

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS PARAMEDIC (EMT-P) ACCREDITATION & REACCREDITATION

Welcome to Solano County Emergency Medical Services (EMS). We have compiled this information to make your accreditation/re-accreditation process go more smoothly. Please contact us at **707-553-5048** OR **707-784-8155** if you have any questions or require additional information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **INITIAL PARAMEDIC PROCESSING:**
 - You MUST be hired as a Paramedic by an organization in Solano County before we can process your application.
 - Your employer must provide us a letter or email that states that you have been hired as a paramedic and who is appointed as your preceptor.
- **APPOINTMENTS:**
 - **Paramedic Interns and Initial Paramedic Applicants MUST** have an appointment with Solano County EMS. Due to staffing constraints, appointments are scheduled on **Tuesday morning** (9am-11:30am) and **Wednesday afternoon** (1:00-3:30pm). Please contact the office to schedule your appointment (707-553-5048 or 707-784-8155).
 - **Paramedics requesting REACCREDITATION** may SCAN/email all required documents to: SOzuna@solanocounty.com . Please put "**PARAMEDIC REACCREDITATION – (YOUR NAME)**" in the subject line, and include any changes/updates to your phone #, mailing address or email address so staff can update your on-line application.
 - **PRECEPTORS –** If you are currently assigned as a preceptor in Solano County you must renew your preceptor status when you reaccredit your Paramedic license. The RENEWAL FORM is on the EMS Website under "FORMS".
- **Applications – How do I complete the initial application for accreditation in Solano County?** Initial applications must be completed on-line prior to making your appointment with EMS; updates will be completed by EMS. Go to https://www.solanocounty.com/ems_applicants .
- **Payment – What forms of payment are accepted by Solano County?** We can NOT accept cash – only Checks or Money Orders (payable to Solano County EMS).

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INITIAL ACCREDITATION – What documents do I need to bring to EMS for my initial paramedic accreditation?

- Your employer must provide us a letter or email that states that you have been hired as a paramedic and who is appointed as your preceptor. This documentation **MUST** be received by the EMS Office before your appointment. Complete an on-line Paramedic Application.
- Verification of employment as a **PARAMEDIC** in Solano County **MUST** be received by the EMS Agency **PRIOR** to your appointment.

You MUST bring the following documentation with you to your EMS Appointment:

- Valid California State Paramedic License.
- Copy of Drivers license.
- Current BCLS (Basic Cardiac Life Support) Card.
- Current ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) Card.
- Current PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) Card, or PEPP (Pediatric Education for Prehospital Provider) Card.
- Current ITLS (International Trauma Life Support) Card, or PHTLS (Prehospital Trauma Life Support) Card.
- Personal Check, Cashiers Check, or money order (only) for **\$75.00** payable to Solano County EMS. We are **NOT** able to accept cash, debit or credit cards.

Note: A picture will be taken for your card.

Upon completion of the above items, you will receive

- Orientation Checklists,
- Preceptor Evaluation Form;
- Letter assigning your “A” # (Accreditation Number) to be used during your 5-call process.

After **completing** the Five Call, the following must be brought to the EMS Agency:

- 5-Call Evaluation Form (completed by Preceptor);
- PCRs referenced in 5-Call evaluation;
- Orientation Form (Hospital Orientations and Employer Orientation **MUST** be completed prior to submission of paperwork). Solano County EMS Orientation **MUST** be completed **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

Appointments are NOT required to bring in 5-Call Paperwork; however, we recommend that you call prior to bringing documentation to ensure someone is here to accept (707-553-5048 or 784-8155).

After EMS Staff has reviewed and approved documentation:

- Staff will assign a “Paramedic Number” (P#).
 - Prepare/Scan/Email & Mail letter and CARD.
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YOU MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION VIA EMAIL, MAIL, or IN PERSON:

- Current Driver's License;
- Current California State Paramedic license;
- Current ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) Card;
- Current BCLS (Basic Cardiac Life Support) Card;
- Current ITLS (International Trauma Life Support) Card or PHTLS (Prehospital Trauma Life Support) Card.
- Current PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) Card or PEPP (Pediatric Education for Prehospital Provider) Card.
- Verification of four (4) successful intubations in the preceding two (2) years or successful completion of an Airway Class (Solano County requirement).
- STEMI/12 lead Class (Eight CEUs every two years (Four CEUs per year) (Solano County requirement). Please contact the EMS Office for other opportunities.

NOTE: If you are a PARAMEDIC maintaining your EMT certification, please contact the EMS Office – since there are fees involved for the EMT processing, you must come in to the EMS Office or MAIL documentation and fees.

RECERTIFICATION TIME LINE: Per Title 22, DIV 9 Article 5; a Paramedic may recertify up to six (6) months prior to his/her expiration date and maintain the same date.

If RE-ACCREDITING during the SAME MONTH as your card expiration date, you will be assessed \$50.00 late fee, per Solano County Policy

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EMS AGENCY will provide the following:

- Solano County Paramedic Card
- Letter providing information for recertification.

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PARAMEDIC INTERNS

Following information MUST be accomplished PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT:

- COMPLETE the on-line Paramedic INTERN application.
- ALS Provider in Solano County MUST provide letter/email stating that applicant will be performing internship with their organization and providing the name of the paramedic preceptor.
- School must provide letter/email/fax stating that student is eligible to perform field internship.

What documents do I need to bring to EMS for my paramedic intern ship?

- CPR card.
- Driver's license.
- ACLS; PALS/PEPP; ITLS/PHTLS (if available)

EMS AGENCY WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING (upon submission of appropriate documentation)

- Letter assigning "S#" (student number) acknowledging completion of Solano County requirements to function as a Paramedic Intern in Solano County.

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