



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Revision of Emergency Management Agency's Local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) – Fire Department

Submitted By: Deputy Chief Clemons

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Work Session Date: 07/19/2021

Council Meeting Date: 07/19/2021

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park is one of two cities in the entire State of Georgia that has our own Emergency Management Agency. One of the requirements as an EMA, is to create, approve, maintain and update our Local Emergency Operations Plan every four years. The EOP addresses response actions, capabilities, and procedures for when the City and its resources become overwhelmed in the event of an emergency or disaster. It describes recovery strategies, initiating and terminating response and recovery phases, activating authority, and identifies alternate agencies and departments available to respond for various services. The EOP also specifies the jobs and responsibilities of primary and support agencies/departments. FEMA's document, *Engaging the Whole Community in Planning*, states that "Disasters begin and end locally. After the response is over, it is the local community that lives with the decisions made during the incident." The success of this plan depends largely, in part, on the collaboration of the City's elected officials and the City's departments responsible for the development and maintenance of these plans, along with proper training and exercises. Proper activation and implementation of the plan will reduce the vulnerability of the City, its citizens, and properties from a disaster, and establishes a means to respond effectively to disasters

Cost: \$ N/A

Budgeted for: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Financial Impact:

Required for grant funding

Action Requested from Council:

Approval at Regular Council Meeting