



Maryland EMS Provider Descriptions



Emergency Medical Dispatcher: *Skills include:* Call intake/call allocator; medical interrogation; medical pre-arrival and post-dispatch instructions; medical call prioritization; EMS resource allocation and management. *Hours of training:* 24 hours minimum from an EMS Board approved agency. *Licensure requirements:* written exam; successful completion of a Healthcare Provider CPR Course. Licensure period is for two years. *Renewal requirements:* Current Healthcare Provider CPR card; 24 hours continuing dispatch education.



Emergency Medical Responder: *Skills include:* Patient assessment; vital signs; bleeding control and bandaging; fracture management; emergency medical management; CPR and AED; airway management and optional O2 administration; optional self and buddy WMD auto injectors. *Hours of training:* 51 hours minimum. *Certification requirements:* Written and practical exams. Certification period is for three years. *Renewal requirements:* 12 hours of approved continuing education (6 hours didactic and 6 hours of skills). Maryland grants legal recognition for Emergency Medical Responders from most states, National Registry, and EMS Board approved certifying agencies.



Emergency Medical Technician: *Skills included:* Patient assessment; vital signs; bleeding control and bandaging; shock management; fracture management; CPR, AED, O2 administration; airway management; emergency medical management; patient assisted medications; spinal immobilization; patient movement; transport. *Hours of training:* 165 hours minimum. *Certification requirements:* EMS field internship; written and practical exams; affiliation with a BLS EMS Operational program. Certification period is for three years. *Renewal requirements:* 24 hours of approved continuing education (12 hours didactic and 12 hours of skills); a current NREMT certification at the time of Maryland renewal may be used. Maryland accepts reciprocity for Emergency Medical Technicians from most states and National Registry.



Cardiac Rescue Technician: *Skills included:* All skills listed under EMT plus additional advanced procedures such as intravenous and intraosseous cannulation; medication administration; EKG monitoring; electrical therapy. *Hours of training:* EMT certification plus approximately 400 additional hours. *Licensure requirements:* Written and practical exams; successful completion of a Maryland ALS licensing protocol exam; affiliation with an ALS EMS Operational program. Licensure period is for two years. *Renewal requirements:* 72 hours of approved continuing education; continued affiliation with an ALS EMS Operational program.



Paramedic: *Skills included:* All skills listed under CRT plus additional skills and medication administration. *Hours of training:* EMT certification plus approximately 1,100 additional hours. *Licensure requirements:* NRP certification; successful completion of a Maryland ALS licensing protocol exam; affiliation with an ALS EMS Operational program. Licensure period is for two years. *Renewal requirements:* Successful re-registration as an NRP; continued affiliation with an ALS EMS Operational program.