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Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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Course Title: Emergency Medical First Responder (Dept. of Health) (DHFR)

Length of Course: 40 Hours

Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 25/15

Prerequisites: Meet Basic eligibility requirements of PA Dept. of Health.

Referenced Texts: "First Responder", 2nd Edition (Brady) or equivalent as approved by PA Dept. of Health

Course Goal: This course will equip students with the knowledge and skill to provide ill or injured persons with basic life support prior to the arrival of pre-hospital care givers with more extensive training in accordance with the standards set by the PA Dept. of Health.

Description of Course: This course is designed for persons likely to find themselves first to arrive at the scene of an acute illness or injury (such as police officers, fire fighters, etc.). It is also helpful to those who may be called upon to assist Emergency Medical Technicians or paramedics in rendering care. It is taught to the standard curriculum approved for First Responders by the PA Dept. of Health. The written exam and practical skills test leading to certification as a First Responder by that agency is administered at the conclusion of the course.

Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief) Lecture, demonstration, and supervised student practice. The instruction and administration of this course must be performed in accordance with the procedures and regulations of the PA Dept. of Health.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Pen/Pencil, Notebook, 1 copy of referenced text, 1 copy of Dept. of Health EMT Skill Sheets

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: As per the applicable regulations of the PA Dept. of Health and sponsoring Emergency Medical Services Region.

Course Outline: Course outline will be that of the standard U.S. Dept. of Transportation First Responder curriculum as adopted by the PA Dept. of Health.

Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): Written examination and practical skills test administered at the conclusion of the course as promulgated and regulated by the PA Dept. of Health.

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Course Objectives (specific): Specific objectives for each lesson in the course are those contained in the standardized lesson plan/instructor guide issued and approved by the PA Dept. of Health.