Agenda Item #: 5G

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 11, 2007	[]	Consent Workshop	[] Regular [x] Public Hearing
Department: Submitted by: PUBLIC SAFETY D Submitted for: Emergency Manage			edical Services

1. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends a motion to adopt: An amendment to the Village of Palm Springs Public Safety's EMS Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) from Primary ALS provider to Primary ALS Provider – ALS Transport within the geographical limits of Palm Springs.

Summary:

Medics Ambulance Service currently holds the COPCN for the Village of Palm Springs and contracts with American Medical Response (AMR) for ALS transport for the Village of Palm Springs Public Safety. Palm Springs Public Safety, in order to meet the Level of Service compliance requirements, must be able to provide transport by October 1, 2007 and is, therefore, requesting approval of an amended COPCN. The EMS Advisory Council has not had an opportunity to review this request as they did not have a quorum at its July 27, 2007 meeting and will not hold a meeting until September 20, 2007. Due to the time constraints, the Office of EMS has reviewed the application and find that Palm Springs Public Safety's COPCN should be amended. District 3 (DW)

Background and Policy Issues:

Per EMS Ordinance (#2001-025), a COPCN issued to an EMS agency designates the specific area or zone in which the agency may provide service. A COPCN holder wishing to change its area of responsibility must notify the county and apply to amend its COPCN to reflect any change. According to Section 7., B. of the EMS Ordinance, "The Board shall also consider the recommendations of any municipality or municipalities applying for a Certificate or affected by the issuance of a Certificate." The Village of Palm Springs Public Safety wishes to provide ALS transport within the geographical limits of Palm Springs in order to meet the Level of Service compliance requirements. They will be entering into an partnership with Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue who will provide fire rescue common communications, and closest unit response effective October 1, 2007. This COPCN will be valid from October 1, 2007 until December 31, 2010.

Attachments:

- 1. Letter from Medics Ambulance Service
- 2. Letter from American Medical Response
- 3. Emergency Management's Recommendation
- 4. Amended COPCN (2)

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	Department Director	Date /
Approved by:	Shanno Stage	8/30/07
	Assistant County Administrator	Date /

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary	of Fiscal Im	pact			
Fiscal Years Capital Expenditures Operating Costs	2007	2008	2009	2010	
External Revenues Program Income (Count n-Kind Match (County)	y)				<u> </u>
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ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (cumulative)				
s Item Included in Curro Budget Account No.: F	ent Budget: und Report	Yes Agency ing Categor	No Org y	Obje	ct
3. Recommended Sou	rces of Fun	ds/Summary	of Fiscal Imp	act:	
No fiscal impact.					
C. Departmental Fiscal	Review: _	-			
	III. <u>R</u> I	EVIEW COM	MENTS		
A. OFMB Fiscal and/or The Deputy Chief of does not affect PBC A DEPUTY OF DEPUTY OF A DEP	of Operations	s has advised	that this age		A P (30)
B. Legal Sufficiency: Assistant County	8	307	•		
C. Other Department F	leview:				
Department Direct	etor				

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

ATTACHMENT 1



July 3, 2007

Palm Springs Public Safety Attn John A DeMarco 230 Cypress Lane Palm Springs Fl 33461

Dear Mr. DeMarco;

In January 2002; when the present COPCN cycle began and through December 31, 2007, Medics Ambulance in agreement with Palm Beach County contracted with AMR all rights and privileges of the COPCN as it relates to emergency transports. Furthermore, AMR has been providing that same service in Palm Springs.

Therefore, to issue a letter allowing Palm Springs Public Safety to obtain transport COPCN for Palm Springs, while Medics has no problems with it, would be a contract violation.

In conclusion, our legal council advises that the letter you are seeking needs to be obtained from AMR directly.

I hope this helps you out with your application.

If you have any more questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely;

Andrew Cohen General Manager

ATTACHMENT 2



Palm Springs Public Safety 230 Cypress Lane Palm Springs, Florida -33461-

Lt. DeMarco,

Please consider this letter as written authorization from American Medical Response and Medics Ambulance (via written agreement) to allow The Palm Springs Public Safety Department to obtain the transport COPCN within the geographical limits of Palm Springs, Florida -33461- as required by the Palm Beach County Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Thank You,

William J. Hall, Director of Operations

American Medical Response 1105 Barnett Drive Suite D Lake Worth, Florida -33461-

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ATTACHMENT 3



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Addie L. Greene, Chairperson and members of the Board of County Commissioners Palm Beach County, Florida 301 North Olive Avenue West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Commissioners:

The Division of Emergency Management recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve an amended COPCN be issued to the Village of Palm Springs Public Safety to allow them to provide Primary ALS first response, ALS transport service to the Village of Palm Springs.

The EMS Advisory Council did not have a quorum at its July 27, 2007 meeting and will not be meeting again until September 20, 2007. The Village of Palm Springs Public Safety, in order to comply with the Level of Service standard must be able to provide transport by October 1, 2007. We, therefore, recommend that they be issued an amended COPCN.

Respectfully,

Oharles E. Tear, Director

Division of Emergency Management

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