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May 8, 2015

Battalion Chief Bill Lockhart
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Orange County Fire Authority
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SUBJECT: OCFA SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS, JULY 2015

Dear Chief Lockhart:

This is to confirm receipt of your letter dated May 6, 2015, describing the OCFA service enhancements that would reduce multi-unit responses and impacts on adjacent agencies. The described service enhancements include:

1. Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Engine 30 to Paramedic Engine 30
2. Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Engine 10 to Paramedic Engine 10
3. Decommission of Medic 32
4. Conversion of BLS Engine 32 to Paramedic Engine 32
5. Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Truck 43 to Paramedic Truck 43
6. Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Truck 49 to Paramedic Truck 49

Based on prior discussions with OCFA and internal assessment, Orange County EMS supports the service enhancement plan described above. The proposed enhancement plan will be presented for review by OCEMS staff to the next (June 26, 2015) Orange County Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting.

At this time, I see no problem with proceeding with the enhancement plan. Also, once in place and a defined implementation date is established, if you will notify Vicky Sweet, RN of our office and myself, we will assure that the EMS system is formally notified of the changes so that there will be no confusion among base hospitals, field personnel, or Orange County Communications.

Please feel free to contact me at 714-834-2824 or by email at sstratton@ochca.com at any time for questions or comments you may have.

With best regards,

Sam J. Stratton, MD, MPH
Deputy Health Officer, and
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May 6, 2015

Sam Stratton, M.D.
Emergency Medical Services
Orange County Health Care Agency
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Subject: OCFA Service Enhancements, July 2015

Dear Dr. Stratton,

The Orange County Fire Authority Board on April 23rd formally approved service enhancements that would reduce multi-unit responses, impact to adjacent agencies, and improve response times. In order to implement these service enhancements (effective July 10 2015), the OCFA requires approval from OCEMS for the following:

- Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Engine 30 to Paramedic Engine 30
- Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Engine 10 to Paramedic Engine 10
- Decommission of Medic 32
- Conversion of BLS Engine 32 to Paramedic Engine 32
- Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Truck 43 to Paramedic Truck 43
- Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Truck 49 to Paramedic Truck 49

Related details for this request for approval are contained within the attachment.

Thank you for your consideration and support; we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Bill Lockhart
Battalion Chief, Emergency Medical Services

Attachment/Enclosure: ALS Unit Approval Request

c: Tammi McConnell



Orange County Fire Authority

Request for Approval to Enhance ALS Service

Proposed Date of Implementation July 10, 2015

Contact for Further Information

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Summary

The Orange County Fire Authority requests approval for the following:

- Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Engine 10 to Paramedic Engine 10
- Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Engine 30 to Paramedic Engine 30
- Decommission of Medic 32
- Conversion of Basic Life Support Engine 32 to Paramedic Engine 32
- Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Truck 43 to Paramedic Truck 43
- Conversion of Paramedic Assessment Truck 49 to Paramedic Truck 49

This enhancement of service requires approval from Orange County Emergency Medical Services as defined in Policy #705.00.

New Advanced Life Support Criteria

A. Justification

- a. The Orange County Fire Authority requests approval of the aforementioned conversions to provide improved regional advanced life support coverage and reduce response times. Call load and impact to adjacent agencies (Anaheim, Fullerton, and Laguna Beach) as a result of multi-unit responses with OCFA BLS and PAU's will decrease significantly with the proposed conversion. The conversion of paramedic assessment units to advanced life support units will result in single unit responses; thereby, improving overall system status availability, resulting in decreased response times.

