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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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DATE: July 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Approved Emergency Vehicle Operator Courses

TO: Pennsylvania EMS Organizations & Personnel

FROM: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
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EMS Information Bulletin #059, dated October 20, 2008, is rescinded and replaced with this EMS Information Bulletin #069 dated July 1, 2009.

The attached document consists of the Emergency Vehicle Operator Courses (EVOC) for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicle operation based upon the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Objectives, as recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department) for use within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Effective immediately:

1. EVOC programs and certificates of completion previously accepted by the regional EMS Council Offices across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, from the present date of this bulletin retroactive to 1995, that met or exceeded the USDOT EVOC Objectives, consisting of classroom and practical hands-on behind the wheel student driving components, were considered to meet the requirements of the Department at that time for emergency vehicle operation.
2. EVOC offered as per the attached approved curriculum document from the specific date noted, whether conducted as a stand alone Ambulance course or one combined with other type emergency vehicles, consisting of the safe, practical hands-on behind the wheel driving exercise with the student/candidate experiencing the type of vehicle(s) to which he/she would normally be assigned, is considered to currently meet the requirements of the Department, until such time a refresher program is indicated or required by the Department. Driving simulators are not acceptable at this time.

From this date forward, only those programs meeting or exceeding the most current USDOT EVOC (Ambulance) National Standard Curriculum, and pre-approved and recognized by the Department will be acceptable.

Please forward any questions regarding this matter to jenglert@state.pa.us.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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**Emergency Vehicle Operator Courses
Updated July 1, 2009**

**All Programs Meet or Exceed USDOT Objectives
Both didactic and psychomotor driving skills components required
(Driving Simulators are not acceptable at this time)**

<u>Course Title:</u>	<u>Date Approved/Re-Approved:</u>
Apparatus Operator-Emergency Vehicle Operations New York State Fire Academy	August 10, 2004
Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator II – Ambulance Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator 3 – Ambulance National Safety Council/FLI Learning Systems, Inc.	November 08, 2000 June 11, 2009
EVOC (93) Indiana University of Pennsylvania	October 03, 2002
Emergency Vehicle Operator (Fall 2008) Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute/University of Maryland	May, 2009
Emergency Vehicle Operator Course American Medical Response (AMR Staff Only)	October 16, 2007
Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course Virginia Department of Fire Programs	January 24, 2005
Emergency Vehicle Operators Course-Ambulance Emergency Services Insurance Program (ESIP)	August 28, 2002
Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course (16 hour Gold/Amber) Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Program (2008 Edition) Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS)	October 03, 2002 May, 2009
National Institute of Fire and EMS, Inc.*	August 15, 1995
National Standard Curriculum-EVOC, 1995 Edition U.S. Department of Transportation	October 03, 2002
Ross/West View (92)	October 03, 2002

*Organization is no longer in existence and therefore no additional approvals will be granted.