

		<p style="text-align: center;">SOUTHERN FOX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY & PROCEDURES</p>			
TITLE: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REGISTERED NURSE (ECRN) APPROVAL					
SECTION: EDUCATION AND LICENSURE			POLICY NUMBER: C-22.0		
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PURPOSE:

To develop criteria for eligibility and training of the SFV/EMS System Emergency Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN).

POLICY:

1. Course Eligibility Requirements:
 - A. Currently licensed Registered Professional Nurse in Illinois, in accordance with the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act.
 - B. An employee in good standing at a system hospital who has completed their ED probationary period & recommendation of the Emergency Department Manager.
 - C. A Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) card.
 - D. A current pre-hospital trauma life support course approved by IDPH. This may include Pre-hospital trauma Life Support (PHTLS), Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), International Trauma Life Support (ITLS), Trauma Nurse Specialist (TNS) or Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum (TNCC) courses.
 - E. A current Healthcare Provider CPR Card
 - F. Approval of the EMS System Coordinator
2. Course completion criteria:
 - A. Successful completion of an 8 hour program, which will consist of both classroom and practical training for the adult and pediatric populations. This course will also include telecommunications, system standing medical orders and the procedures and protocols of SFVEMSS. The EMS Medical Director and IDPH will approve the program.
 - B. Complete 8 hours of filed clinical experience with a Southern Fox Valley EMS system ALS ambulance agency. (appendix D1)
 - C. All requirements need to be completed within a one (1) year time frame from the time of the course.
 - D. Complete the ECRN application form.
 - E. Classes are mandatory for all students. Absences will be excused at the discretion of the course coordinator and/or EMS Medical Director.
 - F. The ECRN candidate must achieve a score of 75% or greater on the written examination. If the candidate fails the testing requirement, h/she shall repeat the sections(s) failed within two weeks. Failure to pass the retest will require that the course be retaken.
3. Internship:
 - A. All ECRN candidates must complete an internship period which consists of fifteen (15) radio calls (appendix D2) which are supervised and evaluated by an ECRN preceptor following successful completion of the course and any additional requirements as determined by the EMS Medical Director.

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4. Completion and Certification:
- A. After all ECRN requirements have been met, the EMS Medical Director will submit to IDPH an application for a period of four (4) years, during which time the ECRN must complete rectification requirements as outlined in SFVEMSS policy C 23.
 - B. H/She will receive a certificate of completion from the SFVEMSS office that the ECRN course was completed.
5. ECRN Reciprocity:
- A. ECRN's educated or certified in other EMS systems wishing ECRN privileges in SFVEMSS shall submit the following documents:
 - 1. Verification of successful completion of ECRN training program.
 - 2. Date of completion, with photocopy of diploma or certificate.
 - 3. Letter from the EMS System Coordinator attesting to ECRN's good standing in the former system
 - 4. Copy of all continuing education hours accumulated during the current period.
 - 5. ECRN will meet with the EMS Coordinator and review system SOPs, policy and procedures manual. The ECRN will receive three (3) hours of CME upon completion.
 - 6. Must show documentation of the eligibility requirements as outlined in B-1 of this policy.

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