



# **MISSION FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **PARAMEDIC COURSE PROPOSAL**

### **For In-House Paramedic Course**

#### **OVERVIEW**

In response to the evolving needs of our community and a commitment to providing comprehensive emergency services, Mission Fire Department has embarked on an important transition, expanding our capabilities to include Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at an advanced level. As part of this transformative initiative, we propose the implementation of an In-House Paramedic Training Program, a strategic move that will empower our personnel to deliver advanced life support and enhance the overall emergency response capabilities of our department. By implementing an in-house paramedic program, the Mission Fire Department can provide better and more comprehensive emergency medical services, ultimately leading to improved community well-being and safety.

#### **OUR PROPOSAL**

Mission Fire Department will oversee the program implementation and student progress throughout the course. Providing oversight of an in-house paramedic course offers us numerous advantages to include, improved quality control, customization, and enhanced coordination of emergency medical services. Our instructors will be able to keep track of each student progress throughout the entirety of the course.

#### **Course Cost & Funding**

There is no operational cost associated with running this program in-house. There is a student tuition fee of \$7,775. This fee includes access to online platform, instructors available online and for “Live Skills”. To help alleviate the financial burden to municipalities, the Hidalgo County Office or Emergency Management is willing to fund 50% of the total cost per student.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The City of Mission approves an MOU with the Texas EMS School to become a certified “Satellite” Training site approved by TDSHS. In addition, the City of Mission, Finance Dept. create an accounts payable/receivable account and begin accepting payment from other agencies, then forwarding to vendor for processing. The Mission Fire Department is recommending that we allow Hidalgo County to provide partial funding for Paramedic Course and other municipalities to make payment to the City of Mission for attending the course.