



Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Milwaukee County
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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Christine Westrich, Director, Office of Emergency Management

SUBJ: Report from the Director, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Requesting Authorization to Enter into Contracts with local municipalities for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Milwaukee County

Issue:

Section 56.30 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the execution of professional services contracts. The Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is seeking Board approval to enter into a two-year agreement, with one two-year renewal option with local municipalities for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Milwaukee County.

Background:

Milwaukee County is the purveyor of the Emergency Medical (EMS) system within our jurisdictional boundaries. This includes the EMS Communications Center, contracted-for-service medical direction, initial cadet and continuing education for paramedics and EMT's, medical supply and pharmaceutical inventory, quality assurance and improvement processes as well as health information management.

Since the formation of OEM through the adoption of the 2015 County Budget, OEM-EMS has worked tirelessly to modernize the EMS system, advancing municipalities universally in technology and quality improvement.

This effort includes significant enhancements in data analytics such as defibrillator records, CPR performance, pre-arrival instructions, and dashboards which are anticipated to provide real-time alerts and statistics to both fire departments and receiving hospitals.

This contract allows for the continuation of such countywide EMS initiatives, advancing pre-hospital healthcare commensurate with like urban environments in the U.S. while

also sustaining the legacy partnership between the County and municipalities to achieve the best possible patient outcome for the citizens and visitors of Milwaukee County.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, OEM, of her designee, to enter into a two-year contract with one two-year renewal option with municipalities for the provision of EMS services.

Fiscal Impact:

The 2017 adopted budget includes \$1,875,000 to be distributed to the EMS municipalities. In future years the contract indicates that there will be at least a \$1,500,000 payment from Milwaukee County to the EMS municipalities.



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