



Southern Fox Valley EMS System
Paramedic Training Program
Paramedic Application Information
January 2009

The next EMT-Paramedic class is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 26, 2009 at Waubonsee Community College. We will be offering the class according to the current National curriculum over a 12-month schedule. The tentative class times are:

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 6 pm to 10 pm	January 26, 2009 to March 19, 2009 March 30, 2009 to May 21, 2009
Mondays & Thursdays 6 pm to 10 pm	May 25, 2009 to August 6, 2009 August 24, 2009 to October 16, 2009
Mondays 6 pm to 10 pm*	October 19 2009 to December 18, 2009 *there will be occasional Thursday classes and one Saturday class during this quarter

In accordance with state regulations, class consists of 492 didactic hours, and 500 clinical and field hours. Of the 492 didactic hours, approximately 92 hours will be on-line as **mandatory internet lessons** via the Course Compass. The 500 clinical and field hours will be divided into field experience as a pre-hospital provider, clinical experiences in various settings, and a field internship during the fall/winter of 2009.

Our paramedic program is held in conjunction with Waubonsee Community College. Details about enrollment will be given out at the mandatory orientation session. The approximate costs for the program are \$79 per credit hour which will total to approximately \$2,760-\$2,850 for tuition. The textbook fee will be an additional \$400. These costs are an estimate and subject to change by Waubonsee Community College staff.

Anyone interested in attending the EMT-Paramedic training program must submit the following to the EMS office no later than **October 24, 2008**:

1. Complete application
2. \$50 non-refundable application fee
3. Photo copy of current Illinois EMT-B or EMT-I license
4. Photo copy of drivers license or state-issued ID
5. Photo copy of current AHA Health Care Provider CPR card
6. Photo copy of high school diploma OR GED
7. High school and/or college transcripts
8. 3x5 or 4x6 color photo of self – driver's license photos **will not be accepted**
9. **Typed** personal statement of why you would like to become a paramedic, to include:
 - a. Your motivation for attending this program
 - b. How you plan on using the information gained though this experience
 - c. What experience as an EMT-B/I caused you to want to pursue your education to become a paramedic

10. Two letters of recommendation:

- One personal letter – written by a non-family member that contests to who you are as a person
- One professional member – written by a non-family member that contests to who you are as an EMS provider

An application and checklist are enclosed. All of the above items must be included in your application submission or **your application will not be considered.**

Please note the Field Experience Agreement on the application. Either the Employer Agreement or the Non-Employer Agreement **must** be complete for your application to be considered.

- Employer Agreement should be used only by applicants that are members/employees of a department in the SFV-EMS System.
- Non-Employer Agreement should be used only by applicants that are NOT members/employees of a department in SFV-EMS System. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to arrange with a system department for the required field experience.**

The tentative class schedule and guidelines for completion of the class will be discussed at the **mandatory** pre-admission testing session on **Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9:00 am at Delnor-Community Hospital.**

Testing will include a multiple-choice entrance exam on EMT-B knowledge, and basic reading and math skills. **A minimum score of 75% must be achieved on the EMT-B exam to be considered for admission to the paramedic training program.** A pre-admission interview with the EMS Lead Instructor will be scheduled at that time.

Placement in the class will be based upon multiple criteria including, but not limited to:

- Score on entrance exam
- Amount of field experience
- Typed personal statement on why you want to become a paramedic
- Interview with EMS Lead Instructor
- Approval from EMS Medical Director and/or EMS System Coordinator

A mandatory orientation to the paramedic training program will be held on **Saturday, November 22, 2008** for those selected to attend the class. At this time, Waubensee Community College personnel will be present to complete college registration. Final approval for acceptance into the training program will be based on successful completion of a background check and drug screen through our office.

The following items must be submitted prior to the November orientation:

1. Documentation of physical examination, including the following:
 - a. Tuberculosis testing (within the last 12 months)
 - b. Rubella (test or proof of vaccine)
 - c. Hepatitis B (proof of vaccine or wavier)
2. Evidence of medical liability insurance


Thank you for your interest in the Southern Fox Valley EMS System Paramedic Training Program for 2009. If you have any questions, please contact me at the EMS Office (630) 208-4359 or by e-mail at Kimberly.albright@delnor.com.



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Application Check List

Applicant's Name _____

	Item Description
	Completed application Note: Field experience agreement must be complete. It is the responsibility of the student to find a site for their field clinical and internship within the SFV-EMS system.
	\$50 Non-refundable application fee
	Copy of current Illinois EMT-B or EMT-I license
	Copy of Driver's License/State-Issued ID Card
	Copy of current AHA Health Care Provider CPR Card
	Copy of high school diploma or GED
	High school and/or college transcripts
	Color photo of self
	Typed personal statement
	Two Letters of recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One personal - One professional