



# First Responder

## Requirements for Initial Certification:

Applicants must:

- ✓ Successfully complete a First Responder (FR) course approved by the EMS Board (approximately 40 hours).
- ✓ Successfully complete the Practical certification examination administered in the FR course.
- ✓ Score at least a 70 percent on the FR written certification examination approved and administered by MIEMSS.
- ✓ If using an AED as a FR, be currently affiliated with an EMS Operation Program.

First Responder training is offered by local community colleges throughout Maryland, the [Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute](#) (MFRI), various law enforcement agencies, and is also available in some Maryland public high schools.

Once obtained, a Maryland First Responder certification is valid for a period of three years. Within this three year certification period, a First Responder must complete all renewal requirements as outlined below to renew for a subsequent three year period.

## Renewal Requirements:

First Responders wishing to renew their certification MUST document and submit the following on a MIEMSS approved form before their expiration date:

- ✓ If using an AED as a FR, a current affiliation with an EMS Operation Program.
- ✓ \*Successful completion of a First Responder Skills course (S), which has been approved by MIEMSS. (6 hours)
- ✓ \*Completion of a minimum of six (6) hours of continuing education credits broken down in the following manner:
  - 2 hours of Medical (M)
  - 2 hours of Trauma (T)
  - 2 hours of Local Option (L)

\* – A MIEMSS approved 12-hour First Responder Refresher course (C) is the most popular means of obtaining both the skills and continuing education required for renewal.