



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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To: Chief Academic Officers
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From: Tracy McPherson, Director, Public Safety Training Programs

RE: **New NCOEMS Requirement for EVD and TIMS Content in EMT Courses**

The NC Office of Emergency Medical Services (NCOEMS) has issued updated guidelines for EMS education and credentialing that include a new requirement that all **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses** offered via Curriculum or Continuing Education include the following content, as of the implementation date of July 1, 2021:

- **Traffic Incident Management for Emergency Responders** (referred to as TIMS); and
- State or nationally recognized **Emergency Vehicle Driving (EVD)** program, to include a physical driving component utilizing a Type I, II, or III ambulance (NCOEMS provides for various options within these guidelines).

(Source: <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/EMS/credcomp.htm>)

These new NCOEMS requirements have led to questions about how to best operationalize this within college programming. As you are aware, colleges often provide TIMS and EVD training through Continuing Education fire and rescue courses **FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management** and **FIP 3600 Emergency Vehicle Driver** to meet NC Office of State Fire Marshal (NCOSFM) certification guidelines. In addition, college public safety students are often training to serve in dual roles as firefighters and EMTs, meaning that some students will need proof of this training content to meet both standards. Since TIMS is a national program endorsed by both NCOEMS and NCOSFM, and since the NCOEMS EVD guidelines allow for use of the “FIP-EVD” content traditionally taught in state fire and rescue certification courses, we have been asked the following:

- May the EVD and TIMS content from current fire and rescue courses **FIP 3600 Emergency Vehicle Driver** and **FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management** be embedded into EMT courses; and
- May students receive credit for this training with both the NC Office of EMS and NC Office of State Fire Marshal without having to take this content twice/being registered twice?

Our Public Safety Training team has vetted these questions with appropriate staff at NCOEMS and NCOSFM, and the answer is yes, if the following protocol is followed to ensure appropriate credit with the NC Office of State Fire Marshal:

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Embedding FIP Emergency Vehicle Driver and TIMS content in EMS-4200 or EMS-110 EMT Courses

Colleges may set up a section of EMS-~~4000~~ **4200** Emergency Medical Technician or EMS-110 Emergency Medical Technician and **embed the Fire and Rescue TIMS and EVD content in the EMS course** to allow students the opportunity to receive credit towards both EMS and Fire/Rescue certification requirements. If this option is used, care must be taken to ensure that the fire credit is transferred appropriately to NC Office of State Fire Marshal via the specific process below:

- Register students to a college Emergency Medical Technician course section (do **not** register students separately to an FIP course in Colleague).
- Ensure that the instructors teaching the EVD or TIMS content meet the Fire and Rescue Commission requirement that they have a current **Qualified Fire Instructor** certification for EVD/TIMS issued by NCOSFM.
- Ensure and document that instruction and testing on this content complies with NCOSFM regulations.
- **Officially document the teaching of this course content with NC Office of State Fire Marshal through the NCOSFM portal**, paying attention to the following details:
 - Colleges must **register the teaching of the scheduled TIMS/EVD content in the NCOSFM portal**, to include the name of the approved instructor and the dates of testing, **prior to the start of this portion of instruction**.
 - **Colleges must use the applicable Continuing Education course numbers FIP 3600 Emergency Vehicle Driver and/or FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management** recognized by NCOSFM when registering this information in the NCOSFM portal (again, do not use these FIP numbers in Colleague to register students; use only the EMS course number).
 - Colleges must **manually enter student testing data** for fire/rescue certification purposes through the NCOSFM portal, as student data will not transfer electronically to NCOSFM using our normal process since colleges are not using the FIP course numbers when registering students in Colleague.

Please share with relevant EMS and Fire/Rescue staff, as coordination will be necessary. Also note that this is merely one option for providing this mandated content to your EMS students; each college will need to assess options that work best (see note on additional options below).

Other Options

Colleges and students may use other options for meeting the NCOEMS and NCOSFM requirements, to include the following: **Using FIP Course Sections for Credit Towards EMS Course Requirements**. Under this option, colleges may teach stand-alone sections of FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management and FIP 3600 Emergency Vehicle Driver, and students may then provide evidence of this training to the EMS Education Coordinator for consideration of credit towards the EMT content requirements. If this option is used, it must be done in compliance with NCOEMS-approved practices and be part of the college's approved EMS Education Plan.

As always, please direct specific questions about any options you are considering to your NCOEMS or NCOSFM regional specialists, as appropriate. If our Public Safety Training Team can be of assistance, please email us individually or contact us via **publicsafetytraining@nccommunitycolleges.edu**.