

City of Winter Park Fire-Rescue Standard Operating Guideline

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Title: Paramedic Certification

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Purpose: To establish a guideline that all Paramedic certified employees will follow regarding their certification with the State of Florida and Orange County as Paramedics.

Scope: This action will cover all employees who have obtained the level of Paramedic or were hired by the City as a Firefighter / Paramedic.

General:

In accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, a certified Paramedic is not required to maintain their EMT certification. If a Paramedic wishes to de-certify their license while employed with this Department the following guidelines will be followed.

1. Those employees who were hired as a "Firefighter/Paramedic" may only de-certify once they have reached the level of Lieutenant in this organization. Maintaining Paramedic certification is considered a condition of employment for these individuals.
2. If a Paramedic has been certified since their employment as a Firefighter, or was hired as a Firefighter/ EMT and has since gained the Paramedic certification, may drop their Paramedic certification after:
 - a. Making proper notice through the Chain-of-Command their intention to de-certify to the Fire Chief no less than 90 days from their expiration date.
3. If a Paramedic that can de-certify wishes to do so, they must maintain their certification as an EMT to remain employed.
4. If a Paramedic license is revoked for any reason, the employee must maintain their EMT certification if available.

A notice will remain on file as to the level of requirement of each Paramedic employee on the Department.