

Vermont Emergency Medical Services, District #3

First Responder Course Policy

Vermont EMS District #3 has adopted the following policy for First Responder courses (the First Responder course is a prerequisite for taking the Emergency Care Attendant exam). This policy has been adopted with the following beliefs:

- That First Responder courses are one of many training resources available in District #3. Because of the limited standard of care allowed for Emergency Care Attendants, members of ambulance or first response agencies should be encouraged to achieve the certification level of EMT-B or higher.
- That, whenever possible, agencies wishing to sponsor First Responder courses should pool resources with other services. For example, if two neighboring services each have 5 people for a first responder course, the two services should consider combining their students and efforts into one class.

It is assumed that all First Responder courses will be run in accordance with the requirements set by the Vermont Department of Emergency Medical Services and VT EMS District #3.

1. First Responder course coordinators (cc's) must be certified, in the state of Vermont, at the EMT-B level or higher. Any person who wishes to coordinate a First Responder course must complete a District #3 First Responder instructor checklist. If those persons interested are currently certified as an Instructor / Coordinator (I/C) consistent with State Rules, they do not need to complete the checklist but do need to undergo curriculum orientation with a previously approved state FRECA instructor. Documentation of the curriculum orientation needs to be provided to the state EMS office.
2. In addition to the Course Coordinator (for non- Vermont I/C certified CC's), a Vermont Instructor/Coordinator must agree to act as a resource person for any District #3 approved First Responder Course. This Instructor Coordinator will review course schedules, lesson plans and lab sessions in order to ensure that the course meets the requirements and quality expectations of District #3.
3. The content of all District #3 approved First Responder courses will come from the 1995 National Standard First Responder Curriculum. Instructors should refrain from adding additional material to the curriculum.

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