

**Orange County/City of Orlando  
CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES STUDY  
COMMISSION**



**FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee recommends:



**V.1.7.1** That Orange County and the City of Orlando should develop a fire service boundary agreement that rounds off jurisdictional boundaries to clearly establish service delivery areas for both agencies.

The Committee recommends:



**V.1.7.2** That the 911 Communications Centers of Orange County and the City of Orlando not be consolidated, but that Orange County and the City of Orlando acquire technology improvements to allow interoperability, thus speeding up emergency call response times and the availability of units and maintaining current redundancy.

The Committee recommends:



**V.1.7.3** Orange County and the City of Orlando planning for land use, new developments, etc., should include fire and emergency services representatives and should include joint planning for emergency service provision, for example, planning future locations for fire stations, especially in areas that are underserved.

The Committee recommends:



**V.1.7.4** That the Fire Rescue Administrations from both Orange County and the City of Orlando address the potential of joint purchasing fire and emergency vehicles and equipment, establishing common radio terminology, improving accountability practices, and coordinating emergency response resources and command procedures, based on the National Incident Management System and National Fire Protection Association 1561, Emergency Services Incident Command System.

The Committee recommends:



**V.1.7.5** That, because the Committee found that neither efficiencies in service delivery nor economies of scale would result from consolidation of services, and because bigger is not necessarily better, neither the Orange County and City of Orlando Fire Departments nor their services be consolidated.