

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 619-16**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT AMENDING AN AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE SCHEDULE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Fire District (“Fire District”) is authorized to provide fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue and other responsibilities throughout St. Lucie County, Florida, as may be directed by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, and to exercise powers of authority organized and existing for said purposes, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2004-407, Laws of Florida, as may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District is authorized to operate as an Advanced Life Support Service and transport to citizens and transients requiring such services throughout St. Lucie County, Florida under a license issued by the Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District has determined the need to charge fair and reasonable fees in order to continue providing said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the St. Lucie County Fire District as follows:

1. The Fire District hereby adopts the following Ambulance Fee Schedule:
 - a. Basic Life Support (“BLS”) - \$525.00 per transport.
 - b. Advanced Life Support I (“ALS I”) - \$600.00 per transport.
 - c. Advanced Life Support II (“ALS II”) - \$700.00 per transport.
 - d. Specialty Care Transport (“SCT”) - \$750.00 per transport.

2. The above Ambulance Fee Schedule shall utilize the following definitions:

- a. BLS - EMERGENCY TRANSPORT

Ambulance service, BLS emergency transport.

- b. ALS I - EMERGENCY TRANSPORT

Transportation by ground ambulance, medically necessary supplies and services and an ALS assessment performed by an ALS crew as part of an emergency response that was necessary because the patient’s reported condition at the time of dispatch was such that only an ALS crew was qualified to perform the assessment. An ALS assessment does not necessarily result in a determination that the patient requires an ALS level of service. ALS intervention means a procedure that is, in accordance with state and local laws, beyond the scope of authority of an emergency medical technician-basic (EMT-Basic). The EMT-Paramedic is defined, in accordance with

state and local laws, as having enhanced skills that include being able to administer additional interventions and medications. "Emergency response" means responding immediately at the BLS or ALS I level of service to a 911 call or the equivalent in areas without a 911 system. An immediate response is one in which the ambulance supplier begins as quickly as possible to take the steps necessary to respond to the call.

c. ALS II - EMERGENCY TRANSPORT

- i. Three or more different administrations of medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion excluding crystalloid, hypotonic, isotonic, and hypertonic solutions (Dextrose, Normal Saline, Ringer's Lactate); or
- ii. The provision of at least one of the following ALS specialized services:
 - Manual defibrillation/cardioversion
 - Endotracheal intubation
 - Central venous line
 - Cardiac pacing
 - Chest decompression
 - Surgical airway
 - Intraosseous line

d. SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT - SCT

When medically necessary, for a critically injured or ill beneficiary, a level of inter-facility service provided by a ground ambulance vehicle, including medically necessary supplies, that is at a level of service beyond the scope of the EMT-paramedic. SCT is necessary when a beneficiary's condition requires ongoing care that must be provided by one or more health professionals in an appropriate specialty area (for example, nursing, emergency medicine, respiratory care, cardiovascular care, or a paramedic with additional training).

e. MILEAGE CHARGE

In addition to the above base rate charges, \$11.00 per mile shall be billed for the distance from the incident location to the hospital emergency room.

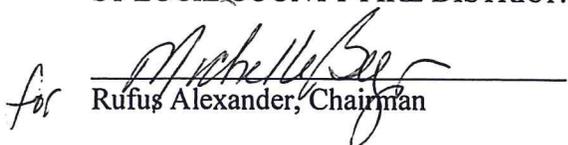
- 3. The above Ambulance Fee Schedule shall be adjusted each January 1st by an amount equal to the greater of the percent change in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers, Miami-Ft. Lauderdale MSA for the 12-month period ending in June or the ambulance inflation factor as published by Medicare.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect October 1, 2016.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the St. Lucie County Fire District this 27th day of July, 2016.

ATTEST:


Karen Russell, Clerk/Treasurer

ST LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT:


for Rufus Alexander, Chairman