

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date: February 18, 2019

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Joseph Lamers, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget,
Department of Administrative Services

Subject: Request to create two (2) part-time EMS Supervisor positions to improve and adequately oversee the operations of Special Events Paramedics.

REQUEST

The Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is requesting adoption of a resolution which will create two (2) part-time Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Supervisors to improve and oversee the operations of Special Events Paramedics.

BACKGROUND

The Office of Emergency Management includes an Emergency Medical Services Division which provides emergency medical coverage to contracted venues within Milwaukee County for on-site Paramedic response, known as Special Events Paramedics. Venues served by OEM include the Milwaukee County Zoo, UWM Panther Arena, and all events at the Fiserv Forum.

Per File 18-756, The Deer District, LLC, host of the Fiserv Forum, is the newest contract for EMS under OEM. Because this contract more than doubles the events previously covered under the BMO Bradley Center, a significant increase in necessary operations has occurred, averaging no less than 1,000 hours per month.

Because of this increase in operational hours, EMS part-time provider staff has increased from 39 to 50 hourly positions. Because the number of part-time provider staff has increased, it has become necessary to add more supervisory command, control and availability.

These part-time EMS Supervisor positions will provide the required supervisory capacity needed to oversee the additional OEM EMS part-time provider staff that have been added due to the increased operations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Because the agreement between Milwaukee County OEM and Deer District, LLC calls for reimbursement to the County of medical supplies and personnel costs, there will be no increase in expenditures or revenues with the creation of these positions. The additional EMS Supervisor positions being requested will have no tax levy impact.

RECOMMENDATION

DAS-PSB recommends that two (2) part-time EMS Supervisor positions are created to allow OEM EMS Division to properly provide the emergency medical services to the venues it contracts with.

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Joseph Lamers
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