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## Floridians,

This week, I was joined by members of the Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Florida Task Force teams in [Orlando](#) and [Fort Myers](#) to urge Floridians to prepare for disasters now before the next hurricane takes aim at Florida. There are a total of eight US&R teams statewide that are immediately deployed to aid communities that have been impacted by a natural or man-made disaster.

I am extremely grateful to the dedicated men and women of the US&R Task Force teams, who train year-round to protect Floridians when a disaster strikes. This dedicated team of first responders run towards a storm to save families in the aftermath of a hurricane. As we've seen in the past, hurricanes can form and strengthen quickly, leaving little time to prepare and evacuate. Visit [PrepareFL.com](#) for hurricane and disaster related information and resources before the next storm takes aim at Florida.



On Wednesday, we got some great news as Governor DeSantis signed our [consumer protection legislation](#) and the [DFS agency bill](#). As CFO, I've worked to empower Floridians and rid our state of bad actors that come between consumers and their insurance policy, and our consumer protection legislation sends a message that Florida protects our policyholders. In addition, the signing of our agency bill is a big win for our state and allows DFS to better serve all Floridians. This legislation enhances the services provided by DFS by strengthening our fraud fighting efforts to combat rising insurance rates, further supports Florida's firefighters in their battle against cancer, and better protects victims of sexual harassment against acts of retaliation.

Lastly, on Tuesday, I [presented](#) the H.E.R.O.E.S (Honoring Excellent Rescues & Outstanding Emergency Service) Award and Resolution at the Cabinet Meeting. The H.E.R.O.E.S award was given to Lieutenant Dustin Hawkins, a firefighter with the Indian River County Fire Department. I take great pride in my role of honoring first responders for their courage. In addition to Dustin's dedication as a firefighter, he goes above and beyond to make sure his colleagues are also protected by focusing on firefighter cancer prevention, and their mental health. Ensuring the first responder community has access to mental wellness is a personal endeavor for Dustin, as he worked tirelessly to develop a program that matches first responders in crisis with a trained mental health professional. It is people like Dustin who are our real HEROES!

I hope you have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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