**Cowlitz County MPD Office**

**Memorandum**

1/10/2016

TO: **All Cowlitz County ALS Providers**

FR: **Marc Kranz, MD, MPD**

 **Cowlitz County EMS**

RE: **Guidelines for Paramedic Recertification.**

**The following will be the requirements for recertification for following the PCEP program**

**Lecture series:**

**January through December**.

- Compliance will be a minimum of 60% attendance and all are considered **mandatory** for a PCEP Certificate of Completion, make up’s can be done via CCEMS web site’s U-Tube Channel.

- If the 60% attendance requirement is not met, 75% attendance (9) will be required for subsequent years. 100% attendance (12) will be required the final year if second year attendance falls below 75%.

- Our YouTube channel is intended for those individuals who are unable to make the live attendance because they are on duty or deployed. Our U-Tube channel is not intended to serve as the only means for make-up attendance.

**Advanced Airway, Surgical Skills, IV and IO Lab’s: Mandatory**

- Skills series can be offered multiple times throughout the year at each Cowlitz County agency. But require MPD office notification and approval. Compliance must be maintained annually and are the responsibility of each provider.

If criteria for recertification via the PCEP method are not met, recertification will be done via conventional means. Please be informed that the “state test” is now the National Registry Paramedic Recertification Exam which you must pay to take. Please see the following link if you have any questions:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/emstrauma/download/pmcme.pdf>

Also be informed that National Registry 48 Hour Refresher certificate will not be issued unless PCEP attendance has been documented and verified by each Training Officer or Agency Representative.