



# 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 as outlined below and in the attached file.

### **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:**

In October 2015, the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program was moved in-house under the oversight of the EMS & Fire Administration. These revisions reflect that restructuring of the CME Program. Prior to recommending these revisions, the EMS & Fire Administration received input from constituent groups to include the EMS Medical Director, the Ambulance Contractor, the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs Association, the Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association, the EMS Advisory Council and the EMS Medical Control Board. All of these stakeholders concur with the proposed revisions. The following is a summary of the proposed revisions:

- Definitions: Defines key terms such as Learning Management System, Train The Trainer, Training Coordinator, Training Plan, Training Schedule and Training Sites.
- Removed references to a CME Contractor
- Section 4.6: Requires Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) certification
- Section 7.1: Outlines the CME Program Management responsibilities
- Section 7.2: Describes the identification and certification of CME Instructors
- Section 7.3: Outlines Medical Direction and Oversight responsibilities
- Section 7.4: Creates a CME Steering Committee
- Section 7.6: Describes Training Sites, Equipment and Supplies
- Section 7.7: Requires CME Release Form
- Section 7.8: Establishes requirement for Performance Evaluation procedures
- Appendix A: Updates the Background Screening Affidavit

### **Background Information:**

The Pinellas County EMS Rules and Regulations have been developed to facilitate on-going 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:**

Michael Cooksey, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

EMS Medical Director

Sunstar Paramedics

Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association

EMS Medical Control Board

EMS Advisory Council

Pinellas Advanced Life Support Providers Association

**Attachments:**

2016 Pinellas County EMS Rules & Regulations - FINAL

2016 Pinellas County 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