



## Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

November 9, 2023

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
County Commissioners

THRU: Raul Pino, MD, MPH, Director  
Health Services Department

FROM: Christian C. Zuver, M.D., Medical Director  
EMS Office of the Medical Director  
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SUBJECT: Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
Renewal and Modification of First 2 Aid EMS, Inc d/b/a Trident EMS  
**Consent Agenda – November 28, 2023**

The EMS Office of the Medical Director ("EMS") requests Board approval of a renewed and modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("COPCN" or "Certificate") for a period of two years that updates the business name of the certificate holder from "First 2 Aid EMS, Inc" to "First 2 Aid EMS, Inc d/b/a Trident EMS." The renewed and modified Certificate authorizes Trident EMS to continue providing interfacility advanced life support and basic life support transport services in Orange County, Florida.

On June 28, 2023, Trident EMS submitted the attached application requesting renewal of its COPCN which has been in effect since December 2021. Additionally, on October 25, 2023, the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council ("EMSAC") voted to recommend a minor modification to the Certificate to update the business name of the certificate holder from "First 2 Aid EMS, Inc" to "First 2 Aid EMS, Inc d/b/a Trident EMS".

In accordance with the Orange County Code of Ordinances, EMS reviewed Trident EMS's renewal application. EMS has not received any substantial and material complaints against Trident EMS, and the status of Trident EMS has not substantially and materially changed. Accordingly, EMS recommends Board approval of the renewed and modified COPCN.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval and execution of the renewed and modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for First 2 Aid EMS, Inc d/b/a Trident EMS to provide interfacility advanced life support and basic life support transport services in Orange County, Florida. The term of this certificate is from December 15, 2023, through December 14, 2025. There is no cost to the County. (EMS Office of the Medical Director)

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Attachments

BCC Mtg. Date: November 28, 2023

**ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**  
*for*  
**FIRST 2 AID EMS, INC D/B/A TRIDENT EMS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 401.25, Florida Statutes, governs the licensure of entities providing prehospital and interfacility advanced life support (“ALS”) services and basic life support (“BLS”) transportation services and requires applicants for licensure to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from each county in which the applicant will operate; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 401.25, Florida Statutes, authorizes the governing body of each county to adopt ordinances that provide reasonable standards for certificates of public convenience and necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 20, Article III, Orange County Code (the “Code”), governs the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Orange County, Florida (“COPCN” or “Certificate”) and provides reasonable standards; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2023, First 2 Aid EMS, Inc (“First 2 Aid”) submitted its renewal application for a COPCN to Orange County’s Office of the Medical Director/EMS Division (“EMS”) to provide interfacility ALS and BLS transport services (“Application”); and

**WHEREAS**, after filing its renewal application, First 2 Aid informed EMS that it would start operating under the fictitious name of “Trident EMS”; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2023, the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (“EMSAC”) voted to recommend a minor modification to First 2 Aid’s COPCN to update the name of the business from “First 2 Aid EMS, Inc” to “First 2 Aid EMS, Inc d/b/a Trident EMS” (“Trident EMS” or “Applicant”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 20-99 of the Code, EMS reviewed the Application and has not received any substantial and material complaints against the Applicant, and the status of the Applicant has not substantially and materially changed. Accordingly, EMS recommends that the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (“Board” or “BCC”) renew the Applicant’s certificate with the Applicant’s updated business name; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the Application, EMS’s recommendation, and all applicable recommendations from municipalities within Orange County, Florida (the “County”). The Board has determined that the Applicant’s proposed service, to the extent authorized by this Certificate, is or will be required by the present or future public convenience or necessity. The Board has determined that the Applicant is financially and otherwise able to provide adequate and uninterrupted service as required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this Certificate.

**Section 2. Application and Certificate.** The Board hereby grants Trident EMS’s Application to renew its COPCN and authorizes Trident EMS to provide **Level 7 interfacility**

**ALS and BLS transport services in Orange County, Florida** in accordance with the terms, conditions, and limitations of this Certificate. The Board hereby issues this Certificate to **First 2 Aid EMS, Inc d/b/a Trident EMS**. The Board certifies that the Applicant's proposed services are for the benefit of the population of the County or the benefit of the population of some geographic area of the County.

**Section 3. Term.** The "Term" of this Certificate is the period of time during which this Certificate is valid and effective. This Certificate's Term shall be for a two-year period beginning on **December 15, 2023**, and expiring on **December 14, 2025**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Term may expire earlier if this Certificate is suspended or revoked pursuant to Orange County Code.

**Section 4. Indemnification.** In consideration of this Certificate, which permits Trident EMS to provide interfacility ALS and BLS transport services in Orange County, pursuant to Section 20-96, Orange County Code, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Trident EMS agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officials, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, judgments, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees) of any kind or nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly out of or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of Trident EMS or its subcontractors (if any), anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable; excepting those acts or omissions arising out of the sole negligence of the County.

**Section 5. Compliance with Laws.** By accepting this Certificate or providing interfacility ALS or BLS transport services in Orange County pursuant to this Certificate, Trident EMS agrees to comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.

ADOPTED THIS 28 DAY OF November, 2023.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jerry L. Demings*  
for Jerry L. Demings  
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jennifer Ann - Kline*  
Deputy Clerk