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Licensed EMS Agencies:

As of July 9, 2014, anyone who wishes to drive a "ground ambulance" must obtain the Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Operator (EMSVO) credential. The EMSVO credential is a credential granted to providers who successfully complete an Emergency Vehicle Operating Course and complete the application to be submitted to their Regional Council.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), Bureau of EMS (BEMS) and the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS) partnered to create a training kit to meet the intent of the PA EMS Systems Act, in regards to continuing education requirements for operating a licensed ground EMS vehicle. It is also designed to enhance an EMS organization's safety and operations.

The DVD Kit contains, three discs. On the DVDs are the continuing education courses that have been approved by the PA DOH for individuals who are credentialed as an EMSVO. On the facilitator disc are instructions on how to save the videos, PowerPoint presentations, quizzes, course numbers and credit amounts, and other additional resources.

The two discs on the right side, contain the videos. All supplemental information is on the first disc. There are classes on all three discs. The facilitator disc has the PowerPoint presentations that do not have a video associated with them.

All of the EMS Response Safety continuing education programs have been designed to be managed by an approved Con-Ed sponsor.

Con-Ed sponsors must continue to follow the regional requirements for submitting approved classes for continuing education:

1. Register the class 30 days in advance through PA EMS registry System.
   https://ems.health.state.pa.us/emsportal/
2. Submit a class roster no later than 10 days from the end of class, through the Con-Ed Link system.
   https://frompaper2web.com/ConEdLink/login.aspx
3. The class start date and end date shall be no more than 1 calendar month.
4. You cannot take the same class more than once during your certification cycle.
5. If you take more than the required amount of credits, the remaining credits will be applied to your "other" category.
6. If you are NOT a Con-Ed sponsor, and wish to become one, you can find the application here.
   http://www.ehsf.org/Utility/DbImageHandler.ashx?rowId=1000&imageType=DocumentPDF
   Or, you may partner with an existing Con-Ed sponsor.
7. The required credits for BLS providers, as well as EMSVO/Drivers only is 3 per certification cycle. ALS providers are required to have 2 credits per certification cycle. These hours are in **addition** to your provider Con-Ed credits (ex. EMT needs 24 credits + 3 driving credits = 27 total)

Providers who only operate a QRS Vehicle licensed at the QRS level of care are exempt from the EMSVO requirement. However, licensed QRS vehicles responding at the BLS Squad Level or above must be operated by an EMSVO.

All courses award hours in the OTHER category EXCEPT course #007364: Fatigue & Safety in EMS, which will award 1.0 credit in your "clinical patient care" category.

Program	PA CEU #	PA CEU Hours
EZ EVOC for EMS Video	007110	1 Other
EZ EVOC for Fire Video	007111	1 Other
Rollover Prevention Video	006577	1 Other
Intersections-Operation Safe Arrival Video	006576	1 Other
Safe Backing Practices for Fire & EMS Video	006695	1 Other
Highway Safety Response Video	006578	1 Other
Health and Safety Incident Investigation for Emergency Services	007173	1.5 Other
Selecting and Educating the EMS Ground Vehicle Operator	007209	1 Other
Defensive Driving for the Emergency Vehicle Operator	007363	1 Other
Emergency Vehicle Competency Course	007231	1 Other
Street & Highway Driving Evaluation Non-Emergency	007232	1 Other
Street & Highway Driving Evaluation Emergency	007233	.5 Other
Documented EMS Ground Vehicle Driving Time – Non Supervised	007234	.5 Other
Driving Simulator Guidelines	007172	1 Other
Education on Driving Relatedd SOPs, PA EV Laws, PA EMS Act	007171	.5 Other
Fatigue & Safety in EMS	007364	1 Clinical Pt Care

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions regarding this program and its requirement.

Sincerely,

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