

Education Post Transition Workgroup – Survey Results

**Quantitative Analysis:**

On Friday, December 4, 2015 EMSRB Staff sent a Survey-Monkey to 13,197 active EMT and paramedic personnel in Minnesota. Of the e-mails sent, approximately 450 were returned as “undeliverable” due to EMS personnel not having current e-mail addresses in the e-licensing system. The purpose of this survey was to attempt to obtain feedback from EMS personnel statewide surrounding three recommendations being put forth by the Education Standards Post Transition Workgroup to the EMS Regulatory Board (the Board) for initial and renewal certification requirements in Minnesota.

This survey was designed to obtain specific information regarding Minnesota certification versus National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) certification at three levels EMT, AEMT & Paramedic. This report is intended to give an overall picture of the raw data received. If more detailed information is requested – we have extrapolated the information to the regional level, eliminated unsolicited responses (EMR, RN only, non-EMS personnel) and compiled commentary data. The survey was designed to be simple with minimal time necessary for response.

As stated earlier, the survey, in the format of a Survey-Monkey, was sent to via e-mail to 13,197 active EMS personnel – EMT and above – throughout Minnesota. The number of responses equaled 3,315 during the week which the survey was open (12/7/15 – 12/13/15). This is approximately a 25% response rate. I would suggest, based on the intended audience, that this is statistically, a very good response rate.

The survey asks 6 questions regarding level of certification, NREMT Certification, renewal requirements and anticipated length of service. Here are the aggregate responses to those questions:

1. What is your level of Certification?

~ EMT	~ 73.6%	~ 2434
~ AEMT	~ 1.2%	~ 39
~ Paramedic	~ 22.8%	~ 756
~ Other (please specify)	~ 2.4%	~ 80
~ <i>answered question</i>		~ <b>3309</b>
~ <i>skipped question</i>		~ <b>6</b>

2. In what region is your primary EMS position?

Central	12.3%	402
Metro	34.1%	1118
Northeast	7.2%	236
Northwest	7.7%	252
South Central	8.2%	269
Southeast	13.3%	437
Southwest	9.3%	305
West Central	7.9%	258
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3277</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>38</b>

3. Do you currently hold National Registry Certification (NREMT)?

Yes	57.0%	1886
No	41.3%	1368
I don't know	1.7%	56
If NO, WHY? (see comments)		1036
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>3310</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>5</b>

4. If you had the opportunity to regain National Registry Certification again, without testing, would you be willing to?

Yes, I would like to regain and maintain NREMT Status	44.0%	1420
No, I am not interested in regaining NREMT Status	12.6%	406
I voluntarily have and maintain NREMT status	31.3%	1011
My employer requires me to maintain NREMT status	12.1%	391
Comments		384
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>3228</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>87</b>

5. The State of Minnesota is considering moving toward the following model for renewal of EMT, AEMT, and Paramedics. This follows the National Continued Competency Program model that will be implemented in 2017 by the NREMT. This Program has 3 Requirement levels - NCCR (National/State), LCCR (Local), and ICCR (Individual). EMT - 40 hours of Continuing Education with NO psychomotor (practical) exam (20 hours of the NCCR must be obtained through an EMSRB approved education program, 10 LCCR hours are obtained locally and 10 ICCR hours are obtained individually through monthly meetings, conferences, online education, etc.) AEMT - 50 hours of Continuing Education (25 hours NCCR can be obtained through an education program, 12.5 LCCR hours can be obtained locally and 12.5 ICCR hours can be obtained individually through monthly meetings, conferences, online education, etc.) PARAMEDIC - 60 hours of Continuing Education (30 NCCR hours can be obtained through an education program, 15 LCCR hours can be obtained locally and 15 ICCR hours can be obtained individually through monthly meetings, conferences, online education, etc.) What does this mean? This means the current requirement of 72 hours at the National Registry level will drop for all levels. It also means for those who maintain State Certification only, there will be a slight increase in hours, however there will not be a psychomotor (practical) exam requirement. Are you in favor of this model?

Yes	74.0%	2437
No	7.6%	250
Comments	18.4%	605
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>3292</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>23</b>

6. For those who maintain State Certification ONLY...How long do you anticipate maintaining your State Certification and actively working in EMS?

0-5 years	18.2%	378
6-10 years	24.0%	498
11-15 years	18.6%	386
16-20 years	14.7%	306
20-25 year	10.9%	227
26+ years	13.5%	280
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>2075</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>1240</b>

In addition to the aggregate data presented above – the comments pertaining to why NREMT status is not maintained were reviewed. These comments were compiled into “like” comments and totaled as follows:

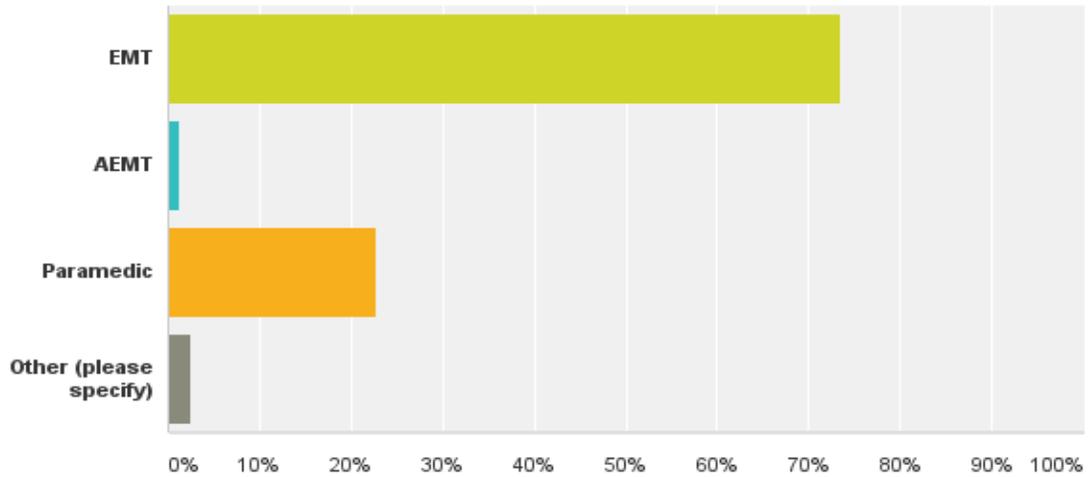
Just Let it Lapse	157
Limited CE Opportunities	33
Too costly	64
Waste of \$ / Private Organization	37
Too Busy for CEU's	127
Will not move	146
Not Req'd for Job	177
No Need / Benefit / Value	212
Retiring / Not active	7
Never NREMT	7
NREMT Process	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>1035</b>

The following pages of this report show this aggregate data in pie chart form – for ease of reference.

# Appendix 1

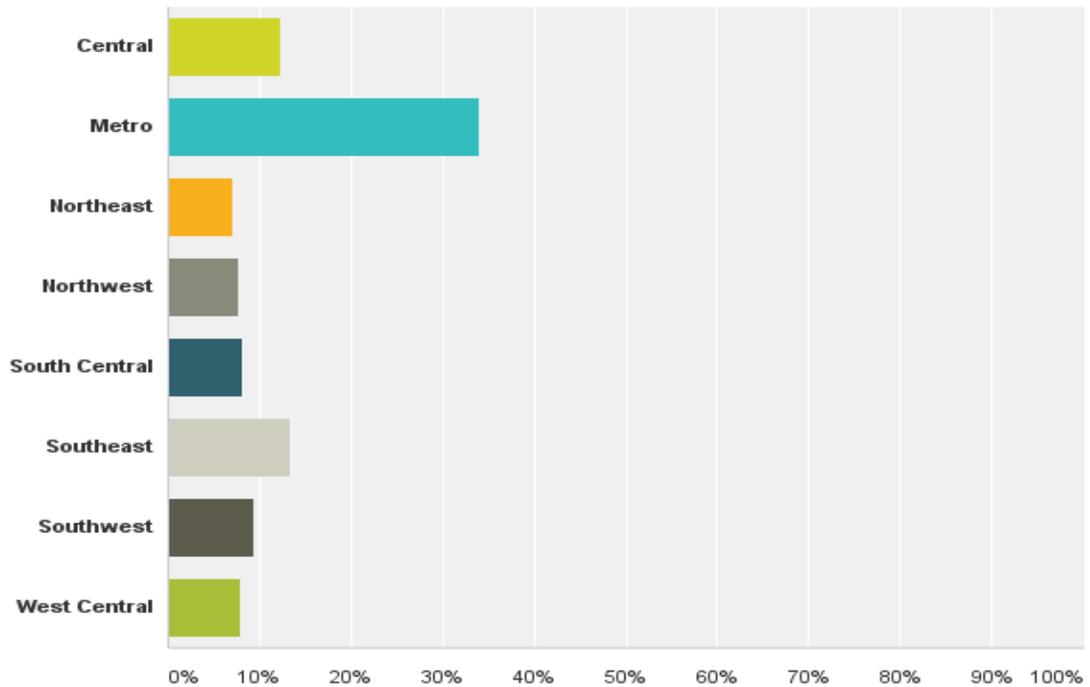
## Q1 What is your level of Certification?

Answered: 3,309 Skipped: 6



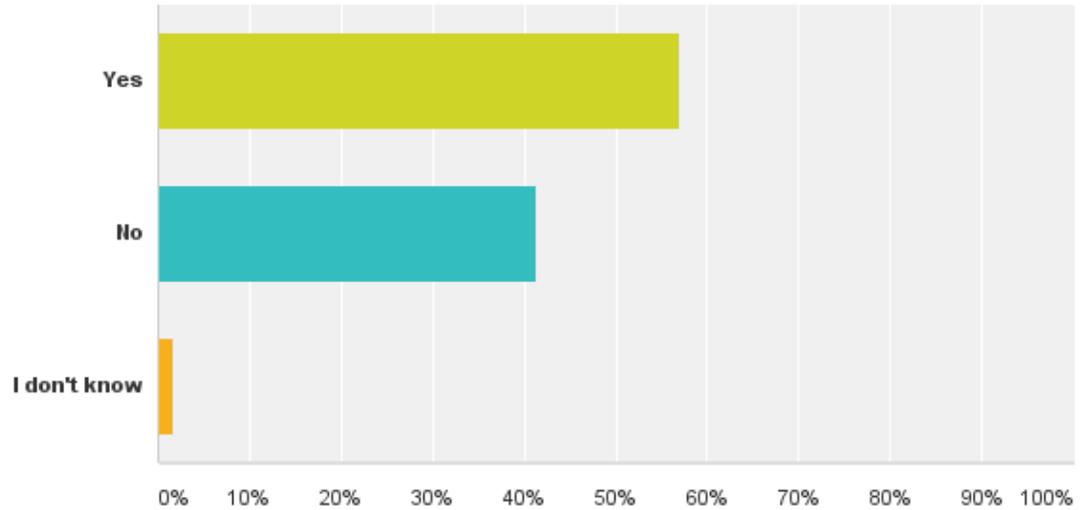
## Q2 In what region is your primary EMS position?

Answered: 3,277 Skipped: 38



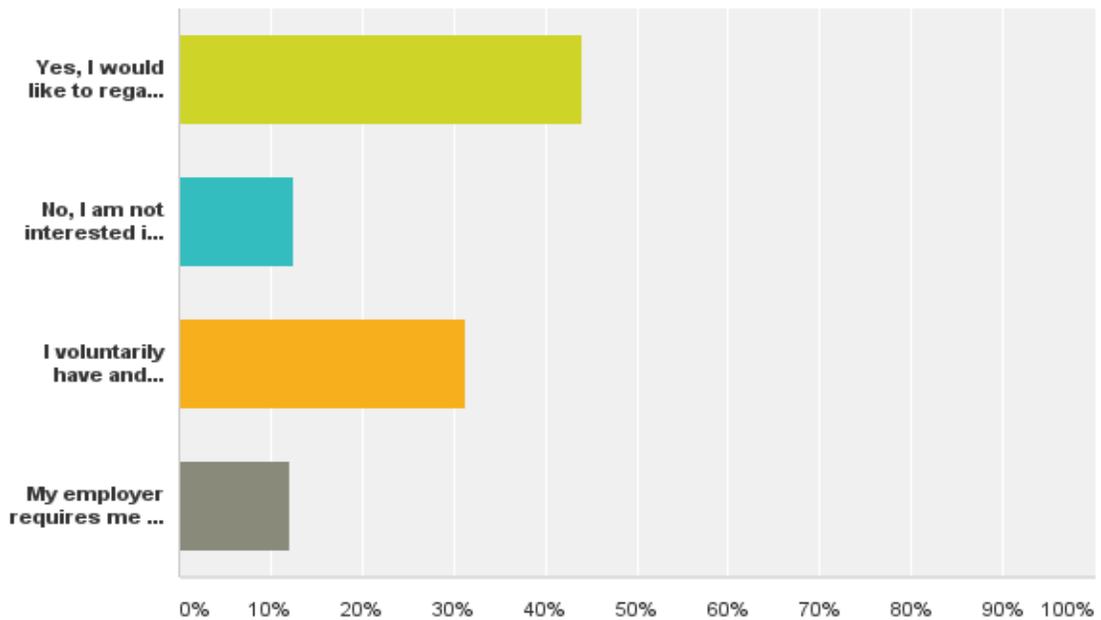
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Answered: 3,310 Skipped: 5



### Q4 If you had the opportunity to regain National Registry Certification again, without testing, would you be willing to?

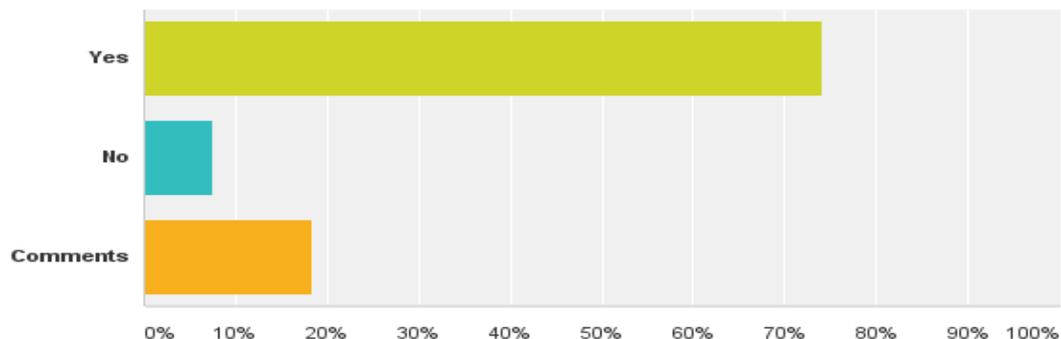
Answered: 3,228 Skipped: 87



**Q5 The State of Minnesota is considering moving toward the following model for renewal of EMT, AEMT, and Paramedics.**

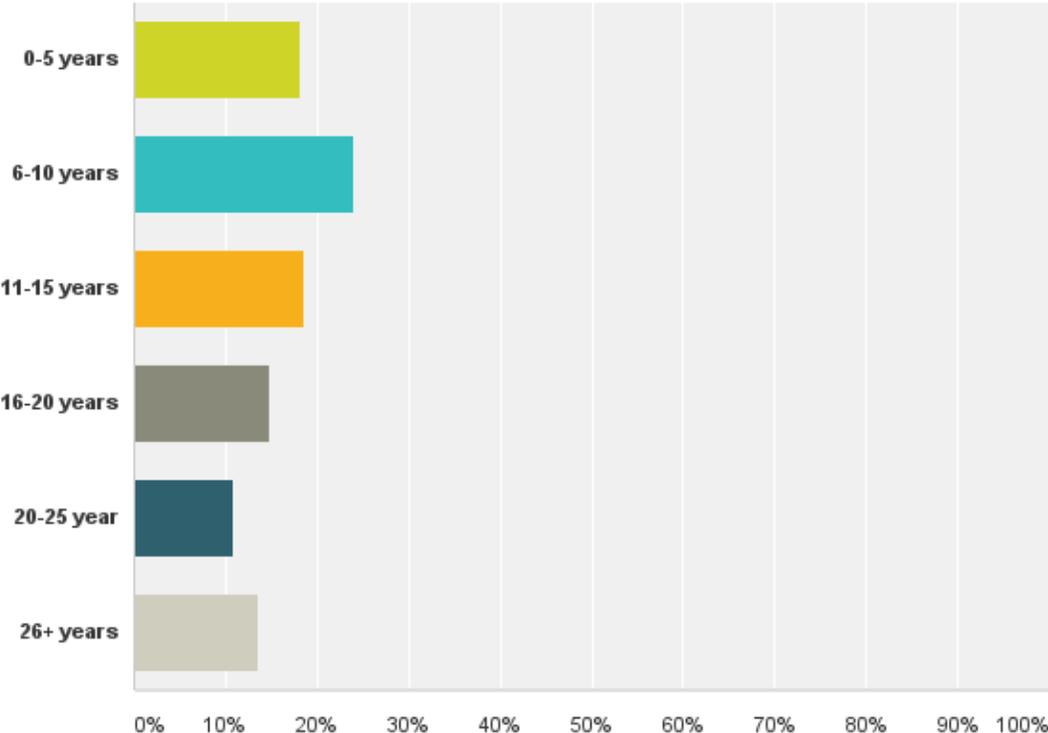
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Answered: 3,292 Skipped: 23



**Q6 For those who maintain State Certification ONLY...How long do you anticipate maintaining your State Certification and actively working in EMS?**

Answered: 2,075 Skipped: 1,240



Reasons for not Maintaining or Re-Gaining NREMT Status:

