COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	Allen McCullough/Thomas Bartlett
Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 25, 2009	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's request to replace Medic Unit 2 which was totaled in an accident in May.

Background/History/Details:

On May 2, 2009, Medic 2, which is stationed at Fire Station on Highway 92 North was transporting a patient to Atlanta Medical Center when it was involved in an accident during a heavy downpour. No other vehicle was involved.

Based on information from the Marshal's Office, Traveler's Insurance, the County's carrier, assessed the damage and repair estimate at $28,000. Since the pre-crash value of Medic 2 was $9,000, and since the insurance deductible is $25,000, it is recommended that Medic 2 be replaced, using the vehicle replacement schedule. This particular vehicle was originally scheduled to be replaced in the FY 09 budget, but due to a desire to delay major expenditures because of our uncertain economy, purchase of a new Medic 2 was delayed. The cost of a new ambulance is $150,000 - $200,000. Bids will need to be solicited, so this item will come back to the Board for a bid award at a future meeting.

The existing unit consists of a 20-year old "box" remounted onto a 10-year old chassis and meets the requirements for replacement through the vehicle replacement program, although staff had hoped to get another year or two of service from this vehicle.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's request to replace Medic Unit 2 through the vehicle replacement schedule, to grant immediate authorization to proceed with the bid process, and to authorize a claim to be filed with insurance.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funds in the amount of $200,000. are in the vehicle replacement program for the replacement of an ambulance.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Yes	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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To: Fire Chief M. Allen McCullough

From: Deputy Fire Chief Thomas F. Bartlett

Date: May 27, 2009

Subject: Vehicle Accident Damage
Fleet Number 93109 (Medic 2), VIN Number 1GBG6H1C3XJ108903

Medic 2 was transporting to Atlanta Medical Center on May 2, 2009 when damage occurred from a vehicle crash. The vehicle sustained front-end damage, damage to the hood, and extensive damage to the patient module.

Through communications with the Marshal's Department, Traveler's Insurance was contacted to assess the damage. The following information was provided.

Value Pre Crash	-	$9,000
Repair Estimate Peach State Ambulance	-	$28,000
Insurance Deductible	-	$25,000

Based on this information I recommend we request this unit be replaced through the replacement schedule, that immediate authorization to proceed with the bid process be granted, and a claim filed with insurance, or the unit be sold via internet or auction.

Specifications for a replacement are ready to send to the Purchasing Department. The specifications are written to request information on units that are demonstrators or currently in production that meet our needs. At this time we are without a reserve unit to provide coverage should any unit have extended down time.

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