



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreement with the Cities of St. Petersburg and St. Pete Beach

### **Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority, approve the Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreement with the Cities of St. Petersburg and St. Pete Beach.

- Agreement with the Cities of St. Petersburg and St. Pete Beach to provide Advanced Life Support First Responder services.
- Initial five-year term beginning on October 1, 2019 and ending on September 30, 2024. This agreement will also have the option for one additional five-year extension.
- Adds a Rescue Captain to serve the City of St. Petersburg.
- Increases partial funding for St. Pete Beach to a full FTE for EMS Coordination.
- Section 402 of the St. Petersburg agreement contains language regarding the City participating in Growth Management/Priority Dispatch. "During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor and Authority will work collaboratively to evaluate the use of Priority Dispatch Protocols to reduce response to certain non-life-threatening EMS Incidents." The approach will continue to be an "opt in" as the Growth Management/Priority Dispatch program was implemented with Clearwater, Largo, Lealman, Safety Harbor and Seminole.
- Funding in the amount of \$17,303,983 is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget for the Emergency Medical Services Fund.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Court 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 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority has determined that a single-tier all Advanced Life Support EMS system with a First Responder component is in the best interest of public safety, health, and welfare.

The EMS Authority desires to contract with the Cities of St. Petersburg and St. Pete Beach to provide

ALS First Responder Services per the attached agreements.

**Background Information:**

On September 26, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the EMS Authority, approved the current Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Agreement with the Cities of St. Petersburg and St. Pete Beach.

The current agreement expired on September 30, 2019. The City of St. Pete Beach approved the agreement on September 17, 2019 and the City of St. Petersburg approved the agreement on October 10, 2019.

The EMS Authority and the Cities of St. Petersburg and St. Pete Beach now desire to enter into a new ALS First Responder Agreement with an initial five-year term beginning on October 1, 2019 and ending on September 30, 2024. This new agreement will also have the option for one additional five-year extension.

This agreement will provide the following enhancements which will be implemented over two fiscal years through mid-year funding in FY19-20 and full funding in FY20-21:

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**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding in the amount of \$17,303,983 is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund. The fiscal impact of this agreement is sustainable over the 6-year EMS Fund forecast period, although capacity is not forecast for additional enhancements beyond that referenced above.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

City of St. Petersburg  
City of St. Pete Beach

**Attachments:**

2019 ALS First Responder Agreement - St. Petersburg  
2019 ALS First Responder Agreement - St. Pete Beach  
Letter from the EMS Advisory Council to the EMS Authority