



FIRE SERVICES

TO: Council
DATE: February 9, 2021
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: STARS Air Ambulance Presentation & Funding Request

DIVISION: All
APPLICATION: N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since 1991, Rocky View County Council has chosen to make an annual donation to the STARS Air Ambulance program. Glenda Farnden of STARS will present an update on their program and services as part of their funding request for 2021 (\$79,000).

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

STARS Air Ambulance has been in operation for over 35 years and flown over 45,000 missions. They provide 24/7 air ambulance service and carried out almost 3,000 missions last fiscal year from six bases located in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. On average, the STARS Air Ambulance service responds to eight missions per day, five of those located in Alberta. Air ambulance service is the responsibility of the Province of Alberta, with STARS fundraising augmenting the program.

In 2020, STARS flew 16 missions into Rocky View County, and air ambulance service is a critical component of emergency health care in the municipality.

The STARS Air Ambulance Service Update & Funding Request presentation is submitted as Attachment 'A'.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for a potential \$79,000 contribution to STARS was included in the 2021 Fire Services operational budget, pending Council direction.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:

Council's actions on this matter will be communicated through a media release, on the County's website, and through social media channels.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

The STARS program falls under the strategic objective of Embracing Partnerships in Council's Strategic Plan.

Administration Resources

Randy Smith, Fire Services



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OPTIONS:

Option #1: THAT the STARS Air Ambulance Presentation be received for information, and that Administration be directed to provide STARS with a \$79,000 donation for 2021.

Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Grant Kaiser”

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Executive Director
Community and Business Connections

Chief Administrative Officer

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ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT ‘A’: STARS Air Ambulance Service Update & Funding Request Presentation