

# **HOW TO BECOME A SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS DIVISION PRECEPTOR**

Preceptors play a very important role in our advanced life support training program. They help students develop and refine their practical skills and provide "real world, real time" reinforcement of the materials learned in a Paramedic original courses. Our skilled preceptors help provide the necessary tutelage, guidance and support that give our Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider's confidence in their skills and the Suffolk County 911 System quality and consistency in the delivery of emergency pre-hospital care. Many preceptors go on to become practical work instructors and certified lab instructors in our Basic Life Support (BLS) and ALS original and refresher courses.

## **PROCEDURES TO BECOME A SUFFOLK COUNTY PRECEPTOR**

The Chief of the Department submits a letter nominating the ALS provider to become a Suffolk County Preceptor to William Michael Masterton, Chief of Education and Training. This letter must include the provider's length of time in the department, EMT number, phone number and home address.

### **Prerequisites:**

1. The individual must be an active ALS provider in the Suffolk County 911 System for a minimum of one (1) year immediately preceding nomination.
2. The candidate must have attended a Suffolk County Advanced Airway class or completed a nationally certified airway course.
3. The candidate must have a minimum of twelve (12) ALS calls within the past year.
4. The candidate must have documentation of one (1) successful pre-hospital intubation.
5. A candidate may be denied Preceptor status if he/she has had their operating privileges restricted or suspended within the last three (3) years. Each request will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

After the Suffolk County EMS Division reviews the candidate's credentials, a letter will be mailed to the Chief of the sponsoring agency that recommended the candidate, notifying them of the decision. The candidate will receive a copy of the letter mailed to him/her. The letter will inform the candidate that he/she needs to call William Michael Masterton to register for a Preceptors Class.

Once the Preceptors Class is completed, the candidate can begin their duties as a Suffolk County Preceptor. His/her name will be placed on the Preceptor List, which can be found on the Suffolk REMSCO website under "downloads and forms."

If the Preceptor leaves the first nominating department or the nomination is withdraw by that department, the ALS provider must be nominated by another department in order to continue as a Suffolk County Preceptor. The Suffolk County EMS Division **MUST** have a copy of each Preceptors current New York State EMT-Paramedic card on file. Preceptor status is a privilege not a right and can be suspended or revoked at any time by the Chief of Education and Training, Suffolk County EMS Division.