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Dear Emergency Management Partners,

The Emergency Management Community has suffered a great loss today. It is with much sadness and regret that I inform you of the sudden passing of our friend and colleague Frank Reddish.

Frank's service and dedication to emergency management in Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, and across the country will be greatly missed. His commitment to the area of mitigation has strengthened both public and private infrastructure, protected property and saved lives. As the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Coordinator and principal member of the LMS Working Group – Steering Committee, Frank worked to secure over \$25 million in funding for Miami-Dade mitigation projects in the last year alone. Overall his achievements in this area are too many to list.

Frank had only just recently returned from attending a National Research Council Workshop on Private-Public Partnerships to Enhance Community Disaster Resilience which sought his expertise. His desire to share his knowledge with others, and serve as mentor to those new to the field will surely be his greatest legacy.

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to the Reddish family during their time of sorrow.

As arrangements are made I will surely communicate those to you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Sommerhoff", written in a cursive style.

Curt Sommerhoff, Director