



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-237

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: November 19, 2025
SUBJECT: Regional Hazardous Materials Media Day

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to extend an invitation to the City Commission to attend the upcoming Regional Hazardous Materials Media Day, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at the Hollywood Fire Rescue Training Facility, located at 3400 N. 56th Avenue, Hollywood, Florida.

This event, hosted by Hollywood Fire Rescue in partnership with Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, Broward Sheriff's Office, and Sunrise Fire Rescue, will provide a rare and informative opportunity to observe the extensive capabilities and regional collaboration that support our communities during hazardous materials incidents. The event is expected to last approximately 90 minutes.

Throughout the event, attendees will have the opportunity to observe four (4) live demonstration stations showcasing the advanced skills, technology, and equipment utilized by the regional HazMat teams:

1. **Level A Leak Control Operations** – Full encapsulated suit demonstration with leak containment procedures.
2. **Level B Sampling and Evidence Collection** – Techniques used for environmental and law enforcement investigations.
3. **Propane and Gas Emergency Operations** – Live fire demonstration and propane tank flare-off.
4. **Technology Showcase** – Presentation of regional detection, monitoring, and communication tools.

These demonstrations underscore the importance of maintaining a well-trained and properly equipped Hazardous Materials Response Team. Hazardous materials incidents pose significant risks to our residents, responders, and the City's infrastructure. The specialized skills, equipment, and interagency cooperation required to mitigate these events depend greatly on sustained support and funding.

Your presence at this event would not only highlight the City's ongoing commitment to public safety but also provide valuable firsthand insight into the operational importance of maintaining a regional Type II Hazardous Materials Team.

Light refreshments will be provided, and media representatives will be present to help share the vital work being done by our public safety professionals. We would be honored by your attendance and support at this event.

Should you decide to attend, please share this information with Stephen Gollan, Fire Chief, at sgollan@fortlauderdale.gov or at 954-828-6863.

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