

**10A NCAC 13P .0511 CRIMINAL HISTORIES**

(a) The criminal background histories for all individuals who apply for, seek to renew, or hold EMS credentials shall be reviewed pursuant to G.S. 131E-159(g).

(b) In addition to Paragraph (a) of this Rule, the OEMS shall carry out the following for all EMS Personnel whose primary residence is outside North Carolina, individuals who have resided in North Carolina for 60 months or less, and individuals under investigation by the OEMS who may be subject to administrative enforcement action by the Department under the provisions of Rule .1507 of this Subchapter:

- (1) obtain a signed consent form for a criminal history check;
- (2) obtain fingerprints on an SBI identification card or live scan electronic fingerprinting system at an agency approved by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety;
- (3) obtain the criminal history from the Department of Public Safety; and
- (4) collect any processing fees from the individual identified in Paragraph (a) or (b) of this Rule as required by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to G.S. 143B-952 prior to conducting the criminal history background check.

(c) An individual who makes application for renewal of a current EMS credential or advancement to a higher level EMS credential who has previously submitted a criminal background history required under the criteria contained in Paragraph (b) of this Rule may be exempt from the residency requirements of Paragraph (b) of this Rule if determined by OEMS that no other circumstances warrant another criminal history check as set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

(d) An individual shall not be eligible for initial or renewal of EMS credentials if the applicant refuses to consent to any criminal history check as required by G.S. 131E-159(g). Since payment is required before the fingerprints may be processed by the Department of Public Safety, failure of the applicant or credentialed EMS personnel to pay the required fee in advance shall be considered a refusal to consent for the purposes of issuance or retention of an EMS credential.

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