



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

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CHIEF OF EMS

TO: Fort Bend County Commissioners Court

CC: Dr. Jaqueline Minter, Director Health and Human Services
Fort Bend County Attorney's Office

FROM: Graig Temple, Chief of EMS

SUBJECT: Ambulance Service Provider Letters

DATE: August 7, 2020

As part of the Health and Safety Code 773.0573, "Emergency Medical Service Providers" must obtain a letter from County Officials from the County in which they intend to operate. Health and Safety Code 773.0573 states that for the first year of operation the service provider must practice only within the county of origin unless contracted by a municipality or county for EMS services, an emergency mutual aid response or statewide activation.

Currently Fort Bend County has over 41 Private Ambulance Service Providers with ties to Fort Bend County. This DOES NOT include Fort Bend County EMS, City of Sugar Land Fire/EMS, City of Katy Fire and EMS, Harris County ESD #48 and ESD100/Community Vol. Fire Department – all of whom provide the "9-1-1" EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES within the County.

Following the language of Health and Safety Code 773.0573 - 1) Fort Bend County does not have a current Ambulance Provider shortage, 2) there is no identified need for additional Ambulance Providers and 3) the addition of Ambulance Providers may create an oversupply of providers within the County.

I recommend that Commissioners Court deny any new Emergency Medical Service Provider letter requests starting in FY21 and moving forward conduct an annual review before considering any letter requests in the future.