



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#23-1076

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: December 5, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into the 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; and to execute any documents required to enter into the Agreement between State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

The 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA) has been updated to ensure that all Florida counties, cities, educational districts, community colleges or state universities, special districts and native American tribes are working under the most recent version of the Agreement. The Florida Division of Emergency Management is requesting that all affected entities update their agreements to the 2023 version. The Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, provides each local government with the authority to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements within the state for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted, and through such agreements to ensure the timely reimbursement of cost incurred by the local governments which render such assistance.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.

- Objectives: Be the leading model in domestic preparedness

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready.

This item advances the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety
Goal 4: Coordinate with related partners and agencies (at city, local, county, regional, state, and federal levels) to plan for disaster and emergency management, further the resiliency of coastal areas, and ensure city-wide community health and safety.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 2023 State of Florida Division of Emergency Management Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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