



San Antonio Fire Department Joint Base San Antonio 911 Emergency Medical Services Agreement

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Purpose

This ordinance authorizes the contracted agreement for COSA to provide 911 emergency medical services to Joint Base San Antonio Camp Bullis (JB-SA-B) and Joint Base San Antonio Ft. Sam Houston (JB-SA-FSH) for the amount of \$1,532,651. Funding is for the period of June 15, 2023 to June 14, 2024 with four (4) renewable one year periods. This agreement will serve to further enhance safety and reduce the risk to our partners at these military installations.



Background

- JBSA leadership approached the SAFD about the possibility of entering into an agreement to provide full 911 Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- The agreement would include ground transport services, Advanced Life Supports (ALS), 24/7 service for patients requiring emergency transportation from JBSA-B and JBSA-FSH to hospitals.
- The discussions have come to full fruition over the last 2 years and both parties have processed and vetted the agreement with each of their legal departments.



Plan of Action

- JBSA estimates 1000 emergency calls per year where SAFD will triage, treat and transport patients from JBSA Ft. Sam and Camp Bullis.
- SAFD is committed to providing full 911 emergency medical services, advanced life support, 24/7 service for patients requiring emergency transportation.
- The ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds for emergency medical services that includes eight full time Paramedic Engineer positions and one administrative Lieutenant position to staff ambulances for JBSA 911 Emergency Medical Services.



Recommendations

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept the JBSA and San Antonio Fire Department Emergency Medical Services contract. San Antonio is home to one of the largest concentrations of Military Bases in the United States and home to the Department of Defense's largest medical center at JBSA Ft. Sam Houston. The City of San Antonio's approval further demonstrates the proud designation we have as Military City USA.

