### Paramedic Requirements for Initial Licensure:

Applicants must:

- Successfully complete an Paramedic course approved by the EMS Board (approximately 1,100 hrs) **OR** if a licensed nurse, licensed physician, or certified physician assistant, the health care provider to Paramedic Program **OR** if the applicant is a CRT, the Paramedic bridge course.
- Have successfully completed before application for licensure, at least twelve full months of experience in providing patient care as an EMT with an EMS Operational Program **OR** have at least 150 documented ambulance responses providing patient care, including patient assessment, with an EMS Operational Program.
- Submit evidence of current active status registration as an Paramedic with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
- Successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session approved by MIEMSS.
- Be currently affiliated with an ALS EMS Operation Program.
- Score at least a 75 percent on the Paramedic written licensure examination approved and administered by MIEMSS.

Paramedic training is offered by various fire academies and EMS Operational Programs and is also available in some local community colleges and universities throughout Maryland.

Once obtained, a Maryland Paramedic license is valid for a period of two years, provided that the provider maintains a valid ALS EMS affiliation. Within this two year licensure period, an Paramedic must complete all renewal requirements as outlined below to renew for a subsequent two year period.

### Renewal Requirements:

Paramedics wishing to renew their license MUST document and submit the following on a MIEMSS approved form before their expiration date:

- Verification of affiliation with an ALS EMS Operational Program.
- Documentation of current active status registration as a Paramedic with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.