



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: May 07, 2025

Originating Department: Public Works

Agenda Title: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FOR STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE

Approved by Town Manager: _____ **Date:** _____

Cost of Item: \$0.00 **Funding Source:** _____

Account Number: _____ **Finance Signature:** _____

Advertised: _____

Date: _____ **Newspaper:** _____

Attachments: Resolution
Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (2023) – State of Florida – Department of
Emergency Management

Please initial one:

_____ Yes, I have notified everyone

JM _____ Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

On June 6, 2018, the Town Commission entered into a Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA) with the State of Florida's Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) to assist during major or catastrophic disasters. The SMAA provides for timely reimbursement of costs, assistance with technical needs, provision of additional resources, etc.

However, the FDEM is requesting all cities and counties to enter a new, updated SMAA. The proposed SMAA, if approved, would supersede and replace all previous Agreements and the proposed agreement would ensure that the Town is eligible for mutual aid assistance through the State of Florida.

Note: Palm Beach County as well as all municipalities and most taxing districts within Palm Beach County, with emergency response capabilities, are signatories of the proposed SMAA.

The Emergency Management Act - Chapter 252, Florida Statutes - provides each local government of the State with the authority to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements within the state for reciprocal emergency aid in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted. Such agreements ensure the timely reimbursement of costs incurred by the local governments that render the assistance.

Financial Impact:

In the event of a disaster, expenses would be charged to the account established for the disaster, and reimbursement from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would be sought if it was a declared disaster. Typically, FEMA funds 75% of eligible expenses, and the State contributes 12.5%, leaving the Town responsible for the remaining 12.5%. The Town will cover all costs if the disaster is not declared.

The proposed Agreement would be for one (1) year and would automatically renew each year unless the Town provides written notice of termination.

The proposed Mutual Aid Agreement was prepared by the State of Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and reviewed by the Public Works Director, the Assistant Town Manager/HR Director (oversees all aspects of emergency/storm events within the Town), the Finance Director, the Town Attorney and DI Recovery (DIR), the Town's emergency preparedness and response consultants.

Recommendation:

I move to adopt Resolution 22-05-25 - Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of Florida's Department of Emergency Management (FDEM).