

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(34)

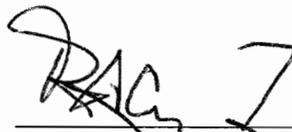
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 8, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Florida
Legislature to pass
legislation creating a
voluntary certification of
911 emergency dispatchers

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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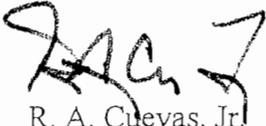


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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

4-8-08

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PASS SB 1694, HB 997 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT
CREATES A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION OF 911
EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS

WHEREAS, 911 Emergency Dispatchers play a critically important role in an emergency by:

1. Receiving emergency 911 calls and being the first point of contact for the public when emergency assistance is required;
2. Carefully questioning the 911 caller to determine the type, seriousness, and location of the emergency;
3. Dispatching the appropriate type and number of units in response to calls for assistance;
4. Giving first-aid instructions in certain cases until emergency personnel arrive;
5. Providing medical instruction to those on the scene of the emergency until the medical staff arrives, if the dispatcher is trained for emergency medical services;
6. Continuously providing updates on a patient's condition to ambulance personnel and often serving as a link between the medical staff in a hospital and the emergency medical technicians in the ambulance; and

WHEREAS, despite the important role of 911 Emergency Dispatchers in an emergency, Florida has no minimum standards for 911 Emergency Dispatchers unlike the majority of states; and

WHEREAS, because there are no minimum standards for 911 Emergency Dispatchers, there is no assurance that all dispatchers in Florida have been trained with a statewide standard; and

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for consideration during the 2008 state legislative session that would create a voluntary certification of 911 emergency dispatchers, SB 1694 by Senator Dave Aronberg and HB 997 by Representative Carl Domino,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to pass SB1694, HB 997 or similar legislation that creates a voluntary certification of 911 emergency dispatchers.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, Senator Dave Aronberg and Representative Carl Domino.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of April, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty