

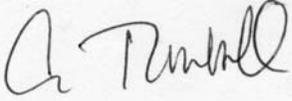


Winchester Fire and Rescue

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE	
SUBJECT:	Emergency Medical Services
TOPIC:	Field Preceptor Qualification Requirements
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Introduction: Providing quality and competent Emergency Medical Treatment is a priority of the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department. To enable the Department to meet this goal, all new EMS providers to the Department wishing to perform in the Attendant-in-Charge capacity must be precepted/evaluated by a field preceptor. To ensure consistency in this process personnel wishing to serve as preceptors shall meet the established guidelines for preceptors.

Purpose: To establish a guideline that outlines minimum qualifications for Winchester Fire and Rescue Department EMS providers to become a preceptor. Qualified EMS providers may be approved to precept card-carrying BLS and/or ALS members that are precepting for release as "Attendant-in-Charge with the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department.

Responsibility: The privilege to become a preceptor is not meant for everyone. There should be an expressed desire on the provider's part to become a mentor for other providers. The Operational Medical Director reserves the right to make exceptions to the listed requirements. Previous experience and training may allow for a provider to become a preceptor before minimum requirements are met. Alternately, if a provider shows clinical weakness or has repeated offenses or clinical incident issues, their preceptor privilege may be withdrawn. A preceptor's status may be re-evaluated at any time by the Operational Medical Director.

Procedure:

BLS Preceptor:

In order to function as a BLS field preceptor, the provider must complete an application and meet the following minimum requirements:

- ◆ Maintain a valid Virginia State EMT-B certification
- ◆ Run for a minimum of 12 months as a released Attendant-in-Charge within the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department
- ◆ Maintain Department Operational Member Status
- ◆ Complete an approved preceptor orientation program
- ◆ Receive the recommendation of Station Chief/Supervisor
- ◆ Receive the approval of the Operational Medical Director

ALS Preceptor:

In order to function as an EMT-Enhanced field preceptor, the provider must complete an application and meet the following minimum requirements:

- ◆ Maintain a valid Virginia State EMT-E or higher certification
- ◆ Run for a minimum of 12 months as a released EMT-Enhanced within the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department
- ◆ Maintain Department Operational Member Status
- ◆ Complete an approved preceptor orientation program
- ◆ Receive the recommendation of Station Chief/Supervisor
- ◆ Receive the approval of the Operational Medical Director

In order to function as a Medic field preceptor, the provider must complete an application and meet the following minimum requirements:

- ◆ Maintain a valid Virginia State EMT-I or EMT-P certification
- ◆ Run for a minimum of 12 months as a released Intermediate/Paramedic Technician within the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department
- ◆ Maintain Department Operational Member Status
- ◆ Complete an approved preceptor orientation program
- ◆ Receive the recommendation of Station Chief/Supervisor
- ◆ Receive the approval of the Operational Medical Director