



Emergency Medical Services Agency

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Policy #343 Field Training Officer (FTO) Program

The San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SLOEMSA) has revised the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program to meet the system's current needs. Policy #343 has successfully passed the committee process and has been recommended for approval by the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC).

Some of the changes are as follows:

- Current policy states a paramedic must have 4 years of experience to apply as an FTO; that requirement has been reduced to 2 years of experience, with one year in the county.
- Added to letters of recommendation to include an applicant's agency EMS coordinator and SLOEMSA Medical Director.
- There are three additions to FTO status: FTO I, FTO II, and FTO Liason.
- To maintain FTO I or II status, an FTO must have overseen a minimum of 1 intern or accredee within a 2-year accreditation cycle; exceptions can be granted with SLOEMSA approval.
- To retain FTO status, FTOs shall complete Policy #343 Attachment A and submit the form correlating with their reaccreditation cycle.

FTO I

- Accredits paramedics within San Luis Obispo County.
- Assisting accredited paramedics in remediation set by their agency, SLOEMSA, or both.

FTO II/Preceptor

- Performs the above FTO I duties as well as conducting paramedic internships.

FTO Liason

- Is an agency-appointed designee, the lead FTO, and the main point of contact between SLOEMSA and the FTOs.

- Attend FTO meetings set by SLOEMSA and distribute information discussed within the meetings.
- Train the FTO I in accrediting paramedics.
- Submission of any application for internship or accreditation.

Any current FTO will be grandfathered in as FTO II/Preceptor; reapplication is unnecessary. Policy #343 is in effect as of 04/01/2024; please read the policy thoroughly.

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