

# **2022 AMBULANCE ORDINANCE REVISION**

**Introduction to Proposed Changes**

# History of Current Ambulance Ordinance and EMS Act

- Ambulance ordinance created in late 1970's
- Last update was 1983
- EMS Act created in 1986
- Existing ordinance focused on 9-1-1 system and EOA bidding
- Limited oversight of private EMS
- Existing ordinance provides no oversight of private EMTs, critical care, or special event medical services staffing or special events

# OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES

- Ordinance renamed
- Definitions Revised
- Incorporates AB 389
- Application criteria for private ambulance permit revised
- Ambulance permit now Certificate of Operation
- Suspension, revocation and reinstatement procedures for Certificates of Operation
- Authority for LEMSA to create policies for communications, vehicle requirements, data reports, technology and other EMS related operations

# OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES

- Transparency with public requiring posting of fees, permits and business licenses
- Application, Processing and Inspection Fees Added
- Regulation of Special Event Emergency Medical Service Standby companies and personnel
- Requirements for Special Event Medical Services at specified events
- Quality improvement requirements for ALS, BLS and CCT

# OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES

- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- PPE requirements and infection control plans
- Ambulance security

# Denial, Suspension and Revocation Procedures

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Updated to conform with current law

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Updated to provide more transparent appeal process

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Created procedure and eligibility requirements for reinstating a suspended or revoked Certificate of Operation



## Special Event Medical Standby Services

- Need for EMS regulation over special event medical services was recognized after Concord Pavilion incident
- Unlicensed medical staff and revoked EMTs providing ALS care
- Patients with chest pain released post 12 lead by EMT
- Unlicensed ambulance services
- Non-traditional and unauthorized patient transport
- Misleading to the public and authorized first responders



- No current regulation of equipment, treatment, or requirement that private EMS comply with policies, treatment guidelines, or MCI plans

# Special Event Medical Standby Services



# Emergency Response Vehicle

- Several non-EMS companies are using non-traditional emergency response vehicles to respond to medical emergencies and for patient transport
- Because these vehicles are not ambulances, they are not regulated by federal, state or local law.
- Revised Ordinance will give the EMS Agency the ability to inspect and permit emergency response vehicles.



# How the Revisions Help Cities

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Provides a mechanism for the Agency to oversee and regulate ambulances for incorporated cities

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Ensures that ambulances operating in incorporated cities have properly trained staff and adequately equipped ambulances

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Provides for safety and protection of patients in incorporated cities

**Questions?**