

## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 12, 2002

To: SAMIC EMS System EMTs

From: Mark A. Mitchell, DO, FACOEP  
EMS Medical Director

Re: EMT License Extensions

Effective immediately, the SAMIC EMS System will not grant EMT license extensions unless the licensee can prove extenuating circumstances that would cause them not to be able to complete the 120 hours continuing education legal requirement. It has become too common practice that personnel in this system are ignoring the requirement to maintain their continuing education hours within the four-year licensure period.

EMTs that have hardships for which they cannot obtain continuing education should request to be placed on inactive status. The process for inactive status is described in the SAMIC System Manual.

There are many continuing education opportunities throughout the system for which many do not take advantage. Not only are educational sessions conducted at agencies in our system, we conduct a monthly continuing education program at the SAMIC EMS office which has a very poor attendance record. EMS office personnel spend many hours preparing these sessions for which many ignore. In fact at the last case review conducted on March 7, not one single person attended!

I would like to thank those who do keep up their continuing education hours and realize the importance of keeping up on the ever changing EMS environment.

Please begin to take advantage of these educational opportunities.