



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 26-162**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**DATE:** May 26, 2026

**SUBJECT: South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee - Hazardous Materials Exercise at Chase Stadium**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission of a planned regional Hazardous Materials (HazMat) and Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) exercise that will be conducted at Chase Stadium on May 27, 2026.

The South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), in coordination with Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR), Inter Miami CF staff, and multiple regional public safety partners, will conduct a large-scale training exercise from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Chase Stadium, located at 1350 NW 55 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309.

The training exercise will simulate a scenario with thirty (30) patients exposed to an unknown substance. Volunteer role players will be utilized to create a realistic training environment for participating agencies.

This exercise is designed to enhance regional preparedness, inter-agency coordination, communication, decontamination operations, patient triage and treatment, unified command functions, and response capabilities related to hazardous materials and terrorism-related incidents. The training is particularly valuable as South Florida continues preparations for future large-scale events and increased international activity associated with upcoming major sporting events, including the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup.

In addition to the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue HazMat Team and Police Department, participating agencies and organizations include:

- Hollywood Fire Rescue HazMat Team;
- Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue HazMat Team;
- Sunrise Fire Rescue HazMat Team;

- Miami-Dade Fire Rescue;
- Pompano Beach Fire Rescue;
- Oakland Park Fire Rescue;
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers; and
- Additional regional public safety partners.

This exercise will provide significant value to the City by enhancing operational readiness and strengthening partnerships among regional emergency response agencies. Large-scale incidents involving hazardous materials or terrorism-related events require rapid coordination between fire rescue, law enforcement, emergency management, hospitals, and supporting agencies. These incidents cannot be effectively managed by a single agency operating independently.

Residents and businesses in the surrounding area may observe emergency vehicles, personnel operating in protective equipment, simulated patient movement, and other emergency response activities during the exercise period. This is only a training exercise, and no actual hazardous materials will be utilized. Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport staff will advise tenants of the training activation.

For further information, please contact Stephen Gollan, Fire Chief, at 954-828-6863, or via email at [SGollan@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:SGollan@fortlauderdale.gov).

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