

## March 1, 2011 EMS Rule Implementation Report

- The updates to the EMS rules became effective on March 1, 2011
  - The revised rules complied with all provisions of Act 142
  - The revised rules included a number of updates based on input prior to and during the drafting process.
- A copy of the revised rules has been placed on the EMS website and hard copy mailed to all EMS agencies
- The revised EMS rules begin a number of transitions that will evolve over the next two years. These include:
  - The initiation of credentialing at the local agency level
  - The beginning of NREMT certification as an ongoing requirement for newly certified personnel
  - The transition of existing personnel to NREMT certification if possible without testing
  - Specific criteria for EMS district review and comment on license applications
  - An EMS agency inspection process to replace ambulance vehicle inspections
  - A number of other changes related mostly to training, certification, and EMS agency operations.
- An EMS leadership call focusing on credentialing was held. Feedback was positive for using this forum as a means to update EMS stakeholders on various aspects of the new rules.
- EMS personnel with applications for recertification in process on March 1, 2011 all received correspondence describing what needed to be done to complete their recertification requirements.
- Discussions have been initiated with the NREMT regarding reinstatement of VT EMS personnel with lapsed NREMT certifications without testing. Further information will be circulated to the EMS community once details are finalized with the NREMT.
- More resources to assist personnel and agencies with their transition to operations under the updated EMS rules are being placed on the EMS website.