



## CITY OF BREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**Subject: Brea Fire Department PAU Implementation – 9/1/2025**

Dr. Schultz,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that effective September 1, 2025, the Brea Fire Department (BFD), will be permanently staffing a paramedic on BFD Engine 4 (BE4) housed at Station 4 located at 198 Olinda Pl. Brea, CA 92823. This will upgrade the 911 response capability from a BLS unit to a 911 paramedic assessment unit (PAU).

This upgrade will improve access to Advanced Life Support (ALS) resources within the City of Brea. The Brea Fire Department has four fire stations located throughout the city. These stations house three fire engines, one fire truck and two BLS ambulances. Current staffing has 2 ALS resources (paramedics) and 2 firefighter EMT's on two of the engines and the truck. The third engine is currently staffed with 3 firefighter EMT's. With this implementation, BE4 will be staffed with two firefighter EMT's and one OCEMS accredited, state licensed paramedic on September 1, 2025. The additional PAU will expand the ALS coverage within the city to include 4 response units: two ALS engines, one ALS truck, and one PAU engine.

The PAU will be identified as Brea Engine 4 (BE4). BE4 will be dispatched in the same manner as all fire and EMS apparatus currently operating in the City of Brea.

This additional ALS unit will continue to meet all OCEMS requirements as an ALS service provider. Engine 4 has the full OCEMS required inventory of supplies, equipment, and medications; and is equipped for communications as specified by OCEMS.

Please review the following criteria for activation and upgrades of Brea Engine 4 per OCEMS policy #705.00

- A. Justification for an additional PAU or ALS unit(s)
  - a. Increased access to ALS level care and a growing population in the Carbon Canyon Area. Approximately 55% of the calls Brea Engine 4 responds to require emergency medical services. BE4 is often the first to arrive on scene and will now be able to provide ALS services if needed prior to arrival of an ALS unit.
- B. Description of the geographical location and boundaries for the proposed service.
  - a. BE4: suburban and wildland areas, see attached map (Attachment A)

C. Justification for variances (if any) from the applicant's plan for adhering to the Board of Supervisors Resolution 79-240: One unit for every 64,000 population; or one unit per 16 square miles; or an average of five minutes or less response time; or adjacent units are at or above 300 total responses/month (Policy 700.00).

a. No variances from Board of Supervisors Resolution 79-240

D. A workload analysis of the impact on contiguous PAUs or ALS units.

a. BE4 has seen an increase in call volume. The upgrade of BE4 to a PAU will add ALS capability to calls for service and reduce reliance on mutual aid from neighboring agencies.

E. Proposed time frame for implementation.

a. BE4 upgrade to PAU September 1, 2025 at 8:00AM

F. Commitment to utilize and maintain telecommunications as specified by the OCEMS.

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G. Commitment to maintain a drug and solution inventory and basic and ALS medical equipment and supplies as specified by the OCEMS.

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H. Training needs for meeting OCEMS staffing requirements of two Paramedics per ALS unit.

a. All Brea Fire units will continue to meet all training and staffing requirement as outlined by OCEMS

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (714) 990-7600 or [justinz@breafire.gov](mailto:justinz@breafire.gov)

Respectfully,

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# Brea Fire Station 4: Response Map Area

