

## **Public Safety Programming Statement**

**Austin Airwaves, dba Texas Airwaves, is a non-governmental, non-profit agency providing critical and timely information about local, state and regional weather, emergency alerts, and public safety information to Texas citizens via FM radio, podcasts, internet streaming and social media.**

**The station will serve in a supplemental and cooperative role with area emergency and weather agencies, including the NOAA/National Weather Service, Texas Department of Emergency Services, National Hurricane Center, Texas state and county FEMA agencies, the Red Cross, and other governmental and private organizations.**

**By providing up to date, accurate information Texas Airwaves seeks to save Texans lives, mitigate property loss to private citizens and the government infrastructure, and provide for expedited recovery efforts. Information will be broadcast live and/or by recordings.**

**Further, during evacuations, both voluntary and government-directed, FM car radio may be the only free and universal source of urgent information.**

**The station will broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Emergency content will be made available for rebroadcast by other services. The station will be managed by experienced radio/communications municipal and emergency professionals.**

**Austin Airwaves was instrumental in assisting communities in obtaining special temporary authorizations for emergency & public safety purposes from the Federal Communications Commission. The list includes AstroDome Radio Project (aka KAMP-X) following Hurricane Katrina; for Wimberley Valley Radio in Central Texas (KWVH-LP ) following a deadly flood, recently for Vieques Island in Puerto Rico following the 2022 Hurricanes, and as a special advisor to numerous noncommercial and community groups across the United States.**