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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

Resolution No: R-386-08

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

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County Attorney

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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
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-386-08

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 **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye		
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	absent
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	absent
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

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. **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. JMM

Jess M. McCarty