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Informational Memorandum 13-02

TO: Colorado Fire and Emergency Services

FROM: Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control

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RE: Emergency Medical Responder Training Centers & Certification

Emergency Medical Responder Transition

The Division of Fire Prevention & Control has updated certification testing to meet the 2009 Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration National EMS Education Standard, 2009 Edition of Emergency Medical Responder. The program formerly known as First Responder, is now Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

Initial Emergency Medical Responder Certification

Effective 7/1/2013 all candidates pursuing initial certification through an approved EMR Training Center (formerly known as First Responder Training Center), *shall be required to complete a state practical in addition to the written examination.*

Renewal of Emergency Medical Responder Certification

The EMR certification will transition to a Job Performance Requirement (JPR) based renewal to align with the Division's other certification level renewal processes. We recognize that individuals may have already completed hours towards their upcoming expiration. We will transition accepting hours & JPRs based on the following table. Effective 1/1/2016, we will require 100% completion of JPRs to be eligible for renewal. As always, the hours must be completed by an approved training center.

| Expiration | 7/1/2013 | 1/1/2014 | 7/1/2014 | 1/1/2015 | 7/1/2015 | 1/1/2016 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Required Hours* | 30 | 24 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 0 |
| Minimum JPRs | 5 | 9 | 14 | 19 | 23 | 28 |

*If more than the minimum number of JPRs are completed, the hours required can be reduced by an appropriate amount.



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Emergency Medical Responder Training Centers

The Division of Fire Prevention and Control shall now be requiring approved Emergency Medical Responder Training Centers to submit updated applications to update center information every three years. This process is being implemented due to the need to keep up to date information on changes in programs due to personnel changes. As a result, the Division will be able to receive updated instructor and medical advisor information.

In order to obtain updated information from all current Training Centers, letters will be mailed to each Training Center with a requirement of returning completed applications to the Division postmarked no later than 6/28/2013. If the Training Center fails to return updated applications, they shall be dropped from approved status. Renewal information shall contain:

- Emergency Medical Responder Application
- Notarized copy of Medical Advisor Affidavit

*Please note we do not require an updated self-group study for the training center.