



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: March 16, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michele Mickiewicz, MPH, Interim Director
Director Public Health Department
Contact Info: Nancy Lapolla, MPH (681-5264)
Emergency Medical Services Agency Director
SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Services Agency Resolution for Federal Bureau of Investigation
Criminal Background Checks

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services Agency to conduct State and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background checks on prospective Emergency Medical Technician certification applicants.

Summary Text:

In accordance with a mandate as a result of AB2917, introduced by Assembly Member Torrico, sections of the Health and Safety Code were amended or added to mandate that beginning July 1, 2010 all prospective Emergency Medical Technician candidates will be required to complete a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check in addition to the Department of Justice (DOJ) criminal background checks. This Resolution revises the existing Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification process requiring the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency to complete State DOJ and FBI background checks on all EMT certification applicants, volunteers and contract employees that might be utilized to respond to emergencies or disasters.

Background:

On 8/7/01 your Board approved a Live Scan Fingerprinting Notification background check process for EMTs being certified in Santa Barbara County. As mandated by the State of California, the EMS Agency will not consider a person who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

turpitude to be eligible for certification; except that such conviction may be disregarded if it is determined that mitigating circumstances exist, or that the conviction is not related to the employment, volunteer or certification in question.

In order to meet the requirements of AB2917, the EMS Agency will need to complete this resolution process prior to March 31, 2010, to certify EMT's beginning July 1, 2010.

Performance Measure:

A Public Health Department prepared to efficiently and effectively respond to public health emergencies and disasters.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no financial impact by executing this agreement at this time. There is potential future equipment costs estimated to be between \$5,000 to \$10,000. If incurred, these costs would be covered by the California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office FY 2009-10 CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant funds.

There is no increase in the use of the County's General Fund resources as a result of adopting this resolution.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

0

FTEs:

0

This resolution will not result in any additional need for facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please mail one fully executed and adopted Resolution (w/Resolution number included) to PHD Contracts Unit at 300 N. San Antonio Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

Resolution Authorizing the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services Agency to Conduct Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal History Background Checks

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