

**Item Title:**     Emergency Response Vehicle Leases to Eastern Wake EMS

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves the multi-year lease agreement for two ambulances with Eastern Wake 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 currently has eleven vehicles in this program and Apex EMS has three.

Eastern Wake EMS was the first rescue squad to take advantage of this. Participating squads gain the pricing advantage of a larger quantity order. The Eastern Wake EMS ambulances are replacement units that have reached life cycle. All Ambulance Lease terms are 4 years in length and match the Wake EMS standard.

The lease agreement being recommended to the Board of Commissioners is for two replacement ambulances for Eastern Wake EMS. The lease term for these vehicles is 2017 through 2021.

The Board of Commissioners must approve multi-year leases.

**Attachments:**

1. Lease agreement for Eastern Wake EMS Ambulance