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# PUBLIC SAFETY STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FOR 2022

CRAIG HARRIS- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

# Major Goals

- ▶ Building philosophical underpinnings as the New Public Safety Director- Roles & Responsibilities
- ▶ Increase efficient communication among all security sectors and human capital.
- ▶ Monitor and assess all contracts related to Public Safety and Code Enforcement for TOKI.

# Philosophical underpinnings

- ▶ Over 40 years ago Town consented to have the Uniform Act on Regulating Traffic to Private Roads.
- ▶ Town conducted several studies on how to exercise suitable control over all public safety and law enforcement activities (24/7) for peace keeping services to include enforcement of conservation, marine, state, and municipal laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and codes.
- ▶ Recommendation was made to design a position to centralize and coordinate all police and public safety services on the island to meet both current and future needs.

# Director of Public Safety Responsibilities

- ▶ Assumes full management responsibility for all public safety department services and activities.
- ▶ Work harmoniously with multiple jurisdictions such as Fire district, Emergency Medical Response, County Sheriff's Office, Island's private security components, Federal, State, or Private organizations, and stakeholders.
- ▶ Assumes the Town's Emergency management role during an emergency or special event.
- ▶ Act as an advocate to St. Johns Fire Department, Charleston County EMS, Beach Patrol, Kiawah Golf Resort (KIGR) and Kiawah Island Community Association (KICA).

# Increase efficient communication among security sectors and stakeholders

- ▶ Engage in and off Island collaboration to capitalize on partnerships and programs within all public safety domain.
- ▶ Increase and strengthen communication flow among Kiawah community safety components and town officials.
- ▶ Engage in cross-divisional committees, task forces, and advisory committees.
- ▶ Identify and utilize technology to increase transparency and strengthen communication ability to provide information to community.
- ▶ Ensure effective and efficient systems are utilized for crisis management and dispatch operations.

# Monitor and assess all contracts related to public safety for TOKI

- ▶ Code Enforcement renewal
- ▶ Charleston County Sheriff's Office/Off Duty
- ▶ Emergency management recovery and assessment for removal
- ▶ Charleston County Emergency Medical Services

# Director's Initiatives

- ▶ Development of the Director of Public Safety roles and responsibilities.
- ▶ Continue to increase response time to emergency calls.
- ▶ Create a SOP (Standards of Procedure) with the collaboration of all security and safety components of Kiawah Island.
- ▶ Increase shared situational awareness with local and operational area partners (EMS, Police, Fire, and/or federal agencies) through joint training.

# Director's Challenges

- ▶ **Strength**- Town provided a centralized safety/security role for future developments
- ▶ **Weakness**- Organizational paradigm
- ▶ **Opportunity**- Promote organizational excellence for professional growth and sustainable public safety program.
- ▶ **Threat**- Changes surrounding Kiawah Island and new developments.