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**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 1, 2011

<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Submitted For: **Emergency Management / EMS**

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Chapter 13, Article II, Emergency Medical Services, Division I (Ordinance No. 2010-056); granting a three (3) year extension of existing emergency medical services Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Medics Ambulance Service, Inc. and Atlantic/Palm Beach Ambulance, Inc., doing business as American Medical Response to December 31, 2014.

Summary: These Resolutions implement, by the extension of the existing ambulance Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, agreements between the private ambulance services and Palm Beach County to allow Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue to provide transportation of patients from the scene of 9-1-1 calls instead of the private ambulance providers. In anticipation of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue COPCN renewal on December 31, 2010, and as a result of agreements with the private providers, Fire - Rescue will provide all emergency response and patient transportation services in all of their services areas. The private ambulance providers are requesting the issuance of a three (3) year extension of their current Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014. Private Providers will serve as a secondary provider for Advanced Life Support emergency transport, which will allow them to provide daily back up during the pilot program and be available for response in the event of storms, evacuations and disasters. It will also allow for emergency and non-emergency inter-facility transfers. The EMS Council approves granting the 3 year extension. Countywide (DW)

Background and Policy Issues: Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue is currently limited to providing patient transportation only to those patients needing advanced life support services. In 2005, the Board discussed increasing that service to all patients, including those needing basic life support services or first aid. The Board directed Fire-Rescue staff to work with both the private providers and the firefighters' union representatives to develop a plan of transition. Based on the previous Board Direction to be effective January 1, 2011 it is recommended that Palm Beach County Fire Rescue expand the existing pilot program for BLS Transport to include the entire unincorporated area of Palm Beach County and those municipalities that have contracted for service or are in a Fire-Rescue MSTU. The representatives of each area have agreed to a plan that is incorporated in the ordinance changes. Under the plan, effective upon passage of the ordinance, Fire-Rescue will service the entire unincorporated area of Palm Beach County and those municipalities that have contracted for service or are in a Fire-Rescue MSTU. The private providers want a three (3) year extension of their current COPCN's in order to assure their continued service with inter-facility transportations.

Attachments:

1. Resolution for Medics Ambulance Service
2. Resolution for AMR Ambulance Service
3. Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity

Recommended by:	<u>Vincent J. Bonvento</u>	<u>1/6/11</u>
	Department Director	Date
Approved by:	<u>Vincent J. Bonvento</u>	<u>1/6/11</u>
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net Fiscal Impact	<u>_____*</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Budget Account Exp No: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____
 Rev No: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fund:
 Unit:

Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

*There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

[Signature] 1/10/2011
 VA OFMB
 1/10/11

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 Contract Administration
 Jones 1/12/11

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 1/12/10
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2011- ////

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, INSTITUTING A "FIRE RESCUE ASSUMPTION OF SERVICES" PURSUANT TO PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, DIVISION I; (ORDINANCE NO. 2010-056) GRANTING A 3-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR MEDICS AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC., TO DECEMBER 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance amending the Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2010-056); and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance codified changes that will allow the Board of County Commissioners to evaluate the efficiency and benefits that will be afforded the public by the County's Fire Rescue Department undertaking an expansion of the existing successful pilot program to the complete service area of the County's Fire Rescue Department that includes the transport of patients and provides for a public/private cooperative effort between Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and the private ambulance services of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County finds and determines that the foregoing facts and the desire to implement the expansion of the pilot program is in the best interest of the residents of Palm Beach County and, therefore, warrants a extension to the certificate of public convenience and necessity in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the expansion to the pilot program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing facts constitute a Fire Rescue assumption of services pursuant to the Emergency Medical Services Ordinance.

Section 2. The term of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Medics Ambulance Service, Inc., for Zone 1 is hereby extended until December 31, 2014.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Chair
- Commissioner Shelley Vana, Vice Chair
- Commissioner Paulette Burdick
- Commissioner Steven L. Abrams
- Commissioner Burt Aaronson
- Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria
- Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution was duly passed and adopted the _____ day of _____ 2011.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK
COMPTROLLER

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Section 2. The term of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Atlantic/Palm Beach Ambulance, doing business as American Medical Response, Inc. for Zone 2 is hereby extended until December 31, 2014.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Chair
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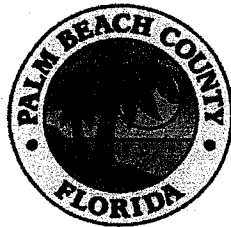
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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services

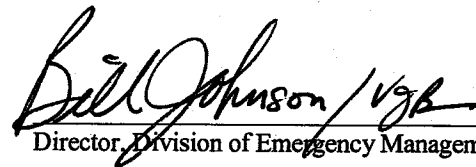
WHEREAS, there is a need for Medics Ambulance Service to operate and provide essential emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors of Palm Beach County, Florida; and WHEREAS, said agency has applied to provide these services; and WHEREAS, said agency has indicated that it will comply with the requirements of Palm Beach County's Emergency Medical Services Ordinance (#2010-056), the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County hereby issues a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to said emergency medical service provider, valid from January 3, 2011 to December 31, 2014.

In issuing this Certificate, it is understood that the agency named hereon will meet the requirements of all pertinent county and state legislation and will provide emergency medical services on a twenty-four hour basis in the area(s) or zone(s) designated, providing the level of service endorsed as follows:



Service Endorsed: Emergency and Non Emergency ALS/BLS Secondary Provider in Zone 1, Inter-facility transfers Emergency and Non Emergency ALS/BLS within the boundaries of Palm Beach County.




Director, Division of Emergency Management

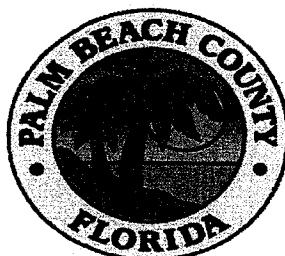


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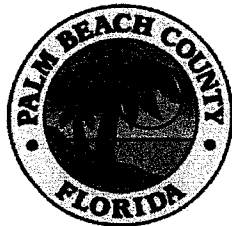


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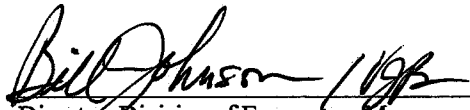
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