



Village of Biscayne Park Commission Agenda Report

Village Commission Meeting Date: April 7, 2015

Subject: Police Calls / Miami-Dade County
Dispatch Network

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Request for Discussion:

EMERGENCY (9-1-1) AND NON-EMERGENCY (305-4-POLICE) CONTACT
NUMBERS FOR BISCAYNE PARK POLICE CALLS AND MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY DISPATCH NETWORK

Background

Our current Police Department operations are complimented through mutual aid agreements with other agencies, including Miami Dade County, its dispatch department and network of resources available to our Biscayne Park officers to assist in the delivery of police services in the Village and surrounding communities.

A call to Miami Dade's 911 Communications Center opens access to a variety of responding agencies and resources specific to the nature of the caller's need, in addition to access to the Village Police Department

Many police departments have found that a shared dispatch system is a great advantage. On the west coast and upstate Florida, several departments are moving toward cooperative networks to reduce

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redundancy, improve response times and the delivery of specialized services as needed, as well as to generally enhance safety for first responders and the public.

Chief Rusty McKenna has on occasion briefed us on the benefits of partnering with other agencies at Biscayne Park Crimewatch Meetings. For the Commission Regular Meeting in April, I invite Chief McKenna to share any available data and his professional views on emergency/non-emergency calls and Miami Dade County Dispatch, by attachment to this agenda item and/or speaking to us directly at the meeting.

Fiscal / Budget Impact

Minimal impact.

Recommendation

For Residents: a) Understand your alarm company's protocols and/or provide clear instructions in the event your house alarm is triggered. b) Continue supporting our Biscayne Park Police Department and Citizens' Crimewatch by being the eyes and ears of the neighborhood and reporting suspicious activity. In an emergency (or if in doubt) CALL 9-1-1. To report something after the fact or a non-emergency, call 305-4-POLICE (305-476-5423).

For Administration: Continue networking with other cities, the County, regional and state-wide agencies. These relationships supplement and strengthen delivery of municipal services including public safety in our communities.