



# TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: <b>Emergency Medical Responder Certification Program Description</b>		
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The Emergency Medical Responder's scope of practice includes simple skills focused on lifesaving interventions for critical patients. Typically, the Emergency Medical Responder renders on-scene emergency care while awaiting additional EMS response and may serve as part of the transporting crew, but not as the primary care giver.

In many communities, Emergency Medical Responders provide a mechanism to increase the likelihood that trained personnel and lifesaving equipment can be rapidly deployed to serious emergencies. In all cases, Emergency Medical Responders are part of a tiered response system. Emergency Medical Responders work alongside other EMS and health care professionals as an integral part of the emergency care team.

The Emergency Medical Responder's scope of practice includes simple, non-invasive interventions to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with acute out-of-hospital medical and traumatic emergencies. Emergency care is based on assessment findings. Additionally, the Emergency Medical Responder provides care designed to minimize secondary injury and comfort the patient and family while awaiting additional EMS resources.

The scope of practice model of an EMR is limited to simple skills that are effective and can be performed safely in an out-of-hospital setting with medical oversight.

After initiating care, the Emergency Medical Responder transfers care to higher level personnel. The Emergency Medical Responder serves as part of an EMS response system that ensures a progressive increase in the level of assessment and care.

- A. **Performance Standards** - Upon successful completion of the training program, the student will be capable of performing the following functions:
1. Recognize the nature and seriousness of a patient's medical condition or injuries to assess the need for emergency medical care.

2. Administer appropriate emergency medical care to stabilize the patient's condition until the arrival of higher trained individuals.
3. Lift, move, position and otherwise handle the patient in a way as to minimize discomfort and further injury.

B. **Course Content** - The Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder course content is detailed in the Virginia EMS Education Standards.

C. **Scope of Practice** - The Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder will be trained and proficient in the procedures and medications outlined in the Virginia Scope of Practice. Reference **T-200**.