

## Department/ Partnership Description Summary

The Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) established its first “AID” ambulance in 1973. In 1980, having witnessed this program’s benefit to the community, the department upgraded its service to the advanced life support (ALS) level and established a training partnership with Del Mar College (DMC). CCFD and DMC have continuously partnered to create and establish effective training programs in support of CCFD’s initiatives such as the conversion to an all-ALS department (1985) as well as the establishment of CCFD’s ALS first responder program (1990).

CCFD and DMC have established and leaned on several agreements to establish this relationship. In 2005, CCFD came into an agreement with DMC for joint use of its drill field which led to CCFD moving all its training facilities, which include offices and classrooms, to Del Mar College in 2008 as part of a lease agreement with DMC to provide administrative and instructional support to the Fire Academy at a cost of \$40,000/ year. CCFD still occupies DMC facilities but is not longer charged the \$40,000/ year for their use.

In 2015, CCFD executed an Interlocal Agreement with DMC for ambulance training through state-approved course for Emergency Medical Service students. This agreement provides for clinical training for DMC EMS students on CCFD medic units.

The proposed resolution/ agreement will allow CCFD and DMC to consolidate the previous agreements and provide assurance of the training activities and practices currently exercised. In addition to the benefits described above, this resolution would allow CCFD to enroll fire cadets in the DMC Emergency Medical Services Professions (EMT and Paramedic certifications) and Fire Science/ Firefighting (DMC Fire Academy/Firefighter certification) programs provided by Del Mar College. Positive aspects of this agreement include:

- CCFD maintains control of academy and cadets’ activities throughout their training
- CCFD cadets receive training provided by an accredited institution

- CCFD cadets will receive college credit hours towards a college degree
- CCFD receives a 20% discount to tuition rates
- DMC provides CCFD with Training facilities at no cost in a hurricane/ tornado proof building that include offices and classrooms.
- DMC provides CCFD with the use of fire training field including a burn tower, burn house and several fire training props for both academy and incumbent training

The sense of community created by the interdependence between the Corpus Christi Fire Department and Del Mar College is a significantly positive outcome from this agreement in that serving the community is a common goal of both CCFD and DMC.