



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2024

RE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-17: Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-17 approves the proposed Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA) between the City of Eustis and Florida Division of Emergency Management, State of Florida.

Recommended Action:

Approval of Resolution Number 24-17 authorizing and directing the City Manager of the City of Eustis to enter into a SMAA with Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Background:

The Eustis Fire Department currently participates in the SMAA. The SMAA document has been updated for 2024 with the intent of ensuring that all counties are working under the most recent version of the SMAA agreement. The new updated document now requires all agencies within the County to sign the document.

Alternatives:

1. Approve Resolution Number 24-17
2. Defeat Resolution Number 24-17

Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 1: Approve Resolution Number 24-17

Advantages 1:

1. Approving the agreement will allow for the City of Eustis to participate with Florida Division of Emergency Management and be active in SMAA emergency operations.
2. Activation of the updated agreement will not require a declaration of a state of emergency. The SMAA can be used for smaller localized events.
3. Terms of reimbursement are stipulated and defined within the document. Additionally, the document recognizes other agreements where reimbursement is not required or further defined.

4. If the City of Eustis encounters a disaster whereas, the City does not have the sources to cope with it. The SMAA can be utilized to request and receive specialized assistance.
5. All mutual and auto aid are recognized by Insurance Services Office/Public Protection Classification (ISO/PPC).
6. This agreement is a Statewide agreement which will automatically renew each year. The only requirement is that the contact information be updated annually.

Disadvantages 1:

1. Apparatus may travel outside the City of Eustis to respond to incidents.
2. Apparatus and personnel may be sent out of the region for extended periods of time, which may create short term staffing and/or equipment shortages.

Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 2: Defeat Resolution Number 24-17

Advantages 2:

1. The City of Eustis would not be contacted to assist with disasters outside the current auto-aid agreements.

Disadvantages 2:

1. The City of Eustis would not be a part of the Florida Division of Emergency Management.
2. To assure that the City of Eustis would receive assistance from State and Federal sources, additional agreements would have to be drafted in lieu of this agreement.

Community Input:

None sought; however, an opportunity for input will be provided during the public hearing.

Budget/Staff Impact:

Minimal Staffing impact is expected as the only annual requirement is the maintenance of contact information.

Prepared by:

Fire Chief Michael Swanson / January 8, 2024

Attachments:

1. Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA) Information Sheet
2. Division of Emergency Management, Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement