

**CASE NO. 10-04(M)**

**NAME: CAROLINE SITAR**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: GARY W. BIPPUS**

**DATE: April 12, 2010**

**COMMISSION ACTION: AFFIRMED**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Ms. Sitar testified that she had been a certified Emergency Medical Technician since approximately 1988.
2. Her most recent certification expired on or about April 1, 2009.
3. At that time, she had completed just under half of the required continuing education for recertification.
4. She obtained a total of 41.45 hours of compliant continuing education credit between September 18, 2008 and June 11, 2009. 17.45 hours of that occurred between September 18, 2008 and September 20, 2008 and the remaining 24 hours occurred between June 1, 2009 and June 11, 2009. All of those hours were submitted to IDHS on or about June 17, 2009.
5. Ms. Sitar contended that some of the reasons she failed to complete the education requirement included being involved with the terminal illnesses and ultimate deaths of her father and a dear friend. Her father passed away on March 27, 2007 and the friend in August of 2008.
6. An EMT may check the status of his or her certificate and learn about a variety of continuing education opportunities in several different ways including by use of the internet to access the IDHS website.
7. Ms. Sitar had, and continues to have, the option of retesting to reestablish her certification if she desires.
8. Any item which is denominated a Finding of Fact which should be considered a Conclusion of Law is hereby incorporated by reference into the Conclusions of Law.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

The decision of the Emergency Medical Services Commission to deny Ms. Sitar's waiver request on July 17, 2009, and thereby deny reinstatement of her lapsed certification, should be, and is, affirmed in all regards.