

VCFCA STRATEGIC PLAN

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GOAL ONE: Develop and promote the most efficient and effective fire, rescue and emergency medical delivery system possible throughout Volusia County.

OBJECTIVE 1.1 - Design an optimal system that factors in those variables that impact service delivery.

Task 1.1.1 - Identify the variables that impact system design

Task 1.1.2 - Conduct an assessment of the current system(s) considering the variables identified in Task 1.1.1.

Task 1.1.3 - Identify the optimal system

Task 1.1.4 - Develop and evaluate alternative methods to achieve the system identified in 1.1.3.

OBJECTIVE 1.2 - Develop strategy to facilitate adoption of the system design identified in Task 1.1.3.

Task 1.2.1 - Identify factors that work for and against adoption.

Task 1.2.2 - Develop a plan that informs and facilitates adoption by the various governments involved.

OBJECTIVE 1.3 - Encourage and assist with the effort to create communications systems to include a reduction in the number of 911 Public Safety Answering Points (P.S.A.P.).

OBJECTIVE 1.4 - Develop an emergency response plan that ensures an adequate complement of trained I.C.S. overhead personnel is available in Volusia County for major emergencies.

GOAL TWO: Enhance Prevention, Training and Education

OBJECTIVE 2.1 - Promote involvement in the following fire prevention activities.

Task 2.1.1 - “Fire Wise”

Task 2.1.2 - Installation of sprinkler systems in businesses and homes.

Task 2.1.3 - Fire and life safety code compliance programs.

Task 2.1.4 - Develop processes for enhanced fire and disaster management.

Task 2.1.5 - Develop and promote a post incident analysis process to include independent review of significant cases.

OBJECTIVE 2.2 - Promote the involvement of fire departments in health related programs .

Task 2.2.1 - Develop and provide public outreach projects with respect to health services provided by fire departments.

OBJECTIVE 2.3 - Promote the involvement of fire departments in disaster prevention and disaster management education activities.

Task 2.3.1 - Develop and provide education projects on fire prevention, disaster management, and Risk Watch.

OBJECTIVE 2.4 - Promote centralized recruitment, minimum standards testing, evaluation and selection for fire service applicants.

Task 2.4.1 - Monitor, assist and support the VCOG Employee Standards and Training Subcommittee.

OBJECTIVE 2.5 - In order to enhance interoperability among fire departments in Volusia County, minimum qualifications will be recommended for personnel serving within the fire departments in Volusia County.

Task 2.5.1 - Identify those essential ranks/positions the Association members believe minimum qualifications should be established for.

Task 2.5.2 - Identify established qualifications, certifications, and standards (local, state and federal), which presently exist for the positions identified in 2.5.1 and determine what additional qualifications/certifications, if any, are desired in Volusia County.

Task 2.5.3 - Identify or promote the development of training programs needed to facilitate the achievement of minimum standards for fire service personnel.

Task 2.5.4 - Establish a realistic timetable for implementation of recommended minimum requirements.

OBJECTIVE 2.6 - Promote the involvement by Volusia County fire departments in all facets of fire/rescue/EMS training.

Task 2.6.1 - Promote multi-agency and multi-discipline operations training.

Task 2.6.2 - Promote specialized training such as *Terrorism Preparedness, WMD, MCI, I.C.S.*, etc.

Task 2.6.3 - Promote consistent/standardized continuing education.

Task 2.6.4 - Promote development of standardized operating procedures.

Task 2.6.5 - Monitor, assist and support the VCOG *Employee Standards and Training Subcommittee*.

Goal Three: To promote interoperability with apparatus and equipment, and to facilitate cost savings through joint purchasing opportunities.

OBJECTIVE 3.1 - Identify which apparatus and equipment specifications must be jointly developed to ensure interoperability.

Task 3.1.1 - Identify those pieces of apparatus and equipment that are critical to interoperability.

Task 3.1.2 - Conduct an assessment of existing apparatus and equipment.

Task 3.1.3 - Develop standardized specifications.

Task 3.1.4 - Develop and distribute an implementation schedule.

OBJECTIVE 3.2 - Develop a process or processes that facilitate(s) joint purchasing of equipment and services.

Task 3.2.1 - Identify existing joint purchase opportunities.

Task 3.2.2 - Explore methods to create additional opportunities.

Task 3.2.3 - Implement processes for additional joint purchasing opportunities.

Task 3.2.4 - Monitor, assist and support the VCOG *Purchasing and Fleet Maintenance Subcommittee*.

Goal Four: Enhance information exchange

OBJECTIVE 4.1 - Effectively utilize the existing website.

Task 4.1.1 - Ensure continued employment of a technologically proficient web-master.

Task 4.1.2 - Ensure the information on the website is current.

Task 4.1.3 - Broaden the content of information contained on the website.

OBJECTIVE 4.2 - Develop method(s) to share information regarding the activities of the Association with key stake holders and the news media.

Task 4.2.1 - Assign P.I.O. duties to Association member(s).

Task 4.2.2 - Periodically publish newsletters to highlight and inform others of the Association's activities and achievements.

Task 4.2.3 - Issue news releases when appropriate.