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**Office of the Mayor
Briefing Statement
Market on University Incident
7/6/19 4:00PM**

At approximately 11:28 a.m. the City of Plantation received an emergency call regarding an explosion at the Market on University shopping plaza located at 1041 S. University Drive. It appears the source of the explosion was the Pizza Fire restaurant located at 1025 S. University Drive. The nature of the explosion is under investigation. A number of adjacent properties experienced severe damage. Nineteen individuals were transported to area hospitals. One of the individuals was a trauma alert that is now in stable condition. Four individuals were treated and released at the scene. There were no fatalities, none of the injuries are considered life-threatening, and a search of the area has been completed. The Family Reunification Center was opened at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the Central Park Multipurpose Center located at 9151 NW 2nd Street and was closed down at 6:00 p.m.

The Plantation Police Department and Fire Department are assisting the State Fire Marshall's Office to secure the scene while the investigation into the incident continues. The immediate area will be closed until the investigation is complete.

The City of Plantation extends its thoughts and prayers to all those individuals impacted by this incident. The City is also eternally grateful for the outstanding support we received from local, state, and federal authorities. The Broward Sheriff's Office, the City of Coral Springs, the City of Sunrise, the Town of Davie, the Department of Homeland Security, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Broward County Emergency Management were all on scene to assist the City of Plantation. Additionally, every jurisdiction in the area reached out to offer assistance.

Update 7/7/19 12:48PM

Plantation Police Department is asking those individuals affected by the Market on University incident to meet on the NW corner of Charles Schwab for assistance if they left vehicles or property on scene. Please follow the Plantation Police Twitter page for current information, @PlantationPD.

Update 7/7/19 2:00PM

Plantation Police will close the reunification process at 4pm today. It will be re-opened tomorrow morning - 7/8/19 from 8am -5pm for those who wish to retrieve property from the incident site.

Update 7/7/19 3:20PM

The City of Plantation has partnered with The Florida Crisis Response Team to host a group crisis intervention on Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Plantation Central Park. Plantation Central Park is located at 9151 Northwest 2nd Street. This event is for members of our community who were impacted by the July 6th incident. Crisis intervention services will be available for children as well. For additional information, please contact the Plantation Police Department's Victim Advocate, Debbie Geller, at 954-797-2172. This information has been posted to Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and Everbridge.