Compliance with Standards in LCO 08-16 Cape Coral Fire Department

- A. That there is a public necessity for the service.
 - 1. The extent to which the proposed service is needed to improve the overall Emergency Medical (EMS) capabilities within Lee County.

The ALS non-transport service units in the Cape Coral Fire Department (CCFD) will provide timely access to advanced medical care. In the less populated areas of the city the prolonged response time for transport services will be off set by the CCFD's ability to provide advance medical care prior to a transport units arrival.

2. The effect of the proposed service on existing services with respect to quality of service and level of care.

This service increases the quality and level of care to the citizens and visitors of Cape Coral. Critical patients may require time sensitive medical interventions, and this service allows rapid, efficient care to be rendered by first responding units.

3. The effect of the proposed service on the overall level of out-of-hospital medical care in the County.

As the medical first response, CCFD provides greater access to advanced life support, and to the Cape Coral/Lee County residents. CCFD also routinely provides mutual aid support beyond the city limits.

4. The effect of the proposed service on existing hospitals and other health care facilities.

By providing additional care and providers, this service will reduce the severity of injury and illness, lessoning the demand on the local healthcare system.

B. That the applicant has sufficient knowledge and experience to properly operate the proposed service.

CCFD staff understands LCO 08-16 and abides by it in addition to State of Florida Statue.

C. That the applicant has an adequate revenue base for the proposed service and the proposed service will have sufficient personnel and equipment to adequately cover the proposed service area.

CCFD's advanced life support program is funded by the City of Cape Coral. The program has a long-term budget commitment. CCFD has maintained staffing levels for the past two years and has adequate advanced life support equipment.

D. The proposed service meets the minimum equipment requirements on a BLS transport or ALS permitted emergency vehicles as set forth in ch. 64E-2, Florida Administrative Code, ch. 401, Florida Statutes, and additional equipment or personnel as required in the Lee County EMS Common Treatment Guidelines.

CCFD carries all equipment required by State of Florida Statue 401, 64E-2 and the Lee County Common EMS Treatment Guidelines and the current Medical Director.

E. The proposed service meets the additional equipment and personnel essentials as required in the Lee County Common EMS Treatment Guidelines.

CCFD is equipped with all the equipment required by the Lee County Common EMS Treatment Guidelines and Medical Direction.

F. The proposed service obtains and provides certificates of insurance as mandated by ch. 64E-2, Florida Administrative Code and ch. 401, Florida Statutes.

SEE ATTACHED