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Victoria Schaible

**Re: Order to Cease and Desist Impersonating a Certified New Jersey
Emergency Medical Technician
EMS ID # 609063
Investigation Control # OEMS: 22-0564**

Dear Ms. Schaible:

The New Jersey Department of Health (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 to -27, 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-2(b), health care services include any pre-hospital care rendered by Basic Life Support (BLS) personnel. In addition, the Emergency Medical Services Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7 to -69, authorizes the Department to certify Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). In furtherance of the objectives set forth in the statutes, the Department has adopted regulations that govern the training, certification, and professional conduct of EMTs and EMT candidates. (See N.J.A.C. 8:40A-1.1 et. seq.)

While the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) was preparing to complete a site audit of Plainfield Rescue Squad on October 7, 2022, you were identified as the chief officer and a New Jersey EMT. Specifically, you are shown on the agency's website, social media pages, and several local news articles wearing a licensed BLS agency uniform with your name, a New Jersey EMT patch, and a badge. An OEMS investigator attempted to verify your certification in the NJEMS Certification System. However, this revealed that your EMT certification was issued on November 20, 2013, but expired on December 31, 2018. Multiple attempts were made by OEMS investigators to contact you via telephone and e-mail but proved to be unsuccessful. The telephone phone number and email address utilized for these notifications were most recently verified by you on January 3, 2020, and November 14, 2021.

These findings prompted the OEMS investigators to review electronic patient care reports (ePCRs) from January 1, 2019, to the present day to determine whether you were listed as a member of the crew for any calls. The review revealed that you

signed thirteen hundred sixty-five (1,365) ePCRs as the EMT rendering care to the patients, despite your New Jersey EMT certification expiring on December 31, 2018.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2K-40, N.J.S.A. 26:2K-42, and N.J.A.C. 8:40A-7.1(a), an individual shall not act in the capacity of or portray themselves as a New Jersey EMT unless certified by the Department. From its investigation, the Department finds that you are in violation of the statutes and rules because you are not certified by the Department as an EMT, yet you were acting in the capacity of and referring to yourself as a New Jersey EMT. Thus, the Department finds that you were impersonating an EMT in the State of New Jersey.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department hereby **orders you, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.4(a)(1), to immediately CEASE AND DESIST** from making any further representations that you are a certified New Jersey EMT. You are further prohibited from acting in the capacity of a certified New Jersey EMT. Additionally, you are hereby ordered to immediately surrender any and all invalid and/or fraudulent certification credentials, including New Jersey EMT patches and badges that you may have to the Department. Failure to abide by this order to cease and desist may result in additional fines and penalties as provided for in N.J.A.C. 8:40A-10.4(a)(2).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Investigator Logan Rafferty at (609) 633-7777 or via email at Logan.Rafferty@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director
Office of Emergency Medical Services

c: Daniel Kazar, Chief, Education, Licensure, and Enforcement, OEMS
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