

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for EMT Clinical Experience Program

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**Meeting Date:** October 1, 2024

**Item Description:** Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Chatham County Fire Department and Effingham County Emergency Services to provide clinical experience for students in the EMT-B Emergency Medical Services program.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends the approval of the MOA between Chatham County Fire Department and Effingham County Emergency Services to facilitate clinical training for EMT students.

**Executive Summary/Background:** Effingham County Emergency Services has collaborated with Chatham County Fire Department to establish a clinical experience program for EMT students enrolled in the EMT-B Emergency Medical Services program. This agreement aims to provide students with hands-on training in a clinical setting, ensuring they gain practical experience as part of their educational goals. The agreement includes provisions for maintaining patient care responsibility, supervising students, and ensuring that clinical training aligns with state licensing requirements.

Key terms of the MOA include:

- No remuneration for students or instructors during clinical assignments.
- Responsibility for patient care remains with Effingham County Emergency Services.
- The program will follow the schedule mutually agreed upon by both institutions, with appropriate supervision of students.
- The agreement will be in effect until July 1, 2025, unless terminated earlier by either party with 30 days' notice.

### Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the EMT Clinical Experience Program.
2. Do not approve the MOA and provide staff with further direction.

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2

**Department Review:** EMS Director, Procurement

**Funding Source:** No funding required for this agreement.

**Attachments:** Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Chatham County Fire Department and Effingham County Emergency Services