

Chief Ernesto Rodriguez

Austin – Travis County Emergency Medical Services



Biographical Sketch

Ernie has over 25 years of experience in Emergency Medical Services. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter and migrated into the paid fire service. His experience encompasses 10 years in the fire service as a paramedic and fire fighter. He also worked with the Texas Department of Health, known today as the Department of State Health Services, for four years as Assistant State EMS Director where he managed the EMS Development programs such as Local Projects Grants, Emergency Medical Services for Children Grant program, and Disaster Preparedness. Ernie has several years of experience in the private sector, in clinical oversight, and operations management and deployment. He worked with the MedStar system where he served as Assistant to the Medical Director and Director of Operations for a combined 10 years. Ernie is currently the Chief of Austin–Travis County EMS.