



Position Statement

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EMS: MILITARY TO CIVILIAN TRANSITION

Department of Defense

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Secretary of Defense for
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Department of Homeland Security

Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Health
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U.S. Fire Administration

Department of Health & Human Services

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Indian Health Service
Centers for Disease
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Services Administration
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Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration

Federal Communications Commission

Public Safety and
Homeland Security Bureau

It is the position of FICEMS to promote a well-educated and uniformly credentialed EMS workforce by supporting the transition of separating military personnel into civilian practice.

Many military personnel have a wealth of EMS education and experience, but may face challenges when applying for state EMS licensure. Easing that transition for separating military personnel, veterans and military spouses should be a priority for both State offices of EMS and Federal agencies.

The transition of separating military personnel and veterans into civilian EMS careers may be enhanced by greater uniformity of licensing requirements and expanded EMS educational opportunities for veterans. Collaboration among States with Federal support can help promote more uniform licensing requirements for separating service members, veterans and military spouses.

FICEMS encourages Federal agencies to address this issue as a priority, including the development of consistent grant guidance that will provide support for states to ease the transition of returning service members and veterans into civilian EMS careers.

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