

ALLIGATOR ALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

In 2011, Governor Scott signed legislation that required “*excess funds generated from Alligator Alley tolls be used to **develop and operate** a fire station to provide fire, rescue, and emergency management services in adjacent counties along Alligator Alley.*”

In 2014, FDOT legislation *changed* the state/local relationship, and the Public Safety Center was constructed as part of the adjacent Rest Area’s reconstruction to reduce the 45 minute response time to accidents and health emergencies along heavily-traveled I-75.



Located in the middle of the Big Cypress National Preserve, this Center is neighbor only to weary travelers and resident reptiles on State and Federal lands that do not pay taxes. Annually, the Center responds to over 600 emergency incidents and exclusively serves I-75 travelers. Annually approximately only 12% of emergency calls involved Collier County residents.



MM63 Public Safety Center services on Alligator Alley should continue. Greater Naples Fire Rescue District residents over 35 miles away should not be assessed the nearly \$1.5M/year cost of operation. The State must remain a partner in providing funding for public safety along this isolated roadway.

A change in F.S. 338.26 is necessary to ensure a long term dedicated funding solution is established to continue providing fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to the travelers of Alligator Alley.



GNFD REQUEST

Revise statutory language to provide adequate funding for continued operations of the Mile Marker 63 Public Safety Center.

KEY FACTS

- Having the Public Safety Center at MM63 reduces average emergency response times by over 80%. (45min. down to 8min.)
- The long expanse of “Alligator Alley” through State and Federal lands does not have a localized tax base to pay for or utilize I-75 public safety services.
- Data over the years reflect that approximately 88% of emergency incidents involve non-Collier County residents.
- Costs to operate the MM63 Public Safety Center continue to increase each year exceeding the \$1.4 million annual limit.

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