



## ***DREW PUBLIC SAFETY / MADISON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS***

### ***CADET CERTIFICATE PROGRAM***

Drew University and the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps have collaborated to introduce the **DREW PUBLIC SAFETY / MVAC CADET Certificate Program**.

The mission of the DREW PUBLIC SAFETY-MVAC Certificate program is to provide Drew students with the dual opportunity to help their community and to learn more about public safety and emergency medical services. New Cadets may volunteer for this program and are expected to serve with the Corps. Upon acceptance into the Cadet program, participants will be initiated as members of the ***Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps***.

The DREW-MVAC Cadet Certificate Program requirements are as follows:

- **CADET CERTIFICATION :**
  - Cadets must ride a minimum of 70 hours a semester.
    - 55 of these hours will be with MVAC during the following times: One 4-hour shift on a weekday and an 8-hour shift on either Saturday or Sunday. Shifts at MVAC are 7am-11am, 11am-3pm, 3pm-7pm or 7pm to 11pm on weekdays or any **consecutive**, 8-hour period between 7am and 11pm on weekends.
    - 15 of these hours will be with Drew Public Safety and consist of one 5-hour shift each month on Drew's campus assisting the Dept. of Public Safety on a Friday or Saturday night for five hours from 9pm to 2am.
  - Cadets will remain at the Corps building during their shifts.
  - Cadets must be certified in CPR and FIRST AID prior to riding on shifts. The Corps provides training to all Cadets free of charge.
  - Cadets must participate in MVAC activities as described in the Cadet Rules.
  - Admission to the Cadet Program is dependent on the successful submission of a complete application, an interview and a background check.

**Following the successful completion of Cadet Certification, Cadets may take advantage of the following opportunities:**

- Enter the formal EMT Certification Program: The EMT initial education is a 220-hour course designed to train individuals to provide comprehensive emergency medical care at the basic life-support level to victims of illness or injury. The course is a combination of classroom, skills session, and clinical time. Upon completion of the course and passing of the final exam, the student will become certified as an EMT by the State of New Jersey, Department of OEMS and will be licensed to assess and appropriately treat conditions ranging from simple fractures, stroke, and chest pain to critical trauma, cardiac arrest, and childbirth. To attend an EMT initial certification course the following must be completed:
  - CPR and FIRST AID certification
  - Up to date immunization history including Tb testing within 1 year
- Join the Public Safety Rangers Program to gain training and experience in the fields of public safety and criminal justice
- Continue to meet the minimum riding and attendance requirements for Cadets in order to remain in the Cadet Program (spaces may be limited and preference given to those pursuing EMT certification)

All Cadets will be able to apply for the EMT program. Acceptance depends on performance in the Cadet Program, ability to commit to at least two semesters of continued commitment to MVAC and adherence to the rules and policies of MVAC and Drew Public Safety as outlined in the **CADET AGREEMENT**.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Each Cadet will be interviewed by the MVAC membership committee and must meet the following requirements:

- Be a student of Drew University in the First Year, Sophomore, or Junior Year (Seniors may be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Fill out an application and other required forms, and submit all to Drew Public Safety
- Pass background checks and be physically able to serve with the Corps.
- Be initiated as a member of the MVAC following acceptance into the Cadet Program

**MADISON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS:**

The Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps was formed in 1954, the Corps has responded to over 50,000 calls in the last 60 years. Our mission is simple: "To save human life, relieve suffering of the injured, promote safety in all its branches, and provide ambulance service for those in need, principally in the Borough of Madison, New Jersey". This was the vision of our founders 60 years ago, and it is still true today.

On average, we respond to over 1,200 calls annually. We currently operate three ambulances, and are staffed by EMT volunteers, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days, and nights a year to ensure the fastest response possible to those who depend on us. We are staffed with over 50 dedicated volunteers who are certified in New Jersey as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) or who are in training to become an EMT. Our EMT's train through an intensive training course The EMT training course will take about 120 hours to complete with 110 hours of classroom training and practice and 10 hours of hospital emergency department or ambulance observation time. That's approximately three months with classes two nights a week and a weekend. Training includes many skills, including Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), use

of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), use of oxygen and oxygen therapy, assistance with certain medications, care of broken bones, and bleeding and even delivering babies! Completing the EMT training in NJ allows our members to sit for the New Jersey certification exam. The certification in New Jersey is good for 3 years which was changed from 5 years since January 2010 and must be renewed every 3 years. Recertification requires one to pass 48 hours' worth of core education in an EMT refresher training and members must ALSO earn 24 CEU course credits from an approved continuing education courses and others like pediatric emergencies, water rescue, and recreational drug emergencies among others to complete a 24 credit hours' worth of elective.

**DREW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY** provides 24-hours-a-day service to the Drew community. Our responsibilities include crime prevention and investigation, fire safety, traffic regulation, enforcement of university regulations and state and local laws. Professionally trained men and women patrol the campus in marked and unmarked patrol vehicles, on foot, by ATV, and on bicycles. All officers are certified in advanced lifesaving techniques and emergency medical response.

Patrol Officers within the department are required to complete basic training provided by New Jersey police academies. In addition to this training, officers continually receive in-service training and attend special training sessions provided by county and state police academies. Since 2002, officers advanced their medical training as certified Emergency Medical Technicians. One or more officers are certified CPR/AED instructors.

The philosophy of this department is based on a commitment to community service. Members of this department are sensitive to the special needs of students as well as their responsibility to provide a secure living environment.

Since the campus also falls under the jurisdiction of the Madison Police Department, this department works in close cooperation with the Madison Police concerning certain criminal investigations, traffic accidents or other police matters. Under the direction of Chief Darren Dachisen, cooperation between the Madison Police Department and the University is consistently excellent. Uniform crime reporting and some criminal investigations are handled by the Madison Police Department.

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