

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: December 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 Forty (40.0) OEM Hourly 911 Paramedic Trainers to
Provide Adequate Staffing Levels for Special Events Venues

REQUEST

The Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is requesting to create forty (40.0) OEM Hourly Paramedic Trainers to provide adequate staffing levels for medical operations at special events venues, namely the Fiserv Forum.

BACKGROUND

The Office of Emergency Management – EMS Division provides medical coverage to support contracted venues within the county to provide on-site Paramedic response capabilities, known as the Special Events Paramedics. The venues we serve are as follows: Milwaukee County Zoo, UWM Panther Arena – Admirals Hockey, and the Fiserv Forum. The Fiserv Forum is our newest contract and offers more than double the events than we had covered when previously working at the BMO Bradley Center. This significant increase in demand and tempo is leaving the EMS Division with frequent staffing shortages.

The OEM Hourly Paramedic Trainer would be responsible for a number of duties, including responding to requests for assistance in a quickly and timely manner, working with venue staff to address needs while ensuring proper medical coverage is provided, inspecting equipment prior to shift and maintaining required licensure and credentials among other duties.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Administrative Services–Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget recommends that forty (40.0) Hourly Paramedic Trainers be created to fulfill the increased need for medical operations at special event venues.

Title	No. of Positions	Title Code	Pay Grade	2020 Hourly Rate Range
Hourly Paramedic Trainer	40.0	00054810	16-DC	\$20.47-\$22.92

FISCAL IMPACT

The salary and social security for the positions is billed directly to the venue. Expenditures in the EMS Division will increase by an estimated \$64,594 but will be offset by full reimbursement for the cost of the additional positions. There is no tax levy impact from this action.



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