



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-260

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: December 4, 2025
SUBJECT: Emergency Management Reaccreditation Assessment

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission that during the week of December 8–12, 2025, assessors from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) will be on-site to evaluate the City of Fort Lauderdale's Office of Emergency Management. This assessment is part of the national accreditation process and will verify our compliance with EMAP standards, industry best practices, and all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Fort Lauderdale first achieved EMAP accreditation in 2018. This review represents our formal effort to secure reaccreditation and reaffirm the City's commitment to maintaining a resilient, well-coordinated, and professional emergency management program. Accreditation supports our ability to plan for, respond to, and recover from all hazards, whether during routine operations or large-scale, complex incidents.

The Office of Emergency Management and the Emergency Operations Center serve as the City's unified command and coordination hub during emergencies that exceed a single department's capabilities. Maintaining accreditation ensures these operations remain aligned with nationally recognized standards and reinforces our ongoing dedication to preparedness, interagency collaboration, continuous improvement, and the highest level of service to our community. A follow-up LTC will be provided once the accreditation process has been completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Jermaine Frazier, Deputy Fire Chief, at JFrazier@fortlauderdale.gov or call 954-828-6280.

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