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May 20, 2009

Ms. Alexis Stanton
a.k.a. Nancy Nusbaum, Alexis Sinclair, Mary Anderson
Jill Gabriel, Nancy Keegan, Nancy Keagan
231 West Bridge Street
Morrisville, PA 19067

Re: **Order to Cease and Desist Impersonating a Certified New Jersey Emergency Medical Technician-Basic**
Investigation Control # 09-C-007

Dear Ms. Stanton:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (the Department) is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1, et seq., which was enacted, in part, to ensure that all hospital and related health care services rendered in the State of New Jersey are of the highest quality. As defined at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-2b, health care services include any pre-hospital care rendered by paramedical and ambulance services. Furthermore, the Emergency Medical Services Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7, et seq., authorizes the Department to regulate Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). In accordance with the objectives set forth in the statutes, the Department has adopted regulations that govern the training, certification and professional conduct of EMTs. See N.J.A.C. 8:40A-1.1, et seq.

On March 11, 2009, the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received a complaint that you impersonated a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B). The complaint specifically stated that on February 26, 2009, you were arrested by the Plainsboro Township Police Department in connection with a "nanny scam." At the time of your arrest you had in your possession a National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification card, a letter of reference purported to be from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), and a generic tin badge with the inscription, "Emergency Medical Services." The NREMT card shows the name, "Alexis Bennett Stanton" certified as an EMT-Basic with the certification number of B3111098 and an expiration date of March 19, 2011. The letter from the OEMS is a letter of

reference/recommendation signed by "Kristina Phillips-Malcomb, Director of National American First Aid Council."

A review of OEMS records revealed that you entered a New Jersey EMT-Basic Course (course number 03111098) and failed the NREMT certification examination on September 8, 2003. You made no further attempts to pass the certification exam and have never been certified as an EMT-Basic by the State of New Jersey. Further investigation revealed that you have never been certified as an EMT-Basic by the NREMT. The OEMS has no record of ever employing a person named, "Kristina Phillips-Malcomb," and, further, after a good faith search, is not able to confirm the existence of an organization known as the "National American First Aid Council." The letter of reference from the OEMS, the EMT certification card, and the badge that you possessed are not genuine.

N.J.S.A. 26:2K-42b states that "A person shall not impersonate or refer to himself as an EMT-D unless the person is authorized to do so pursuant to this act."

N.J.S.A. 26:2K-44 states, in relevant part, that "A person who violates the provisions of this act is subject to a penalty of $200 for the first offense and $500 for each subsequent offense."

N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.4(a) states, in relevant part, that "No person shall impersonate, refer to himself or herself as, act in the capacity of or perform the duties of, an EMT-Basic or EMT-Instructor unless he or she is certified or recognized by the Department in accordance with the standards set forth in this chapter.

1. Upon notice or discovery that a person is impersonating, referring to himself or herself as, or acting in the capacity of an EMT-Basic without having first obtained the required EMT-Basic or EMT-Instructor certification or recognition or after revocation of an EMT-Basic or EMT-Instructor certification previously issued by the Department, the Commissioner or his or her designee may issue an order directing that person to immediately cease and desist."

N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.4(a)2 states, in relevant part, that "In addition to the issuance of an order to cease and desist, the Commissioner or his or her designee may:

i. Impose a monetary penalty in the amount of $200.00 per calendar day for each day that a person is found to have impersonated, referred to him or herself as, or acted in the capacity of, an EMT-Basic or EMT-Instructor;

ii. Refuse to issue or renew any subsequent EMT-Basic and/or EMT-Instructor certifications."

N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.2(f) states, in relevant part, that "Monetary penalties may be imposed in the amount of $200.00 per calendar day, per infraction.

1. Violations shall be considered as a single, different occurrence for each calendar day the violation occurs or remains uncorrected.

2. Subsequent violations of the same type may be subject to a penalty of $500.00 per calendar day, per infraction."

Therefore, you are hereby **ordered to immediately CEASE AND DESIST** any further representations that you are a certified New Jersey EMT-Basic. You are further prohibited from acting in the capacity of an EMT-Basic. Additionally, you are hereby ordered to immediately surrender any and all invalid and/or fraudulent certification credentials including EMT patches and badges to the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Failure to abide by this order to cease and desist may result in additional fines and penalties as provided for by law.

This order to cease and desist shall constitute a Final Agency Decision. As such, pursuant to New Jersey Court Rules 2:2-3 and 2:4-1, you may appeal from this Final Agency Decision within 45 days to the following authority:

New Jersey Superior Court-Appellate Division
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
P.O. Box 006
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0006

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Samuel Stewart, OEMS Regulatory Officer, at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

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