

Memorandum



Date: January 22, 2014

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Report Relating to Administrative Authorization of Private Ambulance Ground Units

In March 2001, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Ordinance No. 01-38 relating to ambulance service. Among the various changes, Section 4-4(h) provided a formula by which private ambulance service providers could seek to apply for an increase in the number of units authorized after a minimum of six months in operation. In December 2009, the Board also approved Ordinance No. 09-110 which amended Section 4-4(h) by allowing the authorization of additional ground ambulance vehicles where the vehicles are needed to service the countywide ambulance contract. These additional vehicles are limited to contract work and their authorization expires upon the termination of the contract.

As required by Section 4-4(h) of the Code, this semiannual report is provided for the purpose of advising the Board of requests to increase the number of units operated by private ambulance providers which have been approved administratively. During this reporting period (July to December 2013), the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) received a request to increase units: as follows:

- Falck Southeast II Corp. d/b/a American Ambulance Service filed a request for an increase of three (3) active units, which were approved based on the formula in Section 4-4 (h).

The attached chart summarizes the number of private ambulance units approved initially for each provider, the number of units that have been added for each provider since then, and the total number of units currently authorized as of December 31, 2013. Please feel free to contact the department's For-Hire Division Chief Joe Mora at (305) 375-4578 if you have further inquiries or concerns.

Attachment

- c: Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor/Director, Regulatory and Economic Resources Department
Josh Gelfman, Deputy Director, Regulatory and Economic Resources Department
Joe Mora, For-Hire Transportation Division Chief,
Regulatory and Economic Resources Department

Private Ground Ambulance Units
(Effective January, 2014)

Ambulance Company	No. Units Initially Authorized		No. Units Approved Administratively		Total Active and Reserved Units	
	Active	Reserve	Active	Reserve	Active	Reserve
Falck Southeast II, Corp. d/b/a American Ambulance	10	2	30	7	40	9
Randle Eastern Ambulance Service and Medicar Ambulance Service d/b/a American Medical Response	73	0	0	0	73	0
National Health Transport *	15	3	10	2	21	4
Randle Eastern Ambulance Service, Inc. d/b/a Medics Ambulance Service	10	2	19	3	29	5
MCT Express, Inc. d/b/a Miami-Dade Ambulance Service	10	2	37	0	47	2
Miami Children's Hospital d/b/a LifeFlight (Approved by BCC on 05/05/09)	5	1	0	0	5	1
	123	10	96	12	215	21

*National Health Transport, formerly Florida MediVan failed to place in service all authorized units before July, 2003 as required by Section 4-4 (e) of the Code