

## State Processes for Legal Recognition of EMTs for Wildland Fires

This guide is intended to be used as **reference material only**. State policies are subject to change and may not be immediately reflected in this document. The first section is a summary of state requirements; click on the state link for additional details.

The processes listed below are for *Basic Life Support* only.

**Medical Unit Leaders, Logistic Section Chiefs, Agency Administrators and others must appropriately research processes in each state.**

***This document is updated for the 2020 fire season.***

State	Process specific to out-of-state EMTs?	NREMT Certification Required?	Legal Recognition Basic Information (for out-of-state EMTs with <u>current</u> state certification)	Possible to Pre-credential?	Pre-credential Basic Information (for out-of-state EMTs with <u>current</u> state certification)
<a href="#">Alaska</a> <i>Current as of June 25, 2020</i>	No	No	Current Alaska licensure is required to practice as an EMS provider in Alaska	No	n/a
<a href="#">Arizona</a> <i>Current as of June 11, 2020</i>	No	Yes	Current Arizona licensure is required to practice as an EMS provider in Arizona	No	n/a
<a href="#">California</a> <i>Current as of June 11, 2020</i>	Yes	No	Individuals, meeting certain defined conditions, may temporarily practice in California	Yes	Individuals need to obtain California certification ahead of time
<a href="#">Colorado</a> <i>Current as of June 16, 2020</i>	No	Yes	Current Colorado certification is required to practice as an EMS provider in Colorado	Yes	Submit provisional request form with completed application
<a href="#">Idaho</a> <i>Current as of June 25, 2020</i>	Yes	No	Individuals apply to the EMS Bureau for limited recognition to practice in Idaho	Yes	Same process as legal recognition
<a href="#">Montana</a> <i>Current as of June 12, 2020</i>	Yes	No	Individuals may function during a state and/or federally managed incident under Montana statewide protocols, policies, & procedures	No	n/a

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<a href="#">Nevada</a> <i>Current as of June 12, 2020</i>	Yes	No	Red Card is used for legal recognition	Yes	Same process as legal recognition
<a href="#">New Mexico</a> <i>Current as of June 25, 2020</i>	Yes	No	During emergency situations, initial licensure requirements for out-of-state EMS personnel may be waived, by state EMS office	Yes	Same process as legal recognition
<a href="#">Oregon</a> <i>Current as of June 4, 2020</i>	No	No	Out-of-state EMS providers, when working under the control of the Federal Government, are exempt from Oregon licensing	n/a	n/a
<a href="#">Utah</a> <i>Current as of June 11, 2020</i>	No	No	Notify the state EMS Office the presence of wildland fire EMTs	n/a	n/a
<a href="#">Washington</a> <i>Current as of June 11, 2020</i>	Yes	No	List of out-of-state wildland fire EMTs name and home state must be provided to the state EMS office	No	Verification needs to be as current as possible
<a href="#">Wyoming</a> <i>Current as of June 24, 2020</i>	No	No	Current Wyoming licensure is required to practice as an EMS provider in Wyoming	Yes	An EMS provider can apply for licensure prior to deployment.

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## ALASKA

*Current as of June 25, 2020*

- Alaska does not have “legal recognition” for out-of-state mutual aid EMTs; all EMTs in the state of Alaska must be certified in order to function as an EMT
- Alaska accepts all state EMT certifications for reciprocity; National Registry is not required, but is also accepted
- Alaska will attempt to prioritize applications for those units in rapid transit to Alaska; However:
  - Applicants with criminal histories **WILL** be delayed
  - Applications missing items **WILL** be delayed; It is absolutely essential that copies of EMT and CPR cards accompany the application; Completed applications can be processed very quickly, incomplete applications may take weeks to complete
- Click [here](#) for Alaska’s website containing EMT certification information

### A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Wildland Fire EMTs):

- 1) An online reciprocity application is available through the [Alaska EMS Public Portal](#). You will need to create an account if you have not been previously certified as an EMT in Alaska. Application Checklist:
  - a) All Applicants:
    - (i) Copy of a current valid state, territory, or National Registry certification.
    - (ii) Copy of a valid CPR credential.
    - (iii) \$25 non-refundable application fee.
  - b) EMT-2 and EMT-3 Applicants (in addition to requirements above):
    - (i) Evidence that your EMT-2 and/or EMT-3 training met or exceeded the contents of the curricula used in Alaska.
    - (ii) Evidence of successful completion of the Alaska written and practical examinations at the appropriate level.
    - (iii) Evidence that you are under the sponsorship of a physician medical director who agrees to fulfill the responsibilities of a physician medical director outlined in the EMS regulations.
  - c) For applicants with a criminal history, please have the following documents ready to upload:
    - (i) A signed and notarized Affidavit.
    - (ii) Interested Persons Report (IPR). This form must be submitted to the Criminal Records and Identification Bureau, and the report must be uploaded with this application.
    - (iii) Evidence of rehabilitation (ex. evidence of successful completion of alcohol/drug rehabilitation, anger management program, etc.)
    - (iv) Evidence of compliance with court-ordered sentencing requirements (ex. receipts for fines paid, evidence of completion of probation, etc.)
    - (v) Statement of Understanding
- 2) All required documents must be submitted with this application. An incomplete application will be DENIED.

### B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:

- 1) Not possible

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C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Federal Contract Employees):

- 1) process the same as (A) above

D) Additional Information:

- 1) For link to state statute/rule, click [here](#)
- 2) EMT Certification Questions:  
Certification Specialist  
[hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov](mailto:hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov)  
(907) 465-3029
- 3) Alaska EMS [website](#)

### **ARIZONA**

#### *Current as of June 11, 2020*

- Current Arizona certification is required to practice as an EMS Provider in Arizona
- Individuals must have current NREMT-EMT/Paramedic certification (NREMT-Basic certification no longer accepted)
- Individuals must be at least 18 years of age
- Click [here](#) for Arizona's website containing EMT certification information

A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Wildland Fire EMTs):

- 1) For Arizona certification (good for 2 years), individuals must submit:
  - a) Create EMCT account by going to <https://ems.azdhs.gov/> for approval and activation
  - b) Once account has been activated, complete [Arizona On-line Application for EMCT Certification](#)
  - c) Copy of current NREMT-EMT/Paramedic certification (NOTE: NREMT-Basic certification is no longer accepted)
  - d) A legible copy of a document that proves your legal presence in the US; acceptable documents can be found [here](#) under "Public Benefit Eligibility". A copy of this document is required to be uploaded as part of the on-line application process under the "Eligibility" portion of the application.

B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:

- 1) Not possible

C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Federal Contract Employees):

- 1) Process same as (A) above

D) Additional information:

- 1) [State statute/rule](#) → click on "Regulatory References"
- 2) EMT Certification Questions:  
[Maria.Dominguez@azdhs.gov](mailto:Maria.Dominguez@azdhs.gov) or [Kathleen.Rodriguez@azdhs.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Rodriguez@azdhs.gov)  
(602) 364-3150  
Fax: (602) 364-3566
- 3) Arizona EMS [website](#)

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## **CALIFORNIA**

*Current as of June 11, 2020*

- An out-of-state EMT may temporarily practice in CA provided all of the following conditions are met:
  - They are in possession of a valid EMT license/certificate issued by another state OR are a Nationally Registered EMT (NREMT)
  - Are approved by the medical director of the local EMS agency to practice in jurisdiction of the local EMS system
  - They may utilize the scope of practice as defined by the entity with whom they are licensed/certified
  - They will observe any limits placed on their scope of practice by the local medical director, should the local medical director exercise that option
- Click [here](#) for a White Paper on EMTs Deployed to CA on Mutual Aid
- Click [here](#) for California's website containing EMT certification information

### A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Wildland Fire EMTs):

- 1) Submit the Temporary Recognition of out-of-state EMS Personnel Responding on Mutual Aid in California form to the local EMS agency (LEMSA)
  - a) Form can be faxed to the LEMSA  
AND
  - b) Fax the form to the California EMS Authority: (916) 324-2875
- 2) Click [here](#) for a list of LEMSA Administrators

### B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:

- 1) An individual can be pre-credentialed by obtaining a California EMT certification ahead of time:
  - a) Pass the written examination and skills examination
  - b) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older
  - c) Complete criminal history background check
  - d) Complete an application form from the local LEMSA (EMT card will be issued from the LEMSA but is recognized statewide)
  - e) Pay the established fee (will vary depending on which LEMSA application is used)

### C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Federal Contract Employees):

- 1) Process same as in (A) above

### D) Additional Information:

- 1) For link to state statute/rule, click [here](#) (see Article 4, page 18)
- 2) For information regarding California's Emergency Medical Services Personnel Programs, click [here](#)
- 3) EMT Certification Questions:  
Sean Trask, EMS Personnel Division Chief  
Phone: (916) 431-3689  
Fax: (916) 324-2875
- 4) California EMS [website](#)

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## **COLORADO**

*Current as of June 16, 2020*

- Current Colorado certification is required to practice as an EMS provider in Colorado
- NREMT certification does not constitute Colorado certification (although it is required as part of the credentialing process)
- Colorado does not accept EMS provider certification from other states as the basis for state certification
- Colorado is a member of the [EMS Compact](#). The EMS Compact allows EMS personnel licensed in compact member states (home states) to cross state borders using a privilege to practice and work in other compact states (remote state) without getting an EMS license/certification in the remote state. Verifications must occur through the state EMS offices in both states before the privilege can be activated. Contact the [Operations section](#) for more information.
- Click [here](#) for Colorado's website containing EMT certification information

### A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (State Certification Process for Wildland Fire EMTs)

- 1) All applicants must:
  - a) [Create an account](#) in Colorado's Online Application Tracking Hub (OATH)
  - b) Submit a completed [application](#) with required supplemental documents
  - c) Click [here](#) for application instructions
  - d) Be 18 years of age
  - e) Hold a current NREMT certification
  - f) Submit to a [fingerprint-based criminal history record check](#)
  - g) Submit evidence of lawful presence in the U.S.
  - h) Submit evidence of current and valid professional level Basic Cardiac Life Support (CPR) course completion from a national or local organization [approved by the Department](#)
- 2) Information on EMS provider certification requirements is located [here](#)

### B) Process for Pre-Credentialing (Provisional Certification Process):

- 1) Provisional certifications are issued to applicants requesting a provisional (temporary) certification pending the results of a fingerprint-based criminal history record check
  - a) Fingerprint results may take up to 12 weeks to process.
- 2) To be eligible for a provisional certification, the applicant must satisfy all requirements for initial certification (see (A) above)
- 3) Provisional certifications are valid for not more than ninety days and will transition to regular certification once fingerprint results are received and background is approved
- 4) An applicant for a provisional certification shall:
  - a) Submit to the Department a completed [application](#) form provided by the Department
  - b) [Contact the EMTS office](#) to request a provisional request form
  - c) Submit a \$23 fee using the state's [PayPort Online Service](#)
  - d) Submit a [name-based criminal history record check](#) as follows:
    - (i) A name-based criminal history report for each state in which the applicant has lived within the past three years, conducted by the respective states' bureaus of investigation or equivalent state-level law enforcement agency, and obtained by the applicant not more than 90 days prior to receipt of a completed application

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### C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Federal Contract Employees):

- 1) Process same as in (A) above

### D) Additional information:

- 1) For link to Colorado statute/rule, click [here](#)
- 2) Contact information for the Colorado EMTS Section:  
(303) 691-4932  
[cdphe.emtcert@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe.emtcert@state.co.us)
- 3) Colorado EMS [website](#)

## **IDAHO**

### *Current as of June 25, 2020*

- An individual who is currently licensed or certified by another State to provide emergency medical care can apply to the Idaho EMS Bureau for limited recognition to practice in Idaho
- Limited recognition does not grant an individual the ability to practice outside of the scope of practice as specified and approved by the Idaho EMS Bureau
- Click [here](#) for Idaho's website containing EMT certification information
- When an Incident Management Team (IMT) is assigned to an incident, it is their responsibility to follow the procedures as described below. When an IMT is not assigned to an incident, it is the host agency's responsibility to ensure the following procedures are followed.

### A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Wildland Fire EMTs):

- 1) It is the IMT's responsibility to coordinate with the Idaho EMS Bureau to ensure all EMS providers working on wildland incidents are licensed and working within their authority. They shall:
  - a) Contact the Idaho EMS Bureau at: Telephone (208) 334-4000, Fax (208) 334-4015 or email [EMSAgcyLicensure@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:EMSAgcyLicensure@dhw.idaho.gov) to establish a direct communication for incident support. The EMS Bureau provides written approval to the IMT for EMS providers working on incidents.
  - b) Forms to be obtained and kept on file at the incident for Idaho EMS Bureau review:
    - (i) Letter from the EMS provider's medical director, giving them authority to work on the wildfire incident
    - (ii) Copy of EMS License for personnel
    - (iii) Copy of License and Cover Letter, if applicable for EMS agency
    - (iv) Out-of-state-providers must complete the 'Limited Recognition Request Form'. The form can be found and submitted online to the Idaho EMS Bureau (click [here](#)).
  - c) The Idaho EMS Bureau typically responds to the IMT during business hours Monday through Friday. There may be delays in responses to IMT's on weekends and after business hours.
- 2) When bringing EMS providers from other jurisdictions to an incident, as a courtesy to the local EMS jurisdiction, the IMT shall contact the local medical facility Emergency Room who can direct them to the Medical Director who has local jurisdiction authority to let them know the status of EMS providers on the incident. This can be done through the Idaho EMS Bureau if necessary.
- 3) If an incident requests an EMS resource for working near the fireline, the resource shall be NWCG qualified in a fireline position and have in their possession a current Red Card.

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### B) Process for pre-credentialing:

- 1) Process same as in (A) above
- 2) The IMT will still need to notify the Idaho EMS Bureau when a Medical Unit is established in the state

### C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (*Federal Contract Employees*):

- 1) Process same as in (A) above

### D) Additional information:

- 1) For link to state statute/rule, click [here](#) (see Section 140, page 12)
- 2) Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, [Chapter 50 – Interagency Cooperative Relations](#) (EMS information on page 45)
- 3) Idaho EMS Bureau contact information:  
[EMSProvLic@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:EMSProvLic@dhw.idaho.gov)  
(877) 554-3367
- 4) Idaho EMS [website](#)

## **MONTANA**

### *Current as of June 12, 2020*

- An emergency care provider (ECP) currently licensed and in good standing in another state may function during a state or federally managed incident in compliance with the Montana ECP Practice Guidelines, but shall comply with all of the following:
  - the ECP's practice shall be limited to the duration of the state or federally managed incident;
  - practice shall be conducted within the geographic area, whether on federal, state, or private land, designated as being within the state or federally managed incident;
  - practice at the EMR level, even if the ECP is licensed at a higher level in another state, unless the individual is licensed at an EMT with endorsement(s), AEMT, or paramedic level, and the federally managed incident has medical direction provided by a Montana licensed physician approved by the board as a medical director, and the physician authorizes the individual to function beyond the basic level;
  - provide proof of current licensure and good standing in another state; and
  - submit the appropriate form to the board.

### A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (*Wildland Fire EMTs*):

- 1) Complete the [Temporary Emergency/Disaster Exemption for EMTs not Licensed in Montana](#) form
- 2) Provide proof of licensure
- 3) Return documents to the Montana Board of Medical Examiners by *one* of the following methods:
  - a) Fax (406) 841-2305
  - b) Email to [dlibsmed@mt.gov](mailto:dlibsmed@mt.gov)OR
  - c) Physically mail to:  
Montana Board of Medical Examiners  
301 S Park, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
PO Box 200513  
Helena, MT 59620-0513



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### B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:

- 1) Not possible (individual would need to apply for a Montana license)

### C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (*Federal Contract Employees*):

- 1) Process same as in (A) above

### D) Additional Information:

- 1) For link to state statute/rule, click [here](#)
- 2) For questions regarding individual EMT licensure and practice:
  - a) Click [here](#) to contact the Montana Board of Medical Examiners
- 3) For ambulance service licensure questions:
  - a) Click [here](#) to contact Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services (EMS and Trauma Systems)

## **NEVADA**

*Current as of June 12, 2020*

- State and local governments in Nevada recognize the federal EMT's "Red Card" qualification

### A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (*Wildland Fire EMTs*):

- 1) Within 24 hours of the establishment of an NWCG Medical Unit, the Medical Unit Leader must submit a completed [NWCG Limited Request for Recognition](#) form to the Nevada Office of EMS
- 2) Send form to directly to Richard Fenlason or Kacy Dunckhorst by either fax or email:
  - a) Fax: (775) 687-7595  
OR
  - b) Email: [rflenason@health.nv.gov](mailto:rflenason@health.nv.gov) OR [kdunckhorst@health.nv.gov](mailto:kdunckhorst@health.nv.gov)

### B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:

- 1) Process same as in (A) above

### C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (*Federal Contract Employees*):

- 1) Process same as in (A) above

### D) Additional Information:

- 1) Certification contact information:  
Richard Fenlason: [rflenason@health.nv.gov](mailto:rflenason@health.nv.gov)  
OR  
Kacy Dunckhorst: [kdunckhorst@health.nv.gov](mailto:kdunckhorst@health.nv.gov)
- 2) Nevada Emergency Medical Services [website](#)

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## **NEW MEXICO**

*Current as of April 18, 2019*

- During emergency situations, New Mexico may waive initial licensure requirements for out-of-state EMS personnel based on the following; an individual or agency:
  - must be responding to a specific emergency incident;
  - shall contact the New Mexico EMS bureau prior to beginning EMS operations in New Mexico;
  - shall provide evidence (copies) of individual certification or licensure from another state or the national registry;
  - shall provide a national wildland fire request for recognition form;
  - shall provide evidence of written medical protocols and scope of practice; the bureau may restrict the provided scope of practice;
  - shall contact the local EMS system for coordination of services; and
- The maximum approved time for out-of-state licensure for a specific emergency incident is thirty (30) days and may be renewed on a case by case basis
- Out-of-state EMS providers:
  - shall maintain current employment rosters / information with the DOH EMS Bureau prior to responding to an emergent situation; the files shall be maintained in the DOH EMS Bureau
  - may pre-register with the EMS Bureau, EMS Licensing Section prior to the beginning of fire season to expedite the processing and approval of their request for working a fire incident

### A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Wildland Fire EMTs):

- 1) Before the establishment of an NWCG Medical Unit, the Medical Unit Leader must contact the EMS Program Manager for notification and approval of out-of-state EMS response at (505) 476-8246.
  - a) If the EMS Program Manager is unavailable, the requesting party shall contact a DOH Emergency Operations Center Representative (EOCR) at (505) 231-5506
- 2) The Medical Unit Leader submits a completed NWCG Limited Request for Recognition form to the New Mexico EMS Program Manager.
- 3) The Medical Unit Leader should provide evidence of written medical protocols and scope of practice to the EMS bureau (the bureau may restrict the scope of practice). Please remember that National Registry Certification is not a license to practice; medical unit team members' must have approval from the NM EMS Bureau to legally practice as an EMT in New Mexico.
- 4) The Medical Unit Leader should contact the local EMS system for coordination of services (information on the local EMS system should be obtained to through the Incident Commander of the event).

### B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:

- 1) The medical unit should submit the completed [NWCG Limited Request for Recognition](#) to the New Mexico EMS bureau for preregistration
- 2) The names on the Limited Request for Recognition form are matched with the EMT's on the pre-approved list (or with the certifications and protocols provided upon registration) and approval is given once everything is in place

### C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Federal Contract Employees):

- 1) Same process as in (A) above

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## D) Additional Information:

- 1) For link to state statute/rule, click [here](#) (see 7.27.2.8 R, page 8)
- 2) Certification contact information:  
Jacob Bennett, EMS Program Manager  
[Jacob.Bennett@state.nm.us](mailto:Jacob.Bennett@state.nm.us), (505) 476-8246  
Secure Fax: (505) 476-8262
- 3) New Mexico EMS [website](#)

## OREGON

### *Current as of June 4, 2020*

- In 2019, Oregon Revised Statute 682.035 added the exemption of individual out-of-state EMS providers from Oregon licensing when working under the control of the Federal Government.
  - Because of this statute change, the notification and application process for out-of-state EMS providers deployed to wildfires in Oregon are no longer necessary.
- Ambulance vehicles deployed into Oregon as a part of the wildfire response are also exempt from licensing requirements.

## A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Wildland Fire EMTs):

- 1) Not applicable. Out-of-state EMS providers exempt from Oregon licensing **when working under the control of the Federal Government.**

## B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:

- 1) Process same as in (A) above

## C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Federal Contract Employees):

- 1) Process same as in (A) above

## D) Additional Information:

- 1) Websites:  
Oregon EMS [website](#)  
Oregon [Revised Statute 682.035](#)
- 2) Legal recognition contact information:  
Leslie Huntington  
(503) 931-0659, [Leslie.D.Huntington@state.or.us](mailto:Leslie.D.Huntington@state.or.us)

## UTAH

### *Current as of June 11, 2020*

- Utah licenses one EMS provider per area, with the exclusive right to transport and provide EMS for that area (with the exception of air ambulances, who can transport from anywhere in the state)
  - Click [here](#) for a listing of agencies
- When a wildland fire incident needs ground ambulance transport, there is only one choice for that service
- Utah provides no State credentialing of out-of-state wildland fire EMTs since they will only be providing first aid on scene and the care provided to the facility will always be by a Utah licensed EMS service

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## A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Wildland Fire EMTs):

### 1) Incident Management teams should:

- a) Notify Guy Dansie with the Utah Bureau of EMS at (801) 273-5671 or [gdansie@utah.gov](mailto:gdansie@utah.gov) with names of the EMS personnel
- b) Notify the licensed agency in incident area/areas
  - (i) information available [here](#) or by calling Tamara Giodin at (801) 273-6666

## B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:

- 1) Not necessary

## C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Federal Contract Employees):

- 1) Same process as in (A) above

## D) Additional Information:

Utah EMS website: <http://health.utah.gov/ems/>

## **WASHINGTON**

*Current as of June 11, 2020*

- The Washington EMS office will verify currency and status of out-of-state EMTs, as well as an NREMT credential check
- Those EMTs in good standing will be granted temporary recognition (usually no longer than 30 days)
- These EMTs are only allowed to work on the fire ground and only under the direction of the Medical Unit Leader
- All EMS providers are expected to function to the scope of practice of EMS providers in Washington state and cannot vary from those protocols and scope
- The Medical Unit Leader is also provided the name and contact information of the Physician Medical Program Director(s) (MPD) in the area of the fire ground; they are expected to contact the MPD and the local EMS and Trauma System office to establish communication
- The Incident Management Teams are required to utilize local EMS resources for transport and ancillary support (apart from transport services) as needed
  - Local EMS resource information will be provided when requests are approved

## A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Wildland Fire EMTs):

- 1) Once there is recognition of the need for EMS fire ground support, the Medical Unit Leader contacts the Washington EMS Office:

Jason Norris

(360) 236-2851

[Jason.Norris@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Jason.Norris@doh.wa.gov)

- 2) The Medical Unit Leader sends a list of the personnel who will be deployed
  - a) List includes: name; state credential number; NREMT registry number; DOB
- 3) The Washington EMS Credentialing Office:
  - a) Contacts the provider's home state EMS office to verify currency and status of the person's credential

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- b) performs a credential check on the NREMT website
  - c) will eliminate from the list any person whose credential is not current or cannot be verified
- 4) A letter is generated from Jason Norris to the Medical Unit Leader
    - a) The letter identifies the people who have been confirmed to hold a current credential that is in good standing
    - b) These individuals are granted temporary recognition for a specified time period (typically, no longer than 30 days)
    - c) The approved individuals are allowed only to work on the fire ground and only under the direction of the Medical Unit Leader
    - d) If the incident extends past the two week period, the process must be repeated
  - 5) All EMS providers are expected to function within the scope of practice of EMS providers in Washington state and cannot vary from those protocols and scope of practice (Washington EMS personnel scope of practice can be found [here](#))
  - 6) The Medical Unit Leader is provided the name and contact information of the Physician Medical Program Director(s)(MPD) in the area of the fire
    - a) The Medical Unit Leader is expected to contact the MPD and the local EMS and Trauma System office to establish communication with these folks
  - 7) The Incident Management Teams are required to utilize local EMS resources for transport and ancillary support as needed
- B) Process for Pre-Credentialing:
- 1) Because Washington does credential and background verification, the verification needs to be as current as possible, so pre-credentialing is not possible
- C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (*Federal Contract Employees*):
- 1) Same process as in (A) above
- D) Additional Information:
- 1) Legal Recognition Contact: [HSQA.EMS@doh.wa.gov](mailto:HSQA.EMS@doh.wa.gov)  
Dawn Felt, (360) 236-2842  
Jason Norris, (360) 236-2851
  - 2) Washington EMS [website](#)

## WYOMING

### *Current as of June 24, 2020*

- Current Wyoming licensure is required to practice as an EMS Provider in Wyoming
- Wyoming issues a time limited, Emergency License for wildland fires and other large incidents
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation fingerprint background check is required before EMT licensure is issued by the Wyoming Office of EMS
- Click [here](#) for Wyoming's website containing EMT licensing information
- Wyoming is a member of the [EMS Compact](#). The EMS Compact allows EMS personnel licensed in compact member states (home states) to cross state borders using a privilege to practice and work in

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other compact states (remote state) without getting an EMS license/certification in the remote state. Verifications must occur through the state EMS offices in both states before the privilege can be activated. Contact WYOEMS at 307-777-7955 for more information.

### A) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (State Licensure Process for Wildland Fire EMTs):

#### 1. Emergency Licensing

- a) To apply for an Emergency License, an EMS provider must hold a current and unrestricted license/certification from another state
- b) To request emergency licensure, the incident representative will submit a National Wildfire Coordinating Group Limited Request for Recognition Form including the following documents
  - (i) State license/certification
  - (ii) Current CPR certification (must meet American Heart Association BLS Provider standards or a Professional Rescuer card from the American Red Cross)
  - (iii) For paramedics, a current approved ACLS certification
- c) Once granted, the license will be valid for the assigned incident or 90 days, whichever occurs first

### B) Process for Pre-Credentialing (Licensing Process):

#### 1. Reciprocity Application

- a) create an account through the [Online Wyoming Licensing System \(OWLS\)](#)
- b) provide a copy of current state licensure or certification card
- c) supply EMS course information, including copy of course certificate of completion (must meet the 2009 National Education Standards)
- d) provide a copy of approved current CPR certification (must meet American Heart Association BLS Provider standards or a Professional Rescuer card from the American Red Cross)
- e) complete fingerprint based background check
- f) for paramedics, a current approved ACLS certification

#### 2. Conditional Reciprocity Application

- a) create an account through the [Online Wyoming Licensing System \(OWLS\)](#)
- b) provide a copy of current state licensure or certification card
- c) supply EMS course information, including copy of course certificate of completion (must meet the 2009 National Education Standards)
- d) provide a copy of approved current CPR certification (must meet American Heart Association BLS Provider standards or a Professional Rescuer card from the American Red Cross)
- e) for paramedics, a current approved ACLS certification
- f) submit fingerprint based background check
- g) complete and submit a notarized Conditional License Affidavit

### C) Process for Acquiring Legal Recognition (Federal Contract Employees):

1. Process same as in (B) above

### D) Additional information:

1. State statute/rule, click [here](#)
2. Contact Information:

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