

# MFMD

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM



# MFMD Paramedic Program Beginning

- October 2021, an urgent need was apparent for paramedic student education for our members as well as members of partnering agencies
- MFMD Paramedic Program began March of 2022 with 46 Students
- During this time, we began the accreditation Process

# MFMD inaugural class concludes...

- Graduated 46 students in December 2022



# Accreditation

- Who Accredits us?
  - The only nationally recognized accreditation available for EMS education is through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
  - The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is a programmatic postsecondary accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA); it carries out its accrediting activities with EMS programs in cooperation with the CoAEMSP (Committee on Accreditation for EMS Professions)



# Accreditation

- 2022 we applied for and received our LoR (Letter of Review) from the accrediting bodies. This means:
  - The CoAEMSP has the Letter of Review (LoR) process, which is the official designation that a Paramedic program is in the “Becoming Accredited” process

“Any student who graduates from a program that holds or held an LoR anytime during that student’s enrollment will be considered eligible for the NREMT Paramedic Examinations.”

Our inaugural 2022 students were able to sit for the NREMT to become certified Paramedics.

# Accreditation- Next Steps

- **Self Study Report- Ongoing**
  - The Current 2023 class is the class that the accrediting bodies will review for our official accreditation
  - We will collect all the data from this class and send off our self study report to CoAEMSP for review.
  - They will conduct a site visit, no sooner than six months after the end of this class. The end of our current class is December 12, 2023
  - After the site visit, CoAEMSP will give their recommendation to CAAHEP for official accreditation

# 2024: 6-month Program begins

- January 2024 MFMD will be transitioning to a 6-month Medic School program
- There will be 2 classes run per year
- Jan-June
- July-Dec
- There will be 24 student allotted per 6-month program

# 2024: MFMD members in 6-month program

- Of the 24 allotted positions, Mesa plans to have 10 sworn and 4 transport EMTs in each class.
- MFMD has added 10 sworn positions into the August 2023 Fire Academy and hired 4 additional EMTs for our Transport Division to account for coverage whilst the paramedic students are pulled off of their apparatus to attend the arduous didactic portions of paramedic school.
- This will allow these students to focus on paramedic school exclusively vs the current program which has students working a 56-hour work week AND attending school 2 days/week. Additionally, these students attend clinicals outside of shift work and classroom time.



# 2024: 6-month Program...details

- The Students will alternate from a 40-hour schedule to a 56-hour schedule and back to 40-hours again within their 6-months
- During the beginning, the students will be on a 40-hour schedule (off the truck) while participating in the didactic portion of the class
- When the students transition to field internships and clinicals, they will transition to a 56-hour week in order to satisfy their required field internship and clinical (Hospital) hours
- Students will finish in class after their field internship for further didactic, skills lessons, and NREMT prep

# Kudos

- MFMD would like to thank the City Council and City Management for their support of our regional Paramedic Program
- MFMD is a leader in EMS nationally and this Paramedic Program is no exception
- The majority of our call volume is medical in nature and having the ability to train our own paramedics allows us to better meet our residents needs.

# First Graduating Class of the MFMD Paramedic Program





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