



SAFD Mobile Integrated Health

Hospice Program

**City Council Session A
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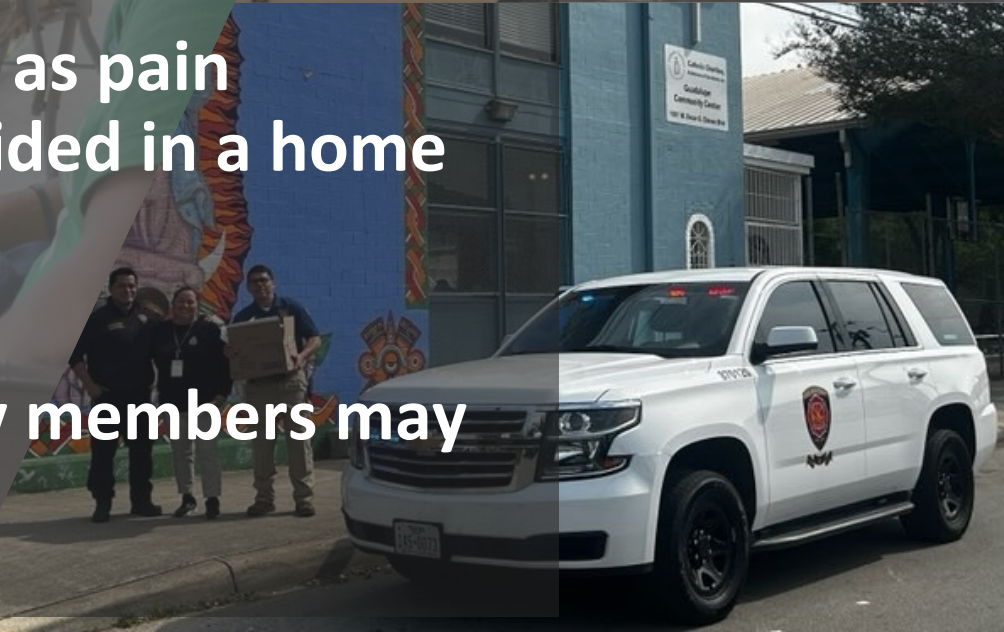


Purpose

The program leverages existing infrastructure and a newly developed notification system to alert hospice agencies when enrolled patients dial 911, improving situational awareness and allowing MIH Personnel and their hospice agency staff to quickly and efficiently respond to meet the needs of the patient based on their current care plan.

Overview

- Provide social and emotional support
- Use comfort measures to relieve symptoms of psychological or physical distress
- Comfort measures, such as pain medications, often provided in a home setting
- If care is at home, family members may be primary caregivers



Plan of Action

MIH Paramedic role is switched from developing a field impression and treating it while transporting to the emergency department to enabling the patient to die in familiar surroundings and taking measures to ensure comfort



Recommendations

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept the contribution up to \$500,000 from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC)





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