



**CONFIRE**

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE: February 28, 2024**

**FROM: Joe Barna, EMS Subsidiary Committee Chairperson**

**TO: Administrative Committee**

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**SUBJECT: Agreement Between CONFIRE and CVFD for Dean Smith**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Interim Director to execute and enter into an agreement between CONFIRE and the Chino Valley Independent Fire District, to authorize Dean Smith to serve as the Deputy IC for the CONFIRE Ambulance Contract Implementation Team.

### **BACKGROUND**

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors awarded CONFIRE the bid for ambulance services in the Comprehensive Service Area on December 5, 2024. A collaborative effort, from many representatives, will be required to successfully implement this new public-private partnership. Priority Ambulance will be providing ambulance transportation services, but the team required for the implementation will necessitate coordinating stakeholders from many disciplines with a clear understanding of the requirements outlined by the County based on the awarded contract.

The comprehensive bid to provide services was developed by numerous parties, including Acting Deputy Chief Dean Smith. To organize the successful transition, San Bernardino County Fire Chiefs will use the incident command system to organize resources and have selected Chief Smith to serve as the Deputy Incident Commander for the CONFIRE EMS Division Implementation Team.

This implementation team has already begun working on the project. Priorities have been identified for Dean Smith to build the foundation and included in the scope of work for the consulting agreement:

- a. Work with CONFIRE Staff and Implementation Team members to ensure all aspects of the County Ground Ambulance Contract are fulfilled prior to implementation on October 1, 2024.

- b. Coordinate and work with Priority Ambulance staff on all aspects of their obligations related to the requirements in the Contract, to ensure all obligations of agreement prior to October 1, 2024.
- c. Perform all duties and functions related to serving as the Deputy Incident Commander for the CONFIRE EMS Division Implementation Team.

On February 13, 2024, the EMS Subsidiary Committee approved that this recommendation be brought forth to the Administrative Committee for consideration and approval.

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

The agreement is not to exceed the sum of \$389,514 for the Initial Term through January 1, 2025. The funds will be paid out the EMS Division (5020) account.