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To Whom It May Concern:

As your Broward County Property Appraiser, I am excited to write you this letter informing you of some very exciting news. As you know, a full ad valorem tax exemption is now available to Florida first responders who became totally and permanently disabled due to an injury sustained in the line of duty. Under the law, recipients of this exemption are required to renew their exemption every year unless a request is made by the Property Appraiser to the County Commission to pass a resolution allowing for an automatic renewal of the exemption. I recently approached the Broward County Commission about eliminating the need for the annual renewal. Commissioner Mark Bogen gladly agreed to sponsor this item and was joined by all of his fellow Broward County Commissioners Beam Furr, Steve Geller, Dale Holness, Chip LaMarca, Nan Rich, Tim Ryan, Barbara Sharief and Michael Udine as co-sponsors of this request.

At the November 7, 2017 County Commission meeting, this item was added to the agenda and unanimously passed. As of November 7, 2017, anyone who qualifies for the Full Exemption for Totally and Permanently Disabled First Responders will no longer be required to renew annually for this exemption.

I wholeheartedly thank the Broward County Commission for their support of this very important item aimed at assisting Broward's Disabled First Responders. Should you have any questions about this exemption, please contact my office at 954.357.6904 or martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Kiar".

Marty Kiar
Broward County Property Appraiser

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FIRST RESPONDER DISABILITY EXEMPTION **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

Any homesteaded property owner who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty while serving as a first responder with a Florida agency, or their un-remarried surviving spouse, is eligible for a full exemption on the ad valorem portion of their property taxes.

To apply, the First Responder, or surviving spouse, must submit the following documentation to the Property Appraiser no later than **September 18** of the year for which they are applying:

For applicants who have received a medical status determination of total and permanent disability from the Social Security Administration must submit the following:

- _____ Documentation from the Social Security Administration stating applicant is totally and permanently disabled; *and*
- _____ First Responder's Physician Certificate of Total and Permanent Disability (form available from Property Appraiser's Office); *and*
- _____ First Responder's Employer Certificate of Total and Permanent Disability (form available from Property Appraiser's Office); *and*
- _____ Employer's incident report or accident report documenting the event with caused the injury; *and*

For applicants who are not eligible to receive medical status determination from the Social Security Administration:

- _____ Documentation from the Social Security Administration stating applicant is not eligible to receive medical status determination from the SSA; *and*
- _____ First Responder's Physician Certificate of Total and Permanent Disability (form available from Property Appraiser's Office); *and*
- _____ 2nd First Responder's Physician Certificate of Total and Permanent Disability (form available from Property Appraiser's Office); *and*
- _____ First Responder's Employer Certificate of Total and Permanent Disability (form available from Property Appraiser's Office); *and*
- _____ Employer's incident report or accident report documenting the event with caused the injury; *and*

We are currently accepting pre-filed Disabled First Responder Exemption applications for tax year 2018.

Please contact our office at kbrown@bcpa.net or 954-357-6035 with any questions.

Please send required documents the Property Appraiser's Office by fax to 954-357-8474 or email to kbrown@bcpa.net or by mail to 115 S. Andrews Ave, Room 111, Fort Lauderdale FL 33301.