



MEETING AGENDA



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Council Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Daugherty Conference Room 4:00 p.m.

TOPIC	PRESENTER	SUPPORTING MATERIAL
Approval of Minutes		
NEW BUSINESS		
1. Authorization for execution of agreement between the City of Tuscaloosa and William Crawford, MD for service as Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services	Chief Chris Williamson	2
ADJOURN		



TUSCALOOSA FIRE RESCUE

RANDY SMITH, FIRE CHIEF



TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF CHRIS WILLIAMSON
DATE: 9/21/2022
RE: EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR AGREEMENT

In 2011, Dr. William Crawford was named the System Medical Director for the City of Tuscaloosa's first sole provider ambulance franchise. Since that time he has been a valuable resource for the City in the oversight of the ambulance company's (Northstar) performance. He has provided high level QA/QI review of EMS incidents that occurred in the City, and on many occasions he has conducted local training when there have been changes to State EMS protocols. He has served as a liaison with the DCH hospital system, and when necessary, he has coordinated with Northstar as they took corrective disciplinary action against an employee. He has recently been heavily involved in working to find solutions for the challenges that the EMS system faces due to the COVID pandemic and its aftermath. Dr. Crawford also serves as the Alabama State EMS Medical Director, and in 2017 he became board certified in EMS.

In addition to overseeing the ambulance franchise, Dr. Crawford has also served as the Medical Director for Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue. With his help, TFR has made significant improvements in the way that EMS is provided to our citizens. The first-of-its-kind EMS Prevention program and the ongoing implementation of the Neuroprotective Bundle of Care for cardiac arrest patients are two such examples. Dr. Crawford also provided the City with invaluable support during the COVID pandemic- both by directing the local EMS response and by being available to provide more general advice by telephone.

Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue is currently working to establish a means to start billing for the patients we transport to the hospital. Due to this and other administrative changes necessitated by new requirements at the State level, TFR anticipates that the role of the Medical Director will continue to expand over the next several years. Dr. Crawford's fee has remained unchanged since the start of the sole provider ambulance franchise in 2011, at \$25,000 per year. We propose increasing his base fee to \$40,000 per year, with a provision for as-needed consulting and travel expenses not to exceed an additional \$7,000 per year. This fee will continue to be paid out of the funds provided from the Ambulance Franchise agreement.