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October 23, 2009

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Career and Technical Education Directors  
Technical Center Directors  
Florida College Occupational Deans  
*Loretta Costin*

**FROM:** Loretta Costin, Interim Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

**SUBJECT:** Notification of First Responder Training Program

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Schools that offer the secondary First Responder program (8417170) may seek approval from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for their students to take the NREMT003 First Responder exam. NREMT requires the program to be approved by the Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) before students are allowed to take the exam. Although the Florida Bureau of EMS does not actually have approval authority over the First Responder program it does cooperate with NREMT by “authorizing” programs that complete a Notification of Training form.

Previously, programs that did not have an EMT or Paramedic as an instructor but rather an instructor listed in the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) First Responder framework, were not “authorized” by Florida Bureau of EMS for NREMT. Due to this issue, the Florida Bureau of EMS has agreed to authorize the First Responder programs under the following criteria:

- 1) The instructor must be certified as an EMT or Paramedic or
- 2) Have an instructor certification listed in the FDOE First Responder curriculum framework.

The form must be completed by the school offering the First Responder program and sent to the Florida Bureau of EMS. They will then “authorize” the program for NREMT.

*LORETTA COSTIN, INTERIM CHANCELLOR FOR CAREER AND ADULT EDUCATION*

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Schools that previously sought approval from NREMT for their students to take this exam and who were not approved due to the difference in instructor qualifications between the FDOE frameworks and the Florida Bureau of EMS requirements are encouraged to seek authorization from the Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Services by completing the attached Notification of Training form.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Tracy Yacobellis at [Tracy.Yacobellis@fldoe.org](mailto:Tracy.Yacobellis@fldoe.org) or by phone at 850-245-9018.

You may also contact Mr. Rickey Stone, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C18; Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1738 or by phone at (850) 245-4440 Extension #2753 or by e-mail [rickey\\_stone@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:rickey_stone@doh.state.fl.us) or fax sheet to (850) 245-4378.

Thank you.

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Attachment

Cc: Tracy Yacobellis, State Supervisor, Health Science and Human Services Education  
Rickey Stone, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services