



Laurens County Emergency Medical Services

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Laurens County EMS First Responder IST 2008 Policy and Procedure

General Knowledge Testing

General knowledge test will be used to test the knowledge base of the student prior to lecture. The test will be specific to the topic of discussion for that month's training. The Test will be graded and returned to the student the following training session. If time allows there will be skills review and check off with each training session.

TESTING

Each student must pass the DOT exam with a grade of 70 or higher to function as a first responder in Laurens County. If you are currently National Registry certified you will need to complete all hours and skills check off prior to your recertification. If you are DOT certified you will need to complete all hours, a written exam and skills stations prior to recertification. **It is your responsibility to inform the First Responder Education Coordinator in writing One Quarter prior to your expiration.** If you need to take the test there will be assigned testing dates as needed. If you fail the test you will have one change to retest and make the required 70%.

National Registry Vs. DOT

DOT certification is the test that is taken when you complete the class and is currently the only test that is required by South Carolina and Laurens County EMS, however you are strongly encouraged to take the national registry test. With DOT certification you will have to recertify every 3 years and you must complete 24 hours of IST or refresher course to include CPR, you must take and pass the current DOT test, and pass skills verification. With National Registry you must complete 24 hours of IST or refresher course, skills verification, and pay a \$20.00 renewal fee, this done every 2 years. If you are testing for the first time with National Registry there is a \$35.00 testing fee, this is a minimal fee if you are the type of person who does not like to test.

IST

In order for a student to get credit for recertification with IST hours the student must start attending the training session the first quarter after their initial certification. For example if you completed the First Responder course in July (3rd quarter) you would need to start your IST hours in October (4th quarter). Make up sessions will be offered only as needed, if you miss all nine IST classes in a quarter for no good reason you will not be offered a make up session. If you are offered a make up session it will be taught at the discretion of the instructor and at the cost of the student or their fire department. Each First Responder must attend one 3 hour training session per quarter for the full certification period (**NO EXCEPTIONS**).