

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Affiliation Agreement Between Effingham County Emergency Medical Services and Rescue Training, Inc.

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Item Description: Consideration to ratify an Affiliation Agreement between Effingham County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Rescue Training, Inc., sponsored by the Chatham County Paramedic Consortium, for the purpose of providing clinical training opportunities for paramedic students within Effingham County EMS operations.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Affiliation Agreement between Effingham County EMS and Rescue Training, Inc. to facilitate clinical education and field training experiences for paramedic students while maintaining appropriate supervision, insurance requirements, and patient care standards.

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County Emergency Medical Services has been presented with an Affiliation Agreement from Rescue Training, Inc., sponsored by the Chatham County Paramedic Consortium, to provide clinical and field internship opportunities for students enrolled in approved emergency medical education programs. The purpose of the agreement is to allow students to gain practical experience in a clinical EMS environment under the supervision of qualified EMS personnel.

Under the terms of the agreement, Rescue Training, Inc. will ensure participating students have completed all required classroom instruction and prerequisite training before participating in field experiences. The organization will also provide documentation of required immunizations, HIPAA training, infection control training, and liability insurance coverage. The agreement further requires Rescue Training, Inc. to indemnify and hold harmless Effingham County EMS and maintain general liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Effingham County EMS will provide student orientation, supervised learning opportunities, and designated preceptors while retaining ultimate responsibility for patient care. Students participating under this agreement must comply with all EMS policies and procedures and wear appropriate identification while engaged in clinical activities.

The agreement becomes effective upon execution and remains in force through December 31, 2027, with automatic annual renewals thereafter unless terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.

Approval of this agreement will support workforce development efforts, strengthen partnerships with regional EMS education programs, and provide future EMS professionals with valuable field experience in a controlled and supervised environment.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the Affiliation Agreement between Effingham County EMS and Rescue Training, Inc.
2. Deny approval of the Affiliation Agreement.
3. Defer action pending further review.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Purchasing and Emergency Medical Services

Funding Source: N/A

Attachments:

1. Affiliation Agreement Between Effingham County EMS and Rescue Training, Inc.
2. Insurance Requirements and Indemnification Provisions
3. Student Clinical Training Requirements