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City of Altamonte Springs Honored with the 2023 FMIT Partnership Innovation Award Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Recognizes the City for Proactive Approach to Risk Management

Altamonte Springs, **Fla.**– On December 5, 2023, the City of Altamonte Springs was presented with the Partnership Innovation Award from the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT). This award recognizes the innovative practices that help reduce costs, turn challenges into opportunities and ensure the safety of staff and the community. Altamonte Springs was honored for its proactive approach to governing, programming, operations and risk management, which has resulted in significant benefits for the City.

"We are thrilled to be the recipient of the FMIT Partnership Innovation Award," expressed Frank Martz, City Manager of Altamonte Springs. "Altamonte Springs is a City that thrives on innovation, and our dedicated staff works tirelessly to create forward-thinking solutions that enhance the quality of life for our residents. We are proud to be recognized for our efforts and will continue to push the boundaries of innovation to make our city an even better place to live."

Altamonte Springs takes great pride in providing exceptional parks and recreation facilities, which are regularly inspected and maintained for the safety of our residents and visitors. Our talented staff facilitates weekly youth programs, fitness activities and large-scale events, all with the goal of creating a welcoming and safe environment for everyone. We are committed to staying up-to-date with the latest safety methods and techniques to ensure we are always prepared to provide the best possible experience for our community.

Additionally, the Altamonte Springs Police Department earned the FMIT Safety Excellence Initiative certification this year, making it one of only seven departments in the state of Florida to earn this distinction.

The City of Altamonte Springs' employees and their invaluable services are the cornerstone of a thriving community, paving the way for a brighter tomorrow.

Visit the <u>FMIT website</u> to learn more about the Partnership Innovation Award.

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About the City of Altamonte Springs

Altamonte Springs is a city born of innovation, fiscal responsibility and progressive ideas. The City is completely debt free and maintains one of the lowest tax rates in Florida. City leadership, staff, residents and local businesses share a vision of making Altamonte Springs the best place in Florida to live, work, raise a family, earn a degree, seek medical care, build a business and more. Few locations in the state offer the robust services Altamonte Springs provides at such a low cost. From forward-thinking projects and proactive initiatives to an evolving business climate and environmentally-friendly projects, Altamonte Springs has set an example for other municipalities by striving to work beyond the typical constraints of local government.

The City has a perfect blend of community spirit and bustling activities that help create a wholesome environment for residents and visitors alike. Residential tree-lined streets and beautiful, natural parks reflect the charming and unique character of what locals call home. Not to mention, the City's robust events program is the most exciting in the region; all generously funded by the area's corporate sponsors. Hosting more than one million visitors each year, Altamonte Springs' programs infuse into the community a sense of excitement and entertainment, while enriching its diverse social fabric.

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About the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust

The Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) offers workers' compensation, liability, property and health insurance to Florida's local governments. The Florida League of Cities is the administrator of the FMIT. The League established its first insurance program in 1977 to address the concerns of Florida's municipal governments for affordable insurance and continues to tailor insurance coverage to the unique needs of public entities.

For more information, visit their <u>website</u>.