

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Tad Stone, Director
Department of Emergency Services

FROM: Etta LoPresti, Emergency Management Coordinator
Emergency Management Division

DATE: April 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Approval of Updated Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between
Indian River County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management

On April 24, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners approved Indian River County's participation in the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA). The Florida Division of Emergency Management is requesting that all counties update their agreements to the 2018 version.

To summarize the agreement, Florida is vulnerable to a wide range of disasters that are likely to cause a disruption of essential services and the destruction of the infrastructure needed to deliver those services. Such disasters may exceed the capability of any one county to respond but other local governments may be able to provide assistance. This Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement provides the assistance for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case the disaster exceeds our ability to respond.

The 2018 Update to the agreement includes the following provisions:

1. Allowing the SMAA to be used for smaller events; no declaration of a state of emergency is needed for the agreement to be activated. This allows for a formal mutual aid process for the entities within Florida to use.
2. The requesting entity agrees to reimburse the assisting party per the terms of reimbursement in the SMAA.
3. The SMAA automatically renews each year; only the contact information needs to be updated.

FUNDING:

There is no funding related to this agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution and updated 2018 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between Indian River County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Three (3) originals of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.
2. Resolution approving the updated 2018 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.