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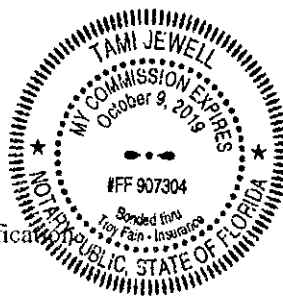
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# FEMA wants locals to have storm plans

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Local Florida officials such as those in DeSoto County and Arcadia shouldn't rely on the federal government to be on the ground everywhere a day or days after the next natural disaster, according to the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA.

FEMA Administrator Brock Long insisted his agency was stretched thin after a series of 2017 storms and wildfires, as well as the ongoing volcanic eruption in Hawaii, so local officials should have their own plans to provide water and other essential services for the first days following a disaster.

His warning comes as DeSoto and Arcadia await reimbursements for huge expenses in mopping up after Hurricane Irma last September. DeSoto, in fact, has been forced to borrow to cover expenses of more than \$1 million for Irma's destruction and the cost to clean her mess. County officials are also contending with demands to return clean-up funds dating to Hurricane Charley in 2004.

"If you don't have the ability to do things such as provide your own food and water and your own commodities to your citizens for the first 48 to 72 hours, and I'm asking you to consider pre-event management concepts, I'm questioning whether or not you're an EMAP (Emergency Management Accreditation Program) accredited emergency management agency," Long said.

With the start of the six-month hurricane season starting next week, Long said FEMA isn't "going to back away" when disasters strike. But he said local and state capabilities need to be strengthened, such as signing deals with private water bottlers and debris haulers and hardening local communications systems. He talked of a need to revamp the national flood-insurance program, saying that due to "affordability" about 80 percent of homeowners in Houston didn't have flood insurance before Hurricane Harvey hit last year, for example.

Long said he's also trying to revamp FEMA's business model, estimating the agency spent about \$300 million a day responding to disasters in 2017, with hotel bills at \$3.5 million a day for displaced residents due to hurricanes Irma, Maria and Harvey, as well as floods, tornadoes and fires. "The



bottom line is that my operational capacity internally does not grow with the number of events that we have," Long said.

The federal program requires at least 80 percent of the money go to the hardest-hit counties and ZIP codes, such as 34266 in DeSoto County. As part of the state's request, the areas listed in the application include Brevard, Broward, Collier, Duval, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Orange, Polk and Volusia counties, as well as ZIP codes 32136 in Flagler County, 32091 in Bradford County and 32068 in Clay County.

Long's comment came after Rep. Jeanette Nunez, a Miami Republican who oversaw the state House's response to Hurricane Irma, encouraged emergency managers to keep pushing for storm hardening projects. She noted many storm-related proposals failed to advance during this year's legislative session when lawmakers redirected \$400 million to respond to the February massacre at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Lawmakers approved storm-related money for such things as farm repairs, affordable housing in Monroe County and to help students displaced from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Still, many of the high-profile measures crafted in response to hurricanes Irma and Maria failed to win support. They included strengthening the electric grid, creating a strategic fuel-reserve task force, requiring the Division of Emergency Management to use certified sign-language interpreters during emergency broadcasts and using rail-tank cars to bring fuel into evacuation areas to avoid a repeat of runs on gas stations.

Meanwhile, Gov. Rick Scott told those attending a FEMA conference to "pray" Florida won't be impacted by hurricanes for the third consecutive year.

"It would be nice not to have, in my eighth year, any hurricanes," Scott said.

budgets to find cash reserves—a hand-held Motorola device affixed to officers in either department runs about \$4,000 a pop, she said.

Sheriff Potter was pleased with the commission's vote.

A technology upgrade, he said, "will not only aid to enhance first-responder communication with DeSoto County, but also aid to bridge radio communication during mutual-aid incidents with surrounding communities."

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The DeSoto County Planning Commission (PC) and/or Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) of DeSoto County, Florida will consider the adoption of an ordinance regarding the below-described application for Official Zoning District Atlas amendment filed by Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC. The ordinance will be considered at regularly scheduled Public Hearing Meetings of the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners on the dates listed and at the times listed below, or as soon thereafter, as they may be heard. All public hearings will be held in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida. Copies of the application and staff report will be available for inspection at the Development Department from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Suite 204, Administration Building, 201 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida five business days prior to the meeting dates and will be available on the County's website at [www.desotobocc.com](http://www.desotobocc.com) under Department News and News & announcements. Members of the public may appear and be heard on the matters to be considered. If you want to appeal any decision of the PC or BoCC, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to arrange for a verbatim transcript to be prepared that includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. If you require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, contact the DeSoto County Development Department at (863) 993-4806 not later than five (5) business days prior to either public hearing.

The hearing before the Planning Commission will be conducted in accordance with County Code of Ordinances sections 20-1401 through 20-1403. The hearing before the Board of County Commissioner will be conducted in accordance with County Code of Ordinances sections 20-1401, 20-1402 and 20-1404.

**PLANNING COMMISSION START: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 5:30pm – 9:30pm**

**PLANNING COMMISSION CONTINUE: Wednesday June 6, 2018 at 5:30pm – 9:30pm (if necessary)**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS START: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30pm- 10:30pm**

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**1. Ordinance Amending Official Zoning District Atlas (RZ 2016-05) (PC and BoCC).** An Ordinance of the DeSoto County, Florida Board of County Commissioners amending the Official Zoning District Atlas identified in Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Land Development Regulations Article II, Zoning Districts and Requirements, Section 20-31, Establishment of Zoning Districts: granting to the Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC an Official Zoning District Atlas amendment (RZ 2016-05) changing from Agricultural 10 (A-10) to Phosphate Mining-Industrial (PM-I) the zoning district of a 14.057.50±-acre site generally located north of SW Adams Road, south of the DeSoto/Hardee County line, west of NE CO RD 661, and east of the DeSoto/Manatee County line; and providing for an effective date.

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following a product rundown by Chas Elliot with Motorola Solutions, the Sebring-based provider.

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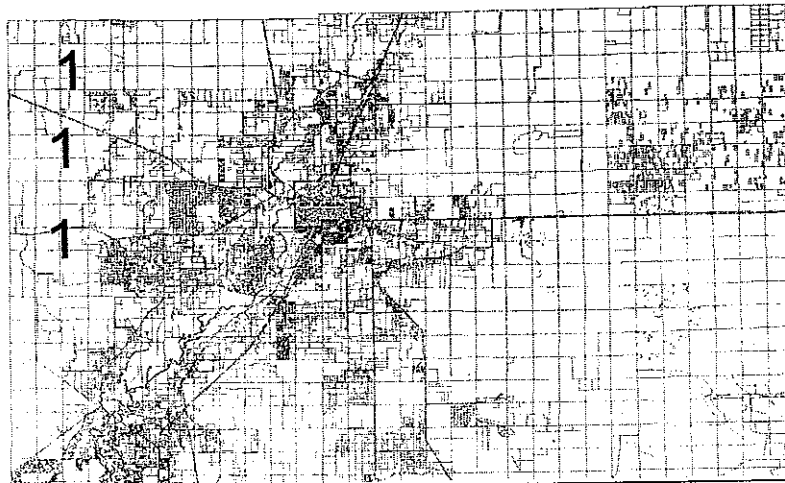
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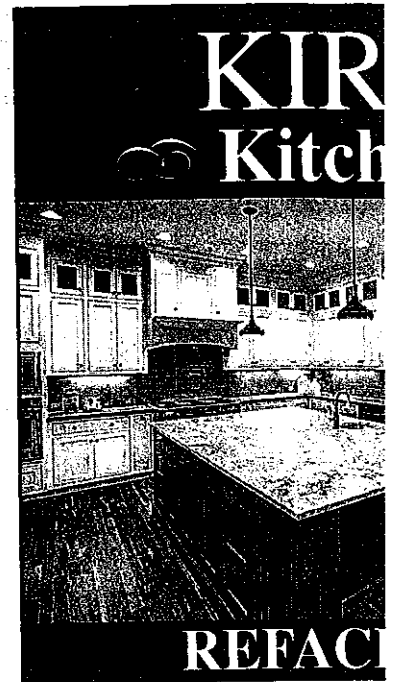
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