



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

#19-0798

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 5, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into the 2018 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

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the 2018 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 2018 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 2018 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.

The 2018 update includes the following provisions:

- Allowing the SMAA to be used for smaller events; no declaration of a state emergency is needed for the agreement to be activated. This allows for a formal mutual aid process for the entities within Florida to use.
- In using the SMAA for mutual aid, the requesting entity agrees to reimburse the assisting party per the terms of reimbursement in the SMAA. However, if the terms of reimbursement are to vary from the provisions of SMAA, this needs to be specified and signed off by both parties prior to assistance being rendered.
- The SMAA automatically renews each year; only contact information needs to be updated.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

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*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 2018 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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