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Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2016-071**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMBULANCE GURNEY & LOAD SYSTEMS
STANDARDIZATION POLICY FOR THE FIRE SERVICE AREAS**

WHEREAS, Central Emergency Services ("CES"), Nikiski Fire Service Area ("NFSA") and other fire service areas have recognized a need for standardization for gurney and load systems used in ambulances to help reduce training and maintenance costs and to increase productivity and operational safety; and

WHEREAS, since the 1990's all new gurneys placed into service with CES, NFSA and all other borough fire services areas have been manufactured by Stryker, and each of these units have been subjected to the competitive bidding process with Stryker always securing the lowest bid; and

WHEREAS, CES and NFSA have budgeted to purchase four ambulances this year including gurneys used by medics to move patients from the emergency scene to the ambulance and loading systems that use mechanical systems to help lift the patient into the ambulance which together are powered and designed to assist medics move and lift patients weighing up to 700 lbs.; and

WHEREAS, CES and NFSA have purchased gurney and load systems of exceptional quality from Stryker which has always stood behind its product warranty and after warranty service when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the borough fire service areas have mutual aid agreements and the benefits of standardization will be reduction in training and maintenance costs while increasing productivity and operational safety for all emergency responders in the borough; and

WHEREAS, having every ambulance on the Kenai Peninsula use the same type of gurney and load systems provides a level of safety for patients and emergency responders during mutual aid responses when departments may be working with other departments at emergency scenes and all fire service areas in the borough currently own Stryker gurneys; and

WHEREAS, new ambulances on order with CES and NFSA will all have Stryker load systems installed and older ambulances may not have load systems unless upgrades are needed; and

WHEREAS, with one manufacturer for ambulance gurneys and load systems, all borough fire service areas can work closely with one service center if a problem is beyond local capacity to handle or involves warranty issues; and

WHEREAS, the borough may use government cooperative purchasing organizations or competitive purchasing procedures to obtain the best price for the fire service areas; and

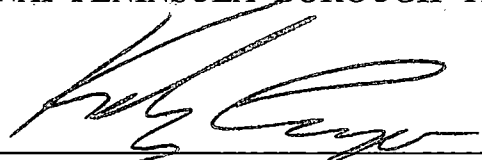
WHEREAS, the borough will use this standardization model for an initial period of five years after which the service areas will assess the benefits and weaknesses of the standardization model and will require assembly approval for continuation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the assembly authorizes and approves the policy of standardizing the purchase of gurney and lift systems manufactured by Stryker for CES and NFSA, and approves all other fire service areas throughout the borough to use this standardization as needed.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

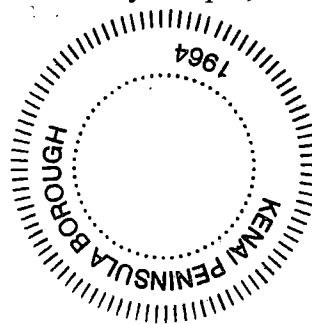
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.



Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Dunne, Fischer, Gilman, Holmdahl, Knopp, Ogle, Welles, Cooper
No: None
Absent: None