



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#22-0028

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 18, 2022

TITLE: Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Miami's Department of Fire-Rescue for Participation in the US Department of Homeland Security's National Urban Search & Rescue Response System; Florida Task Force 2 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Miami's Department of Fire-Rescue for participation in the US Department of Homeland Security's National Urban Search & Rescue Response System; Florida Task Force 2 and to execute any other required documents.

Background

The United States Department of Homeland Security's National Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Response System has since 1998 annually funded the South Florida USAR Task Force, Florida Task Force 2 (FL-TF2), which is coordinated by the City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue as the sponsoring agency through the Federal Management Agency (FEMA), State of Florida, for the Operation of its USAR program.

FEMA and FL-TF2 operate under a long-standing MOA pursuant to three resolutions with the City of Miami's Fire-Rescue Department as the Sponsoring Agency MOA and FEMA's updated guidelines for USAR.

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) has been a participating agency for many years with the FL-TF2. FLFR desires to continue to serve as a participating agency for the FL-TF2 of the National USAR Response System. FLFR agrees to provide personnel to serve certain designated positions on the Task Force as determined by the sponsoring agency (City of Miami) and further agrees that participants will meet the required qualifications for the positions to be filled, will receive the required training specified and will satisfy other conditions of preparedness and response as required by the City of Miami.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2021 Commission Priority, advancing the 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.
- Objective: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

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

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety Element
- 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.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – MOA City of Miami Fire Rescue (FL-TF2) and City of Fort Lauderdale

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