

GUNS, ROSES AND HOSES

GOAL:

TO INCREASE THE LEVELS OF SERVICE FOR CITY-PROVIDED SERVICES AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE URBAN AREA, WHILE MAINTAINING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Objective I:

To Attain Exceptional Level of Service Standards for Public Safety and Recreation

The Vision Connection:

The vision encompasses the City's dedication to protecting the Community's health, safety and welfare through appropriate levels of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services as well as providing appropriate levels of service in infrastructure needs and recreational services.

Strategies:

Police

- Provide sufficient space for adequate police functions.
- Revise urban level of service standards (LOS) to appropriate measures - 1150 service (dispatch) calls per responding/field officer per year.
- Establish urban levels of service which are high enough to cover preventative activities, in addition to response to incidents and service calls.
- Review level of service standards to ensure funding to adequately prevent and fight crime, such as: LOS for proactive, preventative programs; LOS for facility space, equipment, and new technology; and LOS based on nonresidential uses (square feet) and schools, in addition to considerations based on population.



Gardens police officers conduct demonstrations with K-9.

Fire

- Establish a level of service for emergency medical services.
- Establish appropriate fire service delivery standards to accomplish internal performance measures.
- Continue an adopted level of service standard of a five-minute average response time; work toward a district average vs. a citywide average, and in the interim provide that standard to 98% of all calls.
- Propose the requirement of sprinklers in all development west of the Loxahatchee Slough and encourage voluntary sprinkler installation in all development throughout the City.
- Provide a fire facility to meet the demands of the western portion of the City, consistent with a rural level of service standard.





Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue conducts rescue demonstration.

All Services

- Provide additional funding through impact fees for police, fire, recreation and public structures, facilities and roadways.
- Establish a program whereby developers can donate land for public use (parks, substations, schools, etc.) in exchange for a density bonus.
- Utilize approved bond monies to increase levels of service for public facilities including city hall, police and fire stations, and parks.
- Encourage an increase in levels of service. At a minimum, standards should continue to be maintained via developer contributions, impact fees, grants, donations and other financial resources.

Objective 2:

To Establish Plans, Procedures and Policies for Emergency/Disaster Situations

The Vision Connection:

The vision involves recognition of the need to attain an optimal level of readiness to respond to any emergency/disaster situation. Adequate preparation and advance planning are critical elements to the activation of emergency plans. The vision incorporates the use of a state-recognized plan and pursues intergovernmental cooperation.

Strategies:

- Update the City's Emergency Management Plan.
- Budget and procure equipment and materials consistent with the Emergency Management Plan; ensure that all departments are prepared to undertake their assigned tasks and responsibilities.
- Provide information on the contents of the City's Emergency Management Plan to residents and property owners, in advance of an emergency, so that all are familiar with pre- and post-emergency procedures, policies and activities that will be instituted by the City.
- Follow code enforcement procedures or additional steps as necessary to protect rights-of-way, canal, drainage and utility easements and other facilities which may become critical for access in the event of an emergency.

Recreation and Public Works

- Provide park acreage and recreational facilities to meet the sports-minded community's needs.
- Establish a Public Works facility to provide for infrastructure needs as well as the needs of Police and Fire services.



The City's Public Works Department provides a variety of services including road maintenance, landscaping, drainage, and vehicle maintenance.

