

AGENDA



Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Emergency Medical Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 25**

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for the provision of an Emergency Medical Preceptor Program for LCRA first responders, for a one-year term beginning on April 1, 2009, with options to renew for up to four additional one-year terms.

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

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The EMS Department and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) wish to enter into an agreement for the provision of an Emergency Medical Preceptor program. This program will involve clinical rotations at the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) level for LCRA employees who provide medical first responder services on LCRA property. LCRA's first responders operate under the medical direction provided by the City of Austin's Office of the Medical Director. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the City that this clinical training be provided under the auspices of the EMS Department. Neither party will be required to provide funding.

Through this agreement the EMS Department will provide facilities for clinical training on a space available basis, including conference rooms, classrooms, lounges, and lockers for LCRA students. The EMS Department will have final decision-making authority regarding the number of participants and the schedule for the use of EMS facilities.

LCRA students may ride with authorized EMS Department personnel on ambulances as part of this training. They will not participate in patient care activities, except in accordance with applicable laws and as approved in advance by the City's Medical Director. LCRA is obligated to maintain certain insurance coverage. The classroom portion of this clinical training shall be conducted by LCRA trainers, under the auspices of the EMS Department's EMT training accreditation from the State of Texas. The EMS Department may also be involved in the design and approval of the curriculum. LCRA will be responsible for the coordination and implementation of the program of study.