

Compliance with Standards in LCO 08-16
LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

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 Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District (Fire District) is the primary provider of pre-hospital advanced life support (ALS) care and ambulance transport services within the geographical boundaries of the Fire District. The Fire District currently participates in a mutual aid agreement with other Fire/Rescue and EMS agencies within Lee County, in addition to an interlocal (closest unit response) agreement.

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

The Fire District has been providing ambulance transport services since 1976. It has been the primary provider of advanced life support (ALS) care and ambulance transport services since 1981, in coordination with Lee County EMS. We are committed to the continued provision of these services, which justifies the necessity mentioned herein.

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

The Fire District provides the majority of all pre-hospital advanced life support (ALS) care and ambulance transport services within the Fire District. The Fire District responds to approximately 13,500 calls for service annually. Without this level of service, Lee County EMS would be required to absorb all of the ambulance calls within the Fire District.

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

The Fire District works closely with the Lee Memorial Health System and Lehigh Regional Medical Center to provide high quality pre-hospital emergency care to the residents and visitors of Lehigh Acres and Lee County, Florida.

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

As mentioned above, The Fire District has been providing ambulance transport services since 1976. All Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics are credentialed by the Fire District's Medical Director with respect to the Lee County Common EMS Treatment Guidelines.

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.

The Fire District has demonstrated sufficient funding to provide said services and will provide a minimum of four (4) fully-equipped, permitted, and staffed ALS ambulance transport units during a 24-hour period.

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.

The Fire District meets or exceeds all applicable Codes, Statutes, and Guidelines as referenced above.

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

The Fire District meets or exceeds all equipment and personnel requirements as required in the Guideline referenced above.

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

The Fire District meets or exceeds all insurance requirements as mandated by the Codes and Statutes referenced above.