

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES**

EMS Case #1 4-011

**In the Matter of:
WILLIAM D. THIBAUT, EMT-CARDIAC
LICENSE NUMBERS EMT08816
AND ERS08816**

CONSENT ORDER

William Thibault, EMT-Cardiac (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws chapter 23-4.1 and holds license numbers EMT08816 and ERS08816. The above-referenced complaint came before the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter "Department") upon allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that constituted grounds for civil disciplinary action against his EMT license pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 23-4.1-9 and the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services* Rule 14.1. The following constitute the Findings of Fact with respect to the actions of the Respondent relative to this incident:

1. Respondent is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician - Cardiac pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws chapter 23-4.1 and holds license numbers EMT08816 and ERS08816. He was issued his EMT license on February 19, 1995. He is employed by the Cranston Fire Department.

2. On February 14, 2014, Respondent arrived at a scene in Cranston in which a male patient ("Patient A") was unresponsive with agonal breathing. Respondent documented that Patient A was in cardiac arrest and that CPR was performed.
 3. The Rhode Island Prehospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders required the administration of a certain medication in an initial dose and then a larger second dose. The rescue vehicle in which Respondent was working had vials with only the initial smaller dose, and none with the larger dose. During a cardiac arrest situation, with a short ride to the hospital, Respondent administered two smaller doses instead of one smaller dose and one larger dose. Although the rescue vehicle should have had the larger dose in supply, the failure to draw a larger second dose violated a Standing Order.
 4. The above facts constitute, if proven at hearing, civil violations of Rhode Island General Laws § 23-4.1-9 and the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services* Rule 14.1.
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Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department. 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.

2. 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; and

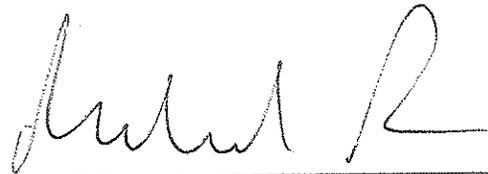
3. This Consent Order shall become a part of the public record of this proceeding once accepted by all parties. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
4. Based on the findings of fact contained above, Respondent hereby agrees to a reprimand on his EMT licenses.
5. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action against his EMT licenses.
6. Respondent shall serve a one year period of probation upon execution of this Consent Order, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Order.
 - a. Respondent shall within ninety (90) days register for an educational course in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Medical Life Support, and documentation; and Respondent shall complete these three courses within an additional ninety (90) days.
 - b. During the period of probation, if Respondent fails to comply with the provisions of Chapter 23-4.1 and/or the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services*, or any of the terms of this Consent Order, the Department shall initiate further action with respect to Respondent's licensure status.

7. During the period of probation, if Respondent changes employment and/or volunteer service, Respondent shall notify the Department forthwith of said change including the name and address of the new employer(s) and/or licensed ambulance service, as well as the reason for change in ambulance service affiliation.
8. A copy of this Consent Order shall be forwarded by the Department to Respondent's current employer(s) and/or volunteer service and all future employer(s) and/or volunteer service during the period of probation.

Signed this 10 day of ~~March, 2013~~ ^{April 2014}


William Thibault, EMT08816 EMT08816

Ratified as an order of the Department on this 18 day of ~~March, 2013~~ ^{April 2014}


Michael Fine, M.D.
Director
Department of Health