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TO: All Fire and Rescue Personnel  
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RE: EMS Training  
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### **INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN IB-12027**

In an effort to meet recertification requirements of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) and the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (VOEMS) the department will be subscribing to an on-line service for continuing education. Participation in the on-line training will be required for career personnel and highly recommended for active operational volunteer personnel.

This new method of training will benefit personnel and the department. The continuing education provided by 24-7 EMS <http://24-7ems.com/> has been approved by NREMT and VOEMS for category 1 credit. Presently, there are 98 different topics relating to EMS training. Each topic is worth 1.5 continuing education credit hours. The new training method affords department personnel the opportunity to obtain the number of required continuing education hours during their certification period. The program administrator assigned by the department can assign classes to individuals, shifts or the entire department to complete. A start date and completion (due) date can be assigned. Even though classes will be assigned to complete, it remains the individual's responsibility to obtain all the required continuing education hours to maintain certification.

In order to successfully complete and receive credit for completing a topic; personnel will have to review the material and take a short quiz/test to verify understanding of the information. If the minimum score to receive credit is not obtained, the quiz/test can be retaken.

To get the on-line training operating, I need all volunteer personnel interested in participating to submit their name, certification number with expiration date, and a valid email address to me by July 31, 2012.

Once we have subscribed to the on-line training site; we will conduct training sessions for personnel on the use of the system. A link has been provided on the department internal website.