
RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 08

MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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“State of Emergency” Declaration

ADOPTED: August 28, 2023

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE WEST 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, Hurricane Idalia is threatening the West Manatee Fire & Rescue District of Manatee County, FL; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has declared a “State of Emergency” – Executive Order 23-171; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Manatee County, FL has declared a “State of Emergency” – Resolution R-23-154.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 189.015(1), allows for the Board to meet on short notice when a bona fide emergency exists.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the West 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FURTHERMORE, until the threat of this emergency and the effects of the disaster have passed, or this Resolution is rescinded by Board action, the Fire Chief is authorized the following emergency powers: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).

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of West Manatee Fire & Rescue District, with all Commissioners independently present telephonically and voting, this 28th day of August 2023.

WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

ATTEST:

William Burke
Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Bennett, Chair

Derrick Warner, Vice-Chair

David Bishop, Commissioner

Lawrence Jennis, Commissioner

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