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Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: March 12, 2014
TO: Paul L. Parker, City Manager
SUBJ: EMS – Base Rates

Attached is a Resolution Amending the Base Rates for EMS Service for the City of Lufkin EMS. Finance Staff has been attending training in preparation of returning EMS billing back to the City of Lufkin. During training we learned that the City may not itemize EMS bills or charge for supplies or medications individually. These items must be included in the base rate for services. A review of current EMS rates for municipal departments shows that the City's current rates for EMS services are still comparable. It was also determined that the City may bill a base charge for Treat – No Transports. In many cases the City's Paramedics are called out, provide services and patients refuse to be transported after receiving treatment. A review of other municipal departments revealed that this is an established charge for service.

The attached Resolution removes the allowance for charges for certain supplies and services and adds the base rate for Treat-No Transport services.

The City's Rates for service as provided by the Resolution are as follows:

Basic Life Support – BLS	\$ 800.00
Advanced Life Support 1– ALS	\$ 800.00
Advanced Life Support 2 – ALS2	\$1,025.00
Advanced Life Support Special Care	\$1,150.00
Treat – No Transport	\$ 175.00
Mileage Rate	\$ 15.00

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.