

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
General Membership Meeting Summary – 16 July, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM by Deanie Lowe, Co-chairman.

- Jerry Brandon, Chairman of the Preparedness Strike Team, gave a brief up-date:
 - Presentations of Map Your Neighborhood continue to be done.
 - We have established a communications system called “Group Me”
 - Once a week we reach out to everyone to keep current.
 - The purpose is to be able to communicate during an event.
 - We will be sponsoring a “Hurricane Expo” to help prepare the general public and increase their awareness of being prepared for a disaster before it actually happens. This event will be held on 6 September, 2014.
 - All of our members need to be aware of the brochures and other materials that are available from FEMA. Several examples were given.
- David Heald, Chairman of the Response and Recovery Strike Team, gave an up-date on the team’s activities:
 - The team has finalized its list of Resources needed in a disaster and Tim Murphy at the United Way is assembling them into a spreadsheet.
 - The Resources needed will be matched up with various Support Agencies and, hopefully, local individuals and companies, along with their contact information.
 - This spreadsheet will then be available for use in a disaster, whether it be “declared” or not, by COAD volunteers, and city or county officials.
 - The R & R Team is also working to develop a mobile Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) plan for use anywhere in the county where a disaster occurs and volunteers are needed to assist in recovery. This plan will aid in managing unaffiliated volunteers as well as those asked to respond.

- Once the plan has been prepared, the necessary forms and materials will be assembled in a kit or trunk for immediate transport and set-up where necessary and volunteers will be trained in reception center positions and protocols.
- Mrs. Lowe introduced Yvonne Wolfe who represents the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief & Recovery Ministry. Mrs. Wolfe introduced several people who also represented this organization, and went on to explain in detail how everything works and how they as a group would be able to help COAD and Volusia County should the need arise.
 - Mission Statement = The mission of Florida Baptist Disaster Relief and Recovery Ministries is to “*Make a difference*” in times of disaster by connecting Florida Baptist Churches and Associations to people and communities impacted by disaster and by responding with Help, Healing, and Hope, that demonstrates and shares the love of Christ.
 - Each ministry area has a state coordinator and that coordinator can appoint assistance as needed. To help in a more localized coordination every ministry also has a regional coordinator. During a disaster both state and local coordinators work together to streamline the process.
 - Florida Baptist Disaster Relief Ministries are:
 - Chaplaincy – Team members seek to comfort and encourage all who are affected by a disaster. We introduce hope by sharing the gospel as we encourage survivors to overcome the ravages of the disaster and to reach out for assistance and support as they rebuild their lives.
 - Feeding/Mass Care – The purpose of the Feeding ministry is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those impacted by a disaster. This is accomplished through the work of our volunteers and commercial equipment, which enables us to prepare up to 40,000 meals per day. Our feeding ministry leaders are ServSafe trained and certified.

- Clean Up & Recovery – The Mission of Florida’s clean up and recovery ministry is to intentionally provide hope to others while meeting their physical and spiritual needs in a disaster.
 - ERT – The Emergency Response Team provides safety/security and medical support to responding volunteers and local communities, while ministering to physical, emotional and spiritual needs during times of disaster.
 - Administrative - The Administration Team serves in a clerical support role by compiling reports, tracking volunteers and job information. The tracking of volunteer hours is to a benefit to your area with reimbursements in disaster situations.
 - Temporary Child Care – Temporary Child Care Services is the caring for children in the aftermath of a disaster. Our Child Care volunteers are background checked for your assurance of every child’s safety.
 - Logistics – Logistics is committed to the safe transportation, operation and maintenance of the disaster relief equipment. Logistics provides the infrastructure and is the glue that holds other ministries together in response to a disaster. These services include the Generator Power, Shower Units and the Water Systems (purification of clean water to potable, usable water).
- Jin McNally, Volusia County Director of Mosquito Control discussed the outbreak of Chicken Gunya virus and Dengue fever as well as how important it is to be sure that there is no standing water around the house.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.