

## 40. Attaining BLS Crew Chief Status

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### 40.1 Purpose and Expected Results

The Squad strives to provide the best prehospital emergency medical care. Thus, a crew chief must possess demonstrated leadership and care competence, at an acceptable standard, before providing unsupervised patient care.

### 40.2 Circumstances of Applicability

An EMT seeks OES BLS crew chief status. .

Crew chief status is neither automatic nor perpetual. It is granted or withdrawn at the discretion of the captain, who is informed by an individual's performance.

### 40.3 Requisites

- NYS EMT certification
- CPR certification at the health care provider level
- Practice as an active EMT provider in an emergency response and any ambulance transporting agency for not less than 3 months.

### 40.4 General Procedure Description

For the purpose of this document the EMT seeking crew chief status will be referred to as "The Candidate".

### 40.5 Fast track

An EMT who come to the agency with crew chief experience from another transporting agency in New York may be fast-tracked through the OES crew chief attainment process at the discretion of the Captain, or the Co-Captain, or their designee with the written recommendation of the training officer or agency preceptor. The fast-tracked candidate must ride a minimum of 1 call with an agency preceptor and complete the **Equipment Location and Skills Proficiency Form** prior to attaining crew chief status. The candidate must become familiar with the OES current PCR reporting system.

#### 40.5.1 Candidates Responsibility

At the start of crew chief training the candidate will be given a packet of paperwork containing this SOG and several call and shift review forms. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure the paperwork is filled out correctly by the preceptor. The candidate is also responsible for maintaining these records. Should the candidate lose the **Equipment Location and Skills Proficiency Form** or call review forms, they are responsible for either getting a duplicate filled out by the preceptor or to redo the missing call or skills evaluation.

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### **40.5.2 Overview**

Prior to being released for unsupervised practice the candidate must pass a multi-step clearing process. By the end of the clearing process the candidate demonstrates proficiency in assessing and treating a variety of patients suffering from different medical conditions and traumatic injuries as the primary patient care provider. The candidate also demonstrates proficiency in using OES equipment and knowledge of equipment and supply's location on the various OES ambulances and ALSFR (2051). The candidate also demonstrates discretion as to seeking ALS assistance and some proficiency in assisting an ALS provider in providing care and setting up equipment.

### **40.5.3 Equipment Location and Skills Competency**

The candidate will be made familiar with the lay out of the ambulances and ALSFR and be asked to identify the location of certain equipment and supplies. The candidate will be tested and documented using the **Equipment Location and Skills Proficiency Form**. The candidate will demonstrate proficiency on a set of skills using equipment specific to OES.

- Lifepak 15 in AED mode
- Lifepak 15 battery exchange
- Lifepak 15 BLS monitoring (Oxygen saturation measurement, Capnography measurement, Carbon monoxide measurement) and data transmission
- 12 lead placement, acquisition, and transmission
- Autopulse use
- Back boarding, Sager, board, and vacuum splinting
- Oxygen administration by NC, NRM, and CPAP
- Current BLS medication administration
- Glucose measurement
- Doppler use

### **40.5.4 Supervised practice**

The objective of supervised practice is to ensure the candidate is proficient in the assessment and treatment of a wide variety of patients and to competently assess and treat the acutely ill and injured in the prehospital environment. In supervised practice the candidate must encounter and treat to a satisfactory level, a minimum number of patients. The candidate is encouraged to ride with a minimum of three (3) different agency preceptors.

Nothing in this SOG prevents a crew chief from assigning a candidate to act as a BLS crew chief in the ambulance transport of a patient. The crew chief must respond to the call with the candidate.

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#### **40.5.4.1 Minimum Patient Encounters**

The candidate must have been the primary provider and ePCR co-author on calls numbering no less than the following:

- Three (3) respiratory patients
- Three (3) chest pain/cardiac patients
- Three (3) non-medical mechanism patients
- Four (4) other complaints (general illness, allergy, medical alarm, abdominal pain, others not listed here)
- One (1) Mental health or intoxication/ overdose patient
- Two (2) informed refusal of care or transport

If a patient has more than one complaint or symptom, that single patient may not be used toward more than two (2) of the minimum required patient encounters. Should the candidate not get the required minimum number of patient encounters in a reasonable amount of time, the captain shall discuss with the preceptors, the performance of the candidate. Should the candidate receive recommendation from the preceptor's, discretion shall be used to advance the candidate.

#### **40.5.4.2 Satisfactory Performance Minimums**

Satisfactory standard is an overall rating of 3 out of 5 or higher of the submitted minimum types and numbers of patient encounters using the **Owego EMS BLS Crew Chief Training Form After Call Review Sheet**.

#### **40.5.4.3 Agency Preceptors**

An individual may be an OES BLS preceptor if the provider meets one or more of the following criteria.

- A. Has 1 year experience as an OES BLS crew chief.
- B. Active ALS crew chief status.
- C. Is a compensated provider for the Village of Owego EMS Department.

Enrollment as a preceptor is automatic once the requirements are met, however an individual may choose to opt out of being a preceptor by notifying the captain. Also, an individual's role as a preceptor may be revoked at will by the Captain.

#### **40.5.5 Final Clearance**

Once the candidate has met the above requirements, and feels comfortable doing so, the candidates paperwork packet must be submitted to the Captain, or Co-Captain, or their designee for review and approval.

#### **40.5.6 Record Keeping**

Records pertaining to the clearing process will be kept in the candidate's personal file.

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### Equipment Location and Skills Proficiency

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Able to identify the location of

BLS bag	Yes/No	Ambulance___ ALSFR___
ALS bag	Yes/No	Ambulance___ ALSFR___
Lifepak 15	Yes/No	Ambulance___ ALSFR___
Suction	Yes/No	Ambulance___ ALSFR___
Splints	Yes/No	Ambulance___ ALSFR___
BLS meds	Yes/No	Ambulance___ ALSFR___
Oxygen Equipment	Yes/No	Ambulance___ ALSFR___
Backboard/ Reeves/ Stair chair	Yes/No	Ambulance___ ALSFR___

#### Skills Proficiency with Agency Equipment

Use of Lifepak 15 as an AED	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
Use of Lifepak15 or BLS monitoring/ transmission	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
Placement and acquisition of 12 lead ECG	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
Use of sager and vacuum splints	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
Glucometer Use	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
O2 Administration NC, NRBM, CPAP	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
Nebulized albuterol	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
IM Epi administration	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
Narcan administration	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
SMR/ C-SPINE	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>
Patient Movement Devices	<i>Proficient___ / Needs Improvement ___</i>

Preceptor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Preceptor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## After Call Review Sheet

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Encounter Type (Complaint): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(1-Needs Improvement to 5-Mastery)

<u>Scene Management</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Assures Scene Safety	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
Determines Need for Addt'l Resources	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
Manages Scene Effectively	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
<u>Patient Assessment</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Confidently Conducts Pt Assessment	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
Identifies/ Corrects Life Threats	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
History of Present Illness	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
Past Medical History	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
Physical Exam	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
Appropriately Interacts with Patient	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
<u>Communications</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Radio or Phone Report to ER/ Med Control consult	1 2 3 4 5 n/a
Patient Handoff Report	1 2 3 4 5
Documentation of PCR	1 2 3 4 5
<u>Leadership Ability</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Appropriate Crew/ Staff Interaction	1 2 3 4 5
Ability to Take Charge of Call	1 2 3 4 5
Critical Thinking	1 2 3 4 5
<u>Professionalism</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Dress and Appearance	1 2 3 4 5
Professional and Caring Attitude	1 2 3 4 5

Agency Run Number \_\_\_\_\_

Preceptor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Preceptor's

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preceptor

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Candidates Comments:

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Overall Rating for This Call

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## **Owego EMS BLS Crew Chief Clearance Form**

CONGRATULATIONS! \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully completed their crew chief training with the Owego Emergency Squad. The provider has shown skills proficiency in using equipment specific to OES and competency in patient assessment and management. \_\_\_\_\_ is now cleared as a BLS crew chief and may begin to run calls independently.

Squad Captain:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates Signature \_\_\_\_\_