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Dear Educators,

August is just around the corner and we know this means lots of prep work for your fall classes. Here are a few updates we have for you as you prepare for your fall classes.

Psychomotor Exam Guide (PEG) Update

After months of updating and review, the Division of Consolidated Testing and Video Production has released a new version of the PEG. The 2019 Psychomotor Examination Guide (PEG) is now posted on the OEMS website and can be downloaded at the following link:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2019/07/Psychomotor-Examination-Guide-July-2019-final.pdf>

Should you have any questions about the PEG or the current revisions, please address those to Peter Brown at peter.brown@vdh.virginia.gov.

Pearson VUE Test Center Directory

We have been working with National Registry to expand the number of Pearson VUE Test Sites in Virginia—5 new sites were added across the Commonwealth. We have published a new Pearson VUE Test Center Directory on our webpage at the following URL: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2019/07/Virginia-Pearson-VUE-Directory.pdf>

New First and Last Class Paperwork

The latest version of the “first” and “last” class paperwork can be found on the OEMS website at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/documents-forms-downloads/ems-training-program-administration-manual/> Please make sure that you are always making use of the newest versions of these documents as they change frequently. Yes, this paperwork is mandatory and must be covered with all students enrolled in an initial certification program.

Make the Call Campaign

As first responder suicides continue to increase at an alarming rate, the ACE and Emergency Operations Divisions would like to encourage each of you to incorporate the “*Make the Call*” campaign in your educational programs. This job is difficult and stressful. Some days are amazing, leaving you with a smile on your face. Some days are not. That's where the “*Make the Call*” campaign comes in.

Our goal is to remind first responders and those who know and love them, that it is okay to make the call. It is okay to reach out for help. Download the media toolkit today. <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/emergency-operations/cism/>

40th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium Registration Now Open

The Virginia EMS Symposium is one of the largest and most comprehensive EMS training events in the country! This five-day training event helps EMS providers fulfill their continuing education needs, with more than 400 classes and 13 course tracks. These courses are also applicable for nurses and physicians. Registration is open now and can be accessed through your Virginia EMS Portal account! <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/ems-symposium/>

Education Coordinator Program Changes Coming

In February of this year, the EMS Advisory Board approved changes the Training & Certification Committee made to the hours requirements for the Education Coordinator Candidate program. These changes are described below:

1. Remove the psychomotor testing requirement;
2. Add an administrative component to the mentor program representing 20% of the required teaching hours or 10 hours whichever is greater;
3. Change the amount of time required to teach an initial EMT program from 60% to 50% of the total mentored hours.

We have been working with our IT Team to implement these changes and we are about a week away from these changes going into production. Once these changes are made, we will distribute a generic course that mentors will have to use to scan in "H" level administrative topic hours.

We will send more detailed information once these changes go into production.

Thank you for all you do for Virginia's EMS system.

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