



Emergency Medical Services Agency Prehospital Care Manual **Policy 617**

EMS SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

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Replaces New

Resources

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I. Purpose

To establish identification credentialing standards and procedures for all Santa Clara County EMS System providers.

II. Identification 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 Identification Badge which is visible at all times when on duty.

III. Types of EMS System Identifications

- A. EMT

- B. Paramedic
- C. Paramedic Intern
- D. Critical Care Transport Paramedic
- E. Critical Care Transport Nurse
- F. Mobile Intensive Care Nurse
- G. EMS Supervisor
- H. Ambulance Strike Team Leader
- I. EMS Manager
- J. Emergency Medical Dispatcher
- K. Medical Volunteers / Medical Reserve Corps
- L. EMS Agency

IV. Application Process

- A. Meet the minimum eligibility requirements identified in Policy 200 (Eligibility For Prehospital Certificates and Credentials).
- B. Meet the minimum requirements and qualifications identified by policy for the credential being applied for.
- C. Submit completed EMS Personnel Application (EMS 901). Incomplete applications will not be processed and are subject to application denial.
 - 1. Employment verification section(s) signed by authorized employer representative
 - 2. Paramedic Interns Recognition applicants must have the Paramedic Training Program Director sign application prior to submission
- D. If required by policy, provide appropriate medical credentials. May include one 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
- E. Provide two (2) of the following current government issued photo identification credentials:
1. State driver's license
 2. State identification card
 3. US Military identification card
 4. US passport
 5. US resident alien identification card
- F. If applicant is unable to provide more than one (1) of the required credentials identified in Section E, the applicant may provide one of the following government issued identification credentials as an alternative:
1. Social Security Number
 2. College photo identification card issued by the University of California System
 3. College photo identification card issued by the California State University System
 4. College photo identification card issued by a Community College District located in the State of California
- G. Complete the DOJ Criminal Offender Record Information background check. Public Safety personnel exempt, ***if*** their affiliated employing agency provides the EMS Agency with all subsequent arrest and conviction notifications.
- H. Pay the established fee.

V. Issuance of EMS System Identification

- A. EMS System identification badges are property of the County of Santa Clara.
- B. The identification badge will expire on the same date as the individual's professional medical credential (EMT certification, paramedic license, or RN license), or remain valid for a maximum of two (2) years from date of issue.
- C. The Agency shall issue a wallet size photo identification badge to eligible individuals who successfully complete the application requirements.

- D. Identification credentials will be issued to the individual's affiliated Santa Clara County EMS System provider agency for distribution to the individual.

VI. Replacement

- A. Loss or stolen identification badges shall be reported to the Agency (Submission of EMS Form 903).
- B. Replacement costs for lost or damaged badges are the responsibility of the individual prehospital care provider.

VII. Surrender of EMS System Identification

- A. EMS System Identification 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.