

**CONFIRE**

STAFF REPORT

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TO: Administrative Committee

SUBJECT: Fire Ambulance Resource Implementation

Recommended Action

1. Authorize replacement of the three Chino units with three staffed 24-hour fire department ambulances and adopt the EMS Division Subcommittee's recommendation for the number of additional 24-hour fire ambulances, from zero to three, and priority coverage areas.
2. Direct the Executive Director to implement the adopted deployment, including agency commitments, final placement, agreements, reimbursement terms, and deployment schedules, and report progress to the Administrative Committee. Additional resources must enter service within three months of authorization, with earlier deployment through overtime while agencies hire where staffing capacity allows and required agreements are approved.

Background Information

The Administrative Committee is asked to authorize three Chino replacements and up to three additional 24-hour fire ambulances as recommended by the EMS Division Subcommittee. Three Chino replacements will maintain planned fire capacity, and any additions will strengthen coverage in harder-to-reach areas.

Staff will finalize agency commitments, locations, and service dates using the revised System Status Plan (SSP) and the Subcommittee's coverage priorities. Operations will evaluate placement within participating agencies' service areas using agency operational input and the coverage needs identified in the SSP discussion.

Additional units must enter service within three months of authorization, with earlier overtime staffing where agency capacity allows. Business Operations will confirm participation and reimbursement terms and obtain required agreement approvals before implementation.

Staff will report implementation progress, coverage results, and any unresolved resource commitments or coverage needs. Updates will identify units, locations, hours delivered, and remaining gaps, and assess response performance and high-performance ambulance availability in busier areas.

Financial Impact

The resources will be funded through cost recovery from ambulance billing services. Staff will confirm replacement, expansion, and overtime costs, any offset from the Chino units, and the remaining Fiscal Year 2026-27 and ongoing annual cost once agency commitments and staffing arrangements are established.

The Board will receive a mid-year budget amendment reflecting increased call volume, expenditures, and revenue, including the adopted fire ambulance deployment.

Attachments

None.