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Internal Audit and Licensing

Date: April 2, 2009
To: Dr. Michael J. Bell, Chief Financial Officer
From: Deputy Director of Finance, Internal Audit & Licensing
Subject: Comprehensive Revenue Study/ Fire Rescue Services
Re: Emergency Medical Service

General Information

Internal Audit is currently conducting a comprehensive revenue study of DeKalb County departments that generate revenues from services or user fees. This study is primarily prompted by the past experiences and anticipation of future revenue shortfall.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the study is to identify all countywide sources of revenues and review rate/fee structure to determine whether an increase is feasible. Also, we attempted to identify new sources of revenues such as services that are rendered without a fee.

It should be pointed out that some fines/fees cannot be changed except by regulation.

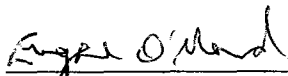
Results

The Emergency Medical Service fees are set by the Board of Commissioners (BOC). For every patient that uses this service, a Patient Care Report is filed electronically and billed by Affiliated Computer Services (ACS). This service generated \$4.4 million in 2007 and \$5.3 million in 2008. The increase in revenue from 2007 to 2008 was a result of an increase from 40% to 90% in patient signature. Fire Rescue Services Department Head mentioned that he was interested in increasing Basic Transport fees and that this information was conveyed to the CEO's office and Finance-Budget and Grants.

Internal Audit recommends that Fire Rescue Department present the increase proposal to the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee.

Internal Audit will continue to identify areas where revenues might be increased for DeKalb County.

Sincerely,



Eugene O' Mard

Cc: Chief David Foster, Fire Rescue Director
Russell Frankofsky, Deputy Director of Finance-Budget & Grants

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