

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 28, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: James Slaton, Interim City Manager

FROM: Roy Wilkinson, Deputy Fire Chief

SUBJECT: City of Lake Wales Agreement for Paramedic Clinical Training

SYNOPSIS: *Approval of the agreement with South Florida State College for an employee-student ride-along program with the Lake Wales Fire Department.*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action(s):

1. Approve the Agreement for the Lake Wales Fire Department to provide a ride-along program for employee-students who are enrolled in South Florida State College's paramedic program.

BACKGROUND

Currently, employees of the City of Lake Wales who are enrolled in South Florida State College's paramedic program have to complete 450 hours of Advanced Life Support (ALS) clinicals (ride-time) with a paramedic preceptor. Of those 450 hours, 90 are permitted to be on a non-transport ALS apparatus.

Securing the scheduling for this ride-time has increasingly become difficult for our employees, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic, where many agencies have stopped allowing outside personnel to ride on their apparatus.

City of Lake Wales employees who are also students of South Florida State College will now be eligible to schedule with a LWFD paramedic preceptor and ride on an ALS non-transport apparatus, off-duty, to earn the 90 hours needed in their ride-time clinicals. In addition, our employee-students will be working with the preceptors who will become their training officers, once graduated from the paramedic program. This will serve to enhance our program as we strive to produce the highest quality paramedic, providing for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lake Wales.

OTHER OPTIONS

Don't approve this agreement

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

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