

SUMMARY SHEET  
BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

March 12, 2015

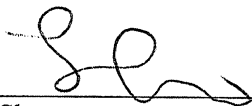
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- I. TITLE: Administrative and Consent Orders issued by Health Regulation.
- II. SUBJECT: Administrative and Consent Orders issued by Health Regulation for the period of December 1, 2014, through January 31, 2015.
- III. FACTS: For the period of December 1, 2014, through January 31, 2015, Health Regulation issued eight (8) Consent Orders with a total of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in assessed penalties.

<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Consent Orders</b>	<b>Administrative Orders</b>	<b>Assessed Penalties</b>
Emergency Medical Services and Trauma	8	0	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

Approved By:



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Jamie Shuster  
Director of Public Health

HEALTH REGULATION ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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DIVISION OF EMS & TRAUMA

**1. Eric Parker (EMT – Basic No. SC021112)**

Investigation: While responding to a call for Lee County EMS, Mr. Parker (EMT-Basic) and Jon DeLeon (EMT-Paramedic) entered the patient’s residence with their “first in” bag and cardiac monitor and found the patient in cardiac arrest. Mr. Parker activated the cardiac monitor, and exited the residence to get the stretcher and call for assistance. Mr. Parker returned to the room and printed a strip indicating coarse ventricular fibrillation, a fatal rhythm if not converted to a normal rhythm in a timely manner. The EMTs did not perform proper and effective CPR until they moved the patient to the stretcher nine (9) minutes after their arrival. Furthermore, the EMTs did not use the automated external defibrillator (“AED”) function of the cardiac monitor even though it is a procedure within the scope of practice for all EMT certification levels.

Code Violations: Mr. Parker committed “misconduct” as defined by S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(6) and Regulation 61-7, Section 1100(B)(6), by disregarding Lee County EMS protocol to carry, at a minimum, a bag, cardiac monitor, and stretcher. Mr. Parker and Mr. DeLeon did not initially carry the stretcher to the cardiac patient. Furthermore, Mr. Parker committed “misconduct” as defined by S.C. Code Sections 44-61-80(F)(10) and (14) and Regulation 61-7, Sections 1100(B)(10) and (15), by failing to perform basic cardiac life support (“BCLS”) care (CPR and an AED) on the patient and causing the patient to suffer further injury as well as creating a substantial possibility of death.

Enforcement Action: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed December 16, 2014, the Department suspended Mr. Parker’s EMT-Basic certificate until he completes a full initial American Heart Association (“AHA”) Basic Life Support (“BLS”) for Healthcare Providers course, an AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support (“ACLS”) course, and a National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (“NAEMT”) Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership (“PEPL”) course within six (6) months.

Prior Sanctions: None.

**2. Jon DeLeon (EMT – Paramedic No. SC014275)**

Investigation: The Department’s abovementioned investigation also applies to Mr. DeLeon and is incorporated here by reference. Additionally, even though Mr. DeLeon indicated the patient’s rhythm had pulseless electrical activity (“PEA”), he only gave the patient one (1) dose of 1mg of epinephrine in thirty (30) minutes. Furthermore, Mr. DeLeon did not perform defibrillation from the cardiac monitor even though it is a procedure within the scope of practice for paramedics.

Code Violations: Mr. DeLeon committed “misconduct” as defined by S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(6) and Regulation 61-7, Section 1100(B)(6), because he did not initially carry the stretcher to the cardiac patient, did not start CPR until the patient was on the stretcher, and only gave the patient one (1) dose of 1mg of epinephrine in thirty (30) minutes. Furthermore, Mr. DeLeon committed “misconduct” as defined by S.C. Code Sections 44-61-80(F)(10) and (14) and Regulation 61-7, Sections 1100(B)(10) and (15), by failing to initiate basic cardiac life support (“BCLS”) care (CPR and an AED) and only administering a single dose of 1mg of epinephrine in a thirty (30) minute period, which caused the patient further injury and created a substantial possibility of death.

Enforcement Action: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed December 16, 2014, the Department revoked Mr. DeLeon's EMT-Paramedic certificate for a period of four (4) years. After four (4) years, Mr. DeLeon may petition the Department for reinstatement as an EMT-Paramedic.

Prior Sanctions: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed on February 15, 2013, Mr. DeLeon surrendered his EMT-Paramedic certificate for an EMT-Basic certificate for nine (9) months and completed training courses.

**3. Anson Hawkins, Sr. (EMT – Paramedic No. SC015931)**

Investigation: The Department found seventeen (17) in-service training ("IST") program rosters for Williamston EMS and Iva Rescue Squad where thirty-seven (37) personnel left the IST program and still received full credit on the rosters. These personnel also received full credit on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians ("NREMT") recertification website. Mr. Hawkins was the IST program officer that oversaw the courses.

Code Violations: Mr. Hawkins committed "misconduct" as defined in S.C. Code Sections 44-61-80(F)(1) and (16) and Regulation 61-7, Sections 1100(B)(1) and (17), by attesting to false IST program rosters that were submitted to the Department and the NREMT.

Enforcement Action: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed January 9, 2015, Mr. Hawkins is permanently barred from serving as an IST program officer for a licensed ambulance or first responder service in the State of South Carolina.

Prior Sanctions: None.

**4. Iva Rescue Squad (SC EMS Provider License No. 007)**

Investigation: The Department found five (5) IST program rosters for Iva Rescue Squad where four (4) personnel left the IST program and still received full credit on the rosters. These personnel also received full credit for the training sessions on the NREMT recertification website.

Code Violations: Iva violated S.C. Code Section 44-61-70(B)(2) by submitting falsified IST program records to the Department on five (5) separate occasions.

Enforcement Action: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed January 9, 2015, the Department suspended Iva's IST program for three (3) years and the Department must approve the program thereafter. Iva further agreed to correct its inaccuracies with the NREMT and to provide the Department with written verification; Iva has since fulfilled this term of the Consent Order. Finally, Iva agreed to the Department's assessed ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) monetary penalty. Iva shall make payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed monetary penalty within 180 days of execution of this Order with the remaining nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) stayed upon a twelve (12) month period of substantial compliance as determined by the Department.

Prior Sanctions: None.

**5. Williamston EMS (SC EMS Provider License No. 120)**

Investigation: The Department found twelve (12) IST program rosters for Williamston EMS where seventeen (17) personnel left the program and still received full credit on the rosters. These personnel also received full credit for the training sessions on the NREMT recertification website.

Code Violations: Williamston violated S.C. Code Section 44-61-70(B)(2) by submitting falsified IST program records to the Department on twelve (12) separate occasions.

Enforcement Action: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed January 9, 2015, the Department suspended Williamston's IST program for three (3) years and the Department must approve the program thereafter. Williamston further agreed to correct its inaccuracies with the NREMT and to provide the Department with written verification; Williamston has since fulfilled this term of the Consent Order. Finally, Williamston agreed to the Department's assessed ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) monetary penalty. Williamston shall make payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed monetary penalty within 180 days of execution of this Order with the remaining nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) stayed upon a twelve (12) month period of substantial compliance as determined by the Department.

Prior Sanctions: None.

**6. Michael Price (EMT – Basic No. SC019639)**

Investigation: Responding to a call for Sumter County EMS, Mr. Price (EMT-Basic) and Allison Turner (EMT-Basic, at the time) arrived on the scene to find the patient in cardiac arrest. Mr. Price and Ms. Turner called for advanced life support ("ALS") assistance, and Mr. Price applied the four (4) lead EKG on the patient. The ALS backup unit arrived and declared the patient dead seven (7) minutes after their arrival. The rhythm strips from the EKG monitor indicated the patient was in ventricular fibrillation for thirteen (13) minutes and none of the EMTs attempted CPR or an AED at any point during the call.

Code Violations: Mr. Price committed "misconduct" as defined by S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(6) and Regulation 61-7, Section 1100(B)(6), by disregarding the Sumter County EMS protocol for emergency treatment. Mr. Price further committed "misconduct" defined by S.C. Code Sections 44-61-80(F)(10) and (14) and Regulation 61-7, Sections 1100(B)(10) and (15), by failing to perform basic cardiac life support ("BCLS") care (CPR and an AED) on the patient and causing the patient to suffer further injury as well as creating a substantial possibility of death.

Enforcement Action: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed January 16, 2015, Mr. Price agreed to a twelve (12) month suspension of his EMT-Basic certificate and to complete an approved EMT-Basic refresher course, a NAEMT PEPL course, and a full initial AHA CPR for Healthcare Providers course within six (6) months.

Prior Sanctions: None.

**7. Allison Turner (Advanced EMT – No. SC026478)**

Investigation: The Department's abovementioned investigation also applies to Ms. Turner and is incorporated here by reference.

Code Violations: Ms. Turner committed "misconduct" as defined by S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(6) and Regulation 61-7, Section 1100(B)(6), by disregarding the Sumter County EMS protocol for emergency treatment. Ms. Turner further committed "misconduct" defined by S.C. Code Sections 44-61-80(F)(10) and (14) and Regulation 61-7, Sections 1100(B)(10) and (15), by failing to perform basic cardiac life support care (CPR and an AED) on the patient and causing the patient to suffer further injury as well as creating a substantial possibility of death.

Enforcement Action: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed January 16, 2015, Ms. Turner agreed to a twelve (12) month suspension of her AEMT certificate and to complete an approved EMT-Basic

refresher course, a NAEMT PEPL course, and a full initial AHA CPR for Healthcare Providers course within six (6) months.

Prior Sanctions: None.

**8. James Mahoney (EMT – Paramedic No. SC007249)**

Investigation: While working for Sumter County EMS, Mr. Mahoney responded to the scene of an unresponsive but breathing patient. The abovementioned basic life support (“BLS”) crew was already on the scene and indicated the patient was in cardiac arrest. Mr. Mahoney observed the BLS crew was not performing any basic cardiac life support (“BCLS”) on the patient. The BLS crew had only applied the four (4) lead EKG to the patient. The patient never received any BCLS or advanced cardiac life support (“ACLS”) care. After Mr. Mahoney notified the coroner of the patient’s expiration, Mr. Mahoney left the EKG monitor on for five (5) more minutes hoping to get a better rhythm strip.

Code Violations: Mr. Mahoney committed “misconduct” as defined by S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(6) and Regulation 61-7, Section 1100(B)(6), by disregarding the Sumter County EMS protocol for emergency treatment. Mr. Mahoney further committed “misconduct” defined by S.C. Code Sections 44-61-80(F)(10) and (14) and Regulation 61-7, Sections 1100(B)(10) and (15), by failing to perform basic cardiac life support care (CPR and an AED) on the patient and causing the patient to suffer further injury as well as creating a substantial possibility of death.

Enforcement Action: Pursuant to the Consent Order executed January 16, 2015, Mr. Mahoney surrendered his current EMT-Paramedic certificate for two (2) years and agreed to complete the NAEMT PEPL course and initial AHA CPR course within six (6) months. Mr. Mahoney further agreed to attend an approved EMT-Basic refresher course and complete the NREMT recertification requirements within twenty-four (24) months. The Department may issue Mr. Mahoney an EMT-Basic certificate upon his completion of the EMT-Basic refresher course and the initial AHA CPR course. Following the two (2) year suspension and completion of the abovementioned recertification requirements, Mr. Mahoney may reapply for the EMT-Paramedic certification.

Prior Sanctions: None.