



Legislation Text

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Item:

Durham County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Receives ‘Gold Plus’ Recognition from American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline Program

Date Of BOCC Meeting: June 25, 2018

Request For Board Action:

The Board is requested to recognize Durham County EMS for receiving ‘Gold Plus’ Recognition from American Heart Association’s (AHA) Mission: Lifeline Program.

The Durham County Emergency Medical Services Department has received the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks. This is the highest level of recognition available to EMS agencies under the AHA’s Mission: Lifeline program that works to improve systems of care for cardiac patients in both the pre-hospital and hospital settings using the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment guidelines to improve patient care and outcomes in Durham County.

Mission: Lifeline’s EMS recognition program recognizes emergency medical services for their efforts in improving systems of care to rapidly identify suspected heart attack patients, promptly notify the medical center and trigger an early response from the awaiting hospital personnel.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This achievement supports Strategic Plan Goal 3: Safe Community Strategy 3.1A: Timely Service - Provide timely emergency response services in collaboration with public safety partners, Strategy 3.1C: Agency Collaboration - Strengthen collaborative planning and preparation with public safety stakeholders to promote coordinated and efficient emergency services.

Resource Persons: Assistant Chief Lee Van Vleet and Interim EMS Director Kevin Underhill

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board to recognize Durham County EMS for receiving ‘Gold Plus’ Recognition from American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline Program.

County Manager: _____