

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

General Membership Meeting Summary 21 November, 2013

- Welcome and Introductions by Deanie Lowe
- Recap of the last meeting
- Response and Recovery Strike Team report: Jay Young, team leader
 - This team has developed a series of objectives:
 1. Get a database together that will create a directory of volunteers and resources. Rob Boulware volunteered to input the data we have to date, into a program that Pat White will provide from a project of this nature.
 2. We do not yet have a well-rounded representation of businesses/We are losing in the area of being diversified/Need to contact vendors to see if we can get others involved
 3. Training
 4. Sustainability – There is a tendency to lose people after a while/We could keep people more interested with in-house training
 5. How to respond: Develop a “response tree” or flow chart to include all resources
 - Training resources:
 - Provide basic training using Incident Command Structure (ICS)
 - Provide 100, 200, 700 ICS classes
 - Can be done on the computer which is self-paced and incremental
 - Can log onto FEMA website to see what courses are available
 - Richard Moore said that Sean Colin is a liaison with Florida Department of Emergency Management Training. Training can be done in a classroom setting with names up-loaded to the state to show certification

- We are definitely looking at a need for having 100 and 200 levels of training
- Preparedness Team Report: Jerry Brandon, Team Leader
 - The Prep Strike Team is all about preparation of individual, groups, organizations and eventually students in all Volusia County schools. To this end we have to train our team members to be able to train others to reach as many of the county's citizens as possible. This is and will be an on-going endeavor. On-going due to the fact that there are always migrations to our communities and county. As the new citizens arrive, they too need to learn how to prepare for all types of emergencies.
Today the Prep Strike Team will be demonstrating on just how the COAD members and the public-at-large can prepare themselves for emergencies. Tom McComb will be doing the demonstration.
 - We want to be sure that there's no overlap with the Response and Recovery team, but that all will be a co-ordinated effort.
 - The Prep team will not be approaching businesses.
 - Any potential overlap should take care of itself by virtue of the definitions and goals for each group of strike teams.
 - The next Prep Strike Team meeting will be 14 January, 2014 at 2:00 – 4:00 at the EOC.
- Tom McCombs summarized methods, procedures, and potential training aids as discussed by the Prep Strike Team:
 1. Review of PowerPoint presentation as an example of how and what might be taught as well as the goals and objectives of the COAD Preparedness Strike Team's presentations. Some points included:
 - How to make an infrared oven using
 - Sunshield used for car windshields
 - Quart jar painted black
 - Oven roasting bag
 - Block of wood or cheap wire basket
 - Oven from briquettes
 - Box lines with heavy duty aluminum foil
 - 5 briquettes in pie plates

- 4 pop cans
 - Grate
 - Seychelles water filtration
 - Water pasteurization indicator (WAPI)
 - Weather alert radio – needs to have “SAME” technology
2. Possible training materials:
- Volusia County Florida Disaster Preparedness Guide on a DVD
 - Ready.Gov wallet foldable
 - Brochure with “9 Steps After Disaster Strikes”
3. Group discussion points for before disaster strikes:
- Develop an independent/family emergency plan – update as needed
 - Make a list of valuables
 - Reduce damage possibilities by evaluating landscaping and outside of house
 - Special needs:
 - Fit to your own unique situation
 - Proofs of vaccinations for pets
 - Disaster supply kits – prepare for 5 – 7 days
 - MYN
 - Map Your Neighborhood
 - Neighborhood disaster preparations
4. Group discussion points for “9 Steps Immediately Following A Disaster”

Note: Have a paper(s) with “HELP” and “OK” and use band-aids to stick up on window or door.

Step 1: Take care of your loved ones.

Step 2: Take a moment to size-up the situation.

Note: Keep a pair of sturdy shoes as well as a hard-hat with a light or a bicycle helmet under the bed.

Step 3: Check natural gas or propane if necessary.

Step 4: Shut off water at the house main.

Step 5: Place “HELP” or “OK” sign on window or door.

Step 6: Get your emergency supplies.

With neighbors:

Step 7: Neighborhood gathering

Step 8: Form 4 teams at gathering site.

Step 9: After each team has completed its work go back to gathering site.

- After Mr. McCombs completed his presentation, he conducted a survey of the members present with the following questions:
 1. How effective is this to me personally? (Answer 1 – 10 with 10 being highly effective)
 2. Was the presentation organized and delivered well?
 3. How confident did the presenter seem?”
- Mr. McCombs will give training on MYN (Map Your Neighborhood) in January or February.
- Deanie Lowe turned the next part of the meeting over to Frank Bruno.
 - Mr. Bruno said that COAD needs to be a 501C3 organization so that we can accept donations.
 - Showed a rough draft of an official hand-out which tells the mission of COAD with additional information. This was originally given to him by Jerry and Andrea Brandon who took ideas from the hand-out from VCOG and then further developed by Lithocraft Printing.
 - Mention was also made of the many various organizations which are represented among COAD members.

- Election of officers:
 - After Deanie explained the duties and terms of the offices for COAD, the following people were elected:
 - Co-chairs: Deanie Lowe and Frank Bruno
 - 1st Vice Chair: Ray Parkhust
 - 2nd Vice Chair: Patrick Warren
- Up-coming meetings were announced:
 - Response/Recovery Team: 11 December, 2013, Red Cross Office
 - Prep Strike Team: 14 January, 2014, EOC
 - General Membership: 22 January, 2014
 - All meetings begin at 2:00
- Further discussion continued:
 - Lists of people interested in being on strike teams and in doing the Map Your Neighborhood began to be generated.
 - Need an area on the website which is a training area for COAD members.
 - Q & A about MYN
 - How can we deal with child predators in a neighborhood?
 - CERT (Citizen's Emergency Response Team) – a 24 hour course which would be a valuable training tool and precursor for COAD's MYN.
 - Need to have a list of HAM operators – would be good to have some COAD members take this training.
 - Perhaps there is a need to have another strike team as an emergency communications group.
- Meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.

