

26 Section 1. Section 395.3042, Florida Statutes, is created
27 to read:

28 395.3042 Emergency medical services providers; triage and
29 transportation of heart attack victims to an adult
30 cardiovascular services provider.-

31 (1) By June 1 of each year, the department shall send a
32 list of providers of Level I and Level II adult cardiovascular
33 services to the medical director of each licensed emergency
34 medical services provider in the state.

35 (2) The department shall develop a sample heart attack-
36 triage assessment tool. The department must post this sample
37 assessment tool on its website and provide a copy of the
38 assessment tool to each licensed emergency medical services
39 provider. Each licensed emergency medical services provider must
40 use a heart attack-triage assessment tool that is substantially
41 similar to the sample heart attack-triage assessment tool
42 provided by the department.

43 (3) The medical director of each licensed emergency
44 medical services provider shall develop and implement
45 assessment, treatment, and transport-destination protocols for
46 heart attack patients with the intent to assess, treat, and
47 transport heart attack patients to the most appropriate
48 hospital. Such protocols must include the development and
49 implementation of plans for the triage and transport of patients
50 with acute heart attack symptoms.

51 (4) Each emergency medical services provider licensed
52 under chapter 401 must comply with this section.

53 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 401.465,
54 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),
55 respectively, paragraphs (d) and (j) of subsection (2) of that
56 section are amended, paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
57 that section, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section,
58 to read:

59 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—

60 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

61 (d) "Telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
62 training" means specific training, including continuous
63 education, that is evidence based and contains nationally
64 accepted guidelines for high-quality telecommunicator
65 cardiopulmonary resuscitation with the recognition of out-of-
66 hospital cardiac arrest over the telephone and the delivery of
67 telephonic instructions for treating cardiac arrest and
68 performing compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

69 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

70 (d) The department shall determine whether the applicant
71 meets the requirements specified in this section and in rules of
72 the department and shall issue a certificate to any person who
73 meets such requirements. Such requirements must include the
74 following:

75 1. Completion of an appropriate 911 public safety

76 telecommunication training program;

77 2. Certification under oath that the applicant is not
78 addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance;

79 3. Certification under oath that the applicant is free
80 from any physical or mental defect or disease that might impair
81 the applicant's ability to perform his or her duties;

82 4. Submission of the application fee prescribed in
83 subsection (4) ~~(3)~~;

84 5. Submission of a completed application to the department
85 which indicates compliance with subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3.;
86 and

87 6. Effective October 1, 2012, passage of an examination
88 approved by the department which measures the applicant's
89 competency and proficiency in the subject material of the public
90 safety telecommunication training program.

91 (j)1. The requirement for certification as a 911 public
92 safety telecommunicator is waived for a person employed as a
93 sworn state-certified law enforcement officer, provided the
94 officer:

95 a. Is selected by his or her chief executive to perform as
96 a 911 public safety telecommunicator;

97 b. Performs as a 911 public safety telecommunicator on an
98 occasional or limited basis; and

99 c. Passes the department-approved examination that
100 measures the competency and proficiency of an applicant in the

101 subject material comprising the public safety telecommunication
102 program.

103 2. A sworn state-certified law enforcement officer who
104 fails an examination taken under subparagraph 1. must take a
105 department-approved public safety telecommunication training
106 program prior to retaking the examination.

107 3. The testing required under this paragraph is exempt
108 from the examination fee required under subsection (4) ~~(3)~~.

109 (3) TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION
110 TRAINING.—In addition to the certification and recertification
111 requirements contained in this section, 911 public safety
112 telecommunicators who take telephone calls and provide dispatch
113 functions for emergency medical conditions must complete
114 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training every 2
115 years.

116 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.