



Legislation Text

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Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a mutual aid agreement with the City of Dickinson for Emergency Medical Service (Fire Chief)

From January of 2017 through July of 2020 League City EMS has responded to mutual aid ambulance requests from the City of Dickinson 655 times with only 88 responses from Dickinson EMS to the City of League City in that same time period. Reimbursement to League City for responses to Dickinson during the past several years has been a consistently poor 28% of adjusted charges for service, leaving League City taxpayers to cover the remaining cost of services. This agreement institutes a charge for service to the requesting jurisdiction for both ambulance transports and non-transport calls. The requesting jurisdiction will be billed \$150 per non-transport call and \$1,000 per ambulance transport call. The responding jurisdiction will also collect any insurance remittance to offset any costs not recovered by the charges in this agreement such as debt service and asset depreciation.

Total requests from LC to Dickinson and from Dickinson to LC over past 5 years

	<u>Dickinson to LCEMS</u>	<u>LCEMS to Dickinson</u>
FY2020 - August	137	13
FY2019	174	18
FY2018	156	23
FY2017	194	34
FY2016	203	39

Total charges for LC responses to Dickinson and total amount collected for 2 years

	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Rate</u>
FY2020 - August	\$62,813.21	\$13,997.01	22%
FY2019	\$74,335.34	\$27,585.79	37%

Some comparison of total LC responses to Dickinson versus other jurisdiction

	<u>Friendswood</u>	<u>Webster</u>	<u>Seabrook/Kemah</u>	<u>Dickinson</u>
FY2020 - August	17	20	10	137
FY2019	213	33	27	174
FY2018	13	34	9	156

Information on how we determined the cost of a transport and non-transport for the agreement.

EMS calculated a cost analysis of service based on a format developed by J.R Henry Consulting, Inc. out of Pittsburgh, PA. The result of the analysis was \$1,005.89 for an adjusted costs per transport call based on the FY2020 budget.

EMS current fee is \$150.00 for a non-transport call with no care provided. This figure was recommended by our billing and collections consultant, Wittman, Inc., and was substantiated by calculating the total cost of personnel benefits for one hour and adding a flat charge to offset vehicle expenses.

CONTRACT ORIGINATION: Approved by the City Attorney's Office.

Attachments

1. Data Sheet
2. Proposed Resolution
3. Exhibit A - Interlocal Agreement with City of Dickinson

FUNDING

{ } Funds are available from Account # _____
{ } Requires Budget Amendment to transfer from Account # _____ to Account # _____
{X} NOT APPLICABLE

STRATEGIC PLANNING

{ } Addresses Strategic Planning Critical Success Factor # _____ and Initiative # _____
{X} NOT APPLICABLE