



AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Executive

MEETING: Town Council Workshop 8/23/2022

SUBJECT: Emergency Operations Plan

BACKGROUND:

Through the expertise of Chief Griffin, the Town crafted the 2016 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) The plan brought the Town to the forefront in the state for emergency response procedures. The plan has needed limited modifications over the years and was the foundation plan for the current efforts to link New Hanover County's EOP with the municipalities.

Last year New Hanover County hired a consulting company to rewrite their EOP, along with all the municipalities' EOPs. Our plan saw the least number of changes, and it now works in close conjunction with our partners throughout NHC. Staff considers this an extremely valuable effort since we do work so closely with our partners in the county during emergency response situations.

After a little over a year of effort the draft plans are complete. On August 15-16 the Town tested the new EOP by conducting an exercise involving key leaders that will be involved in setting up and managing our response efforts. The EOP was well received and opened the door to improving communications for all.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff is providing a copy of the base plan for Town Council to review. 15 annexes will also be utilized in conjunction with the final EOP. The annexes discuss specific issues (i.e. hazardous materials, search and rescue, firefighting, etc.) These annexes have not been printed due to their length but are available electronically for your review.

A formal adoption will be requested at the September 13, 2022 Town Council meeting. Kure Beach also plans to adopt their new EOP at their September 19, 2022 meeting. Please review and ask me any questions you may have over the coming weeks leading up to this meeting. Thank you for your consideration and support!

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to put the updated Emergency Operations Plan on the consent agenda for adoption on September 13, 2022.