4765-12-02 **First responder curriculum.**

- (A) A training program for first responder certification shall be in accordance with division (B) of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code and this rule. Such program shall consist of forty <u>a minimum of forty-eight</u> hours according to objectives approved by the board, which can be found at www.ems.ohio.gov, in all of the following subject areas:
 - (1) A preparatory portion that provides, as a minimum, an understanding of:
 - (a) The roles and responsibilities of the first responder within the EMS system;
 - (b) Medical and legal issues;
 - (c) Basic anatomy and physiology;
 - (d) Personal protection from airborne and blood-borne pathogens;
 - (e) Lifting and moving of patients.
 - (2) An airway portion that includes procedures for airway management and ventilation;
 - (3) A portion that includes procedures for assessment of trauma and medical patients, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) History taking and physical examinations;
 - (b) Assessing vital signs;
 - (c) Components of basic triage;
 - (d) Information needed by transporting EMS personnel.
 - (4) A portion that includes management of cardiac emergencies, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated defibrillation;
 - (5) A portion devoted to illness and injury management, including patient-assisted epinephrine administration;

- (6) A portion devoted to children and childbirth.
- (7) Practical testing as prescribed by the board.
- (B) An accredited institution may grant a maximum of four hours of credit towards the forty-eight hour first responder training program requirements, set forth in paragraph (A) of this rule, if the student provides documentation of successful completion of a health care provider course or professional rescuer course provided through one of the following:
 - (1) American red cross;
 - (2) American heart association; or
 - (3) American safety and health institution.
- (B)(C) A first responder refresher program shall consist of fifteen hours according to objectives approved by the board, which can be found at www.ems.ohio.gov, for the number of hours in each of the following subject areas:
 - (1) Three hours on preparatory considerations;
 - (2) Two hours on airway management and ventilation, including oxygen therapy;
 - (3) Two hours on patient assessment;
 - (4) Two hours on cardiac management, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated defibrillation;
 - (5) Three hours on illness and injury management, including assisting patients with epinephrine auto-injectors;
 - (6) One hour on childbirth and pediatric issues;
 - (7) One hour on geriatric issues;
 - (8) One hour on trauma issues.
- (C)(D) Accredited or approved institutions Training programs offering a course training program, as outlined in paragraphs (A) and (B) (C) of this rule, shall provide for regular evaluations of student performance and achievement through written and

practical testing, prior to issuance of a certificate of completion.

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