

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**  
**General Membership Meeting – 19 January 2019**

Members and guests present:

Brandon, Andrea	Dominguez, Jason	Kennedy, Lynn
Brandon, Jerry	Flug, Paula	Lowe, Deanie
Bruno, Frank	Gitlin, Meghan	Martin, Karl
Btocchi, Veronica	Greenberg, Warren	Puri, Michelle
Case, Joyce	Gwertney, Brad	Rademacher, Jeanne
Clark, Laurie	Hemmerlein, Jill	Rossette, Judith
Coffie, Carol	Howell, Charlie	Troxler, David
Cooper, Latashia	Hudgins, Lucy	White, Pat

**Mr. Jerry Brandon** opened the meeting at 2:07 PM and called for each member attending to introduce themselves.

**Mr. Brandon** called for introductions and each member present introduced themselves.

**Mr. Charlie Howell** called for approval of the minutes of the last meeting. **Mr. Frank Bruno** so moved, and **Ms. Deanie Lowe** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Ms. Jill Hemmerlein** gave an overview of “Until Help Arrives”. The class focuses on what to do when there is trauma, or an emergency and first responders have not arrived. This presentation is not the training but simply an overview of what is included in the training.

Use Simple and Effective Skills to Keep People Alive.

Effective Communication with 911. The more information and accurate that you can be will help emergency operators to help you.

Stop Life Threatening Bleeding. How to use a tourniquet.

Position the Injured. How to position the injured in case of broken bones or neck.

Types of incidents that this course will help with include auto accidents, home accidents, weather incidents or man-made disasters.

Stay Safe. Provide Comfort. Help without putting yourself in harms way.

This course prepares you for the unexpected.

**Mr. Frank Bruno** says we should have this course taught to us in its entirety soon. It is a two-and-a-half-hour course.

**Ms. Jill Hemmerlein** spoke about working at the state EOC for Hurricane Michael recovery. She was assigned a life safety list. This list contained 6,128 people that could not be located after the storm. We had email addresses and phone numbers. Jill served as a call center supervisor. She had volunteers to

call and locate people on the list. Her staff got the list down to 692 in a week. Utilizing ESF 9, FHP and military to go into the areas we got the number down to 63. Jill had the deceased list and recoded them as having been “found”. Jill went to Mexico Beach and explained what she saw and felt.

Back in Volusia County, Jill explained that the VCEM is doing various emergency drills in area schools. The Volusia County Emergency Management Facebook page contains videos of these drills at area schools. You can download the county emergency app to stay informed.

**Mr. Frank Bruno** spoke about the expo in June. It will be June 8 or 15 and done with the Hispanic Chamber. It will be at the fairgrounds. We will try to get as many people there as possible.

We should try to schedule the full program – Until Help Arrives- for the next general meeting.

**Ms. Jill Hemmerlein** May 23 will be an Emergency Management event organized by VCEM at the Ocean Center. It will be from 6pm – 8pm.

**Mr. Jerry Brandon** spoke about the Map Your Neighborhood program and the need to be prepared.

**Mr. Jerry Brandon** adjourned the meeting at 3:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted by  
Charlie Howell  
Co-Secretary  
March 20, 2019