

Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association

New CVEMSA EMT Certification Fees Information Sheet

New Fee Proposal:

Initial EMT Certification

\$80 – EMS Agency Fee
\$75 – State fee

\$155 Total fee *

Recertification

\$80 – EMS Agency Fee
\$37 – State fee

\$117 – Total fee

* This does not include the cost of DOJ background expenses, estimated at \$61 to \$76 per applicant.

Discussion Topics:

- New CVEMSA fees will be voted upon at the March 16, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- CVEMSA estimates it will take 1.4 hours staff time (which determines the \$80 fee) per Certification, (both new and re-certs). Why is re-cert the same fee with reduced work required? Does it really take 1.4 hours each?
- If a public agency already has background complete and receives subsequent arrest notices, that agencies personnel would be exempt from the background portion of the new regulations. CVEMSA does not recognize the cost savings of agency conducted screenings in their fee schedule.
- CVEMSA estimates 575 EMT certifications per year (1150 per 2 year cycle). Multiplied by 1.4 hours per certification, that equates to 805 staff hours per year. Is the CVEMSA hiring a half time employee to process this increased workload, or utilizing this new funding (\$31,625 each year) to augment existing staff?