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**CITY OF GAHANNA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE**

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: Mayor Thomas R. Kneeland
Director of Public Safety
Director of Finance
Members of City Council
City Attorney
Clerk of Council

FROM: Jeffrey B. Spence; Chief of Police

DATE: December 2, 2019

SUBJECT: Report to Council – December 9, 2019

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

ACTION ITEM # 1 – Franklin County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan – 2018

In 2018, Franklin County’s Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security completed revisions to the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan after over a year of research and gathering input from representatives of various local government agencies as well as other stakeholder organizations. The purpose of the plan is to address Franklin County’s history of experiencing damage from flooding, tornadoes, severe summer weather, severe winter weather and other hazards resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship and threats to public health and safety. The plan was last updated through a similar process in 2012 with Council taking legislative action in support.

In 2019, the plan was published detailing recommendations focused on mitigating the impact of natural hazards on the residents and property within Franklin County. Locally, the plan was forwarded to the directors of Parks & Recreation and Public Service for review. Now that the plan is formalized, Franklin County’s Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has requested that each local unit of government formally recognize the plan through legislative action as a condition of eligibility to receive federal mitigation funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) should a qualifying natural hazard event impact Gahanna.

The Division of Police respectfully requests passage of a resolution in support (see Attachment A) of the Franklin County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (see Attachment B).

Requested Legislation and Funding

- Legislation Needed: Resolution
- Emergency/Waiver: NA
- Name & Address: NA
- Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles): NA
- Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Account Names/Titles): NA

Attachments

- ATTACHMENT A – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT PDF
- ATTACHMENT B – FRANKLIN COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN PDF

UPDATES

2019 Workload-Based Staffing Assessment

The command staff recently completed a three-year workload-based staffing assessment to address three action items in the May, 2018 Novak Police Organizational Report for the Gahanna Division of Police. We anticipate our internal checks of the draft report and data tables to be completed in the coming weeks at which time we will forward the final report to the City's administration and members of Council for review.