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Before the Iowa Department of Public Health

IN THE MATTER OF: Northwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue 207 3 rd Street N Northwood, Iowa 50459-1435 Program: 9981000	Case Number: 14-12-07 NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION CITATION AND WARNING
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Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 17A.18, 147A.5, and Iowa Administrative Code (I.A.C.) 641--132.10(3), the Iowa Department of Public Health is proposing to issue a **Citation and Warning** to the service program identified above.

The department may issue a citation and warning when a service program has committed any of the following acts or offenses:

*Failure or repeated failure of the applicant or alleged violator to meet the requirements or standards established pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 147A or the rules adopted pursuant to that chapter.
IAC 641—132.10(3)f*

Specifically, Ambulance and nontransport service programs shall:

*Ensure that personnel duties are consistent with the level of certification and the service program's level of authorization.
IAC 641—132.8(3)c*


The following incidents resulted in issuance of this proposed action:

Northwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue (NVFR) is authorized as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) service. NVFR allowed a certified AEMT to administer three doses of epinephrine via the intraosseous route to a patient in cardiac arrest after the provider interpreted the patient's rhythm to be ventricular fibrillation. Intraosseous administration of epinephrine and rhythm interpretation are not in the scope of practice for the AEMT provider.

Northwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue is hereby **CITED** for allowing an AEMT to perform outside of his scope of practice. Northwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue is **WARNED** that violating the Department's rules in the future may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of your service authorization.

You have the right to request a hearing concerning this notice of disciplinary action. A request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to the Department by certified mail, return receipt requested, within twenty (20) days of receipt of this Notice of Proposed Action. The written request must be submitted to the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th St, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. If the request is made within the twenty (20) day time limit, the proposed action is suspended pending the outcome of the hearing. Prior to or at the hearing, the Department may rescind the notice upon satisfaction that the reason for the action has been or will be removed.

If no request for a hearing is received within the twenty (20) day time period, the disciplinary action proposed herein shall become effective and shall be final agency action.


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Iowa Department of Public Health
Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services

6/16/15
Date