

**RESTRICTED DELIVERY CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Before the Iowa Department of Public Health

IN THE MATTER OF: Roger Kropf 411 Clara Battle Creek, Iowa 51006 Certification: PS-12-308-04	Case Number: 10-10-08 NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION SUSPENSION
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Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 17A.18, 147A.7, and Iowa Administrative Code (I.A.C.) 641—131.7, the Iowa Department of Public Health is proposing to **SUSPEND** your certification indefinitely.

The department may suspend an EMS certification when it finds that the applicant or certificate holder has committed any of the following acts or offenses:

Knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representations in the practice of the profession or engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public. Proof of actual injury need not be established.
147A.7i; IAC 641—131.7(2)f

Engaging in any conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert a department investigation.
IAC 641—131.7(2)g

Failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the department or failure to cooperate with an investigation of the department.
IAC 641—131.7(2)h

Privacy and confidentiality. An EMS provider shall not disclose or be compelled to disclose patient information unless required or authorized by law.
IAC 641—131.7(2)y

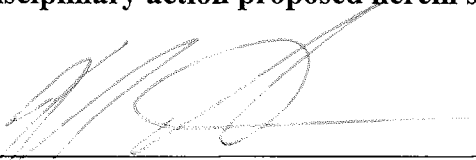
The following incident resulted in issuance of this proposed action:

You have posted information concerning patients you have taken care of on your Facebook account. When the Department initially contacted you, on December 1, 2010, you denied the posts were about patients to whom you provided EMS services. Patient care records obtained by the Department indicate that the posts are related to patients to whom you provided EMS services.

Your certification shall be suspended until you successfully complete a medical ethics course. You shall submit the proposed course name, course syllabus, instructor's name, instructor's credentials, and the course curriculum to the Department for approval prior to completing the course. The Department may approve the proposed course, or may designate another course for completion. You are responsible for all costs associated with this course.

You have the right to request a hearing concerning this notice of disciplinary action. A request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to the Department by certified mail, return receipt requested, within twenty (20) days of receipt of this Notice of Proposed Action. The written request must be submitted to the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E 12th St, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. If the request is made within the twenty (20) day time limit, the proposed action is suspended pending the outcome of the hearing. Prior to or at the hearing, the Department may rescind the notice upon satisfaction that the reason for the action has been or will be removed.

If no request for a hearing is received within the twenty (20) day time period, the disciplinary action proposed herein shall become effective and shall be final agency action.



Kirk Schmitt
EMS Bureau Chief

Date 1/20/2011