

## 1.7 OPPORTUNITIES WITH ALS FIRE SERVICES

### A. Background

1. MVEMSA has determined that an effective means of providing high levels of patient care may include a system using agreements between ALS fire services and paramedic ambulance services. Fire apparatus staffed with a minimum of one paramedic and one EMT may extend ambulance response times per the response time matrix below. MVEMSA desires to provide this high level of service while also ensuring that patient fees are equivalent to other emergency ambulance service fees in the region and are reimbursable under applicable regulations.
2. The Proposer for the South Zone is encouraged to include an agreement with the Copperopolis Fire Protection District to provide ALS fire first response services and / or ALS ambulance transport services in the Districts response zone to meet the requirements of this RFP. The Ambulance Response Time Standards below outline response times with the option of ALS fire first response services.

Call Type for North and South EOA	Ambulance without Fire Agreement	ALS Fire Response Time with Contractor Agreement	Ambulance with ALS Fire Agreement
<b>Urban Response to 90 percent of calls each month</b>			
<b>Code 3</b>	<b>13:59</b>	<b>9:59</b>	<b>19:59</b>
<b>Code 2</b>	<b>17:59</b>	<b>13:59</b>	<b>23:59</b>
<b>Suburban Response to 90 percent of calls each month</b>			
<b>Code 3</b>	<b>19:59</b>	<b>17:59</b>	<b>27:59</b>
<b>Code 2</b>	<b>23:59</b>	<b>21:59</b>	<b>31:59</b>
<b>Rural Response to 90 percent of calls each month</b>			
<b>Code 3</b>	<b>29:59</b>	<b>27:59</b>	<b>37:59</b>
<b>Code 2</b>	<b>33:59</b>	<b>31:59</b>	<b>41:59</b>
<b>Wilderness (Audit each call)</b>			
<b>Code 3</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
<b>Code 2</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>ASAP</b>

3. Proposer shall compensate ALS fire first responder for services rendered as a result of this partnership.
4. MVEMSA wants to ensure that the fire service is compensated for supporting the Contractor by providing ALS first response services provided for under this agreement. Proposer and fire first responder will mutually determine the cost value for compensation of ALS fire first responder services and shall not compensate fire for more than the actual cost to the proposer.
5. Fire services interested in participating in this arrangement shall agree to the terms identified in the RFP including but not limited to:
  - a. Assess all patients and begin treatments according to protocol.
  - b. Reduce incoming ALS ambulance to Code 2, if emergency response is unnecessary.
  - c. Complete an ePCR on all medical responses.
  - d. Participate in MVEMSA quality improvement program.
  - e. Accountability via First Watch surveillance platform (FirstWatch and FirstPass).