

UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY – EMS SKILLS VERIFICATION (AEMT)

UFA strives to maintain the highest level of service for our communities. In addition to meeting all licensure and certification requirements for the State of Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness (BEMSP) and certification requirements for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, UFA requires a skill verification process to ensure our EMS providers at all levels are able to meet UFA performance standards.

The EMS skill verification process (AEMT) consists of the following:

1. Adult Out-of-Hospital Scenario

This scenario is designed to assess the candidate's ability to effectively assess and treat an adult patient. The candidate will have an EMT partner during this scenario who will assist with patient care. The successful candidate will demonstrate a thorough understanding of and ability to provide an effective patient assessment including interpretation and integration of subjective and objective patient information. The candidate will then be expected to manage the patient in accordance with American Heart Association guidelines. The successful candidate will appropriately delegate tasks to their EMT partner and rapidly identify and address any life-threatening conditions.

2. Venous Access Skill

Within UFA's current EMS response model, the AEMT provider is expected to be proficient at obtaining venous access in adult patients. The EMS skills evaluation will include obtaining venous access on a simulated patient/manikin. The successful candidate will be familiar with commonly accepted techniques to quickly, efficiently, and safely establish venous access.

3. Medication Administration Skill

UFA AEMTs are permitted to administer certain medications to patients. The EMS skills evaluation will include administration of at least one of the following medications to a patient: Ondansetron, Normal Saline. The successful candidate will demonstrate proficiency in identifying the need for medication administration and a thorough understanding of how to administer a medication to ensure appropriate patient care and safety.

Candidates will be provided with all equipment necessary to successfully complete the scenarios. Candidates should wear clothing that is appropriate for completing scenarios that may require kneeling and actively engaging in other paramedic level skills.