

**Rhode Island Department of Health
Division of Emergency Medical Services**

**In the Matter of
Robert F. Christofaro, EMT-Basic 10805**

Summary Suspension

The Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, has information that the Respondent is a registered sex offender in the Town of Narragansett. This designation is the result of a federal conviction in the US Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals on May 17, 2002 by Military Judge Ann D. Shane at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, for indecent assault, wrongfully communicating a threat, communicating indecent language, and drunk and disorderly conduct in violation of Article 134, UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. § 934. The Respondent received a bad conduct discharge and was sentenced to eight (8) months confinement.

Two years later, the Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere on January 20, 2004 on one (1) count of simple assault, stemming from an altercation with a Narragansett Police Department officer on December 11, 2003. The Respondent submitted an EMT license renewal application dated May 24, 2004 containing false information to the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, stating that he did not disclose that he had been convicted of a violation of or pled nolo contendere to any federal, state, or local statute, regulation or ordinance, or entered into a plea bargain related to a felony.

The Department concludes that the Respondent procured the renewal of his license by providing false information to the Department of Health.

ORDER

After a review of the information received, it has been determined that the continuation in practice as an Emergency Medical Technician of Robert F. Christofaro would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, Robert F. Christofaro is suspended from practicing as an emergency medical technician until further Order of the Department of Health. Respondent's suspension is in accordance with the terms of the administrative procedures act RIGL 42-35-14 (c). The Respondent is entitled to a hearing pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. 42-35-14(c).



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Date