

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

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST
FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

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 PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT, an independent special fire district (“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. 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 \$2,066,753 and a budget request of \$2,149,180 for FY23-24 has been submitted, resulting in an increase of 4.0% or \$82,427.
3. The Authority hereby agrees to and has funded and authorized the Contractor’s budget request of \$2,149,180 for FY23-24, which change is reflected on Appendix A hereto.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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:

PINELLAS SUNCOAST
FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

by: 
Chairperson, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

by: 
Secretary/Treasurer

Appendix A
ALS First Responder Profile

Contractor	Pinellas Suncoast
EMS District(s)	Pinellas Suncoast EMS District
Authority Funded Units	Engine 26 Engine 27 Truck 28
Contractor Funded Units	None
EMS Coordination	EMS Administrative Coordinator – 1 FTE (Pinellas Suncoast 600)
FY23-24 Annual Compensation	\$2,149,180
Projected Capital	FY22-23 None FY23-24 None FY24-25 None FY25-26 None FY26-27 EMS Coordinator Vehicle