



DIVISION OF
STATE FIRE MARSHAL
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES



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Dear Florida Urban Search & Rescue, Swiftwater, and Hazardous Materials Team Managers:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has launched a statewide initiative to identify and assess the various specialized response capabilities across the state utilizing recognized national and state standards. The Specialty Response Team Capability Assessment Program (SRT-CAP) is designed to strengthen Florida's readiness and resilience across all disciplines of emergency response.

The Division of State Fire Marshal supports this effort working in coordination and collaboration with FDEM through the assessment process of ESF 4&9 assets.

While the SRT-CAP is led and managed by FDEM, our role, along with yours, is to contribute subject-matter expertise, ensure our teams are represented accurately, and help raise awareness across our networks. This shared responsibility allows the program to deliver a clear picture of statewide capabilities without placing additional requirements on participating agencies.

The program's three-year cycle is designed to drive continuous improvement; giving teams and disciplines the chance to validate progress, address gaps, and align resources to emerging threats. By supporting FDEM in this effort, and by working within the SERT framework, we are reinforcing the culture of coordination and excellence that keeps Florida at the forefront of disaster response nationwide.

Thank you for your continued service and for the leadership you provide in this mission. Together, we will ensure Florida remains safe, strong, and ready for whatever comes our way.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JoAnne E. Rice".

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