
Become An Island EMT

Next Class: Orientation Night January 13, 2011 West Tisbury Firehouse, State Rd

Answers to Some Questions You Might Have

Q: When is the EMT Class?

A: The year 2011 Basic EMT Class is scheduled from early January through early April. Classes are Friday evenings from 6-10pm and Saturday days from 8am-4pm. The State exam is in April and you could be certified and running as an EMT by May!

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Tuition for the class is \$1,200. Included in this price are all books and a "lab kit" containing a blood pressure cuff, stethoscope and more. **You can be sponsored by an island ambulance squad.** If accepted for sponsorship, most towns will **pay the tuition** in exchange for one year of service. That means typically 4 EMT duties a month. There is **some financial commitment on your part** until you successfully complete the course and become a member of good standing in your town's squad. Sponsorship applications are available from squad coordinators.

Q: Is the material hard?

A: It's no cinch, but what you learn could save a life! The reading and lectures are fairly simple. You just have to study.



This is the symbol of EMS! Emergency Medical Services. If someone sees this, they know help has arrived!!!

Q: Do I need to live in the town I serve?

A: It helps. For example, Tisbury's EMT duties are from 8am-6pm and from 6pm to 8am. You are required to be in town while you are on duty.

Q: Can I be an EMT in more than one town?

A: YES! Vineyard towns share EMTs all the time. You must be a certified Massachusetts EMT, and in good standing with your affiliated ambulance service.

Q: Do I get paid for being an EMT?

A: Vineyard EMTs are volunteers. **BUT**, squads do pay a stipend for each shift.

Here's Who You Can Contact

The class is sponsored by
The Martha's Vineyard Association of EMTs.

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