



Margate Fire Department

PROUDLY SERVING THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF
THE CITY OF MARGATE
ISO Class 1 Fire Department



Memorandum

To: Cale Curtis, City Manager
From: Roberto Lorenzo, Fire Chief *Roberto Lorenzo*
Date: May 7, 2026

Subj: Use of Impact Fees for Improvement of Emergency Medical Services

The City of Margate Fire Department is an ISO Class 1 Department that offers a full-time career Fire and Emergency Medical Services to over 59,000 residents within nine square miles. The City's firefighter paramedics respond to approximately 9,000-9,300 calls for service per year from three fire stations.

We have an opportunity to expand Emergency Medical Services capacity through a capital equipment acquisition. The proposed expenditure of impact fees is consistent with the applicable City Code of Ordinance provisions as the expenditures will allow the City to expand the services it provides to current and new residents.

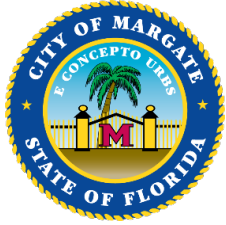
Improvement/Expansion of Emergency Medical Services

Reference City Code of Ordinance Section 9-26

Section 163.31801, Florida Statutes

Auto Pulse: The purchase of five Auto Pulse mechanical CPR devices will support the expansion of advanced life support capabilities within the Margate Fire Department and the City of Margate (the "City"). The new equipment will be assigned to frontline rescue units responding to a number of increased EMS call volume generated by additional residential uses and commercial businesses within the City. These devices are considered capital medical equipment as they have a useful life exceeding three years and enhance the Fire Department's ability to deliver emergency medical services to new residents and developments supported by fire and EMS impact fee revenue. Cost: \$113,037.43.

Ballistic Vests and Helmets: The purchase of ballistic vests and ballistic helmets will support the safe expansion of emergency medical services within the Margate Fire Department and the City of Margate (the "City"). This new protective equipment will be assigned to frontline rescue units and firefighter paramedics who respond to medical emergencies in potentially hazardous environments, including violent incidents and other unsecured scenes. As additional residential uses and commercial businesses development within the City, EMS personnel are increasingly required to operate in dynamic environments while providing rapid life-saving care. Cost: \$65,602.44.



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These ballistic vests and helmets are specialized emergency response equipment with an anticipated useful life exceeding three years and will be assigned to frontline response units serving new residential and commercial developments. This equipment supports the department's ability to safely deliver advanced life support services to residents and businesses generated by new development and is consistent with the use of fire and EMS impact fee revenue for capital equipment supporting expanded service capabilities.

CombiCarrier Backboard/Scoop Stretchers: The purchase of scoop stretchers will support the continued expansion of emergency medical services within the Margate Fire Department and the City of Margate (the "City"). Scoop stretchers are specialized patient movement devices used by firefighter-paramedics to safely lift and transport patients during medical emergencies, particularly in confined spaces, trauma incidents, and environments where traditional stretchers cannot be easily deployed. As residential and commercial development increases within the City of Margate, the demand for EMS responses requiring specialized patient handling equipment continues to grow.

These scoop stretchers are capital medical equipment with an anticipated useful life exceeding three years and will be assigned to frontline rescue units serving new residential and commercial developments. The equipment enhances the department's ability to deliver safe and effective advanced life support services to residents and businesses generated by new development and is consistent with the use of fire and EMS impact fee revenue for capital equipment supporting expanded service capabilities. Cost: \$7,578.27

Airway Intubation Training Manikins: The purchase of airway intubation training manikins will support the expansion and continued enhancement of advanced life support training capabilities within the Margate Fire Department and the City of Margate (the "City"). The new training equipment will be used to prepare and maintain the clinical skills of firefighter-paramedics assigned to frontline rescue units responding to increased EMS call volume generated by additional residential uses and commercial businesses within the City. These manikins are considered capital training equipment as they have a useful life exceeding three years and directly support the Fire Department's ability to deliver advanced airway management and emergency medical services to new residents, businesses, and developments supported by fire and EMS impact fee revenue. Cost: \$11,766.36

Total Cost: \$197,984.50.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.