

May 13, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an Affiliation Agreement, and all necessary documents, including any subsequent amendments, with the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, Los Angeles Center for Prehospital Care, to implement a program to allow enrolled students to participate in clinical ambulance ride-alongs, for a five-year term from December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2029. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Prehospital Care to implement a ride-along program for emergency medical service students participating in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – Paramedic coursework.

UCLA Center for Prehospital Care is an accredited education institution which offers instruction programs for students to obtain their EMT - Paramedic certificates and licensures. As a part of the licensing and/or certification requirements, EMT students must complete a course of study that includes clinical experience through ambulance ride-alongs. The Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) provides emergency medical services including Basic Life Support (BLS), Advance Life Support (ALS), prehospital care and patient transport. UCLA students will be assigned to participate in 24-hour shift ride-alongs in ALS units with the LBFD's Paramedic personnel. The specific assignment for each student will be arranged and scheduled by LBFD.

This program is a mutually beneficial partnership between the LBFD and UCLA. This programmatic partnership will expose UCLA students to ambulance operations within the City of Long Beach. Student participants will be encouraged to pursue employment within the LBFD in positions such as Ambulance Operators, Firefighters or other similar positions. The program thereby enhances the department's recruitment efforts.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Eliezer Ben-Shmuel on April 7, 2025, and by Budget Development Officer Jennifer Rodriguez on April 14, 2025.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action is requested on May 13, 2025, to ensure the provisions of the Affiliation Agreement is in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. The term of the agreement with the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care is December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2029. This recommendation has a minimal staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fire Chief  
Fire Department

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER