

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE,  
INFECTIOUS DISEASE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**CENTER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**In the Matter of:  
PAUL LEVERAULT  
LICENSE NUMBERS EMT#13427 AND ERS#13427**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Paul Leverault (“Respondent”) is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-4.1-1 et seq. (the “EMS Practice Act”). The Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency Medical Services, Center for Emergency Medical Services (“RIDOH”), in connection with the matter described below, herein makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. That Respondent holds license numbers EMT13427 and ERS13427 (the “Licenses”). Respondent has held the Licenses since September 25, 2007.
2. That on June 20, 2020, while in his capacity as a North Smithfield Advanced EMT-Cardiac responding to a medical call, Respondent is alleged to have taken the following actions:
  - a. Respondent treated and transported a patient suffering from a cardiac emergency and a head injury caused by a fall.
  - b. During the transport, Respondent observed a change in the patient’s condition relative to the patient’s cardiac rhythm. Upon arrival at the hospital, Respondent admitted to disconnecting the patient from the cardiac monitor. While transferring the patient to hospital staff, Respondent failed to notice that the patient stopped breathing and went into cardiac arrest until alerted to the patient’s changed condition by hospital staff.
  - c. Respondent filed a brief narrative in the electronic care patient report regarding this call for service, but omitted key details of the call that were necessary to understand its significance. For example, Respondent’s narrative had failed to document that the patient had fallen and suffered an acute head injury.

**ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING,**

RIDOH and Respondent hereby agree:

3. Respondent admits to, and hereby agrees to remain under, the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
4. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by Respondent and RIDOH.
5. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a. The right to have an administrative hearing on this matter;
  - b. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
  - c. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - d. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order may be presented to RIDOH for consideration and review;
  - e. Any objection to the fact that it may be necessary for RIDOH to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review this Consent Order;
  - f. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against Respondent may occur as a result of any presentation of this Consent Order; and
  - g. Any objection that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, become a permanent part of Respondent's record maintained by RIDOH and a part of a public record of this proceeding, or posted on RIDOH's public website.
6. Respondent agrees to a period of Probation starting upon the day of ratification by RIDOH ("Probation Date"), and lasting for one year from the Probation Date. Within the period of Probation, Respondent further agrees to:
  - a. Submit a progress report relative to the number of calls and overall performance by the Chief of the North Smithfield Fire Department (the "NSFD") every three months;
  - b. Within 90 days of the Probation Date, submit to RIDOH a plan for completing the following required continuing education, such plan to be developed by Respondent in conjunction with the NSFD EMS Coordinator and an independent Instructor Coordinator approved by the Rhode Island Department of Health. The plan shall be reviewed and approved by NSFD's Medical Director, who shall also evaluate Respondent's comprehension of these topics. These educational

sessions are not to be construed as continuing education hours for Respondent's required license renewal credits.

- i. Adult cardiac arrest
- ii. Pediatric cardiac arrest
- iii. Documentation
- iv. Medicolegal cases and patient documentation
- v. Head trauma
- vi. Increased intracranial pressure
- vii. *Rhode Island Statewide Emergency Medical Services Protocols*, in its entirety
- viii. Rhode Island Code of Regulations, Emergency Medical Services [216-RICR-20-10-2], in its entirety

7. Respondent acknowledges that:

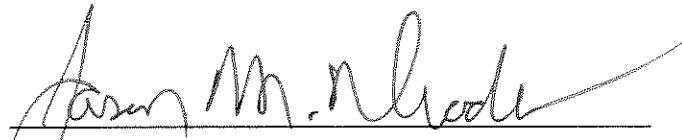
- a. this Consent Order is an agreement between RIDOH and Respondent; and
- b. any violation or failure to adhere to the terms and conditions of this Consent Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct and subject Respondent to further disciplinary action at the discretion of RIDOH, including but not limited to Suspension or Revocation.

Signed this 13 day of November, 2020



PAUL LEVERAULT  
EMT13427 and ERS13427

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jason M. Rhodes", written over a horizontal line.

JASON M. RHODES, MPA, AEMT-C  
Chief, Center for Emergency Medical Services  
Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency Medical Services  
Rhode Island Department of Health