



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van provider.

### **Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, issue a renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Liberty Wheelchair Transport for provision of non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport services.

- The current certificate expires on June 30, 2020.
- Renewal of this certificate will bring to 16 the number of firms that have been approved by the Authority to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport provider.
- 10 of the 16 firms have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificate.

### **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:**

This firm has completed a renewal application and has met the Authority's requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport business in Pinellas County. The current Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) will expire on June 30, 2020. Approval of this renewal will bring to sixteen (16) the number of firms that have been approved by the Authority to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport provider in Pinellas County.

Ten (10) of the sixteen (16) providers have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services.

### **Background Information:**

Pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54, firms providing Wheelchair/Stretcher Van Transportation Services are required to obtain a COPCN in order to operate in Pinellas County.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Staff Member Responsible:**

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

Liberty Wheelchair Transport, L.L.C.

**Attachments:**

Provider Agency List

COPCN Certificate

COPCN Application