

# **PHOENIX FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Volume 1- Operations Manual**

### **Advanced Cardiac Life Support Recertification**

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#### **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Phoenix Fire Department to provide ongoing classes in ACLS certification for its paramedic members.

#### **PROCEDURE**

The following procedure describes the process for recertification of Phoenix Fire Department paramedics in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) as required by the Arizona Department of Health Services for paramedic certification.

1. The Fire Department will conduct ACLS classes as frequently as necessary to maintain certification for all paramedics. Classes will be scheduled on a monthly basis as needed.
2. The Fire Department will schedule Paramedics for ACLS recertification classes.
3. The class is to be conducted prior to or during the month in which their ACLS certification expires.

#### **PARAMEDIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is the responsibility of the individual paramedic to adequately prepare for successful ACLS completion and maintenance.

Paramedics who do not successfully complete the ACLS recertification class according to current AHA criteria may be required to take an initial ACLS provider course.

Paramedics are required to have current ACLS certification.

Any paramedic whose ACLS certification expires will not be permitted to function as a paramedic until successful ACLS recertification is completed.