

# PUBLIC SAFETY ELEMENT

## GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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### GOAL

**THE TOWN SHALL ENSURE PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR TOWN RESIDENTS THROUGH THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE TOWN OF PALM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.**

~~Promote the health, safety, and security of the City's residents and visitors, including in times of disasters and other emergencies.~~

### OBJECTIVE 1

The Town of Palm Beach shall continue to provide for the protection of life, property and resources maintain and enhance a high level of safety and security for residents and visitors of the Town.

#### POLICY 1.1

~~The Town shall Provide a coordinated and proactive public safety program through the coordinated roles of the Police and Fire Rescue Departments.~~ Public Safety Director.

#### POLICY 1.2

~~The Town shall Maintain a well-trained and adequately staffed sworn law enforcement officers within the Police Department dedicated to state certified regular training to ensure the protection of Town residents and visitors law enforcement activities within the Town.~~

#### POLICY 1.3

~~The Town shall Continue to ensure Fire Rescue Department staffing and distribution of personnel based upon the Town's expectations for service and the ability to get to any emergency and initiate effective emergency services upon arrival that excellent professionally maintained fire rescue services are provided within the Town.~~

#### POLICY 1.4

The Town shall continue to comply with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) rule that all Advanced Life Support (ALS) vehicles be staffed with at least one (1) paramedic and one (1) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

#### POLICY 1.5

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The Town of Palm Beach Fire Rescue Department shall continue to ensure adequate staffing of ocean rescue personnel who are trained at first responder level emergency medical care and are United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) certified.

#### POLICY 1.6

The Town of Palm Beach Fire Rescue Department shall encourage Ocean Rescue staff to obtain supplemental advance training, as paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

#### POLICY 1.7

The Town of Palm Beach Police Department shall maintain adequate staffing of code enforcement officers to ensure the Town codes and ordinances are adhered to in order to protect property and resources within the Town.

### **OBJECTIVE 2**

The Town will continue to implement innovative and state of the art law enforcement techniques and technologies to ensure the health, safety and welfare of residents, businesses, and visitors.

#### POLICY 2.1

The Town shall participate in the site plan review process administered through the Planning, Zoning and Building Department for consideration ~~Incorporate~~ of “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” (CPTED) concepts and techniques for multifamily and commercial development and redevelopment. ~~to the maximum extent feasible during site planning for new development and redevelopment.~~

#### POLICY 2.2

The Town of Palm Beach Police Department shall ~~continue~~ utilize an innovative parking management program(s) to provide consistent parking regulations and fees. ~~high profile enforcement of all vehicular and non-vehicular traffic laws.~~

#### POLICY 2.3

The Town of Palm Beach shall explore incorporating state of the art technologies in crime prevention, police response, and crime solving.

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### **OBJECTIVE 3**

The Town shall seek to reduce the exposure of life and property to hurricanes and other disasters through the planning and implementation of emergency preparedness, response, and recovery plans.

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### POLICY 3.1

The Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), which includes the Storm Emergency Response Plan (SERP) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) will be reviewed and updated as needed.

### POLICY 3.2

Due to the Town's location within the Coastal High Hazard Area and general vulnerability to hurricane events, the Town shall ensure that future development or redevelopment maintains or reduces hurricane evacuation times through land use controls.

### POLICY 3.3

The Town of Palm Beach shall continue to coordinate with adjacent municipalities, Palm Beach County, the Florida Department of Transportation and other responsible agencies, to ensure that the regional transportation network provides for the safe and timely evacuation of residents in a hurricane or other emergency event is not degraded as a result of Transportation Concurrence Exemption Areas (TCEA) of increased development and related population in the West Palm Beach area.

### POLICY 11.13.4

The Town, once a hurricane watch has been declared, the Town shall coordinate with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the County Emergency Management officials to facilitate orderly and timely evacuation of residents and visitors in the Town.

### POLICY 11.23.5

The Town shall annually review Palm Beach County's Hurricane Evacuation Plan to identify any changes that may affect the evacuation of Town residents during a storm event and shall ensure that the Town's Hurricane Evacuation Plan remains integrated with the County's Plan by amending the Town's Plan, as necessary.

### POLICY 3.6

As the CEMP states that all officers and employees of the Town to be a part of the emergency preparedness and response organization, the Town of Palm Beach shall ensure Town Department staff are educated on emergency preparedness and response and for those essential employees, that they are trained in emergency preparedness and response.