



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: August 16, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement with the School Board of Broward County, Florida to Allow Student Ride Alongs with the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a three-year agreement, in substantially the form attached, with the School Board of Broward County, Florida (School Board) allowing Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students to ride along with City Fire Rescue Department paramedics to gain practical experience. This agreement will commence on August 17, 2022 and conclude on August 15, 2025.

Background

The School Board offers an 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.

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 1 - School Board of Broward County - Student Ride Along Agreement

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