

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

EMT– Basic

A Virginia Office of EMS Emergency Medical Technician– Basic course will begin on October 7, 2009 at the Franklin County Public Safety Training Center. The course is scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30pm-9:30pm. The proposed test date is April 10, 2010. Course fee is \$100 and includes text and testing fee. Pre-registration and \$100 course fee must be received by October 7, 2009.

The Emergency Medical Technician – Basic course is designed to provide training to prepare an individual to function independently in a medical emergency. This course provides the basic knowledge and skills needed to provide basic life support (BLS) care and is required to progress to more advanced levels of prehospital patient care.

The course requires a minimum of 111 hours of classroom and skills instruction and 10 hours of Clinical/Field rotations for a total of 121 hours of training. Virginia Certification requires successful completion of a written and practical skills examination. This course is designed to train individuals to serve as a vital link in the chain of the health care team. This includes all skills necessary to provide emergency medical care as an attendant-in-charge with a basic life support ambulance service or other specialized rescue service.

Upon successfully completion of the training program, the student will be capable of performing the following functions:

- (1) Recognize the nature and seriousness of the patient's condition or extent of injury to assess requirements for emergency care.
- (2) Administer appropriate emergency care to stabilize the patient's condition.
- (3) Lift, move, position and otherwise handle the patient in a way as to minimize discomfort and further injury.

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