

# EMT and Paramedic Fee Increase

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# Recommended Actions

On April 21, 2020:

- Receive a Presentation regarding Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic certification and accreditation fees;
- Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to increase EMS Agency Fees for EMT certification, EMT re-certification, and Paramedic accreditation;
- Read the title of the Ordinance and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full; and
- Continue the item to the Administrative Agenda for May 5, 2020 to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance increasing EMS Agency Fees for EMT certification, EMT re-certification, and Paramedic accreditation.

On May 5, 2020:

- Adopt and Ordinance (Second Reading) increasing EMS Agency Fees for EMT certification, EMT re-certification, and Paramedic accreditation with an effective date of July 1, 2020; and
- Determine that the recommended actions are not a “Project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and that the actions are exempt per CEQA Guideline Sections 15378(b)(5) as organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

# EMS AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY IN PRE-HOSPITAL PROVIDER CERTIFICATION & ACCREDITATION

- The EMS Agency is responsible for the design, implementation, and evaluation of the EMS System
- The Agency authorizes and regulates EMT and Paramedic education programs within the County
- The Agency authorizes and regulates EMT and Paramedic continuing education providers within the County
- The Agency is a certifying entity for EMTs, acts as an agent of the CA EMS Authority
- The Agency is an accrediting agency for Paramedics

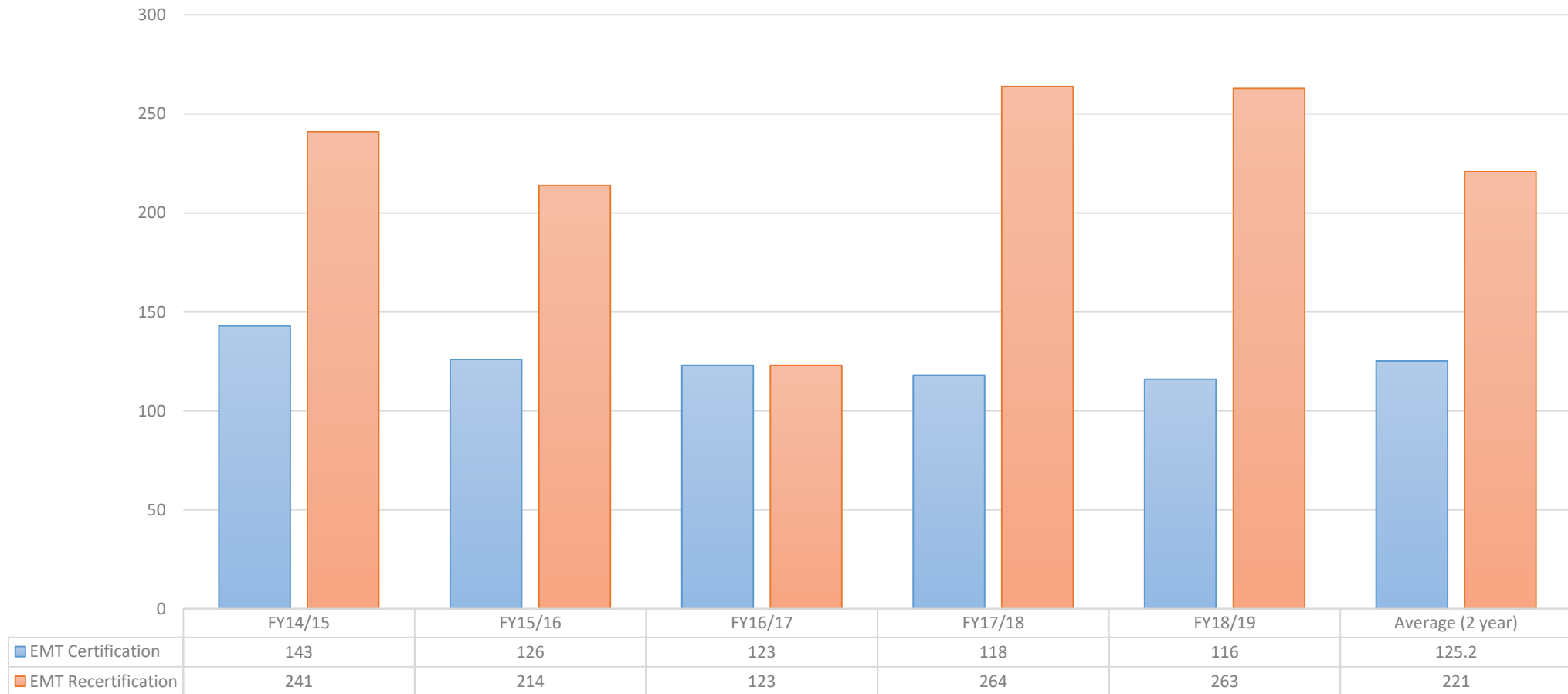
# EMT CERTIFICATION & RE-CERTIFICATION

- The EMS Agency acts as an agent of the State
  - Certify EMTs have met the State requirements
    - Collect and Review Application and Required Documents
    - Collect State Fees and submit to the State EMS Authority
    - State issues a State EMT card
    - Ensures EMTs certify locally and a part of a local EMS System
- There are no additional training requirements to be an EMT in the County
  - Collect County Fees
  - Issue County EMT Card
- EMTs must re-certify every two years
- Local providers can be also be a certifying entity, if approved by the State



# EMT PERSONNEL ACCREDITED BY SBCEMSA

EMT Certification/Recertification by Fiscal Year

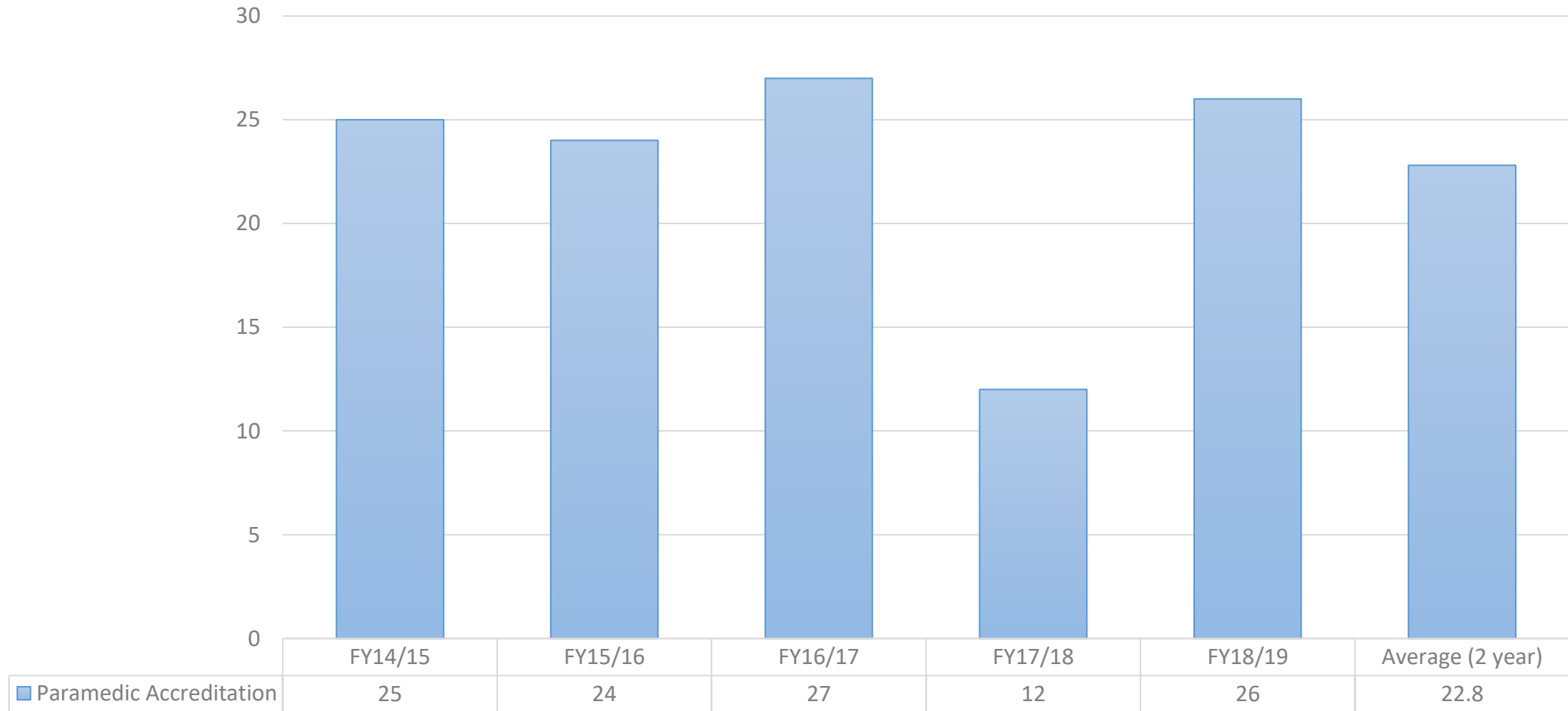


# PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION

- Paramedic must first be licensed by the CA EMS Authority
  - They cannot practice unless locally accredited
- To accredit they must be employed by an approved paramedic (ALS) provider within the County
- The EMS Agency Medical Director authorizes each paramedic to practice within the County and provides medical oversight
- Paramedics must re-accredit every two years
  - The EMS Agency sets accreditation and re-accreditation standards
  - The EMS Agency is prohibited by State law to charge for re-accreditation

# PARAMEDIC PERSONNEL

Paramedic Accreditation by Fiscal Year



# PROPOSED FEE COMPARISON

## 2012 (Current)

EMT Initial: \$89.00

EMT Re-Cert: \$57.00

Paramedic: \$209.00

*Ordinance 4825*

## 2020 (Proposed)

EMT Initial: \$116.00

EMT Re-Cert: \$59.00

Paramedic: \$245.00



# QUESTIONS?