



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 25-036, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving Dr. Tyler Haas as Medical Director to Lead in the Oversight and Medical Direction of the Homer Volunteer Fire Department's Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance Service and the Homer Police Department's Emergency Medical Dispatch Programs. City Manager.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
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From: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department Medical Director leads in the oversight and medical direction of the Homer Volunteer Fire Department ALS ambulance service and the Police Department's emergency medical dispatch program. This position is governed in accordance by Alaska Administrative Code 7 AAC 26.610 – 26.690 and 7 AAC 26.555.

Duties of the HVFD Medical Director include:

1. Direct or indirect supervision of the medical care provided by each state certified ETT, EMT-1, EMT-2, EMT-3 with ACLS and expanded scope procedures, meeting any required changes under Alaska standards for EMS.
2. Conducting medical case reviews for fire department personnel on a monthly basis. (4hrs/month est.)
3. Review of and participation in the fire department's quality assurance program, including a weekly review of EMS documentation with fire department leadership. (2hrs/month est.)
4. Participate in the review and development of the fire department's medical operations manual, and standard operating procedures on an annual basis. (.5 hrs/month est.)
5. Providing consultation and recommendations to the fire department's administration regarding employee health questionnaires, fitness-for- duty assessments and return-to-work documentations, as needed. (.5hrs as needed)
6. Assisting with delivery of HVFD EMS training programs (1hr/ month est.)

911 Dispatch:

1. Approve an emergency medical dispatcher (EMD) priority reference system; caller interrogation questions, pre-arrival EMS Instructions, and protocols matching the EMD's evaluation of severity of injury or illness.
2. Provide indirect supervision of the medical triage decisions and treatments instructions by EMD's.
3. Quarterly review of a sample of medical triage decisions and treatment instructions provided by EMD's to callers.

Dr. Tyler Haas is a board certified Emergency Medicine Physician at South Peninsula Hospital with experience serving in this role in the Lower 48 and has been involved in working mass casualty incidents. I have met with him

twice and believe his experience and enthusiasm in emergency medicine will be highly valuable to the teams at HFVD and HPD.

I am grateful for South Peninsula Hospital's support of the Medical Director's roll for the City and allowing their highly trained medical staff to partner with us in this capacity.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the appointment of Dr. Tyler Haas as the Medical Director for HVFD.