

Meeting Date: 10/1/2024

Proposed Resolution No. R24-226- Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Palm Beach County and the City of Boynton Beach for the Staffing of Emergency Shelters by Emergency Medical Services Staff.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution No. R24-226.

Explanation of Request:

Staffing will consist of at least one emergency medical technician and one paramedic or two paramedics (collectively the "Emergency Medical Services Staff") during the State of Emergency. In addition, the City's EMS staff shall be solely responsible for providing ALS equipment as reasonably required to support the EMS staff function for the duration of shelter operations. These services have been provided in the past.

Emergency Medical Services is part of the day to day operations of the Fire Service. Emergency Medical Technicians, and or Paramedics are the resources we use in life saving situations and especially during natural disasters. Having EMS on site increases lifesaving capabilities while decreasing response time from being dispatched, which could be delayed due to roadway hazards.

The term of the agreement shall be for five (5) years upon execution.

How will this affect city programs or services?

In order to function and perform emergency medical care duties, members must have the necessary agreement in place to operate under the direction of the contracted medical director. The shelter team at each emergency shelter will establish designated medical treatment areas. The EMS Staff will perform all work at the shelter under the direction and authority of ALS Services within the City. Without this agreement, Boynton Beach Fire Rescue would not be able to effectively perform these services.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments:

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