RESTRICTED DELIVERY CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Before the Iowa Department of Public Health

IN THE MATTER OF:

Charles Westcott 810 West Willow Street Cherokee, Iowa 51012-1561 Case Number: 09-08-02

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

SUSPENSION

Certification: B-12-226-07

Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 17A.18, 147A.7, and Iowa Administrative Code (I.A.C.) 641—131.7, the Iowa Department of Public Health is proposing to indefinitely **SUSPEND** your EMS certification identified above.

The department may suspend an EMS certification when it finds that the certificate holder has committed any of the following acts or offenses:

Fraud in procuring certification or renewal including, but not limited to:

(2) False representation of a material fact, whether by word or by conduct, by false or misleading allegations, or by concealment of that which should have been disclosed when making application for a certification in this state.

IAC 641—131.7(2)d

Falsifying certification renewal reports or failure to comply with the renewal audit request. IAC 641-131.7(2)v

Willful or repeated violations of Iowa Code chapter 147A or these rules. IAC 641—131.7(2)s

Specifically:

The applicant shall complete the continuing education requirements, including current course completion in CPR, during the certification period for the following EMS provider levels:

(2) *EMT-A*, *EMT-B*, *EMT-D* – 24 hours of approved continuing education. *IAC* 641–131.4(4)b

At least 50 percent of the required hours for renewal shall be formal continuing education including, but not limited to, refresher programs, seminars, lecture programs, scenario-based programs, and conferences. IAC 641—131.4(4)c

The following has led to this notice:

On March 12, 2009, you completed an Affirmative Renewal Application for certification B-12-226-07. During the renewal process, you indicated that you had completed 24 hours of continuing education during the current certification period, that at least 12 of those hours were designated as formal education, and that you had a current course completion card in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, AED and obstructed airway procedures for all age groups according to recognized national standards.

Your certification was audited pursuant to IAC 641—131.4(4)i. On July 6, 2009, you received an audit request.

Audit documentation which you provided to the Bureau of EMS indicates that you had completed only eighteen total continuing education hours and eight hours of formal education.

Your certification shall remain suspended until you meet the following conditions and the Department authorizes reinstatement of your certification.

- 1) Submit an EMS Reinstatement Application and the applicable fees to the department
- 2) Meet all applicable eligibility requirements
- 3) Complete a refresher course or equivalent approved by the department
- 4) Pass the EMT-Basic practical and cognitive certification examinations

You have the right to request a hearing concerning this notice of denial. 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 Street, 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.

9/14/2009

Date

Kirk E. Schmitt Chief, Bureau of EMS