

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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To: All Suffolk County Advanced Life Support Departments

From: Peter P. Bergmann  
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Subject: Preceptor Training

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 EMT-CC courses. Our skilled preceptors help provide the necessary tutelage, guidance and support that give our ALS provider's confidence in their skills and our system quality and consistency in the delivery of emergency prehospital care. Many preceptors go on to become practical work instructors and certified lab instructors in our BLS and ALS original and refresher courses.

## PROCEDURES TO BECOME A SUFFOLK COUNTY PRECEPTOR

1. Chief of Department or Corps submits a letter nominating ALS provider to become a Suffolk County Preceptor to Peter Bergmann, Deputy Chief of Training. This individual must be an active ALS provider in Suffolk County for a minimum of one year immediately preceding nomination. This letter must include providers' length of time in Department, EMT number and home address.
2. A determination will be made if the candidate participated in a sufficient volume of A.L.S. calls within the past 12 months. The successful ratio of peripheral I.V. insertion and endotracheal intubation attempts by the candidate. Also case reviews, any actions or suspensions within a 3 year period will be reviewed.
3. After review a letter will be sent to the individual and Chief notifying them of the decision and the following necessary steps.
4. If rejected the candidate will be notified how and when to reapply.
5. If accepted the candidate must attend the Suffolk County Difficult Airway Course and a Suffolk County Preceptor Course. This can be arranged by contacting the E.M.S. office.
6. After these courses are completed the candidate can begin their duties as a Suffolk County Preceptor, their names will be placed on the Preceptor List under the nominating department
7. 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.
8. Preceptor status can be suspended or revoked at any time by the Chief of Training, Suffolk EMS.

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