

2022 CAASE Award Submission

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Submission Category:

Community Impact Program (open to any community-based program)

Submission Title:

RIGGS Ambulance Service Junior Academy

Contact Name:

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Organization:

Riggs Ambulance Service (SEMSA)

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Number of Annual Service Requests:**Number of Ambulances:**

25

Business Type (check all that apply):

Non-Profit Corporation

Project Participants (Names, Job Titles & Email Addresses of individuals involved in the project):

Carly Alley, Executive Director, carly.alley@riggsems.org Greg Petersen, Education Manager, greg.petersen@sierramed.org

Situational Analysis (Background of Project):

It is no secret that EMS is suffering from severe staffing shortages, in an effort to encourage young individuals in our community to set goals in careers in emergency medical services, Carly developed an idea to host a Junior Academy for High School Juniors and Seniors in Merced County. Although this would not address the immediate staffing shortages, it would encourage young individuals to learn more about EMS and consider it as an opportunity as a career.

Project Goals:

The project goals were to host a RIGGS Junior Academy for High School Juniors and Seniors in Merced County. They would be introduced to the RIGGS Leadership Team with introductions to the many different career opportunities in EMS. They would be introduced to Community Leaders to discuss the importance of EMS in the community and how these essential professionals contribute to the overall health and wellness of the community.

Planning & Implementation (describe process from the planning phase, including research, through implementation phase. Include the overall length of your project in weeks/months):

Carly developed the concept and worked closely with Greg to develop a curriculum and schedule of presentations for the Junior Academy. A date was selected on the first month of summer break for the students to make it completely accessible for them to be at RIGGS for five full days. A flyer was created and sent out to all of the ROP Teachers at each school in Merced County and the flyer was circulated on all of the RIGGS social media sites. Amazingly, the registrations came in almost immediately and a roster of 23 students was created. Carly then invited all of the Leadership team to speak about their roles in EMS. Carly also scheduled time for the following community leaders to speak with the students during various times of the Junior Academy; the Mayor of Merced, Matt Serrato, Merced County Supervisor Christopher Silveira, and Steve Melander, EMT Instructor at Merced College. Greg developed training sessions including First Aid and CPR training. RIGGS designed a special T-shirt for the students to wear daily to support and create a cohesive nature similar to EMS crews. On the last day of the Junior Academy, each student was presented with a certificate of achievement for successful completion of the RIGGS Junior Academy; 18 students successfully completed the academy.

Results (Did you achieve your goals? How did you measure results?):

Being the first time ever of hosting the RIGGS Junior Academy, we felt like we achieved our goals with successfully having 18 students complete the program. In the program, there were two students who had already graduated from High School and are now enrolled in the EMT program at Merced College. We also asked each student to fill out an evaluation form. Based on the evaluations submitted by the students, overall they truly enjoyed the RIGGS Junior Academy. They enjoyed the hands on training they received the most from the Education Manager Greg Petersen; the students truly appreciated his stories. What we learned was to space out the speakers throughout the week and to create more hands on training activities to really give the students a better experience in what it takes to be a First Responder. We also got feedback that the students would have liked more time reviewing the ambulance and demonstrations of some of the equipment our crews use in responding to 911 calls in Merced County.

Impact (What impact has this project had on your service? Information can be given as narrative. However, if possible, please provide qualitative and quantitative information.):

The two students who were able to sign up for the EMT course at Merced College. Almost all of the students enjoyed the First Aid and CPR training.

Budget (Did you have a budget? Budget numbers can be provided as a percentage of overall operating or departmental budget.):

We did not establish a budget for this program. The biggest expense were the T-shirts at a cost of \$12 per a shirt for a total of \$325 with shipping and handling costs. We also bought the students lunch on the last day of class. This program had very minimal costs.

Supporting Documents #1:

Riggs Junior Academy (4).jpg



Supporting Documents #2:
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Supporting Documents #3:
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Discount Code:

Date Based Pricing:

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Supporting Documents #6:

Comments:

This was truly an amazing experience for RIGGS Ambulance Service and we definitely plan on hosting the Junior Academy on an annual basis.

CAASE Awards Submission Fee:

CAASE Awards Submission - \$100.00

General Section

RIGGS Junior Academy:

- CPR Certification
- First Aid Training
- Introductions to Careers in EMS
- Introduction to Merced College EMT & Paramedic Program
- Introductions to the RIGGS Leadership Team
- Local Government Agency discussions about the importance of EMS
- Additional EMS Training similar to First Responders
- Lunch and Junior Academy Certificate issued on Final Day

Register at:

<https://forms.gle/3uriFgqJNxshu1h36>

RIGGS Junior Academy

Free to a limited number of High School Juniors & Seniors

June 27th - July 1st 2022

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