

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ALS FIRST RESPONDER AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS

2023

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
12490 Ulmerton Road
Largo, Florida 33774**

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THIS FIRST AMENDMENT amending the Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement, dated October 1, 2022, made this 19th day of September 2023, between the CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, a Florida municipal corporation (“Contractor”), and the PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, a special district (“Authority”).

In consideration of the mutual benefits set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

1. Contractor currently contracts with the Authority to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Services. The Contractor and the Authority are currently parties to the Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement, dated October 1, 2022, which contract is referred to herein as the “Agreement.”
2. Authority and Contractor agree to add one Authority funded position to staff Rescue 69 as an enhancement to the EMS system. The City agrees to maintain Squad 69 as a contractor funded ALS Unit during the term of this agreement.
3. Section 701(h) of the Agreement provides for an extraordinary budget increase which must be negotiated and approved prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year in the event any proposed budget submitted by the Contractor should exceed three (3%) percent of the prior Fiscal Year’s budget. The Contractor’s funding for FY22-23 totaled \$1,763,023 and a budget request of \$2,084,674, which includes \$235,879 in enhancements detailed in #2 above, for FY23-24 has been submitted, resulting in an increase of 18.2% or \$321,651.
4. The Authority hereby agrees to and has funded and authorized the Contractor’s budget request of \$2,084,674 for FY23-24 which change is reflected on Appendix A hereto.
5. Authority shall provide and maintain a countywide Traffic Preemption System in cooperation with the County and municipal traffic control

systems. "Traffic Preemption System" means a comprehensive system provided by the Authority that overrides the normal operation of traffic signals during the emergency response of an ALS First Responder Unit to reduce Emergency Response Times and increase safety. Such system changes the upcoming traffic signal to green or holds a green signal so the ALS First Responder Unit can safely proceed through the intersection. Traffic Preemption System equipment shall be provided for frontline Authority Funded and Contractor Funded ALS First Responder Units. The Authority shall also provide Traffic Preemption System equipment for reserve ALS First Responder Units through a phased implementation subject to available funding. Authority shall be responsible for maintaining such equipment and replacing it at the end of a reasonable useful life, as determined by the Authority.

6. Contractor shall ensure all Personnel that have access to the 911CAD System and system information have received criminal background screening by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) to the CJIS Level 2 requirements and have complied with all initial and ongoing training requirements. Personnel that have been denied CJIS Level 2 clearance shall not access the CAD System. Contractor shall have in place local policy to ensure that all rules required by the FDLE surrounding access to 911CAD and the information contained within are strictly followed.
7. Except as is otherwise set out herein, the Contractor and the Authority agree that upon approval by the respective Boards of the Contractor and the Authority and upon signing this Amendment, all terms of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.
8. Contractor and Authority agree that the effective date is October 1, 2023.

[Signature Page to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, by and through their undersigned authorized officers have caused this Agreement to be executed on this 19th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:
KENNETH BURKE, CLERK

PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
By and through its Board of County
Commissioners

by: 
Deputy Clerk

by: 
Chairman



APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Jason C. Ester
Office of the County Attorney

Countersigned:


CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

by: 
Mayor

by: 
City Manager

Approved as to Form:

Attest:

by: 
City Attorney

by: 
City Clerk



Appendix A

ALS First Responder Profile

Contractor	Tarpon Springs
EMS District(s)	Tarpon Springs EMS District
Authority Funded Units	Rescue 69 Truck 70 Engine 71
Contractor Funded Units	Squad 69
EMS Coordination	EMS Administrative Coordinator – 1 FTE (Tarpon Springs 200)
FY23-24 Annual Compensation	\$2,084,674, including \$235,879 in enhancements for 50%, half year, funding for Rescue 69
Projected Capital	FY22-23 Rescue 69 FY23-24 None FY24-25 None FY25-26 None FY26-27 None