RESOLUTION

of the

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 Commissioner
As Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By: Deputy Clerk