

BETST MINUTES

December 20, 2022



**Board of Emergency Telecommunications
Standards & Training
Ridgeland, MS**

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum:

Chairman Stan Alford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Director called the roll, and a quorum was present to hold the meeting.

Members Present:

Mr. Stan Alford, MEMS

Mr. Robert Cullom, MLEOTA

Mr. Jim Hennessey, MS Chapter of NENA

Mrs. Sheri Hokamp, MS Chapter of APCO

Chief Will Jones, Mississippi Police Chief's Association

Sheriff Mike Lee, Mississippi Sheriff's Association

Chief Terry Tucker, Mississippi Fire Chief's Association

Hon. Pete Cajoleas, Board Counsel

Members Not Present:

Mr. Ken Gunter, MJIC

Mr. Steven Jones, MS Department of Health, EMS Division

Mr. Marvin Ratliff, Claiborne Co. (Nuclear Facility)

Sheriff Charlie Sims, MS Law Enforcement Officers Association

Mr. Terry Wages, State Fire Academy

Standards and Training Staff:

Mr. Robert D. Davis, Program Specialist Supervisor

Ms. Lydia Edwards, Program Specialist III

Mrs. Marie Fivecoat, Program Specialist III

Presentation and Approval of June 2, 2022, Minutes:

The minutes for the June 2, 2022, meeting were emailed to all members. The minutes were reviewed. The Chair entertained a motion. Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the minutes and a second was received from Mrs. Hokamp. The minutes were approved without opposition.

Discuss Proposal to Approve T-CPR as a Certification Requirement. Final Vote

The Board reviewed the recommended changes to policy voted on at the last meeting concerning T-CPR.

Chapter 1:

18. TCPR - Shall mean telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which is the dispatcher-assisted delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction by trained emergency call takers or public safety dispatchers to callers or bystanders for events requiring CPR, such as out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA).

Chapter 6: 6.2, 6-b,d

b. Either the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) 24-Hour, the APCO EMD 32-Hour, or the NECI EMD 24-Hour program and CPR certification is required, along with an approved 40-Hour Basic course to be certified as an Emergency Medical telecommunicator.

d. TCPR is required to be certified as a telecommunicator.

Chapter 7: 7.3, 1,A2, 1,B2. 1,C4

2. Current certification by a TCPR (online) vendor (that shall follow evidence-based nationally recognized guidelines).

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Chapter 8: 8.2, 1C

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Chapter 12: 12.3, 1,B1d

d. Elective training may consist of approved virtual/online training. Beginning January 1, 2023, all certified telecommunicators must be TCPR certified or shall complete a TCPR online certification course within 12 months. TCPR training is a requirement for re-certification each re-certification period. Telecommunicators shall be re-certified according to the TCPR vendors requirements. Proof of training shall be maintained by the agency in its personnel files and copies of training certificates must be attached to the "Online Training Report" when submitted to the Board for credit. Virtual/Online elective training shall not exceed two (2) credits (eight [8] hours 16 per credit) per re-certification period. A separate form must be submitted for each eight (8) hours of credit. The reimbursement of online training includes the telecommunicator's salary and approved tuition.

Chapter 12: 12.3, E1

1. Telecommunicators who have a break-in-service of four years or more shall be required to complete the same certification requirements as those who are new to the profession. This shall include completing a basic course, TCPR course, and orientation course (unless the orientation course was completed before the break) for law enforcement and fire certification and the EMD basic/CPR course for EMD certification.

The American Heart Association provided a list of vendors that they recommend to instruct the T-CPR course. The AHA recommended that in Rule 7.3 and 8.2 that language be added that vendors shall follow evidence-based, nationally recognized guidelines.

Chief Tucker made a motion for final adoption to add T-CPR as a requirement for certification and recertification and amend the policy to add the language recommended by the AHA. Mr. Cullom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director's Report

The Director stated that the move of the Standards and Training office was in progress and soon the office will be located in Canton. The Director wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the Board for their devotion.

Schedule of Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

The next meeting will be announced once scheduled.

Adjournment:

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hokamp made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hennessey. There was no opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Davis".

Director, Office of Standards and Training