

County of Santa Clara

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

Public Health



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Transfer of a Disaster Medical Support Unit Vehicle

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve delegation of authority to Public Health Administrator, or designee, to execute agreement and subsequent amendments with State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority relating to the transfer of a Disaster Medical Support Unit vehicle and all equipment and supplies to the County of Santa Clara for period February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on January 31, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the General Fund as a result of this action. The Public Health Department (PHD) will be responsible for the provision of insurance and for paying the first \$100 of necessary repairs. Such expenditures will be paid for with revenues generated from fees already established by PHD's Emergency Medical Services Agency.

CONTRACT HISTORY

This is the first agreement with California Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority for the transfer of a Disaster Medical Support Unit vehicle.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

As part of the California EMS Authority's effort to place disaster support vehicles strategically throughout the state, state-purchased and equipped Disaster Medical Support Unit (DMSU) vehicles are being transferred to local jurisdictions for both local and statewide emergency related purposes, including State initiated Ambulance Strike Team (AST) activations, local/regional/statewide mutual aid, and local mass casualty incidents. This vehicle will augment our County's existing medical/health/EMS disaster preparedness resources and will improve the operational readiness of our jurisdiction.

Approval of the recommended action will enable PHD to execute a no-cost agreement and subsequent amendments for the transfer of the DMSU vehicle and all equipment and supplies.

BACKGROUND

The DMSU will provide supplies and equipment that allow it to be self-sufficient for up to 72 hours. The supplies will include: incident command and triage support equipment, adult and pediatric airway supplies and trauma kits, stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs, infection control and personal protective equipment, and generator, emergency radios and floodlights.

The agreement with California EMS Authority will not include a contract end date, thus allowing the agreement to continue indefinitely, unless terminated by either party per the "Optional Termination of Agreement" provision. Approval of the recommended action, however, will limit the delegation of authority to the Public Health Administrator, or designee, until January 31, 2014. If PHD decides to continue contracting with California EMS Authority for possession of the DMSU beyond January 31, 2014, the department will return to the Board with another request for delegation of authority to continue the agreement.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The County will be unable to receive a State DMSU for disaster response readiness.