



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

#19-0876

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 15, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida for the Use of a Statewide Alert and Mass Notification System
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management for the use of a statewide alert and mass notification system; and to execute any other required documents.

Background

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has contracted with Everbridge, Inc. for the provision of Statewide alert and mass notification services in support of its AlertFlorida Initiative and is providing the notification system at no local cost to eligible political subdivisions/municipalities from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department had entered into a cooperative agreement with the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management to utilize this system in 2018, which covered the entire City; that contract expired June 30, 2019. City departments desire to collaborate with other local agencies and municipalities for system utilization within each respective jurisdiction to disseminate warning information as quickly as possible, and to as many affected people in the City of Fort Lauderdale as reasonably possible.

Authorized uses of the system are as follows:

1. Population protective actions such as evacuation orders, shelter-in-place warnings, boil water notices, etc.
2. Emergency preparedness and response information
3. Disaster recovery information
4. Law enforcement searches for a missing persons, escapee, or suspect evading arrest
5. Automated weather warnings provided by the National Weather Service

6. Notification and recall of Agency/Municipality employees, contractors, and other response partners.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included within the **Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 9:** Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- **Objective 2:** Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical and emergency response.
- **Goal 10:** Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards/
- **Objective 1:** Provide and effectively communicate comprehensive emergency management.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum of Agreement between Florida Division of Emergency Management and the City of Fort Lauderdale

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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