

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:
STEPHEN ANTHONY BUONO
LICENSE NUMBERS EMT15663 AND ERS15663**

CONSENT ORDER

Stephen Anthony Buono (hereinafter "Respondent") was an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-4.1, prior to voluntarily surrendering these licenses on or about October 17, 2016. The Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency Medical Services, Center for Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter "RIDOH") makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent had been licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-4.1, holding license numbers EMT15663 and ERS15663, prior to voluntarily surrendering these licenses on or about October 17, 2016.
2. Respondent now seeks reinstatement of these licenses.
3. The well-being of Rhode Islanders depends on the expertise and resilience of the health professionals comprising its healthcare system. When considering licenses for reinstatement, RIDOH necessarily considers whether individuals can demonstrate the requisite competency, readiness, and growth to meet the unique demands and pressures of each regulated license type without, at the same time, endangering the health, welfare, or safety of themselves or members of the public.

ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING,

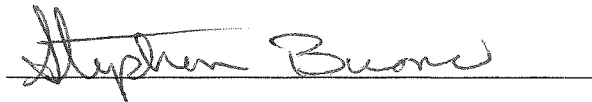
The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to, and hereby agrees to remain under, the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
2. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before RIDOH;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by RIDOH;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order may be presented to RIDOH for consideration and review; and
 - h. Any objection that this Consent Order may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank as well as posted on RIDOH's public web site.
3. Respondent's EMT license only (EMT15663) shall be reinstated *after* the following have been completed: (i) Respondent has fulfilled the components of the Rhode Island Continued Competency Program for EMTs; (ii) Respondent has successfully passed an EMT cognitive assessment exam of National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians ("NREMT"); and (iii) Respondent has successfully passed a practical examination supervised by a Chief Examiner of NREMT, as assigned or approved by RIDOH. Upon completing the requirements of this Paragraph, Respondent shall furnish RIDOH with evidence that RIDOH finds reasonably satisfactory of such completion and, upon such finding, RIDOH shall accept such evidence.
4. Respondent hereby agrees that if his license is reinstated, it shall be placed on Probationary status for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date that

RIDOH accepts the evidence of completion in Paragraph 3. During the Probationary period, performance reviews regarding Respondent shall be submitted at one (1) month intervals to RIDOH from the following ambulance service(s) officials (at which Respondent is employed or performing volunteer services): (a) the Service Chief or authorized designee of the Service Chief; and (b) the medical director. These performance reviews may be sent to RIDOH either by Respondent (in a sealed envelope or other similar delivery format) or by the officials themselves.

5. The Probationary period shall toll for any period that Respondent is not employed and/or performing volunteer services with a licensed ambulance service, as such periods are confirmed by RIDOH in its discretion.
6. During the Probationary period, if Respondent changes ambulance employment and/or volunteer services, he shall notify RIDOH immediately. Respondent shall be responsible for notifying all licensed ambulance services by which he is employed, or for which he is volunteering, of the provisions of this Consent Order. The notification from the preceding sentence shall remain in effect from the date of this Consent Order until the end of the Probationary period.
7. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is an agreement between himself and RIDOH and is enforceable by RIDOH against Respondent as a matter of law and, pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 23-4.1-9, that any failure to comply with this Consent Order shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.
8. Respondent has read this Consent Order, understands that it is a proposal and is not binding on Respondent until signed by RIDOH, and is entering into it voluntarily. Once approved by RIDOH, this Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of RIDOH.

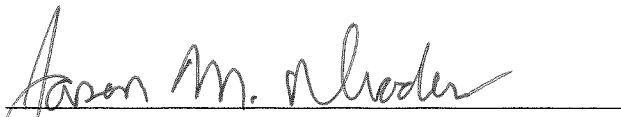
Signed this 16 day of January, 2019



Stephen Anthony Buono

EMT15663

Approved this 24th day of January, 2019



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