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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To define the expectations of paramedics participating in the Paramedic Airway Management (PAM) course program.
1.2 To define the expectations of documenting intubations skills during a certification cycle.

2. Policy

2.1 The MPD has approved the "Pierce County Paramedic Airway Management" course as presented by the PCEMS Council Training & Development Committee.

- 2.1.1. There is an 'initial' eight (8) hour minimum component and a 'refresher' two (2) hour minimum component.
2.1.2. There are 'initial' and 'refresher' instructor trainer components.
2.1.3. The course content will be reviewed and updated as needed by the T&D Committee and MPD.
2.1.4. No other 'Airway Management' course may be substituted for this course as prescribed in this policy.

2.2 Participation in the PAM course program.

- 2.2.1 EMS agencies may facilitate their personnel's participation in the PAM course program.
2.2.2 Individual paramedics may participate in the PAM course program.
2.2.3 Paramedics will have successfully completed the PAM course program if they:
2.2.3.1 Successfully complete an eight hour 'Initial' component within the first year of their current certification cycle, and
2.2.3.2 Successfully complete a 'Refresher' component in their second year of their current certification cycle, and
2.2.3.3 Successfully complete a 'Refresher' component in their third year of their current certification cycle, and
2.2.3.4 Submit PCEMS Office approved course completion certificates to the PCEMS Office for review and approval. A copy of these certificates will be kept in their individual paramedic file.
2.2.4 Eligibility for participation in the PAM course program is open to all Pierce County paramedics.
2.2.4.1 Any paramedic in their "First Certification Period or Three Years" as defined by WAC 246-976-162 may attend any PAM course component. Upon successful completion of that component, the individual will get credit for OTEP or CME hours depending on the recertification method. The individual will get credit for eight (8) manikin ET intubations for successful completion of an 'initial' component, and/or two (2) manikin ET intubations for successful completion of a 'refresher' component.



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2.2.4.2 Any paramedic in "Later Certification Periods" (beyond their First Certification Period) as defined by WAC 246-976-162 may attend any PAM course component. Upon successful completion of that component, the individual will get credit for OTEP or CME hours depending on the recertification method. The individual will get credit for eight (8) manikin ET intubations for successful completion of an 'initial' component, and/or two (2) manikin ET intubations for successful completion of a 'refresher' component.

2.2.4.2.1 Only paramedics in "Later Certification Periods" (beyond First Certification Period) will have the PAM course program completion considered for purposes of recertification IAW WAC 246-976-161 (5).

2.2.4.2.2 To be considered under this WAC, paramedics in "Later Certification Periods" must successfully complete all components. An 'initial' component may be substituted for a 'refresher' component.

2.2.4.2.3 To be considered under this WAC, paramedics in "Later Certification Periods" must provide to the PCEMS Office official documentation of their human intubation attempts (successes and failures) during the certification cycle being reviewed for purposes of recertification. This electronic record must show the paramedic's name, incident date, incident run number, number of attempts, and number of successes. If a paramedic was in the OR or ED when human intubation(s) were attained, these intubations must be properly/completely documented on what is known as a Pierce County EMS Office approved CME/skills 'half-slip'.

3. Revision History

Table with 3 columns: Date, Change, Reference. Rows include 2009-02-12 New Policy and 2015-01-28 Revised MPD notified of DOH policy clarification.