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Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, Director
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Dear Dr. Brown,

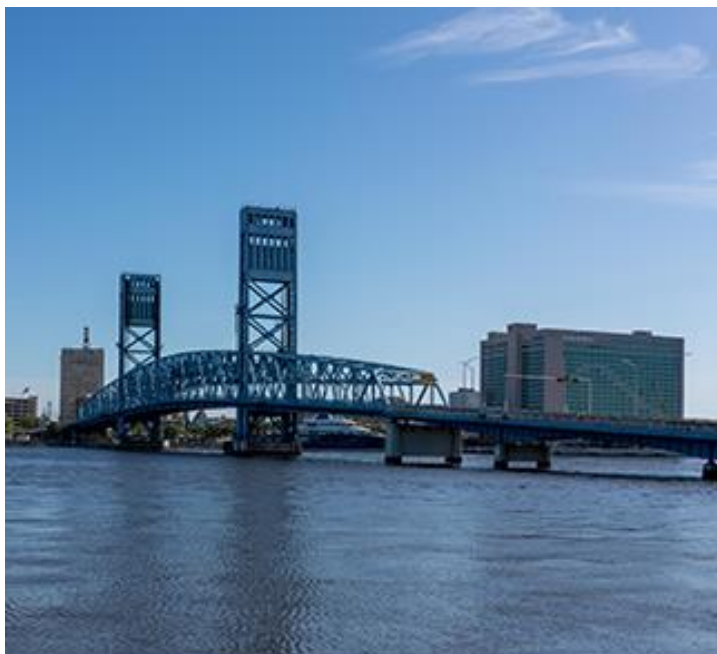
Please find the attached 2019 - 2020 Annual Report for the Security and Emergency Preparedness Planning Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Preparedness Division with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Woodard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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ANNUAL REPORT

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE,

SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING COUNCIL

SUMMARY

The City of Jacksonville, Security and Preparedness Planning Council (SEPPC), proposes emergency preparedness plans pursuant to City of Jacksonville Code, Section 674.202. The group meets at the call of the chair or the vice-chair, and consists of the Mayor as chairman, the Jacksonville Security Coordinator as vice chair, the Director of Fire and Rescue, the Chief of the Emergency Preparedness Division, the President of the City Council, or designee, the Chair of the Duval County Legislative Delegation, or designee, the Director of Neighborhoods, the Public Health Officer, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief of Staff, the Director of Public Works, the Sheriff, the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the JEA, the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Jacksonville Seaport Authority, the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Jacksonville Airport Authority, the Executive Director of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the Chairperson or designee of the Duval County School Board, representatives of each military group in Jacksonville, representatives of all major hospitals in the City (having 300 or more beds) and a number of other representatives, not to exceed 11 in number, from civic, business, industry, labor, veterans, professional or other groups and from the federal government, to be appointed by the Mayor from time to time.

The SEPPC was convened on March 21, 2019, May 23, 2019, September 19, 2019, and December 12, 2019. Agenda items discussed by the SEPPC included recovery efforts related to Hurricanes Matthew, Irma, and Dorian; the Local Mitigation Strategy; community mitigation initiatives; preparedness plans, measures, and strategies; current health related issues, and special events. The Emergency Preparedness Division serves as the staff to the SEPPC to accomplish goals and objectives recommended by the council.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2019-2020

Hurricane Matthew Recovery

Recovery efforts for Hurricane Matthew continued with an emphasis on Public Assistance. As of June 1, 2020 the total damages covered by FEMA's Public Assistance Program are estimated at \$56,788,724.23. The city of Jacksonville has been reimbursed \$28,373,708.70 across all projects to date. Recovery efforts have been guided, in part, by the Local Mitigation Strategy. The SEPPC reviewed mitigation projects and made recommendations to focus mitigation efforts on public works related projects to lessen the risk for storm water projects and improvements to pump station facilities.

Hurricane Irma Recovery

Recovery efforts for Hurricane Irma continued with an emphasis on Public Assistance. As of June 1, 2020 the total damages covered by FEMA's Public Assistance Program are estimated at \$76,898,788.11. The city of Jacksonville has been reimbursed \$39,918,704.29 across all projects to date. Recovery efforts have been guided, in part, by the Local Mitigation Strategy. The SEPPC reviewed mitigation projects and made recommendations to focus mitigation efforts on neighborhoods in the City that experience repetitive losses due to chronic flooding.

Hurricane Dorian Recovery

Hurricane Dorian formed in late August of 2019 and took a very slow northward approach along the east coast of Florida. Duval County remained within the National Hurricane Center's "cone of uncertainty" advisory for nearly two weeks, with one advisory showing a potential direct hit to Jacksonville. Although the storm did not produce significant direct impacts, the City conducted emergency preparedness and response operations over nearly two weeks leading up to the storm. This led to \$11,188,713.87 in expenses. The City's Recovery Task Force noted that "Cost Documentation" training, which was previously recommended by the SEPPC and implemented by the Emergency Preparedness Division in 2019, greatly reduced the administrative burden following the incident and will lead to greater cost recovery.

Preparedness and Public Outreach

The City of Jacksonville is committed to ensuring the highest level of preparedness for the community. Through public education campaigns and social media, emergency preparedness information was disseminated throughout the year. With the guidance of the SEPPC, the Emergency Preparedness Division designed and distributed over 445,000 copies of the *Emergency Preparedness Guide*, at the beginning of hurricane season and throughout the remainder of the year. In 2019, the City partnered with JEA to fund a direct distribution of the guides to every resident of Duval County with a postal address. This new delivery method achieved long-standing goals and recommendations of the SEPPC to reach members of the community who may not have had access to the product in previous years. The Emergency Preparedness Division undertook an additional effort to reach the Spanish-speaking population within the city of Jacksonville. This effort included the production of a Spanish-language version of the preparedness guide which was made available in print and digital format. As in years past, a text-only version of the guide was also posted to the City of Jacksonville website to reach audio or visually impaired residents and to enable translation into over 70 languages.

JEA Exercise

In May 2019, the City of Jacksonville and JEA collaborated to participate in the *2019 Full Scale Hurricane Exercise*. The five day exercise coincided with the annual Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise and provided over 300 participants with experience in incident management of a

hurricane impacting the community. Several lessons learned during Hurricane Matthew and Irma were discussed. Based on those observations, numerous improvements were adopted that will be implemented for future incidents.

Community Health

The SEPPC provided input for several community health issues, and was briefed on activities of the Emergency Preparedness Community Health and Wellness Committee, which continued the coordination of incident management activities in 2019 for public health related issues.

Special Events

The City of Jacksonville hosted numerous special events during the year. Those events included the annual Florida Georgia Game, Jaguar's NFL Season, Jacksonville Jazz Festival, Mayoral Inauguration, NCAA March Madness, Rolling Stones Concert, Sea and Sky Airshow, and the New Year's Eve Celebration/Tax Slayer Gator Bowl. The SEPPC was briefed by the Emergency Preparedness Division and the City of Jacksonville, Office of Special Events on those events. In addition to these special events, demolition of the old City Hall annex building at 220 E. Bay Street was a significant event that drew attention from a variety of stakeholders.

Emergency Operational Plans Oversight

The SEPPC was briefed by the Emergency Preparedness Division on multiple plan updates including the City of Jacksonville Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), which are due for update during 2020. The SEPPC was provided an updated Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) template for review. The SEPPC continued to support the City's Recovery Plan by promoting Cost Documentation and Cost Recovery training, which were implemented by the Emergency Preparedness Division for certain City Departments over the summer of 2019.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding

The Security and Emergency Preparedness Planning Council, serving also as the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group, reviewed and recommended seven (7) mitigation grant project applications for funding through the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program related to Hurricane Dorian. Approximately \$6.5M in funding has been awarded to date in relation to the projects which were ultimately submitted following hurricanes Matthew and Irma.

SUMMARY

During 2019-2020, the SEPPC continued to provide guidance to the City of Jacksonville regarding a variety of current issues. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Director Steven Woodard, City of Jacksonville Emergency Preparedness Division, at (904)255-3110, or email SWoodard@COJ.net.