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TO: Orange County EMS System

FROM: Tammi McConnell, RN, MSN

EMS Administrator

SUBJECT: ORANGE COUNTY EMT ACCREDITATION CARDS

OCEMS is committed to providing a convenient, efficient, and timely EMT licensing process and have evaluated our business practices to ensure that we continue to provide the best services possible. The OC-MEDS Licensure and Certification System has been enhanced to allow Orange County Accredited EMT's to access their accounts and to generate and print their own Orange County Accreditation Card.

Effective February 1^{st,} 2014, Orange County EMT's will access their Orange County EMT Accreditation Card online and OCEMS will no longer print and mail Orange County Accreditation Cards. This is only applicable to Orange County Accreditation cards and does not apply to California State EMT Certification Cards. OCEMS will continue to print and mail State EMT Certification cards.

The advantages of online licensing and online OCEMS Accreditation Card generation include:

- EMT's can access and print Orange County EMT Accreditation cards real time 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- The online system allows for public personnel look up for EMT Accreditation status.
- Accreditation Cards generated from the OC-MEDS licensing system are equipped with QR code technology allowing for real time scanning and verification of accreditation status.
- Replacement cards can be printed by the EMT themselves without having to complete a replacement card application, pay a fee and wait for the card to be mailed.

The attached flyer has been made available for posting and distribution.

The online EMT Licensing system is operational 24 hours per day / 7 days per week and may be accessed at: https://www.oc-meds.org/licensure/public/orangecounty/.

Questions or comments may be directed to Laurent Repass, OC-MEDS Project Leader, via email at Irepass@ochca.com.



Orange County EMS Licensure System Update



1. New Licensure Platform

The OC-MEDS Licensure and Certification System has been enhanced to allow applicants to access their accounts, apply for, and pay associated fees on ANY device, including smart phones, tablets or computers.





2. Print Your Own Cards¹

The new system allows every person with an OCEMS **Accreditation** or **Authorization** to **generate and print their own card**, with a unique QR code, which is linked to a public profile².



Roy DeSoto

EMT Accreditation

Number: SQD51

Issued: 10/03/2013

Expiration: 10/31/201



3. No More #s or Plastic Cards¹

With the QR code technology, OCEMS will **not** need to issue **Accreditation** or **Authorization numbers**. Starting October 1st, we will use your State issued certification or license number for all documentation.

February 1, 2014, we will no longer issue OC Accreditation cards³.

- 1. OCEMS will continue to print and mail State EMT Certification cards.
- 2. Status can be verified by scanning QR code or through "Public Lookup" at oc-meds.org/licensure/public/orangecounty/
- 3. All Accredited or Authorized personnel must now print their own cards.

