

## Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: Advanced Life Support Enhancement Update

Board Meeting Date: October 22, 2024

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**Overview:** At its August 6, 2024, meeting, the Onslow County Peer Review Committee (PRC) approved the Swansboro Fire Department's enhancement to the ALS—Paramedic Level of first responder services. Per the EMS System plan, the next course of action was to develop an agreement with the County to begin these services.

After the PRC approval, the next step is to enter an agreement with Onslow County to begin these services. The agreement has been drafted and sent to the Onslow County Emergency Services director to move to the Board of Commissioners(BOC), with a tentative November appearance on the agenda. While the agreement is pending final approval from the BOC, the NC Office of EMS approval is needed to function. We need to acquire the mandated equipment for the ALS enhancement to request this inspection. Holly Ridge Fire & Rescue is also going through this enhancement. They would like to approach the equipment cost together. Creating the need for a cost-share agreement.

## Background Attachment(s): N/A

## **Recommended Action:**

- 1) Approval for the town manager and fire chief to draft and execute a cost-share agreement with Holly Ridge Fire Rescue for an EMS plan-related purchase.
- 2) Once agreements are adopted, return with a prepared budget amendment for necessary equipment and supply purchases.

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