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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY IMPLEMENTATION OF PAU

Dear Dr. Shaikh:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that effective July 6, 2026, at 0730, Newport Beach Fire Department (NBFD), will be temporarily staffing a paramedic on BLS truck NT62. The temporary PAU upgrade will end on or approximately July 11, 2026, at 0730 am following EMCC approval on July 10th for permanent status. Newport Truck 62 (NT62) is housed at Station 2 located at 2807 Newport Blvd. Newport Beach Fire has staffing capacity to place an OC State licensed and accredited paramedic on NT62 24/7.

THE OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this upgrade to PAU will temporarily upgrade the response capability from a BLS unit to a Paramedic Assessment Units (PAU). NT62 responds to over 1,500 calls for service each year, sometimes prior to the arrival of ALS staffed ambulances or PAU Engines. This increased level of service will provide Advanced Life Support measures, if needed, in a timely manner.

NBFD has eight fire stations located throughout our community. These stations house eight fire engines, two fire trucks and four ALS ambulances. Current staffing has two ALS resources (Paramedics) on each of the four ALS Ambulances and one Paramedic and two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) on each of the eight Engine Company PAUs and one Truck Company PAU. The current Engine Company PAUs are NE61, NE62, NE63, NE64, NE65, NE66, NE67 and NE68. The current Truck Company PAU is NT63.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Timeline

NT62 will temporarily transition to a PAU on July 6, 2026, at 0730.

Staffing Resources

To achieve staff changes, existing Nbfd OC state accredited Paramedics will be moved onto the PAU truck.

Response Matrix

The PAU will continue to be identified as Newport Truck 62. NT62 will be dispatched in the same manner as any PAU currently operating in the City of Newport Beach.

Equipment Resources

The equipment, supplies, and inventory on NT62 will be maintained in accordance with OCEMS policy.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at 949-644-3385 or email kthompson@nbfd.net.

Sincerely,

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