Additional Positions for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Increased Demand



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Initially Requested Positions

- During FY 26 budget development, 25 front-line FTE were requested by Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- 13 front-line FTE were added to the FY 26 budget
 - Service demand has continued to grow as predicted
- EMS and Budget Management Services (BMS) analysis determined that the other 12 FTE requested are still needed

EMS Overtime Analysis

- EMS and BMS began exploring potential overtime savings a year before, reviewing cost assumptions, to inform FY27 budget changes
- With an approximate \$2.5M in overtime savings, there is enough available to fund these 12 front-line FTE at a net neutral for the budget
- In FY27, the salary budgeted will be adjusted to decrease the savings and move funds to permanently fund these positions

Timeline

FY24 – EMS and BMS begin conversations around salary savings

FY25 Development
- Requested 25
FTE; 13 approved









FY25 – Begin work on lapsed salary analysis FY26 – EMS and BMS estimate \$2.5M in salary savings

Review by CMO

 The County Manager's Office reviewed the findings and recommended adding the 12 positions

 The addition of these positions will not require additional funds in FY 26, and will add 7 Paramedics and 5 EMTs to respond in the field

Recommended Board Action

• That the Board of Commissioners establishes 12.0 frontline full-time positions (FTEs) for Emergency Medical Services to support County growth and demand in services.



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