

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

General Membership Meeting Summary – 22 January, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Deanie Lowe, co-chairman of COAD at 2:07 PM

There were 26 members present.

- Mrs. Lowe began the meeting with discussions of several agenda items:
 - Name tags are to be used only when COAD is activated and assignments are given.
 - There are two strike teams – one for preparedness and one for response and recovery. These are smaller groups of people who can brainstorm and come up with ideas to move us forward toward our goals.
- Jerry Brandon, chairman of the Preparedness Strike Team gave a summary report to up-date the membership:
 - We last met on 14 January, 2014.
 - We continued to focus our attention on developing specific and detailed methods for presenting COAD's message.
 - We need to establish a list of HOAs and manufactured home parks, and we would like to have the suggestions from you, the general membership.
 - We will be having a "Train the Trainer" session on 6 February, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the EOC. All members are invited and encouraged to participate.
 - A co-ordinated effort from the entire membership will strengthen the depth and breadth of COAD throughout the county and generate a geometric progression of knowledge and preparation which will increase and enhance our primary goals.
- There was discussion on other agenda items:
 - We want to train community members so that they will do the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN).
 - We need to verify members' phone numbers and other information.

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- We need to build a database and a Speaker's Bureau.
- Volunteers will make phone calls to get community members in for MYN training.
- Tom McCombs discussed materials offered by FEMA and explained the website Ready.gov.
- The statement was made that CERT teams would be first to a disaster location to assess the situation.
- Jay Young, chairman of the Response and Recovery Strike Team gave a summary report to the membership:
 - This Strike Team is mainly approaching business and civic groups.
 - We meet one time per month.
 - Liability is a big issue.
 - COAD members must be backed by a non-profit organization when activated.
- Mrs. Lowe continued with agenda items:
 - We are building lists, databases, and a directory of volunteer services.
 - She asked Logan Bernstein to explain the need for all COAD members to understand ICS (Incident Command System) levels 100 and 700.
- A grant has been received so that we can do a tabletop exercise. This is tentatively set for the first week of March.
- Charlie Howell talked about COAD member's registering on our website:
 - Website address is: www.volusiacoast.org
 - When registering, show which strike team you are on under biographical information.
- Mrs. Lowe gave an explanation of the Steering Committee.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM.