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[1] **Whereas**

**Whereas** the University of Texas at Austin had 524 medical emergencies in the 2005-2006 school year[1]

**Whereas** Austin-Travis County EMS provides the ambulance service to campus but is a very busy service that is unable to respond to every medical emergency

**Whereas** 276 out of 524 medical emergencies were not responded to by Austin Fire Department for initial care. This response pattern by Austin Fire Department (AFD) is standard for the City of Austin, which includes the University of Texas campus. These unresponded calls by AFD have the potential to be a life threatening medical emergency. Longhorn Student Emergency Medical Services (LHS EMS) would work towards responding to all medical emergencies to attend to these patients until Austin-Travis County EMS arrives

**Whereas** over 100 major colleges and universities have a student-run Emergency Medical Services on campus that range from first response to ambulance transport services. Texas A&M University, Baylor University, Duke University, and Washington University are some of the universities that have collegiate EMS systems[2]

**Whereas** Longhorn Student Emergency Medical Services (LHS EMS) will strive to provide first response to every medical emergency on campus, while Austin-Travis County EMS will continue to provide the ambulance and transport for those patients who need to be hospitalized

**Whereas** LHS EMS will operate under the guidelines and medical direction of Austin-Travis County EMS. This will allow for LHS EMS and the Austin-Travis County EMS to have a working relationship

**Whereas** every responder with LHS EMS will have the required certification with the Texas Department State Health Services

**Whereas** LHS EMS will extensively train the medics that respond to medical emergencies on campus. Training will include, but is not limited to an emergency vehicle operations course, a map study program to LHS EMS medics will be familiar with campus and be able to respond in an efficient manner, and a system medical training program