

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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Board of County Commissioners 315 Court Street Clearwater, Florida 33756

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC). At our last meeting on September 21, 2018, staff briefed that the EMS Authority is in the process of applying for State EMS Grant funding in the amount of \$137,282 and sought feedback from the membership as to potential projects.

The EMS Advisory Council supports the procurement of a rehabilitation unit. This type of vehicle would be equipped to support EMS Rehab Operations by providing the appropriate decontamination, rest, relief from extreme climatic conditions, cooling, hydration, medical monitoring and emergency medical care if needed. This support would be available to all personnel (police, first responder, EMS) while involved in all hazard operations.

Please feel free to contact me at 727-804-1668 if you have any questions or require additional information from your EMS Advisory Council.

Respectfully

Julie Peluso, Secretary

Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council

CC:

Mr. Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator

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