

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with City of Tallulah Falls

DATE: 11/08/2022

☒ **RECOMMENDATION**

☐ **POLICY DISCUSSION**

BUDGET INFORMATION:

☐ **STATUS REPORT**

ANNUAL-

☐ **OTHER**

CAPITAL-

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 21, 2022

PURPOSE:

To seek approval from the BOC for the Memorandum of Agreement to provide the City of Tallulah Falls, 1 (one) LUCAS mechanical CPR device to be carried on fire department apparatus.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

- a. In 1964 Michigan Instruments pioneered the industry-leading mechanical CPR devices called the Thumper.
- b. In 2015, the American Heart Association recommended mechanical CPR devices be used whenever possible due to the ability to deliver continuous compressions with lessening the adequacy of the compressions often found in the fatigue of rescue personnel.
- c. Habersham County was awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase 10 LUCAS mechanical CPR devices. One will be placed on each manned county fire engine, leaving 4 for distribution to the city fire departments.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- a. Mechanical CPR is found to produce the effectiveness of the compressions
- b. Added safety to emergency personnel in the back of the med unit as they are not having to perform CPR in an unsecured position.
- c. Habersham County provides EMS response throughout the cities.
- d. Service and warranty are included in the grant award and will be managed through HCES as specified in the MOA.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve recommendation
- 2) Deny recommendation
- 3) Commission defined alternative

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Motion to approve MOA with the City of Tallulah Falls for the use of the LUCAS mechanical CPR devices obtained by Habersham County with AFG funds.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Jeffrey D. Adams

Director: _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:**_____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager



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Memorandum of Agreement

The City of Tallulah Falls Fire Department accepts the loan of a LUCAS Mechanical CPR Machine from Habersham County Emergency Services. The device has been obtained by Habersham County through Assistance to Firefighter Grant funds in 2022. As part of this agreement,

The City of Tallulah Falls Fire Department agrees to the following:

1. Immediate response with the LUCAS device to an event where CPR is in progress, or the patient is unconscious and unresponsive, and the device is the closest to the address of the call.
2. Check the LUCAS device daily to insure it is operational and the batteries are charged.
3. Make the unit available for annual maintenance provided by Stryker.
4. Notify the on-duty Captain or Battalion Chief immediately of any operational issues of the device.
5. Return of the LUCAS device to Habersham County Emergency Services within a reasonable time upon termination of this agreement.

Habersham County Emergency Services agrees to the following:

1. Provide training and education as to the operation and care of the LUCAS device.
2. Make arrangements regarding the annual maintenance of the device.
3. Serve as the contact with Stryker about warranty issues for the device.

No amendment of this Agreement, or any of the terms or provisions hereof, shall be binding upon either party except by a writing executed by both parties.

Habersham County, Georgia
Habersham County Emergency Services

City of Tallulah Falls
Tallulah Falls Fire Department

Date: _____

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Bruce Palmer
Chairman,
Habersham County
Board of Commissioners

City of Tallulah Falls