



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

### **Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, approve the following appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC). This appointment is by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole.

- The Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association has affirmed their support for Chiefs Doug Zimmerman and Mike Carpenter to EMSAC to represent the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Leadership Group (EMS Chiefs) for terms beginning December 2025 and ending November 2027.
- Appoint Chief Doug Zimmerman as the EMS Chief's primary representative.
- Appoint Chief Mike Carpenter as the EMS Chief's alternate representative.
- No ballot necessary; voice vote will suffice. This item has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

### **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 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 operations 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 sure 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 ensure 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.

### **Attachments:**

EMS Advisory Council Roster

Chief Zimmerman's Bio  
Chief Carpenter's Bio  
EMS Advisory Council Bylaws

**Partner(s):**  
EMS Advisory Council