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NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 17, 2026

FROM: Scott Partington, Fire Chief

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

SUBJECT:

A MOTION TO APPROVE the memorandum of understanding and appointment of the Fire Department's EMS Medical Director.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

The Fire Department as a state licensed rescue/ambulance service is required to designate an EMS Medical Director by the RI Department of Health-Center for EMS as established by Rhode Island General Laws and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services [216-RICR-20-10-2].

Requirements for initial and renewal licensure of ambulance services include identifying the individual who will fulfill the function of Emergency Medical Service Medical Director: the individual who is a physician board certified or board eligible in emergency medicine and/or EMS.

The Fire Department's previous Medical Director has recently moved out of state and has since operated under an interim director while searching for a replacement. We are pleased to have found a locally experienced well-qualified board certified emergency medical physician very eager to assist with professional oversight of our EMS delivery services to the community. The Medical Director's role is predominately administrative quality insurance/quality improvement with professional development oversight. Approximately 10-12 hours per quarter are expected while performing these functions.

The funding was previously approved and allocated within the Fire Department's FY26/27 operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

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