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From: Laura Aldrich <townclerk@irshores.com>
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To: Laura Aldrich
Subject: TIMELY ACTION REQUESTED: Relief for the Victims of Hurricane Michael
Importance: High

Dear Residents,

Please see the very important message from your Director of Public Safety.

Good afternoon.

The Indian Rivers Shores Department of Public Safety, in response to a call for assistance from the Panama City Beach Police and the Florida Police Chiefs Association, is joining other Police agencies in South Florida by **soliciting donations to help victims of Hurricane Michael**. As you are aware, the Panama City Beach/Mexico Beach area was devastated by the storm. Most of the victims lost absolutely everything. Some have only the clothing they were wearing when they fled.

In the past 24 hours our officers have collected almost \$5,000 in cash/checks from residents of Indian River Shores and the adjoining community. As I write this email, Lieutenant Albert Iovino is purchasing much needed supplies from local retailers. Most of these retailers have agreed to sell us the supplies at their cost, enabling us to purchase much more than if we were paying retail.

Sebastian Police Department has loaned us a trailer in which to load the supplies and deliver them to our fellow Floridians in the Panhandle. With your generosity, we hope this will be the first of several trips we will make.

The Mayor and Council have authorized me to send this email asking for donations to assist us in this endeavor. Should you be inclined to provide a **monetary donation, please make the check out FOP Lodge #79**. You may write "**Hurricane Michael Relief**" on the bottom left corner of your check. Every donation will be helpful, and 100% of your donations will go to the victims. All supplies donated or purchased with monetary funds will be hand delivered to the panhandle **by your Officers**, not passed off to any other charitable organization. Checks and supplies can be **dropped off** to me at **Police/Fire Headquarters 8 am-4 pm, Monday through Friday ASAP but not later than Wednesday, October 24**.

While all donations are appreciated, **gift cards are discouraged** since there are no retail stores open in the areas which were hardest hit by the storm. If you wish to donate supplies rather than money, the **victims are in urgent need of the following items** including, but not limited to:

- **Toiletries & disposable personal items:** soap, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes, mouthwash, antibiotic ointment, hydrogen peroxide, feminine hygiene products, under garments (male and female), towels, washcloths, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, band aids, gauze, antibacterial spray, sunscreen, antifungal foot spray, antibacterial sanitizing wipes, deodorant, shaving supplies, baby powder, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, insect repellent, Visine, Q-tips, cotton balls, calamine lotion, Benadryl
- **Equipment and non-consumables:** blankets, flashlights, generators, gas cans, power strips, shovels, and work gloves.

Your Officers greatly appreciate your assistance in this worthwhile endeavor. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at any time on my cell phone. 732-673-7748.

Thank you for your consideration. Rich Rosell

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