

EMS Colleagues:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING EMAIL IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SHARE WITH YOUR PERSONNEL !

As all of you are aware, individuals who have obtained their current level of certification after October 1, 2006 MUST maintain the NREMT credential as well as a SC credential to practice in SC.

Recently a purge of all 10,198 credentialed personnel revealed that close to 400 personnel are out of compliance with the law.

Within the next THREE WEEKS these personnel will receive a letter advising them they have 30 days to achieve compliance or their SC licenses WILL BE SUSPENDED until they re-obtain their NREMT.

Essentially, from today

's date those that have forgotten, slipped through the cracks, or otherwise haven't maintained their NREMT credential and were certified at that level after Oct 2006 have approximately seven weeks to come into compliance.

The Department highly recommends each of you also purge your rosters and verify all personnel who were credentialed after Oct 1, 2006 at their current level have a valid NREMT card as well as a SC credential. Advise them NOW to expediently re-obtain their NREMT credentials! There will be no grace period after the 30 days for individuals who are out of compliance. There are of course appeals processes in place, and they will each be made aware of them; however, the statute and regulation has been in place for several years. This is NOT a new requirement of the recently revised regulation.

State Only EMTs are not affected by this requirement as they are grandfathered provided they didn't move from EMT to Advanced or Paramedic (or vice versa) after Oct 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call the BEMS Training and Certification Division at 803-545-4204

Yours In Service -

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See SC Re-certification Statute

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