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To: Santa Clara County BLS and Paramedic Coordinators
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Subject: National Registry Computer Based Testing

Effective January 2007, the National Registry (NREMT) will implement computer based testing for EMT's and Paramedics. The National Registry has contracted with Pearson VUE, a computerized testing company to offer the tests. This means that only designated Pearson VUE testing sites will be permitted to offer the examinations and that we have closed our Regional National Registry Testing Center as a result of the changes.

All EMT and Paramedic training programs will register online with the National Registry and be issued a username and password. This username and password will enable the EMT/Paramedic Program Director to approve students who have passed all portions of their skills, practical and who have been issued a course completion certificate. Paramedic students will still need to complete the practical/skills portion of the exam with an approved National Registry representative prior to taking the computerized test.

The NREMT will mail all schools an instructional DVD that details all the steps for registering a student for the exam. The DVD also gives the student information on registering for the exam.

Individuals wishing to take the NREMT test will need to follow these steps:

- While enrolled in the course, apply on the NREMT website; pay by credit card or send in a money order before taking the test.
- Once they finish the course, their instructor will need to validate that they have successfully complete the course, including the skills competency, on password protected portion of the NREMT website.
- After completing the first two steps, they will be notified by the NREMT they are eligible to make an appointment to take the exam.
- Schedule a time to take the test by contacting Pearson VUE via phone at (866) 673-6896 or accessing their website at <http://www.vue.com/>

Test results will be available at the NREMT website at www.nremt.org , in most cases, the next business day. The cost for the written exam for both initial and retesting is:

EMT-Basic - \$70

Paramedic - \$110

Electronic testing does not change the Santa Clara County Certification/Recertification or Accreditation process or fees. This requirement is only for those who need to take the written exams for initial certification/licensure or those recertifying due to a lapse. Our Agency will continue to receive the scores electronically from the NREMT and our current processing is not expected to change.

For more information regarding the National Registry Computer Based Testing please visit the NREMT website at www.nremt.org

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at patricia.natividad@hhs.sccgov.org or by phone (408) 885-4250.