

# City of Jacksonville, Florida



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Dear Ms. Shoup,

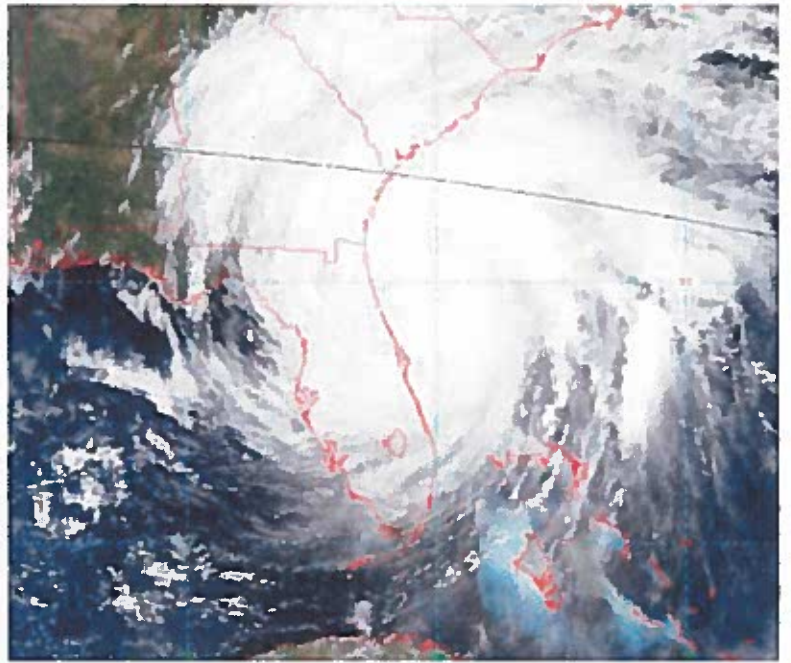
Please find the attached 2016-17 Annual Report for the Security and Emergency Preparedness Planning Council.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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

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# 2016-2017 Annual Report Security and Emergency Preparedness Planning Council



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2016-2017

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 October 14, 2016; November 29, 2016; February 2, 2017; and April 14, 2017. Agenda items discussed by the SEPPC included recovery efforts related to Hurricane Matthew; the Local Mitigation Strategy; preparedness measures and strategies; current health related issues, and special events.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2016-2017

*Hurricane Matthew Recovery*

Hurricane Matthew impacted Jacksonville on October 7, 2016. The storm caused over \$100 million in damages to the community. 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. It is estimated that the city incurred losses related to Hurricane Matthew, in excess of \$48 million.

### *Preparedness Measures*

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 250,000 copies of the *Emergency Preparedness Guide*, at the beginning of hurricane season. In 2017, the JaxReady mobile application was improved to include new links to evacuation zone information and current weather service data.

### *JEA Exercise*

In May 2017, the City of Jacksonville and JEA collaborated to participate in the *2017 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 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, to include the Zika Virus, and drug related issues in the community. The SEPPC collaborated with the Department of Health, JFRD, and local hospitals to analyze current trends and to develop intervention strategies.

### *Special Events*

The City of Jacksonville hosted numerous special events during the year. Those events included the Georgia Florida Game; Navy Notre Dame Game; and the Tax Slayer Bowl. The SEPPC was briefed by the City of Jacksonville, Office of Special Events on those events.

### *Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series*

On March 14-15, 2017, the City of Jacksonville sponsored a regional Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security, National Counterterrorism Center, FEMA, and the FBI. The two-day event was attended by over 250 Federal, State, and Local public safety officials. The session provided local officials with insights and tools on current issues related to a coordinated terrorist attack.

### **SUMMARY**

During 2016-2017, 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](mailto:SWoodard@COJ.net).