

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**  
**General Membership Meeting – 19 September 2018**

Members and guests present:

Beck, Anthony	Hall, Carmen	Munoz, Suling
Brandon, Andrea	Hemmerstein, Jill	Rademacher, Jeanne
Brandon, Jerry	Howell, Charlie	Skinner, Susan
Bruno, Frank	Judge, Jim	Smith, Rex
Cooper, Latashia	Kennedy, Lynn	Smith, Teri
Cotton, Andrew	Korkus, Tarayn	Troxler, David
Gitlin, Meghan	Linkwhaker, David	Wheeler, Billie
Greenberg, Warren	Lowe, Deanie (by Phone)	White, Jeff

**Mr. Jerry Brandon** opened the meeting at 2:05 PM and called for each member attending to introduce themselves.

**Mr. Frank Bruno** moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting. **Ms. Jeanne Rademacher** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Mr. Brandon** gave a Treasurer's report for Mr. Ray Parkhurst. The bank account stands at \$941.58. No transactions since last meeting.

**Mr. Jim Judge** from Volusia County Emergency Management spoke about the current hurricane season. June and July are relatively quiet. September and October are more active. There is some discussion as to whether wind is the best way to measure a hurricane. The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is about 47 years old. As a storm stalls or slows down (like Florence) it is the flooding that is of most concern. Category 1 thru 5 increases exponentially. A category 5 is 500 times more damaging than a category 1. With Irma, we never got sustained hurricane force winds, but we did have 70 mile an hour wind for 20 hours. One of the things that we always look at is La Niña, neutral and El Niño conditions. Right now, we are looking at El Niño conditions which is good news for us going into October. We are experiencing wind shear now. The el Niño condition means that we are going to get some stormy weather through the winter months. So far, we have had 10 named storms, 5 hurricanes and 1 Category 3 storm. We have monitored 42 disturbances in the Atlantic, most of which do not turn into anything. The average season is 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes.

The GOES-16 weather satellite is 22,300 miles up in space. It is so powerful that if you have a campfire in your backyard this thing can see it. GOES-16 also has a lightning detector. This will give us information about snow, fog, clouds, volcanic ash and particles in the atmosphere. It has been active this hurricane season and can give us updates every 30 seconds. More information on GOES-16 can be found on the NOAA website.

It is not the wind that does the most damage it is the water. We do get storm surge watch and warning information. This is important for us to decide when and where to issue evacuation orders. When rivers rise then pollution becomes a life-threatening issue.

We have some staff down in Brevard County training on WebEOC which our new software to help during emergencies.

**Ms. Carmen Hall** from the Community Services Department of Volusia County spoke about their role in a disaster. We work with our available funding to provide community needs after a disaster. We used some funding for insurance deductibles and home repairs for those that do not have homeowner's insurance. We serve low income households. For hurricane Matthew, we were able to serve 184 households with 1.1 million dollars in funding. We have applied for some funding from the state Department of Economic Opportunity to work with mobile homes and manufactured homes that were damaged.

For hurricane Irma were able to provide emergency hotel rooms for those that were no longer available for TSA funds and relocation assistance for residents that have been permanently displaced from rental housing. We server 20 households with about 15,000 dollars of funding. We also covered deductibles and home repairs as we did for hurricane Matthew. We helped about 24 households with about 133,000 in funding.

We can also help low income households with hurricane shutters, tie downs and garage doors to make their homes safer during a storm. Another role that we play in a disaster is the ESF-15 lead to coordinate volunteers after a disaster. We work closely with COAD in this role. Coordinating donated items and tracking volunteer hours is part of this role. As residents call for help after a storm, we will enter the requests into the Crisis Cleanup system. We need information on your organizations to help us determine what you can provide after a disaster.

**Pastor Dave Troxler** of VIND gave us an update of current recovery efforts. Our primary focus is homeowners who are uninsured or underinsured. We focus on homeowners over 55 years of age. We focus on getting roofs repaired first and then repairing the home. We rely on volunteers to do the work, local grants to fund case managers and various public and private funding for materials. We have had AmeriCorps teams rotate in and out to help us. We are working on 73 homes at this time.

Hurricane Matthew – 17,500 FEMA registrations

Hurricane Irma – 62,000 FEMA registrations

**Jerry Brandon** adjourned the meeting at 3:04 PM

Respectfully Submitted by

Charlie Howell

Co-Secretary

January 16, 2019