

## Virginia Board of Nursing

### Service on a Volunteer Rescue Squad

When licensees serve as volunteers or employed providers with ~~a rescue squad~~ an EMS agency licensed by the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), they become subject to the requirements for certification of the ~~Division of Emergency Medical Services~~ OEMS regardless of what other licensure or certification they hold. Licensees' actions with ~~a rescue squad~~ an EMS agency must be consistent with the level of EMS certificate that they hold and the licensure level of the EMS agency with which they are affiliated, and the Operational Medical Director (OMD) of the EMS agency must grant the licensee a privilege to practice. ~~Licensees would not be practicing nursing when carrying out their duties as squad members.~~ The ~~Division of Emergency Medical Services~~ OEMS, 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 as an EMS provider in Virginia. ~~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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