered
- A Protocol Certificate and CPR Card if you are not Nationally Registered
- A copy of your Typed (appropriate) CPR Card
- Alabama Full Protocol Certificate (Skills and Scenarios) 6th Edition
- An Updated Photo

Ambulance Driver Qualifications

The requirements for all ambulance drivers are: a valid drivers' license, a current EVOC from an approved EMS course, a current approved CPR course, and a certificate of completion of an approved Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course effective March 31, 2013. All EMSP who drive an ambulance must maintain an initial approved EVOC course and a refresher every two years. Alabama EVOC is still a requirement; you must have a current EVOC certificate in your personnel file.

National Registry Continuing Education

Individuals who have utilized the Mark King Initiative may use continuing education that has been acquired during this initial extended certification period. After this initial certification period the National Registry will only accept continuing education gained within the 24 month certification period. Training officers may use a training mechanism available on www.nremt.org.



Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Courses

The following are approved EMR courses: EMS approved courses offered through your regional office or a course approved by the Alabama Fire College which should include the Emergency Care Provider Course.

Transition Courses

The National Registry website indicates that all EMSP need to complete a transition course to re-certify. The OEMS has determined that Alabama EMSP will not have to take a transition course. The National Registry renewal application will ask "have you transitioned?" All EMSP should respond yes to this question. This transition is in name only and all EMSPs should disregard any request to submit transition paperwork to the National Registry.

Training Officers Register Your Agency (the employer) on the NREMT Website!

Online re-certification allows:

- certified EMS providers to document their continuing education using the NREMT website
- you to monitor the progress of their continuing education
- you to enter continuing education documentation for all providers at your agency
- electronic verification of continuing education and skills

Persons authorized to serve as a Training Officer by their employer (agency) should register their agency on the NREMT website by following these simple instructions: [How to Register your Agency](#). User guides for the online re-certification process can be found here: [Online Recertification Publications](#).

Please note:

- Audits and verifications of agencies and Training Officers will be performed.
- There is no fee to register your agency online, this program is a service provided by the NREMT.
- There are no additional fees to Nationally Certified providers who use the online system to document their continuing education. Current re-certification application fees using continuing education are: First Responder = \$10; EMT-Basic/Intermediate = \$15; EMT-Paramedic = \$20

Protocol Verification

Protocol verification is a combination of physical skills and scenario competency testing. Listed below are the specific skills that each level should be evaluated on by a Medical Director or Training Officer, during their licensure period to determine proficiency.

Paramedic

- Blind Insertion Airway Devices
- Cardioversion
- Chest Decompression
- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)
- ECG (12 lead)
- Endotracheal intubation
- External Pacing
- Hemostatic Agents
- Intraosseous Therapy

Intermediate

- Blind Insertion Airway Devices
- Cardioversion
- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)
- ECG (12 lead)
- Endotracheal Intubation
- Hemostatic Agents
- Intraosseous Therapy

Advanced EMT

- Blind Insertion Airway Devices
- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)
- Hemostatic Agents
- Intraosseous Therapy
- Cardiac Arrest Management

EMT

- Cardiac Arrest Management
- Spinal Immobilization (seated patient)
- Spinal Immobilization (supine patient)
- Bleeding Control/Shock Management
- Long Bone Immobilization
- Joint Immobilization

General Information

Do You Have Questions for OEMS Staff?

This is another reminder to those of you calling our office (334) 206-5383:
Complaints, Investigations - Call Mark Jackson
Service Inspections or Service Licenses - Call Hugh Hollon or Kem Thomas
Individual Training, Testing, or Individual Licenses - Call Gary Mackey or Stephanie Smith
EMS for Children, Grants, Contracts, and Website - Call Katherine Dixon Hert

Requests for Information from Regional Offices

EMS would like to request that you comply with any request for information from your regional office. Some Directors are still having issues receiving information and data as requested by the State office. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and compliance.

Newsletter Reminder

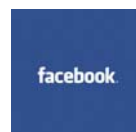
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Announcements

COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LLC
Proudly Serving Lawrence and Morgan Counties
P.O. Box 458 Moulton, AL 35650
1550 Highway 31 NW Hartselle, AL 35640

Terry Garwood, CEO of County Emergency Medical Services, had a dream of starting his own ambulance service. County EMS began serving the citizens of Lawrence County AL nine years ago. Through hard work and dedication, Terry Garwood was able to start with two ALS ambulances. Over the course of five years, he was able to build up enough to start branching out in Morgan County, AL. Terry started out in Morgan County with two more ALS units. Today, County EMS currently has 5 ALS units serving the citizens of both Morgan and Lawrence Counties.

Terry Garwood passed away Thursday, January 17th 2013. Terry will always be remembered as one of the most compassionate and helpful individuals anyone has ever met. He was always willing to go the extra mile to help anyone in need. Whether it was taking the time to help an elderly couple get their loved one to the doctor's office, or to help a family out financially whose house just burned down, Terry always brought smile's to people's face whenever he could. Anyone who has ever met Terry would agree he was always trying to make life easier for those around him. Terry will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Thank you to all the Fire and EMS personnel who have kept us in your prayers and who are showing us support though this hard time. County EMS is still alive and well and looks forward to serving the citizens of Lawrence and Morgan Counties for many years to come.



*****Air Ambulance Communications*****

As of January 1, 2013, the Very High Frequency (VHF) for communications between air ambulances and ground crews will move to 155.3475. This change was made due to the high volume of traffic on the previous frequency. Additionally, the Alabama Forestry Commission has designated an Ultra High Frequency (UHF) 453.750 for those agencies with UHF radios to conduct Air Ambulance communications and landing zone coordination.

VHF Radio Update

OEMS and the Center for Emergency Preparedness have collaborated in the upgrade of the **Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio (HEAR)** system in all medical direction facilities. Listed below are the access tones for use during emergency situations when other communications systems fail. **The following information should be programmed for hospitals located in your area:**

LICENSEE	COUNTY	CH. GUARD	CALL SIGN
SPRINGHILL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	MOBILE	210.7	WQQL212
UNIV OF SO AL MEDICAL CENTER	MOBILE	146.2	WQOV201
PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL	MOBILE	131.8	WQOV201
JACKSON MEDICAL CENTER	CLARKE	110.9	WQQL212
MONROE COUNTY HOSPITAL	MONROE	100.0	WQOV201
EVERGREEN MEDICAL CENTER	CONECUH	167.9	WQOK961
D.W. McMILLAN MEMORIAL	ESCAMBIA	127.3	WQOU652
ANDALUSIA HOSPITAL	COVINGTON	91.5	WQOV201
ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL	COFFEE	82.5	WQQL212
MEDICAL CENTER ENTERPRISE	COFFEE	100.0	WQPY557
FLOWERS HOSPITAL	HOUSTON	151.4	WQQL212
SOUTHEAST ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER	HOUSTON	103.5	WQOV201
DALE MEDICAL CENTER	DALE	71.9	WQQL214
ATTENTUS TROY LLC DBA TROY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	PIKE	218.1	WQQL221
EAST ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER	LEE	123.0	WQQL214
RUSSELL HOSPITAL	TALLAPOOSA	118.8	WQPY557
CLAY COUNTY HOSPITAL	CLAY	146.2	WQPZ543
COOSA VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER	TALLADEGA	82.5	WQPY557
CITIZENS BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER	TALLADEGA	192.8	WQOK958
STRINGFELLOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	CALHOUN	206.5	WQOK958
ST VINCENTS ST CLAIR HOSPITAL (PELL CITY)	ST CLAIR	141.3	WQQL250
CHEROKEE MEDICAL CENTER	CHEROKEE	82.5	WQPZ543
GADSDEN REGIONAL HOSPITAL	ETOWAH	114.8	WQOV200
RIVERVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	ETOWAH	85.4	WQOK958
DEKALB REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	DEKALB	136.5	WQOK958
HIGHLANDS MEDICAL CENTER (JACKSON CO. HEALTHCARE AUTH.)	JACKSON	179.9	WQPZ543

PARKWAY MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL	MORGAN	146.2	WQOU652
CULLMAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	CULLMAN	179.9	WQOV200
ATHENS LIMESTONE HOSPITAL	LIMESTONE	127.3	WQOU652
DECATUR GENERAL HOSPITAL	MORGAN	123.0	WQOU652
LAWRENCE MEDICAL CENTER	LAWRENCE	94.8	WQOK944
HELEN KELLER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	COLBERT	162.2	WQOK944
RUSSELLVILLE HOSPITAL, LLC	FRANKLIN	210.7	WQOY827
LAKELAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	WINSTON	218.1	WQPG686
FAYETTE MEDICAL CENTER	FAYETTE	82.5	WQPY557
VAUGHN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	DALLAS	127.3	WQOK944
TOMBIGBEE EMS	MARENGO	82.5	WQPG686
RUSH FOUNDATION HOSPITAL	LAUDERDALE,MS	NONE	WPTC846
NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER	MARION	151.4	WNAL326
SHELBY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER	SHELBY	103.5	WQOK944
MEDICAL WEST (UAB WEST)	JEFFERSON	136.5	WQOL250
UAB HIGHLANDS	JEFFERSON	225.7	WQOL250
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HOSPITAL	JEFFERSON	186.2	WQO7827
ST VINCENTS EAST (BIRMINGHAM)	JEFFERSON	218.1	WQPG686
BROOKWOOD MEDICAL CENTER	JEFFERSON	179.9	WQOL250
BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER - PRINCETON	JEFFERSON	131.8	WQOL250
TRINITY MEDICAL CENTER	JEFFERSON	173.8	WQOL221
ST. VINCENTS BIRMINGHAM	JEFFERSON	162.2	WQPY557
DCH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	TUSCALOOSA	210.7	WQOK944
NMMC - HAMILTON	MARION	141.3	WQPZ543
JONES, TEDDY DBA WALKER BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER	WALKER	110.9	WQOY827
ELIZA COFFEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	LAUDERDALE	100.0	WQPG686
MEDICAL CENTER BLOUNT (ST. VINCENTS BLOUNT)	BLOUNT	186.2	WQOK958
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ALABAMA	JEFFERSON	141.3	WQOL374
CHILTON MEDICAL CENTER	CHILTON	141.3	WQOL250
CRENSHAW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	CRENSHAW	123.0	WQOL221
EUFAULA HOSPITAL CORP DBA LAKEVIEW COMM. HOSP.	BARBOUR	173.8	WQOL221
PRATTVILLE BAPTIST HOSPITAL	AUTAUGA	100.0	WQOK961
JACKSON HOSPITAL & CLINIC INC	MONTGOMERY	77.0	WQOK961
BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER (SOUTH)	MONTGOMERY	94.8	WQOK961
COLUMBIA EAST MONTGOMERY MEDICAL CENTER (BAPTIST EAST)	MONTGOMERY	103.5	WQOL221
L.V. STABLER HOSPITAL	BUTLER	203.5	WQOY827
SOUTH BALDWIN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	BALDWIN	77.0	WQOL212
SHOALS HOSPITAL	COLBERT	82.5	WQPZ543
CHOCTAW COUNTY HOSPITAL (BUTLER, AL)	CHOCTAW	107.2	WQPZ543
JOHN PAUL JONES (CAMDEN)	WILCOX	167.9	WQOK959
THOMAS HOSPITAL (FAIRHOPE)	BALDWIN	107.2	WQOK959

COMMSERV DID NOT GO TO THE HOSPITALS BELOW				
HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL (UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE)	MADISON	127.3	WQOU652	NOT CONFIRMED
HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN	MADISON	67.0	?	
CRESTWOOD HEALTHCARE, LP	MADISON	225.7	WQOU652	NOT CONFIRMED
MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER SOUTH	MARSHALL	203.5	WQOV200	NOT CONFIRMED
MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER NORTH	MARSHALL	107.2	WQOV200	NOT CONFIRMED
MADISON HOSPITAL	MADISON	71.9	?	

Upcoming Events

4th Annual Greater Gulf Coast Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Symposium

March 14-15, 2013

Space 301, Centre for Living Arts

Mobile, Alabama

6th Annual William A.L. Mitchell Endowed Lectureship

March 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Space 301, Centre for Living Arts

Mobile, Alabama



Guest Lecturer:

Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD, FACS

Professor and Vice Chairman of Surgery

Director of Trauma/SICU

Keck Medical Center

University of Southern California School of Medicine

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Pass Rate for Courses Completed in 2012

Registration Level: First Responder/EMR			Course Completion Date: 1 st Quarter 2012 to 4 th Quarter 2012			
Program Name	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
Alabama Fire College	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	7/7	7/7	7/7	0/7	0/7	0/7
Alabama Region Five	57%	57%	57%	0%	43%	0%
	4/7	4/7	4/7	0/7	3/7	0/7
Alabama Region One	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	4/4	4/4	4/4	0/4	0/4	0/4
Alabama Region Six	69%	77%	77%	0%	23%	0%
	9/13	10/13	10/13	0/13	3/13	0/13

Registration Level: EMT Basic/EMT			Course Completion Date: 1 st Quarter 2012 to 4 th Quarter 2012			
Program Name	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
Alabama Fire College	68%	78%	79%	0%	21%	0%
	98/144	112/144	114/144	0/144	30/144	0/144
Alabama Region Five	35%	41%	41%	0%	59%	0%
	6/17	7/17	7/17	0/17	10/17	0/17
Alabama Region Four	56%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	5/9	9/9	9/9	0/9	0/9	0/9
Alabama Region One	48%	48%	48%	0%	52%	0%
	11/23	11/23	11/23	0/23	12/23	0/23
Alabama Region Six	87%	87%	87%	0%	13%	0%
	20/23	20/23	20/23	0/23	3/23	0/23
Alabama Region Three	84%	84%	84%	0%	16%	0%
	16/19	16/19	16/19	0/19	3/19	0/19
Bevill State Community College	59%	69%	69%	0%	31%	0%
	19/32	22/32	22/32	0/32	10/32	0/32
Bishop State Community College	47%	47%	47%	0%	53%	0%
	7/15	7/15	7/15	0/15	8/15	0/15
Calhoun Community College	82%	85%	85%	0%	15%	0%
	85/104	88/104	88/104	0/104	16/104	0/104
Chattahoochee Valley Community	45%	55%	55%	0%	45%	0%
	5/11	6/11	6/11	0/11	5/11	0/11
Enterprise-Ozark Community College	59%	65%	65%	0%	35%	0%
	10/17	11/17	11/17	0/17	6/17	0/17
Faulkner State Community College	81%	81%	81%	0%	19%	0%
	29/36	29/36	29/36	0/36	7/36	0/36
Fortis Institute	32%	50%	50%	0%	50%	0%
	7/22	11/22	11/22	0/22	11/22	0/22

Gadsden State Community College	73%	80%	80%	0%	20%	0%
	40/55	44/55	44/55	0/55	11/55	0/55
Herzing University Birmingham Campus	60%	60%	60%	0%	40%	0%
	3/5	3/5	3/5	0/5	2/5	0/5
Jefferson State Community College	72%	79%	79%	0%	21%	0%
	51/71	56/71	56/71	0/71	15/71	0/71
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	86%	86%	86%	0%	14%	0%
	25/29	25/29	25/29	0/29	4/29	0/29
Northeast Alabama Community College	94%	94%	94%	0%	6%	0%
	16/17	16/17	16/17	0/17	1/17	0/17
Northwest Shoals Community College	74%	82%	82%	0%	18%	0%
	25/34	28/34	28/34	0/34	6/34	0/34
Shelton State Community College	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	2/2	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/2	0/2
Southern Union State Community College	87%	96%	96%	0%	4%	0%
	41/47	45/47	45/47	0/47	2/47	0/47
Trenholm State Technical College	41%	64%	73%	0%	27%	0%
	24/59	38/59	43/59	0/59	16/59	0/59
University of South Alabama	71%	77%	77%	0%	23%	0%
	53/75	58/75	58/75	0/75	17/75	0/75
University of West Alabama	25%	25%	25%	0%	75%	0%
	1/4	1/4	1/4	0/4	3/4	0/4
Wallace State Community College	64%	70%	70%	0%	30%	0%
	32/50	35/50	35/50	0/50	15/50	0/50
Wallace State Community College-Hanceville	54%	54%	54%	0%	46%	0%
	7/13	7/13	7/13	0/13	6/13	0/13

Registration Level: Advanced EMT/AEMT			Course Completion Date: 1 st Quarter 2012 to 4 th Quarter 2012			
Program Name	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
Alabama Fire College	74%	82%	82%	0%	18%	0%
	25/34	28/34	28/34	0/34	6/34	0/34
Bevill State Community College	26%	47%	47%	0%	53%	0%
	5/19	9/19	9/19	0/19	10/19	0/19
Bishop State Community College	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	2/2	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/2	0/2
Calhoun Community College	65%	80%	80%	0%	20%	0%
	32/49	39/49	39/49	0/49	10/49	0/49
Chattahoochee Valley Community	17%	33%	33%	0%	67%	0%
	1/6	2/6	2/6	0/6	4/6	0/6
Enterprise-Ozark Community College	18%	18%	18%	9%	73%	0%
	2/11	2/11	2/11	1/11	8/11	0/11
Faulkner State Community College	67%	76%	76%	0%	24%	0%
	14/21	16/21	16/21	0/21	5/21	0/21
Gadsden State	57%	69%	69%	0%	31%	0%

Community College	28/49	34/49	34/49	0/49	15/49	0/49
Herzing University Birmingham Campus	22%	33%	33%	0%	67%	0%
	2/9	3/9	3/9	0/9	6/9	0/9
Jefferson State Community College	41%	69%	69%	0%	31%	0%
	13/32	22/32	22/32	0/32	10/32	0/32
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	83%	83%	83%	0%	17%	0%
	5/6	5/6	5/6	0/6	1/6	0/6
Northeast Alabama Community College	85%	85%	85%	0%	15%	0%
	17/20	17/20	17/20	0/20	3/20	0/20
Northwest Shoals Community College	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	3/3	0/3
Southern Union State Community College	47%	58%	61%	0%	39%	0%
	17/36	21/36	22/36	0/36	14/36	0/36
Trenholm State Technical College	63%	74%	74%	0%	26%	0%
	12/19	14/19	14/19	0/19	5/19	0/19
University of South Alabama	66%	86%	86%	0%	14%	0%
	23/35	30/35	30/35	0/35	5/35	0/35
University of West Alabama	60%	60%	60%	0%	40%	0%
	3/5	3/5	3/5	0/5	2/5	0/5
Wallace State Community College	40%	67%	67%	0%	33%	0%
	6/15	10/15	10/15	0/15	5/15	0/15
Wallace State Community College- Hanceville	24%	60%	60%	0%	40%	0%
	6/25	15/25	15/25	0/25	10/25	0/25

Registration Level: EMT-Paramedic/Paramedic			Course Completion Date: 1 st Quarter 2012 to 4 th Quarter 2012			
Program Name	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
Bevill State Community College	33%	67%	67%	0%	33%	0%
	2/6	4/6	4/6	0/6	2/6	0/6
Bishop State Community College	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
	0/4	0/4	0/4	0/4	4/4	0/4
Calhoun Community College	80%	93%	93%	0%	7%	0%
	12/15	14/15	14/15	0/15	1/15	0/15
Enterprise-Ozark Community College	44%	78%	78%	0%	22%	0%
	4/9	7/9	7/9	0/9	2/9	0/9
Faulkner State Community College	48%	76%	81%	0%	19%	0%
	10/21	16/21	17/21	0/21	4/21	0/21
Fortis Institute	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	0/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Herzing University Birmingham Campus	46%	54%	54%	0%	46%	0%
	6/13	7/13	7/13	0/13	6/13	0/13
Jefferson State Community College	73%	93%	93%	0%	7%	0%
	11/15	14/15	14/15	0/15	1/15	0/15
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	33%	50%	50%	0%	50%	0%
	2/6	3/6	3/6	0/6	3/6	0/6

Northeast Alabama Community College	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
	7/7	7/7	7/7	0/7	0/7	0/7
Northwest Shoals Community College	50%	56%	56%	0%	44%	0%
	8/16	9/16	9/16	0/16	7/16	0/16
Southern Union State Community College	58%	58%	58%	0%	42%	0%
	7/12	7/12	7/12	0/12	5/12	0/12
Trenholm State Technical College	45%	68%	68%	0%	33%	0%
	18/40	27/40	27/40	0/40	13/40	0/40
University of South Alabama	57%	79%	82%	0%	18%	0%
	16/28	22/28	23/28	0/28	5/28	0/28
Wallace State Community College	70%	80%	80%	0%	20%	0%
	7/10	8/10	8/10	0/10	2/10	0/10
Wallace State Community College- Hanceville	50%	67%	67%	0%	33%	0%
	3/6	4/6	4/6	0/6	2/6	0/6



Provider Service News

OEMS recently completed renewals for services in the East, Southeast, and Gulf regions. A total of 126 services renewed. The next renewal cycle will be for services in the North, BREMSS, and West regions. These services have a June 30, 2013 expiration date. There are 174 services eligible for renewal in June. OEMS will begin accepting renewal applications for services in the North, BREMSS, and West regions April 15, 2013. The last day to submit renewal applications will be June 25, 2013.

The Provider Licensure application is available at www.adph.org/ems. The application is designed so that fields may be filled via a desktop. Upon completion, print the application, obtain necessary signatures, include required plans and the \$25.00 fee (transport services), and mail the application to OEMS. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Several agencies utilized the web-based provider application during this last renewal cycle. This application is submitted on-line and requires a convenience fee of \$4.00. License fee and convenience fee must be paid by credit card.

Currently, OEMS staff is working to ensure all off-line medical control physicians have successfully completed the required web-based Medical Director's course. This course and current credentials in ACLS or PALS are required for off-line physicians. Also, OEMS staff continues to monitor the submission of electronic patient care reports (e-PCRs). Any provider who is not submitting e-PCR data, within the time frame as required by EMS rules, will be notified by OEMS.

Bullying: Not a Childhood Rite of Passage

Background

Bullying can be defined as unwanted aggressive behavior between children, involving a real, or perceived, power difference. This power difference can be secondary to physical strength or size, popularity or possession of embarrassing information. Up to 50 percent of children will experience being bullied at some time during their school years and at least 10 percent experience bullying on a regular basis.

Types of Bullying

Verbal-teasing, name calling, inappropriate sexual comments, and threats of harm

Social-spreading rumors, leaving someone out on purpose, embarrassing someone, telling others to not be friends with someone

Physical-hitting, punching, kicking, spitting, breaking or stealing someone's things

Why is Stopping Bullying Important?

Children who are bullied often experience negative mental, physical, and academic outcomes.

Potential issues include:

- depression, loss of interest in activities, anxiety, sleeping difficulties, feelings of loneliness, low self esteem
- decline in academic performance, increased likelihood to miss, skip, or drop out of school
- increase in health complaints such as headaches and abdominal pain

Children who bully are at risk of engaging in violence and other antisocial behavior that often persists into adulthood. Examples include:

- abuse of alcohol and drugs
- vandalizing property, fighting, dropping out of school
- criminal convictions and traffic citations

How Can We Help?

As adults there are steps we can take to prevent bullying in our communities.

- talk to children about bullying and let them know that it is unacceptable behavior
- discuss how to stand up to bullies by being assertive but not aggressive, and knowing when to walk away
- discuss strategies for staying safe such as staying near adults or other groups of kids
- encourage kids to stand up for children being bullied by being kind or getting help
- model kind and respectful behavior in our own lives

Additional information on childhood bullying can be found on the Stop Bullying in Alabama website (<http://alex.state.al.us/stopbullying/>) that was launched by the Alabama Department of Education. Together we can help to make our communities a safe place for children.

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