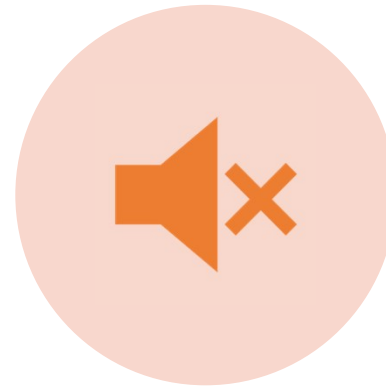


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Georgia OEMST Update – Operations Update

January 12, 2024

OEMST Staff Changes

- Region 10 EMS Director
 - Chris Threlkeld retired Dec. 1, 2023
 - 24 years of service to the OEMST
 - 42 years in EMS
 - Position in hiring process
 - Lanier Swafford – Interim Regional Director
 - Lanier.Swafford@dph.ga.gov

Workforce Numbers

Kelly Joiner

Number of Licensees as of 1/11/2024

Level	As of 04/01/2023	As of 01/01/2024	As of 1/11/2024
EMT-Responder	357	452	487
EMT	5,819	6,761	6,881
EMT-Intermediate	4,126	4,245	4,241
Advanced EMT	4,997	5,558	5,585
Cardiac Technician	23	24	24
Paramedic	8,502	9,044	9,157
TOTAL	23,824	26,084	26,375

EMS Personnel License Renewal

Personnel License Renewal

Georgia Medic Renewal application available until **March 31, 2024**.

- Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Must upload BCLS and ACLS (if applicable) cards inside the renewal application
- License renewal fee, \$75.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

Applications	Action
Georgia Medic Renewal This is the medic renewal license for all medics (EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, CT, Paramedic) in Georgia. The renewal period opens six (6) months prior to the expiration date of medic license. Georgia Medic Renewal License application will close on March 31, 2024.	Apply Now

Instructions for Entering CE hours into Education Report

How to Submit Continuing Education Hours During the Renewal Cycle

Please note - If you attend an OEMS course - before you add training yourself, please check to see if the instructor has already added you to the course.

If you have

1. Go to <https://www.mygemsis.org/lms/public/> and log in (click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to obtain access)
2. Click on **Education** on the left
3. Click on **My Report** under the Education link
4. On this tab, you will see any courses that you have already added (or have been added by you attending an OEMS approved course)
 - a. Click on the (>) next to each topic to see the list of courses that have been already put on your training record and verify that is not already been added.
5. For each training course/date that you are wanting to add, do the following:
 - a. Click on the green (+) button to the right of one of the topics that the training you are adding is included
 - b. Enter the **Course Name** of the training (you do not need to enter the course number)
 - c. Enter the **Completed Date** of the course (if the course was multiple dates, enter the last date of the course)
 - d. You do not need to enter the Location
 - e. Upload a scanned copy of your course certificate by clicking the **Choose File** button, and selecting the file on your computer for your certificate.
 - f. Based on which green (+) button you click, the first topic has been selected for you - (enter the number of hours)
 - g. To add additional topics, Click **Add Topic**, Select the Topic, and Enter the number of hours of credit (remember that you must have 40 hours - with at least 4 in Trauma, 4 in Cardiac, and 8 in Pediatrics)
 - To enter additional topics covered for this training course/day, click **Add Topic**
 - When you are done adding topics, click the blue **Add** button
6. Your hours have been added!

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/ems-education/continuing-education>

EMS Instructor Late License Renewal

EMS Instructor and Instructor/Coordinator LATE Renewal

Instructors or Instructor/Coordinators with 12/31/2023 expiration date

Late Renewal period is now open until **June 30th, 2024**

CE and Active Teaching will be accepted from day after license issue date – 06/30/2024

License late renewal fee, \$50.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

Voucher Codes

Voucher Codes

- Voucher codes now available in LMS:
 - **Medic Renewal application**
 - **Initial/Renewal Instructor License application**
- Current voucher amounts: \$75.00 and \$25.00
- Purchased voucher codes:
 - Should be treated like a credit card/cash
 - Can be used for partial payment of license fee.
 - Can be applied for a license fee, any balance left on the voucher is not transferable. (The voucher code can only be used once).
 - No expiration date
 - Non-refundable
 - Can be used on any personnel (Medic/Instructor) license application
 - Non-transferrable by OEMST

Agency Pay for Medic Renewal (Voucher Codes)

- All Agency pay for Medic/Instructor licensure (Initial and Renewal) will be done by voucher codes.
 - This will be a phased in process of the new voucher code system starting with Medic Renewals.
 - No new voucher codes will be issued for initial license applications until Phase 3 of this transition.
- LMS can now internally generate and recognize voucher codes for medic license payments.
 - LMS generated voucher code process will be a phased in approach
 - Phase 1 – Medic Renewals
 - Phase 2 – Initial/Renewal Instructor Licensure
 - Phase 3 - Initial Medic Licensure

Agency Pay – Voucher Codes

- Application to use for Medic License Renewal/Initial Instructor voucher codes:
 - **Order Voucher Codes application**
- Voucher Code Process
 - Agency submits application to order voucher codes
 - Invoice will be emailed to Agency
 - Once payment by check is received in the Department
 - Voucher codes will be emailed to Agency
 - Agency will distribute voucher code to personnel
 - Medic will complete **Georgia Medic Renewal** application
 - Payment tab: Select Voucher Code
 - Once application submitted, Medic will enter voucher code in payment screen

Georgia Medic Renewal application

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Form 4 - Renewal Information Preview

InstructionsDemographicsApplication LevelCPROther EMS LicenseOther HCP LicenseScope of PracticePaymentRules and RegulationsSign and Submit

▼ Payment

***How are you paying for your license application? (application fees are non-refundable)**

☐ Credit/Debit Card

☐ Money Order/Cashier's Check

☒ Voucher Code

Your application will NOT be processed until you complete the payment.

Once you submit this renewal application, you will need to proceed to the **Checkout button** under Applications on the left side of the screen to pay for your application using the voucher code assigned by your EMS Agency.

Once a completed application AND payment is received, your EMS license Renewal will be processed.

Georgia Medic Renewal application

- Once application submitted, Medic will enter voucher code in payment screen

My Account

Applications

Continue 2

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Checkout

Select the license(s) you want to pay fees for and click *Pay Now* to continue to checkout.

License	Agencies	Application Date	Total Amount	Balance Due
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgia Medic Renewal		10/13/2023	\$75.00	\$75.00

Voucher Code	Agencies	Date Assigned	Amount	Balance
No Records				

Totals:

\$75.00

\$75.00

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Voucher Code: 2023-EMS2019006-75-qoi1xAQW7L

Apply Code

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Pay Now

The voucher code you entered is not valid. Please review the number and try again.

Agency Pay – Voucher Codes

Working to transition old voucher code process for Initial Medic License applications to new voucher code process.

The Department will make contact with any Agency that has been previously given voucher codes to work through a transition plan.

Other Updates/Information

Georgia EMS Patch



Two (2) locations in Georgia currently stock the patch:

Red Dog Public Safety Outfitters

1020 Indian Springs Dr.

Forsyth, GA 31029

<https://reddogus.com/>

478-994-1862

Uniforms Unlimited

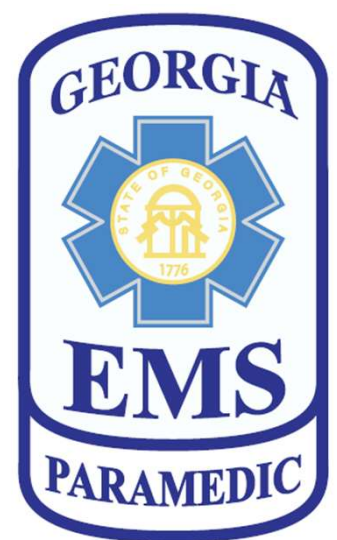
850 Prince Avenue

Athens, GA 30606

<https://www.uniformsunlimited.com/>

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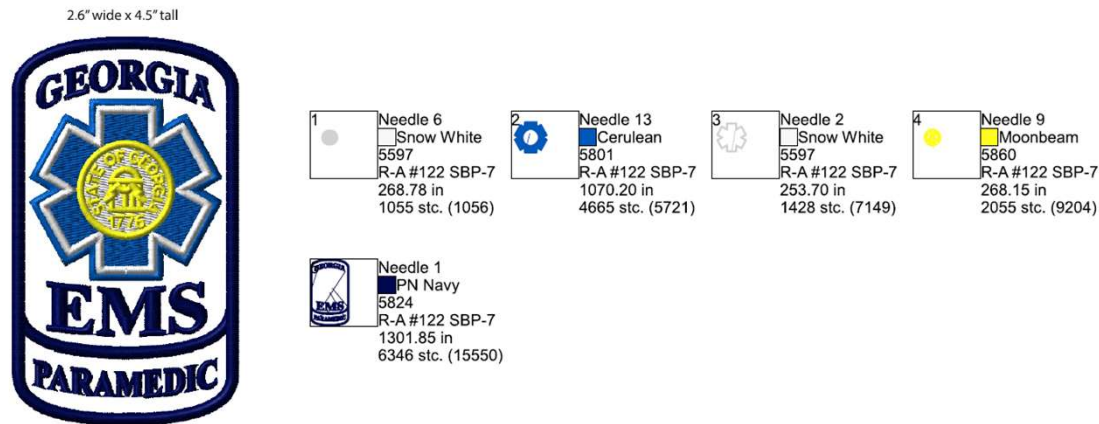
Georgia EMS Patch



Georgia EMS Patch

Branding guide and digitizing files for patch makers will be placed on the OEMST website.

As uniforms are replaced and new patches are purchased.



Reminder

Rule 511-9-2-.15. General Provisions for Emergency Medical Services Personnel, EMS Instructors, and EMS Instructor/Coordinators

- (1) Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall at all times while on duty wear visible identification, to include name, company name and license level and may include the State EMS patch or embroidered facsimile, along with license level rocker. Patches of other licensing agencies are not an acceptable substitute.
- (2) Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall at all times while on duty have a government issued photo identification on their person.

Naloxone for EMS Agencies

- 2024-Q2 EMS Naloxone Distribution
 - Request Application will open on February 12th
 - Application will close on March 1st

EMS Agency License Fees

- Beginning January 1, 2024, there will no longer be EMS **agency** license fees.
- The vehicle **re-inspection fee** will continue.
 - 1st re-inspection due to failed inspection - \$150.00
 - Any 2nd or subsequent re-inspections due to failed inspections - \$250.00
- Any license fees due in 2023 will still need to be paid.
- EMS Agency license renewal application will still be required.
 - Agencies will no longer receive annual (Anniversary) payment/application notification beginning 2024

Reminder: EMS Agency License Information

EMS Agencies are required to keep the EMS agency license information current in LMS:

- Vehicle Insurance
- Medical Director(s)
- Pharmacy(s)
- Personnel
- Vehicles
- Locations
- Key Personnel

Applications are available for these updates in LMS under your Agency applications.

Georgia's v3.5 Transition

Dipti Patel

GEMSIS Elite v3.5 Transition - Update

- Thank you for working hard and transitioning on time to NEMSIS v3.5!
- Georgia was the 24th state in the nation to implement the newest NEMSIS EMS data standard.
- Housekeeping Items....
 - Data Managers and/or EMS Agency Administrators for **ALL** licensed EMS Agencies are required to log in to GEMSIS Elite on a daily and/or weekly basis to review the data submitted.
 - ePCRs must be submitted to GEMSIS Elite within 24 hours of call completion.
 - If you are a new Data Manager and/or EMS Agency Administrator for an agency and do not have access to GEMSIS Elite. Please contact us for account setup.
- New Schematron file coming soon!
 - Revised v3.5 validation rules
 - Updated facilities list (new facilities added)



PCR Documentation: Non-Transporting Responder

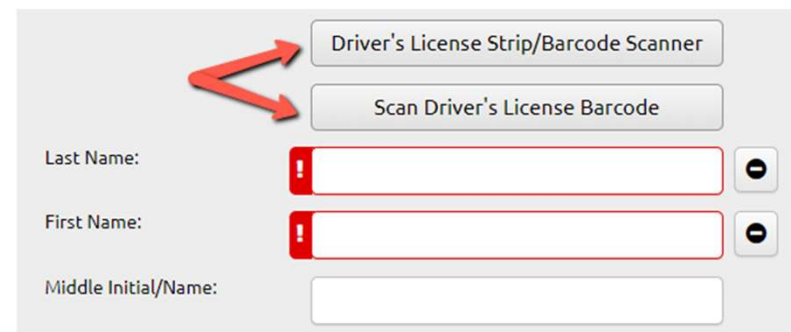
MFR, QRV, etc. Non-Transporting Responder PCRs:

- Do not document the Name of the Facility the patient is being transported to by Ambulance crew in Destination/Transferred To, Name (eDisposition.01)
- These PCRs are showing up in Hospital Hub and Patient Registry and if the ambulance has changed the patient's destination:
 - A hospital that did not receive the patient, has a patient record that did not come to their facility.
 - The hospital that the patient did get transported to, will not be able to access the PCR through the linkage in the Hospital Hub system.

Hospital Hub

- Linkage of PCRs in Hospital Hub is based on:
 - Patient First Name
 - Patient Last Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Gender
 - Within 72 hours of transporting PCR

Does your PCR system have the ability to scan the Driver's License for patient demographic information?



Driver's License Strip/Barcode Scanner

Scan Driver's License Barcode

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Initial/Name:



Driver's License Scan Results

First Name:	PAUL
Middle Name:	
Last Name:	CILLAM
Date Of Birth:	09/09/1979
Gender:	Male
Address:	108 GEM COURT
City:	City of Fort Myers
State:	FL
Postal Code:	33911
Country:	USA
Weight (lbs):	
Weight (kg):	
Driver's License Number:	F40000
State Issuing Driver's License:	FL

OK Cancel

Education Updates

Richard Rhodes



SMC are in effect and on the website

Forms and Resource Documents

- [_ EMS Initial Education Medical Director Agreement Form](#)
- [_ Program Director Certification Form](#)
- [_ Spreadsheet for EMS Initial Education Hours](#)
- Initial Education File Review Forms - updated January 2024
 - [_ EMR SMC](#)
 - [_ EMT SMC](#)
 - [_ AEMT SMC](#)
 - [_ Paramedic SMC](#)
- Initial Education Lab Books - updated January 2024 [_](#)
 - [_ EMR Lab Book](#)
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- [_ 2023 OEMST Simulation Evaluation Form](#)

Scope of Practice for EMS Personnel (SOP-2024)

An official website of the State of Georgia.



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EMS Data (CEMSIS Elite, Biospatial)

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State EMS Office Directory

Regional EMS Systems ^

Specialty Care Centers (Cardiac, Trauma, Stroke)

Office of Cardiac Care

Trauma Program

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) ^

Protocols and Scope of Practice

Current Georgia Scope of Practice for EMS Personnel

- [Scope of Practice for EMS Personnel \(SOP-2024\) - Last Updated 1/1/2024](#)
- Recent Changes:
 - 1/1/2024
 - Added ETCO2 monitoring and interpretation to the AEMT level.
 - Added Vascular Monitoring and Interpretation (Doppler)
 - Added Glucagon via Auto-Injector to EMT and EMT-I level.
 - Added POCUS for peripheral (extremity) IV insertion.
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 - Added non-narcotic/non-controlled analgesics to AEMT
 - Added antiemetics (Zofran) via parenteral and OTD route to AEMT
- [Post-Licensure Skills for Paramedics \(SOP \(PLS\)-2020-1\) - Last Updated 12/7/2022](#)

Stroke Protocols

- [Stroke Thrombolytic Checklist](#)
- [EMS Interfacility Ground Transport Protocol for Patients](#)
- [EMS Interfacility Ground Transport Protocol Vital Sign and Neuro Check Flowsheet](#)

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Georgia EMS CE Training

Topic Areas	Total Hours Available
General	19
Trauma	5.25
Medical	2.5
Operations	4
Cardiac/Stroke	15.25
Pediatric	16
Airway	2.25
Instructor	3.75
Approved for PLS (TVP, ECMO)	3.75

Southern Regional Disaster Response

5-Healthcare and PH Planning for Radiological or Nuclear Emergency- Management of Victims

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Web-based Training - Self-study

ID 1113987

Skill level: Introductory

1h

 Publish date Sep 21, 2023 12:00 AM EDT

 Expiration Date Dec 31, 2025 11:59 PM EST

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Continuing Education Start Date

Sep 21, 2023 12:00 AM EDT

Continuing Education End Date

Dec 31, 2025 11:59 PM EST

Webinar #5: Management of Victims Contaminated with Radioactive Materials

Presented by the Southern Regional Disaster Response System (HHS Region 4)

Approved for 1.0 Medical EMS CE

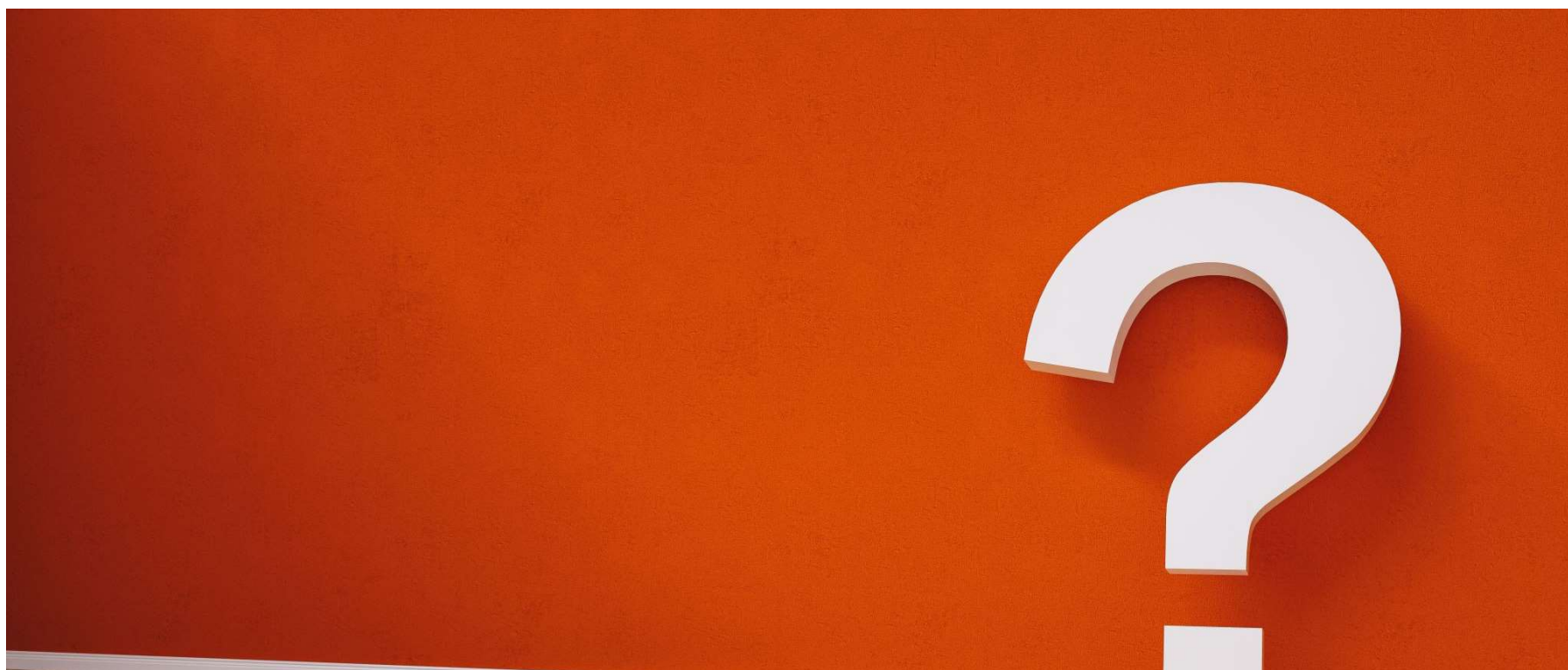
Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

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- EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – January 16th at 10:00am
 - Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA
 - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the 1st month of each quarter
- EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – February 20th, at 10:00am
 - Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA
 - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the 2nd month of each quarter
- EMS Education Consortium – March 19th at 10:00 AM
 - Virtual & In Person, location TBD
 - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the 3rd month of each quarter

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/public-notice-regional-and-statewide-meetings>

Questions? And Open Discussion



Thank you for all that you do!

- Be Safe

*May you be proud
of the work you do,
the person you are,
and the difference
you make.*

Thank You!