



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Announcing the Emergency Medical Telecommunications Course for Secondary Teachers

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), in collaboration with Priority Dispatch, will offer a three-day course for Emergency Medical Telecommunications, July 13-15, 2015, at the [Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center](#), 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451. The class will meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. This professional development opportunity is for secondary education instructors in emergency medical services, health and medical sciences, public safety, and criminal justice. It will provide them the necessary credentials to teach the new Emergency Medical Telecommunications course beginning in 2015-2016.

ETC-I Certification Course

Upon completion of the course, participants will have the opportunity to earn certification for Emergency Medical Telecommunication Instructor I (ETC-I) from the National Academies of Emergency Medical Dispatch. The ETC-1 course will help instructors to:

- improve personal training skills and abilities;
- become familiar with ETC course content;
- understand ETC course standards;
- recognize how to incorporate local policies;
- learn International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) processes; and
- gain certification for your students through IAED.

Additional Resources

- International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) membership
- Two-year subscription to the *Journal of Emergency Dispatch*
- Academy presentation and instructor notes

The workshop trainer and resources will be provided by VDOE. Participants are responsible for all meals, travel-related expenses, and lodging, if needed. School divisions' Perkins funds are allowable for this expenditure. All participants must preregister at <https://courses.prioritydispatch.net/CourseDetail.aspx?courseNum=9945&disc=4> by June 1, 2015. Course seats are limited and will be assigned upon receipt of the registration form.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Michele R. Green-Wright, health and medical sciences and related clusters specialist, at cte@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at 804-225-3119.

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Attachment:

- A. [Emergency Telecommunicator-Instructor Certification Course Flyer](#) (PDF)