

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

**General Membership Meeting – 17 January 2018**

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

Members and guests present:

Adams, Jenny	Collis, Linda	Lowe, Deanie
Alo, Falon	DeVane, Steven	Mack, Cornell
Barrow, Julie	Feinberg, Valerie	McMunn, Kevin
Biro, Edie	Foley, Terry	Meres, Ann
Boswell, Patricia	Gay, Kiana	Naser, Magali
Brandon, Andrea	Greenberg, Warren	Rademacher, Jeanne
Brandon, Gerry	Hall, Carmen	Schamaun, Wendy
Bruno, Frank	Herman, Akisia	Skinner, Susan
Butler, Donna	Heald, David	Troxler, David
Case, Joyce	Howell, Charlie	Ungaro, Cameron
Carey, Diane	Jackson, Clayton	Vahn, Dave
Cisco, Tom	Kennedy, Lynn	Yochum, Mary
Clements, Jim	Laroche, Clay	White, Pat

**Mr. Frank Bruno** opened the meeting at 2:06 PM. Mr. Bruno reviewed the agenda and called for introductions.

**Mr. Tom Cisco** (Operations Manager, Volusia County Emergency Management) provided an overview of what happened after Irma. Emergency Management activated before the storm. They opened 24 shelters in preparation for Irma. There were 23 shelters open for Matthew. Power companies were staging at the speedway. A curfew was enacted for the barrier island and low-lying areas. The sandbag distribution areas were activated. The Volusia County Emergency Management (VCEM) activated the Citizens Information Center before the storm. Mandatory evacuations were called for and ESF 14 went into action with public information releases.

During the storm there were 4,400 people in the shelters. For Matthew we had 3,300. There were 217,000 with power outages. There was some severe flooding along the beachside and the St. Johns River. VCEM had some search and rescue missions in both of those areas. The Department of Corrections was a valuable partner in both storms. Red Cross provided meals for those affected by Irma. Red Cross also staffed the Ocean Center shelter. VCEM delivered water and tarps to various locations.

FEMA's recovery was a little different this year. They were overwhelmed with multiple disasters. There was only one disaster recovery center and it was mobile. We also had the Blue Roof Program here. AmeriCorps was here for 30 days to help with cleanup.

In Volusia County there were 62, 631 FEMA registrations. The total for individual household programs was \$23, 697,512. The Transitional Shelter Assistance Program (TSA) still has 55 families in hotels waiting for their homes to be usable. We were hit with a 3-foot storm surge. We recorded 52 mile an hour winds with gusts of 80.5. The National Weather Service says that on the west side of the county, we sustained 20 hours of tropical storm force winds. Public Information put out over 80 information releases. The Citizen Information Center answered over 10,000 calls. VCEM had 500,000 impressions on their twitter account and 3.4 million impressions on their Facebook page and increased their followers to 20,000. There were 500,000 visits to the VCEM website and 1 million visits to <http://www.volusia.org> The county passed out 57,000 sandbags during Irma and each city also passed out sandbags.

We now have an emergency management app. This service will provide notifications, alerts and emergency updates from Volusia County Emergency Management. The app can be found at Google Play or Apple App Store and it is called Volusia County FL EM. **Mr. Cisco** answered various questions about disaster recovery and Volusia County.

**Mr. Bruno** read the Volusia County Council's Proclamation thanking various volunteers during hurricane response and recovery.

**Ms. Donna Butler** of Volusia County Community Services provided an overview of the county's role in coordinating volunteers and donations in the event of a disaster. Her department became the lead for ESF 15. She is looking to create a database of people who will provide labor or donations in the event of a disaster. There were information sheets available to list your information and what you can offer. The contact is Carmen Hall at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org) . Ms. Butler also spoke to the issue of homeless sheltering during extreme weather. She called for a community effort to better handle this situation.

**Mr. Frank Bruno** gave the Treasurer's report for Ray Parkhurst. The COAD has \$1,058 in the bank. Mr. Bruno called for an approval of the Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

**Mr. Frank Bruno** called for approval of the minutes of the last general meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Ms. Terry Foley** of VIND gave a brief update on long term recovery. VIND uses donated resources and money to get homes rebuilt and people back into their homes. VIND handles the unmet needs. From Matthew VIND has 30 clients rebuilt and 58 ready for rebuild. VIND has a bank that will give loans for rebuilding and, provided certain requirements are met after rebuilding, the loan will be forgiven. For Imra, VIND has a list from FEMA that they are working. Ms. Foley gave a rundown of potential clients for Irma. She noted that many people are simply leaving the County instead of rebuilding. VIND is a 501(c)3 and is open for donations.

**Ms. Deanie Lowe** facilitated Volusia COAD election of officers. The slate of officers presented were:

Co-Chair – Jerry Brandon

Co-Chair – Frank Bruno

First Vice Chair – Carmon Ungaro

Second Vice Chair – Jeanne Rademacher

Treasurer – Ray Parkhurst

Co-Secretary- Charlie Howell

Co-Secretary – Andrea Brandon

Donna Butler moved that we accept the slate. Carmen Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried. The above officers are elected.

Mr. Frank Bruno adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM