

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

General Membership Meeting – 20 January, 2016

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

Members and guests present:

Boyer, Chris	Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry
Bruno, Frank	Clements, Jim	Greenberg, Warren
Heald, David	Howell, Charlie	Kilian, Kevin
Lewandowski, Frank	Lowe, Deanie	Parkhurst, Ray
Selvaggi, Karen	Troxler, David	White, Pat
Wilary, Loretta	Yochum, Mary	

Mrs. Lowe welcomed everyone and reminded them to have parking passes validated. Mrs. Lowe called for everyone to introduce themselves.

The first agenda item was Committee Reports.

Preparedness Strike Team

Mr. Jerry Brandon, Chairman, reported that the next expo is set for May 21 on the west side of the county. It will probably be held at Lowes, address coming later. Vendors and associates will be announced at a later time. At a previous meeting, it was decided to disband the strike teams and create teams for specific projects. Jerry is leading the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) team. The MYN team is revising the materials and will have a new program in place soon. Mrs. Lowe explained the MYN program for new attendees.

Response and Recovery Team

Mr. Frank Lewandowski spoke about the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) exercise. The software is currently being revised and tested. It will be ready in about a month. He reported that the DeLand exercise went very well. There is interest in the VRC from other areas of the state.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report (for LaDell Crookston, Treasurer) is found in the agenda.

November Balance:	\$144.33
1-14-16 Paid Corp Annual Report:	<u>-61.25</u>
Balance 1/20/16:	\$83.08

Next on the agenda was the Installation of Officers for 2016-2018

Mrs. Lowe presented the following members with gifts of recognition and installed new officers.

Special Recognition - Pat White

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Treasurer - LaDell Crookston

Secretary – Charlie Howell

Second Vice Chair - Frank Lewandowski

First Vice Chair - Jerry Brandon

Chairman - Frank Bruno

Mr. Bruno gave a lot of praise to Deanie Lowe. We would not be in the position that we are in today without her. He presented Mrs. Lowe with a token of our appreciation.

Mr. Bruno discusses plans for the future.

Mr. Bruno explained the history of the COAD, including our first meetings. He would like us to partner with One Voice for Volusia to have a better reach into community organizations. He would like for us to be able to give out weather radios to those who cannot afford them. Mr. Bruno asked each member in attendance about their suggestions. Ms. Yochum liked the One Voice for Volusia suggestion. Mr. Clements would like to see a strong CERT presence in the county, Mr. Boyer would like to see some relationship building and networking events. Ms. Selvaggi would like to build the membership, while Mr. Parkhurst would like us to be more visible in the business community. Pastor Troxler would like more volunteers to work with VIND. Mrs. Lowe believes that we need more publicity. Mr. Howell thinks we need more education opportunities with the general public.

Upcoming Meetings

February 9, 10:00 - Steering Committee - EOC March 16, 2:00 - General Membership – Airport

Group.me

Mr. Bruno reminded the members that we meet online the first Monday of each month at 7PM using a group chat application called Group.Me . Mr. Howell promised to make the instructions available on the web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12