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Before the Iowa Department of Public Health

IN THE MATTER OF: Van Horne First Responders 95 Main St. Van Horne, IA 52346 Service #: 9066000	Case Number: 10-04-25 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*

*Failure to correct a deficiency within the time frame required by the department.
IAC 641-132.10(3)i*

The medical director or other qualified designees shall randomly audit (at least quarterly) documentation of calls where emergency medical care was provided. The medical director shall randomly review audits performed by the qualified appointee. The audit shall be in writing and shall include, but need not be limited to:

- a. Reviewing the patient care provided by service program personnel and remedying any deficiencies or potential deficiencies that may be identified regarding medical knowledge or skill performance.*
 - b. Response time and time spent at the scene.*
 - c. Overall EMS system response to ensure that the patient's needs were matched to available resources including, but not limited to, mutual aid and tiered response.*
 - d. Completeness of documentation.*
- IAC 641—132.9(4)*

The following events have led to this action:

The Bureau of EMS performed an on-site inspection of Van Horne First Responders on March 23, 2010. At the time of the inspection, deficiencies were identified and the service was given 30 days to resolve the deficiencies. A follow-up letter dated April 13, 2010, issued after communications with Van Horne First Responders, reiterated the deadline to April 23, 2010. Van Horne First Responders failed to correct the identified deficiencies by the established deadline.

The service is hereby **CITED** for failure to correct identified service program deficiencies by the established deadline. The service is hereby **WARNED** that future violation of the Department's rules may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of Respondent's service program 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 E 12th St, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. 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.



Kirk E. Schmitt, Bureau Chief
Emergency Medical Services



Date