



## NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ADDITIONAL ALS AMBULANCE -  
NEWPORT MEDIC 67**

Dear Dr. Schultz:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that on February 5, 2024, the Newport Beach Fire Department (Nbfd), temporarily added an additional (fourth) ALS ambulance housed at Station 7 located at 20401 Acacia Street, Newport Beach. Newport Beach Fire Department is placing the unit in-service permanently, pending EMCC approval in April, 2024. The frontline ambulance has identifier of NM67 and is staffed with two full time county accredited paramedics 24/7/365. NM67 responds to and transport both BLS and ALS level patients.

### **THE OBJECTIVE**

This increase in ALS transport services is part of a larger plan to improve access to basic and Advanced Life Support (ALS) resources, including transport, within the City of Newport Beach (City). The addition of an ALS staffed ambulance is also in response to the ever-increasing demands for EMS services, including patient transport.

The Nbfd has eight fire stations located throughout our community. These stations currently 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 eight engine company PAUs. Truck 62 (NT62) is staffed with 3 firefighter EMT's. NT63 was staffed with three firefighter EMT's and one OCEMS accredited paramedic on February 5, 2024.

The additional ALS capable ambulance will expand the transport coverage within Newport Beach and relieve demands for service placed on the other 3 pre-existing transport units.

## **IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

### Timeline

NM67 began temporary services on February 5, 2024 at 0730. NM67 will be permanently in-service following April EMCC.

### Staffing Resources

To achieve the change in staffing, existing OC accredited Paramedics within Nbfd were moved onto NM67.

### Response Matrix

The ALS capable ambulance will be identified as Newport Medic 67 (NM67). The ambulance will be dispatched in the same manner as all fire and EMS apparatus currently operating from the City.

Please review the following criteria for activation and upgrades of NT63 per OCEMS Policy #705.00:

- A. Justification for an additional PAU or ALS unit.
  - a. Increased access to ALS level care and ALS transport capabilities. The 3 existing Newport ALS staffed ambulances (NM62, NM63, NM65) respond to an average of 8,500 calls for service annually and performs an average of 6,500 transports a year. Two additional surge ambulances, staffed by engine or truck personnel, respond to an additional 500 calls for service annually. The First-In area for NM67 is projected to see an increased growth over the next 10 years. The addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> ambulance ensures response time capabilities are met with the increase demands for service.
- B. Description of the geographical location and boundaries for the proposed service.
  - a. NM67: suburban areas, see attached map for Station 7 first in-response area (Attachment A). NM67 is response capable for the entire city, as well as neighboring jurisdictions when needed.
- 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.

- b. Nbfd meets and exceeds those standards for number of units in service within the community.
  
- D. A workload analysis of the impact on contiguous PAU or ALS units.
  - a. NM67 responded to 98 calls for service in its first 24 days of being in service (temporarily). Those 98 calls for service lessened the demand on the 3 existing ALS ambulances and surge ambulances. The permanent status of NM67 adds ALS capability, including transport to medical calls for service within our jurisdiction, as well as neighboring communities.
  
- E. Proposed time frame for implementation.
  - a. NM67 placed in service permanently following EMCC in April 2024.
  
- 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 and Nbfd standards.
  - a. Nbfd commits to maintain a drug and solution inventory and basic and ALS medical equipment and supplies as specified by the OCEMS policy.
  
- H. Training needs for meeting OCEMS staffing requirements of one paramedic for a PAU.
  - a. All Nbfd units will continue to meet all training and staffing requirements as outlined by OCEMS and Nbfd standards.
  - b. To achieve the change in staffing, existing OC accredited paramedics within the Nbfd were moved onto the ALS Ambulance.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at 949-644-3385 or email [kthompson@nbfd.net](mailto:kthompson@nbfd.net).

Sincerely,



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Attachment A

