

Memorandum #08-15

Date: November 19, 2015

To: SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

From: John Hammond, BS, Paramedic, EMS & Trauma System Manager
Cassius Lockett, PhD, MS, Director of Community Health
Joseph P. Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer

Subject: Application by Las Vegas Fire & Rescue for a Variance to District Emergency Medical Services Regulations Section 300.310.II.E.

I. BACKGROUND:

On October 19, 2015, a Public Hearing was scheduled for today by Las Vegas Fire & Rescue (LVFR) to request a Variance to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regulations Section 300.310.II.E. to allow paramedics Bennie Brown and Philip Cohan to make up their remaining continuing medical education (CME) hours when they return to work from an extended medical leave. EMS Regulations Section 300.310.II.E. requires that both paramedics complete 60 hours of CME prior to October 1, 2015. Mr. Brown completed all but two hours of CME; Mr. Cohan completed all but six hours of CME.

II. RECOMMENDATION:

The Southern Nevada Health District's Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System has reviewed the application by petitioner LVFR. Paramedics Brown and Cohan have been EMS providers in good standing in Clark County for over 15 years. Staff recommends the Board of Health approve the application by Las Vegas Fire & Rescue for a Variance to District EMS Regulations Section 300.310.II.E. to allow paramedics Bennie Brown and Philip Cohan 60 days to meet the CME requirement when they return to work.

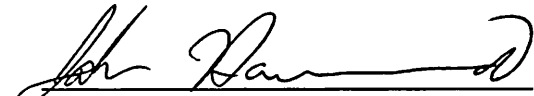
Attachments:

- A. Notice of Public Hearing dated 11-19-15
- B. EMS Regulations Section 300.310
- C. 10-16-15 Letter from LVFR Requesting Variance

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Southern Nevada District's Board of Health on November 19, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. at the Southern Nevada Health District, 330 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 439.366 and 450B.130 for the purpose of considering a request by petitioner Las Vegas Fire & Rescue for a variance to District Emergency Medical Services Regulations Section 300.310.II.E. "Paramedic/Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Recertification."

All interested persons may appear at the hearing and submit data, views or arguments regarding the proposed amendments. Written data, views and arguments may also be submitted to the District Board of Health in advance of the hearing, addressed to the Chairman of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health at P.O. Box 3902, Las Vegas, NV 89127. The District Board of Health will consider fully all written and oral submissions on the proposed amendments prior to taking action thereon. Questions may be directed to Southern Nevada Health District's Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System at (702) 759-1050.


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EMS & Trauma System Manager

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300.310 PARAMEDIC/EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC RECERTIFICATION.

- I. The renewal of a Paramedic/EMT-P Certificate shall be valid for a period not to exceed two (2) years and shall expire on the date appearing on it.
- II. A Paramedic/EMT-P Certificate may be renewed by the Health Officer if the holder of the Certificate:
 - A. Has submitted proof of residency or EMS employment within Clark County;
 - B. Has current certification of training in:
 1. Healthcare provider CPR, as approved by the OEMSTS (Online classes must include verifiable documentation of the skills component.);
 2. Advanced cardiac life support procedures for Patients who require ALS care (Online classes must include verifiable documentation of the skills component.); and
 3. Life support procedures for pediatric Patients who require ALS care. (Online classes must include verifiable documentation of the skills component.)
 - C. Has completed the District's "Application for Recertification" to include the information as set forth in subsection 300.100 I.C-D of these Regulations;
 - D. Has submitted the appropriate fee(s) as prescribed by the Board; and
 - E. Has completed the continuing medical education requirements in accordance with subsection 300.321 as defined in the "District Procedure for Paramedic/EMT-Paramedic Recertification."



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October 16, 2015

Dr. Joseph Iser

Chief Health Officer

Southern Nevada Health District

Office of EMS and Trauma

Dear Dr. Iser:

I am writing to respectfully request a variance of EMS Regulations 300.10 II E. for two of our firefighter/paramedics who are out on extended leave for medical reasons and were unable to complete all of their required continuing education requirements. I am respectfully asking for you to consider granting a variance to these regulations and allow them to have an additional 60 days to complete the requirements.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need to speak with me regarding this matter.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

David E. Slattery, MD, FACEP

EMS Medical Director/Deputy Chief

City of Las Vegas/Las Vegas Fire & Rescue