
RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 01

MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

“State of Emergency” Declaration

ADOPTED: March 19th, 2020

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE FIRE CHIEF, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a communicable disease with significant morbidity and mortality, and presents a severe danger to public health; and

WHEREAS, Person(s) from Hillsborough County and Manatee County have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has declared a “State of Emergency” – Executive Order 20-51 and 20-52; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Manatee County, FL has declared a “State of Emergency” – Resolution R-20-041.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District that a “State of Emergency” is declared for the District.

FURTHERMORE, until the threat of this emergency and the effects of the disaster have passed or this Resolution is rescinded by Board action, the Fire Chief is authorized the following emergency powers:

1. Enact whatever steps are necessary to carry out emergency preparation and disaster response for the District and to assist other Mutual Aid Agencies, the County, and State as appropriate.
2. Authorize emergency preparation and disaster related expenditures from budgeted disaster expenses and the transfer of assigned spendable reserve funds designated for a State of Emergency as needed.
3. Approve and sign emergency preparation and disaster related contracts on behalf of and as an agent of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
4. Temporarily amend standing contracts, policies, and practices as appropriate to the pending emergency and effects of its disaster.
5. Carry out provisions for Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG).

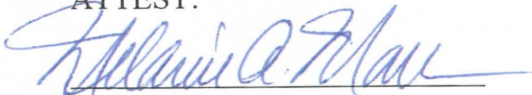
6. Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District will seek reimbursement for labor and supplies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as outlined in COVID-19 Emergency Declaration dated March 13, 2020, Release Number: HQ-20-017, or any additional declaration(s) which may amend or supersede the Release Number referenced herein.

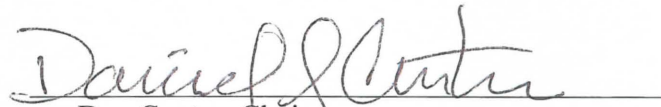
This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, with a quorum present and voting, this 19th day of March, 2020.

SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

ATTEST:


Melanie A. Marken
Secretary/Vice-Chair/Treasurer


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