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Ref: Local Paramedic recognized for 20+ Years of Service

Steven W. Kerber, Founder and Fire Chief/Paramedic of Regional Fire & Rescue Department, was recently recognized by the Board of Directors of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for achieving 20 consecutive years as a Nationally Registered Paramedic as of March 2013. This distinction is an honor held by few EMTs, or Paramedics.

To maintain his status as a Nationally Registered Paramedic, Kerber completed, on a biennial basis, the most comprehensive recertification program for Emergency Medical Technicians in America. He not only completed courses to refresh his fundamental knowledge and skills but also attended a minimum number of two hours per month of additional continuing education courses to advance his knowledge on new lifesaving skills.

By maintaining his Nationally Registered status and completing regular continuing education courses, Steve is among the few elite EMT-Paramedics with the most training in pre-hospital emergency medical care in the nation.

Steve was first State certified while living and working in Tucson as a Firefighter/EMT in 1989, then became Nationally Registered as an EMT-Intermediate in March 1990. His Paramedic certification followed additional training when he achieved the Paramedic certification in March 1993. Steve continues to serve as the Fire Chief of Regional Fire & Rescue, which has provided fire protection service under individual homeowner or business owner agreements for service in the unincorporated areas of the Casa Grande Valley over the past 18 years.

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians serves as the national EMS certification organization by providing a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice by EMS professionals throughout their careers and by maintaining a registry of certification status.