



Agenda Memorandum

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City Council Meeting
May 22, 2023



Strategic Priority 1: Preparedness and Resilience

Build a system of intentional support for residents, businesses and the environment that mitigates risks and proactively seeks out ways to ensure the community not only endures, but thrives.



Strategic Priority 2: Proactive Public Safety

Enhance public safety to emphasize both prevention and enforcement, engage the community through education and outreach and provide the resources necessary to ensure safety and well-being throughout Westminster.



Strategic Priority 3: Shared Sense of Community

Foster equitable opportunities that help residents feel at home and connected in their community and empowered to live their best lives.

Subject: Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

Prepared By: Jeromy Hill, Emergency Medical Services Chief

Recommended City Council Action:

Councillor Emmons to present a Proclamation designating May 21 through May 27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week for the City of Westminster.

Summary Statement:

- Annually, the President of the United States proclaims a week in May as National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.
- National EMS Week activities are led by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).
- The City of Westminster Fire Department has a constant commitment to providing superior quality emergency medical services to residents and visitors of the Westminster community.
- EMS Chief Jeromy Hill will be present to accept the Proclamation on behalf of the Fire Department.

Fiscal Impact:

\$0 in expenditures.

Source of Funds:

Not applicable.

Policy Issue(s):

Should City Council designate the week of May 21 through May 27, 2023, as EMS Week for the City of Westminster?

Alternative(s):

City Council could choose not to designate the week of May 21 through May 27, 2023, as EMS Week for the City of Westminster. Staff does not recommend this alternative as designating the week of May 21 through May 27, 2023, as EMS Week allows for greater emphasis on the importance of EMS within the City of Westminster.

Background Information:

May 21 through May 27, 2023, is the 49th annual National EMS Week. In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. This year's theme is *EMS: Where Emergency Care Begins*.

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) partners with the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) to lead annual EMS Week activities. Together, NAEMT and ACEP are working to ensure that the important contributions of EMS practitioners in safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of their communities are fully celebrated and recognized.

Westminster Fire Department Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics are dedicated 24 hours a day, seven days a week to providing care to those in need. In addition, they devote copious hours to specialized training and continuing education. Roughly 68% of the Fire Department's responses are emergency medical calls.

The Proclamation meets the City's Strategic Plan goal of Proactive Public Safety by recognizing and promoting EMS provided by the City of Westminster Fire Department. In addition, it also meets the City's Strategic Plan goals of Preparedness and Resilience and Shared Sense of Community by informing community members these essential services that the City of Westminster Fire Department provides.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments:

Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week