

COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
Policy Title: EMS Personnel Background Check Requirement		Policy Number 332	
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- I. PURPOSE: To provide a method to ascertain the criminal background history of persons applying for EMT certification/recertification or Paramedic accreditation as EMS Prehospital care personnel in Ventura County.

- II. AUTHORITY: California Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.200, California Code of Regulations, Section 100206, et seq. Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 1101.

- III. POLICY:
 - A. All applicants for Ventura County EMT certification/recertification or paramedic accreditation shall complete a California Bureau of Criminal Identification, Department of Justice background investigation and Federal Bureau of Identification background check via Live Scan Service as a condition of initial EMT certification, EMT recertification in Ventura County, or Ventura County Paramedic accreditation.
 - B. Ventura County EMS shall keep record of criminal background if certification or accreditation is active.
 - C. Ventura County EMS shall contract with the California Bureau of Criminal Identification for subsequent arrest notification.
 - D. Criteria in Health and Safety Code Section 1798.200 and 13CCR1101 et al shall be used to determine whether certification is given or denied based upon the results of the background check (Refer to VCEMS Policy 333 – Accreditation, Authorization or Certification Review Process).

- IV. PROCEDURE:
 - A. All applicants for certification/recertification or accreditation shall refer to VCEMS website at vchca.org/ems for the DOJ Live Scan instructions.
 - B. This procedure applies to:
 1. All persons applying for initial California EMT certification/ or paramedic accreditation in Ventura County

2. EMT recertification in Ventura County for the first time
 3. EMT recertification in Ventura County, after lapse in certification, and the Department of Justice has been notified that subsequent notices are no longer required.
- C. EMTs who are currently certified in Ventura County and are now becoming Paramedics, do not need to repeat their background.