



# TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**MEETING TYPE:** Town Commission Meeting

**MEETING DATE** 02/15/2022

**SUBMITTED BY:** Marshall Labadie, Town Manager  
Glen Joseph, Fire Consultant

**SUBJECT:** Approve and Authorize the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement for Fire-Rescue Dispatch Services between Palm Beach County and the Town of Highland Beach.

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### SUMMARY:

The Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969 authorizes cooperation between local governments to provide services and facilities for local communities. Countywide ad valorem tax revenues are used to fund the countywide common fire-rescue dispatch services. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue provides fire-rescue dispatch services based on the Countywide Common Dispatch network to any fire-rescue provider in Palm Beach County.

Adoption of the ILA will transfer all 911 calls for fire-rescue services from the Town's Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) to the County for dispatching. The County will provide the Town with fire-rescue dispatch services communication equipment and provide maintenance and support when needed. They will also provide the Town with emergency response data for our quality improvement program.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue will provide the communications equipment as part of the ILA. They will also provide maintenance and support of the equipment at no additional cost to the Town, beyond the current contributions through ad valorem taxing.

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### ATTACHMENTS:

Interlocal Agreement for Fire Rescue Dispatch Services between Palm Beach County and the Town of Highland Beach

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) for Fire-Rescue Dispatch Services between Palm Beach County and the Town of Highland Beach. Approval of the ILA allows the Town to be included in the Countywide Common Dispatch network. The ILA allows the Town Manager

or his designee to develop and maintain Common Dispatch plans and procedures to facilitate the efficient emergency operations.