



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Revisions to the Emergency Medical Services Rules and Regulations.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, approve revisions to the Pinellas County EMS Rules and Regulations.

- Pinellas County existing EMS Rules and Regulations are periodically updated.
- This item updates those rules as recommended by the Medical Control Board and EMS Advisory Council. The changes are as follows:
 - 1.) Allows Emergency Medical Technician Instructors for specialized courses such as Basic Life Support and public education.
 - 2.) Changes the name of the “Continuing Medical Education Planning Committee” to the “EMS Training Group” to account for their oversight of the EMS Academy.
 - 3.) Memorializes the “EMS Academy” approach from the former Office of the Medical Director/System Orientation.
 - 4.) Memorializes the “Clinical Status Inquiry” for transfers to another agency.
 - 5.) Memorializes Emergency Pediatric Care as our pediatric training standard.
 - 6.) Provides for a provision period for new CME Instructors.
 - 7.) Provides a 30-day timer on Administrative/Medical Control Directives unless otherwise specified.
 - 8.) Clarifies limited practice personnel assigned to the Communications Center.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

Staff recommends that the EMS Rules & Regulations be amended to provide for several improvements. These improvements will include:

- Allowing EMT Instructors for specialized courses (i.e. Basic Life Support and public education)
- Changing the name of the “Continuing Medical Education (CME) Planning Committee” to the “EMS Training Group” to account for their oversight of the EMS Academy
- Memorializing the “EMS Academy” approach from the former “OMD/System Orientation”
- Memorializing the “Clinical Status Inquiry” for transfers to another agency
- Memorializing Emergency Pediatric Care as our pediatric training standard

- Providing for a provision period for new CME Instructors
- Providing for a 30-day timer on Administrative/Medical Control Directives unless otherwise specified
- Clarifies limited practice personnel assigned to the Communications Center

The EMS Advisory Council has reviewed and unanimously supports the changes to the EMS Rules & Regulations and a letter of support is attached.

Background Information:

The Pinellas County EMS Rules and Regulations have been developed to facilitate ongoing improvements in the quality of emergency and non-emergency prehospital and inter-facility medical care for the citizens and visitors of Pinellas County. These rules and regulations are promulgated by the Pinellas County EMS Authority in accordance with Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54 (EMS Ordinance), Florida Statutes, Chapter 401 and Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 64-J with incorporation of any subsequent amendments.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

EMS Medical Director
EMS Advisory Council
EMS Medical Control Board
Sunstar Paramedics
City of Clearwater
City of Dunedin
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District
City of Gulfport
City of Largo
Lealman Special Fire Control District
City of Madeira Beach
City of Oldsmar
Palm Harbor Special Fire Control District
City of Pinellas Park
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District
City of Safety Harbor
City of Seminole
City of South Pasadena
City of St. Pete Beach
City of St. Petersburg
City of Tarpon Springs
City of Treasure Island

Attachments:

EMS Rules & Regulations

Letter from the EMS Advisory Council
Pinellas County Code, Section 54-60