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Subject: ALS Unit Changes

Dr. Schultz,

This letter serves to officially notify OCEMS of changes to 911 ALS Paramedic coverage within Orange County Fire Authority's (OCFA) jurisdiction beginning November 18, 2022.

On November 18, 2022, OCFA will open OCFA Fire Station 67 at 31544 Cow Camp Rd, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92675. The primary unit at this station will be Engine 67, a 4-person ALS unit consisting of 2 paramedics. This station will also house ALS Engine 367, a Type 3 Wildland Engine which is cross-staffed with the same crew from Engine 67, but only active during training and wildland fire response.

On December 2, 2022, OCFA will upgrade Truck 9 from a BLS unit to a 4-person ALS unit consisting of 2 paramedics. Truck 9 will continue to be collocated with ALS Engine 9 at OCFA Fire Station 9 which is at 9 Shops at Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

Additionally, Engine 42 was upgraded from a Paramedic Assessment Unit to a 4-person ALS unit consisting of 2 paramedics. Engine 42 is located at OCFA Fire Station 42 at 19150 Ridgeline Rd, Lake Forest, CA 92679 with the ALS upgrade being effective July 1, 2022.

These additional ALS units will continue to meet all OCEMS requirements as an ALS service provider. All units have the full OCEMS required inventory of supplies, equipment, and medications; and are equipped for communications as specified by OCEMS.

Please review the following criteria for activation and upgrades of aforementioned units per OCEMS Policy #705.00

- A. Justification for an additional PAU or ALS unit.
 - a. Continued development and population expansion in Ranch Mission Viejo.
- B. Description of the geographical location and boundaries for the proposed service.
 - a. Engine 67: suburban and wildland areas, see attached map (Attachment A)

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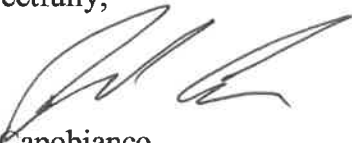
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- b. Truck 9: suburban area, see attached map (Attachment B)
 - c. Engine 42: suburban and wildland areas, see attached map (Attachment C)
- C. Justification for variances (if any) from the applicant's plan for adhering to the Board of Supervisors Resolution 79-240: One unit for every 64,000 population; or one unit per 16 square miles; or an average of five minutes or less response time; or adjacent units are at or above 300 total responses/month (Policy 700.00).
- a. No variances from Board of Supervisors Resolution 79-240.
- D. A workload analysis of the impact on contiguous PAU or ALS units.
- a. There is currently 1 OCFA ALS unit in Rancho Mission Viejo, Engine 56. This unit has seen an increase in medical aid call volume of 50% since 2020. Engine 67 will help to maintain services and response times to the continual and future population expansion in the area.
 - b. Engine 9 has seen a 46% increase in medical aid call volume since 2020. Upgrading Truck 9 to an ALS unit will improve services and response times for the Saddleback Valley.
 - c. Engine 42 has seen a 72% increase in medical aid call volume since 2020. Upgrading Engine 42 to an ALS unit will improve services and response times for Lake Forest and surrounding communities.
- E. Proposed time frame for implementation.
- a. Engine 67 & Engine 367 November 18, 2022 @ 2030
 - b. Truck 9 December 2, 2022 @ 0800
 - c. Engine 42 July 1, 2022 @ 0800
- F. Commitment to utilize and maintain telecommunications as specified by the OCEMS.
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- G. Commitment to maintain a drug and solution inventory and basic and ALS medical equipment and supplies as specified by the OCEMS.
- a. OCFA commits to maintain a drug and solution inventory and basic and ALS medical equipment and supplies as specified by the OCEMS.
- H. Training needs for meeting OCEMS staffing requirements of two Paramedics per ALS units.
- a. OCFA units will continue to meet all training and staffing requirements as outlined by OCEMS.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, and I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,



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ATTACHMENT C

