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By:  Bell of Montgomery H.B. No. 1090

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of first responder.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 421.095(1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1)  "First responder" means a public safety employee or volunteer whose duties include responding rapidly to an emergency. The term includes:

(A)  a peace officer whose duties include responding rapidly to an emergency;

(B)  fire protection personnel under Section 419.021;

(C)  a volunteer firefighter who is:

(i)  certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshalls' Association of Texas; or

(ii)  a member of an organized volunteer fire-fighting unit as described by Section 615.003; [~~and~~]

(D)  an individual certified as emergency medical services personnel by the Department of State Health Services;

(E)  an emergency response operator or emergency services dispatcher who provides communication support services for an agency by responding to requests for assistance in emergencies; and

(F)  other emergency response personnel employed by an agency.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.