

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #:

5A-1

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:

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Regular

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Public Hearing

Department: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to receive and file: the Compliance Report on the Fire Rescue Level of Service Standard from the 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 three agencies have been determined to be in compliance by the deadline date. 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 Service, Common Dispatch System and other related fire-rescue service delivery projects which may be more effective on a county-wide scale. All the cities agreed to implementation of a voluntary standard with a target date of October, 1, 2007. In the past three-year period much progress has been made. However, in light of the recent actions taken by the State Legislature, the Level of Service Committee surveyed all cities to determine if budget shortfalls would negatively impact their ability to continue with their commitment.

The results of the Fire Rescue Level of Service Committee's efforts over the past three years as well as the recent survey on budgetary impacts indicates that three of thirty-nine agencies have not been determined to be in compliance by the established October 1, 2007 voluntary deadline. Three of those agencies specifically cite budgetary impacts as the reason for non-compliance (the City of Lake Worth, City of Greenacres and the Town of Palm Beach Shores). Two additional agencies, the City of Boca Raton and the Town of Palm Springs, have not made presentations to the Level of Service Committee but indicate they meet the Level of Service standards.

**Attachments:**

1. Status of Compliance as of October 1, 2007

Recommended by:

Department Director

Date

Approved By:

County Administrator

Date

## 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:**  
There is no fiscal impact associated with the receipt and file of this Compliance Report.

*[Signature]* 11-26-07  
OFMB/Budget

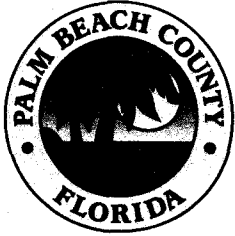
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Contract Development and Control

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

Frank Burr 12-5-07  
Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

**Department Director**



**Department of Engineering  
and Public Works**

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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**DATE:** December 4, 2007

**RE:** Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee  
Report on Providers' Compliance with LOS Standards

In March 2004, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners endorsed minimum Level of Service standards to provide uniformity throughout the county and a basis for a system of closest unit response. Each jurisdiction agreed to a voluntary implementation of the standards over a three-year period, with implementation by October 2007. The Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee has been facilitating this compliance process over the past three years. However, this year's actions by the State Legislature have created a new challenge for local governments. Some agencies, impacted by budgetary shortfalls, can no longer provide the necessary enhancements to their fire-rescue departments in order to meet the standard.

Still, overall compliance by the voluntary implementation deadline has been quite successful. Of the 39 jurisdictions, all but 3 report they meet the adopted LOS standards. The three agencies currently not in compliance are: the City of Lake Worth, the City of Greenacres and the Town of Palm Beach Shores. Budgetary impacts were cited as the reason for the non-compliance at this time.

Two additional cities have not presented their compliance reports to the LOS Committee, but both indicate they are in compliance. These two cities are: the City of Boca Raton and the Town of Palm Springs.

Attached is a chart which indicates each jurisdiction's status.

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Attachment

**STATUS OF FIRE-RESCUE AGENCIES TOWARD COMPLIANCE  
WITH MINIMUM LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARD– as of Oct 2007**

<b>FIRE-RESCUE PROVIDER</b>	<b>COMPLIANCE STATUS <u>PRIOR</u> TO TAX REFORM</b>	<b>IN COMPLIANCE FOR FY 2007/2008</b>
City of Boca Raton	No Submittal	In Compliance <sup>1</sup>
City of Boynton Beach	Approved	In Compliance
City of Delray Beach	Approved	In Compliance
City of Greenacres	Pending	No Longer meets Staffing LOS
City of Lake Worth	Pending	No Longer meets LOS <sup>2</sup>
City of Palm Beach Gardens	Approved	In Compliance
City of Riviera Beach	Pending	In Compliance <sup>1</sup>
City of West Palm Beach	Approved	In Compliance
Palm Beach County	Approved	In Compliance
Town of Palm Beach	Approved	In Compliance
Town of Palm Beach Shores	Pending	Not in Compliance
Village of North Palm Beach	Approved	In Compliance
Village of Palm Springs	No Submittal	In Compliance <sup>1</sup>
Village of Tequesta	Approved	In Compliance

<sup>1</sup>based on information contained in October 2007 letter

<sup>2</sup> currently in discussion with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for services

Revised 11/15/07