

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2.3

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUTNY
COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING THE MARTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is authorized by Section 87.115, General Ordinances, Martin County Code to provide for the meetings, powers and duties and membership of the Martin County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council by resolution;

- a) **WHEREAS**, the attached "Martin County EMS Advisory Council Bylaws" provide for such operational matters,

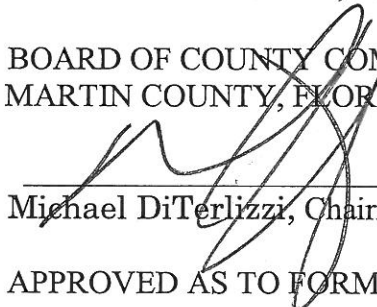
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Martin County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council Bylaws, attached hereto, are hereby adopted. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA


Marsha Ewing, Clerk


Michael DiTerlizzi, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:


Stephen Fry, County Attorney

Martin County EMS Advisory Council

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. – Name

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be the Martin County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. This organization shall represent Emergency Service providers in Martin County, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the Martin County EMS Advisory Council.

ARTICLE II. – Purpose

Section 1.

The purposes and objectives of this organization are:

- A. To act as a County EMS advisory body, keeping members informed about State and National issues of concerns to EMS providers.
- B. To advise the Martin County Board of County Commissioners on matters concerning Emergency Medical Services.
- C. To promote regional coordination and cooperation of EMS services.
- D. To act as a liaison body for Martin County EMS providers.
- E. To provide a forum to discuss the common problems and concerns shared by EMS agencies serving Martin County.
- F. To encourage training and education of both the professional provider and members of the general public in the provision of emergency medical care.
- G. To encourage optimal performance standards.
- H. To engage in the planning, development and implementation of such activities and programs as deemed desirable in order to accomplish its general objectives or purposes, either by itself or in cooperation with other persons, groups, agencies, firms, corporations or organizations with programs relating to this Council's goals.

ARTICLE III. – Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Martin County EMS Advisory Council shall consist of the following:

- A. A representative from Martin County Emergency Services Department.
- B. The Martin County Medical Director.
- C. A representative from Emergency Room Physicians on staff at a Martin County hospital.
- D. A representative from the Indian River Community College EMT/Paramedic program.
- E. A representative from the Martin County Sheriff's Office.
- F. A representative of the following municipalities: The City of Stuart, The Town of Jupiter Island, and The Town of Sewall's Point.
- G. A lay-person (non-emergency transportation) representative to be appointed by the County Administrator.

Section 2. All members of this Council shall serve a two (2) year term. Members may be re-appointed for additional two (2) year terms.

Section 3. Each representative may designate an alternate.

Section 4. Representatives of the following entities may serve as ex officio members, without a vote, on the Council:

- A. Florida Highway Patrol.
- B. Martin County Health Department.
- C. Any emergency service providers holding a Martin County certificate of public convenience and necessity.
- D. A representative from the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross.
- E. A representative from a Skilled Nursing Facility located in Martin County.

ARTICLE IV. – Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting of the membership of the Council shall be held quarterly on the first Thursday of the month at such time and place as shall be designated by the Chairman. The Chairman may call special meetings of the Council. When such meetings are deemed necessary, notice of special meetings shall be given to each member of the Council as provided in Section 2.

Section 2. Notice of the time, place, and purpose of all regular meetings and special meetings of the Council shall be mailed to each member of the Council not less than five (5) days before such meetings.

Section 3. A majority of all voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any regular or special meeting of the Council (one-half of the total members plus one member).

Section 4. Only the designated member or his or her alternate is entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council.

Section 5. All official records of the Council, including minutes and resolutions duly adopted, shall be maintained by the Martin County B.O.C.C.

Section 6. Each membership category shall attend at least 75% of the Council's meetings annually. Non-compliance of this section shall cause the Chairperson to review circumstances for non-attendance and such member may be replaced. Excuses for absences, in writing, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Section 7. Council members shall notify the Chairperson to let him/her know when an alternate is replacing a member.

ARTICLE V. – Officers

Section 1. The Martin County Emergency Services Department Representative shall serve as Chairperson of the Council.

Section 2. The Chairperson shall appoint a Vice-Chairperson for a term of two years from date of appointment.

ARTICLE VI. – Duties of the Officers.

Section 1. The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of this advisory board. It shall be his/her duty:

- A. To perform all duties as are incident to his/her office and such other duties as may be required by law, or by these By-laws or which may be prescribed from time to time by the membership.
- B. To preside at meetings of the membership.
- C. To decide questions of order.
- D. To appoint membership committees and committee chairpersons as needed, subject to the approval of the membership.
- E. To have such other powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the membership.

Section 2. Vice-Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairperson, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, or if the office be vacant, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform all the duties of the Chairperson, and when so acting shall have all the powers and be subject to all the restrictions of the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, or by these By-laws, or as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the membership.

ARTICLE VII. – Committees

Section 1. The Chairperson is empowered to appoint such permanent or standing committees as are deemed necessary for the successful execution of the Council program. All Committee activities must be reported at a regular Council meeting for adoption.

ARTICLE VIII. – Fiscal year

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Council shall be from the first day of October to the last day of September, inclusive.

ARTICLE IX. – Amendments

These By-laws may be amended by resolution of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners.

ARTICLE X. – Rights and Privileges

Section 1. No individual member or member's organization shall possess any right, interest or privilege which may be transferable by that member or which shall continue in any manner if the membership of such individual member or member's organization ceases.

When a voting issue arises, members shall declare if a conflict of interest exists and shall abstain from vote.

Section 2. The Council shall comply with the requirements of Section 286.011 (Open Meetings) and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records).

County boundary line; thence north concurrent with the Martin County boundary line, along the west line of sections nineteen and eighteen, township thirty-seven south, range forty-one east, to the northwest corner of section eighteen, township thirty-seven south, range forty-one east; thence east on the north line of said section eighteen and other sections to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean; thence easterly to the eastern boundary of the State of Florida; thence southward along the coast, including the waters of the Atlantic Ocean within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the south line of section twenty, township forty south, range forty-three east, produced easterly; thence west on the south line of said section twenty, and other sections, to the southwest corner of section twenty-two, township forty south, range forty-two east; thence south on the east line of section twenty-eight, township forty south, range forty-two east, to the southeast corner of said section twenty-eight; thence west on the south line of said section twenty-eight and other sections to the east shore of Lake Okeechobee; thence continue west in a straight course to the northeast corner of section thirty-six, township forty south, range thirty-four east, being the southwest corner of section thirty, township forty south, range thirty-five east; thence northeasterly in a straight course to the line of normal water level on the boundary of Lake Okeechobee at its intersection with the line dividing ranges thirty-six and thirty-seven east, township thirty-eight south; thence north on said range line to the place of beginning, less and except all incorporated municipalities.

PART FIVE: **SECTIONS 87.102, 87.103, 87.105, 87.107, 87.108, 87.109, 87.110, AND 87.111 OF ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 87, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION are amended as follows:**

Sec. 87.102. Authority and purpose

87.102.A. This article is promulgated pursuant to F.S. ch. 401. The purpose of this article is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of residents of ~~Martin~~ the County in need of emergency medical services or ambulance transportation by providing for an ~~an Martin County~~ Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council; establishing standards for issuing certificates of public convenience and necessity for transportation of advanced life support (ALS) service and basic life support (BLS) service providers; and by providing for the adoption of regulations governing the operation of emergency medical transportation of ALS services and BLS services. Private or public agencies shall not operate a business or service that provides interfacility or pre-hospital emergency medical services transportation of patients within or originating from ~~Martin~~ the County without a certificate of public convenience and necessity for transportation of ALS services and BLS services.