



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** July 12, 2016

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve an Agreement with the School Board of Broward  
County, Florida to allow Student Ride Alongs with the City of Fort  
Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the execution of a three year agreement, in substantially the form attached, with the School Board of Broward County, Florida allowing EMT students to ride along with City Fire Rescue Department paramedics to gain practical experience. This agreement will commence on July 13, 2016 and conclude on July 12, 2019.

**Background**

The School Board of Broward County, Florida offers an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) educational program. This program is comprised of two parts, classroom and practical learning. The practical learning component allows the student to take what is learned in the classroom and apply it to real life situations. This hands-on training expands the learning experience for EMT students.

The Fire Rescue Department has provided this same educational opportunity to Broward College Paramedic students since 1996. In addition to providing this service to the educational community, the Fire Rescue Department has the opportunity to promote the department and appraise and recruit new applicants.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included within the Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.
- Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.
- Initiative 2: Remain on the leading edge of advanced pre-hospital medical interventions.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

**Attachment**

Exhibit - Agreement

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