



Department Source: Fire

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 1, 2024

Re: Memorandum of Understanding with The Curators of the University of Missouri to establish guidelines of cooperation on providing first response emergency medical care, exclusive of patient transportation within the response area of the City of Columbia, Missouri

Executive Summary

Staff requests authorization for the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Curators of the University of Missouri to establish guidelines of cooperation providing first response emergency medical care, Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support, exclusive of patient transportation within the response area of the City of Columbia, Missouri.

Discussion

The Columbia Fire Department provides first response emergency medical care at a basic life support level, with all uniformed members licensed to a minimum of Emergency Medical Technician-Basic level. Occasionally a member is licensed to the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic level, allowing the member to function beyond the basic life support level. The Advanced Life Support-Light (ALS-Light) program will allow our on-duty fire department paramedics opportunities to provide advanced life support care by administering a small number of non-narcotic medications to our most critically ill patients in a much timelier fashion than we typically have been able to offer in the past. Our goal is to provide our paramedics the opportunities to provide a higher level of care by equipping each frontline response apparatus with the tools and medications needed for advanced life support interventions within the scope of the program. Both parties in this agreement recognize the importance and benefits of coordinating emergency response efforts to ensure the public health and welfare.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Necessary medical supplies will be purchased at an estimated cost of \$6,000 to outfit all frontline apparatus.

Long-Term Impact: Medical supplies will be replenished by ambulances when patient care is transferred, but expired medical supplies will have to be replaced as needed.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



City of Columbia

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Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the MOU.