



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair/stretchers van transport providers.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for each wheelchair/stretchers van transport provider on the attached listing.

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:

The firms on the attached provider list have completed an initial application and have met the Authority's inspection requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretchers van transport business in Pinellas County.

Two of the firms, Checker Cab and West Coast Transportation, have the same owner and do business under the same fictitious name but require a separate COPCN for each named company.

There are currently fourteen (14) authorized wheelchair/stretchers transport providers in Pinellas County. This action would increase that number to eighteen (18) authorized providers.

If approved, the COPCNs will expire June 30, 2019.

Background Information:

Pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54, firms providing Wheelchair/Stretchers Van Transportation Services are required to obtain a COPCN in order to operate in Pinellas County. The attached applications provide details on the three new providers requesting to operate within Pinellas County.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

1st Transport, L.L.C. d/b/a T Trans

BeSafe Transportation, L.L.C.

Checker Cab Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Checker Cab d/b/a Ridewyse

West Coast Transportation Services, Inc. d/b/a Yellow Cab d/b/a Ridewyse

Attachments:

COPCN Provider List

COPCN Certificates

COPCN Applications