

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 8, 2008
Department: Fire Rescue
Advisory Board Name: Fire Rescue Level of Service Committee

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: appointment of one (1) member to the Fire Rescue Level of Service (LOS) Committee to complete a three year term of a vacant seat beginning July 8, 2008 through May 2, 2011.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Seat</u>	<u>Category</u>
Chief Pete Bergel	5	City Fire Chief-Large City

Summary: The LOS Committee recommends appointment of Chief Pete Bergel, Fire Chief for the City of Palm Beach Gardens to replace Chief Ridgeway who resigned from the City of West Palm Beach. Palm Beach County Resolution R2004-0494 established the Fire Rescue LOS Committee. It consists of nine (9) members representing specific categories: one (1) County Administrator or designee; one (1) County Fire Chief; two (2) City Managers (one representing small cities, one representing large cities); two (2) City Fire Chiefs (one representing small cities, one representing large cities); one (1) Labor Representative; one (1) Fire-Rescue Advisory Board Member; and one (1) EMS Council representative. All terms shall be for three years, except the appointments for County Administrator (or designee) and County Fire Chief which may be permanent appointments. Countywide (SB)

Background and Justification: On March 16, 2004, the Board adopted Resolution R2004-0494 establishing the Fire Rescue Level of Service Committee, outlining its membership and responsibilities. The Committee is advisory in nature and can assist in implementing the countywide minimum level of service, common dispatch and closest unit response system as well as make recommendation on other proposed enhancements.

- Attachments: 1. Board Appointment Information Form
 2. Resolution R2004-0494

Recommended By: 
 Department Director Date

Legal Sufficiency:  6-30-08
 Assistant County Attorney Date

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BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION FORM

Part I:

Board Name: Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee

At Large Appointment District Appointment

Term of Appointment: 3 years FROM July 8, 2008 to May 2, 2011

Seat Requirement: City Fire Chief - Large City Seat # 5

Reappointment or New Appointment

or to complete the term of Chief Ridgeway

due to: resignation other

completion of term to expire on: May 2, 2011

Part II: *APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT*

Name: Chief Pete Bergel

Occupation/Affiliation: Fire Chief City of Palm Beach Gardens

Business Name: Palm Beach Gardens Fire Department

Business Address: 10500 North Military Trail

City & State Palm Beach Gardens, Florida Zip Code 33410

Residence Address: n/a

City & State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: 561-799-4300 Fax: 561-799-4399

E-Mail Address: pbergel@pbgfl.com

Mailing Address preference: Business Address Residence Other or other:

Minority Identification Code:

<input type="checkbox"/> IF (American Indian Female)	<input type="checkbox"/> IM (American Indian Male)
<input type="checkbox"/> AF (Asian Female)	<input type="checkbox"/> AM (Asian Male)
<input type="checkbox"/> BF (Black Female)	<input type="checkbox"/> BM (Black Male)
<input type="checkbox"/> HF (Hispanic Female)	<input type="checkbox"/> HM (Hispanic Male)
<input type="checkbox"/> WF (White Female)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WM (White Male)

Part III: COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: July 8, 2008

***When a person is being considered for re-appointment, the number and nature of previously disclosed voting conflicts shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners.**

_____ Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts.

Signature _____ Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. R-2004-0494

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR ABOLISHMENT OF THE TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ON FIRE-RESCUE LEVEL OF SERVICE; CREATION OF A NEW FIRE-RESCUE LEVEL OF SERVICE COMMITTEE; PURPOSE; MEMBERSHIP; TERM; ADVISORY ONLY; MEETINGS; QUORUM AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS; CONSULTANT; SUNSHINE LAW; PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS; EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners desires to implement, on a voluntary basis, a county-wide minimum level of service and common dispatch system for fire-rescue; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, on November 4, 2003 established a nine-member temporary Committee on Fire-Rescue Level of Service to assist with the costing out of said minimum level of service and dispatch service; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to abolish said temporary committee and create a permanent advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that this advisory committee assist each fire-rescue provider in preparing to meet the level of service criteria approved by the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that the advisory committee also review and make recommendations for a common dispatch center which will provide closest unit response; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires the Committee to review other possible joint projects related to the efficient and effective delivery of fire-rescue services, such as but not limited to, traffic pre-emption, automatic vehicle locators, mobile data terminals, combined police/fire dispatch; and common software for response time reporting, deployment analysis and planning tools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. ABOLISHMENT. The Committee on Fire-Rescue Level of Service created on November 4, 2003 is hereby abolished.

SECTION 2. CREATION. The Board of County Commissioners hereby creates and establishes the "Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee."

SECTION 3. PURPOSE. The Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee shall 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.

The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to all fire-rescue providers and assist them in developing action plans in order to voluntarily comply with the proposed Level of Service by October 1, 2007.

The Committee will provide quarterly reports to the Board of County Commissioners on the progress made toward implementation of the voluntary minimum level of service, common dispatch and closest unit response.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP. The Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee shall consist of nine (9) members, appointed by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners, with specific expertise in the following areas:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Category</u>
1	County Administrator (or designee)
1	County Fire Chief
2	City Managers (one representing small cities, one representing large cities)
2	City Fire Chiefs (one representing small cities, one representing large cities)
1	Labor Representative
1	Fire-Rescue Advisory Board Member
1	EMS Council

County employees shall be eligible for Committee membership in any of the above listed categories. Non-County residents meeting the above eligibility criteria may be appointed to the Committee.

SECTION 5. TERM. Initial terms shall be staggered in one and two year periods and thereafter all terms will be for three years, except that the appointments for County Administrator (or designee) and County Fire Chief may be permanent appointments.

SECTION 6. ADVISORY ONLY. The actions, opinions and recommendations of the Fire-Rescue Level of Service Committee shall not be final or binding on the Board and shall be advisory only.

SECTION 7. MEETINGS. The County Administrator (or designee) shall serve as the permanent chair of the Committee, and the Committee members shall annually appoint a Vice Chair. The Committee will meet quarterly or on an as-needed basis to accomplish its purpose.

SECTION 8. QUORUM AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS. A quorum must be present for the conduct of all Committee meetings. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum. All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION 9. CONSULTANT. The Committee may utilize an outside consultant, if hired by the Board of County Commissioners, to assist with the review and implementation of new programs.

SECTION 10. SUNSHINE LAW. Public notice of all Committee meetings shall be provided. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public and shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Florida "Government in the Sunshine" and "Public Records" laws. Minutes shall be taken at each meeting.

SECTION 11. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS. Committee members shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics set forth in Resolution No. R-94-593 and any amendments thereto; and all applicable laws.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE: The provisions of this Resolution shall be effective on the 16 day of March, 2004.