

**CONFIRE**

STAFF REPORT

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TO: **EMS Division Subcommittee and**
 Administrative Committee

SUBJECT: System Status Plan and Deployment Update

Recommended Action

1. Receive and file the update on the revised System Status Plan and staffing gaps, and provide input on coverage priorities for the revised deployment and the fire resource items that follow.

Background Information

The System Status Plan (SSP) is being revised to reflect higher demand and staffing conditions observed since October 1. The initial model planned for 12,256 weekly system hours and assumed approximately 185,000 annual transports. Early operating experience indicates that interfacility transport demand is higher than anticipated.

The October 6 revision proposes 13,580 weekly system hours, including 11,904 Priority Ambulance hours. Staff will confirm service levels, regional distribution, the public agency contribution, and hours that can be staffed before finalizing the deployment schedule.

The preliminary trend of approximately 205,000 annual transports requires validation before it is used for continuing staffing commitments. Staff will reconcile response and transport data with Priority Ambulance and the deployment consultants to confirm demand and update the deployment model.

The staffing shortfall requires a correction schedule based on actual deployment by region and hour of day. On October 6, staff confirmed that the ambulances shown in MARVLIS matched the ESO staffing schedule and reported that the system was understaffed. Staff will compare planned, scheduled, and actual staffed hours, distinguish units available for new calls, and establish a correction schedule with Priority Ambulance.

The revised deployment will coordinate emergency, interfacility, and critical care transport coverage. Operations will confirm ALS, BLS, and critical care allocations, posting locations, and supplemental public agency resources. Communications will ensure the deployment schedule and unit capabilities are consistently reflected in dispatch and status systems.

Financial Impact

The revised deployment will be funded through cost recovery from ambulance billing services, with final costs dependent on the resources and hours implemented. The proposed increase is estimated at 324 weekly system hours. Business Operations will identify the remaining Fiscal Year 2026-27 and ongoing annual costs based on the provider, service level, reimbursement terms, and hours actually delivered.

Business Operations will present an amended budget to the Board at mid-year to reflect increased volume, expenditures, and revenue. This item provides an update and does not approve additional expenditures or amend provider agreements.

Attachments

None.