



# Pinellas County

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**Title:** Revisions to the Emergency Medical Services Rules and Regulations.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
8/15/2017	1	Board of County Commissioners	approved	Pass

### **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 enhance EMS stakeholder meetings.

### **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 revisions to the EMS Rules and Regulations are as follows:

- Clarifies the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Meeting as a planning meeting instead of a committee and removes references to a committee
- Outlines development of the Training Plan and the Training Schedule
- Describes the purpose of the CME Planning Meeting and the stakeholders that are encouraged to attend
- Describes the purpose of the EMS Stakeholder Meetings

The EMS Authority's staff and the EMS Medical Director will hold regular, ongoing meetings with EMS System stakeholders including but not limited to EMS coordinators, Continuing Medical Education professionals, hospital emergency department personnel, and mental health providers.

Meetings will be fact finding in nature to ensure that quality improvement initiatives, training plans, and other projects have stakeholder input prior to implementation.

The EMS Advisory Council unanimously supports the changes to the EMS Rules & Regulations and a letter of support is attached.

Staff recommends that Section 2.12 be amended to link existing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Business Associate Agreements with the EMS Rules & Regulations.

**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:**

Jim Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

EMS Medical Director  
EMS Advisory Council  
EMS Medical Control Board  
Sunstar Paramedics  
City of Clearwater  
City of Dunedin  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
City of Gulfport  
City of Largo  
Lealman Special Fire Control District  
City of Madeira Beach  
City of Oldsmar  
Palm Harbor Special Fire Control District  
City of Pinellas Park  
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District  
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

**Attachments:**

EMS Rules & Regulations  
Letter from the EMS Advisory Council  
Pinellas County Code, Section 54-60