



FIRE RESCUE DIVISION

To: Shawn Smith, Fire Chief 
Shawn Smith

Through: Kevin Shireman, Assistant Chief KLS

From: Murphy Hanley, Fire Chaplain 
RMH

Date: June 4, 2025

Re: Hurricane/Disaster Deployment

Chief Smith,

As you are aware, I am one of only a few fire chaplains within the State of Florida who is credentialed to deploy a part of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) Mental Health Support teams. With the 2025 hurricane season now upon us, I am requesting, in advance of any disasters, permission to list myself as available for deployment should the need arise, and formal request be made.

Of course, should the area involved include Polk County, I would not deploy as part of the SERT response, but would remain here and focus on the needs of Polk County Fire Rescue and the citizens of our county

Respectfully submitted,

Murphy Hanley 
Murphy Hanley (Jun 6, 2025 11:30 EDT)
Chaplain, Polk County Fire Rescue

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Kevin Shireman 7372 (Jun 6, 2025 10:02 EDT)

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