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1. How many years of Optional Certification History records should be made available?
 - ~~You can go back as many as you like. Typically, the more history the better. The history is really more for your benefit to provide you with some ongoing history of your program.~~
 - We will not be loading the Optional Certification History records.
2. How many years of EMT Certificate Holder Information Data File records should be included?
 - You should include an EMT Certificate Holder Information Data File record for each person for which you have a current EMT certification.
 - We will load EMTs that have expired in the past 1 year so that anyone filing late will not have to be reentered if they do so within 1 year of expiration.
 - ~~You should go back at least 2-1 certification cycles for anyone that does not have a current certification if you can.~~
3. How many years of EMT Certification Action Data records should be included?
 - You should include all actions taken against certificate holders.
4. Do I understand correctly that we will upload our information to your software instead of having to input it all?
 - Yes, we anticipate getting all of the information from you in an electronic format to make the transition as simple as possible, with as little work for you as possible.
5. Where it states in the information that we will be asked to provide copies of the data contained in our database sometime between Oct 1, 2009 and Feb. 28, 2010 is that a sample of what information we keep track of?
 - We really need a copy of your live data to insure that all of the required information is there. If you are familiar with your underlying database, it should be a simple matter to create two or three queries to put the information together and then could be exported to one of the specified formats. That round of data will be used to create a custom import format for each certifying entity's data. Then, at the end of June, 2010 we will be requesting final data. Once the final data has been requested you will perform certification by using the new registry.
6. If there has been discussion amongst the LEMSA's regarding all of EMT 2010? I am not a part of it and not being informed on my end.
 - We have utilized representatives from stakeholder groups to formulate the regulations. There has not yet been a technical discussion group. The

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preliminary file specifications were published to give you an idea of the data that will be required for the registry.

7. We have not been able to move forward with the application for the DOJ as they have not figured out what to do with us yet.
 - The EMT 2010 web page was just modified with process information based upon information that we received from DOJ last week. That information should help to clarify their process.
8. What kind of printer will I need to print the EMT Cards?
 - You can get pretty much any kind of ID badge printer. You will need only a Single-Sided monochrome printer. You will not need a color printer or a two sided printer. The monochrome printer ribbons are much cheaper and typically require less frequent printer cleaning. The only printing that you will be required to perform for the EMT Registry (if you elect to print your own cards) includes the following information:
 - ❖ Name
 - ❖ Central Registry Number
 - ❖ Effective and Expiration Dates
 - ❖ Certification Status

Rather than recommending a specific brand you should go to a site like the following:

www.idwholesaler.com

www.idzone.com

www.allidsystems.com

www.idbadges.com

www.id-badge.com

www.idsupershop.com

And those were just some of the sites on the first search page using the search criteria "id badge printers". You will need to assess your specific needs for volume but for most some of the lower end printers (\$1,000 to \$2,500) will suffice. We recommend getting two lower end printers vs. a single more expensive printer so that you have a backup in the event of a failure.

The only difference between the ID badge printers and an office laser printer is the size of the "page" and the thickness and type of the "paper". You can print to these printers just as you would any laser printer. You can use them as a printer from pretty much any software application (e.g. Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, Excel, etc.).

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9. Requirements for access to the EMT Registry

The EMT Registry will be created by initially uploading data for current EMTs and any disciplinary actions that have been taken by a Local EMS Agency (LEMSA). The file specifications are listed on the EMT 2010 web page

http://www.emsa.ca.gov/about/EMT2010_Overview.asp.

Under the Heading of Administration there are two items:

[Decision Required: Who will print the Certification Cards?](#)

[Decision Required: Are you able to provide data in the formats specified?](#)

On the same page, under Information Technology there are two more items that should be reviewed:

[General Information](#)

[Preliminary File Specifications](#)

The only other information that I can add to the links identified above includes:

- The application to maintain the registry is an Internet enabled system. As such no software will be installed on PCs utilizing the system.
- The application uses standard windows techniques to address printers and local storage. If your printer is networked it will be available to print notices. The identification card printers can be considered as any other printer. They just have a different size and form of output. (i.e. a credit card sized output vs. standard size paper).
- Notices, certification cards and reports are standard outputs from the system. They may be generated as either a document or in the form of an excel spreadsheet that may be used for a mail merge operation or any other method for producing the documents/cards/reports.

10. What ports do we need to have open on our firewall to accommodate the EMT Registry.

The EMT Registry will utilize the HTTPS protocol (Secure HTTP) and will require port 443/tcp to function. Your firewall should be set to permit this traffic. Since port 443 is the standard port for the HTTPS protocol and since HTTPS is a very common protocol, you may already have your firewall set properly.

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11. What special requirements will be required to print documents produced by the EMT Registry?

All printing, including the EMT Certification Cards, will be presented as a Word 2003 document through port 443/tcp. When the document is presented you will have the option of saving it or immediately printing it. It is no different than going into a website and clicking on a link that contains a document. Once you have the document open to print, you will use the same method to print that document as you would any document in your environment. If you are in a windows LAN environment you will print to a windows printer. The printer may be locally attached to the workstation or it may be a LAN attached printer. The word document will be printed using whatever technology that you use to print any document.

The printers that print the EMT Certification Cards are really no different than any other printer that you may be using. While laser printers may be more common, the ID card printers differ only in the document size and thickness. You could print a report using the ID card printers. The only problem is that you would have a lot of pages to that report, and it might be a little difficult to read.