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To: Orange County Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics

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Subject: National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Transition Policy

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Orange County Emergency Medical Services has received numerous calls from individuals regarding a recent communication sent to some Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Paramedics by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). The communiqué refers to changes to the NREMT scopes of practice and describes transitional periods in which individuals who wish to maintain their NREMT certification must complete a state approved training program.

Pursuant to California State regulations, the NREMT establishes the testing standards necessary to become licensed or certified as an EMT or Paramedic by the California EMS Authority. Maintaining NREMT certification is a choice and is not currently required to renew your license or certification. To renew your license / certificate EMTs must complete 24 hours of Continuing Education (12 of which must be instructor-based) and present a signed Skills Verification Form. Paramedics must complete 48 hours of Continuing Education credit (24 of which must be instructor-based).

For more information about the new NREMT transitional policy, go to:  
[https://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/transition\\_policy.asp](https://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/transition_policy.asp)

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