



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Pinellas County Technical Rescue Team Agreement between the County and the Cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Pinellas County Technical Rescue Team (TRT) Agreement between the County and the Cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg.

- The TRT was established to provide Pinellas County with specially trained personnel to respond to specialized rescue incidents. The team is currently composed of 122 specially trained emergency response personnel from the cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg.
- The current TRT Agreement was executed on September 27, 2016 and extended on October 6, 2020 with an expiration of September 30, 2021. This will be a new five-year agreement with an option for one five-year extension.
- The Contractors and the County have evaluated the training program and funding levels to meet the various technical rescue training components including trench rescue, structure collapse, urban search and rescue, high angle/rope rescue, swift water rescue, machinery and industrial extrication, and technical rescue medical specialist.
- Enhancements incorporated into this agreement include:
 - a.) Increased training reimbursement cap
 - b.) Added Training Instructor reimbursement
 - c.) Improved Technical Rescue definition to better define all aspects of TRT
 - d.) Expanded technician training requirements
 - e.) Incorporated Personal Protective Equipment sustainment
 - f.) Implements a travel reimbursement approach
 - g.) Adds logistical and medical support reimbursement
 - h.) Converts to individual agreements versus a joint agreement
- If approved, the new expiration of this agreement will be September 30, 2026.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

Technical Rescue Team (TRT) Agreement between the County and the Cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park and St. Petersburg. The term of this agreement is for an initial five (5) years with the option to renew for one (1) additional five (5) year period.

Background Information:

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Enhancements incorporated into this agreement include:

- Increased training reimbursement cap
- Added Training Instructor reimbursement
- Improved Technical Rescue definition to better define all aspects of TRT
- Expanded technician training requirements
- Incorporated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) sustainment
- Implements a travel reimbursement approach
- Adds logistical and medical support reimbursement
- Converts to individual agreements versus a joint agreement

If approved, the new expiration of this agreement will be September 30, 2026.

Fiscal Impact:

Annual expenditure of up to \$436,000.00 in compensation to the contractors is consistent with the FY22 Tentative Budget for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund and Fire Regional Services cost center within the General Fund. Additional operating and capital expenditures of \$236,730.00 are included in the FY22 Tentative Budget per the appendices in the Technical Rescue Team Agreements. These additional costs will vary from year to year and may be significantly higher in some years based on capital equipment replacements.

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

City of Clearwater
City of Largo
City of Pinellas Park
City of St. Petersburg

Attachments:

2021 Technical Rescue Team Agreement - Clearwater

2021 Technical Rescue Team Agreement - Largo
2021 Technical Rescue Team Agreement - Pinellas Park
2021 Technical Rescue Team Agreement - St. Petersburg
2020 Extension of Technical Rescue Team Agreement
2016 Technical Rescue Team Agreement