

Item Title: Emergency Response Vehicle Leases to Eastern Wake EMS and Apex EMS

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the multi-year lease agreements with Eastern Wake EMS and Apex EMS.

Item Summary:

Wake County manages its fleet assets using a corporate fleet plan administered by its General Services Administration (GSA) department. The fleet is comprised of over 900 owned vehicles; over 800 of these vehicles are internally leased to Wake County departments. The lease plan keeps department vehicle expenses flat by avoiding the spike of life cycle replacement cost. Replacement cost is built into the lease and resides in the fleet fund. Leased vehicles that meet replacement criteria are replaced on unit life cycle. The replacement vehicles in this item are fully funded due to this program.

In 2002, the leasing program was extended to specific key County partners where the benefits would be mutual for both entities. After initial vehicle funding, these agencies pay the annual (fixed) lease amount. This fixed cost avoids large County outlays in the rescue squad budgets for life cycle replacements, while building funds to provide for next replacement vehicle.

Eastern Wake EMS was the first rescue squad to take advantage of this plan and in most recent years has been joined by Apex EMS. Participating squads gain the pricing advantage of a larger quantity order. The Eastern Wake EMS is a replacement for a current unit that has reached its life cycle, while the Apex ambulance is an expansion vehicle approved in the FY16 Budget.

The Board of Commissioners must approve multi-year leases.

Attachments:

1. Lease Agreement for Eastern Wake EMS Ambulance
2. Lease Agreement for Apex EMS Ambulance