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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY IMPLEMENTATION OF PAU

Dear Dr. Schultz:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that effective October 21, at 0730, Newport Beach Fire Department (NBFD), will be temporarily staffing a Paramedic on two trucks (NT62 and NT63). The temporary PAU upgrade will end on February 28, 2023, at 0730, with the units returning to BLS status. NT62 is housed at Station 2 located at 2807 Newport Blvd, and NT63 is housed at Station 3 located at 868 Santa Barbara Drive. This will temporarily upgrade the response capability from BLS units to Paramedic Assessment Units (PAU).

Effective October 21, 2022, NE62 and NE63 will temporarily be in service as BLS units as the paramedics will shift from the Engines (NE62 and NE63) to Trucks (NT62 and NT63) for this short duration.

THE OBJECTIVE

This temporary change in service from BLS to ALS is part of a firefighter paramedic probationary rotation.

NBFD has eight fire stations located throughout our community. These stations house eight fire engines, two fire trucks and three ALS ambulances. Current staffing has two ALS resources (Paramedics) on each of the three ALS Ambulances and one Paramedic and two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) on each of the seven Engine Company PAUs. The current Engine Company PAUs are NE61, NE62, NE63, NE64, NE65, NE66, NE67 and NE68.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Timeline

NT62 and NT63 will transition to a PAU's on October 21, 2022 at 0730.
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Staffing Resources

To achieve staff changes, existing Nbfd OC accredited Paramedics will be moved onto the PAU trucks.

Response Matrix

The PAU's will be identified as Newport Truck 62 and 63. NT62 and NT63 will be dispatched in the same manner as any PAU currently operating in the City of Newport Beach.

Equipment Resources

The equipment, supplies, and inventory on NT62 and NT63 will be maintained in accordance with OCEMS policy.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at 949-644-3385 or email kthompson@nbfd.net.

Sincerely,



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