

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Emergency Medical Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 24

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the provision of Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) training in Austin high schools for an initial term of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000, with two 12-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$24,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$8,000 was included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the EMS Department. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon the available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Prior Council Action: The initial interlocal between EMS and AISD was approved on February 1, 2007.

The EMS Department and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) wish to continue to provide Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) training in two Austin high schools, as part of AISD's Health Sciences educational program. The EMT-B program began in January 2007 and has successfully educated, prepared, and developed students for a future career in EMS. Successful students will have the opportunity to take the EMT-B certification exam required by the Texas Department of State Health Services, once they are certified, to apply to the City's EMS Department. This program serves as a key component of the EMS Department's strategy to expand its recruiting efforts to new segments of the Austin community. Classroom instruction includes content such as patient assessment, CPR, bandaging/splinting, emergency childbirth, and trauma care.

In accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the City of Austin EMS Department will provide the following: • An appropriately qualified primary instructor, guest and skill instructors and a program coordinator for the delivery of the Emergency Medical Technician Program; • All medical training equipment, including personal protective equipment, simulators, medical aids, lab coats and any additional props required to support the specific curriculum; • Funding to AISD, in an amount not to exceed \$70 per student, or \$8,000 for the initial term, to pay for the National Registry EMT-Basic exam for any student who successfully completes the program.

In accordance with the terms of this Agreement, AISD will provide the following. • Classroom facilities for a minimum of 25 students and 2 instructors, instructional equipment, such as computers, projectors, television, DVD/VCR equipment, access to a copy machine and supplies; • Appropriate curriculum materials for the program to meet state standards; • Secure storage space at each school for City training equipment and supplies; • Space for the City instructor to prepare material for class, review homework and exams after class and meet with students individually to review performance as needed; • An AISD teacher who will be present in each class and who will be responsible for grading the students for AISD purposes; • Training sessions to the City instructor(s) regarding AISD policies and applicable laws that the instructors must follow.

This initial term is for one year and the parties may agree to renew the Agreement for up to two additional one-year terms. The AISD Executive Committee has approved the Agreement.