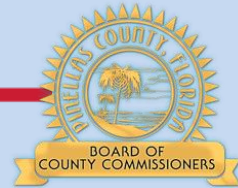


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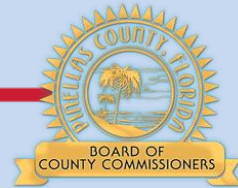
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Partnership Update  
May 10, 2016**





# EMS Advisory Council

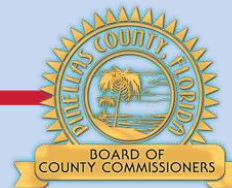
- Membership
  - Citizens (8)
  - Mayors (4)
  - Pinellas County Medical Association
  - Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
  - City of Clearwater Fire Chief
  - City of St. Petersburg Fire Chief
  - Sunstar Paramedics
  - Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
  - Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
  - St. Petersburg College
  - Pinellas County Health Department
  - Emergency Nurses' Association
  - Independent Fire District Elected Official



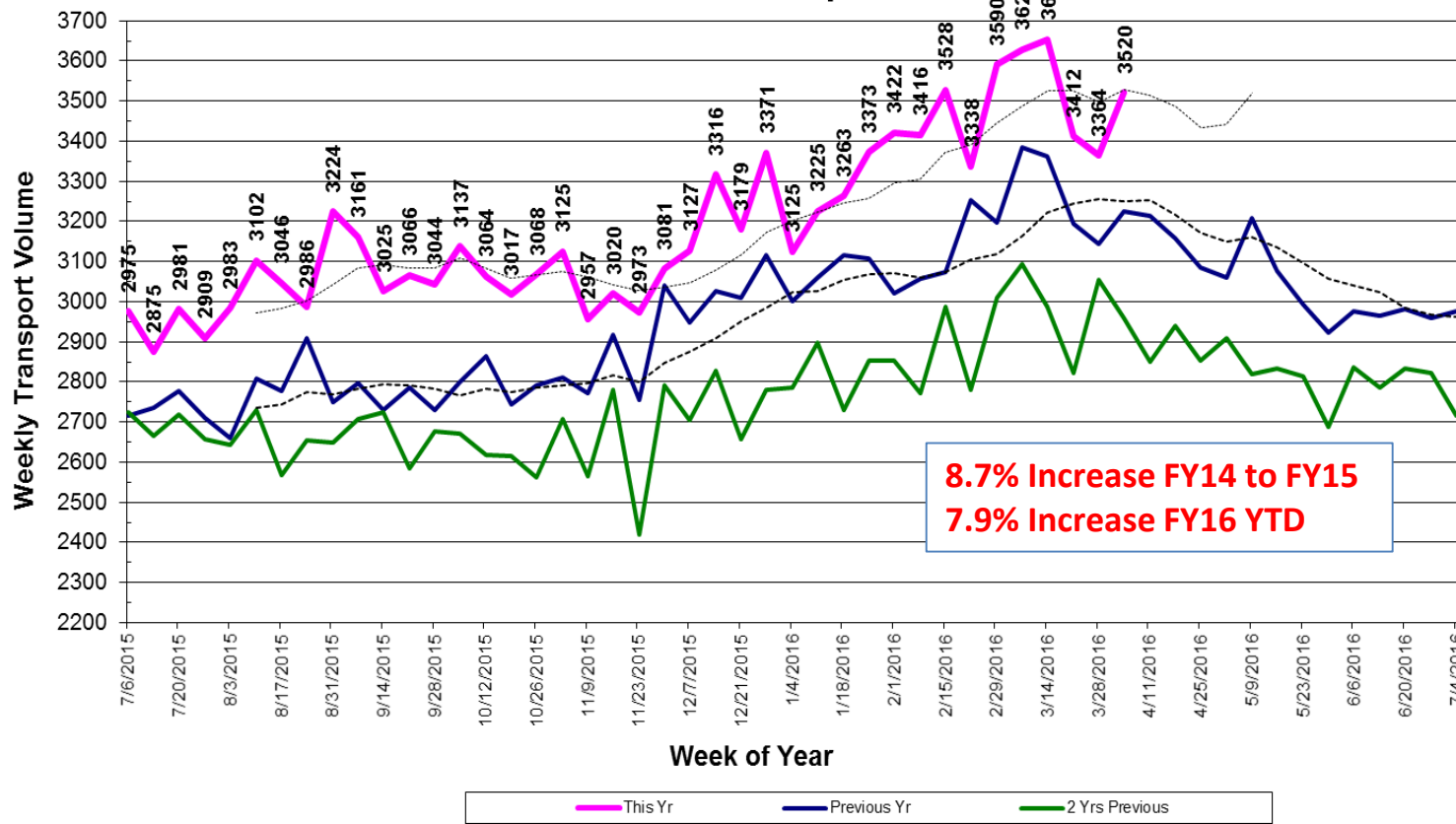
# EMS Advisory Council

## ■ Mission

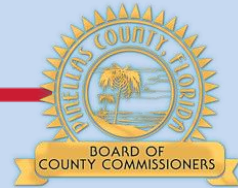
- Study and analyze the procedures and protocols of Emergency Medical Services throughout Pinellas County.
- Recommend to the EMS Authority (Board of County Commissioners) and staff such actions as deemed necessary to ensure high quality emergency medical services throughout Pinellas County.
- Review and comment upon all rules, regulations and procedures that are adopted by the Medical Control Board which do not require emergency action by the Pinellas County EMS Medical Director.



## ALS Transport Volume Year to Year Comparison

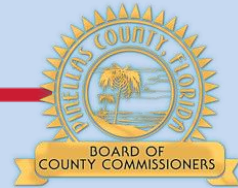


8.7% Increase FY14 to FY15  
 7.9% Increase FY16 YTD



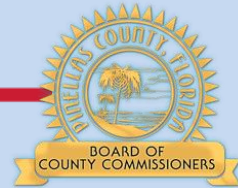
# Status of the EMS System

- Sustained increases in EMS Service Demand –
  - First Responder Responses and Ambulance Transports
- Collaborative and Positive working relationships between the Fire Chiefs, Sunstar, Medical Director and EMS & Fire Administration – Never Better
- EMS Advisory Council is fully engaged and evaluating on all initiatives
- Lots of Fire & EMS System Improvements in Progress – Doing Things!
  - Active Shooter Preparedness
  - Provider Wellness – Cumulative and Post Traumatic Stress
  - Standardized Medical Equipment Bags
  - Technical Rescue Agreement
  - Water Rescue & Water Extrication Improvements
- “Data Driven Focus Group” with Fire Chiefs and County Staff
  - Standardized Performance Metrics, Maps & Analysis
  - Collaborative Approach – “Best for the most; starting with the least”
  - EMS Advisory Council will review all ALS First Responder Requests – Special Meeting in May
- New Ambulance Contract Implemented on October 1, 2015



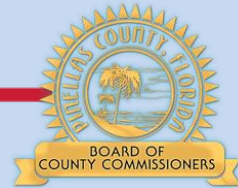
# Continuing Medical Education

- New Model is working well – great collaborative approach by Fire Rescue, Sunstar, Medical Director and EMS & Fire Administration.
  - CME Steering Committee actively managing the program
  - Online Learning through Target Solutions
  - Scenario Based Hands-on Training in the Classroom Quarterly
  - 16 Regional Training Sites Established (Fire Stations and EMS)
  - Implementing High Fidelity Patient Simulators
  - Paramedic CME Instructors from Fire Departments and Sunstar
  - CME Reimbursement Agreement coming to the BCC soon
  - Countywide coordination of curriculum and training objectives
  - EMS Training Coordinator and EMS Admin Support in place
  - 950 Paramedics re-certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
  - All Paramedics will be re-certified in Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)
  - County is now a National Association of EMTs Training Center



# Water Rescue

- Fire Chiefs Committee working with EMS & Fire Administration
- Water Rescue Agreement being drafted.
- 5 Swift Water Rescue Instructors and 25 Rescuers will be trained this Summer (County Technical Rescue Team).
- 7 Fire Officers sent to Shipboard Firefighting School (partnership with TBRPC and St. Petersburg).
- Water Extrication Team initiative – Equipment & Training with County support to establish Regional Capability
- Need to address Gaps
  - Water Extrication (submerged vehicle rescue)
  - Marine Rescue Boat at Sand Key currently does not have Firefighting Capability
  - No Fireboat or Marine Rescue Boat between Sand Key and the Skyway Bridge
  - Limited Capability in inclement weather (all boats are open cabin)



# Closing

- Calls and Transports are up – Expect Resource Requests
  - Maintain Response Times
  - Maintain Service Levels
  - Sustainability
  
- Any items for the EMS Advisory Council to evaluate on behalf of the EMS Authority?
  
- Any Questions?