



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

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

**DATE:** September 3, 2013

**TITLE:** Motion to approve an increase in the annual estimated expenditure for fire  
and medical supplies from the Broward Sheriff's Office - \$75,000

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an increase in the annual estimated expenditure for fire and medical supplies in the amount of \$75,000 from the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) and approve the execution of the Release and Waiver of Liability by the proper City officials in substantially the form attached.

**Background**

At its October 6, 2009 Regular Meeting (CAR 09-1377, MD-01), the City Commission approved the purchase of fire and medical supplies from the Broward Sheriff's Office for a five year period.

The Fire-Rescue Department continues to purchase numerous medical supplies through this program. BSO formally bids and awards contracts for various items. BSO sells the fire and medical supplies to the City of Fort Lauderdale at the same cost that they award their bids, with no additional mark-ups; thereby passing the savings from bulk purchases back to the City.

Several factors, including the increases in the number of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) incidents and advancements in EMS protocols, has caused the department to exceed the budgeted amount for medical supplies purchased from BSO in the current fiscal year.

Based upon what has been observed on the logistics side of the process, the following factors have also been contributory to the increase in spending:

- A nationwide drug shortage that has increased the price of medications exponentially.
- New equipment and protocols that improve patient care and lessens the liability to the City.

- Special events, such as the Air Show and beach concerts, have contributed to the increase in expenditures. (These annual events were not scheduled when the BSO agreement was approved).

Due to increases in the number of EMS incidents, the advancements in EMS protocols and several other contributing factors, the Fire-Rescue Department is requesting an increase in the annual estimated expenditure in the amount of \$75,000 for Fiscal Year 2013.

As a requirement of continued participation in the program, Broward Sheriff's Office requires the execution of the attached waiver by the City which includes provisions requiring the City to give up certain rights and indemnification and release provisions, but does not waive the City's sovereign immunity.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$75,000.

**FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:**

FY	FUND	SUB FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJ #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	001	01	General Fund	FIR030101	Fire-Rescue Support	3922	Medical Supplies	\$75,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>\$75,000.00</b>

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 - EMS Incidents
- Exhibit 2 – Release and Waiver of Liability

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