

Emergency Vehicle Operators (EVO) Policy

Purpose

The policy is to support the implementation of the State of Utah administrative rules as follows. The requirement will be enforced by July 1, 2014. Strike-outs and underline edits are added for suggested amendments.

R426-4-400. Ground Ambulance and QRV Operations.

(5) Each ground ambulance provider or QRV provider shall assure that each emergency vehicle operator who may drive the emergency vehicle:

- (a) is at least 18 years of age;
- (b) possesses a valid driver license;
- (c) successfully passed the provider's criminal background check within the prior four years; and
- (d) successfully completed a department approved emergency vehicle operator's course or refresher course within the past two years.

(6) The Department shall verify annually that providers are in compliance with this requirement.

Training Criteria (adapted from the U.S. Fire Administration – FEMA)

EVO training will include but is not limited to:

- To define the needs analysis for the necessity of an emergency vehicle operators course.
- To identify the problems facing the operators of emergency vehicles.
- To motivate emergency vehicle operators to recognize the importance of emergency vehicle operator training.
- To define the personal qualities and attributes of a candidate for operating an emergency vehicle.
- Review the legal responsibilities of the emergency vehicle operator.
- Discuss the physical forces involved in the operations of an emergency vehicle.
- To express the importance of a preventative vehicle maintenance and maintenance record programs.
- Review agency standard operating procedures.
- To examine the state and local laws dealing with the operation of an emergency vehicle.
- To provide the student the opportunity to perform “hands-on” operation through a designated driving course.