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**Press Release**

The Franklin Lakes Fire Department has recently trained 10 members to be Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training and also has 6 Emergency Medical Technicians EMTs in our ranks. The EMR program is a 48-hour class and EMT class is about 160-180. EMR certifications are required every two years and EMT is every three years. Emergency Medical Responders are allowed to assist EMTs with medical and trauma calls. This allows our members to provide the people that we serve immediate medical attention at their worst possible time. With the fire department's award of the FEMA SAFER grant, we are setting a goal of having our Duty Crew members required to have EMT or EMR so they can respond quickly if needed to assist our police department and ambulance corps.

The skills allowed at the EMR level include taking vital signs, bleeding control, positive pressure ventilation with a bag valve mask, oropharyngeal airway, supplemental oxygen administration, oral suctioning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), splinting, and assisting in the administration of basic medications, such as epinephrine auto-injectors and oral glucose. EMRs are also trained in packaging, moving, and transporting patients.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ryan L. Dodd'.

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