



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of February 24, 2018

DATE: February 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Resolution of Endorsement for Arlington County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Private Agencies

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached Resolution of Endorsement adopting the Arlington County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Private Agencies 2017.

ISSUES: This is a resolution of endorsement for the Arlington County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Private Agencies. No issues have been identified at this time.

SUMMARY: In order to comply with Virginia regulations, Physicians Transport Service is requesting the adoption of the attached Resolution of Endorsement adopting the Arlington County Emergency Medical Services Private Agencies 2017.

BACKGROUND: Virginia Administrative Code Section 12VAC5-31-420, part C states the following:

An ordinance or resolution from the governing body of each locality where the agency maintains an office, stations an EMS vehicle for response within a locality, or is a Designated Emergency Response Agency as required by §15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia confirming approval. This ordinance or resolution must specify the geographic boundaries of the agency's primary service area within the locality.

Physicians Transport Service (PTS) has been recently contracted to provide emergency and non-emergency inter-hospital EMS transport to and from Virginia Hospital Center. To facilitate timely transport, including to and from their designated helicopter landing zone at 855 North Edison Street, PTS will need to stage transport units at Virginia Hospital Center as well as potentially create a physical office in Arlington County.

County Manager:

MJS/JHS

County Attorney:

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Staff: Joe Reshetar, Deputy Fire Chief

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DISCUSSION: This resolution has been established in order to meet state regulations; County Board approval and adoption is required by the state in order for Physicians Transport Services (PTS) to stage EMS transport vehicles at Virginia Hospital Center. PTS's request for geographic boundaries is the entire county to facilitate any transport requests from the hospital.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: A public engagement effort is not required for this matter.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no impact to net tax support.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING PHYSICIANS TRANSPORT SERVICE

WHEREAS, Physicians Transport Service currently operates as a licensed Emergency Medical Services Agency in Virginia, providing inter-facility transports in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, Physicians Transport Services is seeking continuous service in Arlington County for the purpose of inter-facility transport; and

WHEREAS, Physicians Transport Services is seeking renewal of their Virginia Office of Emergency Services transport licensure to allow them to continue to operate in the Commonwealth, including Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, Physicians Transport Services is seeking a resolution from Arlington County in accordance with Code of Virginia 15.2-955; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED this 24th day of February 2018, that the Arlington County Board does hereby endorse the services of Physicians Transport Service.

12VAC5-31-420. Application for EMS agency license.

A. An applicant for EMS agency licensure shall file a written application specified by the Office of EMS.

B. The Office of EMS may use whatever means of investigation necessary to verify any or all information contained in the application.

C. An ordinance or resolution from the governing body of each locality where the agency maintains an office, stations an EMS vehicle for response within a locality or is a Designated Emergency Response Agency as required by § 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia confirming approval. This ordinance or resolution must specify the geographic boundaries of the agency's primary service area within the locality.

D. The Office of EMS will determine whether an applicant or licensee is qualified for licensure based upon the following:

1. An applicant or licensee must meet the personnel requirements of these regulations.
2. If the applicant is a company or corporation, as defined in § 12.1-1 of the Code of Virginia, it must clearly disclose the identity of its owners, officers and directors.
3. An applicant or licensee must provide information on any previous record of performance in the provision of emergency medical service or any other related licensure, registration, certification or endorsement within or outside Virginia.

E. An applicant agency and all places of operation shall be subject to inspection by the Office of EMS for compliance with these regulations. The inspection may include any or all of the following:

1. All fixed places of operations, including all offices, stations, repair shops or training facilities.
2. All applicable records maintained by the applicant agency.

3. All EMS vehicles and required equipment used by the applicant agency. Statutory Authority §§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-111.4 of the Code of Virginia. Historical Notes Derived from Virginia Register Volume 19, Issue 3 and Volume 19, Issue 9, eff. January 15, 2003.

Source: LIS Administrative Code 12VAC5-31-420.mht



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September 1, 2017

Chief Bonzano:

Physicians Transport Service LLC (PTS) recently executed a contract to provide emergency and non-emergency medical transport to and from the Virginia Hospital Center. To facilitate timely transport, including to and from their designated helicopter landing zone located adjacent to your Fire Station 102 at 855 North Edison Street, we will need to stage units at Virginia Hospital Center as well as potentially create a physical station location in your county.

Physicians Transport Service (PTS) has submitted a request to the Arlington County Board of Supervisors for the adoption of a resolution allowing PTS to operate as a licensed EMS agency in compliance with the Virginia Department of Health, Office of EMS regulation 12VAC5-31-420 which states in part:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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