



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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**Subject:**

Amendment No. 2 to the Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreement with the City of Clearwater.

**Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, approve Amendment No. 2 to the Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Agreement with the City of Clearwater.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk to attest.

**Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention and protective services to insure 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:**

Approval of this recommendation will convert the paramedic position assigned to Clearwater Engine 45 from a City funded position to an EMS Authority funded position.

**Background Information:**

To address service delivery needs and focus on the future as a collective Fire Rescue and EMS System, a Data Driven Focus Group (DDFG) comprised of County staff and Fire Chiefs met over several months to assess response time performance and workload. The DDFG set as a high priority the support of the St. Petersburg Peak Load Staffing project and the conversion of several City/Fire District funded Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Units to "EMS Authority funded." The recommended units to be converted were Clearwater Engine 45, Largo Truck 42, Lealman Engine 18, Pinellas Park Truck 33 and St. Petersburg's Medic 1 and Medic 3.

The EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) reviewed and supports these improvements as a high priority. The basis for the high priority recommendation from the DDFG and the EMSAC is that the operational data is now meeting the EMS Authority's Level of Service for authorized funding.

The Board of County Commissioners acting as the EMS Authority, approved the conversion of the above-referenced units in Largo, Lealman, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg at the October 25, 2016 regular BCC meeting.

**Fiscal Impact:**

FY17 Expenditure = \$6,488,512.27

This represents an increase in funding of \$430,060.00.

Funding is budgeted in the FY17 EMS Budget.

OMB has included this expenditure in the multi-year fund forecast.

This amendment is retroactive to October 1, 2016.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Craig A. Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration

**Partners:**

City of Clearwater  
EMS Advisory Council  
Data Driven Focus Group

**Attachments:**

ALS First Responder Agreement - Amendment 2  
2014 ALS First Responder Agreement  
Letter of support from the EMS Advisory Council