



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 25-00240**

**Agenda Date: 4/22/2025**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CoPCN) renewal application for Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR)**

**Presenter:**

Harold Theus, Fire Chief, 352-384-3101

**Description:**

GFR CoPCN Renewal application for 2025-2027

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the application and sign the certificate

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

N/A

**Strategic Guide:**

Public Safety

**Background:**

The current CoPCN for Gainesville Fire Rescue expires on June 4, 2025, and they are requesting renewal for two additional years. The application is for Secondary Pre-Hospital Care. Gainesville Fire Rescue provides essential emergency services to citizens and visitors to the County.

A CoPCN is needed for Gainesville Fire Rescue to provide essential pre-hospital care and must meet the standards in Alachua County Code 52.29(c):

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the board may consider the following:

(1) Whether existing emergency medical transportation services are adequate to meet reasonable public needs.

- Yes, provides Pre-Hospital Care only

(2) The financial ability of the applicant to furnish continuous and uninterrupted service at the times

required therefore, and to meet the financial obligations of the service which the applicant proposes to perform.

- This is a Government Agency- City of Gainesville

(3) The effect on existing medical transportation facilities and services of all kinds and, particularly, whether the granting of such certificate will or may seriously impair essential public service as provided by existing service operators.

- Non-Transportation Agency. Enhances first Advanced Life Support (ALS) care

(4) The qualifications of the applicant to properly perform the proposed services and to conform to the provisions of this article.

- Applicant has secured the UF Health Medical Director – Dr. Ben Abo

(5) Any objections received from operators who were provided notice of the application as set out herein.

- None received

(6) Any of the matters set out in section 52.27 of this article (application requirements).

- No conflict was found.
- First Response ALS care enhances pre-hospital service to the citizens of the City of Gainesville.

All services meet the requirements per Alachua County Code Chapter 52, Florida Statute Section 401.25, and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 25.

In addition, as required by Alachua County Code 52.29, written notice of the renewal request has been provided to all licensed Emergency Medical Service providers in the County.