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TO: All EMT's called up to Active Military Duty

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SUBJECT: Active Military Personnel/Recertification

The Department of Human Services EMS & Trauma Systems Section (DHS-EMS) will grant extensions of current EMT certifications to all military personnel who have been called up to active military duty prior to June 1, 2005 provided they meet the following conditions:

- The EMT must have been activated prior to June 1, 2005.
- The EMT must provide written documentation or a photocopy to the DHS-EMS office from the military verifying their date of activation.
- The EMT must have served their active duty outside of the state of Oregon to be eligible.

If an EMT is called to active duty and returns home prior to June 1, 2005, the following conditions must apply in order to be eligible for an extension:

- The EMT must have served their active duty outside of the state of Oregon for no less than 12 months between July 1, 2003 and June 1, 2005.
- The EMT must have returned to Oregon after January 1, 2005.

Once an EMT has been discharged from active duty or returns to Oregon in a reserve status, they must meet the following conditions:

- The EMT must provide written documentation or a photocopy to the DHS-EMS office from the military verifying their discharge and return to Oregon.
- The EMT must contact the DHS-EMS office upon return from active duty, to obtain a Letter of Certification Extension, which they must provide to their employer prior to functioning as an EMT in the state.
- Once an EMT obtains their certification extension, they must comply with OAR 333-265-0100 concerning renewal of an expired certificate of not more than one year. They will have 180 days to obtain any necessary continuing education hours and then submit their application and fees (military personnel will not be charged late fees) for recertification.

DHS-EMS intends to recognize military training to be applicable, where appropriate, for EMT recertification. If an EMT participates in military training that is related to prehospital care, and the EMT wishes to apply those continuing education hours to their recertification, they must provide the following:

- Form DA 1059 (shows attendance in the course)
- Copy of the Training Schedule (shows contact hours)
- POI (lesson plan) from the instructor (demonstrates appropriateness of content for continuing education)

Those EMTs who are discharged from service after July 1, 2006 should contact the DHS-EMS office upon their return to review their individual circumstances and recertification needs. Failure to comply with any of these conditions will result in the EMT being ineligible for any certification extension. They would then be subject to the requirements of OAR 333-265-0100 regarding the expiration, renewal, and reinstatement of EMT certification and would be unable to function as an EMT until they completed that process.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office at 503-731-4011.