

Memorandum



DATE: September 9, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson, Tiffinni A. Young,
Jennifer S. Gates, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT: **Emergency Medical Services Contracts**

On Monday, September 12, 2016, you will be briefed on the Emergency Medical Services Contracts by Assistant Chief Norman Seals of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



Eric D. Campbell
Assistant City Manager

[Attachment]

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Emergency Medical Services Contracts

Public Safety Committee

September 12, 2016

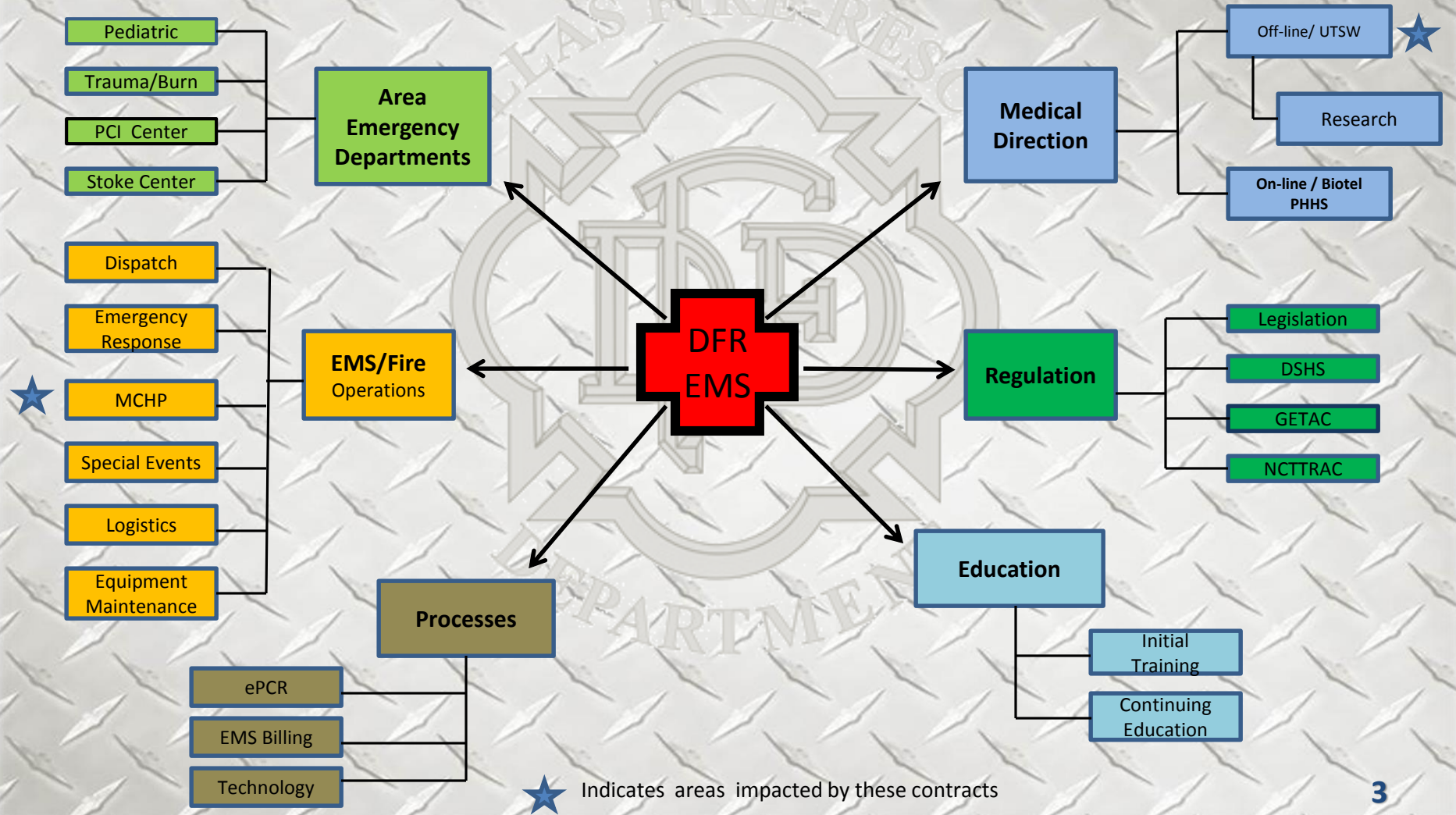


Purpose



To brief the Public Safety Committee regarding five Emergency Medical Services (EMS) related contracts that are anticipated to come before Council for approval in September 2016

Areas Impacted By Contracts



EMS Off-line Medical Direction Contract: Legal Requirements



- Required for an EMS agency by Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 157
- Off-line medical direction role defined in Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 197, § Rule 197.3
- Primary responsibilities by rule:
 - Actively involved in:
 - Initial and on-going training
 - Quality Management activities
 - Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) planning
 - Dispatch and communication operations
 - Approval of the level of pre-hospital care provided
 - Develop, implement and revise protocols and standing orders for all components

UTSW/BioTel Medical Direction (Off-line)



- Established in the mid-1970s
- Services provided under the Emergency Medicine Division at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW)
- UTSW Emergency Medicine Division Chair: Dr. Deborah Diercks
- UTSW/Biotel Medical Direction System Team Medical Director: Dr. S. Marshal Isaacs
- Team of 13 emergency medicine physicians
- 14 Dallas County fire-based EMS agencies banded together under common medical direction



Off-line Medical Direction: Contract

- Services provided to DFR through a contract with UTSW
- Dallas Fire-Rescue Medical Director:
Dr. S. Marshal Isaacs
- Per contract:
 - 24 hours per week in EMS office
 - Additional services provided outside business hours – 4 hours
- Contract cost: \$234,807
- On the September 28, 2016 Council Agenda

Mobile Community Healthcare Program Contracts: Overview



- On the September 14, 2016 Council Agenda
 - Reassignment of existing contract with Children's Hospital
 - New contract with MedStar Ambulance Authority
 - EpiCare Link Site Agreement with University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW)
- On the September 28, 2016 Council Agenda
 - New contract with Texas Health Resources/Presbyterian (THR/Presbyterian)
 - Contract renewal with UTSW for the required medical direction services

Mobile Community Healthcare Program

Contract: Children's Hospital



- On the September 14, 2016 Council Agenda
- Original contract executed August 25, 2015 – Resolution 15-477
- Reassignment of existing contract with Children's Hospital
 - Originally assigned to the Physicians for Children DBA "Children's Health Pediatric Group" (CHPG)
 - New assignment to Children's Healthcare System of Texas (CHST)
- Allows for larger pool from which to enroll patients
- No monetary change to primary contract

Mobile Community Healthcare Program

Contract: MedStar



- On the September 14, 2016 Council Agenda
- Expansion of regional program for hospice patients
- Based on per-member-per-month enrollment fee
- Designed to assist the hospice patient and their family
- Designed to prevent unnecessary revocation of hospice program
- Estimated revenue generation: \$100,000

Mobile Community Healthcare Program

Contract: UTSW



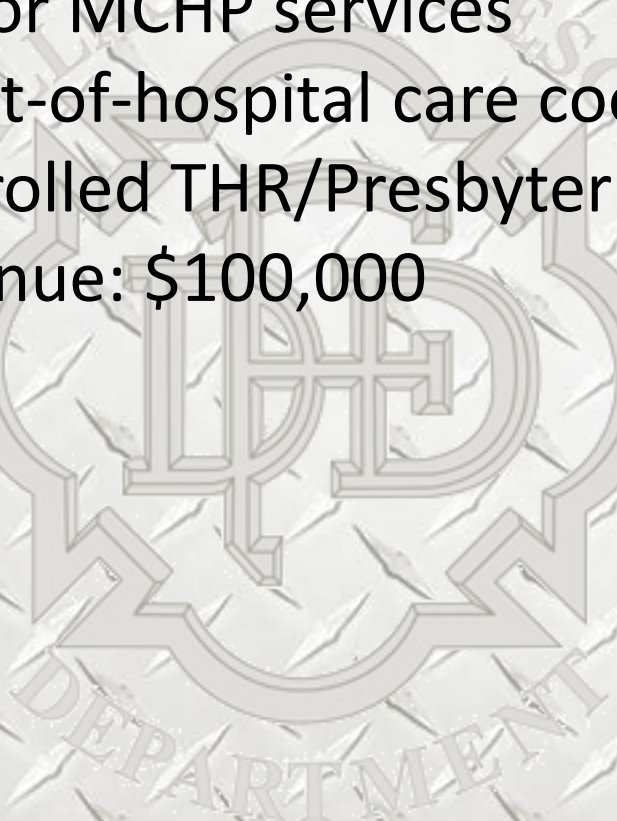
- On the September 14, 2016 Council Agenda
- Allows MCHP paramedics access into the UTSW EPIC medical record system
- Supports two existing MCHP contracts with UTSW
- Allows confidential, HIPAA compliant transfer of protected health information to support program and patient goals
- No cost consideration

Mobile Community Healthcare Program

Contract: THR/Presbyterian



- On the September 28, 2016 Council Agenda
- New contract for MCHP services
- Will provide out-of-hospital care coordination services for enrolled THR/Presbyterian patients
- Estimated revenue: \$100,000



Recommendation



Staff is seeking the support and recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to move the following upcoming agenda items forward to full Council for approval:

- On the September 14, 2016 Council Agenda:
 - Children’s MCHP contract realignment
 - MCHP contract with MedStar Ambulance Authority
 - EpiCare Link Site Agreement with UTSW
- On the September 28, 2016 Council Agenda:
 - MCHP contract with THR/Presbyterian Hospital
 - Contract renewal with UTSW for the required medical direction services



Questions?