

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 2/7/02
Department Name: S B County Fire
Department No.: 031
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John M. Scherrei
Fire Chief

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SUBJECT: Agreement for Paramedic Clinical Experience

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve a contract agreement between Lompoc District Hospital and The County of Santa Barbara.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 A Safe and Healthy Community in which to Live, Work and Visit

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The agreement that is presented before the Board of Supervisors for approval is an agreement for Paramedic Clinical Experience. This agreement establishes a relationship between the County of Santa Barbara and Lompoc District Hospital and is a component of an existing program, within the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, entitled: Santa Barbara County Fire Department /Skills Maintenance Program. The skills maintenance program is designed to provide county fire paramedics valuable skills review in the clinical setting of a hospital. The hospital portion of the skills maintenance program provides each of the current forty-three paramedics a six-hour skills review at Lompoc Hospital. In this environment the paramedics will participate in the Operating Room, Emergency Department, Obstetrical Ward, ICU and CCU. Paramedics will also participate in cardiac rounds with a cardiologist.

The agreement protects both the hospital and the County of Santa Barbara by establishing individual and entity specific responsibilities and scope of practice parameters. All paramedics participating in the program are certified paramedics with the state of California and are locally accredited in Santa Barbara County.

Mandates and Service Levels: This agreement facilitates established mandates and service levels established by the EMS contract with the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency and County Fire.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: No Fiscal impacts or Facilities impacts are anticipated with this agreement.

Special Instructions: Please return a certified minute order to Santa Barbara County Fire Department: Attention: Division Chief, Mark Schmitt.

Concurrence: cc to Stephen Stark, County Counsel; P.Andrea Smutz, Risk Manager; Robert W.Geis, Auditor Controller.