



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
EMS OFFICE:
HOW TO BECOME AN Emergency Medical Technician-EMT
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The first step is to apply for an EMT class training by completing a class application. This can be downloaded from our website (www.DPS.montcopa.org). The class application is sent to the Montgomery County Community College along with a check or money order made payable to "MCCC". Payment must accompany the class application.

Class registrations are entered in the order they are received. Once a class has been filled, applicants will be notified that the class has been filled and given the option to either be put onto a waiting list, or to have a refund processed.

Enrolled students will receive an official acceptance packet in the mail. This mailing will explain what textbooks the student will need, where to buy them, class forms that need to be filled out, and other pertinent class information.

The minimum age to enroll in an EMT class is 15; however the student must be 16 years of age before the end of class. A Parental Permission form must be submitted for any student who is under the age of 16. If the class is held during the school year, working papers may be required through your school district. Malpractice insurance is required for all EMT students. Details on this insurance are outlined in your acceptance letter.

All students are required to complete a criminal history background check. There is a fee that the student is required to pay. A student with a positive criminal history may be required to furnish documentation to the Dept. of Health / Bureau of EMS. Montgomery County EMS has a policy in place for applicants with a felony history: while case dependent, the EMS office reserves the right to deny placement to some individuals.

EMT training is approximately 170 hours long. There are classroom sessions as well as practical hands-on training. Students are required to do ride-along time on an ambulance with a mentor (preceptor). Final testing is comprised of a practical and a written test, given separately. Upon passing both exams, the student will be issued a Pennsylvania State certification which is issued for a period of three years. Once certified, EMTs must complete continuing education credits to be eligible for re-certification.