

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT # 90-4

TITLE: Service on a Volunteer Rescue Squad

When licensees serve as volunteers with a rescue squad, they become subject to the requirements for certification of the Division of Emergency Medical Services regardless of what other licensure or certification they hold. Licensees' actions with a rescue squad must be consistent with the level of EMS certificate that they holds. Licensees would not be practicing nursing when carrying out their duties as squad members. The Division of Emergency Medical Services, under its statutory authorization to prescribe the qualifications for certification, has established procedures and guidelines to be followed by registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who wish to become certified. The Board of Nursing urges licensees to follow the established procedures to become properly certified in order to provide a valuable service to the community.

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