



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Health  
Department No.: 041  
For Agenda Of: 1-20-09  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Director  
Contact Info: Nancy Lapolla, MPH  
Emergency Medical Services Director (681-5264)

**SUBJECT:** Agreement between Santa Barbara County and Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District for Advanced Life Support Services

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District for Advanced Life Support Services. The Agreement will provide paramedic level first response services within the Carpinteria-Summerland District. The Agreement is to commence January 1, 2009 and continue from year to year unless otherwise amended or terminated by either party pursuant to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

**Summary Text:**

The Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District (District) has been providing Advanced Life Support first responder non-transport services since 1999. On March 7, 2000 your Board executed an agreement to formalize the services provided.

The District has now requested an agreement that changes response times from 5:00 minutes to 7:00 minutes which reflects current standards for response times comparable to other fire departments within Santa Barbara County. Your Board is being requested to approve an agreement which has updated requirements, standards and conditions, and definitions.

**Background:**

California State law requires that all providers of paramedic level service, “Advanced Life Support”, shall have a written agreement with the local Emergency Medical Services Agency.

Division 2.5, Section 1797.218, of the Health and Safety Code, gives the local County Emergency Medical Services Agency the authority to authorize an advanced life support or limited advanced life support program which provides services utilizing EMT-II or EMT-P, or both, for the delivery of emergency medical care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport to a general acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, while in the emergency department of a general acute care hospital until care responsibility is assumed by the regular staff of that hospital, and during training within the facilities of a participating general acute care hospital.

On December 14, 2004 your Board, pursuant to its authority under Health and Safety Code Section 1797.224, executed a contract with American Medical Response (AMR) for Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services, and Pre Hospital Care by which it granted AMR exclusive authority to provide ground Advanced Life Support ambulance transport services in Service Area 1 which includes the District’s service area. The District also has a subcontract with AMR to provide first response Advanced Life Support services within its District.

**Performance Measure:**

The District shall adhere to the following response time guidelines ninety percent (90%) of the time:

<b>Response Code</b>	<b>Population Density</b>	<b>ALS First Responder</b>
Code 3	Urban	7:00 minutes or less
Code 3	Semi-Rural	14:00 minutes or less
Code 3	Rural	29:00 minutes or less
Code 2	Urban	14:00 minutes or less
Code 2	Semi-Rural	24:00 minutes or less
Code 2	Rural	39:00 minutes or less

The Contract Compliance Committee for the Emergency Medical Services Agency will review the District’s performance for compliance to this Agreement. The requested Agreement with the District includes a Statement of Work that details the scope of services provided and how the District will meet the Emergency Medical Services Agency’s Policies and Procedures and follow Medical Control requirements as outlined in Health and Safety Code Section 1797.176.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

This proposed action is for the approval of the Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the District for Advanced Life Support Services. All costs for Advance Life Support first response services will be borne by the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District. There is no fiscal impact to the Public Health Department or the County’s General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

This action will not result in the need for additional facilities.

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and Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District  
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**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
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**FTEs:**  
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**Special Instructions:**

Please return three (3) fully executed contracts to the PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at [PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org)

**Attachments:**

Agreement between Santa Barbara County and Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District for Advanced Life Support Services

Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District Advanced Life Support Services Zone Map

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