

RESPONSE FROM JOHN WILSON TO INQUIRY REGARDING REQUEST FOR EMS  
PARAMEDIC:

Just to clarify, the paramedic at Pine Island Fire District Station 2 is a County EMS paramedic - we have a joint partnership with them (they supply the vehicle, we supply the paramedic and equipment).

For Stations 3 & 4, we do not have paramedic positions budgeted to staff those stations. It would be an increase in our service delivery. We're not sure if Chris made such promises - if he did, they are not in any type of memorandum of understanding.

If we were to seek approval to expand, We need to run the numbers to see what the response time impact would be. The Bokeelia station may be a benefit, but we're not so sure about placing one in Matlacha.

We also would not recommend training a firefighter and then placing him/her on the ALS non-transport for two reasons. It would take about 1 ½ years to complete paramedic school and then the credentialing process with Dr. Lemmons. In addition, he/she would lack the field experience - we would better off to partnership as we do with Station 2.

Let us know if you need any further information to respond to this request.

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