

Stephen Wontrobski
Mission Viejo, CA

August 18, 2017

Clerk, Orange County Fire Authority
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

Reference: Public Records Review Request - Investigation Documents

Dear OCFA Clerk,

As a result of my efforts on behalf of Orange County taxpayers to institute needed reforms at the OCFA, questions have arisen as to what: a) research and investigations the OCFA actually undertook; and b) what actual reforms were actually instituted with regard to my reform efforts.

This is a Public Records Review Request (PRR) to review all documents, internal investigative materials, studies, reports and findings, and reforms that were instituted regarding the below listed matters of public taxpayer concern. I have addressed all of these areas of concern in numerous letters to the OCFA Board of Directors.

1. LSL Procurement Audit.
2. Denial of My PRR Review Request of LSL OCFA Procurement Department Audit Work Papers.
3. Denial of OCFA Villa Park Managing Director's, Rick Barnett, Request to Review LSL OCFA Procurement Department Audit Work Papers.
4. Appointment of Former OCFA Board of Directors Chairwoman Trish Kelly's Son to the OCFA Firefighters Academy, wherein about 3,000 applicants had applied for roughly 30 openings.
5. Former Fire Captain Craig Campbell's Use of the Ladera Ranch Fire Station to Conduct For-Profit EMS Courses.
6. Need to Investigate Possible Workers Compensation Fraud Issues.
7. Need to Investigate Potential OCERS Disability Fraud Issues.
8. Possible Advance OCFA Helicopter Notification Issues Affecting Mercy Air and the OCSD Identified in My May 8, 2017 Letter, Which Was Issued to the Orange County Grand Jury.
9. Collaboration with the Firefighters Association Regarding Their Revisions to Mendoza SB 302.
10. Determination of Whether or Not Mendoza SB 302 Affected the Ability of the City of Irvine and Other Overcharged Member Cities, such as Seal Beach, Aliso Viejo, Villa Park, Laguna Niguel and Dana Point and the County from Receiving Equitable Adjustment Funds from the OCFA.
11. Whether the Outside Legal Opinion Regarding OCFA Member City Liability for the OCFA Pension UAAL at OCERS Would be Released to OCFA Member City Councils.

Executive Management Files, Daily Diary and Notebook Records

I wish to review (not copy) Executive Management Files, Daily Diary and Notebook Records for January 1, 2014 through August 15, 2017 of the following individuals specifically addressing the above eleven areas of reform concern:

- a) Lori Zeller
- b) Jim Ruane
- c) Chief Jeff Bowman

The Executive Management Files, Daily Diary and Notebook records include all typed, hand written, computer, flash drive, or other computer storage device documents regarding, but not limited to, daily activities, notes, comments, meetings, telephone conversations, e-mails, incoming/outgoing correspondence, observations and conclusions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Wontrobski

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Cc: Orange County Board of Supervisors; Orange County EMCC; OCERS; State EMSA Director; City Councils of Placentia, Lake Forest, Cypress, Westminster, Seal Beach, Laguna Hills, Costa Mesa, Villa Park, San Juan Capistrano, Irvine, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point, San Clemente, Rancho Santa Margarita and La Palma



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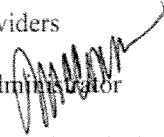
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REGULATORY/ MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

August 29, 2017

TO: Orange County Fire Chiefs
Orange County City Managers
Orange County Ambulance Service Providers

From: Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN, EMS Administrator 

Subject: **Revision to Maximum Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates:
Effective August 8, 2017**

This is to inform you that on August 8, 2017 the Orange County Board of Supervisors established maximum BLS emergency ground ambulance rates, as follows:

Maximum BLS Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates

Type of Charge	Basis for Charge	2017 Rate	Effective January 1, 2018
Emergency BLS Base Rate	Applicable for urgent or Code 3 response at the request of a public safety employee	\$965.05	\$1,013.84
Mileage	Per patient mile or fraction thereof.	\$ 17.19	\$ 17.52
Oxygen (includes mask or cannula)	When administered.	\$ 84.31	\$ 85.91
Standby time	Per 15 minutes after the first 15 minutes.	\$ 41.61	\$ 42.00
Expendable Medical Supplies	Maximum per response.	\$ 33.28	\$ 33.91

Maximum ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate for OCFA Jurisdictional Areas (excepting San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park): ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate \$387.35

The 2017 rates are effective August 8, 2017 by Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 17-094. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Endo at (714) 834-3507.

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Attachments: Board Resolution No. 17-094
Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #714.00

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

August 8, 2017

WHEREAS, the Health Care Agency is proposing to update the maximum 9-1-1 emergency Basic Life Support (BLS) ground ambulance rates as specified under Article 1 of Division 9 of Title 4 of the Orange County Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved a methodology for calculation and application of future annual adjustments for 9-1-1 emergency Basic Life Support maximum ambulance rates, effective July 1st of each year; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2004, the Health Care Agency was directed by the Board of Supervisors to return annually to the Board to adjust the OCFA ALS paramedic assessment and transport fee by the same percentage change as the maximum emergency BLS rate for the same period, but not to exceed OCFA's actual costs for providing ALS services; and

WHEREAS, this Board conducted a Public Hearing to update the maximum BLS emergency ambulance rates affecting the unincorporated areas of Orange County and the Cities within Orange County that have adopted the County's Ambulance Ordinance, and the maximum ALS paramedic assessment and transport rate applicable to the OCFA jurisdictional areas (excepting San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby rescinds Resolution No. 15-120, dated October 27, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board hereby establishes maximum BLS emergency ground ambulance rates, as follows:

Maximum BLS Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates

	2017 Rate	Effective January 1, 2018
(1) Emergency BLS Base Rate	\$965.05	\$1,013.84
(2) Mileage (per patient mile or fraction thereof)	\$ 17.19	\$ 17.52
(3) Oxygen (when determined)	\$ 84.31	\$ 85.91
(4) Standby time (per 15 minutes after the first 15 minutes)	\$ 41.61	\$ 42.09
(5) Expendable medical Supplies (maximum per response)	\$ 33.28	\$ 33.91

Maximum ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate for OCFA Jurisdictional Areas (excepting San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park):

ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate	\$387.35
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board adopts a new methodology to adjust the Maximum 911 Emergency Basic Life Support Ground Ambulance Rate, effective July 1, 2019, that calculates the percent increase or decrease based on the percentage adjustment of State or Federal approved minimum wage adjustments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that Health Care Agency is authorized to make annual adjustments to the Maximum 911 Emergency Basic Life Support Ground Ambulance Rate effective July 1 of each year, starting in 2019, that calculates the percent increase or decrease based on the percentage adjustment of State or Federal approved minimum wage adjustments.

BE IT Further RESOLVED that Health Care Agency is authorized to make an annual adjustment to the rates for mileage, oxygen, standby and expendable medical supplies effective July 1 of each year, starting in 2019, by utilizing the Board approved methodology that calculates the percent increase or decrease in the prior year's Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County "all item" Consumer Price Index (CPI).

BE IT RESOLVED that Health Care Agency must propose annually the same percentage change as the maximum emergency BLS rate (but not to exceed OCFA's actual costs for providing ALS services) to OCFA regarding an adjustment of the ALS paramedic assessment and transport fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Health Care Agency may seek this Board's approval of any adjustment to the Maximum 911 Emergency Basic Life Support Ground Ambulance Rate and/or the rates for mileage, oxygen, standby and expendable medical supplies that exceeds this Board's approved methodologies.

The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, on August 08, 2017, to wit:

AYES:	Supervisors:	LISA A. BARTLETT, ANDREW DO, TODD SPITZER SHAWN NELSON, MICHELLE STEEL
NOES:	Supervisor(s):	
EXCUSED:	Supervisor(s):	
ABSTAINED:	Supervisor(s):	



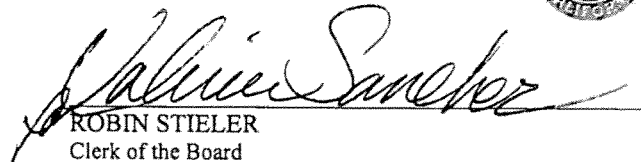
CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, ROBIN STIELER, Clerk of the Board of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.





ROBIN STIELER
Clerk of the Board
County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: 17-094
Agenda Date: 08/08/2017
Item No: 29



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors , Orange County, State of California

Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy



MAXIMUM EMERGENCY GROUND AMBULANCE RATES

I. AUTHORITY:

Orange County Board of Supervisor, Resolution No.17-094, Item No. 29

MAXIMUM EMERGENCY GROUND AMBULANCE RATES

EFFECTIVE: August 8, 2017

The following is a list of maximum allowable emergency ambulance service rates to be charged an emergency patient by a licensee. These rates were approved by the County of Orange Board of Supervisors.

TYPE OF CHARGE	BASIS FOR CHARGE	2017 RATE	2018 RATE
Emergency BLS Base Rate	Applicable for urgent or Code 3 response at the request of a public safety employee.	\$965.05	\$1,013.84
Mileage	Per patient mile or fraction thereof.	\$ 17.19	\$ 17.52
Oxygen (includes mask or cannula)	Applicable when administered.	\$ 84.31	\$ 85.91
Standby	Per 15 minutes after the first 15 minutes and any fraction thereof.	\$ 41.61	\$ 42.00
Expendable Medical Supplies	Maximum per response or fair market value, whichever is the least amount.	\$ 33.28	\$ 33.91

ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transportation Rate for Orange County Fire Authority
 Jurisdictional Areas (excepting for San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park) \$387.35

Approved:



 OCEMS Administrator

Effective Date: 08/08/2017
 Reviewed Date(s): 08/17/2017
 Original Date: 7/1989