

Goal 11 Public Facilities and Services

Section 1, Public Safety Police and Fire Protection

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CLEAN VERSION

GOAL

Ensure a high level of public safety by providing police and fire protection and emergency preparedness services.

POLICIES

1. Ensure fire and police personnel can respond to public safety needs quickly and efficiently through adequate personnel, facilities, equipment and communication resources, and agreements with other agencies.
2. Require police and fire protection to be considered in the development review process. Particular attention shall be given to:
 - a. Fire hydrant locations and sufficient fire flows
 - b. Street layout and site design features that ensure emergency vehicle access and building identification
 - c. Exterior lighting and landscape design
3. Require all home occupations to comply with the Oregon Fire Code.
4. Ensure adequate police and fire protection can be provided to newly annexed areas.
5. Require new streets to be of high structural quality, sufficient width and adequately maintained to ensure emergency vehicle and service equipment access.
6. Maintain contract agreements to provide fire protection services outside the City provided:
 - a. Actions are consistent with the City's Public Facility Plan and Comprehensive Plan goals and policies pertaining to public facilities and services and urbanization
 - b. Adequate resources exist to provide these services
 - c. Arrangements are in the City's financial interests
7. Participate in mutual aid agreements,* where fire fighting resources are dispatched to other jurisdictions upon request, if the agreements ensure equal and reciprocal benefits and enhance the City's ability to provide fire protection throughout the City.
8. The Fire Department will strive to reach the location of fire alarms within the City within eight minutes or less.

9. The Police Department will strive to reach the location of emergency calls for protection of life and property within a maximum time of five minutes.
10. Decrease the possibility of wildfires and their potential for destruction through public education, the community development code, emergency planning and maintenance of fire-fighting resources.
11. Maintain a Lake Oswego Emergency Operations Plan and provide resources to respond to emergencies including mass casualty incidents*, floods, landslides, wildfires, earthquakes, severe weather, volcanic eruptions, major structural fires and hazardous materials accidents.
12. Build awareness, educate and implement safety programs for the community.

Definitions:

Mass Casualty Incident: a mass casualty incident is a single incident resulting in the need for 10 or more patients to be treated by emergency responders. The primary objective is to manage the delivery of patients to the appropriate area hospitals.

Mutual Aid Agreement: An agreement between Lake Oswego and other cities and fire districts whereby fire fighting resources are dispatched to other jurisdictions upon their request.