



DATE: January 17, 2019
TO: Region XI Paramedics
FROM: Region XI EMS Medical Directors Consortium
RE: Paramedic Competency Testing

The Region XI EMS System is conducting Paramedic Competency Testing sessions from February through April 2019. Competency Testing is held every other year alternating between EMTs and Paramedics within Region XI to evaluate both cognitive and psychomotor skills. **This is mandatory for all Paramedics that maintain a license in the Region XI EMS System.**

Each Competency Testing session will have a written examination and three scenario based skills stations. Content of the sessions will be based on the National Continued Competency Program for Paramedics, the National EMS Education Standards, and the Region XI Protocols and Policies with a focus on recent updates. Links to these references are posted on the Target Solutions Bulletin Board under "Region 11 Resources".

The minimum passing score for both the written examination and the skills stations is 75%. It is the expectation that all Paramedics will review the material in preparation for their testing session date. Paramedics that fail the exam will be required to return for retesting on a later date, as coordinated by their Resource Hospital.

Sessions will be held at 0800 or 1200 for a duration of 3 hours. These sessions will be held for Chicago Fire Department Paramedics in February and March at Fire Academy South and Private Provider Paramedics in April at multiple locations. Registration for sessions will be through the Region XI Target Solutions (TS) webpage and you should receive notification of available dates through the email that you have linked to your TS account.

As this is exclusively a Competency Testing session to maintain provider credentialing in Region XI and because there is no educational curriculum to this session, no continuing education hours will be awarded.

Please refer questions to your Resource Hospital.

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