



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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SUBJECT: Mechanical CPR Certification

APPLICABILITY: All EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P Personnel

POLICY:

All EMT-B, EMT-I, and EMT-P personnel operating as EMS providers in Howard County shall be certified in the use of mechanical CPR devices. This policy establishes the procedure for training, certification, and recertification for use of these devices.

1 INITIAL CERTIFICATION

- 1.1 Persons wishing to be certified shall have a valid Maryland EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P certification.
- 1.2 Eligible personnel shall participate in an outlined training program as developed by DFRS Education and Training Section which shall consist of didactic information and a session of practice and skills check-off.
- 1.3 Only those personnel who successfully complete the training module and maintain their certification are authorized to utilize the mechanical CPR devices.
- 1.4 Records of certification shall be maintained by the Education and Training Section.
- 1.5 Personnel who operate mechanical CPR devices without certification shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

2 RECERTIFICATION

- 2.1 Expiration date of Mechanical CPR Certification shall be concurrent with EMT-B / ALS certification. Completion of an Mechanical CPR Update will be required during each cycle of certification.
- 2.2 Recertification training and protocol up-dates shall be provided as part of the career EMT-B recertification program and the ALS Continuing Education program.

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3 INSTRUCTORS

- 3.1 Shall be approved through the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services Education and Training Section.
- 3.2 Shall possess current CPR Instructor rating as a minimum qualification.

Approved:

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