



<b>Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy</b>	
Subject:	Advanced Practice Paramedic
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**Purpose:**

To establish standard requirements for the Advanced Practice Paramedic (APM) program. This policy replaces the previous standalone RSI Program

The Advanced Practice Paramedic is a clinician with an advanced scope of practice. The APM shall be well versed in critical care concepts, including but not limited to disease pathology, pathophysiology, advanced airway management including rapid and delayed sequence induction, trauma care, pharmacological management and critical decision making.

**Policy:**

To qualify for Advanced Practice Paramedic the provider shall have been a certified Paramedic for two years. If the provider was an Intermediate previously, six (6) months of Intermediate experience may count towards the two year requirement.

Additionally the APM must have successfully completed and documented five (5) live intubations with a minimum of 90% first time pass success. In the absence of field intubations, ten (10) high fidelity airway simulations may be utilized.

**Minimum Certifications:**

The APM at a minimum must be certified in the following,

- Virginia Paramedic Certification
- AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support or equivalent
- AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support or equivalent

The following certifications must be obtained within six (6) months of being designated as an APM,

- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support or equivalent
- Advanced Medical Life Support or equivalent
- Newborn Resuscitation Program

Although not required, it is preferred that the APM have certifications in critical care such as CCP-C, FP-C or CCEMT-P.

**APM Maintenance**

The APM must attend three of four (75%) of APM quarterly skills drills. The APM must maintain proficiency in all aspects of critical care including but not limited to disease pathology, pathophysiology, advanced airway management including rapid and delayed sequence induction, trauma care, pharmacological management and critical decision making.



**Advanced Practice Paramedic**

***Application Packet & Portfolio***

## **Advanced Practice Paramedic Program**

The Advanced Practice Paramedic (APM) is a clinician operating within the pre-hospital environment with an advanced scope of practice. The APM shall be well versed in critical care concepts, including but not limited to, disease pathology, pathophysiology, advanced airway management including rapid & delayed sequence induction, trauma care, pharmacological management and critical decision making.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

To qualify for the Advanced Practice Paramedic Program the provider shall have been certified at the Paramedic level for two years. If their provider was an Intermediate previously, six (6) months of Intermediate experience may count towards the two year requirement.

Additionally, the APM must have successfully completed and documented five (5) live intubations with a minimum of 90% first pass success. In the absence of field intubations, ten (10) high fidelity airway simulations can be substituted.

The APM at a minimum must hold the following certifications,

- Virginia Paramedic Certification
- AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support, or equivalent
- AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support, or equivalent
- Prehospital Trauma Life Support, or equivalent (within 6 months)
- Advanced Medical Life Support, or equivalent (within 6 months)
- Newborn Resuscitation Program (within 6 months)

Although not required, it is preferred that the APM have certifications in critical care such as CCP-C, FP-C or CCEMT-P.

# Advanced Practice Paramedic Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Years as a Released Intermediate (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

# Years as a Released Paramedic: \_\_\_\_\_

## Certification Verification (attach all copies to application)

### National Registry Paramedic

Date Issued	Certification #	Expiration Date	Verified By:

### Virginia Paramedic

Date Issued	Certification #	Expiration Date	Verified By:

### Critical Care Paramedic

Date Issued	Certification #	Expiration Date	Verified By:

### Merit Badge Courses

<b>ACLS</b>	<b>PALS</b>	<b>AMLS</b>	<b>PHTLS</b>	<b>NRP</b>
Expiration	Expiration	Expiration	Expiration	Expiration

## Initial Education

### Just Breathe Mechanical Ventilation Course (or equivalent)

Date(s) Attended	Verified By

### Mechanical Ventilation & RSI Review Course (or equivalent)

Date(s) Attended	Verified By

### Simple Thoracostomy Training

Date(s) Attended	Verified By

### RSI & Mechanical Ventilation Scenario Testing

Date(s) Attended	Successful Completion Verified By

### Mechanical Ventilator

NIPPV (BiPap/CPAP)	Invasive Ventilation	Verified By:
Date Released	Date Released	

### Written Release Test

Part 1 - Multiple Choice Score	Part 2 - Ventilator Score	Part 3 - Medications Score	Part 4- RSI Scenarios	<b>Overall Score (&gt;80% in all areas to pass)</b>

## Live Patient Airway Management Log

*Document ALL live patient's that you have successfully intubated*

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