

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Fire/EMS

FROM: Casey Davis, Fire Chief

MEETING: May 5, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a Medical Services Interlocal and Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Burleson and CareFlite, a Texas Nonprofit Corporation, to enhance emergency medical services capabilities within the City of Burleson and the CareFlite service area. (Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)

SUMMARY:

Attached for your consideration is the Medical Services Interlocal Agreement and Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Burleson and CareFlite. This agreement re-establishes and formalizes our mutual aid relationship, providing a framework for both emergency and non-emergency medical service responses.

Under the terms of this agreement, both parties commit to providing EMS support when requested, based on resource availability and operational capacity. Each agency will maintain medical control under its own physician advisor and established protocols, ensuring that autonomy and clinical oversight remain intact.

The agreement allows CareFlite personnel to utilize designated Burleson fire station facilities to stage EMS resources, enhancing readiness and response efficiency. Additionally, CareFlite will be given the first opportunity to provide interfacility transport services originating from Burleson, with clear performance expectations in place. The City reserves the right to respond to any interfacility transport request at its discretion.

Importantly, the agreement states that mutual aid will be provided without cost unless both parties agree in writing to additional services beyond normal operations. It also includes a clause affirming that this document constitutes the complete and final understanding between the City of Burleson and CareFlite, superseding any prior oral or written agreements on the matter.

This partnership strengthens our regional EMS capabilities, promotes timely access to care for Burleson residents, and ensures the City retains oversight of EMS quality and coordination.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this agreement

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

The current Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Burleson and CareFlite, a Texas non-profit corporation, was approved by City Council during the Special Meeting held on September 11, 2023, under Agenda Item General 4A.

REFERENCE:

Current Medical Services Mutual Aid Agreement CSO#5222-09-2023

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no expenditures proposed in connection with this agreement.

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