

Becoming a Volunteer EMT



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Thank you for your interest in becoming a Volunteer EMT with the North Olympia Fire Department. The following is the step by step outline on the application process.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be 18 years of age at time of appointment
- Be a United State Citizen
- Pass a written and physical ability test
- Pass a background check
- Pass a Medical exam and drug screen

Important Dates:

Application deadline:
May 31, 2012

Written test and Physical agility:
Late June 2012

Interviews:
Late June 2012

EMT Class Starts:
Late July 2012

1. Return or mail your completed:

- Member Application
- Authorization for Release of Information
- Current five year driving abstract (available from the dept. of Licensing)
- Copy of your unexpired drivers' license

To: North Olympia Fire Department
5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE
Olympia, WA 98506

2. Successfully complete:

- Written exam
- Physical ability test

3. New Member Interview

4. Successfully complete:

- Medical exam
- Drug screen

5. New Member Orientation meeting

6. Register for the Thurston County Medic One EMT Class

Thurston County Medic One EMT Class

The Thurston County EMT Class is an intense course in pre-hospital emergency medicine. It lasts about three months and is very challenging. The class is offered two times a year.

The EMT-B course teaches initial evaluation, treatment and transport of patients with medical problems and/or trauma. Students learn to recognize and provide initial care for ailments like shock, heart problems, breathing problems, strokes, burns, diabetes, drowning and accidents.

EMT-Basics are the foundation of American pre-hospital Emergency Medical Care. For medical emergencies, they provide rapid response, initial evaluation and care, and transport to an appropriate medical facility. They also provide transport between facilities for people who are bedridden and/or require continuous monitoring and care.

To obtain an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification you must complete an EMT course and pass the Washington State written/practical tests. The initial EMT training is provided by the department and taught by Thurston County Medic One.

Once completed many doors open up for the new EMT. In our Department you will go from an observer to an active member of our EMS team on medical calls. Outside of our Department you will become eligible to apply to private ambulance companies and professional fire departments. If you are looking for a career in the fire service, the EMT certification is the first step.