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**Subject:** RE: Request for Bachelor's Degree Proposals

I purpose that we create a bachelor's degree in Emergency Services with various emphasis areas

- \* emergency medical services
- \* emergency management services
- \* outdoor leadership and emergency
- \* community emergency response training
- \* education
- \* management the above are some areas of emphasis or concentrations that can be developed under this bachelor program in the future.

The initial emphasis area would be emergency medical services. The six-county area is in desperate need of initial and ongoing training in the emergency arena. Training as emergency medical dispatchers is needed in all of the surrounding county dispatch centers, as well as ongoing continuous education and training to remain certified. This is also true for EMTs, EMTAs (EMT advanced), and paramedics. There is also a great need for community assistants in an emergency/disaster which could be handled by CERT organizations. Almost all towns need assistance in planning, organizing, and training for emergencies. Because of the lack of infrastructure and money, none are really ready for disaster that may strike. Because rural Utah is mostly wilderness there is a need for wilderness EMTs, first responders, and wildland firefighters.

Having the GBEEC available for training is certainly a positive for Snow College. Several programs already in place at Snow could provide courses required and we have qualified faculty in the Science Division that could teach upper division classes. Many of the classes could be taught via virtual classrooms with labs taught at Snow on the weekends or by program certified proctors at the local site. The final pass off for the semester would be held at Snow College.

A national program that has been implemented in Utah would allow for high school students that are sixteen or seventeen to become involved as an Emergency Medical Responder rather than have to wait until they are eighteen to take an EMT course. Within the six county area there are many qualified instructors that could be utilized in these programs, including paramedic. Many of the hospitals within the six county area have personnel who are or were EMTs. This includes doctors, PAs, RNs, respiratory therapists, x-ray and lab techs. FEMA / homeland security offers several courses on-line which are required by existing emergency services such as sheriff dept, firefighters, ambulance associations and hospitals. Subsequent FEMA courses are taught by homeland security people from SLC which we might be able to do for them. Other courses required by EMTAs, paramedics, and hospital staff (such as PALS), could also be taught by our instructor. With the expanding health care area and emergency responses there is a greater need for these kinds of programs.