

## June Website Directors Column

To continue with last month's theme of reminders and updates, I would like to first let everyone know that the current EMT and paramedic certification and recertification policies will remain in effect until December 31, 2015. EMS personnel need to have time to complete recertification requirements and the revised policies continue under review. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Secondly, I appreciate hearing from those of you who are compliant with the Emergency Vehicle Operator certification that was included in the April/May edition of this column. It is good to know that you are reading this column and acting upon the information that is shared. We are conducting an audit of individuals with this level of certification and will be making notifications to individuals with expired certifications that are noted on current run sheets.

A change in agency Medical Director is one of the required changes that must be communicated to OEMS. A modification application must be submitted along with a copy of the new Agency Medical Director agreement. The new Agency Medical Director must be approved by the Regional Medical Director if he / she has never been in the WV CIS system. Before the Regional Medical Director can approve, the agency must send the new Agency Medical Director's resume, CV and WV CIS number to the WV Office of Emergency Medical Services. The provisions in 64CSR48 are below:

2.4. Agency Medical Director -- A West Virginia licensed physician who meets the requirements of subdivision 9.1.d. of this rule, and accepts responsibility for providing medical oversight, medical performance review and extending privilege to practice to a licensed EMS agency and its personnel under the guidelines established by OEMS.

4.22. Medical Accountability.

4.22. A. Off-Line Medical Direction.

4.22. A. The medical director has a written contract with the EMS agency outlining duties and responsibilities and is actively involved with the agency through direct participation in activities, included, but not limited to; oversight of training, skills maintenance and recertification; equipment selection; clinical performance evaluation and the performance improvement process as evidenced by documented participation in quarterly, or more frequent, meetings with agency officials and personnel.

9.1. D. Agency Medical Director. -- The agency medical director, by written agreement with the Agency, and concurrence of the regional EMS Medical Director and State EMS Medical Director, oversees medical aspects of an EMS agency or local EMS system and extends or restricts the privilege to practice to EMS personnel associated with the agency.

9.1. C.2. The regional EMS Medical Director shall:

9.1. C.2.D. Review the appointments of all Agency Medical Directors