



Office of the Mayor and Town Council

Tim Meerbott
Mayor

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Town Council

From: Mayor Tim Meerbott

Date: September 18, 2019

Re: Urging Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department to Study the Need for a Rescue/Transport Unit at Fire Station 55 – Saga Bay

REQUEST

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE NEED FOR A RESCUE/TRANSPORT UNIT AT FIRE STATION 55 LOCATED IN SAGA BAY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Miami Dade Fire Department (the “Department”) has provided fire and rescue services to the Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) prior to, and since incorporation. The Department is designated as a Class 2/2X Public Protection Classification, as rated by the Insurance Services Office, Inc., and Internationally Accredited through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. The fire fighters of the Department perform at an extremely high-level of service and have saved countless of lives within our municipality. The Town is serviced by three (3) stations:

- Station 55 – Saga Bay (21501 SW 87th Ave, Cutler Bay)
- Station 34 – Cutler Ridge (10850 SW 211 St, Cutler Bay)
- Firehouse 50 – Perrine (9798 Hibiscus St, Palmetto Bay)

Station No. 55 – Saga Bay is the busiest station serving our residents and visitors. In 2018, Station 55 – Saga Bay responded to 2,564 incidents accounting for forty-eight (48%) percent of the incidents within the Town. Due to the station’s proximity to multi-family units and town homes located East of Old Cutler Road, the dense population further strains the Department’s ability to respond to incidents. Additionally, the station’s proximity to Black Point Park and Marina, which is the largest public marina in Miami and is part of the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department, increases the number of calls to Station 55 [comprised on one (1) fire suppression unit].





Please find below an excerpt from the *Department's Annual Service Delivery Report* provided by the Fire Chief, during the presentation portion of the Town Council Meetings for the past two (2) consecutive years:

During calendar year 2018, MDRF responded to 5,416 emergency calls received from the Town of Cutler Bay. **Table I** depicts incident type and related response times for incidents MDRF responded to within the Town during this time period. The data reflected in **Tables I and II** was produced by the National Fire Operations Reporting System (NFORS). MDRF has recently partnered with NFORS, a project with the goal of improving civilian and firefighter life safety through consistent and quality data.

Table I
MDRF Responses to the Town of Cutler Bay
Calendar Year 2018

Incident Type	2018	MDRF Average Response Time
Life Threatening	2,895	7:00
Non-Life Threatening	1,225	7:24
Structure Fires	57	5:12
Other Fires	416	7:24
Other Miscellaneous	823	*
Total	5,416	

*NFORS does not compute an average response time for "Other Miscellaneous" incidents

The Town of Cutler Bay is primarily served by MDRF's Saga Bay Station 55, Cutler Ridge Station 34 and Perrine Station 50 which collectively responded to all of the incidents in the Town during 2018 as depicted in **Table II**.

Table II
MDRF Stations/Units responding into the Town of Cutler Bay
Calendar Year 2018

Responses Provided by Station:	2018	
	Incidents	%
55 - Saga Bay	2,564	48%
34 - Cutler Ridge	1,486	28%
50 - Perrine	1,344	24%
Total	5,394	100%

During calendar years 2016 and 2017, MDRF responded to 10,769 emergency calls received from the Town of Cutler Bay. **Table I** depicts incident type and related response times for incidents MDRF responded to within the Town during this time period.

Table I
MDRF Responses to the Town of Cutler Bay
Calendar Years 2016 and 2017

Call Type	2017	MDRF* Average Response Time	2016	MDRF* Average Response Time
Life Threatening	2,779	7:30	3,095	7:39
Non-Life Threatening*	1,421	7:30	1,256	8:14
Structure & Other Fires	504	7:27	462	8:53
Other Miscellaneous*	827	7:37	425	8:40
Total	5,531		5,238	

*Expedited response using lights and sirens is only used when responding to Life Threatening and Structure Fire incidents.

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Calendar Years 2016 and 2017

Responses Provided By:	2017		2016	
	Incidents	%	Incidents	%
Station 55 - Saga Bay	2,060	37%	2,095	40%
Station 34 - Cutler Ridge	1,870	34%	1,519	29%
Station 62 - Palmetto Bay	37	1%	681	13%
Station 50 - Perrine	1,002	18%	629	12%
Station 70 - Coconut Palm	50	1%	0	0%
Other Stations	512	9%	314	6%
Total	5,531	100%	5,238	100%

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution, urging the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department to study the need for a Rescue/Transport Unit at Fire Station No. 55 – Saga Bay.