



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Amendments to the Emergency Medical Services Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreements with five municipalities and two independent fire districts.

### **Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, approve the following amendments to the EMS Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Agreement with five municipalities and two independent fire districts.

- Section 701(f) of the Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement provides for an extraordinary budget increase which must be negotiated and approved prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year in the event any proposed budget submitted by the Contractor should exceed three percent of the prior Fiscal Year's budget. These funding adjustments include:

#### New Authority Funded Unit:

- Palm Harbor: \$222,790.00 for the 50% implementation of Engine 65.

#### Allowable EMS Cost Increases over 3%:

- Largo: \$644,933.00 or 8.68% which includes \$343,994.00 to fully implement the position for Squad 38 that was approved in the 2019 ALS First Responder Agreement.
- Seminole: \$220,656.00 or 8.40% driven largely by an increase in retirement contributions based on actuarial assumptions used by the Pension Board.
- South Pasadena: \$54,238.00 or 5.71% driven largely by an increase in retirement contributions based on actuarial assumptions used by the Pension Board.
- St. Pete Beach: \$141,375.00 or 7.17% driven largely by an increase in retirement contributions based on actuarial assumptions used by the Pension Board.

#### EMS Capital:

- Dunedin: \$50,000.00 for a staff vehicle.
- Lealman for Tierra Verde: \$50,000.00 for a staff vehicle.

### **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:**

Section 701(f) of the Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement provides for an extraordinary budget increase which must be negotiated and approved prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year in the event any proposed budget submitted by the Contractor should exceed three (3%) percent of the prior Fiscal Year's budget.

**Background Information:**

On September 24, 2019 and October 22, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the EMS Authority, approved the current ALS First Responder agreements with eighteen (18) municipalities and independent fire districts. Each agreement will expire on September 30, 2024.

**Fiscal Impact:**

These amendments are consistent with the FY22 Proposed Budget and represent the following funding adjustments for FY22:

**New Authority Funded ALS First Responder Unit**

- Palm Harbor: \$222,790 for the 50% implementation of Engine 65.

**Cost increases over the 3% cap for allowable EMS costs**

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**Staff Member Responsible:**

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

City of Dunedin  
City of Largo  
Lealman Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District  
City of Seminole  
City of South Pasadena  
City of St. Pete Beach

**Attachments:**

ALS First Responder Agreement - Amendment 1 - Dunedin  
ALS First Responder Agreement - Amendment 2 - Largo  
ALS First Responder Agreement - Amendment 1 - Lealman for Tierra Verde  
ALS First Responder Agreement - Amendment 2 - Palm Harbor

ALS First Responder Agreement - Amendment 1 - Seminole  
ALS First Responder Agreement - Amendment 1 - South Pasadena  
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