



# 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 to allow for stretcher van transport by wheelchair transport providers, aligning with recent revisions to the EMS Ordinance.

### **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

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

On October 11, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners approved revisions to the EMS Ordinance that would allow for the use of stretcher van transport of clients by wheelchair transport providers.

This action follows the EMS Authority's direction by updating the EMS Rules & Regulations to authorize the use of stretcher vans.

### **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 the Pinellas County Code Chapter 54 (EMS Ordinance), Chapter 401, Florida Statutes and Chapter 64-J, Florida Administrative Code with incorporation of any subsequent amendments.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

### **Staff Member Responsible:**

Craig A. Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration

### **Partners:**

EMS Medical Director

Sunstar Paramedics

Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association

-Clearwater

- Dunedin
- East Lake
- Gulfport
- Largo
- Lealman
- Madeira Beach
- Oldsmar
- Palm Harbor
- Pinellas Park
- Pinellas Suncoast
- Safety Harbor
- Seminole
- South Pasadena
- St. Pete Beach
- St. Petersburg
- Tarpon Springs
- Treasure Island

EMS Medical Control Board  
EMS Advisory Council

**Attachments:**

EMS Rules & Regulations - FINAL  
EMS Rules & Regulations - MARKUP  
Pinellas County Code, Section 54-60  
Letter of support from the EMS Medical Control Board  
Letter of support from the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Letter of support from the EMS Advisory Council