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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **City Council Staff Report**

August 26, 2025  
Agenda Item No. 28

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** Amendment No. One to Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Regents of the University of California

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**ABSTRACT:**

In 2019, the City of Newport Beach entered into an agreement with the Regents of the University of California, through the UCLA Center for Pre-Hospital Care (UCLA). The agreement allows the City's Fire Department to provide internship training to students enrolled in UCLA's Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) training program. An amendment to the agreement is requested to extend the term of the agreement through September 30, 2029, and update indemnification and insurance provisions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Approve Amendment No. One to the Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, On Behalf of the University of California, UCLA Center for Pre-Hospital Care Paramedic Education Program for Paramedic Internships at Newport Beach Fire to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2029, and update indemnification and insurance provisions, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment.

**DISCUSSION:**

The California Code of Regulations and the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) oversee statewide EMT-P training program regulations and requirements. These programs require 480 hours of clinical experience in approved field internship training with a primary 911-service/pre-hospital care provider like the City's Fire Department. Accreditation standards also require the execution of affiliation agreements between academic institutions and pre-hospital care providers for internships to take place.

The City has historically kept affiliation agreements with two local schools offering EMT-P programs - Saddleback College (through the South Orange County Community

College District) and Orange County Emergency Medical Training (OC EMT). In 2019, the City executed an affiliation agreement with UCLA after UCLA expressed interest in adding the City's Fire Department to its list of available pre-hospital care provider internships.

The primary benefit for the City in providing EMT-P field internships is that it will assist in creating a larger pool of regionally trained paramedics that could eventually become available for City recruitment. Additionally, designated Fire Department staff are able to gain experience as internship preceptors.

The agreement with UCLA was originally set to expire in September 2024; UCLA and City staff discussed the possibility of an amendment to extend the agreement for another five years. Ultimately, following a series of discussions regarding updated mutual indemnification and insurance provisions, a final draft amendment was agreed upon. Staff requests City Council approval of the amendment, which would extend the affiliation agreement to September 30, 2029.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Field internships are conducted during normal Fire Department operations and incur no additional costs to the City.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment A – Amendment No. One