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Dear Residents and Visitors:

Lee County is a wonderful place to live, work and play. However, we cannot forget that every part of this nation of ours has natural or man-made hazards that we need to consider. Each year is different, from heavy rainfall to drought, to near misses or the possibility of a direct hit from a hurricane or tropical storm. Just because we have not had a hurricane in the past six years, does not mean we can expect the same in the future. We ask you to maintain a "culture of preparedness" and listen to us if we tell you there is a possibility of a severe weather event.

The hazards we face in Southwest Florida are as much a part of our lives as driving to work, walking on the beach or surviving another winter tourist season. Most of us realize the importance of preparing for the more significant hazards such as hurricanes. But when they occur, the consequences can still be devastating if we have not properly prepared to protect our lives and property.

This All Hazards Guide, supported by StormSmart, CrowderGulf and Insurance Fire & Water Restorations, is published to help you prepare your family and your property for a number of potentially significant hazards. It's designed to answer many questions you might ask in preparing to deal with these natural and man-made events. You can use it as a guide in making your plan to survive the threats posed by these hazards.

Please, take some time out of your busy day to read this guide and take the advice to heart. Keep it in a convenient location where you can find it easily throughout the year. Prepare yourself, your family and your property to survive before some uninvited hazard comes to pay a call.

Have a Safe Day,

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY



John D. Wilson, Director