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**Memorandum
May 13th, 2022**

Statement Concerning No Graduates for the 2020 Calendar Year for CoAEMSP/CAAHEP

Each Accredited Training Institute is required to publish their outcome scores for paramedic trainees. The Montgomery County EMS Training Institute (600490) did not have any graduating cohorts in 2020.

As many of you are aware, 2020 was a very challenging year. On March 7th, 2020, Montgomery County had its first case of COVID-19 and a county disaster declaration was issued. In the coming days we would all experience a rapidly growing number of exposed and infected persons which we would later understand leading us all to a global crisis that most have never seen in their lifetime.

The EMS Training Institute was completely shuttered for health and safety reasons due to this highly infectious disease for 8 months in 2020, with programming resuming in November of 2020. The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS approved the resumption of classes with proper safety and PPE precautions because EMS and fire training programs were deemed essential for public safety.

Currently we are working to re-energize our program, after the departure of our program director and assistant during the last 24 months, we will be replacing two full-time positions and assisting our 2019 cohort in crossing the finish line. We are looking forward to establishing our next cohort in the Winter of 2022 or Spring of 2023. We have been investing in new training equipment, including multiple advanced simulators utilizing CARES funds to invest in a stronger educational platform. We have upgraded our training rooms and enhanced our virtual and hybrid delivery methods. We have conducted additional instructor methodology programs and are adding to our subject matter expert roster of dedicated educators.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David Paul Brown", is positioned below the "Respectfully Submitted," text.

David Paul Brown
Interim Program Director