

# JULY 1, 2013... WHAT DOES

There's been a lot of talk about the looming July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and what it means for the EMS community in Massachusetts. Here are the facts...

## What changes on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013?

### EXAMS FOR NEW EMT-BASIC & PARAMEDIC CANDIDATES...

EMT-Basic candidates will take the current state practical exam and the NREMT written exam; successful candidates will be eligible for NREMT certification and Massachusetts certification

Paramedic candidates will take the NREMT practical exam and the NREMT written exam; successful candidates will be eligible for NREMT certification and Massachusetts certification.

### PROCESSING TIME FOR EXAMS...

Practical exams will be processed in a matter of days, not weeks or months

Written exams can be taken before or after the practical exam.

### DUAL CERTIFICATION FOR NEW EMTS/PARAMEDICS...

Initial certification candidates who are successful with both exams and meet the NREMT's criteria will receive a national standard EMS certification allowing them to more easily get certified/licensed out of state.

### LAPSED NREMT CERTIFICATION...

Current MA EMS providers who once held a NREMT-certification will be able to reinstate it without testing between July 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014 if they want to.

# IT MEAN?

## What doesn't change on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013?

### NO NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CURRENT EMS PROVIDERS...

Currently MA-certified EMS providers will NOT be required to test into the NREMT. Current providers are not affected by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### MAINTAINING MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION...

To provide EMS care in the Commonwealth, EMS providers will continue to obtain MA-certification (even if they have NREMT-certification). This is how NREMT works in all other states; the NREMT provides the examination but the state certification is the authorization to work as an EMT in that state.

## What changes before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013?

### RECIPROCITY...

Effective immediately candidates who hold NREMT status are eligible to apply for a MA certification without the need to take a practical or written exam, enabling an easier process for current and future qualified EMS providers to work in the Commonwealth.