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Flagler County Fire Rescue office manager deploys to Bradenton Beach as part of All Hazards Incident Management Team

September 30, 2024 – Most days Flagler County Fire Rescue Office Manager Suzanne Eubanks goes about the routine tasks – the behind-the-scenes work – to ensure the department is on top of everything it needs to operate successfully and efficiently. When disaster strikes, however, she’s a logistics specialist seeing that disaster recovery needs are met.

She is a key member of the Northeast Florida All Hazards Incident Management Team and is regularly called upon for her specialized training and experience in logistics. The team deployed Sunday (September 29) for Bradenton Beach.

“This community received significant damage,” she said by way of text. “There is 5 to 8 feet of sand in roads and homes – 90% of homes have major damage or (were) destroyed. So far, they have not received any support USAR (urban search and rescue), due to arrive at noon today (Monday).”

While it is grim to mention USAR support, national news is reporting 115 killed by Hurricane Helene and hundreds missing across six states.

“We’re trained to focus on the rescue aspect,” said Flagler County Fire Rescue Chief Michael Tucker. “We are fortunate that we were largely spared here, and that we have the resources to support others in their time of need. A day will come when we will need help, so we must do what we can to hold each other up.”

Among her deployments, Eubanks spent two weeks in the Sanibel Island area coordinating barge transport to and from the island as the causeway was knocked out in support of first responders and infrastructure rebuilding efforts.

“She loves logistics, and is a ready volunteer,” Tucker said. “Flagler County Fire Rescue is a wonderful team, and I’m very proud of all of them.”

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