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Re: Change to State Fire Training's EMT-I Training Program

State Fire Training regrets to announce that a recent legal interpretation from the EMS Authority will limit the scope of our EMT-I Training program to fire safety personnel only. Currently anyone can attend our EMT-I Basic and/or refresher courses; however, we only certify as EMTs those individuals with a fire service affiliation.

Effective July 1, 2009, only fire safety personnel can receive a State Fire Training EMT-I course completion certificate.

"Fire safety personnel" is defined as an individual who is employed by a fire department, fire district, or special district. In this interpretation, volunteer fire fighters performing suppression/prevention duties are to be considered employees.

What this means for instructors:

- Verification must be made in advance of the class that students are fire safety personnel.
- If non-fire safety personnel are to attend the class, approval of the training program must also be obtained through the local EMS Agency and those students would receive a locally approved course completion certificate in lieu of a State Fire Training course completion certificate.

In addition to this change, we also want to remind instructors that we have adopted Pearson's Emergency Care, 11th Edition as our EMT curriculum. State Fire Training registered instructors may obtain an instructor guide by contacting Al Bricker with Pearson Publishing and providing him with your instructor number. He can be contacted via phone at (970) 356-1002 or via email at alan.bricker@pearson.com.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this notice, please contact Christy Owen, Manager of Certification and Registration at (916) 327-2129.

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