

## PRIVILEGES TO FUNCTION

### PURPOSE

- A. All EMS providers must work in conjunction with a licensed physician. In order to meet this mandate, the EMS Medical Director grants privileges to function when an individual has demonstrated compliance with certification criteria as an EMT and has kept current with continuing education mandates. No one will be permitted to function until the appropriate documents have been submitted to the EMS office and the criteria listed below have been met.

### PROCEDURE

- A. When an EMT is hired by an EMS agency or changes their certification level, the EMT needs to attend a Summa EMS Protocol class. These classes will be scheduled on a routine basis at the various Summa hospitals.
- B. The EMT must take and achieve an 80% on the written protocol test.
- C. A letter from the department's EMS Coordinator and/or Chief must be sent to the EMS office requesting that EMS be added to their drug license with a copy of the Ohio EMT Certification card.
- D. Once all required documents are reviewed and recognized, the EMT will be granted full privileges to function independently.
- E. While waiting to attend a Protocol Class, the EMT may function in conjunction with another EMT of equal or higher training who has privileges to function if the following are sent to the EMS Office:
  1. A copy of the Ohio EMT Certification card;
  2. A letter from the EMS Coordinator and/or Chief requesting that the individual be added to the drug license roster;
  3. A letter from the department's EMS Coordinator stating that the current protocol has been reviewed with the Coordinator and EMS Instructor.
  4. In this situation, the EMT is NOT allowed to function independently and cannot count as the second EMT for purposes of transport.

### RENEWING PRIVILEGES

- A. When the EMT renews the State of Ohio EMT Certification, they must also renew their privileges to function.
- B. In addition to meeting all of the State of Ohio's requirements to renew certification, the EMT must also meet the following in a three-year cycle:
  1. Continuing education in these areas:
    - a. Patient Assessment
    - b. Childbirth, OB/Gyn emergencies
    - c. Infection Control
    - d. Pharmacology (for Advanced EMT and Paramedics)
  2. Skills:
    - a. Airway management
    - b. Defibrillation
    - c. Medication administration specific to certification level

3. Pass the online protocol tests
4. Attend all mandatory training as applicable

C. If the requirements are not met, the EMT's privileges to function will NOT be renewed.