

RESOLUTION 19- 29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
ESTABLISHING FOUNDATIONAL UNITS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF
SERVICE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority (“Authority”) has established levels of service through service agreements with Municipalities and Fire Districts for Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Services;

WHEREAS, the current level of service is achieved through Authority funded ALS First Responder Units (Authority funded) and augmented by units whose staffing is funded by Municipalities and Fire Districts (Authority authorized and Contractor funded);

WHEREAS, the preparedness to respond to life threatening and potentially life-threatening emergencies is based upon the specific Authority authorized and funded ALS First Responder Units to meet geographic coverage and call density requirement by response zone has resulted in the foundational units necessary for the EMS System to meet the current level of service;

WHEREAS, the implementation of growth management strategies to reduce responses of ALS First Responder Units is necessary to manage the growth of additional resources that may be necessary in the future, it does not eliminate the need for foundational units to ensure public health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Authority establishes the current deployment of foundational ALS First Responder Units are necessary to meet current EMS System demand and the current level of service. The list of ALS First Responder Units authorized and funded by the Authority is shown as Exhibit “A”.
2. This Resolution shall not inhibit or preclude the Authority from determining the need for additional future resources or enhancements to the deployment plan for each EMS District.
3. The Authority shall not eliminate authorization or funding for existing Authority funded ALS First Responder Units, shown as Exhibit “A”, which have a reduced number of responses to EMS incidents due to the implementation of growth management strategies.

Such funding is subject to the fiscal non-funding clause contained in the ALS First Responder Agreements.


In a regular meeting duly assembled this 7th day of May 2019, Commissioner Gerard offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Eggers, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Seel, Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
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