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To Chief Ben Rigney:


The City of Holmes Beach and the Holmes Beach Police Department fully support the plans that have begun to make the new West Manatee Fire Administration building (701 63rd Street West) into a sub-EOC for national disasters. Having this as a sub-EOC would allow our agency to dispatch our police units from this location in the event of a natural disaster. This would also be a location we could use to stage our Island First In Teams to allow quicker response once the storm has past to work towards making the Island safe for re-entry.

As a City and Police Department, we have a great working relationship with West Manatee Fire and appreciate the forward thinking of Chief Rigney including us in this process.

Once again, let us say we fully support this project and look forward to using this to better serve our residents, businesses and visitors.



Judy Titsworth, Mayor



William L. Tokajer, Chief of Police



March 18, 2020

Chief Ben Rigney
West Manatee Fire District
6510 3rd Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34209-2314

Chief Rigney,

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce would like to show their support for your plan to create a substation EOC in the event of a natural disaster. We also support your proposal for this to be located in the new administration building being planned for the location at 63rd Street West, Bradenton, Florida.

Anna Maria Island and the surrounding areas do present additional challenges during a natural disaster. Not only are there many businesses and residents on this barrier island whose needs may differ from those living further inland, but we also have visitors staying on the island not from our area that don't necessarily understand mandates that may be made during a crisis. Having a sub station closer to the island would be of benefit to our residents, businesses, visitors and communities, and assist the West Manatee Fire District in being able to have a faster reaction time to any natural disaster, should it become necessary. I very much support the idea of a unified command center which would include members from the barrier island cities, should it become necessary, located closer to this area of Manatee County.

I would like to thank the West Manatee Fire and Rescue District's Board of Commissioners for their consideration of your proposal, and will be happy to be available should you have any questions.
Sincerely,

Terri Kinder, President
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