



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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**Subject:**

Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Advanced Life Support Providers.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve and issue renewal Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the attached list of Advanced Life Support (ALS) Providers.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates.

**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:**

A COPCN is issued to ALS First Responders, ALS Helicopter Ambulances, All Children's Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Sunstar, pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54 and in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 401.25.

**Background Information:**

COPCNs are issued by Boards of County Commissioners in all Counties in Florida. The certificate allows EMS provider agencies to be licensed by the Florida Department of Health. The certificate process ensures there are coordinated and regulated EMS Systems at a County level. Certificates are issued on an annual basis to ensure continuous compliance to the various standards and requirements.

The current COPCN for the attached list of providers will expire on December 31, 2017.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Jim Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

City of Clearwater

City of Dunedin

City of Gulfport  
City of Largo  
City of Madeira Beach  
City of Oldsmar  
City of Pinellas Park  
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  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Lealman Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District  
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District  
Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc., d/b/a Tampa General Hospital - AEROMED  
Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC d/b/a BAYFLITE  
Med-Trans Corporation d/b/a Med-Trans West  
Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - Lifeline  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority d/b/a Sunstar

**Attachments:**

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Provider Agency Listing  
COPCN Certificates