

	<b>Athletic Training Department Policy &amp; Procedure</b>		Approved Signatures & Date:  Department Chair: _____  College Dean: _____		
	Policy Title: 1 <sup>st</sup> Responder		Date Effective: 08.01.06	Date Replaces: N/A	Policy Number: 05.13

Section: Clinical Education Policies and Procedures

Subject: First Responder Policy

Purpose: To define the behavioral expectation to the student as it applies to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Training. To define the roles and responsibilities of the student in the event direct supervision is breached.

Policy: The athletic training student is to read, understand, sign and have a witness sign before the beginning of any interaction with Athletic Training Services. The following is the document that the student must adhere to.

### Southwest Baptist University Department of Athletic Training

#### Position Description Athletic Training Student Acting as a First Responder

The athletic training student will assume the role of first responder when he/she is not under the direct supervision of a Southwest Baptist University approved clinical instructor. This will occur when the athletic training student is present at a practice or athletic event, at which a Southwest Baptist University ACI is not present. The duties of a first responder are more limited than those of a supervised athletic training student and will only consist of rendering appropriate first aid, basic life support, basic assessment of injuries, taping and wrapping, and referral to the Southwest Baptist University ACI, or emergency personnel for additional evaluation and/or care.

The athletic training student acting as a first responder will still be expected to document and communicate injuries to the ACI. However, they are not to make recommendations concerning participation status, rehabilitation, or treatment options outside of the level of training as a first responder. All injuries or illnesses that fall outside the level of first aid/basic life support should be referred to appropriate medical personnel, including EMS staff.

Only students who have completed HPE 3092: Standard First Aid, HPE 3093: Sport Safety Training, or as certified in Red Cross, First Aid, and Community CPR may serve in first responder roles. All other students must be directly supervised for all clinical activities.

First responder roles for athletic training students are voluntary. These roles are outside the required clinical experiences mandated for successful completion of the Athletic Training Program. The Athletic Training faculty recognize the value in providing students the degree of independence and encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities when they are presented.

I hereby certify that I have read the above position description and understand its contents and implications. I agree to abide by the guidelines set forth above and will seek clarification of any questions that may arise. I also agree to make every attempt to maintain continual sight and verbal contact with my assigned ACI at all times. I understand that anytime spent in the training room, at practice or at competition when there is no formal enrollment and classroom sessions taking place for ATH 3023 Athletic Training Practicum I, ATH 3123 Athletic Training Practicum II, ATH 4023 Athletic Training Practicum III, ATH 4123 Athletic Training Practicum IV, ATH 4963 Athletic Training Field Experience I, and ATH 4973 Athletic Training Field Experience II is voluntary time spent as a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_