



Date: October 2nd, 2020

To: Hector Flores, County Administrator

CC: Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator

From: Michael Davis
Deputy Chief, EMS

Subject: Little Gasparilla Island Fire Rescue COPCN Renewal

On Thursday August 6, 2020, Deputy Chief Davis was contacted by LGIFR Fire Chief William Underhill requesting to renew the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-Transport ALS 911 service for Little Gasparilla Island Fire Rescue.

Little Gasparilla Island Fire Rescue services the barrier island as first response fire and emergency medical 911 services to approximately 515 homes and 2 condominium rental resorts. Little Gasparilla Island, being a bridgeless Barrier Island and the increased response time of marine unit/EMS response (25-minute average) it is important to continue providing first response advanced life support service coverage to the residents and guests of Little Gasparilla Island. Little Gasparilla Island Fire Rescue currently has a response time of less than 6 minutes to the farthest points of the island.

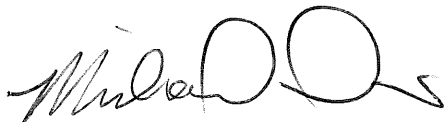
The findings of the preliminary investigation as specified by County Code, Section 2-3-49 9 (b) are as follows:

1. 2017 Kubota RVT 900 side by side with 4,750 miles. This vehicle is used for response to all medical calls within the island. It is permitted as an ALS non-transport vehicle with the state of Florida.
2. Service is primarily provided by 1 paid staff member who also serves as the Fire Chief.

The Charlotte County Fire/EMS Department recommends Little Gasparilla Island Fire Rescue receive their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under the following conditions;

- a. That the service be limited to emergency response to the scene within Little Gasparilla Island response area, but shall not preclude performance of this service by Charlotte County Fire/EMS, if conditions warrant that same shall be in the best interest of Charlotte County and the patient.
- b. That the provisions of the service by Little Gasparilla Island Fire Rescue Advanced Life Support as that term is defined in Chapter 64J-1, Florida Administrative Code and Chapter 401, Florida Statutes, as the minimum level of service required under the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.
- c. That the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity shall not assume exclusivity of described service to Little Gasparilla Island Fire Rescue, but may be granted to other firms through additional certificates or performed by Charlotte County Fire/EMS if deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners.

In issuing this Certificate, it is understood that the Little Gasparilla Island Fire Rescue has met the requirements of the State Legislation and Charlotte County Ordinance #84-03 and provides the prescribed service on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to all the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Charlotte County.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Davis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Davis

Deputy Chief of EMS