BEFORE THE DELAWARE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

| IN RE: WILLIAM BOWDEN |) | |
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| |) | Case No.: 2211 |
| EMT I.D. NO. 89501 |) | |

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission ("the Commission") has received a copy of Court documentation indicating that William Bowden, a Commission-certified Emergency Medical Technician, was charged with: one count of 3rd Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol in violation of 21 *Del. C.* § 4177 (felony), one count of Failed to Remain Within a Single Lane in violation of 21 *Del. C.* § 4122 (violation) and one count of Drive in Proper Lane and Direction in violation of 21 *Del C.* §4126 (violation);

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the Commission issued an order emergently suspending Boden's EMT No. 89501 certification pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* §6712A(a);

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2023, the Commission held a hearing on a complaint alleging official misconduct in connection with the above charges;

WHEREAS, Bowden failed to appear at the hearing;

WHEREAS, evidence admitted during the hearing established: (1) Bowden received due and proper notice of the hearing; (2) Bowden did not intend to appear at the hearing; and (3) Bowden had no objection to the Commission revoking his EMT certification;

WHEREAS, the State further presented evidence establishing by substantial evidence that Bowden violated Sections 14.4.1.9, 14.4.2.3 and 14.4.2.7 of Commission Regulation Part 710, Ambulance Service Regulations;

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the State's case, and based upon the evidence presented, the Commission unanimously voted to suspend Bowden's certification indefinitely;

WHEREAS, 16 Del. C. § 6712A(e) provides: "An order of suspension will remain in effect until such time as a determination of the case. Upon a final decision of the Commission, the order of suspension shall be vacated in favor of the disciplinary action ordered by the Commission";

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 21st day of March, 2023, it is hereby ordered:

- 1. The August 16, 2022, Order temporarily suspending Bowden's certification is hereby vacated;
 - 2. Bowden's certification is hereby suspended indefinitely;
- 3. Bowden may apply to the Commission to have the suspension of his certification lifted at which time the Commission will determine whether the suspension shall be continued, be lifted, or whether Bowden's certification should be revoked; and
 - 4. A copy of this Order shall be served upon Bowden.

Ronald H. Marvel, Chairman

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