



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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Approving Agreement with Barry University Inc. and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Student Ride Time Training with Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a Resolution approving an agreement between Barry University Inc. and the City of Fort Lauderdale to allow students enrolled in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programs to complete required field ride time training with the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

Background

Barry University Inc. currently maintains an agreement with the City of Fort Lauderdale that allows students enrolled in EMS programs to complete required field ride time training with the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department. This partnership has been in place for several years and has provided students with valuable hands-on clinical and operational experience in a real-world emergency response environment. The current agreement is set to expire in June of 2026. The proposed agreement will allow the continuation of this long-standing training partnership and support the development of future EMS professionals.

Barry University will provide a total of one (1) tuition scholarship annually for the paramedic program to any City of Fort Lauderdale employee that chooses to attend its program.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiatives.

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically

advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Coastal Management, Community Health, and Safety Element
- Goal 4.5: Community Health and Safety. Ensure local standards and proactive measures to enhance community health and safety in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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