

CITY OF
EL SEGUNDO

Paramedic Standby for the NFL Chargers Team Practice by the El Segundo Fire Department



City Council Meeting
July 2, 2024



Background

- Since 2017, the NFL Chargers team practices were held in Costa Mesa.
- El Segundo Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Council approved of the new NFL Chargers practice facility and broke ground on May 18, 2022.
- On July 23, 2024 the Chargers will be holding their 1st practice at their new facility here in El Segundo.
- Their corporate office is also moving to this location and plan to seek opportunities to engage with our community.

NFL Chargers Practice Standby Coverage policy and definitions

- The NFL requires each team to have Mandatory and Non-Mandatory standby coverage at each of their practices to reduce response times if an injury occurs.
- Firefighter/Paramedic “Hard Coverage” is proposed as off duty El Segundo Firefighters (2 FF’s per practice) in the reserve Rescue Ambulance.
- “Soft Coverage” is proposed as on duty El Segundo Firefighters standing by on scene, but will immediately respond to any 911 call in the community.

SCHEDULE OF PRACTICES 2024

- If approved, El Segundo Fire Dept will provide team practice coverage beginning on July 23, 2024 for the 24/25 season.
- Practices and preseason begin July 23, 2024. Season begins in September and ends in January.
- There are 14 mandatory hard coverage practices.
- There are 14 Soft Coverage Days.
- In Season, there will be one mandatory hard standby coverage each week.

ALTERNATE AND PLANNED COVERAGE

- Los Angeles County Fire Department has agreed to cover any days the El Segundo Fire Dept is unable to provide staffing.
- The Staffing Schedule will be filled by non-forced firefighters 10 days in advance.

FISCAL IMPACT

- The NFL Chargers will reimburse the City of El Segundo the fully burdened rate of fire personnel at time and half.
- A daily fire apparatus charge will be invoiced at the Cal OES Rate presently set at \$260 per day.
- If any patients from the Chargers facility are transported, they will incur the standard Paramedic Service and Transport fees.

Conclusion

- The El Segundo Fire Department is requesting the City authorize the fire department to provide Paramedic Coverage services to the NFL Chargers team for their scheduled team practices.
- The term of this Agreement will be through June 30, 2027 (“Initial Term”). Following the Initial Term, the Agreement will automatically extend for an additional two years through June 30, 2029 unless either Party provides written notice, on or before June 1, 2027, to the other Party that it does not seek to extend the Agreement beyond the Initial Term. Either Party may also terminate the Agreement upon 90 days’ written notice to the other Party.