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EMT TRAINING FUND
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The questions and answers below have been prepared in an effort to clarify any confusion or misunderstandings associated with the implementation and ongoing operation of the EMT Training Fund and the EMT Training Fund Advisory Council.

1 What is the EMT Training Fund?

The EMT Training Fund (EMTTF) is a non-lapsing, revolving fund, established to reimburse any private agency, organization or entity which is certified by the commissioner (of Health and Senior Services) to provide training and testing for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel who are seeking emergency medical technician certification and/or recertification, and for which that entity is not otherwise reimbursed.

2. Where is the money coming from that supports this fund?

The fund is supported by a \$.50 surcharge on each fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the State for motor vehicle or traffic violations.

3. What is the EMTTF Advisory Council and who comprises the membership?

Under section 6 of the act, a 13 member council has been established and responsible for the following:

- o Establishing guidelines and making recommendations regarding reimbursement from the fund to entities providing EMT training and testing activities.
- o Making recommendations for changes in testing and training activities or the creation of new programs as necessary to conform with federal guidelines or to improve the quality of EMS.
- o Establishing guidelines for the purchase of EMS training equipment.
- o Developing recommendations for the most effective means to recruit EMS volunteers.

The advisory council includes representation from the public, the NJ State First Aid Council, the NJ Hospital Association, NJ State Police, the Medical Transportation Association of NJ, the State Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) Advisory Board, NJ Department of Health & Senior Services and the NJ State Nurses Association.

4. Are there any regulations governing the establishment of the EMTTF and if so, how can I obtain them?

Yes, there are regulations governing the establishment of the fund, and EMT training in general. The regulations may be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code (8:40A). The authority for the regulations is N.J.S.A. 26:2K-54 et seq. (P.L. 1992, c.143, section 8) and N.J.S.A. 26-2K-39, et seq. They became effective on April 21, 1997. Copies may be obtained by contacting the New Jersey State First Aid Council's executive officers, District Education Training Chairperson, or any EMT course coordinator. In addition, you may visit your community's local municipal building and review N.J.A.C. 8:40A.

