

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**

**General Membership Meeting – 19 July 2017**

The meeting was brought to order at 2:05 PM by Frank Bruno - Chair

Members and guests present:

Bruno, Frank	Judge, Jim	Tufts, Nancy
Cory, Diane	Kirch, Candy	Weinland, Edward
Foley, Terry	Lewandowski, Frank	White, Pat
Greenberg, Warren	Lowe, Deanie	
Harter, Bud	Mills, Nancy	
Heald, David	Rademacher, Jeanne	
Howell, Charlie	Troxler, David	

**Mr. Frank Bruno** opened the meeting at 2:05 PM. Mr. Bruno called for introductions. Minutes of the previous General Membership meeting were distributed and approved.

**Mr. Bruno** gave a quick update from the last Steering Committee meeting. We will be going back to co-chairs. Jerry Brandon and Frank Lewandowski have agreed to co-chair the COAD for the next term. Mr. Bruno spoke briefly about his time at the EOC for Hurricane Matthew and the response afterward. We learned a lot about using the Crisis Cleanup site. This site is a database that contains all requests for cleanup. Volunteer groups use this site to choose tasks for volunteers. We are now in long term recovery.

**Mr. Jim Judge** gave an update from the EOC. There have been a lot of training activities at the EOC over the last couple of weeks, including healthcare and the Florida Emergency Mortuary Operations Response System. They have been doing a lot of presentations in the community on hurricane preparedness. Mr. Judge gave an update on what is happening in the tropics, including Dawn and Invest 96L which will stay out to sea. We continue to monitor systems. The CERT annual conference will be coming up in August.

**Mr. Bruno** gave a quick report from David at VIND. It is estimated that we will have 1300 to 1500 homes that will need assistance. We plan to repair 120 to 140 homes in the first year. The average cost to repair a home is about \$5000. In the meantime, the county is shifting funds to help.

**Ms. Diana Phillips** from the county's Community Assistance Division spoke about the housing programs that they offer. Their funding comes from state and federal sources. Some funding comes from block grants from the state Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Other funds come through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. Our federal funding comes through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for our home program and some funding is for neighborhood stabilization. All our programs have income restrictions based upon the area median income. Our

service area is all of Volusia County except for Daytona Beach and Deltona. Both of those communities are entitlement communities and they receive similar funding on their own. We also have limited access in Port Orange for the same reason.

We received disaster recovery funding of \$460,000 from Florida Housing Finance Corporation and Volusia County allocated \$900,000 in SHIP funds to supplement it. These funds were used for reimbursements of insurance deductibles and depreciation costs. For those that were not insured we covered up to \$20,000 for home repair. Income restrictions applied to these reimbursements.

These funding streams are not available for mobile homes, so we have applied to the state Department of Economic Opportunity for funding to help repair mobile homes.

As of July 17, we have spent \$979,000 for insurance costs and \$368,000 spent or committed for home owner housing rehabilitation. We accepted 242 applications and have assisted 192 of them.

**Ms. Phillips** spoke about the Wind Hazard Mitigation program and the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program.

**Mr. Frank Bruno** asked each person in attendance if they want to add anything to the meeting. David Heald, Terry Foley, Pat White, Bud Harter, Frank Lewandowski, Jim Judge and Deanie Lowe all commented on the COAD and its programs.

**Mr. Bruno** closed the meeting at 3:10 PM.