

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

**In the Matter of:  
RICHARD A. TURCHETTI, EMT  
License Number EMT07317  
EMS Case #13-047-OF**

**CONSENT ORDER REINSTATING EMT LICENSE**

Richard A. Turchetti, EMT (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws chapter 23-4.1 and holds license number EMT14641. A complaint came before the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter "Department"), upon allegations that he did engage in conduct that constituted grounds for civil disciplinary action against his EMT license pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 23-4.1-9 and the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services* Rule 14.1. After careful consideration by the Department, the following constitute the Findings of Fact with respect to the actions of the Respondent relative to this incident:

1. On September 26, 2013, Respondent's EMT license was suspended.
2. Since that time, Respondent has satisfactorily addressed the issues related to the events leading to the EMT license suspension.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ordered:**

1. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-4.1-9 and 42-35-14(c) and the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services [R23-4.1EMS]* pertaining to unprofessional conduct, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of the Respondent as an emergency medical technician no longer constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the

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public. Accordingly, the emergency medical technician license of Respondent is hereby reinstated.

2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
3. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
  - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c. The right to cross-examine witnesses;
  - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
  - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
  - h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order; and

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- i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
4. This Consent Order shall become a part of the public record of this proceeding once accepted by all parties. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
5. Respondent hereby accepts a reprimand.
6. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action against his EMT license.
7. Respondent shall serve a one (1) year period of probation upon execution of this Consent Order, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Order:
  - a. This probationary period shall abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to provide emergency medical services in Rhode Island.
  - b. During the period of probation, Respondent shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 23-4.1 and/or the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services*, and the terms of this Consent Order.
  - c. During the period of probation, Respondent's employers, including the Chief of the licensed Ambulance Service(s) for which he is employed and/or serves as a volunteer, shall submit to the Department reports

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every three (3) months relating to the Respondent's conduct and performance. It shall be the responsibility of Respondent to ensure said reports are submitted timely.


- d. During the period of probation, if Respondent changes employment and/or volunteer service, Respondent shall notify the Department forthwith of said change including the name and address of the new employer(s) and/or licensed ambulance service, as well as the reason for change in ambulance service affiliation.
- e. A copy of this Consent Order shall be forwarded by the Department to Respondent's current employer(s) and/or volunteer service and all future employer(s) and/or volunteer service during the period of probation.
- f. If Respondent complies with the laws and regulations governing the practice of Emergency Medical Services during the twelve (12) month period of probation and complies with the requirements of this Consent Order, he may apply to the Department for relief from the probation.
- g. Prior to applying for relief from probation, the Respondent shall submit to the Department, or cause to be submitted to the Department, documentation that the above measures have been completed.

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Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
Richard A. Turchetti, EMT

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., MPH  
Director of Health