

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager  
DATE: September 21, 2022  
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Carson Sanders, Fire/Rescue Chief, regarding the airway study

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Attachment

# Memorandum



**GREENVILLE  
FIRE/RESCUE**

**To:** Ann E. Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Carson Sanders, Fire/Rescue Chief  
**Date:** September 15, 2022  
**Subject:** Airway study

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Starting Thursday, September 15, 2022, Greenville Fire Rescue in partnership with ECU Health and the Medical Directors office began a treatment study on utilizing a new procedure for intubation (controlling the patient's airway) versus the current Pitt County protocol. The current protocol uses a blind insertion airway device. This new procedure is at the forefront of progressive and top of the line airway management for patients. The study will utilize a bougie introducer and actually pass a tube into the patient's airway. GFR has spent the last 45 days going through extensive training with the oversight and expertise of Medical Director Dr. Robert Portela. This study will last anywhere from nine to twelve months and the results will be published in Medical journals and trade publications.

This type of cooperation with our Medical Directors office and utilizing the best, most progressive medicine ensures we are delivering the absolute best treatment to the citizens and visitors to the City of Greenville and continues to build an ELITE department.