

PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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Mr. John Bennett, Assistant County Administrator, 315 Court Street Clearwater, Florida 33756

Mr. Bennett,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association(PCFCA) in support of the EMS Rules and Regulations that were recently updated. The Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council voted unanimously on December 17, 2015 to support these revisions. These rule changes significantly improve the way that Pinellas County trains all Paramedics and EMTs on a continuing basis. The changes allow units to spend less time out of service while providing a better educational experience.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you(and Staff) for your leadership and willingness to work with the fire chiefs on this very complex issue. I do believe that we have made a positive impact on the Pinellas County Emergency Medical System(EMS) by improving the delivery of the continuing medical education of each and every Paramedic and EMT in our EMS system.

Respectfully,

Richard E. Graham

President

Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association

cc:

Mr. Mike Cooksey, Bureau Director, Safety & Emergency Services

Mr. Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration