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Subject: Virginia Office of EMS Implements New Education Divisions
Attachments: ACE Division Areas of Responsibility - Final.pdf

Dear Educator,

The Virginia Office of EMS has announced new changes to the structure of the Division of Educational Development. In an effort to continue to meet the ever-changing needs of Virginia's EMS System, the Division of Educational Development is being transformed into two new divisions that will mirror the vision of the national EMS educational standards.

The first new division will be known as the Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education (ACE). This division will focus on the performance of the EMS education system as well as further improvement and concentration on the caliber of education delivered. The other new division will be known as the Division of Consolidated Testing and Video Broadcasts.

As Education Coordinators, you will have opportunities to interact with both Divisions, however your primary points of contact for matters relating to accreditation, certification and EMS education will be housed in the ACE Division. As a part of this restructuring, the Office has updated and aligned staff roles in the ACE Division to be more reflective of the duties and functions of the key focal areas of the Division. As EMS has changed on the national level, so too has the Virginia Office of EMS. That's why it's imperative to the mission of our office that our employees' job roles accurately reflect their job duties. Each new division will have a division manager and program staff.

We have attached a document which outlines the areas of responsibility for the staff of the Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education (ACE) so you can get a better feel for our new titles and duties. We are optimistic that these new changes will help push our EMS system toward the future by allowing us to be more streamlined and effective in the implementation of our system goals while focusing on a more customer-friendly and service oriented approach.

As always, please remember we are here to assist you; all you need to do is reach out.

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Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education

Areas of Responsibility

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- Issues for Medical Direction Committee
 - Issues for Training and Certification Committee
 - Program Speakers for Upcoming Symposiums
 - National Issues Involving Curriculum
 - Training Questions from Other States
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 - Continuing Education / Agency CE Reports
 - National Registry Cognitive Testing
 - National Registry Liaison
 - EMS Training Program Accreditation
 - Symposium Program
 - Medical Direction Committee Staff Liaison
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- EMS Education Coordinator Program
 - State Approved Training Programs
 - Virginia EMS Scholarship Program
 - Web-based Continuing Education Coordination
 - Virginia EMS Portal
 - Training and Certification Committee Staff Liaison
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 - Correction of CE Problems
 - Request for CE Reports
 - Recertification Requirements ALS & BLS
 - Recertification Eligibility Status
 - Re-entry
 - Name Changes
 - Duplicate Certificates
 - Forms: CE cards and VA EMS Certification Applications
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- Questions Concerning: Course Announcements, Course Approvals, Course Numbers
 - Requests for: Topic Codes & Course Date Changes
 - EMSAT: Site designations, Basic Information, Video Lending Library
 - Instructor Recertification Information
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- Certification-Questions / Verifications
- Testing Problems-Corrections / Ineligibility
- Reciprocity / Challenge / Legal Recognition
- Certificates / Test Reports
- Training Questions from Other States