



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg. (companion to item nos. 31 and 33)

### **Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, approve the Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg.

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 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:**

The EMS Authority has determined that a single-tier all Advanced Life Support EMS system with a First Responder component and a transport component is in the best interest of public safety, health, and welfare.

The EMS Authority desires to contract with the City of St. Petersburg to provide ALS First Responder Services per the attached agreement.

This agreement stands apart from the master ALS First Responder Agreement in that:

- There is a 3.5% capped annual increase over the prior fiscal year. This increase aligns with known contract costs as opposed to forecasted costs.
- The City of St. Petersburg maintains a fund balance where other cities do not.
- There is added enabling language for ongoing priority dispatch opportunities, within this specific agreement, demonstrating the willingness to bring additional efficiency and effectiveness to the system with our partners and providers.

### **Background Information:**

On August 19, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the EMS Authority, approved the current ALS First Responder Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg. The current agreement will expire on September 30, 2017.

The new ALS First Responder Agreement is for an initial two-year term beginning on October 1, 2017

and ending on September 30, 2019. This new agreement will also have the option for three (3) additional one-year extensions.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding in the amount of \$13,205,602.00 is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget for the Emergency Medical Services Fund.

This includes service to East Highpoint.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Jim Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

City of St. Petersburg

**Attachments:**

ALS First Responder Agreement

ALS First Responder Agreement - Appendix A

ALS First Responder Agreement - Appendix F