

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND :
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS :
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL :
SERVICES :

EMS Case #-09-004

vs.

Gordon Briggs, Jr. EMT-C #12706

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Chapter 23-4.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter "Department"), has investigated a complaint charging Gordon Briggs, Jr. (hereinafter "Respondent"), with violations of the Rules & Regulations Related to Emergency Medical Services [R23-4.1-EMS].

After careful consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent.

1. Respondent is an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac licensed to practice emergency medical services in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times Respondent was employed by the Scituate Ambulance and Rescue Corps, Scituate, RI.
3. That on January 1, 2009, Respondent provided emergency medical care and transportation in a manner inconsistent with the *Rhode Island Prehospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders* and the *Rules & Regulations Related to Emergency Medical Services [R23-4.1-EMS]*. These deficiencies include but are not limited to:

- a. The Respondent was in personal possession of controlled medical devices and supplies, namely an IV lock set and associated supplies.
 - b. The Respondent acted outside his scope of licensure and professional practice by initiating Advanced Life Support care, specifically establishing IV access, without requesting an emergency response to the scene by a licensed Ambulance Service.
 - c. The Respondent delayed patient care when he attempted to transport a patient to the Scituate Ambulance and Rescue Corps building in his personal vehicle, rather than summoning EMS to the scene of a medical emergency.
 - d. The Respondent's use of an emergency warning light in his personal vehicle was inconsistent with that permitted by protocol through his affiliation with Scituate Ambulance and Rescue Corps, a licensed Ambulance Service.
 - e. The Respondent was negligent in handing off patient care to Foster Ambulance Corps without first ascertaining the level of patient care their personnel were able to provide.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 16.1 (e) of the *Rules & Regulations Related to Emergency Medical Services [R23-4.1-EMS]*.
 5. That the Respondent's culpability in these matters is only partially mitigated by the fact that the patient is the Respondent's spouse.

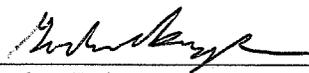
The Parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac and able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

2. Respondent's mailing address is 12 Jasmine Lane, Johnston, RI 02919.
3. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
4. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
5. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
 - h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
 - i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
6. This Consent Order shall become a part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
7. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.

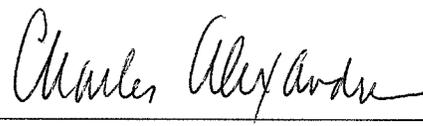
8. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
9. Respondent voluntarily accepts the sanction of a Reprimand.
10. That this Consent Order shall eliminate the necessity for a hearing on the matters forming the basis for this Consent Order.

Signed this 23 day of August 2010.



Gordon Briggs, Jr. EMT-C #12706

Ratified as an order of the Department on this 31 day of August 2010.



Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professionals Regulation
Health Services Regulation