



Commission Exhibit 1, consisting of the October 26, 2015 notice of hearing letter sent to Mr. Register, notifying him of the date and time of the hearing.

State Exhibit 1, consisting of a copy of the State's complaint filed against Mr. Register with the State Fire Prevention Commission.

State Exhibit 2, consisting of a certified copy of Mr. Register's criminal disposition indicating a plea of guilty to one count of possession of a controlled substance, heroin.

State Exhibit 3, consisting of a copy of a police report dated August 20, 2015.

In addition to the documentary evidence, the Commission considered the live testimony of Mr. Dave Truax. Mr. Truax was sworn and testified that he is employed by the Delaware State Fire Commission as a compliance investigator. In that capacity, he inspects ambulances in the state for compliance with regulations and investigates complaints. He collects self-reports from EMTs. Mr. Truax testified that he received a notification regarding Mr. Register being arrested for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Mr. Truax then conducted an investigation, during which time he reviewed a police report which revealed that Mr. Register was observed slumped over in a car and police made contact with him, at which time an empty heroin container was observed on Mr. Register's person. Mr. Truax testified that Mr. Register was ultimately convicted of possession of a controlled substance.

Upon questioning from the Commission, Mr. Truax testified that Mr. Register is "associated" with Tallyville Fire Company, but Mr. Truax spoke with the Company, and they indicated they were aware of Mr. Register, but had not seen him in some time and he certainly does not go out on runs for them. Finally, Mr. Truax testified that Mr. Register's EMT certification will expire on March 31, 2016.

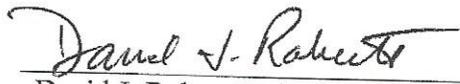
## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

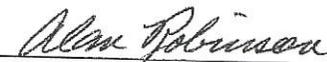
The Commission finds that Mr. Register violated the provisions of Commission Regulations Part 710, Section 14.4 and Section 14.8 in that he has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the practice of EMT services and he never self-reported either his arrest or his conviction. In reaching this conclusion, the Commission relied upon the certified copy of Mr. Register's criminal conviction as well as the testimony of Mr. Truax. Moreover, the Commission concludes that Mr. Register violated the provisions of Part 710 Section 14.4.1.6 of the Commission Regulations in that his conduct was unprofessional as defined by Section 14.4. Specifically, the Commission concludes that Mr. Register engaged in the use of a dangerous or narcotic drug other than for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes. In reaching this conclusion, the Commission relies upon the narrative found in the police report, and Mr. Register's admission found therein.

The nature of Mr. Register's conduct indicate a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare. In order to properly protect the public, it is hereby ordered that Mr. Register's EMT certification is suspended for at least 24 months. At the conclusion of the 24 month period of suspension, Mr. Register may petition the Commission for reinstatement of his EMT certification

if he can demonstrate at that time that he has successfully completed the Superior Court's Drug Diversion Program, and can otherwise demonstrate good cause for reinstatement.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

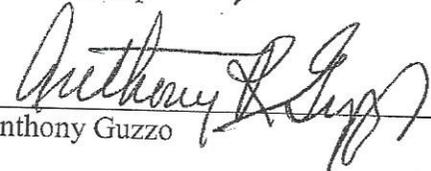
  
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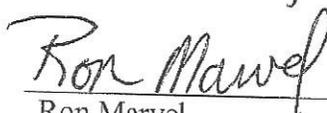
  
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