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2013-2014 RSI Course Schedule

Bureau of Education & Training

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APPLICABILITY

Career Paramedic Officers

OVERVIEW

The Bureau of Education & Training EMS Training Branch (EMSTB) will host the following Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) training courses, in coordination with the Emergency Services Bureau and the Office of the Medical Director. These courses are required for all RSI providers and candidates as outlined in General Order 322.06, Rapid Sequence Intubation.

DEFINITIONS

- **RSI** – Rapid Sequence Intubation, for HCDFRS (the Department) and Maryland purposes, is the process of using sedation and paralytic medication to facilitate intubation.
- **RSI Candidate** – Any provider who has been accepted into the RSI education process but not yet been cleared as an RSI Provider by the Department and the Office of the Medical Director (OMD).
- **RSI Provider** – Any provider who is currently or has been “cleared” to perform RSI by the Department and the OMD.

TOPIC DETAILS

RSI course dates are subject to change based upon instructor availability, shift-based need and clinical site availability. If a change is necessary, ample notice will be given and/or accommodations made, within reason. Courses are 0800-1200 hrs at the PSTC, unless otherwise stated or notified.

To enroll in these courses, contact the RSI Training Coordinators Capt. Rick Leonard by email, rleonard@howardcountymd.gov and Instructor Greg Valcourt FD1283@howardcountymd.gov, with the course name and date you intend to participate. Follow up this email with a course request to the EMSTB for formal processing. If you need to change a reservation date, only an email to the coordinator is necessary.



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RSI Initial Course – Required for all RSI Candidates and an acceptable substitute for one (1) Quarterly Refresher per calendar year for current RSI providers.

Course Dates:

- March 17, 2014 – Monday (C Shift) 0800-1200
- September 15, 2014 – Monday (B Shift) 0800-1200

RSI Quarterly Refresher – RSI Candidates must attend one (1) of these during the clearance process. RSI Providers must participate in 3 Quarterly Refreshers, or acceptable substitutes, per calendar year.

Course Dates:

- December 16, 2013 – Monday (B Shift) 0800-1200
- March 17, 2014 – Monday (C Shift) 1230-1630 hrs
- June 16, 2014 – Monday (A Shift) 0800-1200
- September 15, 2014 – Monday (B Shift) 1230-1630 hrs
- December 15, 2014 – Monday (C Shift) 0800-1200
- Virtual Academy RSI Refresher – Quarterly Refresher material may be delivered online for one (1) quarterly refresher per calendar year. Contact Education & Training and the RSI Coordinator for details/enrollment.

Cadaver Lab – Required for all RSI Candidates and an acceptable substitute for one (1) Quarterly Refresher per calendar year.

Course date:

- April 7, 2014 – Monday (C Shift) – Location TBD
- A future date may be set near the September 15th, RSI Initial Course, depending on need.

Operating Room (O.R.) Clinicals – Required for all RSI Candidates **AND** Providers one (1) time per calendar year. Candidates must amass 5 successful intubations, with a 75% or better “*first pass*” success rate, to be considered for clearance as an RSI Provider. For RSI Providers, this counts as one (1) Quarterly Refresher session.

O.R. Clinical Sites & Schedules:

- Howard County General Hospital (HCGH) – Every Tuesday & Thursday; 4 hr minimum blocks, begins at 0700 hrs.
- St. Agnes Hospital – Every Monday; 4 hr block, begins at 0700 hrs.

To arrange an O.R. Clinical, contact the EMS Training Branch, Clinical Coordinator (FF/P Frank Luchi) with your availability @ FD3709@howardcountymd.gov. RSI Candidates and Providers are automatically enrolled in the RSI and OR Clinical courses on the Virtual Academy. These courses contain instructions describing the RSI process, provider resources, updates, and quarterly training material.



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FORMS/ATTACHMENTS/REFERENCES

Howard County DFRS General Order 322.06 Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI)
Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers, RSI Pilot Protocol

Approved:

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