

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 8 July, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by co-chair Deanie Lowe.

Steering Committee members present:

Bernstein, Logan

Brandon, Andrea

Brandon, Gerald

Bruno, Frank

Greenberg, Warren

Heald, David

Olsen, Diane

Troxler, David

- The first agenda item introduced by Mrs. Lowe was to discuss ideas for the program for the General Membership meeting of 16 July, 2014.
 - Mick and Marky Chop of the *Florida Baptist Convention Disaster Relief and Recovery* will discuss how their group can work with our COAD for mutual benefits.
 - David Heald emphasized that religious groups who help during disasters do not consider the religious affiliation of the people that are being helped during an incident.
- Mary Yochum suggested that Mr. MacArthur with the Rotary may come in at a later time to tell what his group could do to help and to co-ordinate for future disaster relief efforts when an event occurs.
- Pat White reviewed plans for the *Disaster Showcase* to be held in September. She will go into more detail this afternoon at the Preparedness Strike Team meeting.
- Mrs. Lowe discussed the drop-off in attendance at our General Membership meetings. She suggested that the Steering Committee members call people who have attended previously to invite them to the next general meeting on 16 July, 2014.
- COAD has received some items from the Holly Hill CERT which includes hard hats, first aid kits, rain suits, vests, gloves and flashlights. They are presently being stored at the Health Department.

- Jim Judge, Volusia County Director of Emergency Services, introduced George Reckenwald, Public Protection Manager, who expressed appreciation of what our COAD is doing which supports his duties.
- Jerry Brandon, Chairman of the Preparedness Strike Team, up-dated their activities:
 - Preparing for what amounts to a “Home Show for Emergencies” which will be further discussed this afternoon during their meeting.
 - It will be held at the Daytona Beach Home Depot in September.
 - We are trying to educate as much of the population as possible as to what our COAD is all about.
 - Information will be disseminated at the General Membership meeting on 16 July, 2014.
- David Heald, Chairman of the Response and Recovery Strike Team, up-dated their activities:
 - Still working on our COAD’s becoming a 501C3
 - Working on formulating plans for a Volunteer Reception Center (VRC):
 - We want it to be portable.
 - It should be able to handle volunteers who “just show up” to help during an incident.
 - They will be working with the United Way.
 - They have collected a great deal of material from the state as well as various counties which can be used to process volunteers.
- Mrs. Lowe discussed general membership lists and suggested that they include skill sets and available equipment which will then be matched to a list of needs. She will review this list of needs to make this concept more workable.
- Mr. Brandon talked about the loss of momentum which we are experiencing and suggested that perhaps we need to re-think our various approaches.
- Mrs. Lowe said that toward that end, we need to have interesting speakers at our general membership meetings in July and September:

- The July meeting will feature the Florida Baptist Convention Disaster Relief and Recovery group.
 - The program for the September meeting will include a tour of the facilities at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Mr. Brandon continued by saying that the Preparedness Strike Team has not had as much success as is needed in getting the word out about the concept of Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)
- It was then noted that the various police departments in every municipality throughout the county have lists of HOA meeting times. Perhaps we could go through them to connect with these communities for the MYN presentations.
- The next General Membership meeting is 16 July, 2014.
 - It will be held at the Health Department at 1845 Holsonback Drive from 2:00 to 4:00.
 - We should encourage attendees to go to the website to register.
 - We will verify email addresses as much as possible.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.