

**FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL****I. AUTHORITY:**

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.170, 1797.171, 1797.172, 1797.174, and 1797.175. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5.

II. APPLICATION:

This policy describes the process and criteria for application for Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) initial approval and renewal as a provider of training for Public Safety Personnel. (Application attached.)

A. The application will include:

1. Name of sponsoring institution, organization, or agency
2. A detailed course outline
3. Final written examination with pre-established scoring standards; and
4. Skill competency testing criteria, with pre-established scoring standards; and
5. Name and qualifications of instructors

B. OCEMS may request additional materials or documentation as a condition of course approval.

III. POLICY:**A. Orange County EMS will follow regulations outlined in Title 22, Health & Safety Code and EMSA publications. Training requirements may be satisfied by completion of ONE of the following course options as outlined in Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, Section 100023:**

1. A course in public safety first aid, including CPR and AED, developed and/or authorized by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and approved by the EMS Authority; OR
2. A course in public safety first aid, including CPR and AED, authorized by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and approved by the EMS Authority; OR
3. A course in public safety first aid, including CPR and AED, developed and authorized by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and approved by the EMS Authority; OR
4. A course in public safety first aid, including CPR and AED, developed and authorized by the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and approved by the EMS Authority; OR
5. The US Department of Transportation's emergency medical responder (EMR) course which includes first aid practices and CPR and AED, approved by OCEMS; OR
6. A course of at least 21 hours in first aid equivalent to the standards of the American Red Cross and healthcare provider level CPR and AED equivalent to the standards of the American Heart Association in accordance with the course content contained in Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, Section 100017 AND approved by OCEMS.

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7. Completion of OCEMS-approved EMT training programs or paramedic training programs by public safety first responders may also satisfy this training requirement (Section 100023 (g) through (j))
 - B Institutions or agencies with headquarters located within the geographical jurisdiction of Orange County EMS are eligible for approval by Orange County EMS.
 - C Institutions or agencies interested in applying to become local EMS Continuing Education (CE) providers should contact the EMS Licensing Desk at EMSLicensing@OCHCA.com for an application packet.

IV. PROGRAM REVIEW AND REPORTING:

- A All program materials specified in this policy shall be subject to periodic review by OCEMS.
- B All programs shall be subject to periodic on-site evaluation by OCEMS.
- C All approved CE providers shall notify the OCEMS in writing, in advance when possible and in all cases within thirty (30) calendar days of any change in program outline, instructor(s), change in address, phone number, and contact person.
- D If a training program applicant cannot correct items of non-compliance within 30 days of a notice of deficiencies in the application process, their application will be ineligible for reconsideration for 180 days.
- E If there is evidence of intent to mislead the agency in the initial application, the application will be denied and ineligible for reconsideration for 730 days.
- F City, county, or state agencies with public safety first aid training programs providing optional scope training with intent to practice those optional scope skills must submit a request and provide optional scope training materials to the EMS Licensing Desk at EMSLicensing@OCHCA.com. The Orange County EMS Medical Director will review requests and training materials and provide a letter of approval or rejection within 15 business days.

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