

**Agenda Item:** 3.c

**Meeting Date:** November 6, 2025

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** City Commission

**Through:**

**From:** Michael Handoga

**Date:** 2025-10-09

**Subject:** Amendment to the Agreement Between Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Agreement with an FY26 payment from Pinellas County of \$3,051,015.

**Presenter(s):** Michael Handoga, Fire Chief, Mark Zipeto Deputy Fire Chief EMS Operations

**Staff Recommendation:** City Commission approval of the EMS ALS First Responder Agreement between Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin, providing for a payment of \$3,051,015 in FY26.

**Strategic Themes:** N/A

**Boards & Committees:** N/A

**Budget Impact:** In FY25, the City will receive compensation from Pinellas County in the amount of \$2,766,186 to provide EMS ALS First Responders services, as described in "Appendix A" of the attached "Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement".

**Past Action:** The City of Dunedin has previously entered into agreements with Pinellas County in prior years to provide EMS ALS First Responder services through the City's Fire Rescue Department.

**Next Action:** Approval of the referenced "Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement" by the City of Dunedin Commission, and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

**Attachments:** [2025 ALSFR Dunedin Amendment 1 - FINAL.pdf](#)

**Background:** The City of Dunedin and Pinellas County have had an agreement in place for many years to provide EMS ALS First Responder services. The Dunedin Fire Rescue Department currently has

thirteen (13) employees funded through the EMS agreement. In FY25, the City will receive compensation from Pinellas County in the amount of \$3,051,015 to provide EMS ALS First Responders services, as described in "Appendix A" of the attached "Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement".

This amendment adds provisions to the EMS contract for Major Incident Support Unit (Rehab Vehicle) operations, enabling Dunedin Fire Rescue to assist countywide during large-scale or extended emergencies such as multi-alarm fires, mass casualty events, hazardous materials, or technical rescue incidents. When personnel are available, the unit will be deployed and operated by Dunedin Fire Rescue staff at no additional cost to the City of Dunedin, enhancing readiness and support during major incidents.

As such, staff hereby recommends City Commission approval to enter into a contractual agreement between Pinellas County and the City of Dunedin for providing EMS ALS First Responder Services, as detailed herein.