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**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
*AGENDA REPORT*

TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Dan Lindheim  
FROM: Fire Department  
DATE: May 26, 2009

**SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Agree To An Extension of the First Responder Advanced Life Support Services Agreement With Alameda County Emergency Medical Services District for An Additional Two Years From July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 and to Appropriate Payment From Alameda County which is Anticipated to be Nine Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Ninety Cents ( \$953,514.90)**

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**SUMMARY**

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator to extend the First Responder Advanced Life Support (FRALS) Services Agreement with Alameda County Emergency Medical Services District (Alameda County) for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 and to appropriate payment anticipated to be \$953,514.90.

Alameda County is designated as the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency and is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the approval and designation of paramedic service providers within its jurisdiction. The County has agreements with various EMS providers, including Oakland, to assure the availability of emergency paramedic services within the County. The current agreement expires June 30, 2009.

The Fire Department implemented engine company paramedic services in the City of Oakland as part of the integrated countywide system of EMS delivery. American Medical Response (AMR) has a contract with Alameda County EMS to provide paramedic transport services. AMR has reduced staffing and modified their paramedic ambulance deployment. Cost savings achieved by AMR's reduced staff and deployment of ambulances are passed on to Alameda County who then reimburses the City at the rate of \$36,673.65 per unit for 26 paramedic units.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact to the General Fund. Alameda County will pay the Fire Department for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011, an anticipated sum of \$953,514.90, based on \$36,673.65 per unit for 26 FRALS units annually.

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The county reimbursement will be appropriated to the Fire Department's operating budget, Fund 2160 (County of Alameda Grants), Organization Code 20913 (EMS Division), Account No. 52913 (Technical and Scientific Supplies), Project No. 176410 (1<sup>st</sup> Responder Advanced Life Support). The offsetting reimbursements will be deposited into the revenue account 46319 (Miscellaneous Alameda County Grants).

## **BACKGROUND**

Paramedic services were requested and approved by the voters in 1997. The Fire Department has fully implemented its Paramedic Program. Currently, there are 26 Paramedic companies throughout the City of Oakland. The department utilizes firefighter/paramedics to staff 26 companies on a twenty-four hour basis. In addition, there is a pool of paramedics who have been promoted to Engineer, Lieutenant or Captain and can be assigned paramedic duties. Maintaining the program is costly. The agreement with Alameda County means that the City is reimbursed for a portion of its costs for maintaining the paramedic program.

OFD provides ongoing training opportunities, EMS equipment and supplies and recruits qualified firefighter/paramedics to maintain the paramedic program.

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACT**

The agreement with the County requires that the Fire Department meets specific criteria in order to receive money for its paramedic services. For example, OFD must place a unit on the scene within eight (8) minutes and thirty (30) seconds, ninety percent (90%) of the time, from the time of receipt of the call at the Fire Department Dispatch Center. Failure to comply with this stipulation could result in fines based upon the frequency of the occurrence. Oakland Fire Department has consistently met the response time requirements. Moreover, based on response history, staffing and the use of strategic geographic locations throughout the city, this trend is likely to continue. In addition, staff must maintain required licenses and certifications. The Department consistently provides the necessary training to meet this requirement and will continue to do so.

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** This agreement with Alameda County reimburses the Fire Department for a portion of the costs associated with maintaining the voter mandated paramedic program in the city of Oakland.

**Environmental:** Policies and procedures are in place to ensure safe, adequate and proper disposal of all bio-hazardous medical waste, sharps and contaminated disposal equipment. In accordance with guidelines of the Center for Disease Control, OFD uses environmentally preferred products.

**Social Equity:** The emergency medical services provided under the terms of this agreement benefit citizens, visitors and businesses in the City of Oakland.

#### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

Emergency medical services provided by Oakland Fire Department personnel specifically address the unique needs of the disabled and senior citizens.

#### **RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE**


Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to extend the First Responder Advanced Life Support (FRALS) Services Agreement with Alameda County Emergency Medical Services District (Alameda County) for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 and to appropriate payment anticipated to be \$953,514.90. This contract will allow OFD to continue providing quality paramedic services in the city of Oakland.

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**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

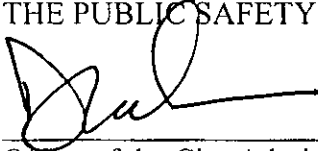
Staff requests that Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to extend the First Responder Advanced Life Support (FRALS) Services Agreement with Alameda County Emergency Medical Services District (Alameda County) for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 and to appropriate payment anticipated to be \$953,514.90 to the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Interim Fire Chief

Prepared by: Nina Morris  
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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



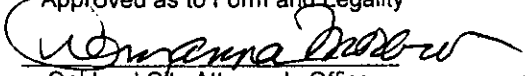
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Approved as to Form and Legality

  
Oakland City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO AGREE TO AN EXTENSION OF THE FIRST RESPONDER ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (FRALS) SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS TO JUNE 30, 2011, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY THEREUNDER WHICH ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$953,514.90) ANNUALLY**

**WHEREAS**, Alameda County is designated as the local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA), as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, Section 1797.94, mandating responsibility for establishing policies and procedures for the approval and designation of paramedic service providers within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has established an Emergency Medical Service District which consummates agreements with various Emergency Medical Service providers, including Oakland to assure the availability of emergency paramedic services within the territory of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department has fully implemented 26 paramedic companies to provide emergency medical services in the city of Oakland as part of the integrated county wide system of Emergency Medical Service delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for these paramedic services was requested and approved by the voters in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution 79125, approved April 5, 2005, the City Council authorized the City Administrator to enter into the "First Responder Advanced Life Support (FRALS) Services Agreement," for the term July 2004 to June 30, 2009, with Alameda County to provide emergency paramedic services to Oakland residents under which the City received payments ranging from \$822,510.00 to \$953,514.90 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the FRALS agreement expires on June 30, 2009 and Alameda County has asked the City to extend the agreement under the same terms and conditions for two additional years until June 30, 2011, and will pay the City nine hundred fifty three thousand five hundred fourteen dollars and ninety cents (\$953,514.90) annually to continue carrying out said emergency paramedic services; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are to be used to reimburse the City for the costs associated with maintaining an efficient paramedic program; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract for upgraded emergency services is highly recommended as the standard of care for all Alameda County district areas involved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department provides the training, labor discussions and program management necessary to continue to deliver paramedic services to Oakland residents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to agree to an extension of the First Responder Advanced Life Support (FRALS) Services Agreement with Alameda County Emergency MS District to June 30, 2011 under which the City provides paramedic services to Oakland residents under the same terms and conditions as the original agreement approved under Resolution No. 79125 C.M.S, in exchange for anticipated payments from Alameda County of nine hundred fifty three thousand five hundred fourteen dollars and ninety cents (\$953,514.90.00) in each year of extension; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Alameda County payment for services rendered by the City received during the period of this contract are to be appropriated to the Fire Department's operating budget, Fund 2160 (County of Alameda Grants), Organization Code 20913 (EMS Training), Account No. 52913, Project No. 176410 (1<sup>st</sup> Responder Advanced Life Support); the offsetting reimbursements should be deposited into the revenue account 46319 (Miscellaneous Alameda County Grants); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the First Responder Advanced Life Support (FRALS) services agreement extension shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality and placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID  
AND PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California