



Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

June 28, 2018

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Board of County Commissioners
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Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council in support of the following recommendations discussed and recommended and voted on at our meeting on March 16, 2018:

- We unanimously recommend the funding request by the City of St. Petersburg for 50% funding of Advanced Life Support (ALS) Engine 2 serving the Tyrone Square area in FY18-19 and 100% funding thereafter. Please note that our letter of support was held until the final review and approval of the Data Driven Focus Group and the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs Association was completed.

- We unanimously recommend and support the recommendation of the Data Driven Focus Group for the County to add two EMS Coordinator positions in FY18-19. The positions should focus on Quality Improvement and Logistics Support within EMS & Fire Administration.

- We unanimously recommend and support the recommendation of the Data Driven Focus Group for the high priority replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Pinellas County Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Pinellas County Technical Rescue Team in FY18-19 using the appropriate funding source.

- We support the concept of "Growth Management" being discussed by the Data Driven Focus Group provided the EMS Advisory Council is fully briefed prior to the implementation of any initiatives or pilot projects.

Please contact me at 727-253-3055 if you have any questions or require additional information from your EMS Advisory Council.

Respectfully,

Dr. David Weiland Jr., Chairman
Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council

cc: Mr. Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator
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