



CONFIRE

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 23, 2024

FROM: Joe Barna, Chairperson - EMS Division Sub-Committee

TO: Administrative Committee

SUBJECT: Execute Agreement between CONFIRE and Cardo Consulting

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the recommendation of the CONFIRE EMS Division Subsidiary Committee to enter into an agreement between CONFIRE and Cardo Consulting, an independent contractor.

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 Fire Chief (ret) Ray Gayk from the City of Ontario. To organize the successful transition, San Bernardino County Fire Chiefs will use the incident command system to organize resources and have selected Chief Gayk to serve as the Incident Commander for the CONFIRE EMS Division Implementation Team.

This implementation team has already begun working on the project. Priorities have been identified for Cardo Consulting 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 agreement prior to October 1, 2024.
- c. Perform all duties and functions related to serving as the Incident Commander for the CONFIRE EMS Division Implementation Team.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The agreement is not to exceed the sum of \$372,320 for the Initial Term through December 31, 2024, or annually based on \$179 per hour. Contract is based on hours billed. Funds will be drawn from the EMS Division for invoice submitted.