



CONFIRE

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 28, 2023

**FROM: Nathan Cooke
Interim Director**

TO: Administrative Committee

SUBJECT: Chino Valley Independent Fire Protection District Ambulance Agreement

Recommendation

It is recommended that the CONFIRE Administrative Committee approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Chino Valley Independent Fire Protection District (CVFIFD) and CONFIRE for the use of an emergency ambulance.

Background

The San Bernardino County Operational Area (OA) continues to struggle with extended response times from AMR, which has resulted in an increase in the number of mutual aid requests from SBCFPD. In an effort to allow SBCFPD to fulfill as many mutual aid requests from AMR as possible, the district has requested that CONFIRE provide an additional ambulance, on an as needed basis.

The SBCFPD is recognized and known as a “.201 provider” by the California Health and Safety Code and is authorized to provide emergency ambulance services in their respective .201 areas of responsibility. Furthermore, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is authorized to sub-contract for emergency ambulance services in their .201 areas of responsibility.

Furthermore, the CONFIRE Board of Directors and the CONFIRE Administrative Committee gave direction to CONFIRE Staff to submit a proposal on behalf of CONFIRE, for the County of San Bernadino Request for Proposal (RFP) for Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Ambulance Services, Interfacility and Critical Care Transport Services for Exclusive Operating Areas in San Bernardino County. If CONFIRE is awarded the County ground ambulance contract, CONFIRE will be eligible to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) program.

The County ground ambulance contract is tentatively scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2024. In the event that CONFIRE is awarded the contract, it will be beneficial to the GEMT program, that we transported in 2023.

CONFIRE will be providing emergency ambulance services to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) starting December 5, 2023. In order to provide this service, CONFIRE needs an ambulance. The CVIFPD has an extra ambulance they are willing to allow CONFIRE to use through provisions outlined in this MOU.

The agreement would commence on December 5, 2023, and would be in effect until terminated following the MOU provisions.

The ambulance will be staffed by qualified CONFIRE employees and or contract employees. CONFIRE will seek and receive ICEMA's approval to become an authorized ambulance provider prior to commencement of this agreement.

Fiscal Impact

CONFIRE will pay the CVIFPD \$7.18 per hour, for every hour the ambulance is placed in service. CONFIRE will use a third-party billing company to bill patients that receive transport services from CONFIRE, and all costs associated with providing such services will be offset by the payments received.

All financial transactions related to this agreement will occur using the EMS Division Enterprise account (5020).