



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-033

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: April 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Captain deployed with FEMA-TF2

This memo serves to inform the City Commission that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's - Task Force 2 (FEMA-TF2) has been activated to assist with the recent severe storms and flooding in Kentucky. One of our esteemed Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue members, Captain Kevin Galt, has been selected, rostered, and deployed to serve as a Safety Officer with FEMA-TF2. FEMA will fully reimburse the City of Fort Lauderdale for Captain Galt's time and any overtime incurred during his deployment. I will provide the Commission with regular updates on Captain Galt's deployment as they become available.

The deployment of our personnel to assist other municipalities during times of crisis is a critical aspect of our commitment to public safety and mutual aid. It is imperative that we extend our resources and expertise to support communities in need. This collaborative approach fosters a strong network of emergency responders, ensuring that assistance is readily available when we, ourselves, may require it.

Furthermore, these deployments offer invaluable opportunities for our personnel to gain real-world experience in complex and challenging environments. The knowledge and skills acquired during these operations directly enhance our department's capabilities and preparedness. By participating in FEMA deployments, our staff is exposed to diverse scenarios, advanced techniques, and best practices that ultimately contribute to the improved protection of our own community. The experience gained in Kentucky will translate into better disaster response, improved safety protocols, and a more resilient Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue.

We are deeply grateful for the Commission's unwavering support of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue and for enabling us to fulfill our commitment to mutual aid. Your support is critical to our ability to both serve our local community and contribute to national efforts. We appreciate your understanding and support of Captain Galt's deployment.

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