



EMS ACCREDITATION

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish identification credentialing standards and procedures for all Santa Clara County EMS System providers to ensure compliance with policy, Santa Clara County Ordinance Code and associated Permit Regulations, and applicable laws.

The EMS System Identification Badge confirms that certified EMTs, Accredited Paramedics, Paramedic Interns, Mobile Intensive Care Nurses, Critical Care Transport Nurses, Accredited EMS Field Supervisors, EMS managers and administrators, and members of the Medical Volunteers for Disaster Response program are authorized to access EMS data systems, have verified medical and EMS system credentials, have had a background with subsequent arrest notifications to the EMS Agency, can be tracked in regard to required training and operations, and are affiliated with an authorized Santa Clara County EMS Provider organization to render emergency medical care.

II. EMS Accreditation Display Requirements

- A. All EMS personnel must carry valid government-issued photo identification at all times.
- B. Private EMS providers must display a Santa Clara County EMS System Accreditation Badge that is always visible when on duty.

III. Application Process

In order to apply for an EMS Accreditation, applicants must:

- A. Meet the minimum eligibility requirements identified in *Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Policy #200: Eligibility for Prehospital Certificates and Credentials* applicable to the medical provider type and the requirements required of EMT, paramedic accreditation, or other applicable certificate, licensure, accreditation, role, or certification.
- B. Submit a completed EMS Accreditation Application. Incomplete applications will not be processed and are subject to application denial.
 - 1. Employment verification section(s) approved by authorized employer representative.
 - 2. Paramedic Intern Recognition applicants must have the Paramedic Training Program Director approval prior to submission.



- C. If required by Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Policy, appropriate medical credentials may be required from the applicant, which may include one or more of the following:
 - 1. EMT Certification (issued by an approved California certifying entity).
 - 2. State of California Paramedic License.
 - 3. State of California Registered Nurse License.
 - 4. Other licenses, certificates, or credentials required depending on the type of identification being requested (ie: Medical Volunteers for Disaster Response, EMS Managers, CCT Nurses, MICNs, etc.).
- D. First time applicants must present two (2) non-expired forms of identification from List A, or one (1) from List A and one (1) from List B. Documentation of these forms of identification must be presented to the EMS Agency.

LIST A	LIST B
Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States	Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal
U.S. Military identification card or Military dependent's identification card	Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State
U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card	Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State
Permanent Resident (Alien) Card	Social Security Account Number card

- E. Complete the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Criminal Offender Record Information background checks. Public Safety personnel are exempt if their affiliated employing agency provides the EMS Agency with all subsequent arrest and conviction notifications.
- F. Pay the established fee through the online payment system.

V. Issuance of EMS Accreditation

- A. EMS Accreditation badges are property of Santa Clara County.
- B. The accreditation badge will expire on the same date as the individual's professional medical credential (EMT certification, paramedic license, or RN license). Individuals that do not have a professional medical credential will expire two (2) years from the date of issue.
- C. The EMS Agency shall issue a wallet-sized photo accreditation badge to eligible individuals who successfully complete the application requirements.



- D. Accreditation badges will be issued to the individual's affiliated Santa Clara County EMS System provider agency program manager for distribution to the individual.

VI. Replacement

- A. Lost or stolen accreditation badges shall be reported to the EMS Agency by submitting a System Performance Variance Report (Form 903).
- B. Submit a completed EMS System Accreditation (Lost/Stolen) Application.
- C. Replacement costs for lost or damaged badges are the responsibility of the individual prehospital care provider.

VII. Surrender of EMS Accreditation

- A. EMS Accreditation Badges are property of the County of Santa Clara, and shall be surrendered to the EMS Agency upon separation from service with an authorized Santa Clara County EMS System Provider.