

Sunnyvale Public Safety Excels on National Testing Pass Rate

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is one of eight, and the only City within Santa Clara County, that has a State-approved Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B) Training Program. The remaining programs in our county are hosted by community colleges or for profit training centers. There are over 200 EMT-B Training Programs in the State of California alone.

Public Safety's EMT Training Program provides approximately 250 hours of training over six weeks of instruction to our Public Safety Officers. We do accept requests from other agencies for their firefighters to attend our full time program. EMT-B training focuses on rapid in-field medical treatment of patients while working in conjunction with Paramedics and other EMTs to care for our residents and visitors who are experiencing a medical or traumatic emergency.

In order to become certified within the State of California as an EMT, all candidates must pass the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) written and skills test. This includes a very difficult computer-based written test, which tests knowledge gained from the over 250 hours of instruction. The following table compares the NREMT examination first attempt pass rates for all EMTs in the nation, California, Santa Clara County and Sunnyvale Public Safety trained personnel for calendar year 2014.

2014	Candidates Who Attempted the Exam	Candidates Who Passed on the First Attempt
National	61,539	70%
California	9,896	71%
Santa Clara County	255	77%
Sunnyvale	10	100%

Sunnyvale has a long history of success in our EMT-B Training Program with a 100 percent pass rate for first time attempts on the NREMT exam for the last six years. DPS wishes to recognize the excellent work of our EMS Coordinator Charlene Donahue as well as all of our Public Safety Officers who serve as Academy Instructors. Their excellence in instruction is critical to the success of EMT-Basic candidates. Without their collective efforts the residents and visitors to Sunnyvale would not enjoy the quality of care delivered by Public Safety Officers as well as a success rate that exceeds the other programs in the nation.

For more information on EMT Training visit:

https://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/reg_basic_history.asp

A complete listing of EMT and Paramedic Training Programs in California can be viewed at:

<http://www2.emsa.ca.gov/ShowTraining/TrainingPrograms/GroupByTrainingProgramsTable.aspx>

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