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BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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# RESOLUTION

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## ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS *regarding*

### FIRE RESCUE TRANSPORTATION FEES

#### Resolution No. 2003-M-56

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to action taken by the Board of County Commissioners in 1996, the Fire Rescue Department began charging for emergency medical transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the charge initially established was a rate of \$280 per transport and \$6 per mile; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no increase in the emergency medical transportation rates during the intervening seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of emergency transportation service costs throughout the state reveals that the fees in Orange County fall well below the regional average and a rate increase would bring Orange County fees in alignment with transport agencies in Central Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in transport rates would allow the county to receive maximum reimbursement on Medicare patient transports; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to properly service the growing population in Orange County, it is necessary to increase emergency rescue transportation fees to provide for additional rescue units, staffing and other service enhancements .

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

***SECTION 1. Preamble Incorporated.*** The preamble paragraphs are true, correct and incorporated herein.

***SECTION 2. Implementation of Increase in Fire Transport Fees.*** The following fee schedule is hereby adopted:

Basic Rates for emergency medical transport

- \$350 for Basic Life Support
- \$450 for Advanced Life Support – Stable
- \$550 for Advanced Life Support – Unstable

In addition a charge of \$7 per mile will be assessed.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2004, fees shall be increased by the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index (CPI-U, as developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S.

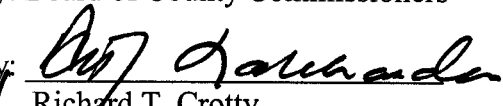
Department of Labor) as compared to the prior year.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners and shall be in effect until further action is taken by the Board.

**ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2003.**

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Richard T. Crotty  
County Chairman

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Clerk  
As Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Deputy Clerk

