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## City of White Oak Selects Champion EMS to provide Service

LONGVIEW – The White Oak City Council unanimously approved to change the city's EMS provider to Champion EMS during a meeting held on Tuesday, April 14. The agreement stipulates that Champion EMS will begin providing EMS service at midnight on May 10, 2009, to operate a 24-hour ambulance in the City of White Oak to serve the area's residents. Champion EMS will provide emergency and non-emergency transport 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will assume all current White Oak membership agreements.

"Good Shepherd has long been a supporter of the White Oak community and already provides care to many area residents. By providing the EMS service, we are able to better serve the community with quality health care," said Ed Banos, president and chief executive officer of Good Shepherd Medical Center. "We are pleased that the City Council selected Good Shepherd as a partner to meet the health care needs of the community."

Champion EMS operates Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) ambulances - the highest level certified by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The MICU ambulances feature vital life-saving equipment such as advanced life support cardiac monitors and defibrillators, intubation equipment and a full complement of medications and intravenous solutions. In addition, all Champion EMS paramedics have certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) for heart problems and cardiac emergencies, PreHospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) for trauma emergencies, and Pediatric Education for PreHospital Providers (PEPP) for pediatric emergencies.

With communications and operations located in Longview, Champion EMS serves 13 counties and numerous communities. Champion EMS operates one of the region's most technologically advanced communication centers. The 911 dispatch service is able to communicate with virtually every public safety agency in Northeast Texas. It's staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week with certified emergency medical dispatchers who will stay on the line and provide emergency care instructions until the ambulance arrives.

The Good Shepherd division of Champion EMS also operates ambulance stations in Longview, Elderville, Tatum, Harleton, Jefferson, Ore City, Lone Star, Daingerfield, Diana, and Linden.

For questions regarding Champion EMS and the services provided, please call (903) 291-2500.

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