Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:
Appointments/reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Recommended Action:
Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, approve the following appointments/reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a term ending in October 2023.

- Reappointment of Ms. Jeri Reed as the Citizen Representative for Commission District 3.
- Reappointment of Chief Ian Womack as the City of St. Petersburg Fire Chief's primary representative. Chief Womack is the Rescue Chief for St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue.
- Appointment of Captain Thomas Kras as the City of St. Petersburg Fire Chief's alternate representative. Captain Kras is the Fire Rescue Captain for St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue.
- Appointment of Mr. Richard Schomp as the Sunstar Paramedics primary representative. Mr. Schomp is the Chief Operating Officer of Sunstar Paramedics.
- Appointment of Mr. Jeremy Tinter as the Sunstar Paramedics alternate representative. Mr. Tinter is the Director of Operations for Sunstar Paramedics.
- Reappointment of Captain Michael Leiner and Captain Brian Browne as the primary and alternate representatives for the Pinellas County Sheriff.
- Appointment of Dr. Anthony Ottaviani as the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society (PCOMS) primary representative. Dr. Ottaviani is the Executive Director of PCOMS.
- Appointment of Dr. Kenneth Webster as the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society alternate representative. Dr. Webster is the former Executive Director of PCOMS and long-term Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council primary representative.

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:
Ms. Reed has volunteered to serve another two-year term as citizen representative for Commission District 3.

St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue nominates Ch. Womack and Capt. Kras to serve as primary and alternate representatives. Ch. Womack is the Rescue Chief and Capt. Kras is the Rescue Captain

for St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue.

Sunstar Paramedics nominates Mr. Schomp and Mr. Tinter as primary and alternate representatives for Sunstar Paramedics. Mr. Schomp is the Chief Operating Officer and Mr. Tinter is the Director of Operations.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office nominates Capt. Leiner and Capt. Browne to continue to serve as primary and alternate representatives for the Pinellas County Sheriff.

The Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society (PCOMS) nominates Dr. Anthony Ottaviani and Dr. Kenneth Webster as the primary and alternate representatives for PCOMS. Dr. Ottaviani is the newly appointed Executive Director and Dr. Webster is the former Executive Director and long-term member of the EMS Advisory Council.

Background Information:
The Council was created by Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, and is made up of 24 members that constitute a broad spectrum of county representation. It is the responsibility of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) to fulfill the objectives outlined in the bylaws under Article II, Section 2.1. It is the responsibility of this council to evaluate the County's emergency medical services system from a qualitative point of view, to review the operation of EMS on a countywide basis, to recommend requirements and programs for the contract management firm and monitor performance of same, to review and evaluate studies commissioned by the authority upon the authority's request, and to make such recommendations as may be necessary to the authority on needs, problems and opportunities relating to emergency medical services, including the financing and establishment of a trauma center or centers, and to carry out such other duties as may be required to insure the delivery of good, countywide EMS at reasonable cost.

Twenty-four members appointed by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners acting as the EMS Authority. Members constitute a broad spectrum of the County representation and shall include members of the emergency medical services system and four mayors to be appointed by the Pinellas County Council of Mayors. The term of appointment shall be for two years; however, there is no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve. The Director of Emergency Medical Services for Pinellas County shall be a non-voting member of the Council. The details of the selection process of the various appointed positions are included in the EMS Advisory Council bylaws, Section 3.1.

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

Staff Member Responsible:
James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:
EMS Advisory Council

Attachments:
EMS Advisory Council Roster
Ms. Reed's Resume
Ch. Womack's Resume

Ch. Kras's Resume
Mr. Schomp's Resume
Mr. Tinter's Curriculum Vitae
Capt. Leiner's Bio
Capt. Browne's Bio
Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society Letter
Dr. Ottaviani's Curriculum Vitae
Dr. Webster's Resume
EMS Advisory Council Bylaws