



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#21-0453**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** May 4, 2021

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Agreement with Barry University, Inc. –  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends 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 2021 and conclude on June 2026.

**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 Paramedic students from other educational institutions since 1996. In addition to providing this service to the educational community, the Fire Rescue Department has an opportunity to promote the department and appraise and recruit new applicants.

Barry University will provide one tuition scholarship in the amount of \$1,400 to a student chosen to attend the program.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this item.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2021 Commission Priority, advancing the Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community
- Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

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

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Barry Ride Along Agreement

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