

# National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians *Update*

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# NREMT Mission Statement

To serve as the National EMS Certification organization by providing a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice by EMS professionals throughout their careers and by maintaining a registry of certification status.



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**“The primary purpose of  
licensure or certification is to  
*protect the public.*”**

**Standards for Education and Psychological Testing**

American Educational Research Association

American Psychological Association

National Council on Measurement in Education



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# NREMT Departments & Staff

Executive Director, Bill Brown – retires May 2013

Incoming Exec. Dir.: Severo “Tre” Rodriguez

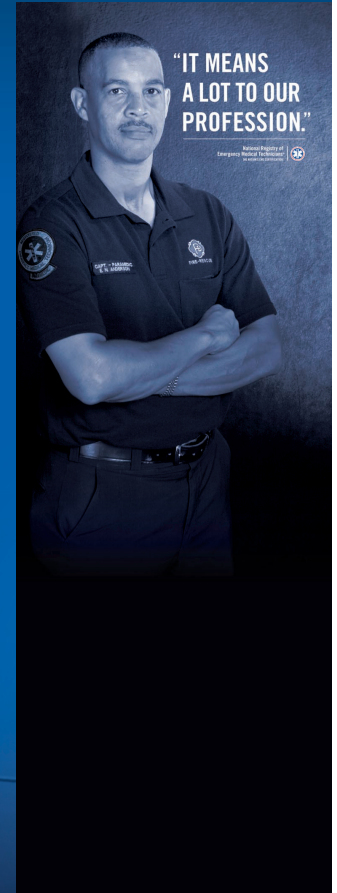
- 31 FTE's
- Administration – 6
- Certification/Recertification – 11
- Examination, Results & Sales – 6
- Information Technology – 5
- Community Relations – 1
- Research – 2



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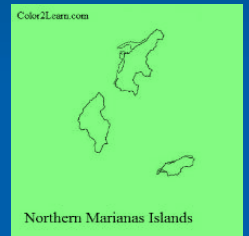
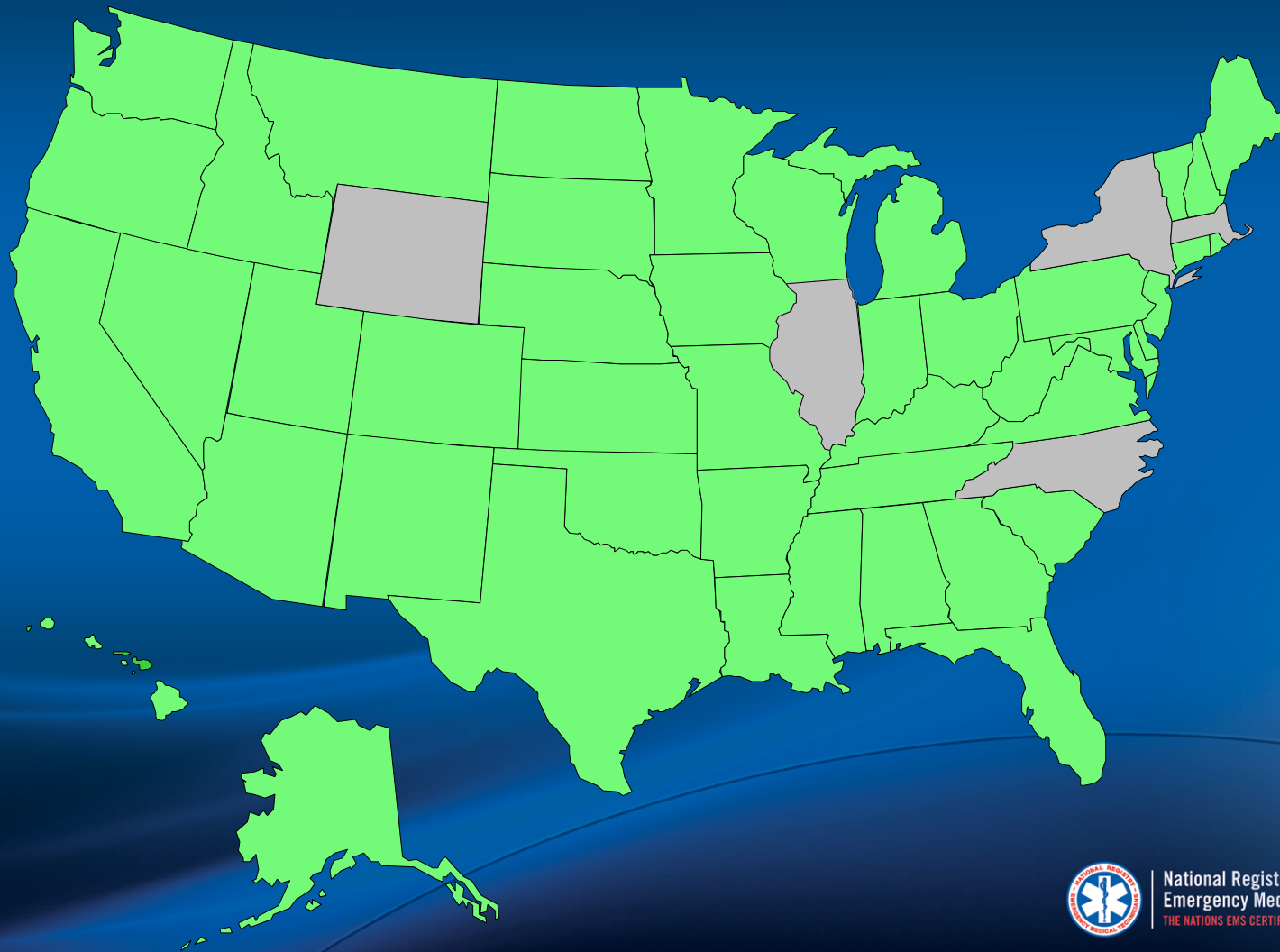
# The Nation's EMS Certification

- A 43-year history as a non-profit organization
- Used by 45 states (+DC/military/DHS)  
as part of state licensure process
- Certified over 1.6 million EMTs
- Accredited by NCCA



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# State Utilization



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# 2012 Statistics

- Over 411,700 Nationally Registered EMS Providers (as of 11/1/12)
- Examined over 120,600 National EMS Certification candidates
- Recertified over 83,000 EMS Providers



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# Transition Update

- Exam changed according to NASEMSO Implementation team schedule
- Eliminate I/85 (March 31, 2013)
- Eliminate I/99 (December 31, 2013)
  - test without certification to be available for State licensure
- Transition courses – 200+, vary of State – State leads – validated by State or TO
- Completed in 2016/17



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# Paramedic Program Accreditation

- Paramedic Education Accreditation required as of 1/1/2013 - **incoming** STUDENTS ONLY
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
  - Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP)
  - 2007 – NREMT Motion
  - 2013 – Implementation



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# Paramedic Program Accreditation

CoAEMSP advises -

- 343 Accredited Programs
- 207 Letters of Review issued
- 51 Applications on hold for additional info
- 15 New Self Studies being reviewed



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# Current NREMT Activities



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# Community Relations



- Communiqués – Program Directors; State EMS Offices; Training Officers; Medical Directors; NREMT Representatives
- Resource for NREMT Information
- Webinars (12 now available on website for replay)
- Spring 2013 Newsletter at press
- 2012 Annual Report coming late Spring
- Website content updates



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# Current NREMT Research Projects

- Public Opinion Survey:
  - Manuscript is in preparation
  - Others manuscripts under journal review
- Field Training Officer Roles & Responsibilities:
  - Entry level competency
  - Continued competency
- LEADS II



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# Current NREMT Research Projects

- Census Surveys – using electronic format
- Continued Competency
- Distributive Education
- EMS Research Fellow Position
  - AVAILABLE!!
  - See Tre Rodriguez or contact NREMT



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# New Recertification Requirements

## Continued Competency Program

- 2016 Implementation – for those due in 2018
- 2010 Ad-Hoc Committee work
- Focus Group (2011)
- 3 Focus Groups (2012)
  - MD's and State Officials
  - Educators and Training Officers
  - EMT's and Paramedic's (Rural and Urban)
- NREMT Continued Competency Committee



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# Continued Competency Program

- Competency based on four principals  
(referenced to the American Board of Medical Specialties)
  - Professional Standing
  - Practice Performance
  - Lifelong Learning
  - Cognitive Competency



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# Continued Competency Program

- National Continued Competency Requirements 50%
- Local Continued Competency Requirements 25%
- Individual Continued Competency Requirements 25%



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# Continued Competency Program

- Emergency Medical Responder
  - 16 hours (8/4/4)
- Emergency Medical Technician
  - 40 hours (20/10/10)
- Advanced EMT
  - 50 hours (25/12.5/12.5)
- Paramedic
  - 60 hours (30/15/15)



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# Mark King Initiative



(1953-2006)

- Alabama – South Carolina – Vermont
- Reinstatement Program (State-wide)
- Opportunity to get NREMT Certification back
- State MUST Require Ongoing National Registry Certification as licensure requirement
- Supports National EMS Certification



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*Thank you*



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