



**FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**
In association with the California Fire Chiefs Association



July 15, 2016

John Eaglesham, EMS Agency Director
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department
300 North San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Ambulance Contract Discussions

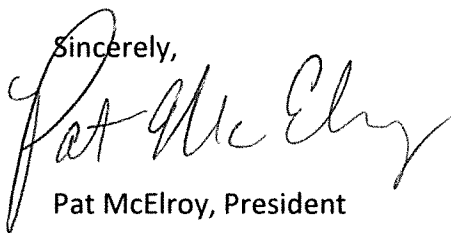
Dear Mr. Eaglesham,

Thank you for your letter dated June 20, 2016 regarding extension of the ground ambulance transportation contract. Please consider this letter our formal request to extend the existing ground ambulance transportation contract twenty-four months effective December 31, 2017.

Emergency medical service delivery models are evolving nationwide. In recognition of this fact, the Fire Chief's Association requests twenty-four months to explore and evaluate alternative ground ambulance service delivery models including tiered response models, public/private partnerships and mobile integrated healthcare solutions.

The goal of our research is to identify and suggest significant system-wide modifications that will enhance emergency medical service delivery in Santa Barbara County. We expect that our solutions will improve the patient's experience of care, improve the health of our local population and reduce the per capita cost of health care in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,



Pat McElroy, President