

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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Meeting Date: 5/1/07     Consent             Regular  
     Workshop             Public Hearing

Department: Administration

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff requests to receive and file: the Semi-Annual report of the Fire Rescue Level of Service Committee.

**Summary:** The County and all the cities agreed on a three-year voluntary implementation process for all providers to comply with the Level of Service Standard by October 1, 2007. Of the thirty-nine agencies, all but seven agencies have been determined to be in compliance. Countywide (SB)

**Background and Justification:** On March 16, 2004, the Board adopted Resolution R2004-0494 establishing the Fire Rescue Level of Service Committee, with the purpose to review and make recommendations on the implementation of the Countywide Fire-Rescue Minimum Level of Services, Common Dispatch System and other related fire-rescue service delivery projects which may be more effective on a county-wide scale. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to all fire-rescue providers and assists them in developing action plans in order to voluntarily comply with the proposed Level of Service Standard by October 1, 2007. All the cities agreed to implementation of a voluntary standard. Over the past two-and-a-half years, the Fire Rescue Level of Service Committee has monitored compliance and assisted agencies in developing strategies to improve service and/or meet the voluntary standards. To date, all but seven agencies have been determined to be in compliance with four of those agencies having submitted approved compliance plans. Of the remaining three agencies, the City of Boca Raton has advised the Committee that they are not reporting, the Village of Palm Springs has indicated they are in discussions with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for a partnership; and the Town of Palm Beach Shores is pursuing discussions with the City of Riviera Beach for compliance.

- Attachments:**
- 1. Semi-Annual Report of the Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee

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**Recommended by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Department Director** **Date**

**Approved By:** *Balubee* **Date** 4/17/07

**County Administrator**

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) \_\_\_\_\_

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Budget Account No.:  
 General Fund - \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:** \_\_\_\_\_

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Budget and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:**

<p><i>[Signature]</i> 4-19-07                  _____                  OFMB/Budget                  4/18/07</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> 4/19/07                  _____                  Contract Development and Control                  4/18/07</p>
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**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*[Signature]* 4-19-07  
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 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 Department Director



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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Addie Greene, Chairperson, and Members  
Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Brad Merriman,  
Assistant County Administrator

**DATE:** May 1, 2007

**RE:** Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee  
Semi-Annual Report – (October 2006 - March 2007)

This activity period is highlighted by continued work on voluntary implementation of a minimum Level of Service Standard. Several municipalities have developed improvement plans in order to comply with the voluntary standard by the October 2007 deadline. See attached chart for the complete status of all agencies.

**Other tasks initiated:**

- Approved the consultant agreement with Mr. Gordon Routley to extend the term until October 31, 2009, in order to assist agencies with the implementation phase of response time data reporting.
- Begun discussions on development of an incentive plan for dispatch services as well as a response time methodology and standard for providers to meet by October, 2009.
- Meetings have been held between the consultant and specific municipalities to assist them in identifying data/software deficiencies and with the EMS Council to ensure consistency of standards in the County's EMS Ordinance.

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**STATUS OF FIRE-RESCUE AGENCIES TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY'S MINIMUM LEVEL OF SERVICE**

<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>COMPLIANCE STATUS</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENT PLAN</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
City of Atlantis	Pending		Served by Greenacres
City of Belle Glade	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
City of Boca Raton	No Submittal		Advised the Committee they will not be reporting
City of Boynton Beach	Approved		
City of Delray Beach	Approved	With Alternative Deployment Strategy	
City of Greenacres	Pending	Approved	Partnership with Palm Beach County; (Also applies to Atlantis)
City of Lake Worth	Pending	Approved	
City of Pahokee	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
City of Palm Beach Gardens	Approved		
City of Riviera Beach	Pending	Approved	
City of South Bay	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
City of West Palm Beach	Approved		
Palm Beach County	Approved		
Town of Briny Breezes	Approved		Served by Boynton Beach
Town of Cloud Lake	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Glen Ridge	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Gulfstream	Approved		Served by Delray Beach
Town of Haverhill	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Highland Beach	Approved		Served by Delray Beach
Town of Hypoluxo	Approved		Served by Boynton Beach
Town of Juno Beach	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Jupiter	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony	Approved		Served by Tequesta; partnership Palm Beach County
Town of Lake Clarke Shores	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Lake Park	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Lantana	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Loxahatchee Groves	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Manalapan	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Town of Mangonia Park	Approved		Served by West Palm Beach
Town of Ocean Ridge	Approved		Served by Boynton Beach

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Town of Palm Beach	Approved	With alternative deployment strategy	
Town of Palm Beach Shores	No Submittal		Pursuing discussions with City of Riviera Beach for compliance
Town of South Palm Beach	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Village of Golf	Approved		Served by Boynton Beach
Village of North Palm Beach	Approved		Partnership with Palm Beach County
Village of Palm Springs	No Submittal		Pursuing a partnership with Palm Beach County
Village of Royal Palm Beach	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County
Village of Tequesta	Approved		Partnership with Palm Beach County
Village of Wellington	Approved		Served by Palm Beach County

Revised 4/10/07