



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#26-0531

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: 2026 Storm Season Preparedness – City Manager’s Office and Fire
Rescue Department (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

The Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1, 2026, and ends on November 30, 2026. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is scheduled to announce its 2026 Atlantic hurricane season outlook on May 21, 2026. The presentation includes the anticipated activity for the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, factors that may influence hurricane development, and opportunities for the public to stay informed and be prepared.

City staff will provide the City Commission with an update on the storm season planning efforts, stormwater operations plans and improvements, sandbag distribution events, communications, and resources available to the public.

The presentation will also feature the annual “Eye of the Storm” event, held in partnership with Florida International University, Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the Museum of Discovery and Science. This free, city-wide public preparedness initiative is designed to educate residents, businesses, and visitors on hurricane readiness, emergency preparedness, and community resilience. The event is scheduled for May 30, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

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 – 2026 Storm Season Preparedness Presentation

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