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§22A-10-1. Emergency personnel in coal mines.

(a) Emergency medical services personnel must be employed on each shift at every mine that:

(1) Employs more than ten employees; and

(2) Has more than eight persons present on the shift.

(b) The emergency medical services personnel must be employed at their regular duties at a central location or, when more than one person is required pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, at a location which provides for convenient, quick response to an emergency. The emergency medical services personnel must have available to them at all times such equipment prescribed by the Director of the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health.

(c) "Emergency medical services personnel" means any person certified by the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health, or authorities recognized and approved by the commissioner, to provide emergency medical services as authorized in article four-c, chapter sixteen of this code, including emergency medical technician- -industrial.

(d) At least one emergency medical services personnel shall be employed at a mine for every fifty employees or any part thereof who are engaged at any time, in the extraction, production or preparation of coal.

(e) Commencing July 1, 2014, the certification for emergency medical technician-miner, also known as emergency medical technician-mining, shall be known as the certification for emergency medical technician-industrial, and the certification is valid until the original expiration date, at which time the person may recertify as an emergency medical technician-industrial pursuant to section six-c, article four-c, chapter sixteen of this code.

(f) A person wanting to be certified or recertified as an emergency medical technician-industrial must comply with the provisions of section six-c, article four-c, chapter sixteen of this code.

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