



SAN JUAN COUNTY MPD MEMO

DATE: 12/01/2008
TO: SAN JUAN COUNTY ALS PROVIDERS
FROM: MICHAEL SULLIVAN, MD
RE: REQUIRED CME FOR RECERTIFICATION

Paramedic Recertification Requirements Beginning 2009

In order to be eligible for recertification of your Washington State Paramedic Certification at your next recertification cycle, and to be eligible for continued functioning as a Paramedic in San Juan County you must meet or exceed the following minimum qualifications, continuing education and skills practice/proficiency.

Preapproved conferences and educational resources are listed. If not listed, you must get pre-approval from the MPD.

Annually:

- 50 hours of paramedic level pre-approved education (total of 150 every 3 years.) 50% each year must be live face to face training at minimum.
- Skills verification/minimums as per recert cycle and State of WA requirements. Document on approved procedure log for MPD review.
- 4 hours of Anesthesiology hours at preapproved site with a minimum of 2 successful endotracheal intubations if less than 3 intubations per quarter.
- Annual Paramedic Skills Lab.

Every 2 Years

- Renew National Registry Paramedic Certification meeting or exceeding all requirements for NREMT recertification (you are responsible to research and keep up with these requirements which include didactic and skills)
- Renewal of BLS, ACLS, and PALS Certifications

Every 3 Years

- Complete a State of Washington approved (48 hour) Paramedic Refresher Course
- 8 hours of Hospital Observation (ED, Cath Lab, CCU) at pre-approved site.
- Fulfill all State of WA Paramedic Certification requirements and document such
- Successfully complete and pass the State of WA Paramedic Recertification Exam
- Compile all applicable CE and skills verifications, make copy of current cards and submit to MPD at least one month in advance of expiration

With this recertification cycle, you must keep and maintain (at all times) the following certifications:

- WA Paramedic
- NREMT Paramedic
- AHA Basic Life Support
- AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- PHTLS or equivalent

Currently pre-approved San Juan County Paramedic Continuing Education:

- King County Paramedic Tuesday Series either in person or online (Not the EMT CBT)
- Whatcom County Annual Conference
- Web Based Training: 24-7EMS, Ninth Brain
- Ocean Shores Annual Conference
- Airlift Annual Conference
- Any State of WA Approved Paramedic Refresher
- Any State of WA sponsored Paramedic level CME
- Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) approved courses and online training. See CECBEMS.org