



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT County Fire		(2) MEETING DATE 12/15/2020		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Rob Jenkins, Fire Captain-Paramedic EMS Coordinator 805-503-3436	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve an updated agreement with San Luis Obispo County Community College District for their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic (EMT-P) program at Cuesta College which provides pre-hospital care training for persons desiring to become an EMT or Paramedic. All Districts					
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the updated agreement that CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire has with San Luis Obispo County Community College District for their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic (EMT-P) program at Cuesta College which provides pre-hospital care training for persons desiring to become an EMT or Paramedic.					
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A		(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00		(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	
(9) BUDGETED? yes					
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)					
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) NA				(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A		(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? N/A		(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Lisa M. Howe					
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts.					



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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The existing agreement that CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire has with Cuesta College expired August of 2020. The attached updated agreement will go into effect upon signature without expiration and Section 21 updated to delegate authority to County Fire to make amendments.

Cuesta College conducts an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic (EMT-P) program which provides pre-hospital care training for persons desiring to become an EMT or Paramedic. California Code of Regulations, Title 22 requires clinical and field internship experience to gain EMT or Paramedic certification / licensure. San Luis Obispo County Fire Department has clinical facilities and field training officers for furnishing this experience to trainees participating in the Cuesta College EMT and Paramedic training programs.

Although CAL FIRE can recruit paramedics statewide, there is an obvious advantage to being able to hire from the local area. It has become increasingly difficult to find local paramedics and there is a need for a larger pool of qualified local paramedic candidates in San Luis Obispo County. By participating in this program, it will help with maintaining longevity, increase employee's local knowledge, and reduce long term training costs.

The agreement is with the County of San Luis Obispo because the paramedic positions are county funded and San Luis Obispo County Fire is the ALS Provider—not CAL FIRE. This is the same for the Los Osos Community Service District, which contracts with the County of San Luis Obispo for fire protection and paramedic services. The facilities that can participate are the three paramedic stations (Station 15-South Bay, Station 20-Nipomo, and Station 22-Mesa). The agreement is valid until either party decides to terminate it.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) is involved with approving San Luis Obispo County Fire Department field training officers. This agreement has no new impact on this relationship.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no financial impact. Paramedic interns perform under the supervision of the Paramedic Field Training Officer (FTO) on their scheduled hours. No overtime is authorized. We use the same process when we accredit new paramedics (paramedic students require supervision for 60 calls instead of the 5-10 required for accrediting licensed paramedics).

RESULTS

Approval of this agreement will support the Cuesta College Paramedic Program, which is the only paramedic program on the central coast. Assisting Cuesta College with paramedic field internships will create a larger pool of paramedic candidates familiar with San Luis Obispo County Fire available for future recruitment and contribute to the county goal of a creating a safe and healthy community.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Attachment 1 – Agreement