

Falmouth Fire-EMS Operating Guideline Clinical/Field Time to Complete Certification Courses

Objective:

To outline the expectations of students who are seeking to fulfill practical requirements of certification courses with Falmouth Fire-EMS.

General Information: Individuals who voluntarily choose to enroll in a certification course (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) will require practical, hands-on experience with patients ("Clinical/Field Time") in order to complete said certification courses. When certain conditions are met, Falmouth Fire-EMS will permit students to receive such training with Falmouth Fire-EMS. Individuals who are already employed by Falmouth Fire-EMS are encouraged to complete Clinical/Field Time requirements with fire and EMS departments in other towns whenever possible.

Guidelines:

A. In order to qualify to receive Clinical/Field Time at Falmouth Fire-EMS, the Student must:

1. Be enrolled in an approved certification course that requires Clinical/Field Time; and
2. Obtain permission from Falmouth Fire Chief or designee.

B. While receiving Clinical/Field Time at Falmouth Fire-EMS, the Student must:

1. Be clearly identifiable as a student and will not be wearing the attire or uniform of Falmouth Fire-EMS;
2. Be a third provider (not displacing the two required providers per ambulance) on the ambulance and identified as such in scheduling software;
3. Not be allowed to drive the ambulance, assist with firefighting duties, or write MEFIRS run reports;
4. Abide by all directions provided by the supervising Falmouth Fire-EMS employees as well as the student's designated preceptor (as assigned by the Fire Chief or designee); and
5. Provide the Student's preceptor with a shift log for the preceptor's review and signature as required by the certification course.

C. Students seeking Clinical/Field Time at Falmouth Fire-EMS who are also employees of Falmouth Fire-EMS must:

1. Demonstrate that they are unable to schedule Clinical/Field Time with other towns or departments;
2. Schedule all Clinical/Field Time outside of the employee's regularly scheduled shifts; and

3. **Not** perform skills above the employee's current licensure level when not actively engaged in Clinical/Field Time.

While performing Clinical/Field Time, students should be aware that all such time is for the benefit and training of the student, and not for the benefit of Falmouth Fire-EMS. As a result, Falmouth Fire-EMS **shall not provide any student with pay or benefits, including those who are otherwise employed by Falmouth Fire-EMS, for Clinical/Field Time.** Additionally, non-employee students should be aware that completing Clinical/Field Time with Falmouth Fire-EMS does not guarantee or automatically qualify the student for a position with Falmouth Fire-EMS.

These guidelines may be changed or altered by the Fire Chief at any time.