



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: June 7, 2016

**TITLE**: Motion to Approve an Agreement with Barry University, Inc.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the execution of a five year agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Barry University, Inc. allowing EMT and paramedic students to ride along with City Fire Rescue department paramedics to gain practical experience. This agreement will commence on June 7, 2016 and conclude on June 6, 2021.

## **Background**

Barry University, Inc. offers Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) educational programs. These programs are 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 Paramedic and 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.

Barry University will provide one tuition scholarship in the amount of \$1400 to a student chosen to attend the program.

#### **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 advance, pre-hospital medical interventions.

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

## <u>Attachment</u>

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

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